



Bishop's Column

Coming just before the *Ad Limina* visit to Rome and my meeting with the Holy Father, the experience of *Adoremus* in Liverpool last September was shunted into a lower slot in the memory banks! So I would just like to offer a few thoughts of reflection on that once-in-a-lifetime event. *I say once-in-a-lifetime, not because it can't or won't be re-enacted again in the future, but if it takes 110 years (the previous congress in England took place in 1908) then all of us will be long gone!*

I had been to the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin a few years ago and was very impressed and inspired by it, despite the fact that most of it took place under a plastic poncho, which was the most practical and important thing that was provided as part of the "pilgrim-pack". Having lived in Spain for many years, Eucharistic processions and public devotion to the Blessed Sacrament were common and well accepted. However, when I first heard of the idea of a Eucharistic Congress in our own country my reaction was that it would not work so well here. We are not that sort of people; public demonstrations of devotion are not our thing. You might have thought I would have learned my lesson with the coming of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux!

However, once again, I was to be proved wrong. According to the statistics published after the event, over the three days of the congress, and including the youth events and the final Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, more than 20,000 people attended altogether.

There is no doubt that Bishop Robert Barron, the main speaker, was very inspiring and charismatic. He really focused us on the wonderful gift we have been given in the Blessed Sacrament. The other speakers too, in different ways, were so informative and uplifting. Together with the dramatic presentation of the presence of Jesus among us, alive and active in our lives, performed by a youth group, the second day rightly and fittingly finished with a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The final events of the Mass and the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Sunday took place under grey skies which eventually rained down their cleansing waters as a sign of our need to repent and be converted – which had been the main theme of the Cardinal's reflection the evening before. Despite the rain and the cool wind, the hearts of the participants were warmed by the strengthening sound of the singing as we processed from the cathedral and then, by a circular route, back again.

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Timetable For Dowry Visit Unveiled

The timetable has been unveiled for events during the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham to St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough.

The statue, which usually resides in the shrine's famous Slipper Chapel, is being taken around the country for two years as 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 indicate that England belonged in a special way to Mary as the country's protector.

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 cathedral will be open to welcome people to venerate, pray, and place flowers before the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. There will be talks on the Dowry of Mary by the rector of the shrine at Walsingham, Monsignor John Armitage. Pilgrims will also be able to view an exhibition about the title of England as Mary's Dowry and the history of the shrine.

The statue was given a place of honour during Pope Saint John Paul II's visit to England in 1982 and again during this year's *Adoremus* Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. 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.

Thursday December 13

5pm: Shrine and exhibition open. Rosary for a spiritual renewal to facilitate the New Evangelisation

6pm: Angelus

6.30pm: Opening Mass with welcome from Monsignor John Armitage, rector of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – Main celebrant, Monsignor

Gerard Robinson

7.30pm: Confessions available

8.15pm: Talk on the Dowry of Mary by Monsignor Armitage

9.30pm: Close

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Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral, St Francis & St Clare

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
With Bishop Terence Patrick Draine
Sunday, 2 December 2018 at 3.30 pm

BBC TEES CAROL SERVICE
Saturday, 8 December 2018 at 3 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE - MONDAY, 24 DECEMBER
Lady Chapel, Mount Grace
First Christmas Mass 4 pm

Cathedral
First Christmas Mass 6.30 pm
(suitable for children and families)
Preceded by Carols at 6 pm
Midnight Mass by candlelight 11 pm
With Bishop Terence Patrick Draine
Preceded by Carols at 10.30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Christmas Day Mass 10 am
With Bishop Terence Patrick Draine

26 DECEMBER
Boxing Day Mass
Lady Chapel, Osmotherley 11 am

ST FRANCIS & ST CLARE, MIDDLESBROUGH
St Clare's

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First Mass of Christmas 5 pm
(suitable for children and families)
CHRISTMAS DAY
Christmas Day Mass 9.30 am
BOXING DAY
10 am

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Timetable For Dowry Visit



**2019 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
PIETRELCINA & ASSISI
EXPERIENCE**

**Wednesday October 2–Sunday October
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**Bishop Terry will lead a diocesan
pilgrimage following in the footsteps of**



SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA & SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Some highlights:

PIETRELCINA – the village where Padre Pio was born. The visit will include Saint Pio’s house, the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, the Church of Sant’ Anna and ancient village

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – we will visit the places associated with Saint Pio’s life and activities – Santa Maria delle Grazie, the new church of Padre Pio, the sanctuary where he had a famous appearance and more

ROUTE TO ASSISI – via **LANCIANO** (Miracle of the Eucharist) there will be a guided tour of the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angele. We will visit St Francis’ hermitage and on to **SAN DAMIANO** and the Basilica of St Clare

This is a taster of the places we will visit and experiences we will have while on this journey. Mass will be celebrated every day in some of the beautiful basilicas.

To express your interest in joining this pilgrim journey, please email: [Jenny Dowson on jennydowson@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:Jenny.Dowson@rcdmidd.org.uk) or write to her at The Curial Office, 50A The Avenue, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT, giving your contact details. Flights are from and to Leeds-Bradford airport. Cost is £659 per person sharing based on a minimum of 40 people travelling. Single supplement £28 per night, travel insurance required and available for £29pp.

Friday December 14, Feast of St John of the Cross

8am: Morning Mass, celebrant Monsignor John Armitage

8.45am: Shrine and Dowry Exhibition open for pilgrims – Confessions available throughout the day.

11am: Rosary for the conversion of our families, friends and enemies

11.30am–12.30pm: Holy Hour, including sacrament of reconciliation

Noon: Angelus and midday Mass celebrated by Father Richard Marsden

2pm: Dementia friendly carol concert

4pm: Rosary for the conversion of England

6.30pm: Rosary for vocations to priesthood and religious life

7pm: Adoration with sung Evening Prayer

8.30pm: Talk on Dowry of Mary by Monsignor Armitage

9.30pm: Close

Saturday December 15

8am: Mass of Our Lady celebrated by Monsignor Armitage

8.30am: Shrine and exhibition open

9.45am–10.30am: Confessions

10am: Rosary for the renewal of marriage and family life

11am: Adoration

Noon: Solemn Mass with Bishop Terry
Shrine and exhibition close

Brothers: A Christmas Tale

A short Christmas story by ANTHEA DOVE, author of *The Man Yang Tree* collection of reflections and a parishioner of St Hilda’s, Whitby...

