

News Release

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The Diocese of Middlesbrough includes most of North Yorkshire, the whole of East Yorkshire, part of County Durham South of the River Tees, the cities of York and Hull and Middlesbrough town. The Right Reverend Patrick Drainey was ordained as Seventh Bishop of Middlesbrough on Friday 25 January 2008.

NEW BISHOP TO MAKE WHISTLE STOP TOUR TO MEET HIS PEOPLE

During the week after his Consecration as Bishop of Middlesbrough, Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey will make a whistle-stop tour of the diocese so that he can meet as many local people as possible and familiarise himself with his wide spread and greatly varied Diocese.

He will celebrate a special Mass at 7.00 pm on Monday in **Hull**, on Tuesday in **York**, on Wednesday in **Scarborough** and on Thursday in **Middlesbrough**. There is an open invitation for all to attend the Masses and meet the new Bishop.

During his address at each of the Masses Bishop Drainey will include as his constant theme in each of the celebrations the following remarks:

“All my priestly life I have believed that the will of God is most often expressed to me in and through my superiors, especially my bishop and in the teachings of

the Church, proposed and proclaimed by our Holy Father, the Pope. So when you receive a letter signed ‘Benedict XVI’ that goes something like this, you have to listen, take notice and believe that it is the will of God for you:

*‘Benedict, Bishop and Servant of the servants of God, to Our beloved son, Terence Patrick Drainey..... It clearly behoves Us, Who have succeeded to the Apostle Peter’s place, to provide appropriately for the cherished diocese of Middlesbrough. You, dear son, commend yourself to Us in no small measure by reason of your skilful fulfilment of the task of educator and of your practical knowledge of pastoral affairs. We now, therefore, with confidence in you, declare you **Bishop of Middlesbrough**. And We exhort the clergy and people willingly to welcome your coming as teacher and guide, and always to remain in union with you.*

In conclusion, strive to use all your powers in this new ministry, so that the Church of the Diocese of Middlesbrough, with the intercession of the Virgin Mary, may enjoy life-giving, spiritual blessings. Given at Rome, at St Peter’s.....etc. etc.’

Benedict XVI

There is no mistaking what is being said to me and to you, is there? You wanted a bishop; you have got me. I am to come as teacher and guide. I come to work with you and for you, but it is only by working together that we can be Church in this part of the world. I bring with me all sorts of experiences – first of all from my up-bringing, family background and education; from my training for priesthood here in England and in Spain; from my fifteen years working in parishes in the Salford Diocese with all the other bits and pieces that go with parish work; from six years as a missionary working out in Kenya; and from the last eleven years working in seminary, again in Spain and England, helping to prepare future generations of priests, deacons and lay-people to work for the mission of the Church.

It is all at your disposal. But if we are to make progress, we have to share our gifts for the glory of God’s name and for the spread of the Kingdom. I’m certainly ready and, as I go round, I hope to hear that you are also ready.”

Notes for Editors:

a) The dates and times of the Bishop’s Masses will be as follows:

Monday 28 January 7.00 pm Church of St Charles Borrowmeo, Jarrett Street, Hull, HU1 3HB

Tuesday 29 January 7.00 pm Church of St Aelred, Fifth Avenue, Tang Hall, York, YO31 0PN

Wednesday 30 January 7.00 pm Church of St Peter, Castle Road, Scarborough, YO11 1TH

Thursday 31 January 7.00 pm St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, TS8 0TW

The Bishop will be happy to provide photograph opportunities and give interviews, but please make an appointment by contacting Father Derek Turnham on 01642 710239 or 07753633713

b) The Right Reverend Terence Patrick Drainey was ordained and installed as Bishop of Middlesbrough on Friday 25 January 2008 in St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough by The Archbishop of Liverpool in the presence of the Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, many civic and ecumenical guests, the priests, deacons and representatives of the parishes of the Diocese of Middlesbrough and members of his family, friends and former colleagues. The Cathedral was full to overflowing.

c) Biographical details: Born in Manchester 01.08.1949. He Attended Ushaw College as a student in the Junior House but left before entering the Major Seminary. Eventually he was sent to the Royal English College Valladolid in Spain where he studied in the Augustinian Studium of the University of the Comillas. He was ordained for the diocese of Salford in 1975 and worked for ten years as an assistant priest. In 1986 he was loaned to the Archdiocese of Kisumu in Western Kenya as a "fidei donum" priest. On his return in 1991 he worked as parish priest until he was appointed spiritual director to the Royal English College of St Albans at Valladolid in 1997. During this time, the staff of the College embarked on the project of developing a propaedeutic or foundational year to help candidates thoroughly prepare for priestly formation. He eventually became the Director of this programme. He was appointed to the position of President of St Cuthbert's College Ushaw in June 2003. On 12th April 2006 he was made a papal chaplain by his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

He was appointed the seventh Bishop of Middlesbrough by Pope Benedict on 17th November 2007.

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