



Bishop's Column

Probably as you are reading this the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool is taking place or has just taken place. As Catholics, the Eucharist should be the centre of our lives. The Eucharist strengthens and nourishes us so that our faith grows stronger. We bring the whole of our lives to the Eucharist and join everything – the blessings, the problems and difficulties, the unsolvable situations, the gifts and graces we receive – to Jesus' eternal prayer of thanksgiving to the Father. The Eucharist draws us together in unity as the People of God. If you want to take your spiritual temperature, then measure it by your devotion to and respect for the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. That goes for parishes as well as individuals.

September is also the time of the year when things tend to start up again, not least our schools and the whole process of Catholic Education. I, personally, have always thought of Catholic Education as the jewel in our crown. Historically, the Catholic Church and Education go together. In this country we have fought hard to maintain the right to educate our children in our own Catholic schools. Yes, it is something we have fought for and still fight for. We must not take it for granted but must use it and protect it. As the schools begin again, I would suggest that we spare a thought for our schools, the students, the staff, the governors and our own Diocesan Education Service.

So far I have mentioned the Eucharist and Education. Another "E" that comes to mind is the Environment. In this month's *Voice* our Diocesan Justice and Peace Group draw our attention to a wonderful resource offered to all, individuals and parish groups. From the beginning of September until the beginning of October, we are urged to pray for and care for Creation. In order to help us do this the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has sponsored a film entitled *Global Healing*. It can be found at ourcommonhome.co.uk. It is well worth taking a look. It can be used at home, in parishes, in schools – anywhere there is an interest and anywhere interest should be promoted.

We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, shining a light on the wonders of God's creation and reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect this precious gift.

We pray for the world, which is God's wonderful gift of creation and our common home: that we may hear its cry of the damage done and be moved to protect all that we love for future generations to enjoy.

We pray for those people, living in poverty, who are already facing droughts, floods and storms as the climate changes: that they may know that they are not forgotten, as together we strive to find creative solutions and build a better future.

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may together respond to the call of Pope Francis to reflect on our lifestyles and take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus.

+ Tony

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'Great Joy' As Father Richard Is Ordained

It was a great joy to be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday July 21, supported by the presence and prayers of so many priests, religious and lay people from the diocese and beyond, writes FATHER RICHARD MARSDEN.

More than 150 people made the journey from Hull to be there to pray for me, along with many others from the cathedral parish and from across the diocese, including people from the parishes where I have had placements during my eight years of formation.

There were many others present from the various different communities and organisations that have been so integral to my formation as a Catholic and specifically as a priest, not least staff and fellow students from the Royal English College, Valladolid, and the Venerable English College (VEC), Rome.

Father John Flynn, vice-rector of the VEC, presented me to Bishop Terry to be ordained.

In his homily, Bishop Terry spoke about the mission of the priest, clearly outlined in the scriptures of the Mass, which included the anointing and sending out of the suffering servant in Isaiah (Is 61:1-3), the anointing of the Lord's servant, David (Ps 89), and Jesus fulfilling the prophecy of



Richard kneels in front of Bishop Terry for the anointing of hands during his ordination at St Mary's Cathedral – Photo by Carol Rowntree

Isaiah in becoming God's chosen servant (Mt 12:14-21).

Addressing me, Bishop Terry said: "You are to proclaim the Lord's truth and love. And you will do all this because you have been anointed by the mighty Spirit of

the Lord. Like Mary, the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will bring forth in your life and preaching the Living and Incarnate Word of God."

After the laying on of hands and the prayer of consecration, I was

vested in a diocesan stole and chasuble by my uncle, Father Michael Marsden, and by our vocations director, Father William Massie.

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Celebrating Creation Time In Our Diocese

Christians are encouraged to pray and care for the world around us each year during Creation Time from September 1 to October 4 (the Feast of St Francis).

This year CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) has produced a new film-based resource for parishes, groups and individuals on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Global Healing is intended to inform, challenge, encourage and equip people to engage with Pope Francis' urgent call to care for our common home.

Parish groups are being asked to come together and begin with a shared meal followed by watching film clips, which include material from well-known experts and examples from location filming from around the UK.

There are also times for discussion and prayer

to help towards new practical responses.

Resources, including posters, flyers and film clips, can be downloaded from the Global Healing Website at ourcommonhome.co.uk and an inexpensive DVD can be purchased if needed.

There are also resources for any parish or group wishing to create a short course, perhaps to use during Advent.

This is certainly an excellent initiative from the Bishops' Conference and an ideal way for us to further implement our Diocesan Environment Policy.

As a practical action, check out Traidcraft's Clean and Fair, the world's first Fairtrade cleaning range. It's made with sustainable fair trade palm oil and eco-friendly organic Fairtrade coconut oil from India. Clean and Fair is available from traidcraft.co.uk/clean-fair.

Barbara Hungin



St Augustine's children with their artwork

Children Hold 'Be Spirited' Week

Children from St Augustine's Primary School in Middlesbrough, held a "Be Spirited" week to examine the urgent message to protect our common home that Pope Francis gives us all in *Laudate Si*.

The pupils attended a Mass celebrated by Monsignor Gerard Robinson at St Mary's Cathedral to help them appreciate God's gift of creation and think about how we should look after our world and each other.

The children explained how they will take action to save the earth, thinking about the part we all have to play – recycling, only taking what we need, respecting the rights of all and cutting the use of plastics and using our world as a rubbish bin.

Their promises were inspired by Pope Francis's words on the World Day of Prayer for Creation, when he reminded us that our world

is a shared gift, not a possession.

He said we should all act to share resources with other people and leave a better, safer world for future generations. The children responded to this message through artwork, hymns, dance and collective worship.

Pope's Powerful World Day Of The Poor Message

Pope Francis has written a powerful message to prepare us for the second annual World Day of the Poor, on Sunday November 18.

He begins by quoting Psalm 34: "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him." Poverty, he says, cannot easily be expressed in words, which is why the Psalmist speaks

of it as a cry that always reaches the ears of God.

Then the Holy Father asks us a challenging question – how does it happen that the cry of the poor is so readily heard by God and yet so often goes unheard and unrecognised by ourselves?

He goes on to say that the World Day of the

Poor must be a time for us to examine our conscience and ask whether we really do heed the cry of the poor.

We might think we do so if, for instance, we regularly give to charity. Pope Francis, though, insists that we must be ready to go further than this. We should, he says, be willing to become directly involved with those who experience poverty by going out to meet them, getting to know them and making friends with them.

