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# Have you booked your place yet?



## Bishop's Column

Every year as Lent approaches, for me, it seems to bring with it both a sense of foreboding and opportunity. I suppose what it really brings is the chance to take stock and because I know that all I find will not be well, hence the foreboding; but I can do something about it before it is too late, and so the opportunity. Despite the gloomy meteorological prognostications and their dramatic effects at this present moment, we know that we are at least travelling into light and growth. Thanks be to God! Let's hope and pray that this journey is not just a seasonal notion but is of our hearts, minds, and spirits too.

Getting balance in my life doesn't have to demand huge changes. Little things done regularly can make a great difference. It's a bit like the spiritual life, isn't it? It is so important to make sure that prayer and the opportunity for prayer are part of my daily living. If I allow myself to be bombarded by sound and activity every moment of my waking day, no wonder I find it hard to pray. Silence and peace are not mine by default. I have to choose and create them and make them part of my life. This takes effort, sacrifice, and discipline. After the Year of Faith have I read more, fed my mind and my spirit a little more? If I don't read, I suspect I will find my prayer life harder to sustain

None of these things need take a great deal of time, but without them we are the less. Lent should be a good time to re-

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# Evangelisation

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## Have you booked your place yet?

On Saturday 29th March, MYMission and the Diocesan Adult Formation Department are holding the first Diocesan Youth Congress.

If you are a teacher or a school governor, if you are a school chaplaincy worker or a representative of a Church movement who work and interact with young people, a catechist or a young person, then please do book a place. All are welcome! The Congress takes place on Saturday 29th March from 10.00 am - 3.15 pm at Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough. The event is free to attend but **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.**

We are delighted to launch the national vision for Catholic Youth Ministry in the Diocese and begin to build our own vision based upon it. Father Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services of the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese, and current Chair of CYMFed, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation in England and Wales, will be our keynote speaker. Father Dermott has been in full-time Catholic Youth Ministry for over 15 years and has a wealth of experience. He remains passionate about young people and their

relationships with God, each other and the Church.

We have an exciting range of interesting and engaging workshops to cater for different needs and wants delivered by experienced practitioners. Workshops include:

### Life in Christ - Anthony Towey, St Mary's, Twickenham

We are delighted to welcome our colleagues from Southwark as they lead us in turning what we have heard into practical action. Based on the wealth of experience they have, they will lead us into our workshops with a short talk to focus our minds on the afternoon of activity ahead. They will also lead a workshop to introduce us to their resource, 'Life in Christ', a wonderful tool for parish youth work.

### Young People and the Sacrament of Confirmation - Canon John Lumley and Deacon Vincent Purcell

Canon John Lumley is the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation. He is the co-author of the Diocesan Confirmation resource, 'I Am Confirmed', which is being widely used all over the country. Before ordination, Canon John worked as a teacher and has a wealth of pastoral and educational experience. He is joined in this workshop by Deacon Vince Purcell who is the Adult Formation Advisor for the Diocese. This workshop will help to inspire and refocus parish work undertaken with young people as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

### Strengthening School and Parish Links - Mary Hughes

Mary works for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and has driven the vision which has helped grow strong and effective links in pastoral areas, parishes and schools. This has led to great success across the Diocese as a whole in encouraging young people to experience life in the Church on many levels, leading to a deepening of faith in young people and a renewal of the local Church.

### Listening to the Voice of Young People - Father Tony Lester

Father Tony Lester is a Carmelite Friar and the Catholic Chaplain at the University of York. He works with university students and is also heavily involved with the HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage where he works with young adults who take up the mission of the Church on pilgrimage. Father Tony will lead a discussion which aims to look at how we can be communities ever more open to the voice of young people so that we may cherish them and address their concerns.



Father Dermott Donnelly

### Samuel Groups: A Tool for Discernment - Reverend Gerard Walsh

Reverend Gerard Walsh is a Carmelite Friar based in York. Last year he ran a Samuel Group. These groups are for young adults who are trying to discover what God has in mind for them. An initiative launched by the National Office for Vocation, Samuel Groups are a possible way forward with the young adults of your parish.

### Godly Play: Opening the Scriptures for the Very Young - Heather Black

Heather is one of the national trainers with Godly Play UK. Based at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, she is responsible for the development of Godly Play across the Tees Valley area. Heather will allow you to explore how the principles of Godly Play can be put to good use in the Catholic setting in both school and parish.

There will also be a 'market place' style lunch with a variety of stalls allowing you to explore the work of agencies in the Diocese which try to engage with young people. We hope that the day will be more than just a listening exercise and all will be inspired and better resourced as they return home to continue their work in youth ministry. To book your **FREE** place, please visit <http://mymissionteam.eventbrite.com> or contact Dom Finn at [domfinn@mymission.org.uk](mailto:domfinn@mymission.org.uk) or (01642) 529102.

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## Bishop's Column

invigorate our appetite for reading about spiritual things. If you haven't fed yourself in this way for a while, now is the time to start - a little and often. You will be surprised at how this will stimulate your mind and heart and warm your prayer as well as enriching your faith. Have a good Lent, may it be a fruitful one for each and all of us.

*As the days lengthen and earth spends longer in the light of the sun, grant that we may spend longer in the light of your presence, O Lord. And may those seeds of your word, long since buried in our hearts, grow, like everything around us, into love for you and your holy people. May this Lent be a spring-time for our lives in Christ. Amen*

## The Sleep Out is Back! Will You Join Us?

Can you sleep rough for one night? Friday 25th April, Middlesbrough College from 8.00 pm - 6.00 am sees the return of the Big Teesside Sleep Out. We would love to see you there.

Last November, the MYMission Team undertook this remarkable experience to raise money to assist those in desperate need across Teesside. Organised by the Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation, the Sleep Out raises money for local charities working at the coalface with people who are homeless or struggling against extreme poverty.

We recognise that the Sleep Out happening again so soon means that it is difficult for us to ask for sponsorship again, so, we are hoping that some of you will join some of us and take up the reigns. Already, Father James Benfield of St Mary's Cathedral has pledged to join us, as well as Doctor Victor Dowd of St Clare's Parish. If just one or two people from each parish across the north of the Diocese joined us, we could make a huge difference to very many needy people.

Please contact [domfinn@mymission.org.uk](mailto:domfinn@mymission.org.uk) to sign up or learn more about the event.



Will you join MYMission for the Sleep Out 2014?



Pupils with Mrs Brooks, School Cook and Mrs Roberts, Let's Get Cooking Co-ordinator

## Cooking the School Books!

Pupils at St Mary's RC Primary School in Richmond have been cooking up a treat. Three pupils have won a Masterchef cooking competition held in school in the summer term, with their winning recipes appearing as part of the new North Yorkshire County Caterers school lunch menu across the whole of the county.

Laurence McGinn, Laura Dixon and Carys Emptage will have their recipes included on the new Spring term menu. Laurence's Spinach Spaghetti, Laura's Spicy Chick Pea Dish and Carys' Custard Cream Biscuit were winners all round as the children had to cook up something they would like to see on the school menu. Laurence won first prize in the competition. "I was shocked to be the overall winner" said Laurence. "When I told my dad, he was ecstatic. My mum uses the recipe a lot, we really like it." Carys was equally delighted to win a prize and said "I was surprised to win. My grandma was very surprised too; it is her recipe and one of my favourites."

The competition was organised by Mrs Caroline Roberts, who runs the after school Let's Get Cooking Club. "The remit for the children to enter the competition was to be able to make something they would like to see on the

school lunch menu. We didn't actually think that they would appear as part of the new school menu this term" said Mrs Roberts.

