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Bishop's Column

So we begin a new year. May it be a blessed and peaceful one for us all. We have many things to look forward to during the course of this year. Each of us will have our own personal wish-list and expectations. However, as a country we will be having a General Election in May and that is something we all ought to turn our minds to. Again, there will be many issues that each of us would personally want addressing and there are many that will be affected by our Christian principles and Gospel values. It is important that we ensure we vote for the candidate that we feel is the right person for the job. For me it is more than just a choice, it is a duty to do this, as hard as it might be to come to a decision.

From a Church point of view we have the Synod to reflect on. This will take place in October this year and it is entitled *Jesus Christ reveals the Mystery and Vocation of the Family*. Although I am writing this column long before the New Year, I hope that by the time you read it, there will be some guidance and materials from the Bishops' Conference to help us all on our reflective journey together – that's what "Synod" means, "walking together". By the way, there will certainly be materials to help us think about the General Election, both from the Bishops and other agencies of the Church, such as CAFOD and CSAN.

As we journey through the year we also continue to commemorate the events of the First World War, one hundred years on. One date to note is Saturday April 25 at the Sacred Heart, Hull. There will be a Mass at noon to commemorate the Fallen of the Gallipoli Campaign. There is a strong connection with the Sacred Heart Church and this Campaign. Father Finn, a priest of this Diocese, was one of the first Roman Catholic chaplains to be killed on the beaches at Gallipoli and the Sacred Heart Church was built in his memory by his brother. But more of this later in the year and nearer the time.

On a happier note, we are also to celebrate Bishop Crowley's Golden Jubilee as a priest on Saturday June 13 at the Cathedral, at noon, and there we remember all our other Jubilarians; Canon Harney's Diamond, Fathers Michael Keogh's and Michael Murray's Ruby, and Father Roy Lovatt's Silver. *Ad Multos Annos!* We will also, please God, have two ordinations. Bob Shakesby will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday July 4 at the Cathedral at noon and Philip Cunnah to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday July 25 at the Cathedral at noon. All of you will be welcome to any or all of these events.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.

F. Long

Peace Sunday Highlights Slavery

Pope Francis is asking us to remember the plight of modern day slaves when we celebrate the 48th World Day for Peace on Sunday January 18.

Each year, a different aspect of injustice is highlighted. In his latest message of Peace, *Slaves no more, but brothers and sisters*, the Pope reminds us that slavery is not a thing of the past.

The International Labour Organisation estimated that 21 million people around the world were in slavery in 2012. People are enslaved in many different but equally appalling ways.

They are subject to sexual or labour exploitation. They could be in domestic service, working in agriculture, in the construction, hospitality, food processing and packaging industries or the drugs trade.

The main causes of slavery are poverty and discrimination. People hear about well-paid jobs abroad and hope for a new life where they can send money back to their families. But in reality, the promised work does not exist and they are forced to work in jobs or conditions to which they do not agree.

It would be a worthwhile exercise to work out how many of our high street shops are guiltless. How many garments imported from abroad are made in fair and safe conditions?

We think of conditions for workers in the 19th and early 20th Century and assume all is well nowadays, but this is not true and we



Pope Francis – Photo courtesy Mazur/www.catholicnews.org

only have to remember the Bangladesh factory collapse in 2013.

This disaster hit the headlines again recently when it was revealed that only five of the 27 global clothing brands linked to the factory have agreed to pay compensation to the victims.

We think we are powerless because we don't know enough, but it is up to us to think

about how our goods are produced and at what cost to others.

Let us pray that by being vigilant and asking questions of manufacturers, we can build a more peaceful world.

Pax Christi's resource Booklet and other resources for Peace Sunday can be found on their website, www.paxchristi.org.uk

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SLAVES NO MORE

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us all to make Peace Sunday a special day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis, slavery.

Pope Francis is taking a lead on this issue and it is also good to note that the Catholic Church in England and Wales has established the Human Trafficking Project, which co-operates with law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organisations and diplomatic missions to prevent trafficking.

It also works to highlight the issue throughout the country and to support those who suffer through trafficking.

What all forms of slavery have in common is a

lack of respect for the God-given dignity of each person.

Peace Sunday is promoted by Pax Christi, which is at the forefront of peace initiatives both internationally and in the UK.

On the initiative of one woman, Martha Dortel-Claudot, Pax Christi was founded in 1945 in France to pray for reconciliation between the peoples of France and Germany.

Today, Pax Christi is present in 50 countries, a network of Christians inspired by faith to work for peace, reconciliation and non-violent change.

In England and Wales, Pax Christi members

work to put their peace vision into action in several ways, including...

- Promoting the Pope’s annual World Peace Day message in parishes around the country.
- Organising liturgies, times of reflection and information stalls on peacemaking and Pax Christi’s work.
- Campaigning on a range of issues, such as stopping the arms trade, the abolition of nuclear weapons, peace for Israel and Palestine and ending under-18 military recruitment in this country.

Peace Sunday is also an opportunity to support the work of Pax Christi financially, with

special collections taken in some parishes.

“War is madness! When will we learn this lesson? I invite everyone to look at Jesus crucified to understand that hatred and evil are defeated by forgiveness and goodness...that war only increases evil and death.”

Pope Francis, Rome, September 2014

- To find out more about events in the Middle East, come to the Justice & Peace talk on Saturday January 24 at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre in York, 10am for 10.30am.

Barbara Hungin, Middlesbrough Diocese Justice and Peace chair

A Year Of Hope And Expectation

As we begin a new year, CAFOD Middlesbrough’s David Cross looks back on some of the charity’s work in 2014 and gives supporters a preview of its plans for the coming months...

This year sees the 50th anniversary of the great Pastoral Constitution of Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World). The opening words of the document are quite wonderful and thought provoking.

“The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of men. United in Christ, they are led by the Holy Spirit in their journey to the Kingdom of their Father and they have welcomed the news of salvation, which is meant for every man. That is why this community realises that it is truly linked with mankind and its history by the deepest of bonds.”

The work of CAFOD around the world very much reflects that opening paragraph as it acts on the behalf of the Catholic Community in England and Wales, to bring support, hope and freedom from poverty and oppression to our sisters and brothers in developing countries.

During the last year, Catholics in the Diocese of Middlesbrough have been extremely generous in providing the funds, prayers and solidarity needed to tackle the many problems faced by people. From natural disasters such as Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines to the terrible Ebola crisis in Western Africa and the desperate humanitarian situations caused by conflict in Syria and Gaza. Our schools and parishes have also responded with great generosity.

Thanks go to all our supporters and volunteers for all you do throughout the year to support the vital work CAFOD does on your behalf. Your fundraising and prayers really do make a huge difference. Here’s an update on some of our current projects...

Typhoon Haiyan – One Year On

You helped to raise more than £5.4m for our Philippines Typhoon Appeal. As part of Caritas International, we have worked with other aid agencies to deliver aid to more than 800,000 people. Donations to CAFOD are directly responsible for reaching more than 145,000 people with food, shelter kits, emergency supplies, clean water and sanitation, permanent disaster-resilient homes, rebuilding schools that were destroyed and helping people to begin making a living again. Over the next year, CAFOD will continue to help people in the Philippines rebuild their lives.

Ebola in Western Africa

You have helped us raise more than £1m to fight the Ebola Crisis in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia. The current outbreak has infected more than 14,000 people and killed more than 5,000. Your support is helping our local Church partners to educate people about the risks of the virus, to supply essential hygiene kits and washing-stations and ensure that burials are carried out safely to reduce the risk of infection. We are also providing emergency supplies of rice to thousands of people in areas that have been quarantined or where farming has been restricted.

Syria

The United Nations estimates that 10.8m people are in need of aid in Syria. The true figure is likely to be far higher. This

is the biggest displacement crisis ever and it has necessitated the largest humanitarian response in history. This includes food and water, health care, shelter, household goods, protection from human rights abuses and finding employment. CAFOD’s appeal raised £2.7m, plus £640,000 from the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal. We will be using this over the next three years to provide aid and relief.

Lent 2015 – Focus On Myanmar

Lent Fast Day 2015 will be on Friday February 27. Our country focus will be on Myanmar (Burma) and the story of Kyin Nu, a 58-year-old woman who lives in a jungle village called Hpyan Kone. When Cyclone Nargis struck in 2008, it destroyed her small business, smashed her home and belongings and killed two of her children. She was devastated and spent a month in intense grief. With no clothes to her name, a relative took pity on her and gave her some things to wear.

