



Bishop's Column

I offer you a thought for the Month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

I sin not because of what I do or don't do, but because of what I am – a sinner, a deep down sinner. And left to myself there is nothing I can do about it.

It sounds awful, doesn't it, especially coming from the mouth of a bishop. But it is a fact – a sinner was I conceived in the womb and a sinner I will die.

It is something we seem not to like to admit these days, that we are less than perfect, morally damaged.

Or perhaps we have rather gone the other way and, admitting that we are all flawed, we have decided to accept sin as a way of life?

Yes, we are sinners by our very nature, born in sin and doomed to die in sin. However, that isn't the complete story. We know that in Jesus, God intervened into our human situation and through his life, death and resurrection has given us the means to overcome sin and to be forgiven.

Sinners we are, but we can also be forgiven sinners if we cooperate with the free gift of salvation given to us through Jesus.

I am talking about sin here very casually, as if it were just an intellectual concept. But it is also a reality in our lives, in our world. It affects us, it wears us down, it enslaves us.

It can either weigh us down so much that we think we are beyond redemption, not worth bothering with; or it can so sap our strength and energy that we become enslaved to it and succumb to its powerful web unable to escape and we accept it as the only possible way to live out our lives.

Either way, we need help. Most of us do not need lecturing when we are in this position, we need rescuing and encouraging; we need someone to come and lift us up out of the mire, or someone to come and tell us that it is possible to be forgiven, to be saved.

I can remember a painting in the college where I was trained for the priesthood. It showed Our Blessed Lady reaching down rescuing sinners from the fires of hell and scooping them out of Purgatory.

Mary has always been seen as the Refuge of sinners, our refuge, our rescuer, the one who lifts us up and encourages us.

Recognising our weakness, our sinfulness, our need to be encouraged and rescued, we turn to Mary and say:

Virgin most pure, star of the sea, pray for the sinner, pray for me!

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Bishop John Returns For Pilgrimage Mass

The forecast rain held off as Bishop Emeritus John Crowley returned to the diocese as principal celebrant for our annual Assumption Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace.

Around 250 hardy pilgrims braved the difficult conditions on the climb to the Lady Chapel after heavy downfalls earlier in the day.

Bishop John celebrated 10am Mass at the cathedral on Sunday morning before travelling to Osmotherley, where he prayed the Rosary and concelebrated Mass with about 15 priests.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for me to welcome Bishop John on behalf of Bishop Terry," said Monsignor Gerard Robinson.

"He was very happy to be back in the diocese and the drive up to the Lady Chapel brought many memories back for him.

"He saw many people he hadn't seen for a long time and stayed afterwards till about 5.30pm as he chatted and caught up with the ups and downs in their lives.

"It was also a great joy to have our newly ordained priest Father Richard Marsden with us as he begins his ministry at the cathedral."

Monsignor Robinson thanked the Knights of St Columba for helping with parking and getting people



Emeritus Bishop John, second from left, at Mount Grace together with Father Phil Cunah, Deacon Len Collings and Monsignor Gerard Robinson – Photo by John Buckton

up and down the hill, as well as all those who contributed food to the shared meal that followed the service.

Father Anthony Storey's beautiful booklet describing the history of the Lady Chapel has been updated by Father Neil McNicholas and is available from the Curial Office, St Mary's Cathedral or the Lady Chapel

itself, priced £1.

Friends of the Lady Chapel members are united in the spirituality of the Lady Chapel through an annual Mass and daily prayers and also receive newsletters and invitations to events. A suggested membership donation is £10 a year for an individual or a family group. Schools are also welcome to join.

Visit ladychapel.org.uk/friends for more information or call Sarah Holmes on 01642 850505.

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Early Church History Lesson Is A Revelation

Bishop Emeritus John Crowley's homily at the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Mount Grace...

Down the years I've had so many happy memories of pilgrimages here to Mount Grace, whether on personal private visits but especially of course on the occasions of the annual August pilgrimage, when hundreds of yourselves unfailingly wend your way here from around and beyond the diocese. But one fly in the ointment on the first few occasions I experienced the joy of the annual pilgrimage was that first reading from the Book of Revelations, or the Apocalypse, as it's also called. As I listened in those early years to that account of dragons, signs in the heavens and other extraordinary goings-on in the natural world, I wondered if others too would struggle to make any sense of it.

But then, mercifully, I read a hugely illuminating article about the background to the final book of the Bible that made all the difference. The author explained that the Book of Revelations or Apocalypse can only be

rightly understood against the backdrop of the terrifying ordeal that fast-growing late-first-century Christian community were having to endure. A fierce persecution had broken out, orchestrated by the Roman Emperors, firstly Nero and then Domitian, which threatened to wipe out that beleaguered community which the emperors, with their demigod-like status, saw as a direct threat. So the unknown author sets out a vision of the future when all will be well, and he does so in coded biblical language, drawing heavily on the whole apocalyptic tradition in the Old Testament. The picture he paints is of the final triumph of God's love over the forces of evil and darkness, insisting through his use of dramatic imagery that the last word in all our lives, if we remain faithful, will belong to God. Meanwhile, yes, that battered community were having to endure terrible trials, but the final victory will belong to God, the God of life and love.

Dear friends in Christ, that message of trust

and hope in the final triumph of good over evil is indeed a timeless message for every generation of Christ's disciples. Everyone here will have our own experiences of pain and suffering when our faith is put severely to the test, so all of us desperately need the hope and reassurance that only Christ Jesus can offer us. Why? Because he is our Risen Lord, not a dead hero to whom we look back in admiration, but our crucified and Risen Lord, Lord of life and love.

That's the truth, the conviction, that we are celebrating right here and now in our Eucharist, celebrating our Easter faith in Christ Jesus who descended into hell, and "on the third day rose again from the dead." (Apostles' Creed)

Which leads me finally to Mary our Mother, in whose honour we have come here today in our faith-filled hundreds. Earlier this year, Pope Francis wrote a wonderful letter to the whole Church summoning us to a life of holiness in today's world centred on the

Beatitudes. It's such an inspiring and down to earth letter. I do urge you to get hold of a copy if possible. He ends the letter with a final paragraph to Mary our Mother. Let me quote it directly, it's so fitting to the purpose of our pilgrimage...

"I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: 'Hail Mary...'"

This Month's Choral Services The Cathedral

Tuesday 2 at 7pm: Education Mass (Cathedral Choir)
 Sunday 7 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)
 Wednesday 10 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies Schola)
 Sunday 14 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)
 Sunday 14 at 4.15pm Solemn Vespers (Cathedral Consort)
 Wednesday 17 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Full Schola)
 Thursday 18 at 6.30 pm: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)
 Sunday 21 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)
 Wednesday 24 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Cantor)
 Sunday 28 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)
 Thursday November 1 at 7pm: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)
 For more information about our choral services and music visit us online at <https://sites.google.com/site/middlesbroughcathedralmusic>

Calling All Singers!

Many readers will have had the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful singing of our diocesan choir. The choir rehearses from 2pm to 4pm on the third Sunday of each month at Our Lady, Acomb, York, 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 on Sunday October 21. For more information email mbrocathedralmusic@outlook.com.

Tim Harrison, Director of Music

Petition Calls For Male Suicide Action

An online petition has been launched calling on the government to take urgent action to identify the factors contributing to British men being three times more likely to commit suicide than women. Its creator Robert Middleton, 25, from Redcar, was inspired by the tragic story of 20-year-old Ben Overfield, 20, from Brotton, who took his own life at Saltburn's Huntcliff last October.