The youngest shepherd was called Benjamin. He loved being a shepherd and always worked hard. Sadly, one day when he was trying to rescue a lamb, he fell down a cliff and broke his leg.

One night in the middle of winter all the shepherds were huddled round their fire, shivering. Some of them were a bit grumpy, but all at once the sky was lit up, shining with a beautiful light, and from high above them they heard a voice.

Most of the shepherds were frightened but Benjamin looked up and said, “Look it’s an angel!” The others looked in wonderment as they listened to the angel’s message. He told them to go into Bethlehem, where a Saviour had been born and was lying in a manger. Then more angels came and began to sing. Most of the shepherds were bewildered. They couldn’t understand the angel’s message, but the oldest of them, Isaac, was already on his feet.

“Come along, hurry!” he said. “We must do as the angel said.” So they all got up, but then Isaac said, “We can’t all go, someone must look after the sheep.” Everyone was quiet. Then, “I will stay!” said Benjamin. “Don’t worry about me. I will take care of the sheep, and I am not afraid of the wolves.”

So the others set off. It was a very long and hard journey, but when they were about halfway to Bethlehem, one of them, Ezra, suddenly stopped and said, “I am going back to fetch my little brother.”

The others could hardly believe it. “You’re nuts!” one of them said cheekily. But Ezra took no notice. He just hurried back along the way and when at last he reached

Benjamin he said, “Ben, I am very sorry. I never should have left you. We don’t need to worry. While we are away the angel will look after the sheep, so come along, climb on my back, and we will get to Bethlehem together.”

So they started walking back and as they went, Ezra grew very surprised. He had expected Ben to be really heavy, but he felt as light as a feather, and he had expected the journey to be long and tiring, but no, they could see the lights of Bethlehem very clearly.

They were soon in the town and found the stable, but then they had a shock. A big, fierce-looking man stood in front of the door, which was shut tight.

“Go away!” he said. “There are enough of you raggle-taggle shepherds in there. I’m not letting you in!” But then the door opened as if by magic and they heard a sweet clear voice speaking. “Please let Benjamin through,” said the voice. Ezra put Ben down and took his hand. They walked inside and straightaway saw that the voice belonged to a lady with a kind face and smiling eyes.

“Please come to the front, boys,” she said, “Come and see the baby!” Shyly, the boys walked right up to her. “Welcome,” she said. “My name is Mary, and this is Jesus.” She looked down at the little child on her lap. The boys stood quite still, looking down at him too. Then Benjamin took the baby’s tiny finger in one of his own.

“I’m sorry if my hands are rough and dirty,” he whispered. “Don’t be sorry,” said Mary. “Be happy, because when Jesus grows up he will bring light and peace to the world and he will teach people to love one another.” Benjamin and Ezra never forgot that day.

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There can be no doubt about the public demonstration of faith in the presence of the Lord among us in the Most Holy Eucharist. There can be no playing down of the fervour and ardour pouring from the hearts of all present. As we knelt before *the Lord of life, earth, sea and sky, the King of love on Calvary*, I was filled with a truly awesome joy. And the prayer of the hymn was very much my prayer at the time: *Shepherd-king, o’er mountains steep homeward bring the wandering sheep; shelter in one royal fold states and kingdoms, new and old.*

Yours in Blessed hope – and have a fruitful Advent and a Happy and joyful Christmas!



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Devoted Parishioners Awarded Papal Medals

Two dedicated parishioners have been awarded the Benemerenti Medal by Pope Francis in honour of their service to the Church.

Connie Boyd received her medal from Canon David Grant at the Sacred Heart Church, Hornsea, while Chris Caley was presented with his medal by Canon David Grant and Father Mark Drew at the Most Holy Sacrament, Marton.

For more than 40 years Mrs Boyd has cleaned the Sacred Heart Church, arranged flowers and washed the altar linen, as well as helping at every parish social event.

"She is a very prayerful woman, a daily Mass goer and has been an extraordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist for many years," her citation read. "She is held in great affection and respect by her fellow parishioners for her

gentle and unobtrusive service towards the community."

Mr Caley has taken the leading role in the care and management of the Most Holy Sacrament Church for more than 30 years. He opens the church and has it ready for every Mass and service.

"He has the full confidence of the owners, the Constable Straker family, who spend most of their time at their other home in Northumberland," says his citation.

"Mr Caley has been relied upon by the last four parish priests (who have lived in Hornsea and now Beverley) to make sure all is as it should be for the celebration of the Mass, at which he assists as a server and a reader and in the appearance of the Church and its grounds."



George Robinson, who was recently presented with the Benemerenti medal by Bishop Terry for long and outstanding service to the SVP, is pictured, centre, with vice-president of Middlesbrough SVP Central Council Mike Walmsley, left, and George's wife Maureen, right



Connie Boyd with Canon David Grant



Canon David Grant, Chris Caley and Father Mark Drew with one of the altar servers at the Most Holy Sacrament, Marton

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Diocese Supports Survivors Of Abuse

The diocese is providing support so that survivors of sexual abuse that occurred within the Church have direct access to specialist counselling and other services.

The backing will help ensure survivors will receive the services they need almost immediately, without having to be placed on a waiting list, which will hopefully provide a seamless service from reporting abuse to accessing help.

An arrangement has been made with York-based charity Survive, which has specialised in helping survivors of sexual violence for 28 years.

Survive's chief officer Dani Wardman said: "Over the past few months we've been working closely with the Diocese of Middlesbrough to ensure appropriate services are available to any survivors of sexual abuse who come forward

"The Church is making positive steps towards putting victims at the centre of things. There have been safeguarding changes in the past but not 'client-centred' changes. This is about looking outside the organisation and it's very good news that this is happening."