The local experts we work through – Caritas Karuna – ensured that Kyin Nu and her family were able to build back better and stronger. We helped her with some chickens and other animals so that she could have eggs to sell. We also supported her to rebuild the road near her home. This means that people could get in and out of the community and would be able to access hospitals. And finally we trained Kyin Nu to recognise and plant trees that would help to protect her home when a future cyclone hits.

This Lent, we are very fortunate to have secured matched funding from the Government’s Department For International Development. This means any donation our supporters make during our Lent campaign from Wednesday February 18 until Sunday May 17 will be matched by the government, up to a total value of £3.5m. Funds raised need to be sent to CAFOD by Wednesday July 1. More information will be available on the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk

Watch out for the Lent Fast Day materials arriving in your parish and school!

Putting Your Faith Into Practice – New Year, New Opportunities

Do you want to make the world a better place? Do you have



a small amount of free time? Have you ever thought of volunteering for CAFOD? We would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming a CAFOD Parish Contact, or a Schools Volunteer, someone who would speak at Mass about our work, or support our work as a Campaigns Volunteer, one-off event organiser or fundraiser. Full training will be given and expenses covered.

You could work for CAFOD and Caritas Social Action on local and global issues. No matter how little time you have to spare, you can make a real difference. To learn more about volunteering opportunities with CAFOD, please get in touch with David or Carol at the CAFOD Middlesbrough Office, York, YO24 1AP or email middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or telephone (01904) 671767.

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CAFOD partner Caritas works with other rescue groups to distribute soap, chlorine and other materials to thousands of families to combat the highly infectious Ebola virus – Photo by Caritas Internationalis

NEWS



Vin's On The Road To Recovery

Folk legend Vin Garbutt has thanked fans and well-wishers for their messages after illness forced him to cancel all his gigs until spring 2015.

South Bank-born Vin, 67, who is loved for his poignant songs and unique on-stage Teesside humour, had just put the finishing touches to *Synthetic Hues*, his first new album for nine years, when he became unwell in October.

He initially called off all his dates up until Christmas but has now decided to cancel a tour of Australia and the Far East due to start this month.

"I've been overwhelmed by all the letters, cards and Facebook and Twitter messages I've received from fans and well-wishers, including many from Australia and other countries," said dad-of-four Vin, who now lives near Loftus.

"It's a blow because up until I became ill, it had been a really busy year and I was particularly looking forward to going back to Australia.

"But I've been uplifted by the get well messages that have flooded in, it's been fantastic. I'd like to thank them all very much – I couldn't have made the recovery I have without them all."

Vin, who attends St Joseph's Church in Loftus, underwent a major heart operation ten years ago but tests have shown that the repair is working well. However, doctors have advised that he take it easy for a while.

He lost his appetite during his illness and has shed almost a stone, but he's now starting to enjoy his food again and is well on the road to recovery.

In 2001, Vin won Best Live Act in the BBC Folk Awards and soon afterwards he was given an honorary degree

from Teesside University for services to music and the region.

He has taken a strong anti-abortion stand throughout his career, donating the profits from his album *Little Innocents* to Pro-Life charities.

The new album is Vin's first since 2005's *Persona...Grata* and is his 16th since he debuted with *Valley of Tees* in 1972.

The title *Synthetic Hues* refers to the sky above the Wilton chemical works, where he was an apprentice turner before embarking on his music career.

"It comes from a line in one of the songs, *Teacher From Persia*, which is about Farhad and his wife Simin, who were asylum seekers from Iran who were billeted in Grangetown," says Vin.

"They'd converted to Christianity and so they had to escape their homeland. It's a success story because Farhad is now a teacher of Farsi in London."

The 13 tracks include some of Vin's own songs and some he's picked up while performing on the folk scene.

Vin's unplanned sabbatical will give him the opportunity to spend time with his family, including three young grandchildren, with a fourth on the way.

But he's already looking forward to getting back to entertaining his fans.

"I've got a full diary from April 2015 and God-willing I'll be able to get back to normality," he said.

• *Synthetic Hues* costs £12 (P&P free worldwide) and is available along with Vin's other recordings only from www.vingarbutt.com or Home Roots Music Limited, 52 Micklow Lane, Loftus, TS13 4JE.

Priest Recalls Peace Protest

Retired Middlesbrough priest Father Peter Keeling relived his experience of spending a week in Durham Jail when he talked about his continuing Justice and Peace commitment at Redcar.

The 1973 sentence was for defacing the Ministry of Defence HQ in London with a peace symbol.

Speaking to a joint meeting of the Caritas East Cleveland group and parishioners on an RCIA Journey in Faith course, he said his interest in the subject arose after hearing American peace activist Father Dan Berigan speak.

Father Peter, who was then chaplain at Hull University, recalled that Bishop Augustine Harris was "very supportive" of his stand for peace.

"Prisoners felt the same and I got a lot of mail, although not all of it supportive," he said.

During the Redcar meeting, Deacon Len Collings said Canon Derek Turnham, of Sacred Heart and St Augustine's, Redcar, had asked the group to organise a public meeting with local parliamentary candidates before the General Election in May on behalf of Churches Together in Redcar. Members agreed to set up a working group to arrange this.

Volunteers' Marathon Charity Effort

Two CAFOD volunteers raised more than £1,200 when they ran the Yorkshire Marathon to raise funds for the Catholic charity. They were Luke Moore, who recently began a PhD in Politics at Oxford, and Nick Webster, who visited CAFOD partners in Brazil while attending World Youth Day.



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NEWS FROM ROME

Turkey's Catholics Thank Pope

Turkey's tiny Catholic community thanked Pope Francis for showing them the path to peace during his visit to the overwhelming Muslim nation.

Doctor Rinaldo Marmara, spokesman for Turkey's Catholic Bishops' Conference, said the Holy Father showed them the path to dialogue with other Christian communities and their Muslim brothers.

Pope Francis celebrated one public Mass for the country's Catholics, at Istanbul's Church of the Holy Spirit. The main purpose of the trip was to celebrate the feast of St Andrew the Apostle, at the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in Istanbul.

Pope Extends Hand Of Peace

Pope Francis spoke of the constant need for prayer on the journey towards full communion with the Orthodox Church and the importance of Christians and Muslims working together in solidarity for peace.

Shortly after returning from Turkey, he told worshippers at the general audience: "Just as I asked you to prepare for and accompany me on that journey with prayer, today I ask you to give thanks to the Lord for its success and that it may bear fruits of dialogue in our relations with our Orthodox and Muslim brethren, as well as on the path to peace between peoples.

"(Turkey) is dear to every Christian, especially as the birthplace of the Apostle Paul, for having hosted the first seven councils, and for the presence, near Ephesus, of the 'House of Virgin Mary'. Tradition tells us that the Virgin lived there, after the coming of the Holy Spirit."

Mass Celebrates Diplomatic Anniversary

Mass was celebrated in Rome to mark the 100th anniversary of the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the United Kingdom and the Holy See.

The celebration, attended by many ecumenical guests and a high level British government delegation, came 100 years after Sir Henry Howard was appointed to bring "the cordial congratulations of His Majesty the King on the occasion of his election" to Pope Benedict XV.

Pope's Appeal To 'Lonely' Europe

Pope Francis has called on a "haggard" and "lonely" Europe to recover its role as a defender of the dignity of man, the poor, the migrant, the persecuted, the old and the young and to recover its soul: Christianity.

In an address on his one-day visit to Strasbourg, he told Members of the European Parliament that a 2,000-year-old history links Europe and Christianity.

From the Pope's Twitter account, @Pontifex...

Love is the measure of faith.

The Church is called to draw near to every person, beginning with the poorest and those who suffer.

Slaves no more. We are all brothers and sisters. #EndSlavery

When we meet a person truly in need, do we see the face of God?

There is so much noise in the world! May we learn to be silent in our hearts and before God.

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Debbie Is Teacher Of The Year

Pupils and fellow staff at St Aelred's Roman Catholic Primary are celebrating after deputy head Debbie Feehan was named York Teacher of the Year.

Debbie was nominated by one of the parents, Becky Shaw, who recognised her outstanding commitment to the school, especially through her music.

"Debbie is a very busy deputy headteacher in the school and runs a superb choir that supports the school, parish and wider community," said Julie Couttie, who teaches at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in York.

"She gives up a lot of her evenings and weekends to take the children to singing events, where their talents are enjoyed by many. She truly deserved this award."

Debbie, who also runs a church music group, which consists of pupils, ex-pupils, parents and parishioners, added: "It's lovely to be given an award for doing something I love doing.

"I'd like to thank all the children and the parents who give me such wonderful support, and especially Becky, for nominating me."