"I've read a lot on male suicide and many news stories about young men who took their own lives, but it's Ben's story that inspired my petition," said Robert.

"I simply couldn't stop thinking about this young man, what he must have gone through and whether we, as a society, have failed him.

"According to the Office For National Statistics, of the 5,965 suicides registered in 2016 a total of 4,508 were male and 1,457 were female. This shows that men account for more than 75% of all suicides. "The real tragedy behind the numbers is the unnecessary and completely preventable loss of so many lives, our husbands, sons, brothers, boyfriends, colleagues and neighbours.

"The Prime Minister has described the UK's current suicide rates as 'a shocking reality' and unveiled a cross-government suicide prevention strategy that aims to

reduce the suicide rate and targets those most at risk, such as young and middle-aged men.

"Although the strategy is generally sound and does include a section on male suicide, it falls short of providing any serious recommendations, let alone a plan of action. It simply isn't enough to suggest that taking part in sports activities could help some men overcome their mental health problems. What about those young and middle-aged men with suicidal thoughts who are fit and already physically active?"

Robert wants the government to launch a public consultation and set up a panel of experts with the task of identifying and analysing the factors contributing to the high male suicide rate.

"Only when we have a full picture and understanding of the complex nature of male suicide can we move forward and put an end to what is a shocking reality for far too long," he said.

At 10,000 signatures the government will respond to the petition in writing and if it reaches 100,000 signatures it will be considered for parliamentary debate.

To sign it, visit petition.parliament.uk/petitions/223145.

New Site Aims To Ease Church Maintenance

A new website to help keep churches in good repair has been launched after a successful Heritage Lottery Fund-backed pilot project in Yorkshire.

Any church in the diocese can use MaintenanceBooker to obtain quality building services from accredited and experienced contractors for a wide variety of essential maintenance tasks.

Services available at maintenancebooker.org.uk include gutter clearance and repairs, lightning protection inspection, tree surveys and maintenance as well as asbestos surveys and removal.

More services will be added in later in the year, such as stonework and lime mortaring with bat surveys, and

grounds and graveyard maintenance in the pipeline.

Preventive maintenance micro-grants are also available to help MaintenanceBooker users pay for gutter clearance costs.

MaintenanceBooker is a partnership between the National Churches Trust, the UK's church buildings support charity, and 2buy2, a leading procurement company.

2buy2's chief executive officer Rob Kissick said: "Every company registered on MaintenanceBooker is vetted to ensure it has the appropriate qualifications, which is critical for all church repairs. MaintenanceBooker will save money and ensure that work is carried out by qualified individuals."

How You Can Support World Mission Day

Sunday October 21 is World Mission Day, which the Church traditionally sets aside to support the work of Missio, writes CANON MICHAEL LOUGHLIN.

Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of the worldwide network of Pontifical Mission Societies. It has four main parts. The work of Missio is best known through the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) red mission boxes.

The APF supports 1,069 mission dioceses throughout the world and is responsible for building new churches and providing care to young faith communities.

The Society of St Peter the Apostle should be better known, as it has the unique role of training the future leaders of the Church in mission dioceses.

It only costs £500 a year to train a priest in some countries and it would be wonderful if every parish in the diocese could sponsor a student for the priesthood.



The commitment is for four years and it creates a positive link with the growing church abroad.

Missio's work with children is done through Mission Together. It provides healthcare and education for the world's poorest children, regardless of background or belief. Many of our diocesan schools support the work of Mission Together.

The Pontifical Mission Union promotes an awareness of mission and a spirit of unity, prayer and generous sacrifice among priests, religious

and laity.

World Mission Sunday provides me as diocesan director of Missio with an opportunity to thank everybody who supports the work of Mission, all mission box holders and collectors, the schools who support Mission Together and the sponsors of students abroad.

Please support the retiring collection taking place in each parish for this work on World Mission Day.

'Privileged' Time Of Prayer With Pope

After years of preparation, the World Meeting of Families opened with launches throughout Ireland. Nicky and I often spend time "back home" and have witnessed the build-up in every parish we visited.

We arrived in Dublin after three weeks in Donegal amid the flurry of press interest concerning what Pope Francis should and shouldn't do when he finally arrived in Dublin.

The hurt and scepticism felt by large sections of the Irish people was front-page news. There were daily comparisons between the expectation of this visit and that of Pope John Paul II in 1979, how Ireland was a different place now and the welcome might not be as warm.

All of this was at the back of our minds as we arrived in Dublin, not knowing quite what to expect. What we found was a vibrant, committed, optimistic and truly international Church.

Pilgrims from every country imaginable packed Dublin's RDS on a daily basis. We prayed, sang and listened together to a host of committed individuals who inspired on an hourly basis.

We shared conversations with pilgrims from Ireland, Tanzania and America and saw groups from as far afield as Finland and Canada, the Philippines and Algeria and almost every country in South America.

There was music throughout the day and we had the privilege to witness moving and uplifting performances by the Rend Collective and Audrey Assad.

The first presentation we took part in was by our own Caroline Dollard and Bishop of Northampton Peter Doyle, on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' guidelines for the preparation of couples for marriage.

Given that this has been my guidebook for the last two years as we prepare a plan for marriage preparation in our diocese, it was great to hear them speak so passionately about the benefits of parish-based marriage

preparation, from welcoming couples to marking their anniversaries.

It was also brilliant to see that many of the images and examples used by Caroline were from parishes in our diocese, particularly the Holy Name, Middlesbrough, where Peter and Di Wordsworth have been so proactive in welcoming young couples who are about to be married.

The most powerful session we attended was on safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults. This wasn't one we had planned to see, but we found ourselves there among a large audience who were captivated by speakers who spoke passionately and very personally.

The panel included members of the Papal Commission on Safeguarding and survivors of abuse. It was a very moving and strangely uplifting experience as we listened to their clarity and commitment to the protection of the vulnerable in our Church.

On Thursday we attended the launch of "Seeking God Together", a brilliant resource produced by CBCEW as a conception-to-grave companion for families, parishes and schools and aimed at "supporting the pastoral accompaniment of families".

Friday saw the launch of a new working alliance between key providers of marriage preparation and support. This is a real opportunity for support and mutual promotion of the members of the alliance, Marriage Care, Marriage Encounter, Teams of Mary, Two in One Flesh and Engaged Encounter, all part of the Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations.

On Saturday afternoon, we lined the streets of Dublin with thousands of others waiting for a glimpse of Pope Francis. We had a few false alarms as the city's LGBT community sent round their "Hope Mobile", complete with a very realistic waxwork of the pope, all in good humour and a welcoming sign of positivity.

Sunday saw the exodus of Dublin, with major roads closed to accommodate the thousands of people walking the five miles to Phoenix



Micki and Nicky Coyle and Catholic Bishop's Council family life advisor Caroline Dollard and her husband Kit at the launch of family, parish and schools resource "Seeking God Together" in Dublin

Park for the closing Mass. Even the constant drizzle and high winds – it is Ireland after all – couldn't dampen the spirits.

In 1979 I was a young teenager travelling to Galway with family and friends as John Paul II visited Ireland. While the numbers attending the Dublin Mass were fewer, the enthusiasm and commitment of all who attended was the same.