Survive's service is confidential and people can access it directly and without coming through the diocese or via referral through the diocesan safeguarding coordinator.

"We have a team of counsellors and can give group and individual counselling," said Dani. "We also use an online video service called Zoom, which is like Skype but encrypted. But we offer a holistic package of support because counselling isn't right for everybody.

"We're the only specialist organisation of this kind working solely with sexual violence from a base in North Yorkshire. However, it doesn't matter where the person who needs help lives, as we can work with clients nationally and internationally."

Diocesan safeguarding coordinator Mick Walker said: "We want to support any survivor of abuse in the best way we can. By linking up with a reputable charity who are specialists in this area of support we are going some way towards achieving our aim."

For more information call Mick Walker at the diocese on 01642 850505 or call Survive directly on 01904 638813, email survive@survive-northyorks.org.uk or visit survive-northyorks.org.uk.



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Glowing Report For New Catholic Trust

The newly formed Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust has announced that 84% of its schools are now rated as Good or Outstanding by Ofsted.

The trust, formed on September 1 2018, brings together four existing trusts – St Oswald’s, St Hilda’s, Our Lady of Light and Nicholas Postgate – plus one maintained school, St Pius X. With more than 9,000 students and 1,200 staff, it is now the largest Catholic trust in the North East and the second largest Catholic multi-academy trust in the UK.

Chief executive officer Hugh Hegarty said: “At the beginning of this journey, we find ourselves in the enviable position where 84% of our schools are rated by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding. This highlights the exceptional work going on within our schools and provides the trust with a robust base on which to build.”

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust unites 25 leading schools from across the north of the Diocese of Middlesbrough with the aim of sharing best practice and excellence. Three of the schools within the trust were ranked within the top 1,000 state primary schools in England according to the *Telegraph’s* Primary School League Tables 2017. The report compared the number of students across the UK who achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics.

“This excellence is further evidenced by the fact that three of our schools, St Edward’s, St Pius X and St Thérèse of Lisieux,



Two friends at St Edward’s School in Linthorpe enjoy colouring together

were ranked in the top 1,000 Best Performing Primary Schools in the UK for reading, writing and mathematics in 2016-2017. St Edward’s in Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, was our highest-placed school, ranked within the top 100 in 87th place. “

These results become even more impressive when the government’s indices of deprivation are factored in. The Middlesbrough local authority district is ranked second highest in the UK for the “proportion of the population living in income deprived households”, coming in at 26.8%, and is the third highest area in the UK for the “proportion of working-age adults in employment deprivation” at 21.6%, according to the English indices of deprivation 2015, published by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

“We have identified that a massive 40% of our schools are in wards identified nationally as some of the most economically deprived,” said Mr Hegarty. “I am extremely proud of our schools, their staff and pupils for not allowing this to be a barrier to achieving the outstanding levels of attainment, as their outcomes and results testify.”

Using this strong foundation, Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust seeks to inspire and challenge its leaders, creating a culture where knowledge and best practice is shared and recognised, enabling some of its schools that aren’t performing as well to improve, progress and raise standards of pupil performance.

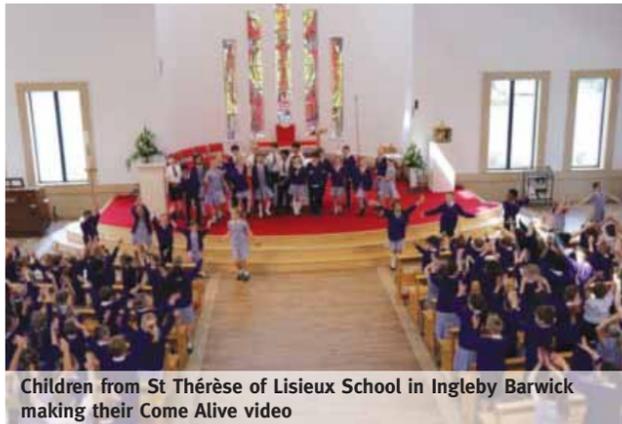
The trust’s strategic plan aims to ensure that parents,



stakeholders and the wider community have confidence in their approach to delivering the highest quality provision of Catholic education.

“My aim is for the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust to be acknowledged as a seal of distinction, where academic excellence and the spiritual and moral development of our pupils, staff and the communities we serve is paramount,” Mr Hegarty concluded.

“Over the next year the trust will implement robust, meticulous strategies to transform, restructure and invigorate our schools while strengthening our Catholic identity and connection to our parishes.”



Children from St Thérèse of Lisieux School in Ingleby Barwick making their Come Alive video



Pupils from St Pius X School in Park End learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali

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This Poor Man Cried, And The Lord Heard Him

Continuing our regular series of articles highlighting the good work done through Caritas, the umbrella organisation that coordinates the Church's social outreach, we look at some of the highlights of Pope Francis' message for last month's Second World Day of the Poor...

Pope Francis says Christians are urgently called to live their faith by giving "a sign of neighbourliness and relief in the face of the many forms of poverty" that afflict our world, at the same time honouring those "who are the real presence of Jesus in our midst."

The Holy Father said we live in a world that "praises, follows and imitates those who have power and riches, while at the same time marginalising the poor and considering them an object of shame."

The theme chosen for this year's message was "This poor man cried and the Lord heard him."

"Often it is the case that cooperation with other enterprises, moved not by faith but by human solidarity, enable us to give assistance which by ourselves would have been impossible," he said.

He said that by recognising that in the immense world of poverty our capacity for action is limited, we are pushed to recognise other forms of assistance and solidarity "albeit that we do not neglect our proper role, which is to lead everyone to God and holiness."

The Pope also examined the roots of poverty saying it is not brought on by itself, "but is caused by selfishness, pride, greed and injustice."

He also remarked on what he called a contemporary "phobia" for the poor, who are considered not only as destitute but also as "bearers of insecurity and instability, detached from the habits of daily life and, consequently,



to be rejected and kept afar.

"When we find a way to draw near to the poor, we know that the first place belongs to him who has opened our eyes and our heart to conversion," he said.

