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The Joy of the Gospel in action: with tables all set, members of St Andrew's Youth Club, who served 102 people a three course Christmas dinner, pose for the camera before their guests arrive with youth leaders and helpers. Turn to page 5 for details



Bishop's Column

In Preparation for the Synod on 'Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelisation'

As you will know, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, called for a worldwide consultation in preparation for the forthcoming Synod on the Challenges to Family Life. The responses to the consultation reveal among the people of our Diocese a great wealth of wisdom, compassion, loyalty, confusion, sadness, frustration, honesty, humility and optimism. Most Catholics are convinced of the ideal of marriage as a lifelong faithful commitment between a man and a woman which is open to new life. Many find themselves unable to live this ideal for various reasons, whether of their own making or not. The consultation reveals the love and compassion of many people who are making the best of less than ideal situations and the pain and anguish of some who have been bruised and battered in their experience of the Church. It also shows that many intelligent and thoughtful people disagree with some aspects of Church teaching in this area.

The data was collected in different ways. Most came from an online "survey" using Survey Monkey. About 150 completed a form, either word processed or handwritten, including 49 who used a simplified version of the questionnaire (from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton or from Newman University). These were all reviewed either as Word or PDF electronic documents or in hard copy. A few respondents responded in letter or essay form, often limiting themselves to only a few of the questions.

The responses were first reviewed by about 13 collators, each taking a section of the questionnaire. After this, the data was brought together by a co-ordinator, Sue Westmacott, Pastoral Assistant at Ss Leonard & Mary, Malton. The report represents the collators' summaries of the data they reviewed, all then brought together and edited by the co-ordinator. This was all sent to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to inform the national submission to the Congregation which is preparing the basic discussion papers for the Synod later this year. I am very grateful for the work and efforts of all those involved especially given the short notice and the time of the year - immediately preceding Christmas! Below is a summary of the more salient points.

Promotion of positive teaching

The Church's teaching on marriage and family life contains an enormous fund of wisdom to offer to its people and to the world. These positive aspects should be promoted in ways which are accessible to all, so that people are encouraged to aspire to live in ways which foster human flourishing.

In this edition of *Catholic Voice*, we are printing part one of a series of reflections on *Evangelii Gaudium*, the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis by Deacon Vince Purcell, the Adult Formation and Evangelisation Advisor for the Diocese of Middlesbrough. This first reflection is entitled 'A Joy Ever New, A Joy Which is Shared'.

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Bishop's Column

Re-examination of the theology of human sexuality

A radical re-examination of the theology of human sexuality in the light of modern psychological and anthropological insights, together with the lived experience of lay people in many forms of family relationships, could lead to development in Church teaching on all aspects of marriage and family life: contraception, homosexuality, divorce and re-marriage, co-habitation; even the position of women in the Church.

Relationship between Church and people

The Church can be a collaborative community of fellow pilgrims where all humbly walk alongside each other. When Church leaders are in touch with their people as they live their lives, understanding the stresses, strains and temptations they encounter, they can truly minister Christ to their flock.

Development of pastoral solutions

The Church has to hold in tension its imperative to proclaim the high Christian ideals to which all should aspire with its desire at the same time to welcome with love and compassion those whose lives are complicated and messy. A careful discussion of this dichotomy could yield pastoral solutions in the areas of family life where many are struggling, enabling the Church more readily to welcome and include these people.

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The Joy of the Gospel

We always knew that the Year of Faith would reach its climax on the Feast of Christ the King in November 2013 - Pope Benedict told us so in 2011 when he first invited us to dedicate ourselves to new ways of encountering Jesus Christ. What none of us could have known or foreseen was that this climax would be marked by the publication of the first Apostolic Exhortation of our new Pope.

Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel - is a document designed to transform the missionary activity of the Church, first and foremost by helping us to transform the way that we think of ourselves as Christians.

The key to this transformation is indeed the rediscovery of JOY - this is spelt out in the title, of course, but the whole document - as some people say these days - is designed to do "what it says on the tin"! The word "joy" is used by the Holy Father at least 96 times in sentences that are simple, direct and often pithy. At a very early stage of the document, Pope Francis warns us that "there are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter" and he counsels us to avoid the temptation "to find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met".

Vatican documents are not always the easiest texts to read and digest but the language used by Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* is very engaging - I certainly can't think of any similar document that uses such down to earth words as "sourpuss" to describe what Pope Francis calls "one of the more serious temptations"! We must never, says Pope Francis, look like "someone who has just come back from a funeral". Of course, the Holy Father is quick to acknowledge that there are real and profound difficulties in life and that these will inevitably affect our level of day to day happiness. He expresses understanding for the grief of anyone who experiences great suffering yet he insists that true joy always endures because "when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved".

Recognising that we are indeed "infinitely loved" takes us right back to Pope Benedict's purpose in asking us to mark a Year of Faith in the first place - it was so that we might enter into a new and closer encounter with Jesus. Pope Francis develops this idea by explaining that such an encounter will liberate us from "our narrowness and

self-absorption" and so become the source of our true joy. This encounter with Jesus is made possible, of course, because God always takes the initiative and because God "has loved us first". The Holy Father makes it clear that God never regrets taking that first step and that He is always ready to persevere in reaching out to us. "Let me say this once more," writes Pope Francis, "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."

Since his election, we have witnessed Pope Francis preaching that message of mercy through his words and by his actions. Many people, Christian and non-Christian alike, seem to have been touched by his approach - indeed, we know that *Time Magazine* made him its 'Person of the Year' for 2013 and that many other commentators have spoken of the "Francis effect". Pope Francis uses *Evangelii Gaudium* to underscore such an approach, for he tells us that Christians "should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet". He also reminds us of Pope Benedict's words that the Church grows not by "proselytising" but "by attraction".

We might also remember at this point the words attributed to St Francis of Assisi, from whom the Holy Father takes his name. It's said that St Francis once told his followers to "Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words". In a similar way, Pope Francis is asking us to ensure that our approach to others, our basic Christian disposition in other words, should be marked by love, by mercy and - of course - by joy.

If we truly experience the love, mercy and joy that come from knowing God then it is inevitable that we shall want to share it with others. In other words, we will want to be joyful messengers of hope, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to every person we meet in our daily lives. The rest of *Evangelii Gaudium* is Pope Francis' guidance on how to do just that and this is what we shall be exploring further in future issues of the *Voice*.

The Adult Formation Department can arrange further opportunities for parishes to reflect upon 'Evangelii Gaudium'. Please contact us on (01642) 850505 or e-mail adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

Deacon Vince Purcell



Bishop Terry and Professor Chris Higgins sign the agreement

Ushaw College

Bishop Terry, in his role as Acting Chair of the Ushaw College Trustees, and the Vice Chancellor of Durham University, Professor Chris Higgins, signed a Heads of Terms agreement at the University on Wednesday 18th December, underlining their commitment to continue their partnership and further explore educational opportunities to secure the long term future of Ushaw College. Under the proposals, the University will continue to occupy parts of Ushaw College and manage its internationally important library and culturally important collections. Representatives of the Bishop Trustees and the University will explore the possibility of bringing a larger part of Ushaw under the direct management of the University whilst retaining Ushaw in Catholic ownership and trusteeship.

Bishop Terry, in his comments to the Vice Chancellor, reminded him this project had started out when he was the President of Ushaw and that, together with the Vice Chancellor, they had identified how a closer relationship between the two organisations could be developed. The Ushaw Trustees are also exploring with the North of England Civic Trust the possibility of the Ushaw farm being developed for use in the training and education of young people in construction skills for heritage buildings.

Doctor Jim Whiston
Advisor to Ushaw Trustees

Pope Idol 2014

Pope Idol, the Diocesan Youth Talent Show, returns to the stage on Saturday 1st March, 7.30 pm at Middlesbrough Theatre. If previous years are anything to go by, Pope Idol 2014 promises to be a great night.

Based on the likes of *X Factor*, the talent show draws on the variety of talent of the young people in our Diocese. Contestants perform in front of the Theatre audience and a panel of judges with the aim of being crowned *Pope Idol Winner 2014*.

Father Paul Farrer said "Every year, the sheer talent our young people have to offer is astounding. It really is a great occasion for us all to share in the God-given gifts and talents of our young people." Previous winners include working magician, Stephen Knight, juggler Tom Rolfe who now earns a living with his circus skills and Jessica Robinson who went on to be a finalist in the BBC's *Over the Rainbow* and is currently performing in *Mamma Mia* in the West End.

Every secondary school has been invited to nominate two acts. School chaplains and headteachers have received packs containing application forms and all the other relevant information. Any young person who would like to enter should see their school chaplain for more information.

Nominations are also welcome from parishes, especially for young people who do not attend one of our Diocesan secondary schools. If you would like to enter through your parish, please see your parish priest or, alternatively, contact Dom Finn using the contact details below.