Pope Francis recalls that many people were invited to share the warmth of a home and the joy of a celebration meal last year on the first World Day of the Poor. He expresses his hope that future World Days will be joyful celebrations when we join together as a community of rich and poor alike.

He writes: "Praying together as a community and sharing a Sunday meal is an experience which takes us back to the earliest Christian community, described by St Luke... 'All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.'" (Acts 2:42-44-45)

Could your parish prepare and share a meal with the poor in your community this November? Could you commit yourself to reaching out and befriending those who struggle in any way?

Between now and the World Day of the Poor, the *Voice* will feature many organisations that already do this important work but this is not intended simply as an appeal for your charity. It is, rather, an invitation for you to become more deeply involved.

At the end of his message, Pope Francis urges us not to waste this "opportunity for grace" but instead to reach out to those in poverty in a way that strengthens our faith, makes our charity real and that truly expresses our hope in the Lord whose coming we joyfully await.

Deacon Vince Purcell



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'Great Joy' For Father Richard

Tim Harrison, along with the cathedral choir, sang wonderfully to ensure a beautiful liturgy. As well as four hymns, they led the congregation in the *Missa de Angelis* and the *Veni Creator Spiritus* and also sang some wonderful motets including St Thomas Aquinas's *Panis Angelicus* to Claudio Casciolini's arrangement.

The next day, it was moving to preside at Mass for the first time at my home parish of St Francis of Assisi in east Hull. Seven priests concelebrated, including Monsignor Philip Whitmore, rector of the VEC.

Father Phillip Cunnah, a great friend from the same school year at St Mary's College in Hull, preached beautifully about the image of the Good Shepherd as the model for priesthood and encouraged me to grow in the love of the Mass and foster the virtue of charity as the foundation for a fruitful priestly ministry.

I would like, of course, to thank my parents and my family for bringing me up in the faith and for all the prayerful support they continue to give me. I would also especially like to thank parishioners at St Francis, all those who have been praying for me, all the priests who offered Masses for my intentions, and for all those who sent me kind cards and gifts.

I look forward to beginning pastoral ministry in the diocese in this month of September at the cathedral parish.

You Have Been Called And Chosen By The Lord

Bishop Terry's homily at Father Richard Marsden's ordination Mass...

Richard, you have been preparing for this moment for a long time. I first met you 15 years ago at Ilkley as you began to seriously discern the Lord's call for you. In this time I am sure you have come to the conclusion that you are indeed called by the Lord. And only a few moments ago that call was formalised before the people of God, gathered here today, and by me, your bishop.

So, we know then, that like many before you, you have been called and chosen by the Lord. Just like David in today's psalm; just like the Suffering Servant of the Lord whose words we heard in both the first reading and the Gospel. You are about to be sent on a mission. And that mission is clearly outlined in the scriptures of this Mass.

Like the Suffering Servant of the Lord, you are being sent to bring the good news to the poor; to lift up and comfort the broken and downtrodden; to bring freedom to those held captive in any way; to bring light to those held in the dungeons of darkness; to proclaim that the time has come for the Lord to reclaim his people and surround them with his favour, comfort, gladness and praise.

You are to proclaim the Lord's truth and love. And you will do all this because you have been anointed by the mighty Spirit of the Lord. Like Mary, the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will bring forth in your life and preaching the Living and Incarnate Word of God. Like Jesus at the River Jordan, through the anointing of the Spirit you will know and proclaim that you are a true son of the Father, that he is the rock who saves you. You will bring this good news to all you meet so that they too can become true sons and daughters of the Father. As Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to face temptation and to defeat the Evil One before he began his true mission, so will the Spirit lead you.

In a few moments time, in the name of the Church, we will implore that same Spirit to come down on you and anoint you for the task that is being handed onto you as you share the priesthood with the bishops.

So you have been called and chosen, you are being sent, and sent in the power of the Spirit of the Most High who will anoint you for your mission. But just in case we all get a little bit carried away by the wonder and enormity of this event, the words of the Suffering Servant in the Gospel, quoting from the prophet Isaiah, will temper and direct our ardour.

*I will endow him with my spirit,
and he will proclaim the true faith to the nations.
He will not brawl or shout,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.
He will not break the crushed reed,
nor put out the smouldering wick
till he has led the truth to victory:
in his name the nations will put their hope.*

Your strength is to be found in gentleness, your power in service, your influence in compassion. The hope that you bring is for all – the nations, the goyim, the strangers – yes, even for those beyond the boundaries of your comfort and imagination.

Just let me push all this a little further by offering you some thoughts of our Holy Father.

The configuration of the priest to Christ the head – namely, as the principal source of grace – does not imply an exaltation which would set him above others. In the Church, functions “do not favour the superiority of some vis-à-vis the others”. Even when the function of ministerial priesthood is



Father Richard and concelebrants at his First Mass in his home parish, St Francis of Assisi in Hull

considered “hierarchical”, it must be remembered that “it is totally ordered to the holiness of Christ’s members”. Its key and axis is not power understood as domination, but the power to administer the sacrament of the Eucharist; this is the origin of its authority, which is always a service to God’s people. (Evangelii Gaudium 104)

...“the priest – like every other member of the Church – ought to grow in awareness that he himself is continually In Need Of Being Evangelised.” (EG 164 quoting St Pope John Paul II in Pastores Dabo Vobis)

The church’s ministers must be merciful, take responsibility for the people and accompany them like the Good Samaritan, who washes, cleans and raises up his neighbour. This is pure Gospel. (America interview, A Big Heart Open to God, September 30 2013)

Priests must be especially merciful. If they cannot be merciful then they should ask their bishop for a desk job and never walk into a confessional, I beg you. (Pope Francis, morning Mass, September 10 2015)

Despite that last remark, I am pretty sure you will be working in the pastoral ministry most of your life and the parish community will be your milieu. You will be the servant-leader, in these communities, the animator. So listen to what Pope Francis has to say of the missionary parish, so that you will know what qualities to develop and what direction you need to take.