The poor, he stressed, have no need of protagonists, "but of a love which knows how to hide and forget the good which it has done."

The Lord listens to the poor and those "who are downtrodden in their dignity and yet have the strength to look up in order to receive light and comfort. He listens to those who are persecuted in the name of a false justice, oppressed by policies unworthy of the name and intimidated by violence."

He said so many of our brothers and sisters today find themselves on paths that lead to precariousness due to the, "lack of basic means of subsistence, marginalisation stemming from a reduced capacity to work owing to ill-health, the various forms of social slavery, notwithstanding the progress made by humankind."

Pope Francis said disciples of Christ are exhorted never to nourish "sentiments of contempt or pietism" towards the poor, but they are called "to honour them, giving them precedence, out of the conviction that they are a real presence of Jesus in our midst."

He concluded his message pointing out that often it is the poor themselves who undermine our indifference, saying, "the cry of the poor is also a cry of hope, which manifests the certainty of being liberated."

A Letter From Madonna House

A Place Of Family, Gentleness And Rest



New arrival at Madonna House in Robin Hood's Bay, Margarita Guerrero

Following a Madonna House custom, MARGARITA GUERRERO, a recent arrival in Robin Hood's Bay, has written a "first impressions" letter, which she shares with us here...

It's been eight weeks since I arrived in England. This is a busy house and, paradoxically, one of great stillness, probably because of the daily opportunity for one hour of adoration and half an hour of quiet prayer, besides Mass, Lauds or Vespers and the Rosary.

As far as busyness goes, I arrived to a full house – the four staff, plus a priest and seminarian. They stayed for about a week and were followed by a constant string of visitors, some of whom came from a distance.

Other friends came for poustinia, a few retreat days, joining in our daily schedule, a meal, a visit or as part of a pilgrimage. For example, we offered hospitality to a group from Germany on a walking pilgrimage to Our Lady of Mount Grace. We've also hosted a couple of ecumenical groups, as well as giving a day of recollection to Legion of Mary groups.

The common thread in these comings and goings seems to be a sometimes unconscious, other times articulated, desire to experience our family life. Our bishop was very clear that we should safeguard that unique gift, encouraging our director Cheryl Ann in her/our discernment as to how to incorporate our guests into our Madonna House communal life.

I'm aware of the sense of support our guests seem to receive and take home with them. One priest friend who, along with a laywoman, has opened a centre for evangelisation, mentioned how both poustinia and our communal life have been inspirational in structuring their apostolate and mission.

Another, a member of one of the ecclesial movements, finds the balance of our family life and poustinia restorative, and he often phones with specific prayer intentions.

Our foundress Catherine Doherty's word for this house was "gentleness" and that is what I felt upon walking into this place. It manifests itself in the interactions with our friends, as well as the general manner and customs of the people. I find their general civilities restful.

I notice this gentleness among the staff, too. The general receptivity and openness that is extended to our guests is very operative among us – which is also quite restful. It is in this respect for each person's individual gifts and acceptance of their weaknesses that both puts us on a common plane and leads to unity and a deep listening to each other.

This was evident on one of our "staff days", as a profound discussion developed on everything from food to poverty, the chapel space, men and women living this Madonna House vocation together and as we pray for and suffer with the Church. So, there you are, a taste of our apostolate and my first impressions: Family, gentleness, rest.



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Tribute Paid To Deacons' Role

Canon Michael Bayldon paid tribute to the work and specific role of deacons in the life of the Church during a Celebration of Diaconal Service.

Permanent diaconate director Canon Bayldon welcomed Deacon Ken Senior and Deacon Len Collings, who was also celebrating his 40th wedding anniversary with wife Liz. He said the wives of deacons share in many blessings and are part of the gift God offers.

"When the deacon is a married man, he calls upon the graces of that sacrament, and indeed draws special insight from the consecration he shares with his wife in that profound witness of life and love together," he said during the homily at the Sacred Heart Church in Redcar.

"The witness and blessings of both sacraments are secured in outgoing service of their family to the church. In my opinion this is not valued enough by either clergy or lay faithful and that needs to change."

Canon Bayldon said the modern restoration of the diaconate first appeared in the documents of Vatican II and that Pope St John Paul reasserted the need for deacons.

"The deacon is called to proclaim the sacred Scriptures, which also means to instruct and exhort the people," he said. "The second burden of sanctifying the people of God is exercised through prayer, the administration of Baptism and the Eucharist, blessing marriages and presiding over funerals.

"The third burden is dedication to works of charity and the direction of communities within various sectors of church life. This should add up to a visible but humble witness within our parishes and communities. We are here to affirm and testify to that in our parishes.

"Service is the short, constantly recurring theme tune in the deacon's life. He models himself on Christ the servant. The man makes visible the presence of Christ. He is the outward sign and the inner grace of the Sacrament of Orders. Witness to Christ alongside a secular profession or organisation is powerfully recognised.

"Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles [and their successors] continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time." (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

"Thus, it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry: 'The mission of the Apostles, which the Lord Jesus continues to entrust to the pastors of his people, is a true service, significantly referred to in Sacred Scripture as 'diakonia', namely, service or ministry.' (Pope St John Paul, *Christifideles Laici*) "This diakonia 'is exercised on different levels by those who from antiquity have been called bishops, priests and deacons.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

"It is the ministries, not the persons, which we need to focus on. If we can get that principle clearer, then perhaps we can have more deacons of many different kinds within the communities of the Church – deacons have an apostolic ministry all of their own.

"They exercise it alongside their bishop, who in his ministry oversees them. For centuries we have struggled to put the Sacrament of Holy Orders into a pyramid of power. That view is essentially locked into a vision of church that has passed. In reality the equity of service is fundamentally symbolised for us in the washing of feet, which brings us down to earth."

Finally, Canon Bayldon turned to the First Epistle of St Paul to Timothy for help in

defining what a deacon should be.

"Deacons must be serious, not double-tongued, not addicted to too much wine, not greedy for gain, they must hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. Let them be tested first; then if they prove themselves to

be blameless let them serve as deacons...Let deacons be the husband of one wife, let them manage their children and their households well; for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith which is in Jesus Christ."