York Teacher of the Year
Debbie Feehan

Prayers As Children Visit Poppy Display



Children from Sacred Heart Primary School in Middlesbrough made a poignant visit to the poppy display at the Tower of London during an educational trip to the capital.

Before they journeyed to London, the school hall was turned into a mini version of the display, with poppies made by every child in memory of World War I.

Crosses, each remembering a loved one or a soldier from Middlesbrough's Memorial Wall, which is beside the Cenotaph outside Albert Park, were added to the display during a child-led Remembrance Liturgy.

Although the 72 children from year five and six enjoyed everything they did in London, they amazed staff by their reaction to the display, 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red'.

"We were amazed at the children's depth of understanding and sympathy when we visited the display, which commemorated all the lives lost in the Commonwealth forces," said headteacher Carol Walker.

"The excited chatter and boisterousness of earlier visits to museums and the theatre was replaced by quietness and prayerfulness. Passers-by commented to staff how impressed they were by our children's behaviour and respectfulness.

"The children walked through the poppy display following the crowds, looking quietly and making comments such as, 'This shows such respect for the soldiers who died in the war'.

"The children's prayerfulness, respect and understanding showed us and other visitors to the Tower just how valuable a caring, Catholic education can be."

**The Tower of London poppy display –
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First Blessing For Headmasters

Headmasters David Lambon, of Ampleforth College, and Mark O'Donnell, of St Martin's, Ampleforth, are blessed by Abbot of Ampleforth, Father Cuthbert Madden, at Evening Prayer in the Abbey.

The blessing was attended by the monastic community, school governors and the newly appointed headmasters' families.

Left: David Lambon and Mark O'Donnell receive their blessing

Big Sleep In At St Gabriel's

Year three and four children spent a night at St Gabriel's School in Ormesby, Middlesbrough, to raise funds for Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation.

Inspired by deputy head Brendan McGeary, who braved the cold and wet in April 2014 to join 150 others sleeping rough outside Middlesbrough College for the charity, the pupils decided they wanted to experience something similar.

So one Friday night, instead of being tucked up at home surrounded by home comforts, 26 seven, eight and nine-year-olds bedded down in the hall.

They were supported and supervised by headteacher Michelle Ryan, teaching assistants Val Charville and Angela Gallagher, finance officer Jo Thompson and year four teacher Stephen Terry.

The children raised £277 in sponsorship money, which was handed over to Andy Preston of the Philanthropic Foundation.

Mr Preston said: "This money is very precious to our charity because it has been raised with love and selflessness."

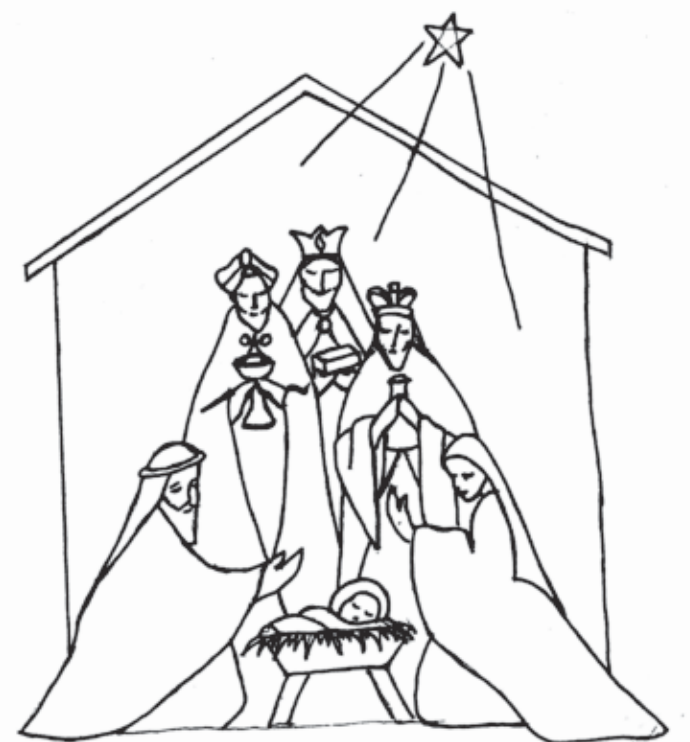
• A quiz night organised by Mr McGeary and held in St Gabriel's Parish Hall raised around £1,100 for Francis Hannaway's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo with Mill Hill Missionaries.

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January 6

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Father Norman Jacobson

Thirty-six priests joined Bishop Terry at the funeral Mass for Father Norman Jacobson at St Charles Borromeo, Hull, on Tuesday November 18 2014.



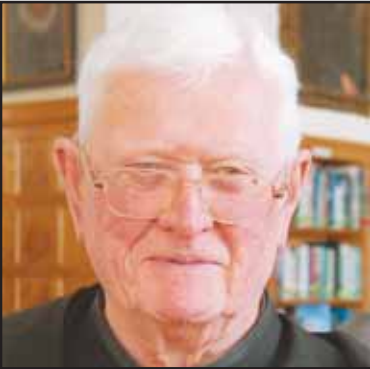
Father Norman died on Friday November 7 2014 after a long illness borne with courage and strength. In welcoming the large congregation to the Mass, the Bishop offered prayerful sympathy to Father Norman's sister, relatives and many friends. In his homily, the Bishop took the theme "the veil is thin" and how it usually applies to a place, event or situation where the "now" of this world and the "future then" of the world to come somehow become mixed and boundaries of the present and eternity become porous. He said for some they experienced Lourdes as a place where the "veil is thin". The Gospel of the Mass, which took place against the background of the last Passover Feast of Jesus' earthly life, was another example of this. He commented that priests, especially, become very aware of the "thinning of the veil", the mingling of now and eternity, through the mediation of some people's lives. Over the last couple of years, Bishop Terry had been privileged to have numerous conversations with Father Norman, when he was faced with his sickness and its inevitable consequences. Many times he said he did not want to die this minute but that when the moment came, he would be ready. And indeed he was. Gently and calmly, he was fulfilling his pastoral duty of teaching us how to approach these most important moments of life, which lead to the fullness of life with the Father. Father Norman was born in Boldon, County Durham on February 13 1947 and was initially ordained into the Anglican ministry, working in parishes on Teesside – St Thomas', Brambles Farm, St Luke's, Thornaby and All Saints, Middlesbrough. Having been received into the Catholic Church, he was ordained for our Diocese in 1986. He was initially in St Aelred's, York, then St Peter's, Scarborough and in 1992 was appointed University Chaplain at Hull. In 2000, he was appointed parish priest of Sacred Heart, Northallerton, and in 2007 moved to St Anthony & Our Lady of Mercy, Hull, as parish priest. In 2008, when Holy Name Church closed, Father Norman took over pastoral responsibility for the larger area. Music for the Mass was provided by St Anthony's choir. After Mass, Father Norman's mortal remains were cremated and his ashes, together with those of his mother, will be buried in St Charles.

Doctor Jim Whiston

Father Philip Graystone



Hull-born Marist priest Father Philip Graystone SM died on Monday September 15 2014, at the age of 93, in the Parish of Walsingham, of which he was once Parish Priest. He was born on March 5 1921 and educated at the Marist College in Hull. At the age of 17, he entered the house of studies in Milltown, Dublin, as a postulant and became a novice the following year. In 1941, he moved to the house of studies in Paignton, Devon, to study theology and was ordained there on March 18 1945. After ordination, he studied Mathematics and then English at Christ's College, Cambridge, graduating in 1948. Later that year, he was appointed to the Marist Community in Middlesbrough, teaching Mathematics in St Mary's College for the next five years. In 1953, he was appointed Superior of the Marist Community in Blackburn, and headmaster of St Mary's College. He was appointed Provincial of the English Province in 1961 and taught in Devon and Kent, where he remained until his retirement from teaching in 1981. After a spell as Parish Priest of Walsingham, he was appointed Superior of the Marist Community in Hull in 1987. In 1997, he returned to the Marist Community in Walsingham. Father Graystone's works during his time as Provincial Archivist include *Saint Peter Chanel, SM, First Martyr of the South Pacific, A Short History of the Society of Mary, 1854-1993* and *The Society of Mary in England (Marist Fathers & Brothers) 1850-2001*. Other publications include a series of books entitled *Walking Roman Roads, The Blitz in Hull, 1940-45* and *Elizabeth Jackson Rowley: the East Yorkshire Girl who Emigrated to New England and was Executed as a Witch in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692*. He contributed in an advisory capacity to religious broadcasting to Anglia Television and collaborated with Catherine Wiley in founding the Catholic Grandparents' Association. He was always an active and exemplary member of his Religious Community, and served voluntarily in the Parish of Walsingham until his health declined in the last two years of his life. May he Rest in Peace.