We never expect to be present to witness momentous occasions and maybe that's the nature of surprises. I don't think anyone expected what Pope Francis was going to say.

Against a backdrop of press antagonism and political pressure from all sides, all with a view of what he should apologise for, the pope remained consistent in the line the Vatican has taken regarding the many abuse scandals that have rocked the Church in Ireland and across the world.

His only comments referred back to the letter Pope Benedict wrote to the Church in Ireland in 2010. There was considerable pressure on Francis to make a formal apology for the handling of the scandal when he met the press with Taoiseach Leo Varadka on his arrival in Dublin.

When none came, the country was

disappointed, to say the least. All that changed in Phoenix Park. Having spent 90 minutes with survivors of abuse on Saturday night, Pope Francis, reading from a handwritten script, asked for forgiveness for the failings of the Church and its leadership and 300,000 people listened in silence.

Forgiveness was asked for at a time not dictated by press or politicians, but during the Penitential Rite, before God and the people, and we count ourselves privileged to have been there.

So now we wait for the actions to follow the words. At the safeguarding talk, Gabriel Dy-Liacco, a psychotherapist and member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, quoted Saint Josemaría Escrivá: "Words are sweet, but love means deeds."

After four days listening to all that was said, especially by Pope Francis, we are confident the deeds will follow, for there is an urgency to ensure, as much as we can, that we protect the vulnerable adults and children of the future.

The next World Meeting of Families is in Rome in three years' time. We will definitely be there.

Micki Coyle

Inspirational Day For Ministers

Our annual Inspirational Day for both Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word will be held at The Spa Conference Centre in Scarborough on Saturday October 20.

The date is slightly later than in previous years because of the National Eucharistic Congress, Adoremus. The day will be our way of building upon the national celebrations being held in Liverpool.

Our guest speaker Father Nick King SJ is well known as a biblical scholar and is also one of the contributors to Adoremus Extra, a guide written especially for the congress that has been described as a lasting resource for cherishing the Eucharist.

The cost of the day is £26 per person, including drinks and a hot buffet lunch. Booking details will be sent to parish co-ordinators or contact Jenny Dowson on 01642 850505 if you wish to make your own booking.

Deacon Vince Purcell



Father Michael Keogh with the happy couples in Northallerton

World Family Day Comes To Northallerton

While Pope Francis was taking part in the World Meeting of Families in Dublin on Sunday August 26, families in the Sacred Heart Church in Northallerton joined in the celebration.

Couples were present during Mass with special anniversaries – Michael and Jean Brogan celebrating 61 years of marriages and John and Linda Lagan 40 years – while Xavier Kang and Karlyn Chia have recently become engaged.

At the end of Mass the couples told their stories and Father Michael Keogh gave them a special blessing in thanksgiving for their witness to family life.

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The Mysteries of the Rosary

October, Month of the Holy Rosary

The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

If you have a rosary, look at the beads. There are five sets of ten beads, separated by a single bead on which we say the Our Father. We say the Hail Mary on each of the ten beads, then we move on to the next single one for the Glory be to the Father.

While we say the Hail Marys we picture in our minds the things that happened in Our Lord's life. We begin with the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel asked Mary to be the mother of God's son, and to call him Jesus. Think how surprised Our Lady must have been, and what she thought, and how brave she was to say "Yes" to God.

The Annunciation is the First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Next month, we will go on to the second. What do you think it might be?



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Excellent Results For Richmond Pupils

Pupils of St Francis Xavier School in Richmond are celebrating this year's excellent GCSE grades. Headteacher Sharon Keelan-Beardsley said: "Our results reflect the excellent pastoral care and support that the school provides, combined with strong relationships that exist between staff, students and their families."

Double Celebration For Catenian Peter

Three Middlesbrough Catenians took to the road to mark a special birthday and an important milestone. Peter Gibbon, who now lives in Leicestershire but retains his Middlesbrough Catenians membership, turned 90 and also chucked up 40 years in the association.

Now a joint member at his local Market Harborough Circle, Peter originally joined Middlesbrough Circle on July 12 1978. A long-time parishioner of the Holy Name of Mary Church in Linthorpe, Peter and his wife Kathleen moved away to be closer to family more than a decade ago.

Members of his local circle organised a lunch for the couple, which was attended by Brothers Gordon Bailey, Peter Carey and Jim

Goodwin, who travelled from Middlesbrough to deliver Peter's 40-year scroll and a celebratory bottle of wine.



David Baldam (Market Harborough Circle) pictured with Peter, seated, alongside Peter Carey, Jim Goodwin and Gordon Bailey from Middlesbrough Circle

New Beginnings For North Yorkshire Schools

An exciting new venture is underway in North Yorkshire with the collaboration of Sacred Heart and All Saints Roman Catholic primary schools in Northallerton and Thirsk, with Teresa Atkinson appointed as executive head.

The partnership will bring about many opportunities for shared development, learning and growth within the school communities. The decision has been long in the making, with both governing bodies working together since April 2018.

It got off to a happy start with Mass celebrated by Father Jerry Twomey at Sacred Heart School on Monday September 3. Father Jerry opened the Mass by commenting on the excitement and joy within the room. Staff from both schools then spent the morning sharing ideas and expertise in order to create the best learning experience for the children.

Both schools are currently in a consultation process towards the possibility of becoming part of St Margaret Clitheroe Catholic Academy Trust later this academic year.

Andy McMillan, chair of governors at Sacred Heart, said: "This is such a happy and exciting day for both our schools as we move forward under

our excellent executive headteacher, Mrs Atkinson. We are gifted with fantastic pupils, supportive parents and wonderful staff."

Both schools have spaces available

across various year groups. For more information contact Diana Outram at Sacred Heart on 01609 780971 or Katie Anderson at All Saints on 01845 523058.



Andy McMillan, chair of governors at Sacred Heart, Father Jerry Twomey, parish priest of All Saints Church and Teresa Atkinson, executive headteacher of All Saints and Sacred Heart RC primary schools

Organ Scholar Makes History



Christopher Too made history by being the first Ampleforth College student to pass the Associateship Diploma of the Royal College of Organists while still at school.

Christopher will spend a year as an organ scholar at Gloucester Cathedral and hopes to read Music on an organ scholarship at university next year.



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A Letter From Madonna House

I'd Call This Hope



Disaster! That's what I thought as 10,000 of us began the closing procession of the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. It had been a glorious three days, full of inspiring talks, dramatic presentations and stunning liturgies in the Metropolitan Cathedral. It had been a weekend of firsts: the first National Eucharistic Congress since 1908, and the first one with a public Eucharistic procession.

The day before, Cardinal Nichols led the assembly in a holy hour. After focusing on the centrality of the Eucharist all weekend, we were called to pray together in silence before Our Lord. How moving to see people kneeling and prostrating in the aisles of the stadium, with a profound stillness enveloping us all.

Cardinal Nichols set the scene and tone for the Eucharistic procession by saying there would not be one iota of triumphalism, but it would be a penitential act in reparation for the sins of the Church. I sensed a sadness in him as he spoke of being bound to his brother bishops whose failings are exposed for all to see. He said, "Today I come as a beggar seeking forgiveness, laying the load, hurt, damage and mistrust we have caused at the foot of the Cross." But he also called us to hope: "We walk with a humble joy for...he lets his face be seen, his face of tender compassion and hope for our broken world."