St Mary's RC Primary invited Miss Jane Newman from North Yorkshire County Caterers to be the head judge of the Masterchef competition. "I was delighted to help take part in the competition and was impressed by the standard of all the competitors. It was quite a difficult decision as all the children prepared and cooked their own dishes." Mrs Newman then took the winning recipes back to the County Caterers and suggested they could appear as part of the new Spring term menu. "We like to offer a nutritious school lunch and are always looking for new ideas that the children would like. It seemed the most logical step to incorporate the winning recipes into the new term's menu."

The school are delighted to encourage the children in creating healthy nutritious meals and recipes that they can cook for the rest of their family. The Let's Get Cooking Club is funded by the Children's Food Trust, a national initiative to get children involved in healthy eating.

## Diocesan Youth Council - Can You Represent Your Parish?

Together with Bishop Terry, we are establishing a Diocesan Youth Council. We hope to build something that really is representative of the young people of our Diocese, their faith, needs and concerns. The Council will become a representative voice in the Diocese, just like any other council of the Bishop's; we really hope to hear the voice of young people as we build a vision for youth ministry. If you are invited, please do accept as we really do wish to hear what you have to say and do our best to act upon it.

Young people from every school and parish in the Diocese will be invited to make up the Council, which will meet for the first time at the Diocesan Youth Congress, which takes place on 29th March this year. Schools and parishes have received information about how to nominate young people for the Council on their behalf. We invite young people aged 13-25 to respond generously to the invitation should it come their way.

Father Paul Farrer



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## School Funding



Some of the children with Mrs Lawrence celebrating the arrival of the new piano!

Over Christmas, St Aelred's RC Primary School Choir were busy spreading Christmas cheer to shoppers at Sainsbury's Supermarket, Monks Cross in York to raise money for their music department. The children sang carols for over two and a half hours and raised just under £400.00. This was put together with a very generous donation from Mrs Anne Lawrence to purchase a new electric piano for the school! Mrs Lawrence's granddaughter had recently left St Aelred's to go to high school and so Mrs Lawrence felt the money should go towards music in the school as her granddaughter had benefited so much from it during her time at St Aelred's. There is still some money left which the children hope to put towards their next purchase - a set of Samba drums! The staff and children at St Aelred's would like to express their thanks to Sainsbury's and all the shoppers who gave so generously, to Mrs Lawrence for her very kind donation and to our parents for their continued support and encouragement.

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# Singing for success

One of the choirs from St Martin's Ampleforth, the Preparatory School to Ampleforth College, has won a place in the semi-finals of the 'BBC Songs of Praise Junior Choir of the Year' competition. This will be filmed at the ICC in Birmingham on Saturday 15th March and will feature choirs from six schools. Three choirs will then be selected to go through to the Final, which is filmed on the same day.

Head of Music at St Martin's Ampleforth, Vincent Conyngham, described his pleasure on hearing the news of the Choir's success: "The children work hard and for many hours at the huge repertoire of vocal music which we cover. To be featured on national television is both exciting and rewarding." Judges Myleene Klass, Suzi Digby and Ralph Allwood will have the task of deciding which three of the six choirs go through to the Final and then who is to be the overall winner.

"The choice of music is very important" said Vincent Conyngham. "When we last entered the competition, I chose Howard Goodall's setting of Psalm 23, known to many as the theme tune to the TV sitcom 'The Vicar of Dibley'. This proved to be the wrong choice as it did not showcase the choir's talents as



fully as a more "upbeat" item. So our second prepared item, a wonderfully lively setting of 'Oh when the saints go marching in', was never heard, which was a disappointment to the children and to many associated with the school. This time I have chosen 'I the Lord of Sea and Sky' and arranged it in such a way as to show the choir's versatility. I hope that it will be what the judges are looking for, but

you never really know until it is all over. If that gets us through to the Final, then we will sing 'With Joyful Heart and Voice': this is a Canon for three-part Chorus with keyboard accompaniment by Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842) and English words by Henry Kihlken. I chose this as it includes unison, two-part and three-part singing, requires good breath control and needs a good range of dynamics.

It also requires great energy and commitment."

The semi-finals and the Final itself will be broadcast on BBC1 on two Sundays in April. The choristers at St Martin's Ampleforth sing weekly services in Ampleforth Abbey and at the end of this term, they will sing in the St Matthew Passion before embarking on a choral tour to Lisbon.



## Outstanding School

St Hedda's RC Primary School recently became the first school in the Diocese to be judged as outstanding under the new OFSTED framework used for inspecting schools. The school was judged outstanding overall with individual judgements of outstanding for achievement, teaching and learning, behaviour and leadership and management. Headteacher Mari Palmer said "I am so pleased the great work of the pupils, staff, governors and parents has been recognised by OFSTED and I am extremely proud that despite the inspection framework raising the bar for schools, St Hedda's retained its previous Outstanding judgment".

**Kevin Duffy**  
Diocesan Director of Schools

Some of the children in their new prayer area in church

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"It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people"  
Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

# Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel

In the February edition of *Catholic Voice*, Deacon Vince Purcell began his reflections on the first Encyclical of Pope Francis. In this edition, Vince takes us through Chapter One.

## Chapter One - The Church's Missionary Transformation

Pope Francis begins this chapter of his Apostolic Exhortation by reminding us of the missionary mandate given to us by Jesus himself: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." The new translation of the Mass helps us to understand that this commandment is meant for each and every one of us for now the Deacon regularly tells us to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord". In other words, our Christian duty is not fulfilled simply by "hearing" Mass - when we ourselves have been nourished by word and by sacrament, we are charged with the obligation to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to every person that we meet.

Pope Francis places each one of us in a long line of God's messengers, from Abraham to Moses, to Jeremiah and the other prophets and on to Jesus himself. Each of us, writes the Holy Father, will have to discern the individual path pointed out for us by the Lord but what we all share in common is the summons to "go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel". Pope Francis has a vision that calls for the Universal Church, each Diocese and indeed each individual parish to become "an evangelising community". Such a community is one that "gets involved by word and by deed in people's daily lives; it bridges long distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others".

In words that he has made his own in the short time that he has been our Pope, Francis says yet again that "evangelisers take on the smell of the sheep". Evangelising communities, of course, can only be built up by individual men, women and children committed to the ministry of evangelisation in the circumstances of their everyday lives. This is how the Church reaches into every corner of the world - at no point does Pope Francis suggest that lay people should be involved in evangelisation simply because we have fewer priests and

religious these days. The way we live out our obligation to be involved in the evangelising mission of the Church will vary from person to person but none of us can refuse such an involvement because it is part of our Baptismal vocation.

What the Holy Father goes on to say in the second part of this chapter demands our fullest attention. He acknowledges that many documents of this kind can be quickly forgotten but then he says "Nevertheless, I want to emphasize that what I am trying to express here has a programmatic significance and important consequences". In other words, Pope Francis says, we cannot keep on doing things the way we always have while continuing to hope for a different result. Rather, we need to look for new ways of reaching out to others in order to remain true to Jesus' command to carry the Good News to all nations. In fact, he goes on to repeat this, urging us to abandon any temptation to say "We have always done it this way". Instead, Pope Francis writes "I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities".

One aspect of the creativity that he would like to encourage in the Church is for all of us to be permanently in a state of mission. "Mere administration," he tells us, "can never be enough". This echoes a theme that pre-occupied Pope Francis when he was the Cardinal Archbishop in Buenos Aires. In an interview at the time, he is reported to have said that "A church that limits itself to just carrying out administrative duties, caring for its tiny flock, is a church that in the long run will get sick. The pastor who isolates himself is not a true pastor of sheep, but a 'hairstylist' for sheep who spends his time putting curlers on them instead of going to look for others". He is also quoted as having compared the situation we find ourselves in today with the parable of the shepherd who leaves his 99 sheep to find the one that is lost. "Today we have one in the pen and 99 we need to go looking for" he said.