The success of the event depends on the support from the Diocesan family. It would be fantastic if our young people could share their talents in front of a full house. Please do all you can to support *Pope Idol 2014*.

We have done our best to keep ticket prices the same for the last three years. Tickets are priced at £7.50 for adults and just £6.00 for concessions. Middlesbrough Theatre has kindly offered one free ticket for every 10 bought which is ideal for parish groups. Could your parish organise a group to come and watch the show?

If you would like any more information on *Pope Idol 2014* or to book tickets, please contact Dom Finn, Youth Service Co-ordinator, at domfinn@mymission.org.uk or (01642) 529102. Tickets are also available by calling the Theatre Box Office on (01642) 815181. More information and downloads are available at <http://mymission.org.uk/popeidol>

Dom Finn



Singers in York Minster

All Saints, York

On Monday 2nd December, over 1,000 students, parents, staff, guests and friends of All Saints School in York gathered in the majestic surroundings of the York Minster to celebrate the school's annual Advent Service. The school is able to stage the service in such a spectacular setting thanks to the gracious generosity of the Dean and Chapter of York. The service is held to mark the beginning of the season of Advent and the theme of this year's service was 'Prayer'. This theme was chosen to continue the commitment the school community has made over the last year and to reflect and act upon the Year of Faith. The service consisted of a seamless programme of readings, acting, music and prayer, which were delivered and performed entirely by students ranging from Year 7 to Year 13.

On Monday 25th November, the school held their third annual Awards Ceremony at the Central Hall, York University. The guest speaker for the evening was John Battle. John, a Catholic Member of Parliament for Leeds West in 1987 and in 1999 was appointed to a position in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He was recognised by Pope Benedict XVI on 27th June 2009 when he was invested as a Knight Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great for his lifelong commitment and loyalty to the local Church and for his political contribution as a Member of Parliament. John gave an inspirational speech to the students on humanity and striving to fulfil your personal potential.

The evening was a celebration of pupils' success and achievement for the academic year 2012-13. There were also Departmental Awards for those students who had made outstanding contributions within a particular subject area. The culmination of the awards ceremony is the presentation of four additional awards. These prestigious accolades recognise the exceptional



Sister Mary Walmsley with John Battle

contribution of a student in a particular area of school life and were presented by John Battle. The Steven Brian Award - voted for by the school council for the student who has dedicated a lot of time to the school community: Harriet Powell, Year 11. The Governors' Award - awarded for exceptional service to the life of the school: Jared Hindle, Year 13. The Bar Convent Award - awarded for commitment to faith: George Wallace, Year 11. The All Saints Award - awarded to the student who has offered something extraordinary to the life of the school: Beth Taylor, Year 12. This year, the school also took the opportunity to thank and commemorate Sister Mary Walmsley with a special award for her dedicated service to Catholic education over the last 60 years. The presentation of awards and speeches was complimented by four beautiful pieces of music which were performed by some of the school's highly talented musicians and vocalists. It was a lovely evening and a fantastic chance to celebrate the successes of the students on both an academic and personal level.



The Cyclists set off

Supporting people in the Philippines

The Year 4 children of St Martin's Ampleforth School decided as a class they would like to do something to help the people of the Philippines following the recent devastating typhoon. The most popular idea was to hold a sponsored bike ride, completing a circuit on the Avenue at Gilling amounting to 50 miles. The ride was completed on the afternoon of Thursday 5th December and the class raised in excess of £250.00. "I am really proud of my class and the effort they put into the ride," said Mrs Walker, Class 4 teacher, "especially as they completed the ride on one of the windiest days of this term."



The display with the 'robot' created

St Paulinus School Lego League Team tackles "disasters"

Whilst avoiding a hurricane, you had to make sure to avoid a tsunami. Those were just some of the disasters that challenged more than 120 young problem-solvers at the Regional First Lego League Competition at Teesside University recently.

The teams of 9-14 year olds used 'Lego Mindstorm' kits to build robots that would manage natural disasters in a competition entitled 'Nature's Fury'. In addition to programming their robot to do a multitude of tasks, each team had to undertake and present a project about the effects of a natural disaster on a local community. St Paulinus RC Primary School from Guisborough came out on top after the results from the four categories; Project, Robot Design, Robot Competition and Team Working were added together.

Simon Geaves, St Paulinus RC School Headteacher, said "The kids love it, what they are doing is connecting what they are learning in the classroom with real-world-scenarios. They are using what they have learned to come up with a solution to a problem. It's more than just robots." In addition to receiving a £50.00 prize from Cleveland Scientific Institution, they now qualify for the National Finals in Loughborough in February.

Brian Gleeson



The team with their Cups with teacher David Aspin (left)

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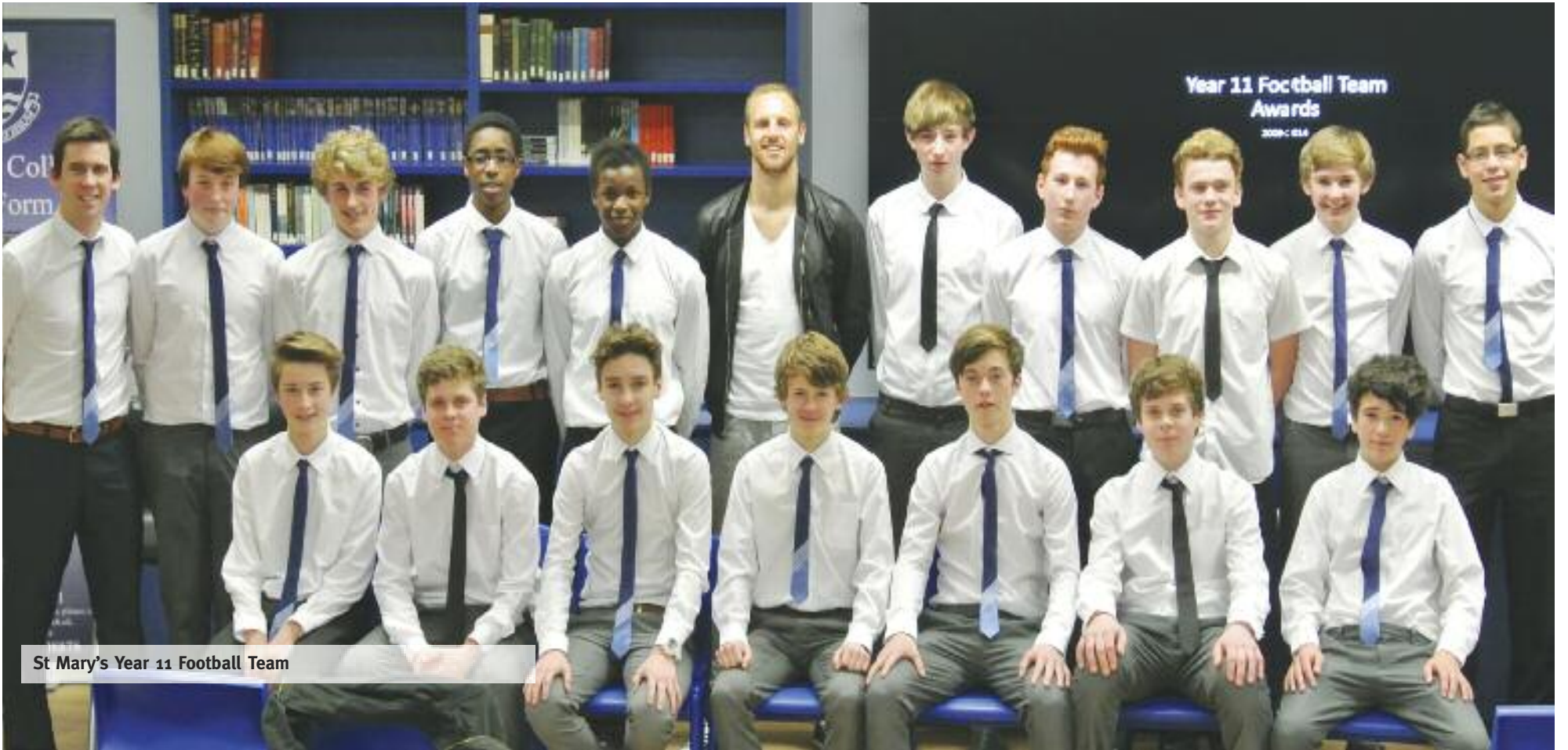
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News from St Mary's College, Hull



St Mary's Year 11 Football Team

A celebration of Football

On Wednesday 11th December, St Mary's College Year 11 football team held a presentation evening to celebrate playing together as a team for the last five years under the guidance of manager and teacher, Mr Martin McAllister. Their many achievements have made them the most successful team St Mary's has produced; including winning the Hull Schools Cup four years running and reaching Round 5 of The National Schools Cup. They were joined by Hull City and Republic of Ireland international footballer David Meyler who made the presentation of individual trophies. He also took time out for photographs with the players, signed autographs and also faced an entertaining question and answer session from the boys.