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**Saint John of Beverley,
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Saturday 22nd December

9.30am-10.30am Sacred Heart,
Hornsea Holy Hour & Confessions.

10.00am - 11.00am St John's
Beverley, Confessions.

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Most Holy Sacrament
Church, Marton in Holderness,
Vigil Mass of Christmas

6.30pm St John's Beverley,
Vigil Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

8.00am Sacred Heart, Hornsea,
Dawn Mass

9.00am St John's Beverley,
Day Mass

10.30am Sacred Heart, Hornsea,
Day Mass

10.45am St John's Beverley,
Day Mass

Bridlington

Our Lady & St Peter

Christmas Eve

7.00pm – First Mass of Christmas
and Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass

*Guisborough
St Paulinus*

Christmas Eve

6:00pm

Christmas Day

10.00am

Hessle

Our Lady of Lourdes

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
(especially for young children
and parents)

12.00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

Hull

St Charles Borromeo

Christmas Eve

6:30pm Mass

11:30pm Carols followed
by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Hull

**Our Lady of Lourdes
and St Peter Chanel**

Christmas Eve

Carols at 7.30pm

First Mass of Christmas at 8.00pm

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Ingleby Barwick

St Therese

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Vigil Mass

8.00pm "Midnight Mass"

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

*Lealholm,
Egton Bridge,
Ugthorpe*

Our Lady, Lealholm

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Carols

6.00pm First Mass of Christmas

St Hedda, Egton Bridge

Christmas Eve

8.00pm First Mass
of Christmas

St Anne, Ugthorpe

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Northallerton

Sacred Heart

Tuesday 18th December 6.30pm

Advent Reconciliation Service

Christmas Eve

8.00pm Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Ormesby & Thornton

Corpus Christi

Christmas Eve

4.30pm Carols and Children's Nativity

5.00pm First Mass of Christmas

St Gabriel's

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5.30 pm First Mass of Christmas
at St Augustine

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7.30 pm First Mass of Christmas
at St Bede

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11.00 pm Midnight Mass
at Sacred Heart

Carol Singing from 10.30 pm

Christmas Day

9.00 am Mass at St Bede

10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart

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St Leonard & St. Mary, Malton

Christmas Eve

7.30pm Vigil and First Mass of Christmas

St Joseph's, Pickering

Christmas Day

9.30am Mass of Christmas Morning

**Our Lady & St. Chad,
Kirkbymoorside**

Christmas Eve

8.00pm Mass of Christmas Night

Christmas Day

10.30am Mass of Christmas Day

St Mary's, Helmsley

Christmas Day

9.00am Mass of Christmas Dawn

**Our Lady & St. Benedict,
Ampleforth**

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service

8.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Scarborough

**St Peter, St Joseph
& St Edward**

Christmas Eve

St Peter's Church, Castle Road

5.00pm (Carols from 4.30pm)

St Joseph's Church,
Green Lane, Newby

Mass 8.00pm (Carols from 7.30 pm)

St Peter's Church, Castle Road

Midnight Mass
(Carols from 11:30pm)

Christmas Day

St Edward's Church,
Avenue Victoria

8:30am

St Joseph's Church,
Green Lane, Newby

10.00am

St Peter's Church,
Castle Road

11.00am

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Christmas Day

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Christmas Eve

St Andrew's Church

Fabian Road, Teesville

6.00pm Children's Mass

(with live Bethlehem)

11.30pm Carols for Christmas

12.00am Solemn Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

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Christmas Day

10.30am Morning Mass

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St George

Wednesday 19th December

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Sunday 23rd December

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Christmas Eve

9.30am Mass followed by

Confessions till 11.00am

Christmas Day

9.30am Mass

York

St Joseph and St Wilfrid

St Joseph

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Mass with Carols and

Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day

9.30am Mass with Carols

26 December, St Stephen's Day

(Boxing Day)

No Mass

St Wilfrid

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Family Mass, Children's

Procession to the Crib and

Blessing of the Crib

11.15pm Carols and Readings

followed by Midnight Sung Latin

High Mass (EF)

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass with Carols

10.30am Mass with Carols

4pm Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament followed by Prayers at

the Crib

26 December, St Stephen's Day

(Boxing Day)

Mass at 12.10pm



NEWS

Marathon Dan's Only Half The Man He Was

Dan Woodgate, of St Patrick's Parish in Thornaby, is well on the way to becoming half the man he once was.

Weighing 27st at his heaviest, he has now shed over 12st with the help of Slimming World and recently completed his first marathon. He ran his first parkrun at the Tees Barrage just over a year ago and hasn't looked back since. With 60 parkruns to his name, he has completed several 10k events and was selected to be an ambassador for the inaugural Great Tees 10k in September.

Dan, who works in the diocesan finance department, also completed the Great North

Run, raising more than £2,500 for Butterwick Hospice. His story attracted attention on social media and he was sponsored by the Swiss Tourist Board to run his first full marathon, the Swiss City Marathon, in Lucerne in October. It was a major achievement and he was able to complete in 4 hours 54 minutes. The four-day break included recovery in a five-star alpine spa.

He has been selected to run the London Marathon as a member of Slimming World's team and will be raising funds for Cancer Research UK. Follow Dan's progress on Instagram @half_the_man_dan



Dan, left, as he was, and right, completing a marathon after shedding more than 12st

NEWS IN BRIEF

New SPUC Branch For Middlesbrough

Campaigners hope to launch a new Middlesbrough branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) based at St Thomas More's Parish in the New Year. SPUC aims to affirm, defend and promote the existence and value of human life from conception until natural death. Regional SPUC branches are an excellent way to engage pro-lifers at a grassroots level and campaign on issues surrounding the sanctity of life. Watch this space for further details. If you're interested in getting involved, please email me at littleflowerprolife@outlook.com. There will also be a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, on Wednesday December 12 at 7pm at St Thomas More's. Please join us! – **Terry Graham**

60 Years of the UCM

The Union of Catholic Mothers at the Holy Name of Mary Parish, Middlesbrough, marked 60 years since its foundation in 1958. Father Tom O'Neill celebrated Mass before a tea party for members, parishioners and friends. Photographs and memorabilia were displayed showing events, pilgrimages and other celebrations through the years and we ended a thoroughly joyous day with a meal together. – **Jean Rigg, Holy Name of Mary Foundation President**



Creative Parishioner's Remembrance Tribute

A parishioner of St Clare's in Middlesbrough made this model to commemorate the 100 years since the First World War ended. It depicts the Cenotaph in Whitehall, the crosses and tombstones seen in many war cemeteries, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the words of the *Ode to Remembrance* from Laurence Binyon's poem, *For The Fallen*. On Remembrance Sunday each member of the congregation was given a handmade poppy and a printed reminder of the terrible toll of fatalities from the war.