There is no doubt, then, that Pope Francis sees evangelisation as the key task of the Church. "Before all else," he writes, "the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who

saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." In order to achieve this, the Church must see herself as a "missionary disciple" growing in the understanding of truth. The Church can be helped in this quest by being attentive to what the Holy Father calls "different currents of thought in philosophy, theology and pastoral practice". He acknowledges that the idea of "different currents" might be a troublesome one for "those who long for a monolithic body of doctrine, guarded by all and leaving no room for nuance". He goes on to stress, though, that "such variety serves to bring out and develop different facets of the inexhaustible riches of the Gospel".

Time and again in *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis reminds us that we need to leave our "comfort zones" behind. He recalls the words of Pope John Paul II who said that "All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion". This, of course, is scarcely a new message for Christians - Jesus himself urged us to "put out into the deep". Christian life is risky but as the Scriptures so often tell us, there is no need to be afraid.

Pope Francis ends this Chapter of his Apostolic Exhortation by saying "let us go forth, then, to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ... If anything should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ... More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving..."

In the next issue of the *Voice*, we will reflect further upon what Pope Francis sees as the most urgent problems that beset us today and how we are all called to collaborate in overcoming them. 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](mailto:adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk)

## The Drama of Salvation

On Saturday 18th January, BLAZING GRANNIES' Mary Callan attended the Passiontrust Conference held at St Jude's Church, South Kensington. The Trust exists to encourage open-air Passion Plays and help them share ideas and inspiration, from highly traditional performances to very innovative ones. Speakers spoke of the emotional impact of these outdoor events, especially the journey to Calvary performed through town high streets. After accounts including Brighton, Winchester and Poole, James Burke-Dunsmore spoke about assisting with a Passion Play on a strip of land between communities outside Cape Town, and Israel Oyelumade talked about the new top class musical LOVE BEYOND, telling the story from Creation to Salvation, with stars from Les Mis and Phantom. For more information, check out the Passiontrust websites.

BLAZING GRANNIES new show, KING DAVID'S WIVES, will have its premiere at St Paul's Church, as part of York International Women's Week. Story-teller F Mary Callan is joined by jazz-singer Libby Redman, in a one-woman show with songs, destined for the Edinburgh Fringe. Libby has performed at Ronny Scott's, and works as a Christian youth leader in Norwich. The new show brings us gossip and politics from 3,000 years ago. A beautiful new companion, Abishag, has been selected for King David. With her, we meet the old queens, practical Abigail, scornful Michal, beloved Bathsheba, distraught Ahinoam and ambitious Haggith, with stories of love and loss, adultery, rape and revenge. Generals and courtiers join the parade, recounting David's career from bandit chief to respected ruler, till family rivalry becomes civil war. What is David's role and who will inherit the kingdom?

### King David's Wives

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As well as two dates for the new show, BLAZING GRANNIES are offering a BLAZIN' YOOF event on Saturday 22nd March. The

afternoon will start with a show, followed by drama workshops, games and perhaps food.  
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# Vocations



Bishop Terry with Bob and Denise Shakesby

## Institution to the ministry of Lector

On 15th December, the third Sunday of Advent, Bishop Terry celebrated Mass in the Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull. During the Mass, Bob Shakesby took the next step on his journey to the Permanent Diaconate when Bishop Terry instituted him to the ministry of Lector. The Bishop gave Bob the Bible and said "Take this book of Holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people." Bob was supported by his wife Denise and his family, the parishioners of St Anthony's and a number of his fellow Catenians.

## Father Paul Sacco RIP

Paul Sacco, Marist Father, was born in Port Said, Egypt and soon travelled with his family to Teesside where his father worked as a doctor in Eaglescliffe. Eventually, the family moved to Middlesbrough where they lived in the Holy Name Parish, Linthorpe. Due to the Second World War - where Paul spent part of it in India - and the death of his father, Paul's training for the priesthood was interrupted and he was eventually ordained as a Marist Priest on 28th June 1951.

After an early life marked by so much travelling it was almost inevitable in a way, that during his Marist priestly ministry this trait would continue. He taught biology in the Marist schools in Exeter and Blackburn and later served in most of our parishes, including the Holy Name of Mary in Middlesbrough and also, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel in Hull. In his later years, his late 80s and early 90s, Paul was involved in the Parish of St Stephen's in East Hull while at the same time completing the compilation of a book, recently published, of the letters and photographs of his brother Albert's time on the Marist Mission in Vanua Tu, New Hebrides.

Paul was a man of faith, whose great devotion to daily Mass was one of the features of his life and preaching. Paul's life as a Marist priest affected many people in many parts of the country and it was fitting that he came back to Middlesbrough for the last few weeks of his life before dying in the parish which influenced him so much in his early life. Our thanks, as Marists, go to Father Tom O'Neill and the parishioners of the Holy Name for the pastoral care given to Paul during his last days.



Peter Corcoran SM



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Completed application forms must be returned to the address given by 5pm on Wednesday 12 March 2014. **Interviews will be held 1 April 2014.**

# Placement with MYMission



Limnyuy, centre right, during preparations with InReality Team, Hallam Diocese, for the school mission at St Mary's College, Hull

Limnyuy Gamsi, 18, is a student at the Royal English College, Valladolid. Originally from the Cameroon, Limnyuy moved to Leicester when he was a child before returning to the Cameroon for secondary school. He is a student with Nottingham Diocese. In January, Limnyuy undertook his pastoral placement with MYMission.

I am privileged to be one of the 16 students studying this year at the Royal English College of St Alban's in Valladolid, Spain. I say "this year" because it is a seminary which provides a one year propaedeutic course for English and Welsh men who desire to be priests and have been sent there by their bishops. During Pope Benedict XVI's visit to England in September 2010, one of the things he congratulated the Church on was the continued presence of this seminary in Spain. Valladolid was once the capital of Spain in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries before King Philip II moved the capital to Madrid in 1561. As a result, Valladolid is considered one of the more traditional cities of Spain and is home to the National Sculpture Museum.

This one year course serves to provide a solid spiritual foundation to our seminary formation. We learn a lot about the Carmelite spirituality which is prevalent in the area due to the influence of two Carmelite saints, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. Our visit to where we saw the poverty in which St Teresa lived helped to instil in us her quote of "God alone suffices". Part of the college calendar is a month's pastoral placement in England and my work is here in Middlesbrough with the Youth Mission Team, a fabulous group of people. The work I have taken part in has been the preparation for the Christian Unity Service with Archbishop Sentamu in the Cathedral and the secondary school mission at St Mary's College in Hull. After this month, I will be back in Spain for the remainder of the academic year. I ask you dear reader, to keep me and my fellow seminarians in your prayers, that the good God may help us in our process of discerning his Divine will.

Limnyuy Gamsi

## Portrait of a Martyr

For many years, Whitby Museum has had in its possession a portrait of Blessed Father Nicholas Postgate, the 'Ugthorpe Martyr'. Its origin, though as uncertain as its age or artist, has long been assumed by local tradition to be a true likeness, maybe even painted during his lifetime, and recent conservation has helped us better understand the painting's age.

In July, I delivered the portrait to art conservators in London where a dendrochronologist inspected the piece. Although there were too few tree-rings on either the image or the frame to take samples, he noted that they appeared to be from coppiced oak, adding that the frame shows a number of embedded rusty nails, which indicate it may come from either an old piece of furniture or a floor-board. It is impossible to say for certain if the wood is local, or where it had been used, but it's tempting to suggest buildings of significance in Postgate's life as likely candidates, perhaps the Hermitage at Ugthorpe where he lived, or the Mass House at Egton, where a hidden chapel was discovered in 1830.

The image itself, measures just 146 by 134 millimetres (roughly 6 by 5 inches) and 6mm (3/10th of an inch) deep, and has now been cleaned of an accumulation of wax and surface dirt, a light intervention in keeping with the Museum's instruction. Areas of cracking on the image, most visibly on the cloak, have not been retouched. Samples of the paint were taken and a comprehensive illustrated report arrived just before Christmas, a few days after I collected the picture from London.