An evangelising community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. (EG 24)

In all its activities, the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. (EG 28)

Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference! (Message for Lent 2015)

So, finally, Richard, *conscious of having been chosen from among men and, on their behalf, appointed to look to the things of God, carry out with sincere joy and charity the priestly work of Christ. Be happy, never sad. Happy – with the joy of Christ even in*

the midst of suffering, confusion, even your own sinfulness. Always have before you the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but to serve. (Homily on Fourth Sunday of Easter, 2017)



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Feast of the Month
Harvest Festival
Sunday September 23

At this time of the year a special Sunday is set aside when we give thanks to God for the blessings of the harvest of grains, fruit and vegetables. Country churches are decorated with sheaves of corn and barley, and bowls of fruit. In the towns we bring extra gifts for the food bank to help those who are not as fortunate as us. Thanks be to God, the Lord of the Harvest, for all the many gifts he gives to us.

Children Share The Journey For CAFOD



Walkers from Driffield Share the Journey for CAFOD

The children's liturgy group from Our Lady and St Edward's Church in Driffield learned about young people from other parts of the world during a walk in aid of CAFOD's "Share the Journey" campaign.

They prayed together and read the story of Mohammed, Ruth, Halima and Dainer, refugees who have to walk many miles to find safety, food and shelter, also taking time to consider the hardships these children and their families have to endure.

The liturgy group enjoyed cold drinks on the way but recognised that for many children, this isn't an option.

As they met people out walking the children showed them cards with the refugee children's names and personal stories on them.

The group walked a total of 69 miles, three miles each, and others from the church added their own walks to make the parish's running total 130 miles.

SPUC Fights Abortion Decriminalisation

The important work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) was highlighted in an informative presentation at St Thomas More's in Beechwood, Middlesbrough.

The talk, by representatives of the organisation's Stockton branch, included details of SPUC's current mass letter-writing campaign against abortion decriminalisation.

Called "We care about women – why abortion should not be decriminalised", the campaign asks us to spread the word as far and wide as possible and send handwritten or typed letters to our MPs asking them to oppose abortion decriminalisation.

The campaign is extremely important, especially in view of the results of the abortion referendum in Ireland and the changes that will come from this. There are more details at spuc.org.uk and the Stockton branch can be contacted on 01642 602842.

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From Park End To St Peter's

Pupils from a Middlesbrough primary school contributed to a handmade scrapbook of letters that has been read by Pope Francis.

Children from St Pius X Catholic Primary School in Park End wrote letters to celebrate the third anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which encourages us all to live wisely, think deeply and love generously.

The scrapbook was handed to the Holy Father by a representative from CAFOD, which curated the collection.

St Pius headteacher Peter Gair said: "Our children have been inspired by the Pope's letter asking us all to look after our planet and make the world a better place for everyone.

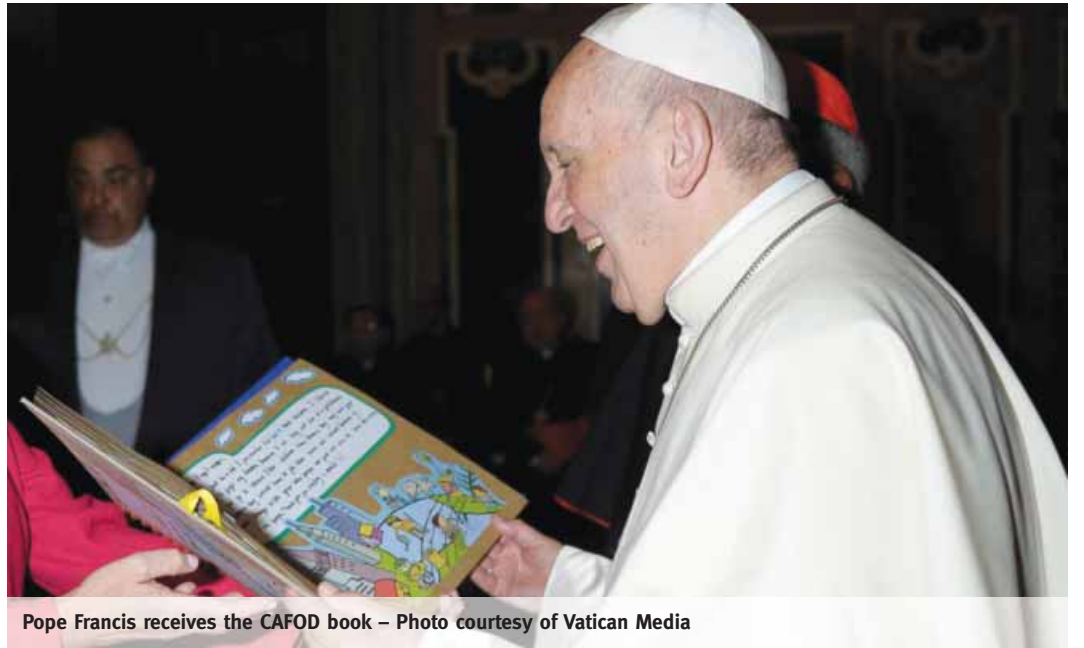
"Pope Francis' message to 'live wisely, think deeply and love generously' has been particularly inspiring and our children have been working hard to do this. That is why they wanted to write to Pope Francis and tell him what they are doing.

"We are thrilled that Pope Francis has read the children's letters and this has encouraged us all to work even harder to build a better world."

CAFOD's representative in Middlesbrough, Carol Cross, added: "It's amazing to hear that Pope Francis has received the letters written by children from St Pius. What a wonderful feeling it must have been for them to know that their hard work has been recognised in the Vatican!

"The children have been learning about protecting the planet – our common home – and more importantly, they have been taking action."

To find out more about CAFOD visit cafod.org.uk.



Pope Francis receives the CAFOD book – Photo courtesy of Vatican Media

Celebrating Our Schools Education Sunday 9th September 2018

Education Sunday is a day of Celebration for all those involved in Education. The following schools would like to take this opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for their schools.



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A Letter From Madonna House

My Grace Is Enough



There is one Gospel passage that I fought with from my first encounter. It comes after St Paul described his anguish over the *thorn in his flesh*, prompting him to plead with God three times that it leave him.

But God's response was *no*. "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness." Too quickly Paul capitulates, saying, "So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast...for it is when I am weak that I am strong" (2 Cor 12:9-10). I could never understand or accept this passage because I *hated* my weaknesses and sins, which prevented me from coming into union with God.