A practising Catholic, David's pre-match ritual includes saying prayers in the centre circle prior to kick-off. As well as facing the usual football questions, such as what it felt like to score his first Premier League goal in the win against Liverpool recently (brilliant of course - and it was also the day of his parents' 30th wedding anniversary!), he told the boys of the importance the support his family have given him in achieving his current success. He also told of the dedication, hard work, determination and perseverance it takes to succeed at whatever you choose to do. In particular, he spoke of the fight he had been through to come back from two reconstructions of his knee to continue his career. David's visit made it a memorable night for the team and members of staff alike who were taken with his good humour and appreciated the obvious interest he took in the evening, staying much longer than initially planned.

Hugh McAllister
Hull City Official Supporters Club

Rugby League World Cup

St Mary's College had the honour of nominating 12 students to be flag bearers for the Rugby League World Cup match on Saturday 9th November; these were selected by pupils and staff for a variety of reasons including exceptional achievements, tenacity in overcoming adversity and encapsulating the ethos of St Mary's College. During the nominations, there was a buzz around school about the Rugby League World Cup. Rugby League has a strong following among the students and staff so there was a lot of interest and competition over who would be chosen. The 12 students thoroughly enjoyed the day. They were very proud to be representing the school and all said it was an amazing experience. One of the highlights for them was when they were having a final practise and the teams came past. Some of the players stopped to high five the students which made their day.

Hull - The City of Culture 2017

Further to the announcement that Hull was the successful candidate for UK City of Culture 2017, St Mary's College was invited to Hull Station to meet and greet members of the judging panel as they arrived in the city. Members of the democratically-elected school Student Council joined other artists in the city giving a resounding drumming welcome to TV producer Phil Redmond and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Maria Miller. Students Zac Douglas and Naomi Awre presented the guests with copies of the special film 'This City belongs to Everyone', the film made to support Hull's bid for City of Culture. Images and footage from the event were broadcast nationwide with students appearing in the local news and national press such as The Guardian. The College is excited about further opportunities to participate in the planning and delivery of events and activities leading up to 2017.

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Young People at St Aelred's

Advent Youth Mass

As many people in York bustled around frantically getting ready for Christmas, one place of peace could be found amongst a group of young people in St Aelred's Church. The youth groups of this parish church had come together to reflect and prepare their hearts in a Mass which they had organised. Surrounded by an abundance of candles, glow sticks and other people from the parish family, they were able to praise God through drama, speech, writing and music. Many were overwhelmed with the depth and ways that the young people expressed their faith and hoped that, God willing, it was a sign of even greater things to come.

St Andrew's Youth Club serves pensioners as one hundred sit down to Christmas Lunch

Twenty-two young people from St Andrew's Parish met a challenge from their youth leader head on...and won! The challenge was to serve 102 parish pensioners a three course Christmas lunch in the parish hall - and they all rose to the challenge magnificently.

The parish pensioners Christmas lunch was held on Friday 27th December at 1.00 pm. The 22 young people, most of whom are members of the parish youth club, started at 10.30 am; they were placed into teams of four with each team led by one of the past members of the youth club and who had been asked if they would be willing to come and help by acting as team leaders. After a briefing, they set about laying out the tables, including Christmas crackers, before breaking for their own lunch at 11.30 am which was cooked for them by the parish youth leaders. At 12.15 pm, the main doors of the hall opened and as our guests arrived, they were offered a glass of wine and escorted to their seats by one of the young people. When everyone had arrived and seated, Father Gubbins led everyone in saying Grace, after which the young people started to serve their guests with their Christmas dinners at 1.00 pm.

The menu consisted of: Starter: potato and leek soup; Main course: Turkey or Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, roast and mashed potatoes, small pork sausage wrapped in bacon (pigs in blankets) and fresh vegetables of the season; Dessert: Traditional Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce or strawberry gateaux with cream; Tea or coffee with After Eight mints. After the meal, St Andrew's parish priest, Father Edmond Gubbins, said "The parish pensioners Christmas lunch was a splendid affair. It seemed a very fitting way to end our Golden Jubilee of St Andrew's Church. Our young people were a credit to the parish. Thanks to all who made it happen under the guidance of Mr Paul Terry and other leaders." The meal was prepared by Pelican Jacks of Whale Hill, Eston.



Sponsored Walk

On Thursday 21st November, St Aelred's RC Primary School did a sponsored walk to St Nicholas Fields to raise money for the people in the Philippines. When we got to the park, we lit candles and said prayers for them, remembering the terrible devastation that had happened. An amazing fundraising time was had by the whole school and our supporting community, from the Foundation Stage to Year 6, along with our teachers, parents and grandparents. We were surprised at the generosity of our community, in giving to the people who need it the most! We raised £1,404.39. What a fantastic amount of money was contributed to this worthy cause! The people of the Philippines continue to be in our prayers. We hope you liked reading about our fundraising event and looking at our photograph.

St Aelred's RC School Council

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Santa's Whitby helpers

Santa's Whitby helpers sing for CAFOD gifts

Pupils from St Hilda's RC Primary School, Whitby held a carol service at St Hilda's Church, with donations from the service used to buy Christmas presents for communities around the world. The children's presents are CAFOD World Gifts - items ranging from bees and chickens, providing food and income to families, to school materials, musical instruments, and even a village health clinic. The World Gifts allow people to buy meaningful presents for loved ones - whilst helping to transform the lives of communities and families fighting poverty.

Mrs Crabtree, Headteacher at St Hilda's School, said "This year, as last, our children performed a carol concert in our church for parents and parishioners. The concert went really well and we managed to raise an amazing £340.00. The children from the School Council then chose to buy gifts such as animals, a chicken coup and vegetable gardens. In addition, as a staff, we didn't send cards but made a donation to the World Gifts programme. It's something we've done for many years."

Liam Finn, from CAFOD, said "St Hilda's carol service shows how local people can make a difference on a global scale - whilst having a lot of fun in the process. This is a carol service with a difference. Not only did the pupils of St Hilda's School sing their loved ones into the Christmas spirit, but they acted on the true meaning of Christmas by purchasing presents for some of the poorest families around the world."

More information on CAFOD World Gifts can be found at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts> including a video from TV and radio presenter, Adrian Chiles. The presents are available to purchase all year.



Spirituality and Worship

Pilgrims return to Markenfield Hall

Members of Hambleton Catenian Circle were, once again, pilgrims on behalf of our Catholic history, returning to Markenfield Hall near Ripon for their second pilgrimage in remembrance of *The Rising of the North*.

The pilgrimage there is now a joint event with the Ampleforth Circle and was supported by brothers from six other circles; Darlington, Middlesbrough, Leeds, Wetherby, Wharfedale and Harrow, family and friends. Guests included the Mother Superior, Sister Agatha, from the Bar Convent, York and three of her sisters, Sister Prixca (India), Sister Elena (Chile) and Sister Ann. Their Order was founded by Mary Ward and the Bar Convent is the oldest surviving Catholic convent in England, established in 1686.

The pilgrimage commemorates that fateful day on 20th November 1569 when the leaders from the Markenfield family and their followers celebrated Mass in their chapel of St Michael the Archangel before leaving to join *The Rising of the North*. They followed the banner of The Five Wounds of Christ to defend the right to practice their Catholic faith. We know that *The Rising* was defeated with fearful consequences for all participants. Sir Thomas Markenfield and Sir Richard Norton both died in exile and the hall was forfeited to the Crown. The struggle for Catholic emancipation continued for several centuries.

The planned torch lit procession to start the pilgrimage had to be cancelled because of

the relentless rain and instead pilgrims gathered together around a glowing fire in the warm undercroft of the hall. One brother commented "Today, Catholics are less hardy". Brother Robert Moore OH read Psalm 15 and the hymn 'Praise to God for Saints and Martyrs' was sung. Pilgrims followed the replica banner of The Five Wounds of Christ up to the chapel of St Michael the Archangel where Brother Robert officiated at *The Mass of the Martyrs of the North*.

The pilgrims then reflected on the names of Catholic martyrs listed at the end of the Order of Service who had sacrificed their lives for their Catholic faith during the 16th and 17th centuries. St Margaret Clitherow, whose reliquary is held in the Bar Convent, York and St Thomas More were most relevant to the pilgrims. The latter is the patron saint of the Catenian Association. St Thomas More was executed for refusing to accept Henry VIII as head of the Church in England, 6th July 1535. His headless body was buried in the crypt of the Chapel Royal, St Peter ad Vincula, the parish church of the Tower of London. Margaret Roper, a daughter of St Thomas, paid a bribe to obtain her father's head and it is now buried in the family tomb in St Dunstan's Church, Canterbury.

