We seem to have quickly passed through “the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”; clocks have gone back and the days shorter relentlessly. Nature tells us that everything is coming to its time of dark restfulness. No wonder that this has always been the season, in this part of the world, to think of death and those who have died. We know through our faith in Christ Jesus that those who have died in Christ will share Christ’s life. We also know that it is a good and holy thing to pray for those who have died and so November is the month of the Holy Souls. As well as the Commemoration of All Souls, which will take place on Monday November 3 this year, there are many moments in most parishes to remember and pray for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith.

On another matter, this month we celebrate 50 years since the Document on Ecumenism was promulgated by the Second Vatican Council. It was among the first documents to be debated and formulated and was very high on the list of priorities among the Council Fathers. Those of us who have grown up with it perhaps don’t realise how revolutionary it was to hear such ideas as these below, taken from the introduction of the document.

“The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided. Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalises the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature.”

To celebrate this event, there will be a service of Evening Prayer in the Cathedral on Wednesday November 26 at 7pm. I have invited Bishop Paul Ferguson, recently appointed Bishop of Whitby, Reverend Ruth See, the former President of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, Reverend Lis Mullen, the Moderator of the Northern Province of the United Reformed Church and Reverend John Cladyon, the Regional Minister of the Northern Baptist Association. During the service, each of us will give a very short reflection on the “journey so far”. I hope that there would be a positive path towards a new start for some of Middlesbrough’s most desperate and vulnerable people.

Could you help provide a safe haven and the first steps towards a new start for some of Middlesbrough’s most desperate and vulnerable people?

For many years, the John Paul Centre in Grange Road, home to the Redemptorist community, has had a deserved reputation for reaching out in a caring and non-judgemental way. Now, Catholic charity Depaul UK is building on that work by introducing its own experience and expertise in the form of the Positive Pathways initiative.

The aim is to establish a support centre for some of the most disadvantaged people in the local community, including the homeless, ex-offenders, people in extreme poverty and refugees and asylum seekers, as well as the lonely, hungry and those who feel abandoned by society.

“Sometimes people become homeless because of family break up, or where a young person’s family are at war with each other,” said Positive Pathways development worker Terry Doyle. “They might sleep anywhere other than the family home, which leaves them vulnerable.

“We meet people whose marriages have broken up or who are experiencing mental health difficulties. All these factors can lead to homelessness – it’s not all about drink and drug abuse.

“Positive Pathways is about working with people to empower and enable them to emerge from that rut. It’s about raising aspirations and broadening horizons.

“If we can work with them to give them a better lifestyle and raise their sense of self-worth, we’re doing a lot to change that kind of mindset and reverse the downward spiral their lives are in. The work will be carried out alongside and in partnership with other important organisations already providing excellent support across the town.”

Every Saturday, the Upper Room Project is run by a team of volunteers, offering lunch and a listening ear to around 50 people who are homeless or struggling for a variety of reasons. Plans are underway for a series of retreats to help homeless people begin to turn their lives around.

Terry hopes to speak in as many parishes as possible to recruit volunteer drivers or hosts for Depaul UK’s Nightstop project, which aims to ensure that every young person has an alternative to sleeping on the streets.

Nightstop pairs young people with volunteer families and individuals who have a spare room that a desperate teenager can use for a night or more. Last year, it provided 12,000 nights of accommodation nationwide.

“Depaul UK has established hugely-successful Nightstop projects in other towns and is looking to extend it to Middlesbrough,” said Terry. “But it can only really expand and thrive here if it’s got the resources to respond to rising numbers of people who are experiencing homelessness.”

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Missionary Francis Returns To Africa

Middlesbrough teacher Francis Hannaway is returning to the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he worked as a lay missionary in the early 1990s.

Francis was part of Britain’s own Catholic missionary society, Mill Hill Missionaries, which was founded by Herbert Vaughan, later to become Cardinal Vaughan, the builder of Westminster Cathedral.

Now Francis, from St Gabriel’s Parish in Ormesby, Middlesbrough, has left his home and family to join the work of Mill Hill in the central African nation once more.

“I’ve visited several times over the years,” said Francis, “Something in the back of my mind seemed to be calling me back. My daily life stopped me for a long time, but now I’m in a position to be able to go again.”

In 1998, while he was back visiting the Diocese of Basankusu, deep in the equatorial rainforest, war broke out.

“My last year gave me a great opportunity to make videos of life in the rainforest mission of Basankusu,” Francis added.

“I put the videos on YouTube so that people could catch a glimpse of mission life. Perhaps they’ll talk about my work and want to support it. You never know, some people might contact me to offer financial assistance to my projects.”

Francis can be contacted at francish7@yahoo.com or can be supported through Mill Hill Missionaries’ financial secretary, stating “Account – Francis Hannaway (Basankusu)” at finsec@millhillmissionaries.com or 3 Emilia Close, Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HU.

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Peer Kicks Off Newman Season

Former government minister Lord Tom McKalaly launched a new Cleveland Newman Circle season with a talk on politics in a multi-faith society.

Lord McNally has been involved in politics all his life and until last year was Minister of State for Justice in the Coalition Government and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords. He is now Chair of the Youth Justice Board.

He was educated by the Irish Christian Brothers and has drawn on his faith in shaping his political views.