Well, it was a sinner who finally unlocked the mystery for me. In Jesus' story of the Publican and the Pharisee who went to the temple to pray, the Pharisee didn't seem to have a thorn in the flesh, or any kind of weakness. Yet his prayer was not acceptable to God. On the other hand, the tax collector was so aware of his sins, that he didn't even raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast and whispered, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Lk 18:9-14). In my opinion, his prayer, which we call the *Jesus Prayer*, is the second most powerful one we have, after the *Our Father*. It has been prayed constantly by countless saints through the millennia.

And why? This man stood in the truth of his utter need of God. Rather than resting on whatever laurels he may have had, he called for mercy into his weakness. Maybe he never let go of his sinful practices and had to return every day, or maybe this was Zacchaeus, who received Jesus into his home and heart. Who knows? But as long as he begged for mercy each day, he brought joy to God and received grace.

When I took my first promises in Madonna House and was sent to a field house, I was encouraged to learn from one of the women there, because she held the key to our spirit. I couldn't wait to meet this holy woman. But when I arrived, I found she had an addiction. I was scandalised by her and by the thought that she'd have the key to our life! By the end of my years in that house though, I understood. She once said to me, quite cheerfully, "I don't worry about meeting God because I have nothing with which to commend myself. I can only rely on his mercy – and that's infinite."

My heart has changed now, thanks to the Publican. When I sin yet again or struggle with the same temptations and weaknesses, I pray the Jesus Prayer and know that I am *at rights with God*. If I have to pray this way 80 times a day, I can receive mercy 80 times. And if I have to pray for mercy constantly, I swim in his tenderness. Perhaps I can even boast of my weaknesses, because they unite me to God. His mercy is infinite.

Faith Formation In The Sun

The Faith Summertime camp has taken place in our diocese for more than 20 years, drawing young people for formation through catechesis and prayer.

The event is run by priests and lay people from the diocese who are involved in one of the new associations in the Church, the Faith Movement, which focuses on youth formation.

This year there was a special joy as Father Richard Marsden, who attended the second Faith Summertime in Bridlington back in 1997, was hard at work as usual, but this time just a few days after his priestly ordination.

The founder of the Faith Movement, Father Edward Holloway, wrote in a pamphlet back in 1976: "The soul must be formed in knowledge and love towards God, before a boy or girl can lay hold on him in their own spirit, and thrill to the joy of his service."

The goal remains the same today.

Father William Massie



Young people and organisers at Faith Summertime 2018

Hollie Kendall, from Middlesbrough, reflects on Faith Summertime 2018...

"Exciting, informative and fun" are only a few words to describe the Faith Summertime 2018, which took place in the lovely setting of Ampleforth Abbey. The children's week started on the beautiful fields of the abbey with volleyball, gymnastics, football and many other activities to help them get to know each other.

Alice Montague, from St Mary's Cathedral Parish in Middlesbrough, said: "I think it's great how I'm meeting people from all over the diocese, coming together to grow strong bonds"

Through prayer and fun, it is so important for children to learn more about their faith. To help them do this they also experienced a more serious side through various talks.

Some of these talks included subjects such as "What Are We And Why Are We?", exploring how we have a soul and have had for thousands of years going back to our first parents, Adam and Eve.

This shows itself in how we differ to the animals – we have choices whereas animals are programmed by their surroundings and natural instinct.

The children also visited Flamingo Land for a joyful – and maybe, for some, nerve-wracking – afternoon.

Each night, the children gathered in the chapel for prayer in a lovely atmosphere. They will never forget this enjoyable experience at Faith Summertime 2018 and thanks go to the amazing helpers, caring priests and other children who made the experience so fantastic.

Author Launches Clifford's Tower Book

Author John Rayne-Davis launched his latest book, on significant events in the Catholic and Jewish history of York, with an illustrated talk to parishioners at St Joseph's and St Thomas More's in Middlesbrough.

The launch was arranged at the invitation of the parish priest, John's friend and fellow religious historian, Father Dominique Minskip.

In March 1190, anti-Jewish rioting spread to York and the city's Jewish residents sought sanctuary in Clifford's Tower, where the entire community of around 150 lost their lives.

On July 12 537, Robert Aske, a leader of the Pilgrimage of Grace, was hanged in the same tower, one of 216 Catholics executed after the failed attempt to restore the Church in this country.

The book, *The Martyrdoms of Clifford's Tower 1190 and 1537*, focuses on these two historical events.

It is available from the publisher at stairwellbooks.co.uk, priced £14 including postage.



Author John Rayne-Davis with parishioner Ian Stubbs, who bought a copy of the book

A Brilliant Experience From Start To Finish

Pharmacist Charlotte Richardson describes her experience as a volunteer on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes...

Every May a group of around 900 people from our diocese make the journey to Lourdes, including clergy, pilgrims, youth and other volunteers. The volunteers include a clinical team of doctors, nurses and for the first time, myself as a pharmacist.

I have been to Lourdes twice before, as a school youth volunteer and as a handmaid. After this, I promised myself I would go again once a qualified pharmacist – and now I am already planning for next year!

Pilgrims with significant requirements stay in a purpose-built hospital within the sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, known as the Accueil. For many, their first trip into the Accueil is one of amazement as it is an impressive resource with all that a hospital ward in England would have.

The diocese hires it for one week, with everything except meals provided by the team of volunteers. The 50 or so pilgrims staying there range from the elderly and frail to those with spinal injuries, multiple sclerosis and Down's syndrome. Some pilgrims have carers staying with them but the needs of the majority are met by volunteers, who work in shifts.

Some pilgrims have significant health requirements but the team ensure that they are well looked after and try to ensure they get the most out of Lourdes, whether by attending services or simply having the chance to go out for a drink and socialise.

I was lucky enough to accompany a young quadriplegic pilgrim, along with a doctor, on a trip to watch the Champions League final. This

was a highlight of the week for both of us.

The pilgrimage was particularly significant for him as he had not been able to leave Middlesbrough in the seven years since his accident. The team even took him to London to get a visa from the Nigerian embassy in preparation.

Before making the journey to France, each pilgrim underwent a medical assessment that included medications, mobility and other requirements. Many who were more able, managed their own medications.

For those with the highest needs, the clinical team took over this responsibility. For me this meant daily drug rounds, preparing and administering medications, answering queries from colleagues, and on one occasion trying to translate a box of French antibiotics!

Before the trip I offered pharmaceutical advice and helped advise on care plans, particularly around medications.

The clinical team travel well prepared, with many supplies remaining in Lourdes in a lockup year round, but also taking dressings, gloves, sterile equipment and medications with them. Other medications we get on French prescriptions.