Keith Accepts New Lourdes Appointment

Keith Tillotson has accepted Bishop Terry's request for him to step up from the position of executive director and become director of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. There will no longer be a position of executive director. Canon Derek Turnham, who has served as director in recent years, becomes spiritual director of the pilgrimage.



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From the Archives

50 Years Ago

(From Hull, St Joseph's Deanery Conference minute book)

The prayers after Mass are not said when the Mass is:

- A Conventual Mass even though a low Mass
- After a funeral Mass
- After a low Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart on a first Friday which is said with the privileges of a solemn Votive Mass
- If a low Mass is said with some external solemnity, eg a first communion, confirmation, ordination or marriage
- If some pious exercise follows immediately without the priest leaving the altar, eg instruction or Benediction

The prayers are not allowed to be omitted if Holy Communion is given immediately after Mass. In this case they must be said first.

100 Years Ago

(From Bishop Lacy's Advent Pastoral Letter, 1918)

"A flower shall spring out by his root." In Advent the Church reminds us often of these words of Isaiah. If we properly cultivate the true root it will blossom into flower and bear fruit. Faith is called by the Council of Trent the root of salvation and where true Faith exists we have a right to look for good results.

David Smallwood

Six-Hour Mass As Cathedral Opens

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'd never seen so many people at our local airstrip. The inauguration of the new cathedral was about to take place in four days' time – not only that, but our new weekly air service is still operating with its 28-seater plane. Thursday's plane brought eight bishops for the celebrations as well as several invited politicians, whose supporters were among the crowd.

All the cars in Basankusu, which isn't many, were commandeered, including our three, to carry the guests. A choir sang at the corner of our house and greeted the bishops as they passed.

I heard from our night-watchman that I would be leading the grand parade on Friday, representing Mill Hill. I didn't relish the idea at all. Fortunately, Father Otto, who had travelled up from Kinshasa, and myself were given seats with the bishops. We watched the different diocesan organisations march past to the raucous rhythm of the brass band. I was especially pleased to see our malnutrition centre volunteers joining in.

With so many bishops in town, Saturday afternoon saw several Masses that included baptisms, first communions and weddings. During the evening, we gathered to rebury Basankusu's first bishop, a Mill Hill Missionary called Gerard Wantenaar, who died in 1951.

Sunday's inauguration Mass lasted six hours! We waited a long time outside in the scorching sun. I eventually took my place with the invited guests, but it was very much a matter of "grab a seat if you can" – it was packed! The new cathedral is built in the same style as the old red-brick cathedral. The interior plastered walls are painted pale blue and white. Much more light enters now – it really is quite something, and right in the middle of the rainforest.

But all good things come to an end. Some visitors only flew in for the day, while others left on the Monday. I was called to a meeting in Kinshasa and secured a place on our Thursday flight. With the scarcity of flights, passengers were a bit panicky. They thought they wouldn't all get a seat – and they were right. People pushed and shoved to get up the steps into the plane. It was chaos.

Eventually, they gave a local priest and me a place to sit on a cooler-box full of soft drinks. The air-conditioning didn't work and we were all dripping wet in the heat – but two hours later we arrived in Kinshasa.

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Bishops watch the grand parade at the opening of Basankusu's new cathedral

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

3	1925	Rev James Butler	Hull
4	1897	Rt Rev Mgr Thomas Witham	Lartington
7	1928	Rev Bernard Kelly	Grangetown
7	2014	Rev Norman Jacobson	Hull
8	1938	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Bernard McCabe	Whitby
8	2000	Very Rev Canon Patrick Moynagh	Loughlinstown
9	1921	Rev Arthur Calvert	Holme-on-Spalding-Moor
9	1997	Rev Patrick Morris	Thurles
14	1931	Rev William McKernan	Staithes
15	1982	Rev Charles Wilde	Whitby
15	1968	Very Rev Canon William Clifford	Market Weighton
15	1980	Rev Gerard Bankes	Holme-on-Spalding-Moor
17	1934	Very Rev Canon Cornelius English	Bedale
23	1884	Rev Joseph Fisher	Hedon
24	1917	Rev Charles Van Pouke	York
24	1971	Very Rev Canon William Warmbold	Wycliffe
25	1950	Rev Patrick Fox	Hessle
26	1996	Rev David Cawkwell	Los Angeles
27	2004	Rt Rev Kevin O'Brien	(Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus) Middlesbrough
29	1895	Rev Stephen O'Hare	Holme-on-Spalding-Moor
30	1908	Rev William Donnelly	North Ormesby
30	2013	Rev Dermot Nunan	Redcar

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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

- 2** Attends Advent Carol Service at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3.30pm
- 4** Attends CSAN Board of Trustees in London 12.00noon
- 5** School visit: Endsleigh Holy Child Academy, Hull 10.00am
- 7** Visit to HMP Full Sutton & Mass 9.00am
- 9** Celebrates Mass at the Bar Convent, York 3.00pm
- 11** Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall, Leeds 10.30am
- 12** School visit: St Peter's Primary, Scarborough 10.00 am
- 13** Attends meeting of Diocesan Board of Trustees at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough, followed by Christmas lunch at St Mary's Cathedral 10.00am
- 15** Celebrates Mass during Pilgrimage of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- 16** Attends Christmas lunch at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 12.00noon
- Attends CAFOD Advent Carol Concert in Hull 3.00pm
- 18** Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am

and discussion at 10.15am and Lectio Divina bible meditation at noon ending with packed lunch at 1pm. Led by Carmelite Prior Provincial Fr Kevin Alban. Visit Carmelite.org.uk/thicket for details.