Father David O'Brien

Father David Herbert O'Brien OSB, Benedictine monk of Ampleforth Abbey, died peacefully in the monastery infirmary at Ampleforth Abbey on Wednesday November 26 2014 at the age of 89. His death was marked with the traditional tolling of the bell in the Abbey church tower, with one toll for each year of Father David's life. He was born in St Anne's, Lancashire, in January 1925 and served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. For a number of years

after the war, he worked as an insurance broker before joining the monastic community at Ampleforth Abbey, where he was solemnly professed as a monk on September 25 1954. Father David spent most of his monastic life working on Ampleforth's parishes, first of all in Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside and Grassendale, later serving as a priest in Lancashire and Cardiff. Due to failing health, Father David returned to the monastery at Ampleforth in September 2013. His funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church on Thursday December 4 followed by burial in the Monks' Wood.

VOCATIONS

View From A Seminarian



It's been another busy year in Rome. The canonisation of Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Saint John XXIII as well as the beatification of Blessed Pope Paul VI this autumn were two particular highlights. But students at the English College were also gifted another wonderful unique opportunity – to go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Although this happened back in October, it's always good to reflect on such profound experiences once they have seeped in a little. It's very difficult to pick out a highlight when seeing and touching the locations of Christ's Annunciation, birth, infancy, public ministry, Passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension. However, four moments in particular stand out from our moving visits to the holy sites. At Calvary, in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, we had an early morning Mass. At every Mass, wherever celebrated, we know we come to the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: "In the 'memorial' of Calvary, all that Christ accomplished by his Passion and his death is present." Being at Mass geographically next to the place of the true Cross really brought this reality home. Secondly, I was able to go back and pray in the quiet of the early morning at Calvary and outside the tomb of the Resurrection. I, of course, remembered the priests and people of the Diocese in my time there. Thirdly, we also had Mass in Bethlehem at a Catholic altar, just next door to the Church of the Nativity. We know at every Mass we come to the manger, in adoration of God made man. Again, the geographical proximity to the place of Christ's birth reinforced this. Lastly, we were very blessed to stay the night at a retreat house on the Mount of Beatitudes. This gave us a great opportunity to overlook the Sea of Galilee, pray the Gospels and picture Christ walking in the hills, on the shore or in a boat. I hope my brief reflections will help to encourage anyone who is able to visit the holy sites some time in their life. It is a time full of blessings and brings alive the imagination when praying the scriptures. But if we are not able to go, we know we are not missing out because every time we go to Mass, we know we are truly present in the midst of Christ.

Richard Marsden



Denise Shakesby, Bishop Terry and Bob Shakesby

Bob Takes Step Towards Diaconate

Bob Shakesby took the next step on his journey to the Permanent Diaconate when Bishop Terry instituted him to the ministry of an Acolyte. The ceremony came during evening Mass in the Parish of St Margaret Clitherow in Haxby. Family members including his wife, Denise, supported Bob, who now becomes a Minister of Communion rather than an Extraordinary one. Visitors from Bob's own parish, St Anthony's and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull, and colleagues from the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese who are training to become Permanent Deacons also attended. St Margaret Clitherow parishioners kindly provided refreshments after the Mass.

LOURDES CORNER

Your Lourdes Stories...

Each month we're featuring stories in which Middlesbrough pilgrims tell their often deeply moving stories about the profound impact Lourdes had 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 share, please email Mary Lombard at thelombards@hotmail.com

A Brancardier's Story

Being faithful and fully committed to Christ can be a challenge for anyone, but I think this can be particularly true for young people.

It certainly can be said for me. The constant tapping and beeping of technology could stop me from hearing somebody in the same room as me, so how could I ever hear anything in my heart?

Three years ago, I came to Lourdes for the first time. Naïvely, I immediately concentrated on what I could do for the assisted pilgrims.

I didn't understand that what really mattered was what they were doing for us.

After three days in Lourdes, I realised that I had hardly spoken a single word. For a change, I had listened, deeply listened, to stories, homilies, scriptures and to myself. I had put myself in "silent mode".

I went to Lourdes thinking – hoping – I might make a difference to somebody's week, when in fact, it was me who came away different.

A Handmaid's Story

I say to people, "Lourdes is my happy place". But perhaps I should say, Lourdes was my signpost to "happy". For in truth, when I went to Lourdes two years ago, I felt lost and alone.

Having been brought up in the Catholic Church, prayer was an important part of my life growing up.

But when I became poorly with an eating disorder three years ago, I found it hard to pray. How could I ask for help when what I was doing day to day was hurting everyone around me, and hurting the body that I had been given?

How could I pray and ask for help when I was not helping myself, caught up in a web of self-destructive behaviour? I felt that beginning to pray would be the ultimate

hypocrisy, to ask for help, then not to accept it. For I was so sure in my belief that I could not get out of this. I felt too far along the road to return.

But one day, during Mass, I felt what I can only describe as an embrace. An embrace to me is comfort, strength and support, given without agenda.

After Mass, I felt I needed to visit the Grotto, and as I knelt down, I began to pray for the first time.

Of course I'd said prayers before, *Hail Marys* and *Our Fathers* before bed, prayers in Mass and at school, but in prayer, I had always been so caught up in the words I was meant to be saying, afraid of saying the wrong thing.

The night before, I had been talking to a priest about prayer, and how I found it so difficult, and he had said something that, at the time, had quite shocked me.

He told me that sometimes, he said something like, "Well today Lord, it's been pretty bad, and I'm feeling quite fed up with my lot."

But I began to realise, kneeling at the Grotto, what he had meant. Prayer is an invitation for God to enter into your world, and open up about your problems and worries. I had been so frightened of exposing my problems, that I turned them away from the light of God, and in doing so, turned myself away.

As I opened myself up, I felt overwhelmed, and I began to cry. I was so overjoyed because I realised that I would never be alone again. Only in opening up to God could I invite Him to walk alongside me in my struggle, and although I felt undeserving of love and forgiveness, it was there for me regardless, the most precious gift that I have ever received.

I saw that it was my own shame that had made me hide so much away, but I realised that God already knows, and He still loves unconditionally, if we let Him.

I mistook my feelings of loneliness for abandonment, but I was never alone, I had just failed to open myself up. In Lourdes I opened myself up, and I am healing. I am better than I have ever been and I am happier than I have ever been.

The shame that stopped me from praying has gone, because God loves me, and always has, He was just waiting for an invitation.



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Calling Former Endsleigh Students

Angela Brewer (nee Crisp) is trying to contact students of the 1962-1965 cohort with a view to organising a reunion to mark the 50th anniversary next summer of their graduation. Please contact her by email at angela.brewer@ntlworld.com as soon as possible.

Supper Raises Charity Funds

The Holy Cross Parish, Cottingham, Catholic Women's League Section raised £275 for the organisation's charities at their annual Autumn Feast. After a fish and chip supper, members and parishioners were entertained by a guest speaker, followed by a quiz.

Book Highlights Work Of SVP

A new book has been published highlighting some of the many lives that have been transformed thanks to the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP).

'Changing Lives' features real-life stories showing how volunteers have made a difference to vulnerable people and families.

The 120-page full-colour book contains more than 100 case studies, covering subjects such as isolation, deprivation, food poverty, crime, asylum, homelessness and addiction.

The stories are inspiring, concise, and offer an abundance of warmth and wisdom in showing what happens when volunteers organise themselves to help people in their local community.

SVP patron Ann Widdecombe says: "Whether it's loneliness, need or homelessness, the SVP has been changing lives for 180 years. This book tells just a few of the heart-warming stories of its magnificent achievement."

Changing Lives is available for a suggested donation of £5 plus postage and packaging. All proceeds will go towards the valuable charitable work of the SVP, helping alleviate the suffering of people in need.

To order, call the SVP National Office on 020 7703 3030.

The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need, irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender, and has 10,000 members in England and Wales.

Community Hub Launches

Bishop Terry spoke warmly about the role of the John Paul Centre when he attended the launch of a new Community Hub at the popular Middlesbrough venue.

Volunteer-led community organisation Investing in People and Culture (IPC) will use the Grange Road centre as a base for its activities.

The Bishop told guests the John Paul Centre's longstanding tradition of helping those in greatest need was close to his heart.

The event attracted representatives from a wide range of organisations including Teesside University and Cleveland Police.

It promoted the centre, which is home to the Redemptorist Community, as one of the pillars of the region's charitable and volunteer sector.

Guests were served a wide variety of foods, including Arabian and Romanian.