On Wednesday 23rd October, Archbishop Vincent Nichols joined The Right Reverend Richard Chartres, Bishop of London and General Lord Dannatt, the Constable of the Tower of London, in the cell of St Thomas



Pilgrim Catenians and guests with a replica banner of The Five Wounds of Christ

More. They prayed together before launching the 1535 Society which is named in honour of St Thomas More, Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII. The society aims to promote an understanding within British history of St Thomas More and the other Christian martyrs who lost their lives for their faith. The society members will also contribute to the restoration of the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula and its Crypt of St Thomas More which is also the final resting place of three queens of England and St John Fisher.

The Archbishop of Westminster and The Bishop of London released a joint statement saying "We must never forget our past if we want to walk wisely into the future. That is

why it is so important that we preserve this shrine to remind us of the dangers of religious intolerance and to recall men and women of faith to the primacy of love for God which leads to love of neighbour." This statement emphasises why it is important that pilgrimages to shrines of historical religious significance, such as Markenfield Hall, should take place. Religious tolerance now exists in many countries but we should remember that Christians are still being martyred in many others. Catenian thanks are extended to Lady Deirdre and Mr Ian Curteis for their welcome to their ancestral home.

Patrick and Maria Denny



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Andrew Downs - Altar Server

In 1954, seven year old Andrew Downs began as an Altar server for the then Parish Priest of Ss Joseph & Cuthbert Parish, Loftus, Father Francis Holland. Throughout these intervening years, Andrew has continued his diligent service at the Altar. Ten years ago - having reached the Golden Jubilee of his ministry, the Church recognised his faithful and loyal commitment in awarding him with the Bene Merenti. Simultaneously, the Archconfraternity of St Stephen - the sodality for Altar servers - awarded him the Gold medal. Although rightly honoured, Andrew gives thanks to God for the wonderful privilege of serving the Church in this way.

Over these years, he has assumed additional roles which he fulfils with equal diligence. Few parishes would have the benefit of a sacristan, and so the people and priests of Loftus have been blessed with an ever-present servant who has everything prepared for worthy liturgical celebrations.

He has been commissioned as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and proclaimer of the Word, and catechist. Accomplished as he is as an organist, he acts in the parish as a relief organist, and frequently assists some of our ecclesial communities when called upon.

Married to Marjorie, Andrew has three daughters, Bernadette, Maria and Clare and is a grandfather. Along with his family responsibilities, he considers his work for God and His Church a vocation which is of paramount importance in his spiritual journey. That spiritual journey is rooted in prayer, especially the Divine Office, which undoubtedly has sustained him in his various tasks. His community outreach has significant impact, for as a lifelong member of the Labour Movement, the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church have become a lived reality through his endeavours. Currently, he is serving one of his many terms as Mayor of Loftus - sharing his faith in the public forum with equal dedication. Throughout these 60 years, the people of Loftus and its environs have been recipients of his support and encouragement, most particularly the worshipping community of Ss Joseph & Cuthbert, Loftus.

It is important that we recognise and celebrate the good work carried out by so many people like Andrew, who quietly fulfil many essential tasks - and often unnoticed. Such people can be encouraged by St Paul who wrote "Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men, since you know full well you will receive an inheritance from Him as your reward" (Col 3:23-24). May their quiet and generous commitment be an example and inspiration to many more in the building of the Kingdom of God during 2014 and beyond? Ad multos annos, Andrew.



Andrew Downs - Altar Server

'Yea though he slay me'

Cheryl Ann Smith, who is the Director of the Madonna House Apostolate in Robin Hood's Bay, offers a prayerful reflection on the Book of Job.

Yea though He slay me, yet will I trust Him (Jb 13:15). This line from the Book of Job was the response of Rabbi Abraham Heschel to the question "How can you possibly believe in God after six million of your people were slaughtered in the holocaust?!" The tears streaming down Rabbi Heschel's face spoke of his anguish over this evil, and perhaps his anguish in not understanding why God allowed it. His tears spoke of an answer wrenched from the deepest possible act of trust and faith, not an answer solely from the intellect or will. It's the only answer that can satisfy the heart.

I was recently preparing two talks on the topic of trust when I came back to this line from *Job*, which has called to me for a long time. I had resisted plunging into its depths because of a running feud I've had with the book since my mid-life crisis 20 years ago. I was outraged by two aspects of the book. The first was the very fact that God allowed such a testing of his faithful servant by Satan. How capricious, how callous to allow such atrocities to befall one who was innocent - and with no word of explanation. I flatly refused to accept such a notion.

However, I now realised I'd have to open the wings of my heart, if I wanted to penetrate to the truth. And I had to admit: testing does seem to be part of the human journey. Even Jesus, the sinless One, was *driven* by the Spirit into the wilderness *to be tested*. And when the ultimate test came, his response also was, *Yea, though You slay me, yet will I trust You*. Both Abraham and Our Lady were tested to the point to accepting the unthinkable: *Yea though He slay my son, yet will I trust Him*. What is it about testing that is needed in the purification and sanctification of our hearts?

The answer to that came from the second aspect of the Book of Job that had outraged me 20 years ago. I was on a 30 day Ignatian retreat, and had been given the *crisis*, or turning point of the Book of Job for prayer. This is how I read the

passage: after being pushed to the brink of sanity, Job demands an answer from God and the response was "How dare you question Me! You don't know anything. You have no power to make the sun rise or to create the universe..." And Job's response in my mind was "You're right. Sorry. I shouldn't have opened my mouth. I'll be quiet now".

I had read this passage at the end of a Job-like period of devastating loss upon loss. Like Job, I had voices spouting ignorance and old lies which said this must be my punishment for *being* bad. Like Job, my cries hit a wall of silence - no tenderness, no word, no response. When Jesus hit this silence in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the Cross, he suffered but trusted. My old way was to shut my mouth and give up, but this time I rebelled and I wanted Job to as well!

Somehow, I came to some measure of peace with the passage, but I knew it didn't go deep enough. Twenty years later, I finally read on just a little further to the resolution: Job later proclaims "I knew you then (ie before my trials) only by hearsay; but now, having seen you with my own eyes, I retract all I have said, and in dust and ashes I repent (Jb 42:5-6)".

Suddenly I understood. Job was always a faithful servant who kept the law, but he was not an intimate of God. As his trials beat him into utter vulnerability and misery, he cried out to God, he fought and cajoled and cursed the day of his birth - but he never stepped out of relationship with God. In fact, he cried out from deeper and more searingly honest places in his heart. He would not let go! And then he had an encounter with the living God. How does anyone put words on this experience? All those words of God, which spoke of his power and creativity and infinite reach, were actually tiny glimpses given to Job of God Himself - no longer knowledge by hearsay but by experience. And this changed everything. Although the suffering was still terrible and inexplicable, he could now truly cry out "Yea though You slay me, yet will I trust You".

When we have come through an ordeal of suffering and have

not turned away from God, but have *fought it out* with Him, and have been led to an encounter with Him, *then* we can know the only possible answer to the suffering of the world. When we have surrendered our demands for human understanding and instead surrender our hearts to the all-loving One, then we can find some measure of peace in the anguish.

When I hit my Job-crisis moment in that mid-life retreat, I could no longer go on. I collapsed in the pain and loss, and had not the energy to make one more act of faith. I gave my final demand to God for a word of understanding, and I received the kind of answer I thought God had given Job, and I screamed out my frustration - I HATE YOU!!

In that moment, time and life seemed to stand still. In a place of profound silence, I heard a quiet voice ask "will you also leave?" And in that moment, I heard myself say "No - where would I go?" And then the tears flowed. The crisis was over. I still didn't understand what had happened to me and why God seemed to have abandoned me, but I encountered my Lord from the depth of my brokenness and vulnerability and raw truth, and I knew we were still one.

An anonymous author of the first century wrote these prophetic words: *You are in Me and I am in you. Together we form only one person, and we cannot be separated*. I learned the truth of those words that day 20 years ago. I had come to the end of my faith, hope and love, and I thought I was "stepping out" of God, because I couldn't *do it* any more. Instead, I learned that He and I form only one person and *cannot* be separated: whether I'm living my consecration well or not, whether I'm happy with my life and prayer and God or not, whether I'm whispering love to Him or screaming out my anger. We cannot be separated.

Perhaps it's only when we're tested and driven to the darkest, most forsaken and fragile place in our hearts that we can truly open those depths to this place of unity with God. Perhaps only then can we say and mean the words: *Yea though You slay me, yet will I trust You*.



Vocations

Monsignor Canon Kevin Coughlan, RIP

The Right Reverend Monsignor Canon Kevin Coughlan RIP, a priest of the Diocese retired from active ministry who had served as Vicar General, died on the morning of Monday 14th October. We print below the homily preached at his Funeral Mass in St Charles, Hull by Canon Michael Loughlin.