The experience was brilliant from start to finish and allowed opportunities to work within a multidisciplinary team in a hospital-like setting, caring for inspiring people.

*If you are interested in getting involved, the diocese needs volunteers to help in a variety of roles, whether or not you have a medical qualification. Please contact head of hospitality John Brown at john.brown160@ntlworld.com for more information.

A longer version of this article was originally published by the *Pharmaceutical Journal*.



Charlotte Richardson outside the Rosary Basilica in Lourdes

Phillip's Generosity Caps It All!

"Does anyone want these caps? I don't need them any more!"

That was the message from generous former cancer patient Phillip Tosh when he regained the hair he lost during his successful chemotherapy treatment.

Phillip, 14, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in September 2015, just four months after visiting Lourdes for the first time as part of our diocesan pilgrimage.

He built up a collection of caps to cover his head and later had them signed by celebrities including Jimmy Cricket, Chubby Brown, Tyne-Tees presenters Ian Payne and Pam Royle and Heart Radio breakfast show DJs Justin and Kelly.

But when he went into remission he no longer needed them and so he organised blind cards at the recent Lourdes barbecue to give them away, raising an impressive £267 for the Lourdes Sick Fund.

"This was a wonderful gesture from Phillip and we'd like to thank him for helping us send even more supported pilgrims to Lourdes next year," said pilgrimage executive director Keith Tillotson. Phillip's monthly chemotherapy sessions are due to finish in January 2019.



Phillip with some of the caps he raffled

Don't Miss Summertime Special!

Tickets for this year's Summertime Special are still on sale, with comedian Jimmy Cricket and a host of top quality acts lined up to entertain on Friday September 28 in aid of our Lourdes Fund.

Jimmy returns after last year's smash success and there are also plenty of excellent local favourites lined up, including a magician. Tickets are available from Middlesbrough Theatre or Lourdes committee members. For enquiries and refunds, call Keith Tillotson on 01642 324043.



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Cheque Support Diabetes Group



Jocelyn Barrett, secretary of Bridlington Diabetics Support Group, receives a £100 cheque from Mike Carvill, chairman of SJB Assist, an organisation of Our Lady & St Peter's Church. Father Simon Leworthy is also pictured.

Canon John Moves To Bridlington

Canon John Loughlin will be moving to the parish of Our Lady & St Peter at Bridlington in the first week of October, where he will replace Father Simon Leworthy. St Mary's Cathedral will take over the care of the churches of St Francis and St Clare in Middlesbrough.

New UCM Officers Elected

Three new officers were elected at the Union of Catholic Mothers' annual general meeting, which was hosted by St Mary's Foundation in Filey. Sarah Sheils and Barbara Cookson, both from St Aelred's Foundation, were elected secretary and treasurer, and Margaret Finn, from Holy Name Foundation, becomes justice and peace officer. Father Andrew Smith and diocesan spiritual advisor to the UCM Father Bill Serplus concelebrated Mass, during which Barbara Dawson was enrolled as a new member and others were invited to renew their commitment. Members enjoyed lunch provided by Filey members before diocesan president Jean Rigg began the meeting with a welcome before reports from officers.

Kath Stubbs

Former Gangster Offers Parish Missions

Former gangster turned Catholic speaker and writer John Pridmore is available to give three-day parish missions. The author of *From Gangland To Promised Land* offers missions from Monday to Wednesday, speaking at all weekend Masses beforehand. John, who has given more than 200 parish missions in the last 12 years, can also visit primary and secondary schools over the three days, speaking on themes of God's love, mercy and healing. For more details visit johnpridmore.com or call 00353873593965.

Friends Of The Holy Land National Gathering

Christian charity Friends of the Holy Land extends a warm welcome to their national gathering in Kenilworth on Saturday September 22 at 10.30am. The event is free and includes lunch and a brief ecumenical service led by the Bishop of Warwick, the Rt Rev John Stroyan. The event is for anyone wanting to find out how they might help the vulnerable Christian communities of the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Keynote

speaker Sami El Yousef, a native of old Jerusalem and CEO of the Latin Patriarchate, will provide a unique insight into the challenges the Christian community faces and how we can help. For more information visit friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.

Diamond Celebrations For Cyril And Sheila



Congratulations to Cyril and Sheila Swales, who recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. The couple, who were married at St Hilda's Church in Whitby on June 7 1958, are well known for country dancing and Cyril was awarded the MBE for his services to dancing in North Yorkshire in 2003.

A Bridge Of Faith In Hull

Catholics in Hull gather on the city's Monument Bridge on the first Saturday of every month to share their faith with passers-by as part of the worldwide St Paul Street Evangelisation movement.

After 12.10pm Mass at St Charles Borromeo Church, the group set up a small table displaying rosaries, miraculous medals, Divine Mercy images and leaflets.

It never ceases to surprise me how many people stop and talk to us and we've met people from all over the world. It's a great honour and privilege to do this for our Lord.

We offer prayer to those people who stop to talk. The most common request is for healing for themselves or their families for all kinds of physical and emotional reasons. We also have a book in which people can write their first name and a petition. We then pray for them

every day.

We have so many wonderful stories that it's hard to choose just one, but the young woman who stopped last year and asked us to pray for a Christian husband for her is typical of what can happen.

A few months later she excitedly told me that shortly after we prayed, a former school friend got in touch, explaining he had always admired her but never had the courage to tell her. After travelling the world he wanted to settle down and plucked up the courage to contact her. They hope to marry later this year.

We have a dedicated prayer team praying for us while we are out, which we very much appreciate. The team would also like to thank Father Paul Dowling and Father William Massie for their continuing support and Canon

Michael Loughlin, who was our parish priest when we started in 2014.

As we are asked more and more for prayer for healing, we would like to ask if there is anyone in the diocese who has a charism of healing and might act as a source of guidance and advice to us to contact us.

Please pray for us on the first Saturday of the month. If you are interested in finding out more or would like the team to give a testimony in your parish, contact me at frances-redmore@hotmail.co.uk. Visit streetevangelization.com to find out

more about the St Paul Street Evangelisation movement.

Frances Redmore



From the Archives



50 Years Ago

From the Log Book of St Joseph's Infant School, Redcar, September 16 1968

There was a small soot fire in a gas pipe in the kitchen, with much black smoke and smell of fire. The fire brigade was called and the firemen investigated the outbreak. The fire was contained within the pipe, which soon died as the gas had been immediately turned off. The firemen assured us that there was no further danger and it had saved the cost of a chimney sweep.