Afterwards, Stephen Merckx, of John Paul Community Centre, spoke about its future role serving the most vulnerable communities of Middlesbrough by supporting volunteer organisations such as IPC.

Bini Araia gave a presentation on IPC's vision for developing its role in partnership with other organisations and companies in the Middlesbrough area.



Bini Araia outlines IPC's vision

ipc Investing in People & Culture

Project worker Terry Doyle then introduced the Positive Pathways Out Of Homelessness initiative, which addresses one of the most critical problems facing vulnerable people in Middlesbrough, finding a safe place to live.

John Hinman emphasised the benefit of so

many groups working together and said there is a commitment to sharing expertise between successful initiatives such as Together Middlesbrough and the IPC Community Hub.

Tributes Paid To Saltburn Parishoner

Pat Straight, who has died aged 89, was a lifelong worshipper at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Saltburn.

She was born on December 8 1924, four years before the foundation stone was laid, and worshipped all her life at the church.

Pat, who worked in the goods yard of British Rail at Loftus and Middlesbrough, married Dennis Straight at the church in 1948.

She took an active part in Saltburn's social life, joining the Methodist Women's Fellowship, the Townswomen's Guild and being a regular at the Methodists' Saturday morning coffee functions.

Monsignor Ricardo Morgan, who conducted Pat's funeral Mass, recalled that she was an active parishioner and was a well-known figure for walking round the town with her husband.

Pat and Dennis had two sons, John and Peter, and a granddaughter, Helen.

A small plaque dedicated to Pat's mother, Mrs Pennock, can be seen in the front row at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. It is the only plaque of its type remaining from the 1930s. It was fixed on to the bench to show that the seat was reserved.

Michael Morrissey

Pope Blesses Hull Newlyweds

Newly married couple Angie Barron and Patrick Gallagher were blessed by Pope Francis when they spent the first part of their honeymoon in Rome.

Angie and Patrick are pictured during their marriage at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel Church in Hull.

It was the first time Parish Priest Father John O'Gara had married two parishioners in their own church in his ten years there. Angie's parents, Bernadette and Paul, were also married in the church, in 1973.

They received a Papal Blessing – as Angie's parents, grandparents and elder sister also had – but Pope Francis then delivered a further blessing in person when they attended a ceremony along with other newlyweds on Wednesday September 17 2014.

Ged's Quick Quiz

Answer the questions then come up with the connection between them all.

Connection question

1. Which 1980s TV detective was played by Tyne Daly?
2. Name the 1996 film about the life of pianist David Helfgott.
3. Which current Republic of Ireland footballer has controversially refused to wear a poppy on his shirt?
4. Name the cloth made in the Outer Hebrides and protected by a 1993 Act of Parliament.
5. Which US talkshow host was born in an Irish Catholic family in Massachusetts in 1963 and rose to fame on Saturday Night Live?

Connection:

Thinking cap question

Which three American states begin with the letter W?

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Seafarers' Award For Dedicated Tony

Retiring Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) chaplain Tony McAvoy has been presented with a prestigious award in recognition of his dedication to seafarers.

Tony, who spent 16 years as AoS Port Chaplain and Tees and Hartlepool and North East regional co-ordinator, received the Service to Seafarers' Welfare Award at a ceremony in London.

The honour is given by the Merchant Navy Welfare Board (MNWB), an umbrella organisation of maritime societies and charities.

It was presented by MNWB chairman Robert Jones at their biennial Seafarers' Welfare Conference.

Captain David Parsons, chief executive of the MNWB, said: "Tony has been recognised for his pivotal contribution to AoS and seafarers' welfare, not just in the North East, but nationally and indeed internationally.

"Tony has recruited, managed and supported an excellent team of volunteer ship visitors, parish contacts and local supporters.

"He is passionate about the need to uphold the rights and dignity of seafarers. He will be missed by his colleagues, volunteers and all those who work with him."

In addition to his work in the North East, Tony helped to establish teams of AoS volunteer ship visitors at the ports of Sharpness in Gloucestershire and in Gibraltar.

He was conferred with the Bene Merenti Medal from the Pope for his work with AoS by Bishop Seamus Cunningham at the Apostleship of the Sea sixth Annual Pilgrimage to Holy Island in 2009.

The MNWB exists to support members in their provision of quality welfare services for seafarers and their dependants.

For more information about AoS, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Robert Jones (left), chairman of the MNWB, presents the Service to Seafarers' Welfare Award 2014, an engraved crystal glass bowl, to Tony McAvoy – Photo by Andrew Linington



New Port Chaplain Appointed



Deacon Peter Barrigan visiting ships

Deacon Peter Barrigan has been appointed as the new Apostleship of the Sea Port Chaplain for Tees and Hartlepool, succeeding Tony McAvoy.

Peter has been a long time AoS supporter and volunteer and with their support undertook an Ecumenical Course in Chaplaincy at Ushaw College and subsequently completed a Diploma in Evangelisation Studies at the Maryvale Institute in London.

He then embarked upon Diaconate Formation and was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Seamus Cunningham in the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese in July 2012.

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NEWS

Talk Reveals Pioneering Priest

The pioneering work of Dominican priest Father Marie-Joseph Lagrange was explored in a recent talk at Cleveland Newman Circle.

Father Richard Taylor spoke on *The Revival of Catholic Biblical Scholarship*, looking at how Father Marie-Joseph founded the *Ecole Biblique* in 1890 to study scripture on “historical-critical” principles.

Although common among Protestant scholars, this approach was revolutionary for the Catholic Church, examining not just biblical texts but also the literary forms of related languages, cultural influences, history and archaeology.

However, Father Marie-Joseph was never honoured in his lifetime and was silenced by Pope Pius X, causing him to cease his writing.

Since his death in 1938 his achievements have been vindicated. In 1943, Pius XII honoured his work in *Divino Afflante Spiritu* and in 1993 John Paul II gave him full rehabilitation in *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*.

Many Vatican II documents, as well as the translation we know as *The Jerusalem Bible*, are founded on his work. The whole Ecumenical Movement began with the co-operation of biblical scholars from different denominations.

Today, Father Marie-Joseph is honoured as *Venerabilis* and on the road to canonisation. Now based at Boarbank Hall, Father Richard began his teaching career at Ushaw, followed by 30 years at the Beda College in Rome.

The Cleveland Newman Circle has now hosted three events at their new venue of the Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall.

The 2015 session begins on Wednesday February 25 with *The Joy of the Gospel*, a talk on Pope Francis’s apostolic exhortation by Kathryn Turner. For more information, please contact Judith Brown on (01642) 814977 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net

Parishes Of Hope

Speaker Frank McDermott gave an inspiring account of how a parish can function in the absence of a resident priest when he visited York Branch of the Newman Association.

The former headteacher and Director of Schools for the Diocese of Hallam explained how the Doncaster Deanery’s ‘Parishes of Hope’ programme is developing new and effective forms of collaborative ministry.

Frank’s own parish – Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth – serves as the centre for seven other villages in the area and has been without its own priest for much of the last 20 years.

The position has now been made

permanent and the presbytery sold, with the money providing much-needed facilities such as toilets and meeting rooms.

Apart from the weekly Saturday evening Mass, celebrated by a visiting priest, Our Lady’s manages without a priest.

With a keen sense of mission, parishioners have devised various ways of making Our Lady’s a place of welcome and has established a ‘Parish in Council’, which is open to all.

The talk’s constant theme was that no one is more important than anyone else in a Catholic parish and that each of us has a unique role to play.

POVERTY IS STUDY DAY THEME

Around 40 Union of Catholic Mothers members and friends attended a stimulating study day on the theme of poverty, hosted by St Aelred’s Foundation, York.

The day began with Mass celebrated by UCM Middlesbrough Diocese chaplain Father Bill Serplus, followed by presentations on York Foodbank and the work of the SVP.

After lunch guests heard speakers from the Citizens Advice Bureau on debt management and then the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust.

The UCM Diocesan president, Hilda Carney, thanked organiser Sarah Sheils, study day officer for the Diocese.

Elizabeth Dunn



Organiser Sarah Sheils and SVP president Pat Nobbs

Arab World In Focus

The Justice and Peace Commission will welcome Doctor Chris Davidson, Reader in Middle East Politics in the School of Government and International Affairs at Durham University, as this month’s speaker. Chris is a modern history graduate from Cambridge and his postgraduate MLitt and PhD were in political science at St Andrew’s. He has lived and worked in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Beirut. He is also a fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy.

He is an acclaimed author and his latest book, *After the Sheiks*, was named by the Foreign Policy Association in its list of ‘The Most Significant Books of 2013’. The talk is entitled ‘The Arab World in Turmoil: Monarchies, Republics and Revolutions.’ The meeting will be held at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday January 24 at 10am for 10.30am and will conclude with a shared lunch.