We have listened to the words of Scripture. From St John in his apocalypse, that great declaration of Hope: "Blessed are those who die in the Lord" and from St Paul, the simple truth that we all have to stand before the judgement seat of God and that each of us must give an account of himself. Though it may be a fearful thing to be judged, it is at the heart of our faith that we are judged by someone who loves us and who thought it worthwhile to die for us, Jesus Christ. And in his Gospel we have heard the charter for the Christian life proclaimed, the summary of his divine teaching in the Sermon on the Mount; the beatitudes. At a funeral it seems only right to hear Our Lord speak to us on how we should live and the reward waiting for such a life lived. This is our Catholic faith, the faith which Father Kevin was baptised into and tried to live by. Of course, Our Blessed Lord tells us that your reward will be great in heaven when people abuse you and speak all kinds of calumny against you, so I hope Father Kevin will not be too upset if I say nice things about him.

I am sure Father Kevin asked me to preach at his funeral because I am the parish priest of St Charles. Father Kevin came here after his ordination in 1953, a fresh faced and youthful young priest of 24 (I've seen the photographs) and he was very quick to

blush. It was a wonderful appointment for him. It was the golden age of St Charles. Canon Knowles was the parish priest, a man of true vision and leadership who encouraged initiative from his team of priests who included Father McEnroe and Father Tony Storey. Father Kevin had been on the great National Pilgrimage of prayer, peace and penance Walsingham walk of 1948 with Father Tony when the 14 Stations of the Cross were carried from all over England to our National Shrine of Our Lady. Fathers Tony and Kevin were lifelong friends and when Father Tony lost his sight, Kevin would read to him. The last book they were reading was all about the pilgrimage of Grace. I only mention this because it speaks of the fraternity between priests which was so important to Father Kevin.

This sense of fraternity was something I experienced when he arranged meals for priests and encouraging convivial occasions at St Charles or in country pubs that were very much appreciated. It seems to me that this fraternity is something the older priests had from seminary days. All Hallows meant a lot to Father Kevin. Friendships were forged for life from all over the world.

Knowles, Storey and Coughlan were a great team and the freedom that Canon Knowles allowed was shown in Father Kevin's organising a pageant and exhibition to mark the centenary of Lourdes in 1958. He took over the city hall for a week. He organised all the funding. Six thousand visited the exhibition and two and a half thousand saw the pageant. To quote from the Hull Catholic magazine: "To Father Coughlan must go all

the credit and praise for a unique week in Hull's Catholic life. It was his brainchild and no one else's. His idea was finely conceived and brilliantly executed." Another instance was Kevin's purchase of a pub to become a youth club. The pub without a beer!

Father Kevin's fundraising and organisational skills were seen in his next appointment in Bridlington. A parish I was to serve in for nine years. Again he was fondly remembered there. The 1960s was the age of bingo and parish socials and many folk remembered Father Kevin's fine singing voice. He really got the parish hall built and he and Sister Cecily were a great team in getting new premises for the children's instruction. All in all, Father Kevin loved parish work. As evidenced in all his placements.

Joy and happiness in the priesthood was something that has marked Father Kevin's 60 years life of service in the Diocese. Whether that service be in parish or in specialised Diocesan work like the Rescue Society, or in Education, always a difficult brief re-organising the schools in Hull, or as Vicar General. None of those tasks were easy. Father Kevin was first and foremost a priest.

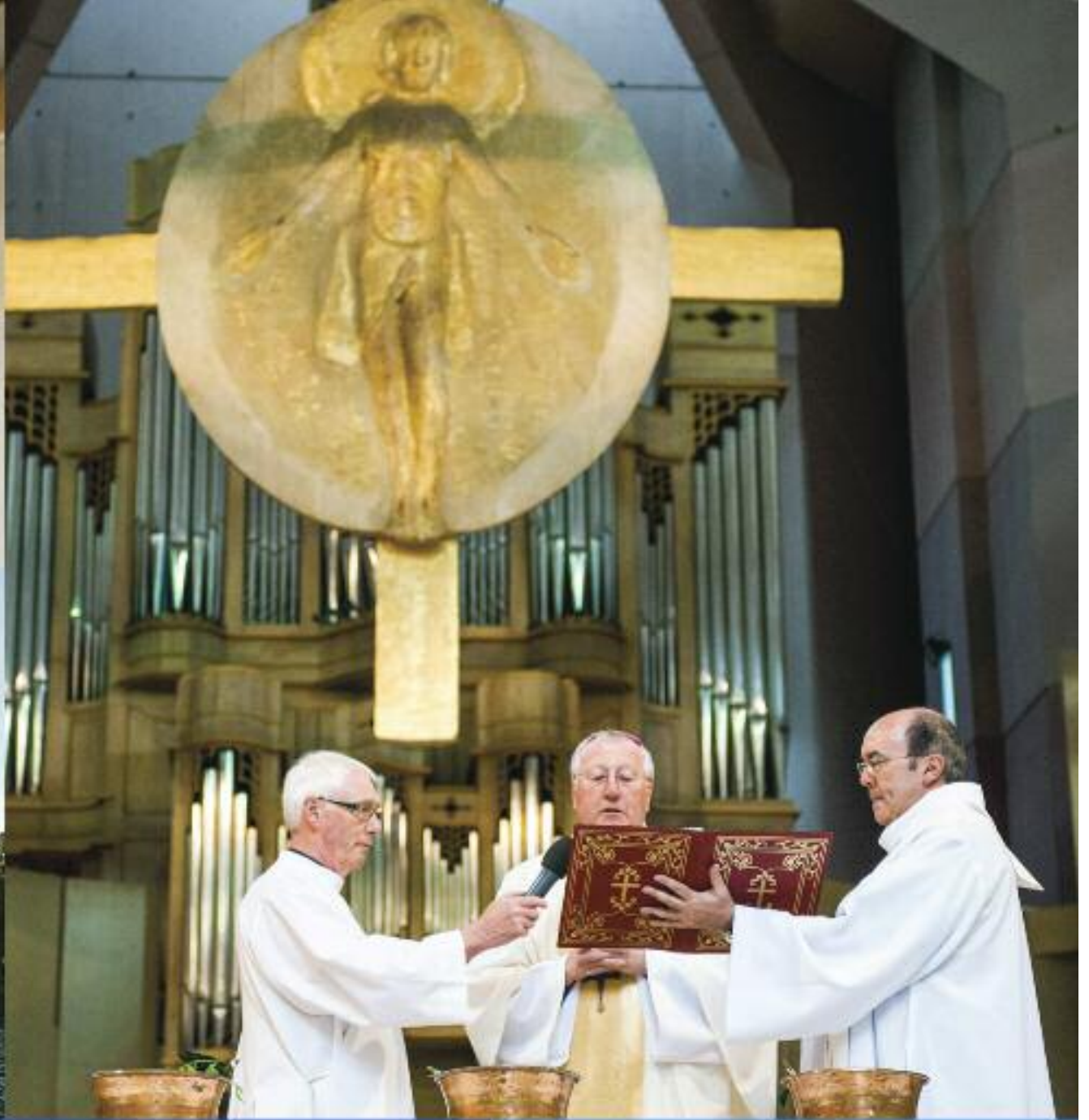
I want to say something about vocation. I don't know when Father Kevin first felt the call to be a priest, but it wasn't a straightforward thing back in the 1940s for a working class man from Teesside to be accepted by the Diocese. Father Kevin was one of the first working class men to be accepted for the Diocese. Today is the feast day of Blessed John Paul, who said this about vocation: "The priestly vocation is a mystery. It is the mystery of a wondrous



Monsignor Canon Kevin Coughlan

exchange between God and man. A man offers his humanity to Christ, so that Christ may use him as an instrument of salvation, making him as it were into another Christ."

These words of Blessed John Paul seem to fit the man for whom we are offering our Holy Mass today. Kevin loved being a priest. He offered his humanity, one which first of all was very much a member of a family, son and brother and a very much cherished uncle. His many friends and capacity for friendship. It's that humanity of a private and shy man who responded to the call of priesthood and whom we commend to the mercy of God today. When we speak of our humanity, we recognise our frailty and make our appeal to God for mercy and here in this Mass, we pray for Kevin.



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Dear Brothers and sisters

Lourdes 2013 was a special pilgrimage for all sorts of reasons. For many it was special because we commemorated our Diamond Jubilee.

Added to this was the fact that it occurred within the Year of Faith. During the Year of Faith we have been asked to think about how we allow those around us to see our Faith in action. We have been asked to grow in understanding and appreciation of our faith so that we may be evermore Christ-like.

Being Christ-like can be a simple matter of following the example of Jesus when he washed the feet of his disciples, telling them, 'I have given you an example that you may copy what I have done to you.' Our Lourdes Pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity for us as a Diocesan Family to put this into practice.