100 Years Ago

From the Log Book of St Gregory's School, Hull

On Monday September 16 1918 Mr Crabtree, Professor of Science, gave a lecture to the girls of Standards IV to VII on "The Nature and Effects of Alcohol". There were 117 girls and five teachers present. 30 Certificates were awarded for the best compositions.

David Smallwood



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What The Eucharist Means To Me

In our final feature in preparation for Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool on the weekend of September 7 to 9, we asked members of families in our diocese what role the Eucharist plays in their lives...



The Thompson family

A Source Of Nourishment For The Week Ahead

Life with a young family can feel fairly frenetic. To some extent, getting to Mass on a Sunday morning adds to the chaos, particularly if we allow our minds to drift to the alternative – a rare lie in, a leisurely breakfast, one day in the week when we don't all race out of the front door.

The Eucharist, however, enriches our lives in such a way that the time at church is the most important of the week. For starters, it is a precious moment when the six of us are all together and focused on the same thing. This unity and common purpose reminds

us of the love that we share as a family.

No doubt the Eucharist means different things to each of us as a family and indeed will have different meanings at various points in our lives. Consistently, however, it provides clarity to reflect on where we have gone wrong and how we can do better, as well as giving perspective to our everyday woes. This "check-in" provides an invaluable reference point, and a great source of spiritual nourishment for the week ahead.

Will Thompson

Feeling The Presence Of God-With-Us

Married life started with nuptial Mass in Stock on Saturday, Sunday Mass in Harpenden, then celebrating the Assumption in Penrith on Monday August 15.

While we haven't managed daily Mass throughout our 40 years of marriage, it has remained central to our life together. If you were ever in a popular holiday town in the 1980s or 90s and wondered who the family were whose car screeched to a halt outside church, then led three or four children in seconds before the first hymn, it was probably us!

A house Mass almost every month for 20 years, with our wonderful, Jesuit-inspired Bible study group in Wimbledon, helped

us recognise Christ's presence at Mass – in people gathered, the priest, the Word and the Sacrament.

Another deeper understanding came when holidaying in Greece, we learned to say ευχαριστώ (efcharistō) – thank you. The pronunciation may be different, but it reinforced the thanksgiving we express at every Mass.

In 2010 as we cycled our tandem through England, France and northern Spain to Santiago de Compostela, we greatly valued the Masses attended, including several occasions, such as our arrival in Spain after crossing the Pyrenees at Col de Ibañeta, when we found ourselves in the right place at the right time.

Sometimes it seemed there was a third person on our pilgrimage.

Over the last 20 years in Lourdes we have also felt the presence of God-with-us, announced with great fanfare, in Blessed Sacrament processions, but also in the sublime peace of the chapel of adoration.

The most powerful emotional experiences have been in taking Holy Communion to the housebound, the sick and the dying, including, on occasion, close family members.

Sue Westmacott

Giving Me My Sense Of Purpose

The Eucharist acts as a release, an escape from society's expectations, allowing focus upon an omnibenevolent God whose only criteria for life is acceptance.

For young people, praying redefines their perspective on themselves and their surroundings, reminding them of the core principle of the Bible – love.

Arguably, in this modern world, young people's focus has shifted away from religion towards popular trends. The centre of young people is no longer the desire to deepen their relationship with God through quiet contemplation, but instead to keep up with an ever-changing world into which they are yet to truly enter.

It is the duty of the elders in the Catholic community to guide more of our young people towards holding the Eucharist at the centre of their beings, encouraging love and peace to be prominent in their lives, rather than the stress of fitting in.

By making the possibility of praying in front of the Eucharist more normal in our

secondary schools we can guide youth towards understanding the joys of the Eucharist being central in their lives.

The prospect of kneeling before the Eucharist opens up the discussion of where in our lives do we truly honour God. Faith should be at the core of our lives, embedding the beauty of its principles in all of our actions.

When young people take the time to truly honour the Eucharist and they themselves kneel before it, we can see a change in their responses in life, the stress of being constantly watched and criticised melting away to be replaced with a sense of stillness in their mind.

By focusing all their energy upon the Eucharist, many young people in our church find a renewed sense of life. Personally, having the Eucharist as the centre of my life gives me the sense of purpose often lost in the face of school and other commitments.

Charlotte Orr, sixth form student

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Back To Africa After Malaria Scare

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, in Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese, in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a lay missionary with Mill Hill Missionaries...

I started to shiver a bit. "Oh, it's nothing," I thought, and carried on as normal.

I'd been in Kinshasa when I was called home to a funeral. I stayed for a week in Maidenhead, at Mill Hill Missionaries headquarters, before staying with my sister, Rose, in Middlesbrough.

The day of the funeral, which took place on a Monday, Rose said I seemed a bit under the weather.

"I know what it is," she confided. "I suffer with hay fever every year myself."

So, she gave me an antihistamine. I took it – but I wasn't convinced.

Tuesday, I started shivering and took a nap to overcome a fatigue which had gripped me. I lay in bed, still in denial about what this illness was. I pondered the days leading up to the shivers.

I take pills every week while I'm in the Congo to stop me from getting malaria, which I had 25 years ago. Malaria is a parasite that lives in your blood and is Africa's biggest killer. The day before I returned to England, I ran out of tablets – but having been free of malaria during my recent four years, I wasn't unduly worried.

"I'll sort it out when I arrive in England," I'd thought. But I didn't.

Wednesday, I was as right as rain, and more than happy to join my brother and his children for a walk in the nearby hills.

Thursday, I called in at my doctor's to arrange more malaria pills for my return to the Congo.

The same afternoon I started shivering again at my brother's house, so much so that I ached. I walked back to Rose's and warmed up in the sunshine. I went straight to bed.

Eight o'clock that evening, I texted Rose from my bed: "I think it's getting serious!"

Fifteen minutes later we were in the hospital's Accident and Emergency Department. I was very ill – low blood pressure, low temperature alternating with a high temperature, headache, nausea...

After spending the night on a drip and having countless checks, I was allowed to go home on Friday evening. Treatment continued for another week, followed by another two weeks of building up my strength.

The treatment included quinine, which is harsh on the body, tiring, and makes your hearing become dull. Really, it was three weeks of sleeping, but at least I wasn't dead.

I've now arrived back in Kinshasa, to yet more political upheaval and yet another Ebola outbreak.