11.30am The Immaculate Conception, Rosary 11.30am/Mass 12 noon at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

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

2pm-4pm Nurturing Voice – an exploratory, experiential workshop to tap into our intuitive voice with natural voice practitioner Lucy Castro. Contact St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York admin@stbedes.org.uk

7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Sean Kelly), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

9 Sun

10am Family Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral

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

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 (Cathedral Consort), St Mary's Cathedral

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

5pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Thomas More, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, TS4 3EE. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details.

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

10 Mon

7pm 'Raise Your Voices for Justice' at St Mary's Cathedral. Enjoy an evening of music with Middlesbrough Town Hall Community Choir and Streetwise Opera.

7.30pm York Newman Circle 'The Shepherd, the Thief and Sacramental Knowing – can Jesus' 'Good Shepherd' discourse and sacramental catechesis answer modern questions of knowledge?' Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York (refreshments from 7pm). Hanna Lucas, Centre for Catholic Studies, University of Durham. All welcome.

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 Christmas lunch, meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, 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

12 noon Midday prayer/Wednesday Word/Rosary followed by refreshments, Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley Village

2.30pm Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.

7pm Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, St Thomas More's Church, Middlesbrough TS4 3EE

13 Thur

6.30pm Opening Mass at St Mary's Cathedral of the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham statue (with Cathedral Choir; see pages 1 and 2 for timetable)

7pm-8pm Advent Lectio Divina; bible meditation pondering the Gospel ahead of the four Sundays in Advent. Fr Kelly Room, Our Lady's, Comlands Road, Acomb, York YO24 3DX

14 Fri

2pm Dementia friendly Carol Service, St Mary's Cathedral. All welcome.

7pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies' Schola), St Mary's Cathedral

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

15 Sat

11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: jl@rcdmidd.org.uk

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

12 noon Solemn Mass with Bishop Draine, St Mary's Cathedral; Dowry of Our Lady of Walsingham Tour (see pages 1 and 2 for timetable)

16 Sun

10am Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral

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

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, TS3 6EP

4pm Festival of Carols for Christmas (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral

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

19 Wed

12 noon Midday prayer/Wednesday Word/Rosary followed by refreshments, Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley Village

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

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24 Mon

10.30pm Carol service and Midnight Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral

25 Tues

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Advance Notices

19 January 2019, 10.30am 'Peace in a Time of Conflict: Peace in a Time of New Ways of War,' Our Lady's, Acomb, York YO24 3AE. Justice & Peace Commission welcomes speaker Chris Cole, co-ordinator of Fig Tree, a new initiative to engage the Christian community on peace and security issues. (Refreshments from 10am and concluding with a shared lunch)

20 January; Cleveland Newman Circle New Year lunch, 12.30pm for 1pm, Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe

NEWS

The Force Is Strong In Hull!

Darth Vader and a stormtrooper delighted children when they paid a surprise visit to the final Making A Difference (MAD) quiz and challenge event of the year in Hull.

The menacing duo dropped into the St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre, where Father John Wood briefed them on the events of the day and they posed for photographs before beaming off to another galaxy. It's been another hugely successful season for the MAD initiative, and after gleaning information on a number of causes, the participants voted to

give the money raised to the Railway Children charity.

A cheque for £1,000 will be sent to support vulnerable children living on the streets, many of whom choose to be near a railway station for warmth, some security and surplus food. The first parish rounds for the 2018/19 quiz were due to be held on Youth Sunday, November 25, at St Vincent's Primary School and this year's chosen charity is Mary's Meals.

Father Michael Marsden



Star Wars characters dropped in to meet young people who are Making A Difference in Hull

Campaigner To Give Peace Talk

The Justice and Peace Commission is delighted to welcome Chris Cole as the speaker for our January Peace meeting in York. Chris is the co-ordinator of Fig Tree, a new initiative to engage the Christian community on peace and security issues. Fig Tree aims to preach the gospel of peace in word and deed and to build and support the Christian peace community here in the UK.

Chris's work of preaching the gospel of peace has led him to challenge war and the arms trade, resulting in several prison sentences. He has spent the past seven years as director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a Christian peace organisation set up by conscientious objectors during the World War I. He was a co-ordinator at Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) and Justice and Peace co-ordinator for the Diocese of Southwark.

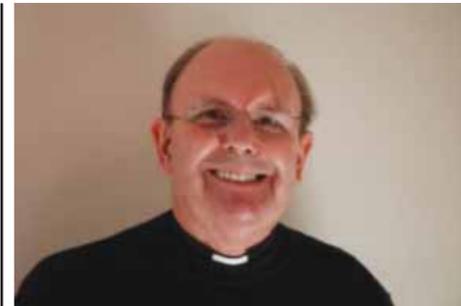
"Peace in a Time of New Ways of War" takes place on Saturday January 19 2019 at Our Lady's, Acomb, York YO24 3AE from 10.30am, with tea and coffee from 10am. The meeting will conclude with a

shared lunch. This year's Peace Sunday is celebrated on January 20.

Barbara Hungin



Peace campaigner Chris Cole



Deacon John Dies After Long Illness

Deacon John Steel, who served in several parishes in our diocese as well as working as diocesan safeguarding coordinator, has died at the age of 73 after a long illness.

Born in Easington Colliery, County Durham, on March 14 1943, John had a variety of managerial jobs and was managing director of Stagecoach Cambus Holdings. After being ordained a deacon for the Diocese of East Anglia, he returned to the North East and was incardinated into the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

He worked at St Mary and Romuald Parish in Yarm and also in Thirsk Parish under a number of priests including Canon Alan Sheridan and Father James Blenkinsopp. He retired in 2014 and moved to Cambridgeshire with his wife Margaret. Sadly, he had cancer and recently contracted pneumonia and pleurisy.