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Future Newman talks will all be at the new, regular venue of the Hall at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough (TS8 0TW). Talks begin at 7.45pm, with coffee from 7.30pm, and all are very welcome. Contact Judith Brown on (01642) 814977 for further details.

Patricia Egerton
Drama Highlights
World Hunger

Young people from English Martyrs and St Hilda’s in Whitby held an evening of drama and music to raise awareness of the work of CAFOD as part of the Parish’s Family Fast Day activities.

Having met only twice for rehearsals, they rose to the occasion, telling the story of a young girl who had been given £50 from her Grandad’s small lottery win. After being shown stories of children’s suffering in developing countries, she decided to donate all her money to help them. The young people highlighted the amount of food we waste in this country and the problems families in poorer countries faced in feeding their children and themselves.

All the children came together to hold up CAFOD posters showing how even small amounts of money can help families in many different ways. Father Pat Keogh thanked the children for showing us all how lucky we are and how we can help support those much poorer than ourselves. They were delighted when the congregation of 60 parishioners donated more than £250.

We would like to thank them for giving their time and the enthusiasm they showed for the project and also the parishioners for their generosity.

Liz Atkinson

SVP Beside The Seaside

A group of 42 parishioners from St Aelred’s, York, were blessed with glorious sunshine for their annual trip to Whitby. They broke their journey in the beautiful village of Thornton-le-Dale before making their way to the seaside town.

The more agile among the party then explored the Abbey and walked down the legendary 199 steps, while the others stayed on the coach to Whitby harbour. The whole group then enjoyed award-winning fish and chips at Quayside. The trip is organised by the Parish’s SVP Conference.

Patricia Nobbs

Ged’s Quick Quiz

Thinking cap question: Names the five Carry On films with titles ending in “ing”.

Connections: Answer the questions then find the connection between all five.

1. In 1998, Alan Shearer appeared before an FA disciplinary hearing accused of kicking which player in the face?
2. What was the name of the character played by John Wayne in the 1939 film, Stagecoach?
3. Which singing son of a film star reached number eight in the charts in 1969 with the song Windmills of my Mind?
4. Which fashion designer created the Team GB kit for the 2012 Olympics?
5. Who was the 1968 European Footballer of the Year?

Compiled by Ged Askins

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Her son, like many other children with autism, doesn’t speak or write for the child. This boy’s mother had been incredibly positive, saying how reassured she felt to know that her son was safe and cared for during the holiday. Finally, I was reading through some of the feedback we received from parents of children who went on this year’s holidays and it brought me to tears. One came from a boy with autism and his mother. There are two parts to our feedback form, one for parents and a simplified version for the child. This boy’s mother had been incredibly positive, saying how reassured she was before the holiday and how much her son had clearly enjoyed it when she saw him at the end of the week. Her son, like many other children with autism, doesn’t speak or write but can make his thoughts and emotions very clear in other ways. To help him fill in the feedback, his mother had shown him two cards with “Yes” and “No” written on them, and pictures of a smiley face and a cross to help further. She’d then asked him the questions. Here are his responses:

- Do you feel happy?
  - Yes
- Do you feel well cared for?
  - Yes
- Do the staff treat you well?
  - Yes
- Do you get privacy when you want it?
  - Yes
- Do you help with decisions?
  - Yes
- Do you have activities to do?
  - Yes
- Do you like the food?
  - Yes
- Do you feel safe here?
  - Yes
- Are you being bullied?
  - No

She’d then written: “I was really pleased with his co-operation and responses. It reinforced my belief that he understands much more than he can express and I’m relieved he enjoyed himself!”

Another fond memory:

- “To all at The Newman Trust, Thank you so much for giving him a holiday. It’s been wonderful to have time to spend with my son (I know he’s not easy!) because the people who know how much The Newman Trust means are the children and their families. No one else apart from their parents will quite understand the challenges of bringing up a child with special needs, let alone how difficult it must be for that child. The confidence, the memories and the happiness they gain from the holidays cannot be conveyed in this article. Only they will ever know how much The Newman Trust has meant.

I’d like to say an enormous thank you to everyone at Ampleforth College who made us so welcome this year. They went out of their way to make our helpers and children feel at home.

It was our first year at their fantastic site and the children loved it, even if some did get mixed up between monks and Jedi! The Benedictines were always happy to stop for a chat.

It should also be mentioned that the College made a donation to the Trust from their own fundraising to help us afford the week.

One of our helpers, Al Bury, managed to arrange our stay at Ampleforth despite going through hospital treatment of his own. It was through his efforts that the holiday went ahead at all, so a huge thank you to Al, too.

Due to his injuries he wasn’t able to stay for the full week, but he did manage to come for a visit. I know Ampleforth are keen to have us back again next year, so I think we’ll all have to pray for a miracle so that we can…

If you would like to help The Newman Holiday Trust, please visit their website www.newmantrust.org/donate

It’s all smiles as Al Bury, front right, gets taken for a ride

Campaigners Call For Vigilance

Organiser Rob Nestor, left, at Ampleforth

CALLING ALL PARISHES!
Next month we will be doing Christmas Mass Times - contact Nick on 01440 739399 for more information

Holiday activities and events

- Middlesbrough Women’s Commission’s ‘Making Middlesbrough A Traffick-Free Zone’, organised by the Diocese’s Women’s Commission.
- The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, was to raise awareness of modern slavery in all its forms.
- “Trafficiking is often hidden from view and its existence may not seem real to us,” said one of the campaigners, Katherine Robertson. “The Slavery Abolition Act was passed in 1833 and we’re proud of the links we have in this area to William Wilberforce and the campaigners of the 17th century. “We know there is still trafficking and exploitation around our city, but it’s hard to believe that slavery is still happening on our own doorstep.