The preparation layer under the image is predominately white, with an upper layer with a pale blue tint. This is composed of a complex mixture, with silica, barates, calcites



Blessed Nicholas Postgate

and some ochres; these can all be found in paint from the sixteenth century onwards and today. There are no modern white pigments in the painting, and this absence of nineteenth century zinc white, or early twentieth century titanium white, strongly suggests eighteenth century work. Lead white, or flake white had been used in both the ground and image. The image is painted in oils, and the heavy wrinkling of the flesh colour suggests this had been mixed with an excess of an oil medium. The cloak is painted in ochres, warm earthy pigments which were widely used in oil

paint because their hue was stable, and easily available. But it is the types of blue pigments used which can date the picture. There are traces of natural ultramarine. This very expensive colour, derived from lapis lazuli found only in Afghanistan, was quickly replaced by the much cheaper Prussian blue and in fairly wide use as early as 1710.

In conclusion, it is fair to say that, from our conversations before and during the process, the conservators found the picture a bit of a conundrum. The presence of earth pigments and flake white makes it difficult to date by colour alone, but the Prussian blue gives an indicative earliest possible date of about 1710, some thirty years after Postgate's execution. This would indicate that, rather than being painted from life as was once thought, the picture was painted by someone who knew, or on the instruction and from the memory of someone who had known the 'Priest of the Moors'.

Whitby Museum is located in Whitby's Pannett Park. It was founded in 1823 and is run entirely by volunteers. It is open 9.30 am to 4.30 pm daily except Mondays.

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# Spirituality and Worship

## Christian Unity Celebration

Every seat in the Cathedral was taken when the highlight of the Diocesan celebration for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was a service celebrated by the Bishop on Sunday 19th January with Doctor John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, as a special guest speaker. Although the service itself started at 3.00 pm, young people from across the Diocese, including contingents from Scarborough and York as well as Teesside, led by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team, had gathered much sooner to make their contribution to the service which was titled 'Is Christ divided?' They brought food of all descriptions and put it around the altar and, like the parable of the five loaves and two fishes, there were sufficient food to make a substantial contribution to the Middlesbrough Foodbank.

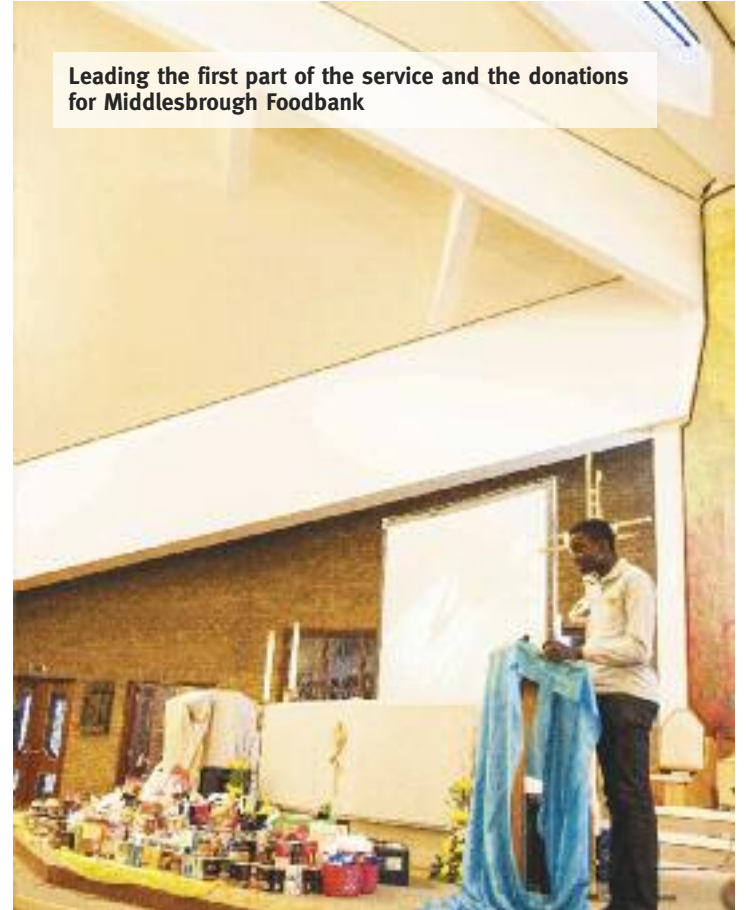
The hymn 'The Church's One Foundation' gave the service a roaring send off. Bishop Terry was joined in the sanctuary by Archbishop Sentamu and his chaplain, together with Monsignor Dasey, Vicar General, Canon Gerard Robinson, Vicar General/Dean of the Cathedral, Monsignor Hogan, Dean of Middlesbrough and Canon Bayldon, Provost of the Cathedral Chapter. The Bishop welcomed everybody to the service, commenting on the excellent 'turnout'. The first reading - a 'Call to Unity' - was read by Monsignor Hogan and this was followed by a wide ranging sermon by Doctor Sentamu on divisions in the Church of Christ and its consequences, during which he asked for a volunteer from the young people

present to help him express clearly and visually his message of the consequences of this division. It was one of the pupils from Christ the King, Thornaby, Holly, who proved an excellent foil for the Archbishop and she was suitably applauded for her efforts.

After the sermon and the Creed, the Cathedral Boys and Girls Choirs sang the beautiful 'Song of Unity' and the Archbishop led the Sign of Peace. Two pupils from Trinity College brought more gifts forward for the Bishop and Archbishop to receive followed by the intercessory prayers, which followed the themes of the United Nation's 'Eight Millennium Goals' with prayers led by pupils from St Francis Xavier School, Richmond, which is a joint Catholic/Church of England School and has been visited by Archbishop Sentamu in the past. Bishop Terry led some commitment to unity prayers, gave the blessing and sent forth the congregation to proclaim the Word of God to all they meet.

The retiring collection was shared between the street homeless of the Diocese and Acts 435 (website: Acts435.org.uk). Acts 435 recognises that people want to give, often a little, sometimes more, to people with genuine need. Acts 435 puts people who can give in touch with people who are in need, with the Church as the physical, face-to-face forum to enable online giving. One hundred per cent of what is received is given out.

Doctor Jim Whiston



Leading the first part of the service and the donations for Middlesbrough Foodbank



Archbishop John Sentamu leads the Sign of Peace

## Is Christ divided?

Bishop Terry reflects on the sermon preached by Archbishop John Sentamu, Archbishop of York at the Christian Unity celebration in St Mary's Cathedral.

The theme for the Archbishop's sermon was 'Is Christ divided', the main theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year, the theme and the materials had been provided by Churches of French Canada. They took as their inspiration the Biblical text of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1 verses 1 to 17. The Archbishop explained that the original Greek text of the phrase "Is Christ divided, has Christ been parcelled out" used the word *schismata* (σχίσματα), which really meant has Christ been *torn apart*. He then asked the congregation to repeat the word so that they would understand it and not forget it. He did this several times during the sermon, just to make sure we had taken it in!

The highlight of the sermon was when the Archbishop asked for volunteers from among the young people and immediately there was a sea of hands. However, the first hand up was of a young lady named Holly who bravely came out to the front. The Archbishop said that if he pretended to have a big pair of scissors, could he cut Holly's arm off, or her foot, or her head, even. She, of course, said no and when asked why not, she answered that it would hurt her. Whereupon the Archbishop said that was exactly what we did when we tried to tear Christ apart by our disunity, we hurt Christ.

The Archbishop's final remark, and, indeed, his prayer, came from a quote of Blessed John Paul II, at an Ecumenical Meeting in Bari, Italy in February 1984. Describing the way the Churches of the East and West form one Universal Church, the Pope said "Unity is neither absorption nor fusion. Unity is a meeting in truth and love, granted to us by the Spirit."