This Eucharistic procession was crucial, and so as we gathered outside the cathedral to begin our journey and the heavens opened and poured down rain, I thought disaster! It wasn't supposed to rain that day. In no time, we were all soaked, sloshing through deep puddles, trying to sing from sodden pages. Penitential it was, but how could God allow this to coincide exactly with our procession?

It wasn't long, though, before I sensed something lifting. Our singing was getting more full-hearted and joyful. We were smiling and greeting the astonished denizens of pubs and cafes. The clouds were thinning and the sun straining to emerge. When we turned the last corner, the sun burst out and right in front of us was our glorious cathedral, shining like the heavenly Jerusalem. I suddenly understood that the rain wasn't disaster, but cleansing waters from heaven. We had asked for forgiveness and new beginnings, and he was answering our prayer.

At the cathedral steps, a stream of white-robed bishops and priests ascended with the Blessed Sacrament. As we all looked up, we united in prayer, peace, and love for Our Lord. His blessing fell upon us at Benediction and joy began to ripple through us all – especially when the enormous bells overhead began to peal. It seemed all of heaven was proclaiming, *Redemption is at hand! Be washed in the purifying waters and wait for new life to burst forth!*

Disaster? No. I'd call this hope.

Diocese Looks To Strengthen Safeguarding Team



Diocesan safeguarding coordinator Mick Walker with a card containing information about what safeguarding is and what to do if you come across a safeguarding incident

The diocese is further strengthening its team of safeguarding reps with the target of having two in every parish.

Reps carry out a number of duties throughout the year and are given training and support to help them in their role.

"The parish safeguarding rep is the focal point in the parish and our first defence in keeping the parish safe," said diocesan safeguarding coordinator Mick Walker.

Carol Rowntree has been a safeguarding rep in the St Mary's Cathedral parish for about 12 years.

"My work includes helping people with their DBS forms and giving out forms for parents to sign to say they're happy for their children to take part in our sacramental programme," she said.

"It's just being there and keeping an overview on things

and when I speak to people about their DBS checks they're always happy to cooperate."

Mr Walker added: "It's all about creating a safe environment and an integral part of that is the DBS process, as a valid certificate must be held by all those who have contact with children or vulnerable adults and are doing some sort of regulated activity.

"We hold an annual training event that's always well attended by our parish reps and we're currently in the process of training our reps in the new electronic DBS process, E-bulk.

"Carol also recently attended a meeting with the parish priest and myself and others to discuss a safeguarding issue."

If you might be interested in being a safeguarding rep, please speak to your parish priest.

Parishes And Families Urged To Join Rosary Campaign

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) in England and Wales is organising an October Rosary Campaign to follow up last year's visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics to dioceses including Middlesbrough.

October is the month of the Rosary and October 13 is the anniversary day of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun seen by thousands of people in 1917 at the Cova da Iria, where Our Lady appeared to the children.

Our Lady requested during each of her six apparitions at Fatima that people should pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world. We are inviting parishes, groups, families and individuals to pray the Rosary during the

month.

Our Lady linked the conversion of Russia and the promised era of peace with the saying of the Rosary and the Five First Saturdays' devotion, which was fully revealed to Sister Lucia in 1925.

The success of April's Rosary on the Coast initiative is a sign that people want to pray the Rosary and realise its importance. An estimated 45,000 people took part in around 400 locations including Redcar, Saltburn, Scarborough and Hornsea. Further information on the October Rosary Campaign is available at worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk.

Donal Anthony Foley, Secretary of WAF England and Wales

Cross Focus For New Prayer Event

Sunday April 29 was a great grace for our Church and nation as Catholics turned out in force to pray the Rosary on the Coast for faith, life and peace.

It was a sign of hope for the spiritual renewal of our islands and for supernatural solutions to the difficulties we face personally, in our families, as a Church, as a nation and globally.

The Holy Spirit is inspiring other nations to hold Rosary Coast to Coast events on Sunday October 7. British Catholics are joining in solidarity with them through Rosary under the Cross. We will gather in the silence of Mary at 3pm and kneel under the cross to pray the

Sorrowful mysteries – and with Mary, embrace the Cross of Christ in our times and plead for God's Mercy.

"This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel!" Mk 1:15

Visit rosaryonthecoast.co.uk for more information and to register your parish as a host venue, or to find your nearest venue on the interactive map.

Maryann and Denis Dorgan



Day of Prayer And Fasting For Abuse Survivors

Parishes in our diocese have been responding to the call of Pope Francis for prayer and fasting after the latest revelations concerning sexual abuse within the Church.

The Holy Father called for this penitential exercise as a sign of solidarity with victims and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

Special events and services were held at many parishes on Friday September 14, the feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

They included St Wilfrid’s in York, where there was a day of penance and reparation, including Masses, exposition and Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy and Benediction.

All Saints Church in Thirsk remained open all day for prayer, while the survivors of abuse were prayed for during veneration of the cross at St Gabriel’s in Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Afterwards there was a simple soup and cheese lunch, with donations given to a children’s charity.

“Although as individuals we are not directly responsible for the crimes of abuse, we belong to a faith community where this has happened with sickening frequency,” said St Gabriel’s parish priest Canon John Lumley.

“This was a sign of our sorrow at these crimes and a small expression of our solidarity with those who have survived abuse from members of the clergy and religious.”

In his impassioned letter, Pope Francis recognised with “shame and repentance” that the ecclesiastical community “showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them.”

“Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient,” he said. “Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated.

“The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.”



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Days 7-8 The Passion Play
Bid farewell to Italy today as you travel first to Verona by coach, before continuing from here across the Alps through to Innsbruck in Austria. From Innsbruck, we continue north across the Austro-Germanic border to the small, quaint town of Oberammergau. On Day 8, you experience the iconic Passion Play. Just once a decade, the unassuming town of Oberammergau hosts the world's largest and most famous passion play detailing the final days of Jesus Christ. With your tour, you are granted top tier seats near the centre of the auditorium, the perfect place to witness the 2,000 strong cast and crew put on one of the oldest continuous religious plays in the world. Oberammergau truly comes alive with the production which sees hundreds and thousands of visitors come to the village.

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ADOREMUS

A Rewarding Faith Experience



Adoremus 2018 concluded with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Liverpool followed by Benediction on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King - © Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk

Almost 150 people from our diocese attended some part of the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool over the weekend of September 7 to 9. It was a truly Catholic "moment" for them all, joining people from across England, Wales and beyond.

Students from the universities in our diocese sat alongside parishioners of all ages, teachers, accountants, SVP and Legion of Mary members and parish pastoral assistants of different kinds. We heard and learned a great deal. Hopefully over the coming weeks there'll be chances to explore some of the many themes.

FRIDAY was called the "Symposium Day". Canon Mervyn Tower reminded us that we absolutely need to immerse ourselves in the Jewish landscape and society in which God became incarnate if we are truly to comprehend the Incarnation itself. Sister Margaret Atkin was equally "incarnational", reminding us that "faith builds on culture" and so we must attend to the culture in which we are passing on the faith.

Canon David Oakley challenged us to be formed by the Eucharist, whether by living "Eucharistic lives" being "blest, broken and shared" or by seeking renewal for our parishes, like the great 19th-century parish priest of Ars, St Jean Marie Vianney, who spent hours in adoration before the tabernacle.