The number of children in our centres for malnourished children is starting to go down from 72, as edible caterpillars become available locally. The biggest wish I have for my return, though, is never to have malaria again!

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The community at Thicket Priory and friends celebrate a jubilee for one of their members, Sister Rose

Carmelite Nuns Hold Information Day

The Carmelite nuns at Thicket Priory in York are holding an information day for people interested in learning more about the contemplative life.

"A lot of people ask about our life here, from the curious to those actively discerning a religious vocation," said Mother Mary of Carmel.

"We hope to debunk the myth about the lives of contemplative women in the Church by giving access to anyone who would just like to know who Carmelite nuns really are and what we do.

"We plan to be available for questions, offer refreshments and invite people who might like to join us for the Divine Office."

"What do Carmelite Nuns Do?" takes place on Saturday September 22. For more information call 01904 448277, email anthicket@gmail.com or visit carmelite.org/thicket.



The parish of St Joseph's, Pickering, celebrated more than 18 years of service by Father Bill and Betty East with a party, gifts and good wishes for a long and happy retirement – Photo by Paul Robb

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Laurie running for CAFOD in a previous race

Help Laurie Run For The Bus

Cathedral parishioner Laurie Haley is running the Middlesbrough Tees Pride 10K on Sunday September 2 to raise funds for the Ghana bus appeal.

Monsignor Gerard Robinson launched the appeal after his visit to the Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre at Ahotokurum earlier this year.

The centre was established in the early 1980s as a partnership between the DMJ sisters, the Franciscan Order and local people, to rehabilitate and reintegrate former leprosy and Buruli ulcer sufferers into their communities.

It now provides a range of services including health care, social care and education for the disabled and disadvantaged. You can sponsor Laurie at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ghana-bus or send cheques made payable to St Mary's Cathedral Ahotokurum Fund to 44 Carlile Hill, Hemlington, Middlesbrough, TS8 9SL.

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

Please pray for the following priests of our diocese whose anniversaries are during the month of September...

1	1954	Rev Francis X Lynch	Scorton
4	1949	Rev Edward O'Rourke	Bridlington
5	1941	Very Rev Canon James Nolan	South Bank
6	1982	Very Rev John Currie	Hull
7	1886	Rev Nicholas Rigby	Ugthorpe
7	1931	Very Rev Canon James Barry	Hull
10	1981	Very Rev Canon Thomas Slattery	Hornsea
11	1934	Very Rev Canon James Griffin	Hedon
12	1916	Very Rev Canon Silvester McMahon	Redcar
12	1978	Very Rev Canon Francis Connolly	Northallerton
12	2013	Rev Daniel McIver	Ballyhahill
13	1960	Rev Richard Fox	Hornsea
15	1962	Rev Francis Holland	Loftus
16	1969	Rev Arthur O'Connor	Holme-on-Spalding Moor
19	1911	Very Rev Canon James Brady	Holme-on-Spalding Moor
19	1971	Very Rev Canon Charles Clifford	Hull
20	1958	Very Rev Gabriel Redmond	Hull
21	1975	Rev David Quinlan	Hornsea
23	1890	Rev George Kasley	Yarm
24	1951	Very Rev Canon Cecil Farrar	Cheltenham
26	1973	Rev Gerard Croker	Pocklington
27	2001	Rev Charles Toner	Middlesbrough
30	1917	Rev Adrian Van Meerendonck	York
30	1953	Rev Michael Dillon	Driffield
30	1978	Rev Liam Noonan	Nunthorpe

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5 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am

6 Attends CSAN Board Meeting, London 12.00noon

7-9 Attends Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool

10 Attends meeting of Friends of the Lady Chapel at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00am

12 Attends 50th Anniversary Celebrations at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 6.00pm

13 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustee Board at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.30am

15-16 Parish visitation to Holy Name of Mary, Middlesbrough All weekend

18 Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall, Leeds 10.30am

19 School visit: 9.30am Sacred Heart Primary, Middlesbrough

19 Dedication of new altar at St Joseph's, Stokesley 7pm

20 Attends CRC Department Meeting in London 10.30am

23-30 Ad Limina visit to Rome

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10.30am Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret Clitherow and the Martyrs of York; assemble at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York for veneration of relic. Procession to the Shrine at the Shambles and to St Wilfrid's for Extraordinary Form Solemn Mass at 12.10pm, followed by benediction.
11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: canonlumley@gmail.com
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Free of charge. Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com

2 Sun
10am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

4 Tues
7pm Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral chapel.

5 Wed
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for further details.

7 Fri
Events and articles for inclusion in the October Voice must be received by today.

8 Sat
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Free of charge. Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
11.30am Birthday of Our Lady, Rosary 11.30am, Mass 12 noon, Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

9 Sun
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1-3pm Diocese of Middlesbrough LGBT+ outreach and service; Mass giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, in the chapel of The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. All are welcome.

4.15pm Solemn Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Consort)

5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN

6pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details.

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10 Mon
7.30pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Nan Saeki (01904) 783621 for further details

11 Tues
12.45pm 'Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull. Talk by Rob Bell 'The Irish in Hull.'
2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.
7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

12 Wed
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele meets after morning Mass
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets
2.30pm Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.
2-3.30pm Music for the Mind in St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, especially those suffering from dementia, their carers and friends. Contact 01642 710179 for details.

14 Fri
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details.
7.30am Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

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7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Chris Hooley), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Free of charge. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

16 Sun
10am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)

2-4pm Rehearsal of Diocesan Choir at Our Lady, Acomb

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Augustine's, Redcar

6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

19 Wed
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral (Cantor)
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

22 Sat
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com 'What do Carmelite Nuns Do?' The Carmelite nuns will be available to answer your questions. For information call 01904 448277, e-mail: annthicket@gmail.com or visit carmelite.org/thicket.

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26 Wed
12.45pm-3pm Life Ascending Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after 12.10pm Mass
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral (Ladies Schola)

27 Thur
7.30pm-9pm The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact Margaret (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

28 Fri
7pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details
7.30pm Summertime Special, Middlesbrough Theatre (tickets bought for July still valid)

29 Sat
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Free of charge. Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com

30 Sun
10am Family Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Junior Choristers)
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
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6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
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3 October Ebor Lecture, 7pm York Minster 'Crossing Places' Julie Nicholson explores the choices people make about how to live and thrive in the shadow of death and trauma, including the complex area of forgiveness. Free: book via www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures

7 October Annual Rosary Pilgrimage from 1.30pm, Mass 3pm, the shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass in St John of Beverley, North Bar Without.