*J. Long*



Archbishop John Sentamu delivers his sermon with Bishop Terry and Canon Michael Bayldon in the background



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# Families gather for Feast of Baptism of The Lord



Celebrating baptism at St Andrew's

Twenty-two couples who wish to have their children baptised into the Catholic Faith gathered at St Andrew's Church, Teesville on Sunday 12th January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

During the 9.30 am Mass, the families were presented to the community by Mrs Barbara Conway, the Parish Co-ordinator for Baptism, before being anointed with holy oil by the Parish Deacon, Pat Thomas. The short service was conducted by St Andrew's Parish Priest, Canon Edmond Gubbins, who also led members of the 200 strong congregation as they renewed their baptismal

promises. He said "The families are all enrolled on a three week baptismal preparation course within the parish and the presentation ceremony is the first step in having their children baptised and what a magnificent way to celebrate today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord." Canon Gubbins also invited 60 parents who had their children baptised in the parish during 2013; at the end of the service, they joined the 22 families on the sanctuary for a group photograph.

Paul Terry

# Cutting the first sod

On Thursday 6th February, Bishop Terry visited the Benedictine Community at Stanbrook Abbey, Wass to bless the building work for phase two of the new Abbey and to cut the first sod. This second phase of building will include the East Wing, Church and Chapel.



Bishop Terry cutting the first sod



The whole community gathered with Bishop Terry



## The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

The Lady Chapel has been a place of pilgrimage for hundreds of years. It is open from the beginning of Lent to the end of October. Turn off the A19, park in Osmotherley village and walk about a mile up the rough track leading to Ryebury Lane

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## The Lady Chapel

We are delighted to re-open the Lady Chapel Shrine at Osmotherley for the first weekend of Lent. Our Mass begins at 4.00 pm every Saturday and there will be Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3.15 pm to 3.45 pm prior to Mass. The Lady Chapel will be open for prayer, lighting candles and for pilgrim groups throughout the spring, summer and autumn months. The Shrine is being served by St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough. If you would like to bring a pilgrim group, please go to the website [www.ladychapel.org.uk](http://www.ladychapel.org.uk) for more details or e-mail [kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk) You can also telephone (01642) 850505 ext 258 for an application form.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

It is surely no coincidence that this year's Women's World Day of Prayer service was prepared some time ago by the Christian women of Egypt. Now more than ever, our sisters in that country, and brothers too, are in need of prayer. Some of the lines they have chosen and causes they have stressed are extremely poignant at the present time. Their beautiful theme is "Streams in the Desert": living water affects all our lives. Come and find out more, and join in solidarity with the suffering Egyptian people. The date as always - the first Friday in March, this year the 7th. York Central Service is 2.30 pm at St Michael le Belfrey, speaker Doctor Chris Mayers. Watch out locally for your nearest service.

Angela Breffit  
St Wilfrid's Church, York

## Music at St Vincent's

A booklet has been produced on the history of the organs at St Vincent de Paul's Church, Hull, written by the organist and Director of Music, David Craggs. The booklet gives a brief history of the present and previous organs and gives details of the specifications and photographs.

St Vincent's has a long tradition of music in the Mass going back some 75 years or so and the organ(s) have contributed to that tradition. The present organ has become well known in Hull as a recital instrument which has been played by some notable organists in the annual recitals which are reasonably supported. The organ is well maintained and tuned by Geoffrey Coffin of Principal Pipe Organs of York, who is also one of our regular recitalists. The booklet is now available and copies at a cost of £2.00 plus 50p postage can be obtained by contacting David Craggs on (01482) 839945 or (01482) 822678. The proceeds of the sale of the booklet will go towards the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the organ.

David W Craggs



# Christian Discipleship



SVP Visiting

## Congratulations!

**The St Vincent de Paul Society has been given the Prime Minister's Big Society Award. For nearly 200 years, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has been caring for people who are lonely or in need of practical assistance. The SVP has always had a 'one-to-one' approach, utilising the energy and commitment of 10,000 volunteers across England and Wales.**

On hearing the news, Archbishop Vincent Nichols expressed his delight: "I was delighted to hear that the St Vincent de Paul Society has won a Big Society Award. For nearly 200 years members of the SVP have been faithfully giving powerful practical expression to Pope Francis' desire for the Church to be a Church for the poor."

Last year, the Pope inspired people with his teaching: "Let them not be afraid to reach out with affection and tenderness towards the poorest, the weakest, the smallest, by showing how God loves them and by teaching them to read the signs of his love in their lives and by working for greater justice throughout the world, in the light of the Church's social teaching."

Inspired by God's love, SVP members turn their concern into real action by befriending individuals, giving both emotional and practical support, such as food parcels, clothes and furniture. In 2013, volunteers made over half a million visits to nearly 90,000 individuals and families across England and Wales. These visits were made to the housebound, older people, hospitals, residential care homes, travellers, the

homeless, refugees and people with mental health disorders, regardless of race, colour, religious belief, ideology or gender. Adrian Abel, National President of the SVP, reflecting on the award, remarked "It is so appropriate that this award has come in the bicentenary year of our founder's birth. The award recognises the work of our 10,000 volunteers who give around 1 million hours of voluntary service, by befriending people with needs in our community. The SVP provides practical opportunities for people to turn their concern into action, truly a Society with a big heart."

The SVP was founded by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, who said "I want to embrace the world in a network of charity". Today, in addition to visiting and befriending, the SVP organises volunteering groups in schools and universities, provides debt advice at its support centres and runs over 40 shops in economically disadvantaged areas. These projects, alongside the parish-based groups, provide opportunities for everyone to become involved no matter what their gifts or interests may be. The SVP is currently recruiting for new members throughout the country.

Prime Minister David Cameron commented: "The St Vincent de Paul Society turns concern into action. The Society's incredible number of volunteers build on a 200 year history of lending a practical hand to support those in need. I'm delighted to recognise all 10,000 St Vincent de Paul volunteers, and the staff who support them to do their vital work, with this Big Society Award."



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## New SVP Community Shop

The SVP has recently opened a second Community Shop at 100 High Street, Redcar, TS10 3DL where Linda Cameron ([01642] 497164) and volunteers welcome customers for the purchase of donated clothing, books, DVDs, home ware, toys, electricals and more. The SVP now urgently needs donations which can be taken to the Community Shop at 22-24 Rothbury Road, Middlesbrough, TS3 7NW. Furniture within a 10 mile radius can be collected. Please contact Wendy Mills ([01642] 246653) for more information. All proceeds from the shops will go towards funding SVP projects. Visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk) to find out more.

## SVP parish book stalls

Yarm and Ingleby Barwick SVP Conference has recently raised £46.30 by selling second hand books for 50p at the back of church in aid of the two Community Shops in the Diocese. If you are interested in assisting the SVP in this way, permission from the parish priest must be sought before going ahead. The box of books must have the name and address and telephone number of the Community Shop and the SVP logo, and a donation box with the SVP logo.



An SVP parish second hand book stall

Collected monies can be taken or sent (cheque) to the shops direct. Very little effort is needed, as this is based on parishioners' goodwill, and importantly it creates an SVP presence at the back of church and an awareness of the location and existence of the Community Shops. Both shop managers are happy to assist, if books are required.