Father Ian Kerr, the biographer of Blessed John Henry Newman, described Newman's excitement on discovering, after his conversion, the mystery of the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle of every Catholic church. Newman wrote to

friends of the "heavenly privilege" of having Jesus, who "walked the streets of Galilee", dwelling among us.

For balance, I would have to say opportunities were missed to shed light on important contemporary issues. There has been confusion since Vatican II about the relationship between the presences of Christ in word and sacrament. They have "equivalence", we were told. And what does that mean? A seminar on intercommunion with Anglicans and Methodists and other Christians was little more than a repetition of our Church's discipline without any explanation, followed by expressions of regret.

SATURDAY was "Congress Day" and the sun shone all day within the Echo Arena. The keynote speaker of the whole congress was Bishop Robert Barron from the United States. He gave a step-by-step commentary on the Mass and in his second talk an explanation of what the Call to Holiness means and how to respond to it.

His talks are available on the Bishops' Conference website and they deserve to be listened to. For now: his explanation of the meaning of "Adoration". He quoted Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day in Cologne 2005: "*ad oratio*" means "mouth to mouth". When we adore God we are "mouth to mouth with God". The whole Bible is a call to such *ad oratio*. When we adore anything other than God we are not rightly ordered and disintegrate from within. Before God at Mass and especially at Holy Communion we experience the highest *ad oratio* possible on earth.

SUNDAY was truly the Lord's Own Day. We

gathered for Mass in the fine Metropolitan Cathedral and then processed around the city with the Blessed Sacrament, not out of any showy triumphalism, Cardinal Nichols reminded us, but to reclaim creation for the Creator.

Rightly, there was a strong ecumenical dimension to the weekend. Representatives from the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Salvation Army were warmly acknowledged and very movingly at Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday received the cardinal's blessing at Holy Communion. Non-Catholic writers were quoted by Bishop Barron and other speakers. Startlingly powerful were these words of Dom Gregory Dix, an Anglican monk of the last century. They reminded us that although many ecclesial communities have differing interpretations of the meaning of what the Lord Jesus left us at his Last Supper, nevertheless we all recognise its importance because it comes from the Lord and brings us into closest Communion with the Lord.

"Do this in memory of me.' Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it, to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves... Men have found no better thing than this to do: for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or for a good

crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America; for the famine of whole provinces or for the soul of a dead lover; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of scythes in the thick June grass came faintly through the windows of the church; tremulously, by an old monk on the 50th anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonisation of St Joan of Arc – one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unflinching, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei – the holy common people of God."

Charlotte Denston, president of Hull University CathSoc, which sent a group of six, felt the Saturday talks were "truly inspirational" and saw the rain during the Sunday procession as a sign of God's blessing. Another student, Joe Heaton, gave his overall verdict in the observation that while a mediocre nightclub might make students finish their night at 5am, "it takes something exceptional to make them start their morning at 5am, which is when we set out from Hull. And our faith was rewarded."

See page 13 for more pictures from Adoremus

**Father William Massie,
Diocesan Adoremus Rep**

Reaching Out To The Poor

Second World Day of the Poor, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday November 18

You may remember last year Pope Francis launched a new World Day of the Poor and we marked it in our parish communities with prayers and other activities.

At our recent diocesan Caritas meeting we read Pope Francis' message for this year's day. He begins with this quote: "This poor man cried and the Lord heard him" (Ps 34:7).

He then continues: "The words of the Psalmist become our own when we are called to meet the different conditions of suffering and marginalisation lived out by very many of our brothers and sisters who we are accustomed to label generically as 'the poor'.

"We are told, first of all, that the Lord listens to the poor who cry to him and is good to those who seek refuge in him, their hearts broken by sadness, loneliness and exclusion. On a day like the World Day of the Poor, we are called to make a serious examination of conscience in order to understand if we are really capable of hearing them.

"On this World Day we are invited to give concreteness to the words of the Psalm: 'The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied' (Ps 22:27). We know that in the Temple of Jerusalem, after the sacrificial rite, a banquet took place. It was this experience that enriched the first World Day of the Poor in many dioceses last year. Many people found the warmth of a home, the joy of a celebration meal and the solidarity of those who wished to share the table in a simple and brotherly way.

"I would like that this year and in the future this World Day be celebrated in the spirit of joy for the rediscovery of our capacity for getting together. 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 the Evangelist, 'And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And 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)"

We know that many of our parishioners are engaged throughout the year in activities responding to the increasing levels of poverty being experienced by people in our communities. These include those who literally do not have any food to eat, who are refugees and others seeking asylum or who are unemployed, homeless and sleeping rough.

We know of the work of the SVP, providing clothing and furniture and other help, and support for food banks, which offer food to people in acute need. Alongside these are other organisations in our diocese. Feasts of Fun provides food and activities for children throughout school holidays. Positive Pathways helps people who are homeless and sleeping rough towards finding a home and employment. Cause for Children in Crisis helps families escaping from situations of domestic violence or who are without food and basic personal necessities, as well as providing many families with hampers at Christmastime.

In his message, Pope Francis is asking us as communities of faith to reach out in a special way on the World Day of the Poor to invite such people into our parishes to share a meal



together with us.

This is our chance to be alongside people who feel left out and to help them to feel valued. By eating together we are helping restore people to their inherent dignity and worthiness, irrespective of outer appearance or life situation.

It is one way of acknowledging their dignity and respect as children of God, as our brothers and sisters.

We would like to ask for your help to make this a reality for this year's World Day of the Poor in response to Pope Francis' message.

The Holy Father concludes: "I invite my brother bishops, priests and in particular, deacons, on whom hands have been laid for the service of the poor (Acts 6:1-7), as well as religious and the lay faithful – men and women – who in parishes, associations and ecclesial movements make tangible the Church's response to the cry of the poor, to live this World Day as a special moment of new evangelisation. The poor evangelise us, helping us to discover every day the beauty of the Gospel. Let us not waste this opportunity for grace."

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NEWS

Welcome Changes For Mill Hill

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...

My first stint with Mill Hill Missionaries was three years, beginning in 1991. I taught would-be Mill Hill candidates English and about the wider world outside the forest, in preparation for their entry to the seminary in Uganda.

Mill Hill have been present in Basankusu Diocese since 1905. Hundreds of our missionaries have been here to build Christian communities over the years. Even in the 1990s, there were about 25 of us. I found only two members left in Basankusu in 2014 – with me added, that made three of us in the whole country.

The isolation of Basankusu has made it more and more difficult for Father Stan and I to select and teach students to the priesthood. We had a visit from Andrew Mukulu from our general council, two years ago. He suggested that we move the teaching programme to the capital, Kinshasa.

"The candidates would learn a lot in the city – there are more possibilities there," he said. "Not only that, but we can extend the programme to include a degree in Philosophy, the first cycle of studying to become a priest."

He continued with obvious enthusiasm, "We wouldn't have to restrict ourselves to Basankusu Diocese for our candidates – we have the whole country to recruit from."

We stopped teaching in Basankusu two years ago with the idea of moving it to Kinshasa.

That has freed me up to spend more time on malnutrition and wheelchair projects, of course, but we've been waiting to see whether we would be teaching our candidates again.

This month we saw a development. Father Otto Bambokela, who is Congolese himself, like Father Stan, arrived in Kinshasa to start looking for suitable accommodation for our students to live and to study. We're all very excited about it.