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The Pastoral Theme for our 2014 Pilgrimage is, 'Lourdes, the joy of conversion' which follows on well from the Year of Faith. If we take our faith seriously then it will be a source of deep joy in our lives as we are changed and made new each day though our life in Christ.

In this way, as our earthly pilgrimage continues, no two days are ever the same. As we prepare for our Pilgrimage let us pray that we may all be constantly converted to a new life in Christ and as a result the Kingdom of God will be made visible to all.

Rt Rev Terence Patrick Draney

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Father Dermot Nunan

Father Dermot Nunan, the well beloved parish priest of Sacred Heart, Redcar and administrator of St William's, Dormanstown, died on Monday 30th December after a short illness. His mortal remains were received into Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 7th January by Canon Michael Bayldon, the Dean. Father Pat Smith preached the homily. The church was full with a large number of Diocesan priests for the Reception Mass, as well as two of his priest cousins and Canon Tom Breen, a pal from his seminary days.

Father Dermot's Funeral Mass was at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 8th January, where the Bishop was the principal concelebrant and he was joined by around 40 Diocesan priests as well as Dermot's cousins and Canon Breen. Ahead of the Mass, Father Nunan's remains were received into the Cathedral by Canon Bayldon, who placed on the coffin Father Dermot's stole,

breviary and chalice. There was a large congregation. Bishop Draine welcomed everybody to the Cathedral and expressed on behalf of the Diocese his sympathy to Father Nunan's relatives, especially his sister and brother, and he thanked the family again for the gift of Father Nunan and his 46 years of priestly ministry in the Diocese. Father Nunan's niece and nephew read the lessons and Tony Pegden a parishioner from the Sacred Heart, Redcar the bidding prayers. Deacon Kenneth Flanagan, who served with Father Nunan in the parish of the Sacred Heart so well and was one of the first deacons in the Diocese, proclaimed the gospel. The homily was preached by Father Bill Ryan who reminded us that he and Dermot had been classmates and, together with four others, they had come from St Patrick's College, Thurles, newly ordained in 1967 to serve in the Diocese and they were 'ready for action'. Over the years

they had become known as the 'Big Six'. Father Bill said when he was discussing the funeral homily with Father Dermot, he had asked that he "tell a few jokes and keep the congregation happy". Certainly the homily did this. Father Ryan thanked Margaret Grieve and parishioners of the Sacred Heart, Redcar who had cared so well for Father Dermot in his illness and by their efforts ensured he died in his own home, which was his greatest wish. Following communion, Father Dermot's niece read a very moving poem. After the final commendation by the Bishop, Father Nunan's mortal remains were buried at Redcar Cemetery - his particular wish was to be buried among his people. Father Dermot was a fine priest and was happiest in his parish; he tried so hard to hide his shrewdness and intellect!

Doctor Jim Whiston



Father Dermot Nunan

Homily preached at the Reception Mass for Father Dermot Nunan at Sacred Heart Church, Redcar on Tuesday 7th January by Father Pat Smith.

I have known Father Dermot for a very long time as a very good friend, so when he asked me to give one of the homilies at his funeral, I felt humbled and very privileged. In the country and western song 'Me and Bobby McGee', there is a line which goes "Bobby shared the secrets of my soul". Well, Dermot did that for me and I for him. Faithfully, every month for at least the past 20 years, he came to me for a chat and confession and I went to him!! And while I'm very sad at his departure, at least I know he can't share the secrets of my soul with anyone else.

I would like to remember Father Dermot under three headings: LIGHT, LIFE and LOVE.

LIGHT: His body lies under the light of the Paschal Candle - symbol of the Risen Christ, and in our prayers we ask that perpetual light will shine upon him. But let's also thank God for the light that Dermot brought to the world through his ministry, especially the light of his word. Karl Rahner wrote: *"The priest is not merely a religious scholar like the Jewish Rabbi, nor is he merely a theologian. No, the priest is a genuine*

'prophet' - ie a man whose word is not merely a commentary on the Word of God, but rather a man in whose words, the very Word of God himself, speaks to humankind." So that tells us that God spoke through Dermot. By the light of God's word spoken by Father Dermot, bread and wine became the Body and Blood of Christ, sins (especially mine) were forgiven and the message of the Gospel was conveyed to the people of the parishes where he worked. And by his word he brought peace, strength, hope and comfort and light to so many people for so many years. And now we ask God to take Father Dermot into his own eternal light, where all the darkness of this life is dispersed and all the pain and confusion is over and all is bright, clear and beautiful. May that Perpetual Light shine upon him.

LIFE: Dermot was born in Quianna, Co Limerick on 18th August 1941 to Thomas and Bridget Nunan - the youngest of seven children: Catherine, Margaret, John, Criene, Con and Tom. After his early schooling, he entered St Patrick's Seminary in Thurles and was ordained for Middlesbrough Diocese on 10th June 1967. Over his 46 years as a priest, he served in St Andrew's Parish in Teesville, in Corpus Christi in Brambles Farm, in St Pius in Park End, Middlesbrough, the Sacred Heart, Northallerton and St Joseph's, York

before replacing me here at the Sacred Heart in Redcar.

He loved the horses. There is a story which may well have been about Dermot, of a priest who was in a shop looking at various binoculars trying to find the best set for watching the racing, when the shop assistant approached him and said "Father, don't waste your money on binoculars, just tell the people to come and sit at the front of the Church!!" But the history of his life is not as important as the fact he took part in the great process of spiritual life-giving through his love and service for his people. And now we ask God to take him into a new and eternal life, which knows no end. As he gave spiritual life to others, may he now enjoy eternal life in the joy of Paradise.

LOVE: In the First Reading, we hear the words "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us". During his life, Father Dermot shared that fatherly love with all his people. Oscar Wilde once wrote "A good friend is someone who stabs you in the front!" Who is up front with you - who lets you know where he stands with you. Dermot was such a friend - you knew where he stood with you, and you knew you could trust him to be honest and loyal. And in that way, he was preaching the Gospel and

revealing the honest, loyal and lasting friendship of God. For me, he was a sincere and truly good friend, who could put me right if I was going wrong, but with such gentle kindness that you felt really affirmed by him. Everyone who has gathered here this evening has done so because they loved him - as family member, a priestly colleague and a friend. So the Church is warm this evening - warm with love. And now we ask God to take Dermot into a love that is beyond our comprehension - a love which will embrace him and keep him alive forever.

Many years ago, I was conducting a funeral for an old lady who died on her 90th birthday. As the coffin was lowered into the grave, an old friend of hers gave me a card. She explained that she had bought it for old Elsie's birthday but sadly she had died before it could be delivered, but asked if I would drop it on to her coffin in the grave, which I duly did, not knowing that it was a musical card, and when it hit the coffin it began to sing "Happy Birthday to you"!! Well, it was not entirely inappropriate - the day of our death is the day of our new and eternal birth. So today, as we sadly say farewell to Dermot, we also pray for his eternal happiness in his new life in the place prepared for him in the Father's Kingdom. May he rest in peace.

Canon Michael Ryan

On Friday 25th October, hundreds of people packed St Wilfrid's Church in York for the celebration of a farewell Mass marking the retirement of Canon Michael Ryan.

He has spent 47 years working for the Kingdom in the Diocese of Middlesbrough. He is a native of Glenstal, Murroe, in the county of Limerick. Canon Michael is the fourth of nine children, three boys and six girls! Two of Canon Michael's uncles were priests of this Diocese, Father John Joe Ryan and Canon Dan Ryan, so no doubt the idea of priesthood was being formed in him from an early age. Four of Michael's sisters became nuns in different Religious Orders - Mercy Sister, St John of God and two in the Presentation Order.

Canon Michael entered St Patrick's College, Thurles and spent six years there studying theology and the scriptures and enjoying the sporting side of life. He developed a great love for the scriptures - a love that has never left him. St Patrick's was also blessed with an inspirational professor of Liturgy who inspired many young men like Father Michael, going out to dioceses all over the world. These were exciting years as Pope John XXIII had called an Ecumenical Council of the Church which people today refer to as Vatican II.

After ordination in Thurles in 1966, Canon Michael was sent to St George's, York and had three happy years there before Bishop McClean appointed him as his secretary. During the years with Bishop McClean, Canon Michael got to know the highways and the byways of the Diocese, Humber to the Tees. His interest in the Liturgy was recognised when he was appointed a member of the newly established Diocesan Liturgy Commission.