All are welcome.

NEW SVP CLOTHES BANK OPENS

Donations are requested for a new St Vincent de Paul Society Clothes Bank and the charity’s two community shops.

The new SVP Clothes Bank is beside the Sacred Heart Church on Linthorpe Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. This central location has a space to park briefly to donate items.

Clothing and household items can also be donated to the shops at 22-24 Rothbury Road, Berwick Hills, Middlesbrough, TS3 7NW, telephone (01642) 246653 and 100 High Street, Redcar, TS10 3DL, telephone (01642) 497164.

For more information about the work of the SVP, please visit <http://svp.org.uk>

The BIG Sing Liturgy Thing

St Mary’s Cathedral in Middlesbrough will be transformed on Wednesday January 28 for the BIG Sing Liturgy Thing.

The event will be led by cjm music, who you might know from hymns such as *Bread of Life* and the music at the Podium Mass in Lourdes.

Students in Key Stage 2 across the Teesside area are invited to join MYMission for this exciting day. Members of the cjm music team have designed the BIG Sing Liturgy Thing as a feast of music, song, prayer, sign language, dance and liturgy.

The format is borne out of more than 10 years’ experience leading music and liturgy in a variety of settings, with people of all ages. The event involves a full band, two dancers, audio-visual presentation and a full lighting and PA system.

The objective is to give young people an experience of vibrant, dynamic worship. But it is more than a jamboree of song, and draws on cjm music’s understanding and experience of the liturgical tradition and contemporary liturgical music. To find out more about cjm music, please visit their website at <http://www.cjmmusic.com>

Format of the Day:

10am	Arrival of schools
10.30am	The Big Sing
	Introduction of team, songs, dance, prayer and activities
11.10am	Dance workshop
11.50am	Lunch (and liturgy preparation)
	– all participants need to bring a packed lunch
1pm	Gathering
	Songs to focus students and prepare for the liturgy
1.15pm	The Liturgy Thing
2.15pm	End

The event will best benefit students in years four, five and six. The cost of The BIG Sing Liturgy Thing is £6 per child and places are limited. For more information or to book, schools should contact Louise Williams by email at louisewilliams@mymission.org.uk or by telephone (01642) 825948.

Louise Williams



Church Encourages Organ Donation

The Catholic Church has given its backing to the Flesh and Blood campaign, which encourages Christians to donate blood and organs.

Speaking in his role as chair of the Department of Christian Responsibility and Citizenship of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Archbishop of Southwark, The Most Reverend Peter Smith, said assisting medical science in this way is an act of Christian generosity.

He said: "In the words of Pope John Paul II, 'We should rejoice that medicine, in its service of life, has found in organ transplantation a new way of serving the human family.'

"The Catholic Church is clear that, in itself, it is a good and meritorious thing freely to donate our organs after we are dead.

"Even while we are alive, actions such as giving blood can be a powerful expression of human solidarity and of Christian charity.

"Such actions can help build a culture of life, a culture in which life is cherished. For this reason I welcome initiatives such as Flesh and Blood, which encourages people to think of serving others in this way, as a form of Christian charity."

Archbishop Smith drew attention to the publication of a major report of the ethics of organ donation produced by an international group of clinicians, philosophers and

theologians convened by the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, in Oxford.

The report aims to set out the ethical requirements that must be met if transplant medicine is to achieve its true end, and merit the support of Catholics and others.

The same day Archbishop Smith made the announcement, Pope Francis described the act of organ donation as "a testimony of love for our neighbour" when he met with the Transplantation Committee for the Council of Europe (CD-P-TO) in Rome.

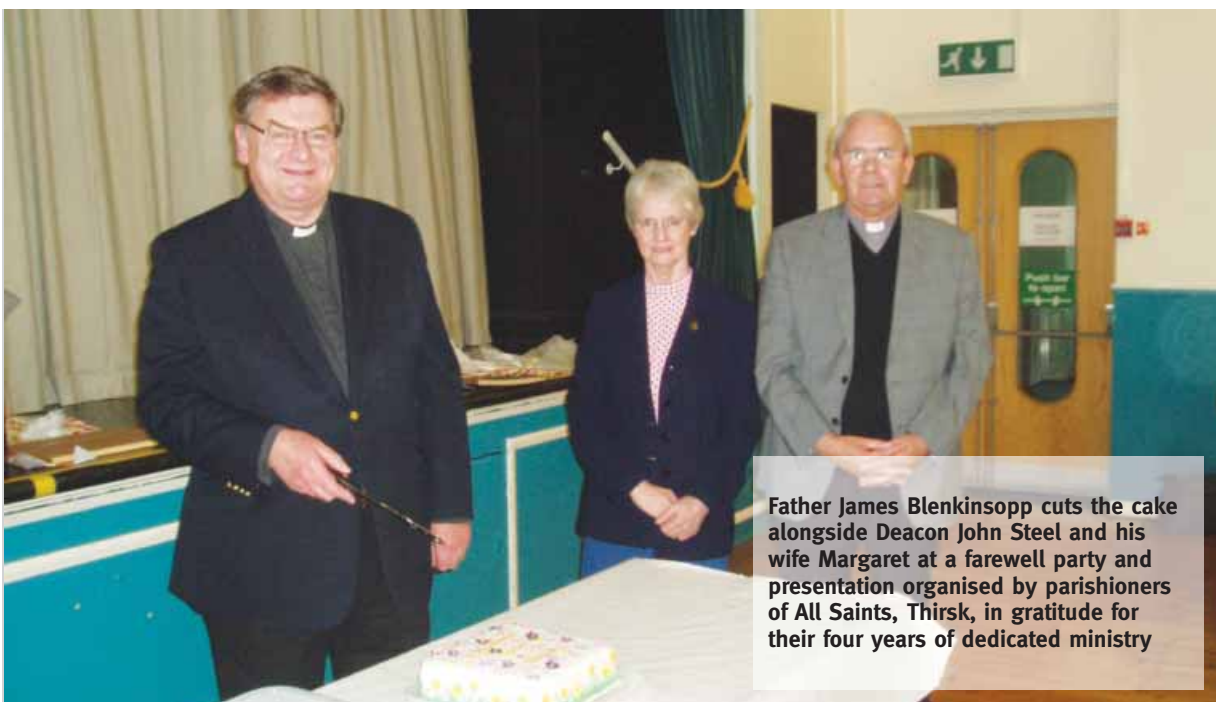


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Pilgrims Visit Lancashire Shrine

Canon David Grant led parishioners from Our Lady and St Peter, Bridlington, on a four-day pilgrimage to Lancashire. The group stayed at Whalley Abbey, pictured in the background, and visited Lancaster Castle, where many of the Lancashire martyrs were tried and put to death. The pilgrimage also included guided tours and the celebration of Mass at Stonyhurst College and St Mary's, Femyhalgh, which has the shrine of Our Lady and the Martyrs attached to it.



Father James Blenkinsopp cuts the cake alongside Deacon John Steel and his wife Margaret at a farewell party and presentation organised by parishioners of All Saints, Thirsk, in gratitude for their four years of dedicated ministry

Preparations Begin For Prom Praise

Singers are invited to get involved in preparations for an ambitious Last Night of the Proms-style event in York in October.

A choir formed from churches of all denominations will join Archbishop John Sentamu at the city's Barbican for Prom Praise York, an evening of live music, word and worship, in October.

Conductor Noël Tredinnick will lead a singing day in York on Saturday January 17. Singers aged nine to 99 are invited to come and benefit from Noël's expertise in using music to enhance worship.

Fittingly for the season of Epiphany and the approaching festival of Candlemas, music will be based around the theme 'The Light of Christ'.

The day will culminate in an interdenominational candlelit service led by the Reverend Jeremy Fletcher, Vicar of Beverley Minster, using the music learnt.

The cost for the day, which is hosted by St Luke's Church, Burton Stone Lane, York, is £12 per singer (£3 for under 18s).

All profits will go to support Prom Praise York with the All Souls Orchestra at York Barbican on Saturday October 3.

Further information is available from Mike Parish on (01904) 499670 or email Helen Warry: info@prompraiseyork.org.uk

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Year For Consecrated Life Begins

The National Office for Vocation (NOV) has produced a new film entitled ‘Consecrated Life: Men and Women Religious Tell Their Stories’, which is available via Vimeo and YouTube.

NOV director Father Christopher Jamison said: “There has been a marked increase in the numbers of people enquiring about religious life in this country.