**Kathy Warrick**  
Middlesbrough Central  
Council President

# Volunteers at Sea

**When we think of volunteering, helping out in a day centre, a homeless project or a charity shop might spring to mind. But we might not think about helping seafarers visiting British ports. In the port of Hull, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) Chaplain Anne McLaren has established a team of volunteer ship visitors who help her in trying to meet the spiritual and social needs of seafarers.**

Keith Rodgers, former Assistant Chief Constable of Humberside Police, became a ship visitor because he wanted to give some of his time to a worthwhile charity. "I have acquaintances who were seafarers and have been aware of the significance of maritime trade to the UK for many years. I was involved in policing industrial disputes concerning dockers, trawlermen, power workers and miners, all of which affected the availability and movement of goods and

services" he said. When ship visitors go on board a ship they are never certain what kind of situation they will find. Keith adopts a smile and a handshake when he meets seafarers, but admits his 35 years policing experience also kicks in. "It is helpful to be able to assess the mood and conditions on board a ship as quickly as possible. There may be unsavoury issues not immediately apparent and frightened or reluctant witnesses. But to suppress one's latent inquisitiveness is vital. AoS volunteers are neither agents nor snoops for anyone or any other body with responsibility for maritime affairs. That said, there are protocols and obligations to ensure that volunteers can pass on information and concerns to the right authorities if that is what is required." Joseph Fernandes, a marine port pilot for Associated British Ports, who spent 27 years

as a seafarer, said he became a ship visitor because he understands the loneliness and isolation many seafarers experience. "I wanted to give back what I had received from the many volunteers, ships visitors and chaplains that gave up their time and came to visit the ships when I was sailing. They arranged to take me and the other seafarers to an AoS centre from where I could get in touch with my family, and even arranged for a priest to say Mass on board" he explained. It was a talk in his local parish that triggered the idea of becoming a ship visitor for Phil Nolan, a retired civil servant, who now works part-time in property. He said a key part of the role is to listen to seafarers. "It's about seafarers, not us. Being outgoing helps, as does a smile when greeting people and on departure, not to take rebuttal personally, for example, when crew too busy to see you." Since becoming a ship visitor nine years ago, there have been many times when he has felt he has made a difference, he said. "One example is last November, following Typhoon



Ship visiting in the Port of Hull

Haiyan in the Philippines. I was able to support a young Filipino seafarer who was absolutely in distress, as he was unaware of his family's whereabouts in the disaster."

# Gratitude at St Stephen's Centre

**Saturday 18th January saw a celebration at St Stephen's Parish and Community Centre in Hull. Many of the parishioners and many of their friends gathered to mark the retirement of Sister Anna Hawke and Sister Josephine Bulger of the Congregation of Jesus from the service they had given to the people of Greatfield in Hull.**

Bishop Terry presided at the Mass said in their honour and in his homily to the packed church paid tribute to the sterling work they

had done in effectively rescuing a fading parish and building it into a thriving community, a centre of Catholic life reaching out to all the people in their neighbourhood in a true ecumenical spirit. The long list of services, functions and facilities they provided needed the full co-operation of the people they worked among and clearly that co-operation was given generously.

The message could be clearly drawn that this was a pointer to the future style of Parish

Life if the shortage of priests continues. In St Stephen's Parish and Community Centre, Sisters Anna and Josie not only showed us how but leave us a working model.

Shakespeare summed up the feelings of the congregation in his quotation "Parting is such sweet sorrow". Pleased as we were to have known the two sweet sisters and a little sad to know they were leaving, we were happy to join with Bishop Terry in wishing them Godspeed in their new appointments within their Order.

Tom Timpson

**Sisters Anna and Josie, CJ, are returning to their community at the end of March; Sister Anna has been working at St Stephen's Pastoral Centre, Greatfield, Hull for the last 17½ years and Sister Josie for 16½ years. At a recent celebration, Bishop Terry expressed his gratitude to them for their work and also thanked the Congregation of Jesus for making the Sisters available to the Diocese. The work of the centre will continue in the care of the Daughters of Charity who will take up the work later in the year. We are printing below the text of a speech made by Bernard France who is one of the Trustees of the Centre.**

As one of the trustees of St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre, it's a great honour for me to speak today. When Sisters Anna and Josie arrived here, it must have been quite a culture shock, a council estate on the edge of the city with a poor reputation. So

different to anything they had known previously. Asking around what was the first thing people noticed after their arrival, the response was "the house acquired a feminine touch".

Josie and Anna have done many things as previous speakers have stated and I would like to mention the following. Josie had a leading role in the development of Hull East of the River Credit Union and is also involved in the Acts 435 charity promoted by the Archbishop of York. And there's recycling; Josie recycles as much as she can, as Sister Frances said earlier "sisters are recycled in new roles", well if anyone can recycle sisters then it's Josie.

Anna's vision has led to where St Stephen's is today, especially her work with local Churches Together, and it's good for their support here today. The Passover suppers are brilliant events, but not so good for slimmers; the Vincentian Volunteer programme and it's lovely for Veronique to come from France to join us today. The hall was seldom used before Anna and Josie arrived; before you leave, have a look at the photographs on display and see what goes on now.

And finally, one thing more than any other epitomizes to me what Anna and Josie have done in their stay here. It's their care and kindness shown to others, especially the lonely, the poor, the needy and the marginalized. Loving your neighbour no matter who he or she may be. On behalf of the people of Greatfield estate, thank you. On behalf of all the people whose lives you have touched, thank you. Anna and Josie, thank you for making a difference.



Sisters Anna and Josie of the Congregation of Jesus

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## St Benedict's B&B!

Millgate B&B in Masham, North Yorkshire, run by Andrew and Sue Burrell according to the Hospitality Rule of St Benedict, has been recognised as one of the Top 10 B&Bs in the World.

The Bed and Breakfast establishment used to be Masham's Poor House, Fire Station and then Jail. When Andrew and Sue decided to open their home for guests in March 2012, they had very firm ideas about how they would run their new B&B business. Andrew had recently returned from a week-long retreat to study the Rule of St Benedict at nearby Ampleforth Abbey and he suggested that as Catholics they should follow the Rule of Benedict where "Guests are to be welcomed as Christ".

"I was hungry and you gave me meat. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you took me in" (Matt 25:35). Sue and Andrew believe that St Benedict's vision of hospitality is as relevant today as it was in the sixth century. It has inspired them to welcome their guests as if Christ were coming to visit. On arrival, guests are greeted with a warm welcome and are able to relax with freshly baked scones and a cup of tea or coffee. Guests find a chocolate on the pillow each evening after their beds have been turned down, fresh flowers in their room, advice and guidance on places to visit, they receive cards for special occasions and Sue and Andrew bid guests "Good night, God Bless".

Now after only 22 months in business, Millgate B&B has won a Tripadvisor 2014 Travellers Choice Award as number 9 out of the top 10 B&Bs and Inns in the World. They believe that their success is due to following the Rule of Benedict. Sue says "We are happy that guests warm to us and begin to relax and unwind. We love what we do and we get amazing feedback from our guests. It is so simple and a very effective way of thinking how to treat people that you have never met. It is customer service at its best. What it means to us is that we treat every guest as if Christ were received in them."

## Santa's Travels

### 2013

Since the end of November 2013, Father Christmas (aka George Robinson of Sacred Heart Parish, Redcar) has visited some 68 venues and covered 1,326 miles to hopefully bring a little bit of happiness to some



4,492 children in nurseries, schools and parties. In some cases, adults as well! During this time £2,681 has been raised for the benefit of Hope for Holly and this will be increased to over £3,000 when a gift aid claim is made as some of the money raised was gift aided. If you want to know more about this fund, type [www.hopeforholly.co.uk](http://www.hopeforholly.co.uk) into your search engine and the web page will open up on Facebook and tell you all about Holly and the fund started by her Mum and Dad.

George took on this role as Father Christmas in 1998 for one appearance and since then the number of appearances has increased. He stops shaving at the end of July and lets his beard and hair grow so that the children can see it is real. For the last 10 years, he has collected for charity whereby he has collected some £17,500, travelled in excess of 9,000 miles and seen over 30,000 children. He prefers to be able to talk to each and every child; however, due to time constraints of the organisers, he can't always have a good conversation with each child but those that he has spoken to have given him some wonderful stories.