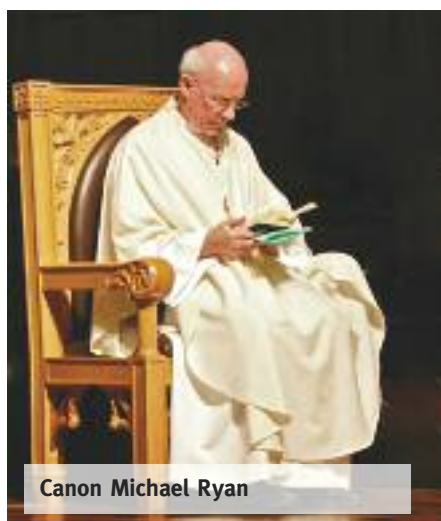
After four years serving Bishop McClean, Canon Michael was sent as assistant to Canon Dan Ryan, his uncle, at Bridlington by the Sea. After six winters and the winds of the North Sea, Bishop Augustine Harris appointed Canon Michael to St Joseph's, York as parish priest. His predecessor, Father John Treacy, had served 28 years

there, so Canon Michael was counting on at least 20! He did not even make five years before he was appointed to Our Lady's in Acomb - a big parish that had

recently been transferred from Leeds Diocese. One of the attractions at Acomb was a young and industrious curate already established in the parish - Father Gerry Dasey. Canon Michael spent 15 happy years working with the people of Acomb and Green Hammerton as well as being chaplain to Askham Grange Prison.

In 1999, Canon Michael was transferred by Bishop John Crowley to St Wilfrid's Parish, where he has spent the last 14 years serving not only the parishioners but also the many visitors from around the world. He developed close links with the Dean and Canons of the York Minster and the local ecumenical scene. Through Canon Michael's ministry here at St Wilfrid's, many parishioners have been encouraged by him to have a less parochial vision of Church and look to the wider body, especially the weaker and poorer parts. A great love of Canon Michael's is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and a steady number of people have come into full communion with the Catholic Church through his years at St Wilfrid's. The parishioners of St Wilfrid's wish him a long and happy retirement.

Ian Stuart



Canon Michael Ryan

View from a Seminarian

Recently I have been thinking often about the idea of everything as gift. For Catholics this is one of the most basic truths about the reality that we live by. For instance, everything that exists we understand to be gifted by God, created for us to be in a right relationship with Him. Our concern with ecology is one of the consequences of this understanding, we don't have rights claims over the planet, instead we should respect the way it has been given and relate to it in a humble, natural way.

I can often forget that just as the planet or other people in my life are gifts that I have no right to take for granted and use to my own ends, so is the Church. I want to have the Church my way, convenient for me, whether it be parish liturgy, doctrine or the daily disciplines of seminary life. I can easily forget that the correct attitude is one of thanksgiving and generous response. A response that will ask something of me I might not desire or feel able to try to give.

Of course, we know that Christ is the Church and the Church is Christ. So our attitude to one will reflect in the other. Christmas has been a good time to look at the Christ child in the manger and remember that the greatest gift given is God in flesh, God with us. We all understand a baby as the most perfect gift. But every gift, appreciated properly, demands a response in love. A child requires care and attention, mutual present giving demands a generous response in kind. So Christ gave His life, and gave us life through His presence in the Church every day. What is our response? Do we give in kind?

When I am tempted to see the way the Church is as inconvenient, unfair, too demanding, I am forgetting that all is gift. I am reminded of a phrase a friend of mine used recently in an article. She calls this attitude 'service station' Catholicism. A mentality that the Church exists to give me something for the road ahead, the real destination to come. Other stuff is 'real life'. I see this when I have treated my parish like a service station, giving little and receiving much. Or the sacraments like a service station, convenient and useful but not my ultimate focus.

The parish, the sacraments, Church teaching, prayer, are our final destination, where we receive the Christ child who is the most perfect gift. In making these things our focus, by committing to them however difficult this can be at times, we receive that relationship with God that is the ultimate present.

Ryan Christopher Day

Discipleship 101 Christian Discipleship

Lord Mayor and two Bishops show a Hunger for Change

The Lord Mayor of Hull, Councillor Nadine Fudge, joined with Bishop Terry and Bishop Richard Frith for the Hull Interfaith Advent celebration held at St Charles Borromeo Church on Wednesday 11th December, who were welcomed by the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Canon Michael Loughlin.

The format was a little different from previous years in that the service began with an image and quote of the recently deceased, great inspirational leader, Nelson Mandela: **“Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom”.** This was followed by the inspirational hymn ‘Everyday God’ by Bernadette Farrell.

Representatives of Hull’s rich faith traditions took part in lighting the candles of the Menorah which has come to be an annual symbol of the event. Two speakers gave moving accounts of their personal experiences. The first was a young refugee from Cameroon, Wanyu Flora

Yennyuy, who found her faith deepened in the unlikely setting of a detention centre. Wanyu shared how she had found friendship with others from a ‘united nations of backgrounds’ who shared their faith together while being detained. Alderman Patrick Doyle spoke of his work with homeless people through St Charles Drop In Centre and his hopes of a planned Emmaus Centre being developed in the city. He spoke of people sleeping out in cemeteries and church yards, around the docks and other places in the city. He gave a stark reminder of the ‘poor in our midst’ all the more relevant at this time of year, when the cold seeps into you, especially after dark.

Bishop Terry gave a moving homily based on the phrase “Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption”. And a lone youngster, Evan, read the bidding prayers on behalf of St Mary’s Catholic College. Bishop Frith read the closing prayer before both Bishops shared in giving a combined blessing. Grateful thanks are due to the tireless efforts of the team of devoted CAFOD parish contacts for bringing it all to fruition!



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The Ministry of Service

John Hinman, a trustee of Together Middlesbrough and parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, reflects on 'Christian Discipleship'.

We cannot fail to be impressed by the increasing number of articles and reports on social action and humanitarian projects in the *Voice*. The January edition had a much larger section on the work of *Christian Discipleship* in the Diocese. The CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) Conference in York last summer has encouraged a desire to share information on the many projects that are now taking place. It is also evident that Ecumenical projects are gaining ground, not least in the work of 'Together Middlesbrough'. We are hoping to see a Caritas Social Action Network established in the Diocese during this year. We can all play our part in ensuring we respond to the needs of the vulnerable and also to have a thriving and effective CSAN network. The other development that provides great encouragement are the messages over Christmas and the New Year from Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby. These were not simply "sound bites" but lie at the heart of the new Christian leadership and the aspirations both the Pope and the Archbishop share for the kind of Church they want us to be. The roots of statements on poverty and humanitarian work in general are in the values and principles that guide the Church's approach to public activity. The twin foundations of Catholic social teaching are human dignity and the social nature of humanity. Human beings are sacred and social. Human dignity and the call to community are rooted in both reason and revelation. We also know that the Common Good is the goal and purpose of society and the state and an abiding concern of the Church. The idea of the common good is that the good of each person is bound up with the good of the community; all are responsible for all.

Participation is the key to the realisation of the common good. **"The person is called to participate in shaping society in such a way as to promote the well-being of its members, and it is this act of participation that the essential dignity of the person is both achieved and realised"** (The New Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought, page 734, Judith Dwyer, 1994). We are nurtured by the growing number of encyclicals, statements and messages that call us to action but it is worth pausing to reflect on earlier statements and messages. The Common Good published in 1996 by Cardinal Hume and the Bishops' Conference is as valid today as it was at the turn of the last century. A worthy task would be a series of workshops to bring to life this precious statement in a 21st century context. Clearly, a case of **"Back to the future"**. Combine this rich heritage with the current Bishops' Statement on Poverty published last autumn and we begin to realise that we have all the spiritual resources we need to advance the CSAN network and its core vision of a **"common humanity, where every person is valuable and valued"** (CSAN Core Value Statement).

There is a fundamental truth and something very practical as we embark on the creation of a CSAN network. It lies in the nature of our own ability to draw on the actual network within our Catholic faith community, our contacts and the friendships we cultivate in activities such as 'The Lourdes Family' and the John Paul Centre Working Party that has transformed the lives of so many with the support of Bishop Terry. We can work together and use our initiative in a way that enriches a formal network. At the height of the Iraq War, our Diocese was getting medical aid into the beleaguered city of Baghdad at a time when even Medicins Sans Frontieres and the Red Cross were forced to pull out of the city. Why? Because of our Benedictine monk friends and their Catholic contacts in the Foreign Office and also Catholic contacts we made in the Ministry of Defence and with Catholic Military Padres worked hard to make our own efforts and generosity worthwhile. The prospect of a strong CSAN network is sufficient grounds for us to urge everyone to pick up their own copy of the *Voice* each and every month from now on. The content of each edition will be a clarion call to action. What remains striking about Archbishop Justin Welby's New Year message was his own call to action: **"Perhaps our New Year's resolution is therefore not just to do something slightly different, but to set our eyes on changing the world around us. That would really change our country in the most amazing way"** (BBC One Broadcast on New Year's Day). We might add - ask not what your Diocese and parish can do for you but what can you do to advance the common good in your own parish, in your neighbourhood, in your Diocese and even beyond our own shores.