However, our first glitch has been that Father John Kirwan suddenly developed a back problem, ended up walking with a stick and has swiftly sought medical assistance in England.

Father Stan and I were planning to travel up to Basankusu this week, but his doctor has asked him to stay another ten days in Kinshasa to have some tests for a minor problem. So I'll be travelling alone to the malnutrition centres.

Well, so far, so good – we now total four Mill Hillers in the Congo and with a brand new project to give us a national presence. We just have to pray for the speedy return to good health of Father John and Father Stan.

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Tributes To 'Gentle And Loving' Nun And Teacher

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Sister Agnes Mary O'Shea, 81, of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, writes LIZ HUGHES.

Sister Agnes started her teaching career at the Convent in Queen Street, Scarborough, when the order went under the title of "The Ladies of Mary" and she herself was officially known as Mother Mary Ancilla, but given many nicknames by her pupils!

Sister Agnes was sent to Uganda and became head of English at Maryhill High School, but after three years and suffering badly from Malaria, she returned to Scarborough and taught Latin at the convent for a year before being sent to teach in Portsmouth.

While she was in Portsmouth Sister Agnes was involved in a serious motor accident that ended her teaching career in England. That did not stop her desire to serve where needed and she taught at St Teresa's Seminary in Ghana for two years before returning to England.

Sister Agnes became involved with parish and retreat work while working in Cornwall and also became active in Churches Together, continuing this after returning to Scarborough.

She was made welcome by all denominations and was committed to working with the associate members of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph and often called upon to give presentations, which were always informative, well-researched and entertaining.



Once again, Sister Agnes was moved from her beloved Scarborough, to Hearne Bay and then to Sydenham, as parish sister. It was there that she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Always thinking of others, she undertook to enter into a trial for new forms of treatment.

On April 16 this year Sister Agnes celebrated her diamond jubilee, 60 years after taking her formal vows. Because she was not able to attend in the convent chapel, a small altar was set up at the foot of her bed and Father Jim Hurley celebrated Mass for her.

Sister Agnes died peacefully at 3pm on Friday June 22 in St Joseph's Convent, West Wickham, and her funeral was at the convent on Friday July 6. Father Hurley was principal celebrant with more than 150 mourners in attendance, including many members of her family from Ireland. She was laid to rest with other sisters from the order in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Warlingham.

Sister Agnes loved her time in Scarborough and its people. Even in the latter stages of her illness, she was ever hopeful of attending another reunion of the convent "old gals" or "ex-cons", as the former pupils now call themselves.

The chair of governors at a school Sister Agnes taught at said: "Her gentle and loving care for all those with whom she came into contact will be much missed."

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



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From the Archives



50 Years Ago

(A letter from Cardinal Cicognani to Bishop McLean)

The Holy Father has graciously charged me to express His gratitude for the message of loyalty and support addressed to Him on the occasion of the publication of His Encyclical Letter *Humanae Vitae*.

Such ready acceptance of the teaching of Christ's Vicar on earth is a sign of the lively faith which animates the heart of a true Christian, and cannot fail to console Him upon whom lies the heavy burden of guiding the whole Church and confirming His brothers in the faith.

His Holiness therefore greatly appreciates this token of fidelity, and bids me give assurance that He prayerfully bestows upon Your Lordship and upon the entire Diocese of Middlesbrough, in pledge of the heavenly reward of a living faith, His special Apostolic Blessing.

100 Years Ago

(From The Hull Catholic Magazine)

The following has been received from Pte Laurie Wright, MGC: "I thought it might interest you to know that the old school (Pryme Street) was well represented at the procession in honour of the Feast of the Assumption, held in Jerusalem. There were representatives from all over Egypt and Palestine – in all fully 1,400 soldiers. Among such a lot of RCs I thought it could not be possible for me to be the only one from Hull, so I kept my eyes open, and was rewarded with the sight of two familiar faces, one of which turned out to be Harry Watkins, an old St Vincent's Home boy, and the other was Corporal Bibby, who told me his brother Joe had been awarded the Croix de Guerre in France, and we had a good talk of old times, and all we want is peace. May it be soon."

Congratulations, Father John!

Father John Wood, of South East Parish in Hull, marked the ruby jubilee of his priesthood with a special celebratory Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Bishop Terry, priests and deacons and parishioners and guests from many of the parishes he has served joined Father John at the Mass and social gathering and presentation in the church hall afterwards.

Father John, who was ordained on July 15 1978, thanked everyone for their support and spoke of his gratitude to all those who helped make it such a wonderful, special and memorable event for him.

He has served in many parishes during his priestly ministry, mostly in Hull but also in at Whitby, York, Withernsea, Teesville, and Withernsea, as well as periods as dean, a member of the Bishop's Council for Liturgy and as director of permanent deacons.

His current parish includes Sacred Heart, St Bede's and St Stephens Pastoral Centre and he is also on call for seafarers at the port.

Deacon Brian Morgan



This Month's Clergy Anniversaries



Father Pat Cope, whose first anniversary is during October

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

2	1935	Very Rev Canon Sidney Calvert	Leyburn
4	1986	Rev Edward Taylor MCCJ	Leeds
6	1937	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Francis Hall	Hull
9	1930	Rev John Murphy	Market Weighton
9	2012	Rev Keith Hutchinson	Ampleforth
11	1998	Rev Maurice Hardy	Hornsea
12	1941	Rev Peter Kennedy	Whitby
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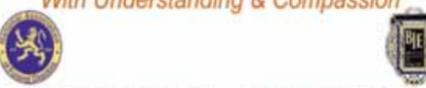
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2 Attends Blessing & dedication of building at St Mary's Primary, Malton 11.30am
Celebrates Education Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00pm

3 Attends blessing of blue plaque at Mass House, Egton 2.3 pm
Celebrates Mass for Apostleship of the Sea 7.00pm

4 Attends lunch for Retired Priests in York 11.30am
Celebrates Education Mass at St Wilfrid's, York 7.00pm

6 Celebrates Mass for SVP Central Council Festival at St Aelred's, York 10.00am

9 Attends meeting of Northern Province at Bishop's House, Leeds 10.30 am

10 School visit to St Mary's College, Hull 10.00am
Celebrates Education Mass at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 7.00pm

11 Attends annual meeting of Diocesan Prison Chaplains at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 10.30am

18 Attends meeting of Diocesan Board of Trustees at Hull University Chaplaincy 10.30 am

20-21 Parish visitation to St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull All weekend

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

24 School visit to St Augustine's, Scarborough 10.00am

25 Attends meeting of National Office of Vocations Board in London 11.00am

27-28 Attends annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham All weekend

2 Tues
7pm Education Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

3 Wed
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel 01904 470041 for further details
7pm Ebor Lecture, 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 but please book via www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures
7pm Apostleship of the Sea Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW

4 Thur
7pm Education Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, York

5 Fri
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6 Sat
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12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
7pm-9pm City Praise at Hull Minster. Admission is free but an offering will be taken.
The Hull and Area Interdenominational Prayer Gathering invite you to join in an

evening of Praise, Worship and Prayer for the City and surrounding areas, featuring the Reverend Huw Priddy (the international Welsh tenor). For further information Tel 01482 846555.