The aim of the event, which was opened by Bishop Terry and held at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, was to raise awareness of modern slavery in all its forms.

Three short but hard-hitting Unchosen films based on true events were shown, on the subjects of domestic labour, prostitution and a cannabis farm.

“The films were heart-rending and brought the reality of these situations home to us,” said Catherine.

The evening ended with a question and answer session chaired by Middlesbrough MP Andy McDonald with Dave Wright, from the Charity Hope for Justice, Superintendent Rob Donaghy, from Cleveland Police, Jane Harmer, service director of A Way Out, Stockton, and Dr Georgios Papanicolaou, Reader in Criminology at Teesside University.

The event was chaired by Pat O’Connor, from the Women’s Commission, and 17 charitable organisations were represented. The organisers thanked panellists, exhibitors, The Trinity Centre and all who supported the evening.

Mothers’ Poverty Study Day

A study day on the subject of "Poverty in our Midst" will be held by the Diocesan Union of Catholic Mothers on Saturday November 22 from 10am to 3.30pm.

The event takes place at St Aelred’s Parish Centre, Melrosegate, York, YO31 5PN and begins with Mass at 10am, before coffee at 10.45am and the first speaker at 11am.

Topics will include foodbanks, the work of the SVP, the Citizens Advice Bureau and housing. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

Please contact Sarah Sheils on (01904) 424259 or email sashelle@btinternet.com if you would like to attend.

A Study Of Scholarship

Father Richard Taylor, formerly on the staff at The Beda College, Rome, is the guest speaker when Cleveland Newman Circle meets on Wednesday November 19, at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

The subject of his talk is ‘The Revival of Catholic Biblical Scholarship: the contribution of Father Lagrange OP’.

All are welcome. For more details, call (01642) 814977 or email tpj.eorgetown@virgin.net

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Organiser Rob Nestor, left, at Ampleforth

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CAFOD Calls For ‘One Climate: One World’
Charity Launches Environmental Initiative

Climate change is the single biggest threat to reducing poverty.

Whether it’s typhoons or floods destroying entire communities, or unpredictable seasons for farmers leaving millions hungry, it’s undoing years of hard work aimed at improving people’s lives.

Sinteyo Legei, a mother of five living in the remote village of Lepanui in Kenya, says: “Life is already hard. No one has electricity and the region is plagued by drought and things are getting worse.

“The little rain that arrived each year is now increasingly unpredictable, and farmers can no longer depend on it for the survival of their crops and animals.”

CAFOD has helped Sinteyo and her community by funding a greenhouse project, which uses a solar-powered pump to water tomato plants they can grow and sell, so they don’t have to rely on the erratic rains. The community share the profits between them, helping them feed themselves and their families.

On Thursday October 16, we welcomed two of CAFOD’s partners from Peru, Jessy Romero and Adán Samuel Pajuelo Bula, to help us launch CAFOD’s new One Climate: One World campaign in York.

Jessy, a community organiser, co-ordinates a programme for fair water distribution in Ancash for CEAS (Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social – the Peruvian Bishops’ social action commission).

Jessy’s previous role involved supporting human rights, participation, leadership and advocacy with the Paron Lagoon community. At CEAS I have seen from close up the marginalisation and exclusion of the poor communities we work with who are constantly defending their lands,” Jessy said.

“My Christian vocation compels me to speak the truth and nothing but the truth for the truth and nothing but the truth for the communities we work with who are constantly defending their lands,” Jessy said.

“I think industry is the greatest polluter. And we need to change the way we think.

“Burn land in order for it to rain. We need to undoing years of hard work aimed at improving people’s lives.

“There are 2,800 families in Cruz de Mayo. Yungay, Caraz and Campiña. It’s a great disaster, because of glacial melt. He said: “My job is to co-ordinate the provision of water. CEAS has taught us how much water we can take from the lagoon, so as not to waste it. We are trying to let the lagoon reach its original level.

“There are 3,800 families in Cruz de Mayo. The water also sustains people living in Yungay, Caraz and Campiña. It’s a great responsibility. Water brings us problems, but also unites us. Before there was a water shortage, we didn’t really know each other. But now we speak to each other all the time and work together. I think there will be more conflicts over water, but I think we’ll be able to come together.

“On climate change, I think we are accelerating it. We have bad beliefs. For example, some people believe we have to burn land in order for it to rain. We need to change the way we think.

“Industry should invest where climate change will have greatest impact. When the glaciers melt, we won’t be able to grow corn, carnations or potatoes. This place will become a desert. And where can we go?

“Everyone else will be in the same boat. If we can restore the lagoon with rainfall and change our irrigation systems so that we use less water and produce more, that will make a difference.