Each year a different charity is selected but it is a children's charity and some of those helped are: Zoë's Place, Middlesbrough; Special Care Baby Unit at James Cook Hospital, Middlesbrough; Learning Disabilities Service (Respite Care Home), South Bank, Middlesbrough; Eva Women's Aid (Children's outreach programme), Redcar; The Jessica Jewel Trust, Redcar; Down Syndrome (North East); The Toma Fund (Newcastle); Victoria's Wish, Redcar; Hope for Holly, Middlesbrough.

## Being a Catholic Grandmother

A new book has been published which may prove a positive resource for modern family life.

Who said the "third age" was about putting your feet up? Who said grandmothers were all elderly? The challenge of being a grandmother can demand more from us than we could possibly have envisaged - but it also brings unimaginable joy and delight. This book is designed to give practical advice and tips to help grandmothers to learn ways of managing the role and coping with the challenges of grandmotherhood. In today's society, many Catholic grandmothers are having to redefine their roles; their children's families may not be following the Faith and this book helps with practical ideas for dealing with such sensitive situations.

With contributions from many Catholic grandmothers from a range of backgrounds, *Being a Catholic Grandmother* is packed with first-hand accounts and insights from grandmothers who have been there, done that and got the t-shirt! "*Being a Catholic Grandmother* is an important and useful resource because it reminds us that grandparents should have no agenda. We simply want the best for our grandchildren" (Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association). For more information, contact Trish Wilson, Redemptorist Publications, Alphonsus House, Chawton, Hampshire, GU34 3HQ. Online: [www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk) E-mail: [sales@rpbooks.co.uk](mailto:sales@rpbooks.co.uk) Tel: (01420) 88222, Fax: (01482) 88805. RRP £6.95. ISBN: 9780852314005.

# CAFOD



Mohammed

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## Changing Lives

CAFOD Middlesbrough invited supporters to meet with the agency's Sierra Leone partner last month at Christ the King Church in Thornaby to hear how they are changing lives. Patrick Jamiru, Director of Caritas Kenema - CAFOD's partner organisation - spoke about the agencies' work in Sierra Leone. Caritas Kenema is one of 160 organisations in the Caritas Internationalis family, of which CAFOD is a member.

Patrick explained how the support of people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough is helping those in Sierra Leone fight against poverty and hunger, through changes to farming methods and by improving access to loans within their communities. He also explained what more can be achieved through this year's Lent Fast Day 'Dig Deep' campaign, which is focused on the West African nation.

Carol Cross from CAFOD Middlesbrough said "Access to food is such a basic human right, but all kinds of factors and issues can mean people go hungry - whether it's the climate, conflict, or lack of training on the most effective farming techniques. Sierra Leone is recovering from a brutal civil war in which 2.6 million people were left homeless - the equivalent of the entire population of North East England. Though the situation is improving, people still suffer from the annual Hungry Season - a six-month rainy period in which food is grown but not ready to harvest. CAFOD is helping people to feed their own families by training them in alternative farming methods to help secure food during the

Hungry Season. This Lent Fast Day, we are asking people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough to stand side-by-side with people in Sierra Leone by digging deep, ensuring that more children in the poorest countries grow up healthy and free from hunger."

Mohammed is one of the people who have benefited from the generosity of people in our Diocese. He is 14 years old and lives with his mum, dad, brothers and sisters. Mohammed was born during the country's 11 year civil war. His mother kept him alive while running from the rebels by feeding him with rice pap given to her by strangers. When peace came, Mohammed started going to school, but the family couldn't afford books or fees, so he had to drop out. Mohammed says "I like school and learning just for the pleasure of learning. School is very important to me because I can get a job and money and bring benefits to my parents. At present, I don't go to school. My father has told me to wait... I hope I can go next year." Carol added "The kindness, compassion, and generosity of people in our dioceses have enabled CAFOD to train families such as Mohammed's to grow rice on swampland. This land, formerly used for diamond mining, has now been transformed into fertile farmland - feeding children and enabling them to go to school." You can donate to CAFOD's 'Dig Deep' campaign and learn more about the fight against poverty at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

Liam Finn

# Answering Pope's Call to Action by volunteering

Members of the Diocese of Middlesbrough have been answering Pope Francis's call to action by volunteering for CAFOD.

The Pope has made headlines across the world with his focus on people living in poverty. CAFOD is now asking more people to answer Francis's request to "live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions" by giving some time to support its work in the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Don Lillistone, a current volunteer as a school and parish contact, told the *Catholic Voice* "Volunteering can be very varied. It can range from simply being a CAFOD contact, providing a personal 'thank you' for work already done, to giving presentations and running workshops.

"School and parish contacts are aiming to ensure that young people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough are informed about CAFOD's work, encouraging them to pray for social justice, and being involved in fundraising. This is work that can be done by people from all sorts of backgrounds and is very rewarding." Don also spoke about his work as a parish contact at St Mary's Cathedral, where he assists long-term CAFOD volunteer, Laurie Haley. "Fast Day collections are important, but we are also keeping parishioners informed about CAFOD activities and issues. We did this in 2013 with the *Tour de Fred* in which Fred Uttley and his cycling companion Mark Brown completed a marathon bike ride around all 22 dioceses of England and Wales to raise funds for CAFOD. Training is given to all volunteers in a totally supportive and friendly atmosphere."

More information on volunteering for CAFOD can be found at [www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/Volunteer](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/Volunteer) or by contacting CAFOD Middlesbrough at [middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk](mailto:middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk)

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1 Parish Visitation to St Bede/Sacred Heart - Hull All day  
2 Parish Visitation to St Bede/Sacred Heart - Hull All day  
4 Attends Bishop's Council - Curial Office 11.00 am  
7 Attends Meeting of Northern Province - Leeds 10.30 am  
8 Together with Ecumenical Leaders, meet & welcome Bishop of Durham & Wife to North East  
9-12 Visitation to Venerable English College, Rome  
12-15 Visitation to Pontifical Beda College  
16 Concelebrating Mass at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral - Celebration of +Vincent Nichols becoming Cardinal  
18 Attends Bishop's Council - Curial Office 11.00 am  
19-20 On-Going Formation Directors Meeting - Hothorpe Hall 2 Days  
26 Attends Northern Church Leaders Ecumenical Visit - Berwick Upon Tweed All Day  
27 Attends Diocesan Trustee Board Meeting - Curial Office 10.30 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  
**7.30 pm** 'Pope Idol 2014' at Middlesbrough Theatre. For further information or to book tickets, contact: Dom Finn, Tel: (01642) 529102 or E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk Tickets also available from the Theatre Box Office, Tel: (01642) 815181

**2 Sunday**  
**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**  
**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  
**7.30 pm** Norah Hanson, Robert Bell and Carol Coiffait - an evening of three local poets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £5.00/£6.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**6 Thursday**  
**10.30 am - 3.30 pm** 'Poetry and Spirituality' with Wilf Gowing at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**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

**7 Friday**  
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the April issue of Voice must be received by today  
**2.30 pm** 'Streams in the Desert' - Women's World Day of Prayer, prepared by Christian women of Egypt. York Central Service at St Michael le Belfrey, York with speaker Dr Chris Meyers  
**7.00 pm** First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**7.30 pm** Richard Silvester at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £7.00/£8.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**Evening (time tbc)** Lent Bible Study at Our Lady, Acomb, York. All are welcome. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: 01904 795605 or E-mail: marek.lichtarowicz@gmail.com for further details