His last visit to the diocese was for Sister Sheila's funeral at the Bar Convent in York. Unfortunately, the cancer spread and he died on Thursday October 25.

Deacon Peter Warren worked alongside John for about five years in the curial offices and was his deputy in the safeguarding department.

"He was very dedicated to the work of the diocese and was instrumental in setting up its safeguarding structure," he said. "He was equally dedicated to the parishes he worked in, taking a key role in their running and always putting the needs of the people first."

Bishop Terry was among the mourners at Deacon John's funeral at St Etheldreda's, Ely, on Wednesday October 31. Canon Sheridan gave the eulogy and Deacon Ken Senior was one of the readers. As well as Margaret, he also leaves two sons, John and Michael, and five grandchildren.

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Deacon Ray Hall would like to thank priests and people of the diocese for their great kindness and sympathy following the death of his wife, Geraldine. Thank you all.

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Share the Journey Update

The Global Compact on Refugees was formally presented to the United Nations in September. It's very encouraging to see the issue being discussed at international government level. The priority now is for governments to follow through and implement those decisions. We look forward to the Global Compact on Migration being formally endorsed by world leaders and will continue working with our partners to hold governments to account on the compacts.

Thanks For Your Support!

As 2018 rolls towards its close, I would like to thank everyone who has supported CAFOD in any way during the past year. Special thanks to our wonderful parish volunteers who organised Lent and harvest fast day activities, Share the Journey walks and soup lunches, activities such as quizzes, suppers, cream teas and liturgies, served tea and coffee after Mass and supported our work overseas through the extra funds raised in their parish communities. We still need volunteers in some parishes, so if you feel able to help it would be good to hear from you!

I want to thank our school volunteers who give their time so generously by visiting schools to lead assemblies or run workshops to help raise awareness of the experiences of people who are refugees and migrants among our children and young people. It would be good to hear from anyone who would like to help us by visiting schools for CAFOD. Training is provided and you will be supported in the role, so if you are looking for a New Year's resolution, this could be it!

Thank you to teachers and chaplains in our diocesan schools who quietly promote our work in their school communities throughout the year. It's great to hear about your activities and see your photographs.

I would also like to thank Bishop Terry and the clergy and religious for their support over the year. I know there are many calls on their time and energy. Your help has been invaluable and is greatly appreciated.

It has been so good to work with natural partners including the Justice and Peace

Commission and Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough. These have been a great source of support, as have the staff in the curial office. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful celebration of Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

The final words come from Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* #240: "Everything is interconnected and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity, which flows from the mystery of the Trinity."

Carol Cross, Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Middlesbrough



Amina: "My hope is that my children will grow up in a good environment with good health, and I will be able to provide for them what they require" – Photo by CAFOD

Invitation To Prepare For Advent

York Carmelite Spirituality Group is putting on a series of events to help people prepare for Advent. *Lectio Divina* sessions take place ahead of the four Sundays of Advent. Based on Bible meditation and pondering the gospel, the meetings are on consecutive Thursdays – November 29 and December 6, 13 and 20 – in the Father Kelly Room, Our Lady's, Acomb YO24 3DX from 7pm to 8pm. There's no need to register, just come along. Scripture texts will be provided.

A time of faith-sharing and fellowship has been organised at Thicket Priory Carmelite Monastery, Thorganby, York YO19 6DE on Sunday December 8. The speaker is Carmelite prior provincial Father Kevin Alban. Mass is at 9.30am before a presentation and discussion at 10.15am and *Lectio Divina* Bible meditation at noon, ending with packed lunch at 1pm. Again there's no need to register and no charge, but donations would be welcome. For more information visit carmelite.org/thicket.

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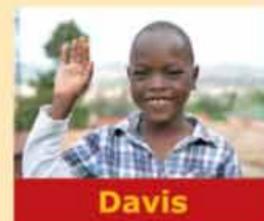
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Mass For Seafarers

Bishop Terry celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving at St Mary's Cathedral organised by Catholic charity Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). During Mass, the bishop commissioned AoS ship visitors Hugh Ward, Mary Ward, Billy Barnett, Jun Barnett, Roger Worton and Gerry Quinn, who provide pastoral support to seafarers in the Humber and Tees region.

AoS Tees Port chaplain Deacon Peter Barrigan delivered the homily, explaining how AoS' ministry was one of brief encounters with seafarers.

"Our ministry is to be present and very often provide seafarers with phone top-up cards, Rosaries and transport into town, but mainly to listen to them," he said. "These are brief encounters. We probably won't see them again, so it's important to be with them in the moment. We can't always know where these encounters will go but they will be remembered. My own father sailed in the merchant navy and told many stories about

the kindness of people he encountered.

"Jesus' ministry a lot of times consists of brief encounters. The gospel has lots of stories about Jesus spending time with strangers, listening to them, carrying out acts of kindness. We at AoS are sent by the Church, commissioned by the bishop, to be Christ to all we meet at ports.

"We welcome the stranger, are gentle and compassionate with them and need to be self-giving in our sacrifice. We are in a privileged position to care for seafarers and do this under the protection of Our Blessed Lady Star of the Sea, *Stella Maris*."

The Mass, which was followed by a reception, was attended by Anne McLaren, AoS senior regional port chaplain (North East England) and AoS port chaplain for Hull & Goole, AoS volunteers from Hull, Tees and Middlesbrough, supporters, parish contacts, head office staff and local parishioners.



Bishop Terry with ship visitors and other AoS supporters



Bishop Terry and Diocese of Middlesbrough buildings manager Sharon Westcough at the St Mary's steel signing ceremony

Steel Signing At St Mary's

Bishop Terry attended a steel signing ceremony to mark the start of work on a major extension at St Mary's Primary School in Malton. The development will see four new classrooms, a chapel, sports hall and training room added to the school, increasing capacity from around 100 to 210 pupils.

"We're delighted at the way the building is progressing and excited at the prospect of being able to enjoy the new facilities from March 2019," said headteacher David Harrison. "We'd like to thank Bishop Terry for joining us on what was a very happy occasion for our whole school community."

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