7 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
1.30pm Annual rosary Pilgrimage from 1.30pm, Mass 3pm, the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

9 Tues
12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull. Terry Stockdale 'Telegraph Boy'
2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.
7pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel
7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

10 Wed
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after morning Mass
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets
2pm-3.30pm 'Music for the Mind' St Mary's Cathedral hall; tea/coffee and cake on arrival; all welcome especially those living with dementia, their carers and friends. Call 01642 710179 for details
2.30pm Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.
7pm Education Mass, St Charles Borromeo, Hull

12 Fri
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details.

7.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

13 Sat
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14 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm LGBT+ outreach and service in the chapel of The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, followed by refreshments. All welcome.
5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & St Joseph,

Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
6pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details.

15 Mon
7.30pm York Newman Circle at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York, YO24 1QA 'Permanent Deacons – exploding the myths and exploring the potential of this restored ancient ministry' by Dr Bridie Stringer, Associate Lecturer in Pastoral Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Contact Judith.smeathon@btinternet.com 01904 704525 for more information.

17 Wed
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

20 Sat
Annual inspirational day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word, Spa Conference Centre, Scarborough. Contact Jenny Dowson for details: 01642 850505.
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7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance, Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB (Michael Coyne). Contact Eddie White on 01642 860227 for details.

21 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Gabriel's, Ormesby
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25 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

26 Fri
7.30pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details

27 Sat-Sun
Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Contact reception@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk; 01642 850505

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Bishop Terry, second right, with his brother bishops



Solemn Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral



The Eucharistic procession through the streets of Liverpool



Pilgrims kneel as the procession passes
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30 Tues
7.30pm Cleveland Newman Association, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW 'Mater Admirabilis' – the birth of a global sacred icon' by Dr Stefano Cracolici. All welcome. Further information Lorraine.canning@icloud.com

31 Wed
12.45pm-3pm Life Ascending Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after 12.10pm Mass

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2 Fri
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Advance Notices

19 November York Newman Circle, 7.30pm at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. 'Vulnerability and Growth: exploring a theology of disability through the life and work of Jean Vanier and other writers' by Rev Dr Chris Hughes, priest of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle

21 November Cleveland Newman Circle, 7.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 'Gentle as Silence', the life and hymns of Estelle White. A liturgy in music for a post Vatican II church' by Veronica Whitty MA

21 November, Rosary 1.30pm, Mass 2pm at the Shrine of Our Lady, Mount Grace: Presentation of Our Lady
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In Memory of Joe



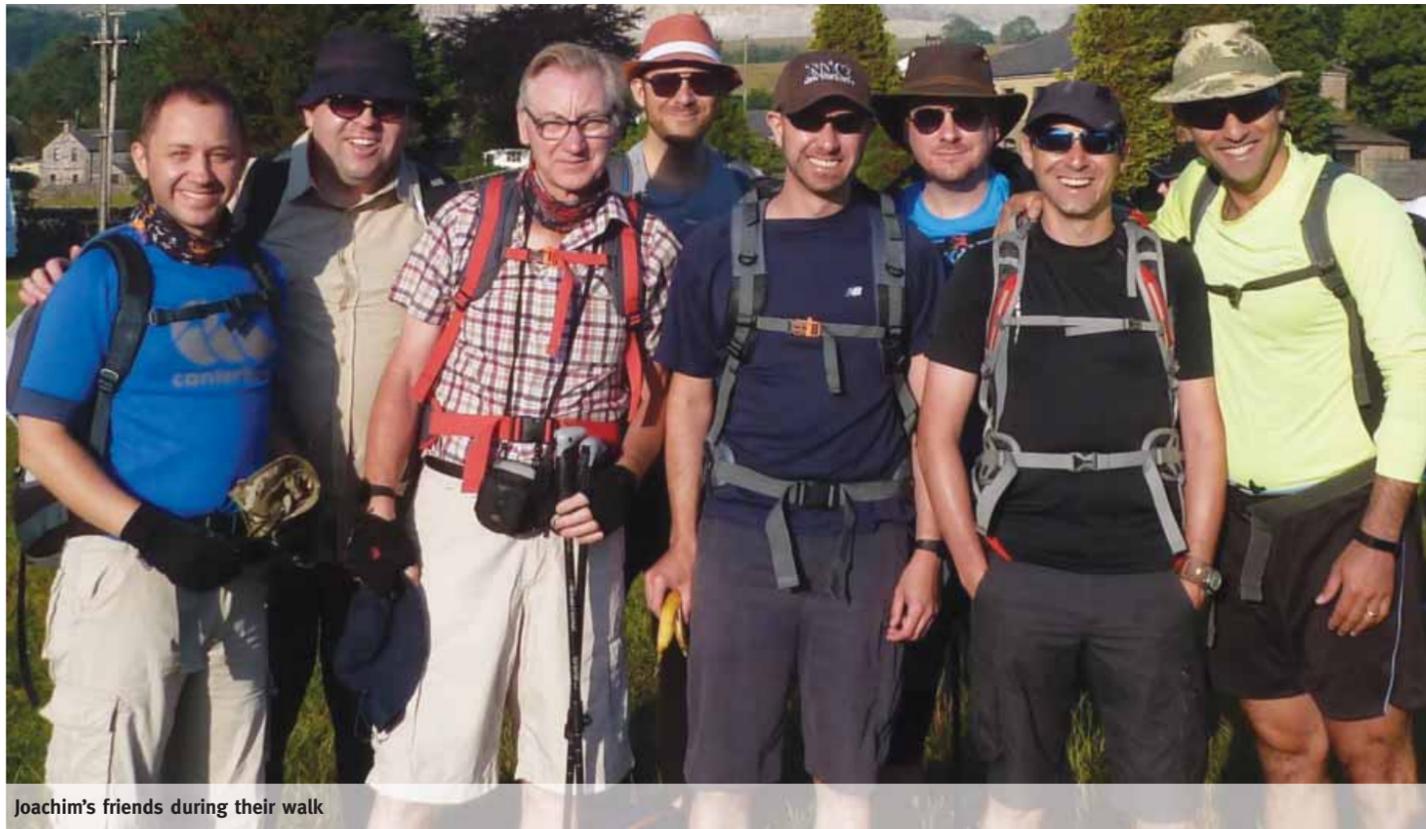
Former St Mary's College, Hull, students walked the 24-mile Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge in memory of their friend and classmate, Joachim Dyer, who died last October.

Joachim was a wonderful person who was enjoying a highly successful career in the Metropolitan Police and the Army Reserve before cancer took him from us at just 41.

The group consisted of Reza Alvani, Tony Garland, Owen McNeil, Father Tom Cunnah, Eddie Bayliss, Will Palfreman and Carl Izzat, who were all at St Mary's with Joe between 1988 and 1995. Mike Garland also walked and I acted as backup, an injury preventing me from walking.

We set off at 6.50am and the day gradually got hotter, rising to 30 degrees as we climbed Pen-y-Ghent (649 metres), Ribbleshead Viaduct (10.2 miles) and Whernside (736 metres).

The walk took 11 hours and it was tough



Joachim's friends during their walk

going at times but well worth it. Afterwards we gathered in a pub in Ingleton and reminisced about Joe late into the night, reviving fond memories of a truly inspirational friend. We shall always remember him.

The sponsorship total is over £2,000 for two charities close to Joachim's heart, Scotty's Little Soldiers, a military charity that helps bereaved children, and St Mark's Hospital Foundation, a charity supporting research into bowel cancer.

Our thanks to everyone who donated and to Tony Garland for initiating the idea and organising the walk.