The Diocesan Choir rehearses from 2pm-4pm on the third Sunday of each month at Our Lady, Acomb, and is open to singers of all ages and abilities. We are always delighted to welcome new members. There is no formal audition process – just come along and join us. For more information email: mbrocathedralmusic@outlook.com

NEWS



Photos by Father Phil Cunnah

Middlesbrough To Walsingham Walkers Remembered

Bishop Terry is pictured with the 14th Station of the Cross on the 70th anniversary of it being carried to Walsingham by a group from Middlesbrough in July 1948.

The board shows that they walked 236 miles, further than any of the other stations brought from around the country.

The group, including seminarians Kevin Coughlan, Liam Carson and Tony Bickerstaffe, set off from the old cathedral and stayed in schools, church halls and private houses along the way.

Bishop Terry was taking part in the UCM's 73rd annual pilgrimage to the East Anglian shrine, which this year was led by the group from our diocese.

More than 600 people attended, including the UCM's diocesan spiritual advisor Father Bill Serplus, Canon Alan Sheridan, Father Richard Duffield, Father Paul Dowling, Canon Eddie Gubbins and Father Phil Cunnah.

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4. Basingstoke	221 miles	9. Wolverhampton	229 miles
5. Oxford	198 miles	10. Glasgow	219 miles
6. Malvernbury	210 miles	11. Leeds	217 miles
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Pope Francis raised the sanctuary to the status of a minor basilica through an apostolic decree in 2015.

The cost of our pilgrimage is £85 per person, including return transport, evening meal, B&B and Sunday lunch. Some ensuite rooms are also available at £14 per person extra.

To take part, please complete the application form to the right of this article, call Jenny Dowson on 01642 850505 or email reception@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk.

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Walking To Help Change Lives

Cathedral parishioner Margaret Hinman tells us about her Camino de Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage this month, when she will be raising funds to help the homeless on Teesside...

I will be walking 12-18 miles each day, 68 miles in total, and it will take six days. It's expected to be hot when I will be walking, so I will be sure to pack my rucksack lightly.

I am raising money for Depaul Tees Valley, which is based at the John Paul Centre in Middlesbrough. Every pound I raise will go towards changing the lives of young people locally.

It will help the team at the John Paul Centre support young people by offering a safe place to stay in a crisis, assisting them in taking the step from homelessness into stable housing and providing specialist long-term support to get their lives back on track.

The basis of the charity and its values are from St Vincent de Paul, who devoted his life to helping the poor, sick and needy in 17th century France and is often referred to as "the Saint of Charity."

In order to receive my Compostela certificate I have to walk at least 100km and finish in Santiago de Compostela. During the walk, my pilgrim's passport must be stamped at least once a day to confirm that each stage of my journey has been completed.

The Compostela is the original religious certificate written in Latin, provided by the Church when the journey is finished.

The history of the pilgrimage stretches back more than 1,000 years to the discovery of the body of Saint James during the reign of King Alfonso II (792-842).

Saint James was already believed to have been the great evangelist of Spain and the discovery of his relics became a focal point for pilgrims.

It is becoming an increasingly popular pilgrimage. In 2010, nearly 300,000 pilgrims received the Compostela and these numbers are growing. Although it will be an amazing experience, it will not be a walk in the park.

Our Depaul journey will follow the French Way (Camino Frances) and is the most popular Camino route. My journey begins in Sarria in north-western Spain and travels through quaint and charming medieval towns, finishing in the sacred city of Santiago de Compostela, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The French Way is also known as the most social Camino and I am sure to meet fellow pilgrims while experiencing local culture along the way.

To donate please visit my Just Giving page at justgiving.com/fundraising/Margaret-Hinman or contact me on 01642 700075 for more information.



Walkers on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela



Knowledgeable children from St Thomas More Primary School with their trophy – Photo by Bernard Swift

MAD Quiz Keeps On Making A Difference

The MAD (Making a Difference) quiz has had another successful year, with almost every parish and every Catholic primary school in the southern deanery involved.

There was a slightly different format this year to encourage the cautious participant. A poster with 100 questions and answers relating to the school curriculum was produced and displayed in every school and on every parish notice board.

The questions for the first round were chosen from the poster. The questions for round two were unseen. Congratulations to all the young people who knew the answer to every question in round one almost before it was asked. They were amazing. It became the fastest finger to the buzzer.

There were some excellent rounds between parishes and then school versus school. Eventually three teams emerged from the

rounds for the final, St Vincent's Primary School, St Mary Queen of Martyrs and St Thomas More Primary School.

The first round's points were earned by the speed of hitting the buzzer. They were three very evenly matched teams. St Thomas More Primary School moved ahead in round two and was the eventual winner. The winner's cup and certificates to all participants will be presented at the end of the Clergy Challenge.

This year's challenge to our young people again involves bridges and pennies – they are challenged to span not just the Humber Bridge but all 12 of the bridges across the River Hull in pennies!

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NEWS

Church Packed As Marists Say A Fond Farewell

The Parish Church of Our Lady and Peter Chanel in Hull – more commonly known as the Marist Church – was packed for an emotional Mass to mark the order leaving the parish after 90 years.

Bishop Terry presided, assisted by 15 diocesan and Marist priests and two deacons. In his homily, the bishop paid tribute to the Marist Fathers' pioneering work in founding the parish and the Marist College, building the magnificent new church in the 1950s and providing a succession of inspirational parish priests who have served the city with such dedication and fidelity.

Bishop Terry stressed that God was walking alongside us and the future was safe in his hands.

Towards the end of the Mass, Father Peter Corcoran read a letter from the Marist Fathers' European provincial, Father Martin McAnaney, who said it had been a privilege to serve the people of Hull and it was with great sadness that they could no longer continue due to lack of personnel.

Margaret Crummay spoke about the Marist Way and how it would continue in the parish after the fathers left and Terese Hubbard, chair of the parish council, thanked the Marist Fathers for all the wonderful work they had done for the people of Hull.

Despite the sadness, it was a truly moving and uplifting occasion. We shall all miss the Marist Fathers very much and are thankful they are staying in the city for the foreseeable future.

Father William Massie has taken over from departing parish priest Father Des Hanrahan. Father William will continue his role as university chaplain.



Chris Cuthill

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