We will continue the struggle

With Nelson Mandela laid to rest on Sunday 15th December, CAFOD Middlesbrough supporters pledge to keep his mission alive.

Nelson Mandela was buried in his home province of Qunu, South Africa, on Sunday 15th December. Mandela, who died on Thursday 5th December, supported the work of Make Poverty History in 2005, of which CAFOD was a founding member. The former South African President gave a speech in Trafalgar Square urging world leaders to make trade rules fairer for poorer nations, cancel crippling debts, and give more and better aid.

Mandela's words have gone down in history with his "Great Generation" rallying call: *Sometimes, it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.* CAFOD Middlesbrough is joining with supporters to keep Nelson Mandela's memory alive by continuing his struggle against poverty - as we have done for over 50 years. CAFOD worked through the Catholic Church in South Africa to stand up to injustices committed under the apartheid regime. After apartheid collapsed, CAFOD worked with Church-based organisations responding to the HIV and AIDS pandemic. His fight was ours.



Nelson Mandela

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We helped fund the 'New Nation' newspaper and worked through local churches to deliver health care in the townships, churches whose priests and bishops were so often literally in the front line against the forces of oppression. The

greatest honour we can pay Nelson Mandela is to build the world he wanted to see: a world free from any form of division, whether between black or white, rich or poor, man or woman.

Solidarity with People Experiencing Poverty - What can we do?

"No one can remain insensitive to the inequalities which persist in the world", Pope Francis told residents of a shanty town in Rio de Janeiro in 2013. He then urged "those in possession of greater resources, public authorities and all people of good will: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity".

On Saturday 22nd March at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel, Hull, there will be a day, organised by the Social Responsibility Committee of the National Board of Catholic Women, in co-operation with members of the Middlesbrough Women's Commission, which will explore the issues around the growing poverty in this country, particularly as it affects women. This will be in the context of the Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching which together form the basis of our Catholic Social Action. There will be speakers from the national bodies of Catholic Social Action Network and Housing Justice, together with local speakers who have practical experience of leading projects concerned with the poor and vulnerable in our society. We hope that the day will encourage and enable participants to challenge injustice where it exists, to become advocates for those experiencing poverty and to take appropriate action, whether it be practical or challenging structural inequality. Participants will be given the opportunity to share their own experiences of poverty.

The day will begin at 10.30 am for 11.00 am in the Parish Hall and will end at 4.00 pm. Tea and coffee will be provided. No charge will be made but a small contribution towards expenses will be welcome. Please bring your own lunch to share. For further information, please contact Chris Clarke on (01482) 844128 or Margaret Savage on (01482) 857670.

Parishes ramble around Gribdale



Blowing the cobwebs away

On Sunday 29th December, a group of 20 from Saltburn, Marske and Redcar parishes "blew the cobwebs away" as suggested in the December edition of the *Catholic Voice*. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny afternoon break in the weather. Keeping to the recommended route, we started from Gribdale, up the track to Captain Cook's Monument then along the Cleveland Way to take the lane through Lonsdale and back to the car park. A good time was had by all as we rambled along like one big happy family, children amazing us with their energetic antics, adults catching up on family, inter-parish and general news whilst enjoying the terrific views of Tees Valley and the Cleveland Hills. "When is the next ramble?" was the big question from participants of all ages as we arrived back at Gribdale. Well, the good news is that the *Voice* intends to publish more short rambles, the first being around Easter time. So there's something to look forward to.

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This photograph is of some of the CWL (Catholic Women's League) members who came to Driffild for the Reverend Father David White's Advent talks in preparation for Christmas. In February, CWL Branch Officers will go to Swanwick for an Officers Meeting. All Sections will be preparing for the Women's World Day of Prayer which will be held on 7th March, the first Friday of March. This year the theme is 'Streams in the Desert' prepared by the women of Egypt. Lilian Finch, Middlesbrough Branch President, Catholic Women's League

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- 1 Parish Visitation to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Market Weighton All Day
- 2 Parish Visitation to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Market Weighton (continued) All Day
- 3 Attends Ushaw Dinner with Notre Dame Team - Ushaw, Durham 7.00 pm
- 4 Attends Bishop's Council - Curial Office 11.00 am
- 5 Attends Council of Priests Meeting - Curial Office 2.00 pm
- 6 Attends Meeting of Council for Evangelisation and Adult Formation 10.30 am
- 7 Visit to Stanbrook Abbey (Blessing of the Building Work & Cutting First Sod) All Day
- 13 Attends Diocesan Trustees Meeting - Curial Office 10.30 am
- 15 Parish Visitation to St Mary, Queen of Martyrs and St Francis of Assisi, Hull All Day
- 16 Parish Visitation to St Mary, Queen of Martyrs and St Francis of Assisi, Hull All Day
- 18 Attends meeting of Bishops and Staff at Oscott College 10.30 am
- 19 Attends Bishop's Council - Curial Office 11.00 am
- 22 Attends Installation of Bishop of Durham - Durham Cathedral All Day
- 25 Attends NOV Advisory Meeting - CBEW London 11.00 am
- 26 Attends Ushaw Trustees Meeting - Hinsley Hall, Leeds 11.00 am

1 Saturday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary's Church, Wycliffe (nr Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 205630 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

2 Sunday
2.30 pm A Service for Poverty and Homelessness Week at Central Methodist Church Hall, St Saviourgate, York. All welcome, refreshments served
5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

4 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

5 Wednesday
10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Look at the Birds of the Air' with Olivia Lambert at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
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

6 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

6 and 7 Thursday and Friday
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7 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

8 Saturday
10.00 am - 12 noon The Diocesan Women's Commission hosts an open meeting at St Bede's in York to look at future plans and involvement. Anyone interested is invited to come and share their views
10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Hildegard of Bingen' with Anthony Finnerty at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Mary smiled in the silence' - a day of quiet reflection inspired by Lourdes, to be held at The Carmelite Monastery, Thicket Priory near York. Speakers: Fr Antony Lester OCarm and Mr Johan Bergström-Allen, members of the Carmelite Family and Lourdes volunteers. Please bring packed lunch. Recommended minimum donation £10.00. Contact: Johan Bergström-Allen, Tel: (01904) 411521 or E-mail: york@laycarmel.org to register or for more information

8 and 9 Saturday and Sunday
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9 Sunday
5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF
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 Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

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

10 - 12 Monday - Wednesday
 Tenth National Conference for Rural Catholics, to be held at the Red Lion at Whittlesfordbridge, Station Road East, Whittlesford Bridge, Cambs. Contact: Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01747) 870228 or E-mail: rwhm274@btinternet.com for further details

11 Tuesday
12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Alan Lavender MBE will talk about 'Secrets of recipes at Chequers'
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ASCENT Group, York meet at Our Lady's Parish Centre
8.30 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

12 Wednesday
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele 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

14 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

15 Saturday
10.30 am National Justice and Peace Network meeting at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York. All welcome
2.00 pm Lourdes Hospitalité Handmaids - a Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough followed by a meeting for all handmaids past and present and for anyone interested in working as a handmaid. Light refreshments will also be provided in the hall. Contact: Chris Tillotson, Tel: (01642) 324043 or E-mail: chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk for further details
7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Irish Dance (Tony Ford) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227. Please note new venue
7.30 pm - 10.30 pm Irish Association meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

16 Sunday
3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Francis of Assisi, Acklam, Middlesbrough
5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

17 Monday
7.30 pm The York Newman Circle presents a Talk on St Clare by Rev Rowan Williams, Anglican Chaplain, York University at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith or Robert Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

18 Tuesday
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

19 Wednesday
5.30 pm - 7.00 pm 'Ushaw's Twin Sister: St Edmund's, Ware, the Douai of the South' - lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Fr Nicholas Schofield, Archivist, Archdiocese of Westminster as part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Contact Tel: 0191 334 3955 or E-mail: s.a.royal@durham.ac.uk for further details
7.00 pm CAFOD and Hexham & Newcastle and Middlesbrough Dioceses invite all to meet CAFOD partner, Patrick Jamiru, Director of Caritas Kenema, Sierra Leone at Christ the King Church, Trenchard Avenue, Thornaby. Refreshments will be served
7.30 pm for 7.45 pm The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Rev Vincent Purcell entitled 'Lumen Gentium, a great grace and a sure compass' in the Nevers Room at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough. Coffee at 7.30 pm. Contact: Terry Egerton, Tel: (01642) 645732 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details. All are welcome
8.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's RC Church, West Hull

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The parishes of Redcar, Marske and Saltburn having been working together for the last two years to respond to the changing circumstances of the Church and world today by taking gentle steps to create a single parish community to serve their area. Over Christmas, three joint activities were organised to encourage the process; a Children's Party, a Carol Evening and a post-Christmas Ramble. The Party and the Carols were held in Sacred Heart School Redcar with enthusiastic support from staff and students. The photographs are from the Carol Evening.



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