“We need to prepare ourselves now and not wait for things to get worse. We can learn how to farm with less water and produce more, using irrigation techniques.

“As we can see from these examples, climate change is already having a devastating effect on millions of people in developing countries. For them, it’s not some problem to be faced in the distant future, it is a reality now, as are its impacts, such as extreme weather conditions in the form of droughts or floods.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in its 2013 report that with 95% certainty, humans are the main cause of climate change.

Pope Francis recently said: “Creation is a wonderful gift that God has given us so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect. Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”

Together, we can make a difference. Everyone can do their bit by:

• Cutting down on how much energy we use by turning off lights and appliances when not in use.
• Switching to a green energy provider such as Ecotricity (who will make a £40 donation to CAFOD if you sign up via the link www.ecotricity.co.uk/cafod or call 08000 303020).

Installing loft and wall insulation
• Having a car-free day each week
• Cycling to work
• Walking to church on Sundays
• Taking CAFOD’s online campaign action, or holding a campaign card signing event after Mass one Sunday
• Holding a CAFOD One World: One Climate Advent Service
• Buy a world gift for your loved ones as a Christmas present

Why not be really pro-active and hold your own One Climate: One World event for your parish, town or local area? Your local CAFOD Office can help you. Contact Carol or David Cross by email on Middlesbroughcafod.org.uk or by telephone (01904) 671767.

David Cross

Tales Of Tom’s Travels

Members and friends of Driffield Catholic Women’s League enjoyed a talk given by 20-year-old Our Lady and St Edward parishioner Tom Burke.

During the summer, the Sheffield University history undergraduate took the opportunity to explore Southeast Asia, as well as undertaking a voluntary stint teaching British culture in Shanghai, after completing a year’s study exchange at Hong Kong University. His itinerary took in China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar (Burma) and India.

He shared memories of contrasting places of beauty and significance, as well as his excitement at engaging with people of all ages from different cultures and extending his circle of friends across many nationalities.

Tom’s selection of photographs and memorabilia of Hong Kong gave his audience an insight into that amazing city’s incredible skyline, its hard-working and vivacious people and its ingenuity at celebrating and combining the sacred and the secular.

There were also some poignant moments – he arrived in time for the military coup in Bangkok and in Myanmar his wooden long-boat was rammed and capsized and he had to be rescued. In Cambodia his visit to the Killing Fields of Phnom Penh evoked chilling thoughts of war, as did his visit to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.

Tom is keen to use his travels to challenge common stereotypes and as he returns to complete his final degree year, has undertaken the role of Study Abroad Ambassador. We’re sure he’s the right person for that task.

Marie McClelland

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Inspiring faith and deep gratitude are two of the main themes in the feedback forms handed in by our supported pilgrims after the 2014 pilgrimage.

This year the Hospitalité asked all VIPs in the Accueil and the hotels to fill in a form telling us what they had enjoyed about the week and what we might be able to do better in the future.

The results were overwhelmingly positive – in fact some said the only thing that could have been improved was the weather, as it was a very wet week in the foothills of the Pyrenees!

Here are some of the responses given about the overall experience of Lourdes…

“Everybody was very kind and helpful.”

“Nurses, doctors and brancs all respected our privacy, something you should be proud of.”

“Very special, wonderful.”

“Friendship and kindness was amazing.”

“Visiting the Grotto was very emotional.”

“Thanks to all who made it possible, physically, financially and spiritually. Things improve year on year.”

“A welcoming, uplifting place to visit. Very spiritually supportive. Met nice people, good company at hotel and caring doctors, nurses and helpers.”

Asked what was the best part of the pilgrimage, respondents said…

“Meeting up with old friends and making new ones.”

“Always visits to the Grotto and Blessed Sacrament Chapel.”

“Care given by the helpers, especially the young.”

“Enjoyed the music.”

“Being with the lovely ladies in our room and the loving care from all the nurses and handmaids.”

“The Mass of Anointing.”

“Being part of a loving, caring and praying family.”

“The Masses, the beautiful singing, especially the Taizé service.”

“The Torchlight Procession – even in the rain!”

“Just being there – feeling the love that is Lourdes.”

“The Middlesbrough-led procession.”

“Seeing my granddaughter gradually improve – she was very sick on arrival and her seizures gradually subsided – a little Lourdes miracle!”

“The love that was shown and the quiet presence of Our Lady at the Grotto.”

“All of it, it’s a wonderful experience, not to be missed.”

“Every day was a wonderful experience.”

Many people felt the food in the Accueil had improved dramatically on previous years.

Comments included…

“Beautiful and plenty.”

“I’m a picky eater but always managed to find something I could enjoy.”

“Much improved.”

“Very good this year compared to last year.”

“Some good, some bad – manageable for a week.”

“Too many chips!”

Some pilgrims felt more curtains in the Accueil would have added to their privacy, and one also said there were not enough coat hangers available.

Only one of the 43 forms returned said they weren’t given enough information before the pilgrimage. That pilgrim would have liked to know the flight times sooner in order to arrange transport, while one other respondent felt earlier confirmation that their booking had been successful would have been helpful.

Most were delighted with the level of help given but one said it was sometimes difficult to find enough wheelchair-pushers.