“We are currently training people to be vocation guides to assist them and others as they seek to discern their vocation.”

The Compass project is planning a series of special events around the country for young people interested in exploring a call to religious life, including weekends in monasteries.

Details can be found at ukreligiouslife.org Announcing the Year for Consecrated Life, which began in Advent, the start of the Church’s year, Pope Francis said: “Religious should be men and women able to wake up the world.”

Cardinal Shocked At Gaza Visit

Cardinal Vincent Nichols described what he saw on his first visit to Gaza as “traumatic” and “shocking”.

Seeing first-hand the small Palestinian territory, scarred by the 50-day war between Israel and Hamas, Cardinal Nichols said: “I was told that more or less 50% of the people of Gaza have had their houses damaged or destroyed in this conflict.

“There was very little constructive economic activity I could see. Many factories seemed to have been destroyed.

“Poverty is a deep problem – especially when the birth rate is so high in Gaza – a whole generation of people are growing up in these circumstances.”

Cardinal Nichols celebrated Mass for the Catholic community of around 150 people at the Holy Family parish in Gaza City and visited an orphanage run by the Sisters of Mother Teresa where 38 children and babies are cared for.

Finally, the Cardinal visited the Rosary School, run by the Sisters of the Rosary, a kindergarten and an elementary school for about 800 pupils – the majority Muslims.

Call For Better Bible Understanding

The Bishop with oversight of the work of evangelisation in England and Wales has highlighted the need to recruit and train more people to read confidently in public and understand the Bible better.

The Bishop of Plymouth, The Right Reverend Mark O’Toole, Chair of the Bishops’ Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, said: “The Bible is a treasure in Catholic life in which God speaks to men and women in a human way. The Word of God is vital to our life and mission.

“There is already a generous network of people in parishes across England and Wales who read the Scriptures at Sunday Mass and we are all grateful for their generous service. In recognising this, we need to challenge the quality of reading in Church and the individual reader’s depth of understanding.”

Our Duty As Vocations Directors

At the end of last year, I was given a really powerful image that helped me get to grips with some of what I was being asked to do in the role of Vocations Director. I need images sometimes, it must be the way my head works. If I can get an image in my head then the rest of all I am supposed to do falls into place.

So the image was of a certain man who someone suggested to me should be the Patron Saint of Vocations Directors. That man is St Joseph. As you read this at the beginning of January, maybe even still in Christmastide, it seems a great image to put before you all, my brothers and sisters in the Diocese. We have spent the last little while contemplating the miracle of the Child Jesus in the manger at Bethlehem and we tend to only notice those entrusted with his care and formation in passing. In fact, we know very little about St Joseph. Of course, that is the way it should be. If you are a parent you will know the joy of taking a supporting role as the world is introduced to your children. But don’t underestimate the contribution of Joseph. He must have been a man of great faith, ready to trust and play his part. He must have also been a man aware of his own shortcomings and possibly frightened when faced with the task he is given. How on earth could anyone help Jesus be ready for what lay ahead of him? Perhaps that mixture of both great self-awareness and trust is what makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Patron Saint of Vocations Directors.

You may well be reading this and wondering why I am writing about this. Do I want you all to feel sorry for me? Am I trying to get you all to realise what a hard job I have? No! Not at all. I am writing about this because of one simple truth, which I hope you can all contemplate and own: Everyone in the Diocese, all of us, you and me, we are all Vocations Directors. At the risk of sounding a little condescending, please do take that role very seriously. As you help those around you, especially your children, grow in life and in faith, keep them close to God. Give them time to hear his voice and encourage them to seek true happiness and freedom. That doesn’t just happen by accident. You play your part, often trusting in God and aware of your own shortcomings. We know very little about St Joseph, but we know his Son was a man who had learned the joy of putting others first, of standing up for the poor and needy and the freedom of being able to stand for something the world had lost. We know very little about St Joseph, but we know his Son was a man who had been taught to love others with all his heart. We know very little about St Joseph, but we know his Son was prepared to live his life for others, to the very end. We are all Vocations Directors. We all want happiness and fulfilment for our young people. That can never happen in isolation. The wholeness of the individual is never accomplished by ignoring the community. That’s why family life is so important. Your



family is at the heart of the Church, it is at the heart of letting the world know it is loved by God, not in a detached way, but in a way that makes a living, breathing difference to those who need the Good News to be a tangible reality in their lives. We are all Vocations Directors and it is up to us to form the next generation of saints.

Father Paul Farrer

Life In Christ

MYMission is teaming up with the Diocesan Vocations Service to launch a new fortnightly gathering to help young people explore their faith.

‘Life in Christ’ will run every two weeks starting in January at St Thomas More Presbytery, Middlesbrough.

Aimed at older teenagers, the gatherings will include a time of prayer and a discussion based on a short video presentation.

Beginning at 7.30pm each evening and ending at 9pm, the aim is to create a relaxed atmosphere where young people can explore their faith and deepen their understanding.

If you would like to know more about how you or your parish group can take part, please contact frpaul@mymission.org.uk



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YOUTH

Is MYMission For You?

MYMission needs you! The Diocesan Youth Mission Team works with a huge number of young people each year, but we can't do any of it without young adult volunteers who are willing to give an academic year to God and others.

Will you be 18-plus by September next year? Do you have what it takes to help others explore their faith while you do the same thing? We are very proud of all of the Team members who have been with us over our first five years.

They have all gone on to other things with strong faith and a skill set enhanced by a year of challenging and wonderful experiences. Could you be one of the next members of MYMission?

"I want to say thank you for this year," said one of our volunteers. "The Team didn't just help me realise that God had a plan for me, they are the reason I know he has a plan.

"It's crazy how you can spend every day in a place not thinking much of it, but when you look back you realise they were the best, most helpful, healing days of your life so far."

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MYMission has become very important to another member: "People often wonder where they would be without a mobile phone or the internet. That's what the Team is like to me. Before the Team, I got by. Now I do have it, I couldn't imagine life without it!"

So if it is for you, what will life be like? Well, it's hard work, community living and a lot of working out what God is saying to you so that you can share the Good News with others.

Every day is an adventure, sometimes a bit of a slog up the mountain or through the jungle, other times a wonderful celebration of all that is good about a life centred on the service of others.

If you'd like to come and see what life is like on the Team, just email frpaul@mymission.org.uk

A Happy Double Whammy!

Each year on the Feast of Christ the King, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates young people and the gifts they bring to the Church. This day is National Youth Sunday.

Parishes celebrate with music, prayer and testimonies led by young people during their Sunday Masses. MYMission went a step further this time, celebrating Youth Friday.

Coined by our friends at YMT in Hexham and Newcastle Diocese, Youth Friday celebrates young people in the Church through their schools.

Almost 600 Key Stage four students from all of our secondary schools filled St Mary's Cathedral for an afternoon celebration titled 'How Happy Are You?', taken from the national theme and resources produced by the National Office for Vocations.

During the afternoon, we unpacked what it means to be truly happy or even blessed through a variety of presentations. Bishop Terry welcomed the young people and told them what it is that makes him happy.

Andy Preston, an entrepreneur and chair of local charity Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation, encouraged the young people to be ambitious, telling them they can achieve anything they want to if they work hard.

Andy also talked about putting others first through charity – something he himself has found great joy in doing.

Joe Hammill of local band Cattle & Cane gave a testimony on finding happiness through music and songwriting, especially at times of particular hardship. Joe performed one of his own songs, *Send Me The Right Way*, which he wrote about God's never-ending love.

Christian theatre company, Rise Theatre, delivered a very memorable and animated production on joy and happiness, *The Rise and Shine Breakfast Show*.

The special Youth Friday edition of the show featured a weather report on "joy clouds", which were hovering over the Cathedral, a field report from Peter Pippin, a taster of the new fitness

craze "Get Fit, Get Happy" from Motivation Mike and a report on new research on finding happiness by Professor Iva Bigbrain.

Father Paul Farrer praised the input from RISE and our speakers.

"John and Hannah of RISE Theatre were a brilliant addition to the work of the MYMission Team," he said.

"Their skill and expertise really did have the young people entertained, engaged and thinking about their own personal happiness, while Andy Preston, Bishop Terry and Joe Hammill spoke powerfully about finding happiness by concentrating on the contentment of others.

"Youth Friday is a pragmatic response to the reality that many of the young people of our Diocese will not be in Church on National Youth Sunday.

"We encouraged all in the Cathedral on Friday to find their way to Church, but in the meantime we will continue to try to meet them where they are so that they have many opportunities to hear and engage with the Good News and experience the Joy of the Gospel."