Chris Cuthill

Walkers Enjoy Irish Solace

Two years ago, I joined my friends Mike, Justin, Neil, Linda, Jules, Richard, Ann and Peter for the coast-to-coast walk from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay to raise money for charity.

This summer we met again to walk the Dingle Way in County Kerry to help St Anthony's, Hull, parishioner Mike raise money for Hull and Humberside Sports Wheelchair Trust. We walked through some of the most beautiful countryside imaginable and received an unbelievable welcome from everyone we met. People went out of their way to help us and

those who had never been to Ireland were blown away by the experience.

The pace of life is so much gentler and there seems to be time for everything. One landlady said as we were rushing to leave one morning: "When God made time, he made plenty of it" and the taxi driver taking us to the airport remarked, "Pressure is for tyres, not people." We came back refreshed, feeling much better about life and we will all keep a little bit of Ireland in our hearts.

Chris Cuthill



The Story Behind A Sacred Icon

Professor Stefano Cracolici, reader in Italian and co-director at Durham University's Centre for Visual Arts and Culture, will speak on "Mater Admirabilis, the birth of a global sacred icon" at this month's Cleveland Newman Circle meeting.

The painting, by young French girl Pauline Perdrau in 1844, hangs in Rome's Trinità dei Monti church and has been associated with several miracles.

Its name, which means "Mother most admirable", is said to have been given by Pope Pius IX.

The meeting takes place in St Mary's Cathedral hall, Middlesbrough, on Tuesday October 30 from 7.45pm, with coffee and tea from 7.30pm.

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Father Richard's School Return



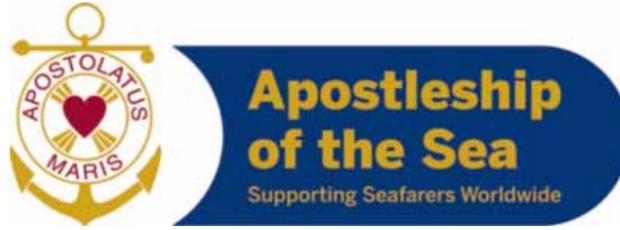
Father Richard Marsden returned to his former primary school, St Mary Queen of Martyrs, Hull, to preach at the end of year Mass shortly before his ordination. After Mass, he presented RE prizes to the children and was presented with the gift of a paten from the school by Marie McClelland, who was the headteacher when Richard attended.

Laurie Boosts Bus Fund



Cathedral parishioner Laurie Haley raised an impressive £1,737 for Monsignor Gerard Robinson's Ghana bus appeal by running the Middlesbrough 10k – despite a heat wave! "I finished 1,697th out of 2,282 runners, so I won't be challenging Mo Farah any time soon, but I'm happy to have done it," he said. Monsignor Robinson is raising £50,000 to help buy a minibus to serve vulnerable communities from the Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre at Ahotokurom, Ghana. If you would like to help, please call 01642 597750 or email parish@middlesbroughrcathedral.org.

Mass Honours Seafarers' Charity Patron



Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of their patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come along and pray for the work of AoS and for seafarers on Wednesday October 3 at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Bishop Terry will celebrate Mass, which will be followed by a reception. All are invited. For more information and to RSVP contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or visit <http://bit.ly/SMMass18>.

Fundraising Day At St Crux



St Aelred's, York, Union of Catholic Mothers held a successful fundraising day at St Crux Church in the centre of York to help with their work both in the parish and supporting charities during the year. Our picture shows Catherine Laverack with the jewellery stall - **Kath Stubbs**

Parishioners Enjoy Prayerful Trip



Parishioners from Hornsea, Marton, Beverley and Hessle attended a day of recollection at Wydale Hall in North Yorkshire, led by Canon David Grant. It was a wonderful day in a lovely setting – **Colin Taylor**



Pro-Life Chain in Hull

Members of the Hull and East Riding Society of the Unborn Child formed a pro-life chain along Raich Carter Way in Hull. The demonstration was to raise awareness of the beauty and dignity of the unborn child and their mothers and many motorists sounded their horns in support. For more information about the group, call Frances 07743367245

Cream Tea Raises Impressive Total

Parishioners from the two churches in St Hilda's Parish, Whitby, raised more than £1,200 at a cream tea held in the village hall in Robin Hood's Bay. Members of the Madonna House Community, who are based in the village, also attended and Father Brian Christie provided entertainment with his fiddle playing. Thanks to all who helped make the event such a success – **Tony Murphy and Monica Ventress**

Hull Homeless Drop-In Battles Back After Fire

The SVP-led drop-in is continuing to serve homeless people in Hull despite a fire that badly damaged our base at the St Charles Parish Centre.

Since the fire, we have had to operate out of the former "holy shop", with no access to electricity or running water.

However, with the help of the Emmaus community, we are able to provide water, soft drinks and packets of sandwiches.

This was a temporary solution and we now cooperate with the nearby Jubilee Church to provide a breakfast club three times a week.

Volunteers will meet together at 8am to pray before opening the Hub for cereals, toast and hot drinks.

Emmaus will continue to prepare sandwiches, which will be distributed as packed lunches at the end of the session.

It is hoped that this ecumenical venture will transfer back to St Charles in 2019 as the "St Charles/Jubilee Breakfast Club".

The centre has always received wonderful support from the Catholic community in Hull and

the East Riding, including parishes, schools and individuals, and it's vital to the future of the project that this continues.

How can you help?

- By donating items we can use to make sandwiches, such as tins of tuna, luncheon meat, corned beef and ham
- By donating money to fund the project
- By donating clothing and toiletries to be given to the Emmaus Rough Sleepers Team, which works among the homeless day and night throughout the year.

This is a new phase in Christian ministry stretching back 25 years to the days of Bishop Kevin O'Brien's work at St Charles.

It can only be good for Christians to be working together to serve, in Jesus' name, the poor and marginalised, who are often despised.

Please pray for the success of this pioneering ecumenical project.

St Charles and St Patrick SVP

NEWS

Walsingham Statue To Visit Cathedral

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the shrine's famous Slipper Chapel is coming to St Mary's Cathedral this advent as part of a two-year "Dowry Tour."

The tour is part of the spiritual preparation for England's rededication as the Dowry of Mary in 2020.

Although the exact origin of this title is unknown, in medieval times it was widely used to express the belief that England belonged in a special way to Mary as the country's protector.

The statue will come to Middlesbrough from Thursday December 13 to Saturday December 15, beginning with a Mass of welcome and an opportunity for prayer.

The cathedral will be open throughout the day to welcome people to come and pay their respects. Visitors are invited to bring flowers and there will be talks about Our Lady of Walsingham and an exhibition.

A dementia-friendly carol concert will take place during the statue's visit.

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was given a place of honour during Pope Saint John Paul II's visit to England in 1982.

Speaking of the rededication, which will take place around the Solemnity of the Annunciation in March 2020, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "This is a moment of great promise for the Church in this country and for our mission."

The feast is at the heart of Our Lady's message at Walsingham and celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary, announcing that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord.

We are invited to rediscover what the Dowry of Mary title of England means for us today and for future generations to come.

The village of Walsingham, in Norfolk, has been a major centre of pilgrimage for almost 1,000 years and now has both Catholic and Anglican shrines, as well as an Orthodox chapel.

*There are still some places available on our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham from Saturday October 27 to Sunday October 28. The cost is £85, including transport,

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