A number of respondents would have liked more opportunity for private prayer at the Grotto, while some would have enjoyed more time socialising, both outside the Domain and within the hospital.

Some felt better facilities and refreshments while waiting for the flight at the airport would have helped the time pass by more quickly.

Finally, we asked if our supported pilgrims had any suggestions to help us improve future pilgrimages…

“Could not improve on your excellent organisation.”

“Just looking forward to the next one.”

“I don’t think you could improve in any way. I hope and pray that I will be able to come again in 2015.”

“I don’t think you can do better because you only have to ask and people try to accommodate your wishes.”

“Could not have improved your planning, five star.”

Thank you to all those who took part in the survey. All the feedback will be carefully assessed ahead of our 2015 pilgrimage.
Your Lourdes Stories...

Each month we’re featuring stories in which Middlesbrough pilgrims tell their often deeply moving stories about the profound impact Lourdes has had on their lives. Some of them will make you smile and others might make you cry. All reflect some aspect of what our Pilgrimage means and reveal how it has the power to transform lives. They were first heard at the Taizé service that has become part of our pilgrimage in recent years.

The stories are all collected in a book, where more can be added. If you have your own Lourdes story you’d like others to please email Mary Lombard at thelombard@hotmail.com

A Nurse’s Story

Each Lourdes I bring back a bag of Lourdes medals – you know, the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones – and they make me think of the little blue ones.

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CATHOLIC WORLD NEWS

Dying Student Ordained
A priest has died of cancer just two days after being ordained in his hospital bed. Father William Carmona was a fourth year Theology seminarian entering his final year of preparation for ordination as a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee.

When Bishop David Choby learned of his grave condition, he traveled to San Antonio to ordain the seminarian immediately in light of the emergency circumstances. As he lay gravely ill in his hospital bed, William repeatedly asked: “Where is Bishop Choby?” “When will he get here?” And finally: “How many more hours until he ordains me?”

Although Father Carmona was unable to respond verbally during his ordination, Bishop Choby told those gathered that he had expressed his assent to the ordination earlier, and witnesses saw signs of recognition and joy as the ordination proceeded.

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“He didn’t know about the ceremony as I organised it in secret with Father John O’Gara, who’s given Nick a lot of inspiration over the ten years he’s been at the parish. “I contacted family and friends to attend. Nick saw them and wondered what was going on and then he found out during the Mass. He was speechless for once! He is really chuffed that he has got his gold medal.”

The Guild of St Stephen is an international organisation of altar servers.

Mass Mobs Storm Churches
Catholics in Detroit, USA, have borrowed the idea of flash mobs to form “Mass Mobs” with the aim of breathing life into the city’s churches. Each month the group pick a church and spread the word by Facebook and descend en masse, as it were, filling the pews with the energy and buzz they once had. The congregation at their first Mass was 400 and by the second it had swelled to 900. The collection was $19,000 – around 10 times the usual.

Just Ask Us!
According to a study conducted by researchers at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois, there’s a simple way to bring many former Catholics back to the Church – ask them. A personal invitation from a parish priest or parishioner was the most frequent response given by 575 lapsed and drifting parishioners asked what would make them return to Mass. The survey was conducted at the request of the Diocese of Springfield, which serves more than 340,000 Catholics.

A Busy Year At Mount Grace
After a hectic summer of events, our Diocesan Marian shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace is getting prepared for an equally busy winter programme.

Interior renovations are underway and the shrine was a hive of activity during October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Building on the happy news that the shrine is to remain open all year round, the community came together and rolled up their sleeves in order to carry out repairs, decorating and lots of vacuuming!

During the summer, there was an all-night vigil for Little Lady Day, a scraching hot day of devotions to Our Blessed Mother as well as the Annual Diocesan Assumption Pilgrimage and numerous school and retreat groups.

A great view of the Lady Chapel at Osmosterley

Nesting just near Osmosterley, on the edge of the North York Moors, if you have never been to Mount Grace before, you might be surprised at what a treasure it is.

At 3pm to 3.45pm each Saturday throughout the year there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being available during that time. Holy Mass is celebrated at 4pm and is the Vigil Mass for the Sunday. Tea and coffee are available afterwards, with new visitors always being made welcome.

As well as being the Marian shrine for the whole Diocese, Mount Grace also attracts pilgrims from much further afield. Access is available any time of day, so feel free to visit.

Further information is available at www.ladychapel.org.uk
Evangelisation

Crossing The Threshold

They say it’s always best to start with the good news, so here it is! Every Sunday in Britain, about one million people come to Mass. Now, that is indeed a lot of people – you’d never guess from TV and newspaper coverage, but it’s actually a bigger number than you’ll find going to Premier League football matches every week.

Sadly, though, there is also some less good news... For every Catholic who does come to Mass, there are maybe two or three others who hardly ever do.

Of course, some people might think this is actually a good thing. The National Secular Society, for instance, estimates that by the year 2050, there will only be about 101,700 Catholics attending church. If you multiply this number by 5, then you get 508,500, which is a pretty large number. But is it really a good thing that so many people are missing mass?

Many of us, though, do feel sad that so many people are missing, not least because we can all put names to quite a few of the absentees. They are not just faces in a crowd or simple numbers. Rather, they are our colleagues, our neighbours, our friends and our family members.