As a new venture for the Diocese, the Mission Team were delighted with the day and the support from our secondary schools.

Thank you to our speakers who gave their time so generously. Special thanks to Jonny Rees who provided beautiful music, Monsignor Gerard, Father James, Mandy and the Cathedral Parish for their kind hospitality, Kingdom Services, who provided sound and vision, and our secondary schools and chaplains for supporting the day.

Most importantly, thank you to the young people themselves for attending.

Father Paul said: "It was a great event, which had the support of all of the secondary schools of the Diocese. There was a real sense in which we came together as a Diocesan family for the good of our young people and they really did appreciate it."

Youth Friday 2015 is on November 20 and we will certainly be planning a similar event.

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ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2015

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Attending National Vocations fundraising event 7.00 pm

13

Attending CES and Departmental Meeting at Eccleston Square, London 10.30 am

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Attending Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am

20/21

Attending Standing Committee meeting at Eccleston Square, London

22

Meeting with Mark Molden, Chief Executive of Marriage Care, and Canon Derek Turnham at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.00 am

Attending Catholic Students' Society meeting at the University of York 7.30 pm

27

Attending Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office 11.00 am

29

Attending CSAN meeting, London 12 noon

4 Sunday

11.30 am

Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

12.00 pm

Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

6.00 pm

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5 Monday

Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the February issue of Voice must be received by today

6 Tuesday

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 Cathedral Chapel

7 Wednesday

6.30 pm

The Secular Franciscan Order meet every first Wednesday of the month at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, Tel: (01904) 470041 for further details

8 Thursday

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

Ark, the Pastoral Support Group for people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Catherine Marshall, Tel: (01642) 877936 for venue and other details

9 Friday

2.00 pm

Scarborough Medjugorje Prayer Group. Contact Joan Salt, Tel: (01723) 363321 for further details including venue

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in the small chapel at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details

7.30 pm

Medjugorje Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, Talk, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Bible study in the Church Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: (01904) 795605 for further details

11 Sunday

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Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road,

Redcar, TS10 1SH

12.00 pm

Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

4.00 pm

Young Catholic Adults Sunday Mass and Meal for those aged 18+ at Mission House, St Thomas More Church, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact: Dom Finn, E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details

6.00 pm

Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01642) 818203 for further details

6.00 pm

Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

12 Monday

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

'God in all things: St Benedict's way' led by Rev Kevin Hayden OSB at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

7.30 pm

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

13 Tuesday

12.45 pm

Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull for a Business Meeting

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

ASCENT Group, York West meets at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly Room

7.30 pm

The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

14 Wednesday

10.30 am

The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the Morning Mass

10.30 am

The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet

2.30 pm

Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

15 Thursday

The Cleveland Newman Circle

meet for their New Year Lunch. Contact: Judith Brown, Tel: (01642) 814977 for further details

9.00 am - 12 noon

Back Care Group - Line dancing - at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

'Life in Christ' - an opportunity for young people to explore their faith and deepen their understanding at St Thomas More's Presbytery, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact: Fr Paul Farrer, E-mail: frpaul@mymission.org.uk for further details

16 Friday

7.00 pm

The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet after 6.00 pm Mass at St Stephen's Pastoral Centre, Hull

7.30 pm

Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact: Steve Evans, Tel: 07800 697975 or E-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk Further details at http://readingthesumma.blogspot.co.uk

17 Saturday

A singing day in York in preparation for Prom Praise, based around the theme 'The Light of Christ', conducted by Noël Tredinnick, to be held at St Luke's Church, Burton Stone Lane, York. Cost: £12.00 per singer (£3.00 for under 18s). Contact: Mike Parish, Tel: (01904) 499670 or Helen Warry, E-mail: info@prompraiseyork.org.uk for further details including timing for this event

7.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Irish Association meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

18 Sunday

11.30 am

Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

12.00 pm

Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

3.00 pm

Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Francis of Assisi, Acklam, Middlesbrough

6.00 pm

Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

19 Monday

10.00 am - 3.30 pm

'The Body and Prayer' led by Anne Harrison at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

7.30 pm

The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Dr Susan O'Brien entitled 'God's geese in God's own county: The Daughters of Charity in Yorkshire 1857-2000' at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

20 Tuesday

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

'Reflecting on Helen Luke's book Old Age' led by Rev Sheila Fletcher at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

HENS Hull and East Riding New Stitchers meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

24 Saturday

10.00 am for 10.30 am

'The Arab World in Turmoil: monarchies, republics and revolutions' - Middlesbrough Justice and Peace Commission presents a talk by Dr Chris Davidson for its January meeting at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Concludes with a shared lunch, all welcome

11.30 am

The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Branch Meeting will be held at Our Lady's, Acomb, York commencing with Mass at 11.30 am

25 Sunday

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27 Tuesday

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'The Mystery of the Painted Life' led by Sr Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

5.30 pm - 7.30 pm 'History of Tridentine Catholicism' - lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Dr Simon Ditchfield (York University) as part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Drinks reception at 5.30 pm, lecture commences at 6.00 pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: James Kelly, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk for further details

28 Wednesday

12.45 pm - 3.00 pm ASCENT Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after the 12.10 pm Mass
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm ME and CFS Self-Help Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

29 Thursday

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm 'Life in Christ' - an opportunity for young people to explore their faith and deepen their understanding at St Thomas More's Presbytery, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact: Fr Paul Farrer, E-mail: frpaul@mymission.org.uk for further details
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30 Friday

7.00 pm Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Everyone welcome. Contact: Pat, Tel: (01482) 802483 for further details

30 - 1 Friday - Sunday

'The Letters to the Philippians' - a retreat led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY:

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5 Thursday

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'The Three That Go

Together - a Look at the Synoptic Gospels: The Origin of the Gospel' led by Sr Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

6 Friday

Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the March issue of Voice must be received by today
7.00 pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

7 Saturday

10.00 am - 3.30 pm 'Prayer and Thought' led by Dr Sandra Bhattacharji at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
2.00 pm Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture. Concludes with Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4.00 pm. All welcome. Contact: Patricia Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for further details
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) 342779 for further details

8 Sunday

11.30 am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
12.00 pm Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF
6.00 pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

ADVANCE NOTICES:

9-11 February: National Conference for Rural Catholics at the Best Western Country Hotel and Golf Club, Garstang, Lancashire. Contact: Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01747) 870228, E-mail: rwhm274@btinternet.com or visit www.ruralcatholics.org.uk for further details
7 March: Flame 2 at Wembley Arena, London. £20 per person 'ticket and travel deal' for school and parish groups. Contact Dom Finn, MYMission Youth Service Co-ordinator, Tel: (01642) 825948 or E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details and to book tickets
14-15 March: MYMission Taster Weekend. Contact: Fr Paul Farrer, Tel: (01642) 825948 or E-mail: frpaul@mymission.org.uk for further details

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7.30 pm

Wednesdays

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7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

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VOCATIONS

Concert Boosts MYMission Team

Teesside band Cattle & Cane added *How Great Thou Art*, *Silent Night* and *Jerusalem* to their repertoire for a special concert in St Bernadette's Church, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough.

The event was organised by parishioner Barney Ord and raised around £1,500 for the MYMission Team.

Guests enjoyed cheese and wine in the interval and an entertaining set that also included more familiar Cattle & Cane songs such as *Infant Hercules*.

"I'm delighted with the support we are receiving from the Parishioners of St Bernadette's," said Father Paul Farrer.

"They show a real interest in our work and are keen to learn about what we do. They have befriended us as well as supporting us financially, and that's really important. I am very grateful for that."

"Cattle & Cane are a great part of the story of our Diocese. Thornaby Catholics born and raised, lead singer Joe has helped with a few

Missions and I know the rest of the band call him Cliff Richard as a result!

"Of course, their not so big secret is that faith is a part of all of their lives. They can't stop playing concerts in churches and now they even sing hymns, and it's brilliant!"

"MYMission is really grateful for their support and friendship too. I'd like to thank everyone involved for their continued support of all we try to do for the young people of our Diocese."

Cattle & Cane are made up of four siblings, former Pope Idol contestant Joe Hammill on guitar and lead vocals, Helen Hammill on lead vocals and keys, Fran Hammill on electric guitar and Vinny Hammill on bass, plus drummer Tom Chapman.

Their debut album is due to go on sale shortly.



Quiz Answers

Connection question: 1. Mary Beth Lacey; 2. Shine; 3. James McClean; 4. Harris Tweed; 5. Conan O'Brien. Connection - Bishops of Middlesbrough (Richard Lacy, Thomas Shine, John Gerard McClean, Augustine Harris and Kevin O'Brien).

Thinking cap question: Wisconsin, West Virginia, Wyoming.

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