Recently, a few parishes in our Diocese have decided to try to do something about this. They have committed themselves to a project called ‘Crossing the Threshold’. This is an initiative from the Bishops’ Conference and it is designed to encourage parishes to find ways of reaching out to those who no longer regularly come to Mass.

On Saturday September 13, parishioners from St Mary and St Romuald in Yarm, St Thérèse of Lisieux in Ingleby Barwick and St Patrick and Christ the King in Thornaby came together for a day of training and confidence building.

The day was led by Clare Ward, who works for the Bishops’ Conference on Home Missions, and myself, Deacon Vince Purcell, Diocesan Advisor for Adult Formation and Evangelisation. We were joined by Tim Stevens from CaFE, a Catholic charity that produces many resources designed to help people to understand their faith more deeply.

In the course of the next few weeks, these parishes will meet again to decide upon a number of concrete and practical steps to re-engage with our brothers and sisters who so rarely come to church.

These parishioners deserve our support and encouragement. More than that, they surely deserve our prayers if they are to persevere in this essential work.

We will be reporting regularly on this project in the pages of the Voice. If you would like to know more then please feel free to contact the Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation at the Curial Office. And please – do keep these parishes in your prayers.

Deacon Vince Purcell

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Flame 2: We’d Love You To Be There

Are you coming to Wembley with MYMission and Bishop Terry?

Flame 2 is happening at Wembley Arena on Saturday March 7 2015. Set to be the biggest ever Catholic youth event in the country, the day will see around 8,000 young people join together to celebrate and be inspired.

Thanks to the generosity of others, MYMission is able to offer a ticket and travel deal of just £20 per person to school and parish groups.

The main speaker is Cardinal Luis Tagle, Archbishop of Manila since 2011. He is well known as a vibrant speaker, and also faced the tragic events of Typhoon Haiyan in late 2013, when he led the Filipino Church with compassion and strength in difficult days. He is one of the youngest cardinals in the Church, aged 57, and he became a bishop aged just 44. He will be joined by musician Matt Redman, who has been a full-time worship leader since the age of 20, and has performed in countries including South Africa, Japan, India, Australia, Germany and America. He has sung at the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Stadium and the Angels Baseball Stadium, Los Angeles. He is a Grammy award winning artist for his album 10,000 Reasons and his songs include The Heart Of Worship and Blessed Be Your Name. Cardinal Vincent Nichols and many bishops from around the country, including Bishop Terry, will also be a part of the day.

We have reserved 100 tickets and we’d love to have to go back for more. We are working with school chaplaincies to get school groups there, but it would be great to hear from parish groups too.

Aimed at age 14-plus, Flame 2 will be ideally suited to those who are preparing for or have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, parish youth groups and young people aspiring to be involved in the social action of the Church.

If you would like more information or would like to book tickets for your group, please email domfinn@mymission.org.uk or call (01642) 825948.
How Happy Are You?

There will be a Diocesan Youth Mass at 6pm on Sunday November 23 at Our Lady's, Acomb, York. Come and join the MYMission Team and the people of the Parish to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and pray with some of the young people of the Diocese.

Using The Beatitudes as a starting point, the material prepared for the day will ask “How happy are you?” and as we explore the answer to that question, we will contemplate the Gospel of the day, which challenges us to be the kind of people who are happy because they are working for a just world and the common good.

We'd love to see you all there. Come in groups, drag your mum and dad, bring your friends! Oh, and did we say? There will be pizza afterwards too! To find out more, email admin@mymission.org.uk or call (01642) 825948.

Youth Sunday In Your Parish

Each parish in the Diocese has received a pack of materials based around the theme for National Youth Sunday 2014. Prepared by the National Office for Vocation and MYMission for the whole country, these resources should help you celebrate in your own parish and even in your own home.

As well as these materials, eight short videos have been made, each just under two minutes long. The films feature young adults from across the country sharing a little of their own faith and what makes them happy. They will be available on the Bishops’ Conference website www.cbcew.org.uk and the MYMission website http://mymission.org.uk or on the MYMission Facebook page.

Please do all you can to support the work of the Church for young people and please remember them in the second collection taken up on the Feast of Christ the King.

Thank you – the MYMission Team

Ushaw Lecture Series Underway

The heritage of Ushaw College will be promoted during two talks to be held at Durham University’s Centre for Catholic Studies.

Author and journalist Doctor Michael Brooks’ talk is entitled, ‘At the Edge of Uncertainty: a journey to the wild new frontiers of science’. The final speaker of the term will be Durham Professor Stephen Regan on ‘The Spirit of Christmas in English Literature’. This will be followed by Ushaw’s annual carol service in the college’s historic St Cuthbert’s Chapel.

The Ushaw lectures start with refreshments at 5.30pm before the talk begins at 6pm. All lectures are free but you must register to attend by contacting James Kelly by email at james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk or by telephone on 0191 334 1656.

St Martin de Porres

When Martin de Porres was 15 years old he became a lay brother in a Dominican monastery. He spent the rest of his life there, caring for the sick and the poor and working in the monastery kitchen, where he made friends with a little mouse that he found living there. He set up an orphanage, a children’s hospital and a hospital for cats and dogs.

People loved and respected Martin so much that after he died, they prayed to him. Many miracles happened, and in 1962, Pope John XXIII declared him a saint.

St Martin de Porres is the patron saint of all people who look for peace between nations. His feast day is November 3. We’ll have another picture for our younger readers to colour in next month.

Early Deadline For January

The copy deadline for the January 2015 Voice has been brought forward to Friday November 28 to allow for the Christmas holidays, when the printers and publishers are especially busy. Please submit stories and photographs to catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk in plenty of time. Thank you.
AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

Schools! Please send us your good news stories and photos to appear in this regular section! Send them to the usual address: catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

Bishop Terry pictured during his homily at the Middlesbrough Education Mass in St Mary’s Cathedral.

Bishop Terry and priests celebrate the Hull Education Mass at St Charles Borromeo.

“We Are Called” was the theme of the Education Mass at St Wilfrid’s in York.

The Teachers’ Rite of Dedication at the Hull Mass.

Retiring Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough, teacher Michele Kingston is pictured with Bishop Terry after he presented her with a long service award.

Bishop Terry presenting a long service award to Jayne Wilson, who has retired as headteacher at St Mary and St Joseph Primary at Pocklington.

Welcome For Catholic Teachers

Newly qualified teachers and teachers who are new to Catholic education met up in York for a training course. Diocesan Director of Schools, Kevin Duffy, and RE Advisor, Theresa Laverick, hosted the welcome day, which looked at the distinctive nature of Catholic schools.

The focus was on helping teachers understand the role they play in supporting the ethos of their schools. It included sessions on collective worship and gaining an understanding of the RE curriculum used in Diocesan primary and secondary schools.
To understand what we mean when we use the word “vocation”, we must always start with God.

In a Church that feels it’s running short of those prepared to pursue a life lived as a priest or religious, that’s a big challenge. Indeed, we’re always keen, when faced with the stark reality of our situation, to try something new, get an expert in, have a new push or promote a new programme. However, all vocations have their root in Baptism, in our sacramental life, which nourishes our personal relationship with God and binds us together as a Church. So my vocation doesn’t start with me. Indeed, it’s not actually mine. It’s a gift from God. Of course, that doesn’t give us all leave to sit back and do nothing. Quite the opposite. Every single one of us has a vocation and we must discern that vocation with God. It is not something we can “do” and certainly not anything we can be certain of without Him. It follows that discernment, a constant desire to deepen understanding and insight and make a good judgment, is part of the faith journey of all of us. Even that process is a gift from God. It is both part of how we become the person he created and a crucial step in allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us for the glory of God and the building of the Kingdom.

I wonder if you can pinpoint your own vocation? Ultimately, it will be something to do with recognising that you are loved beyond measure by God. All he wants you to do is love him back – forever, and in a way that makes an impact on others. Contemplating that can quickly lead to realising one’s own shortcomings and brokenness. But worry not. Whatever your vocation is, it is a gift, to be treasured, nurtured and enjoyed. And not just by you, but by the whole world. If you are reading this and would like some help with actively discerning your vocation, I encourage you to chat to a trusted friend or your parish priest. The will of the Lord is often easier to discern when you are not alone. If you cannot do that but would like to talk to someone, then please do get in touch with me: frpaul@mymission.org.uk and I will be happy to do all I can to help. And, even if you are still trying to work it all out, fear not – your vocation is a gift, enjoy it and share that gift with the world.

Father Paul Farrer, Vocations Director

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Out & About around the Diocese

**BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINNEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2014**
1. Attending Day of Inspiration at The Spa, Scarborough All Day
2. Celebrating 40th Anniversary Mass at St Thomas More, Middlesbrough 9.00 am
3. Attending Cathedral Chapter meeting at St Mary’s Cathedral 12 noon
4. Attending meeting of Council of Priests, St Mary’s Cathedral 2.00 pm
5. Attending English Speaking Lourdes Directors’ Conference of Great Britain in York from 10.30 am
6. Attending the Laying of the First Poppy at Middlesbrough Cenotaph 10.30 am
7. Celebrates Mass and give ministry of Anointing at St Margaret Clitherow, Haslby 6.00 am
8. Parish Visitations at St Paulinus/St Margaret Clitherow, York All weekend
9. Bishops November Meeting
10. Attending Episcopal Ordination of Marcus Stack at St Anne’s Cathedral, Leeds 11.15 am
11. Attending and addressing Youth Event focused on ‘How Happy Are You’ at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough from 12 noon
12/13 Parish Visitations at St Paulinus, Guisborough All weekend
13. Attending Ampleforth Covenant All day Meeting of Northern Church Leaders at Ampleforth on 25 November From 9.00 am
14. Celebrating Evening Prayer to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of ‘Uniatia Redintegratio’ at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00 pm
15. Parish Visitations at St Mary & Joseph, Pocklington All weekend

**Saturday**
1. 9.30 am - 4.30 pm “Come and Sing” Day at Karl Jenkins’ National Choral School at St Mary’s Church, Norton on Derwent, led by Jane Stirnheim. The day will end with an open performance. Contact Tel: (01759) 388145 or visit www.chanticleersingers.org.uk for further details.
2. 10.00 am - 1.00 pm Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary’s Church, Wythall (in Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 20593 for further information.
3. 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm First Saturday Rosary Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.

**Sunday**
1. 9.00 am Mass celebrated by Bishop Terence Patrick Drainney to begin the 40th birthday celebrations of St Thomas More, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. All are invited to attend the service and participate in refreshments afterwards in the hall.
2. 5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid’s Church, Duncombe Place, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 424219 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details.
3. 8.00 pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.
4. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm ‘Present to the Presence of God: An Introduction to Mindfulness and its relationship to Prayer’ led by Marion Hoyland at St Mary’s Pastoral Centre, Ricergoth, Brotton, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01482) 344900 for further details.
5. 10.00 am Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid’s Church, Duncombe Place, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 424219 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details.
6. 10.30 am - 5.30 pm ‘Faith in Dark Places’ led by David Rhodes at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 365227 for further details.
7. 11.00 am Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Terence Patrick Drainney at the Cleveland Newman Circle (second Wednesday of the month) at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.
8. 12.00 noon - 2.00 pm ‘Present to the Presence of God: An Introduction to Mindfulness and its relationship to Prayer’ led by Marion Hoyland at St Mary’s Pastoral Centre, Ricergoth, Brotton, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01482) 344900 for further details.

**Monday**
1. 5.00 pm First Monday Rosary Prayer Group meets in the small chapel at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.

**Tuesday**
1. 10.30 am - 12 noon ‘At The Edge of Uncertainty: a lecture by Fr Richard Taylor entitled ‘The Revival of Catholic Biblical Scholarship: the contribution of Fr Lagrange OP in the Catholic Church, Coventry, Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.
2. 6.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid’s, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 424219 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details.
3. 7.00 pm for 7.45 pm Encounter Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Prefet of the Congregation for the Clergy of the Diocese of Westminster at the Cathedral Chapel, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01642) 814977 E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details. All are welcome. Please note the new regular venue.
4. 9.00 pm ‘The Knights of St Peter’s and St Paulinus Council 45, meet at St Joseph RC Church, West Hull

**Wednesday**
1. 7.30 pm Monday Mutiny Poets and Friends at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £5.00/£4.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.

**Thursday**
1. 7.30 pm “Be Not Afraid” - a retreat led by Fr Kieran Monahan ‘The Revival of Catholic Biblical Scholarship: the contribution of Fr Lagrange OP in the Catholic Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.

**Friday**
1. 9.00 am - 12 noon Back Care Group - Line dancing - at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.
2. 10.00 am - 3.30 pm ‘At The Edge of Uncertainty: a lecture by Fr Richard Taylor entitled ‘The Revival of Catholic Biblical Scholarship: the contribution of Fr Lagrange OP in the Catholic Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 347779 for further details.
3. 9.00 pm ‘The Knights of St Peter’s and St Paulinus Council 45, meet at St Joseph RC Church, West Hull

**Saturday**
1. 9.00 am Attending Bishop’s Council meeting at Curial Offices, Middlesbrough 12.00 noon
2. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary’s Church, Wythall (in Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 20593 for further information.
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29 Thursday
6.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Pastoral Centre, Beverley Plaza, York, YO1 7EF
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

Sunday 20 November
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Victorian Tea with Alan Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire.

Wednesday 26 November
7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Chapel

1.00 pm The Overshadowed Men: Simeon’ with Sr Cecilia Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Richard Silvester and Reggie Lawrence at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £8.00/£10.00, family £20 per person ‘ticket and travel deal’ for school and parish groups. Contact Dom Finn, MYMission Tel: (01747) 870228, E-mail: frpaul@mymission.org.uk for further details

Tuesday 11 November
12.30 pm ‘One to One’ Spiritual Accompaniment
John McGlinchey offers Spiritual accompaniment in Durham
Contact: Telephone 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk for further details

Catholics at the Best Western Country Hotel and Golf Club, Garstang, Lancashire. Contact: Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01765) 684964 for further details

27 Tuesday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Young Catholic Adults Sunday Mass and Meal for those aged 18+ at Mission House, St Thomas More Road, Hull. Tickets: £9.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

30 Sunday
6.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

Advance notices:
29 December
7.00 pm ‘The Wise Men’ with The Bad Apple Theatre Company at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £12.00, family £25.00. Contact: Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

15 December:
3.30 pm Advert Retreat led by Fr Henry Winsbrough OSB at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Day participants welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

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30 November:
50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT. Tel (01642) 850505, E-mail catholicsvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk by Friday November 7 2014 for the December issue and Friday November 28 2014 for the January issue (please note the earlier date)
St Peter’s Students Form Guard Of Honour

Armored cadets from St Peter’s Catholic College in South Bank were proud to form the guard of honour at Middlesbrough’s recent Championship game against Blackpool at the Riverside Stadium.

They also met former pupil Luke Williams, now a Boro first team player, and had photos taken with him and club mascot, Roary the Lion.

The visit was a reward for the students’ hard work and dedication over the year. They were joined by fellow cadets from Brambles Farm Detachment.

The St Peter’s students who took part were Corporal Callum Parkin, Lance Corporal Jessica Burton and cadets Josh Kirt, Chris Howden, Luke Ferguson, Jake Smale, Reece Wood, Rowan Trella, Holly Haggart, Jack Robinson, Ellie Draper and Georgia Burton.

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