**7 - 9 Friday - Sunday**  
'Come to the Waters' - Lent retreat led by Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**9 Sunday**  
**3.00 pm** Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough  
**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 - 13 Monday - Thursday**  
'To Be a Disciple' - a retreat led by Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**11 Tuesday**  
**12.45 pm** Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull for a talk on 'Blessed Nicholas Postgate'  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** ASCENT Group, York meet at Our Lady's Parish Centre  
**7.30 pm** BLAZING GRANNIES presents 'King David's Wives' at St Paul's Church, Holgate Road, York. Tickets: £5.00/£3.00, proceeds to St Paul's West Front Appeal  
**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  
**5.30 pm - 7.00 pm** 'The Cult of King Charles the Martyr: How to Hijack Catholic Devotion' - lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Mgr Mark Langham 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  
**6.30 pm - 9.00 pm** Endsleigh Ecumenical Spirituality Team - 'Praying and Growing' at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. An opportunity for Christians and others to explore prayer more fully and keep a personal prayer journal. Cost: £5.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**13 Thursday**  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'Ezekiel, Priest and Visionary: Ezekiel the visionary' with Sr Patricia at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**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  
**Evening (time tbc)** Lent Bible Study at Our Lady, Acomb, York. All are welcome. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: 01904 795605 or E-mail: marek.lichtarowicz@gmail.com for further details

**15 Saturday**  
**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**  
**2.30 pm** BLAZING GRANNIES presents 'King David's Wives' in English Martyrs Small Hall, Dalton Terrace, York. Entrance Free, donations welcome  
**3.00 pm** Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Joseph, Stokesley  
**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** Sacred Heart Parish Irish Dance (Sean Kelly) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JB. Admission by ticket only, available from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227  
**7.30 pm** The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Rev Vincent Purcell, Adult Formation and Evangelisation Advisor for the Diocese of Middlesbrough, entitled 'The council that Restored the Permanent Diaconate' 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**  
**7.00 pm** 'The naked emperor: challenging the ideology of deficiency' - Ebor Lecture at York Minster, York, to be delivered by Dr Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid Scotland. Visit www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures for details on how to book online or in writing, or contact the Ebor Lectures Co-ordinator, Tel: (01904) 876474 or E-mail: eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk for further details  
**7.30 pm for 7.45 pm** The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Prof Paul Murray entitled 'A Northern Beacon for English Catholics!' 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

**7.30 pm - 9.00 pm** Hull and East Riding Newman Circle presents a discussion on the Declaration 'Nostra Aetate' by Paul VI at The Endsleigh Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: Andrew Carrick, Tel: (01482) 500181 for further details/confirmation of arrangements for this meeting  
**8.00 pm** The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's RC Church, West Hull

**20 Thursday**  
**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

**21 Friday**  
**1.30 pm - 4.00 pm** 'The Medieval Pilgrim Road to the Shrine of St James at Compostela' with Sophie Weston at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**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.com/

**Evening (time tbc)** Lent Bible Study at Our Lady, Acomb, York. All are welcome. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: 01904 795605 or E-mail: marek.lichtarowicz@gmail.com for further details

**22 Saturday**  
**10.30 am for 11.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'Solidarity with People Experiencing Poverty - What can we do?' The National Board of Catholic Women, in co-operation with members of the Middlesbrough Women's Commission, hosts a day exploring issues relating to poverty in this country at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Peter Chanel Parish Hall, Hull. Please bring your own lunch to share, tea and coffee will be provided. Small contribution towards expenses would be welcome. Contact: Chris Clarke, Tel: (01482) 844128 or Margaret Savage, Tel: (01482) 857670 for further details  
**2.00 pm** BLAZING GRANNIES presents 'Heroes & Failures', a BLAZIN' YOOF event in English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York. Tickets: £3.00 (book ahead for concessions). E-mail: blazinggrannies@gmail.com for further details

**23 Sunday**  
**1.00 pm - 5.00 pm** RJS Spring Showcase at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £5.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**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  
**6.30 pm** Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough

**24 - 27 Monday - Thursday**  
 'Dare to Live' - a retreat led by Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**25 Tuesday**  
**1.30 pm** The Annunciation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. 1.30 pm: Rosary, 2.00 pm: All welcome. Contact: St Mary's Cathedral, Tel: (01642) 597750, Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or www.ladychapel.org.uk for further details

**26 Wednesday**  
**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'Bringing God's Dream to Birth' led by Margaret Silf at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** ME and CFS Self-Help

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**27 Thursday**  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'Ezekiel, Priest and Visionary: Ezekiel and the Temple' with Sr Patricia at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** Spring Victorian Tea Easter celebrations at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £9.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**7.30 pm - 9.00 pm** The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Margaret Jones, Tel: (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

**28 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  
**Evening (time tbc)** Lent Bible Study at Our Lady, Acomb, York. All are welcome. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: 01904 795605 or E-mail: marek.lichtarowicz@gmail.com for further details

**29 Saturday**  
**10.00 am - 3.15 pm** Middlesbrough Diocesan Youth Congress 2014 at Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough. Keynote Speaker: Rev Dermott Donnelly. The event is free but please bring your own lunch. To book a place, please visit <http://mymissionteam.eventbrite.com> or contact: Dom Finn, E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk or Tel: (01642) 529102  
**7.30 pm** Flossie Malavialle at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £8.00/£10.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**30 Sunday**  
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**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

**31 - 2 Monday - Wednesday**  
 'A Time for Reflection' - a retreat led by Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**FIRST WEEK OF APRIL:**

**1 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

**2 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

**3 Thursday**  
**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'God, Creation & Human Wholeness' with Julia Ling at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**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

**4 Friday**  
 Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the May 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  
**Evening (time tbc)** Lent Bible Study at Our Lady, Acomb, York. All are welcome. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: 01904 795605 or E-mail: marek.lichtarowicz@gmail.com for further details

**5 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  
**7.30 pm** Richard Silvester and Keith Newby at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £7.00/£8.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**6 Sunday**  
**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

**ADVANCE NOTICES:**

**12 April:** 2.00 pm, Postgate Society meeting in St Anne's Parish Rooms, Ughorpe  
**15 April:** 12 noon, Chrism Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough  
**25 April:** 8.00 pm - 6.00 am, The Big Teesside Sleep Out at Middlesbrough College, Middlesbrough. Contact: Dom Finn, E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details and to sign up  
**27 April:** 2.00 pm, Day of Divine Mercy - the celebration of this Feast will take place at the John Paul Centre, Grange Road, Middlesbrough conducted by Fr Simon Broughton. Veneration of the Image, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions. 4.00 pm: Holy Mass. Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday. Everyone welcome, a shared tea afterwards. Contact: Rita McClurey, Tel: (01642) 467906 for further details  
**17 May:** Eighteenth Annual Catholic Primary Schools Cup at Trinity Catholic College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough. Contact: Tony McAvoy, Tel: 0771 392 4504 for further details  
**27 May - 2 June:** Summer Retreat at The

Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull led by Fr Terence, Prior of Ampleforth. Both residential and day retreatants are very welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

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**Tuesdays**  
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**Wednesdays**  
 2.00 pm Prayer for the City  
 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Karate  
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**Mondays**  
 7.30 pm City Prayer Group  
**Wednesdays**  
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People affected by the Philippines typhoon have sent their thanks to Catholics in the Diocese of Middlesbrough - after donations of more than £77,000 to CAFOD's appeal.

CAFOD supporters in the Diocese raised a total of £77,991 between November and February following Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall. The typhoon caused devastation in the Philippines last November, killing thousands, affecting more than 14 million people, and leaving over 4 million homeless. Father Edwin Gariguez, from Caritas Philippines, highlighted the desperate situation: "It's the first time the Philippines has experienced a disaster of this magnitude... this was beyond all expectations. We really need all the help we can get." The money donated by people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough is helping CAFOD to support its partners - Caritas Philippines and Catholic Relief Services - who know the local people and work alongside them to meet their needs.

CAFOD is helping to provide food, shelter, and household goods such as blankets and cooking equipment. More than 1 billion litres of drinking water has been supplied to those who lost their water supplies, as well as hygiene kits to prevent serious outbreaks of disease. Local people's donations have also allowed CAFOD to organise "cash-for-work" programmes to clear debris, paying volunteers for the work so that they have money to cover their basic needs. Jasper, a 17 year old volunteer helping the relief effort, told CAFOD "In the Bible it says 'When you give something, it will be given back a hundredfold by God.' I am very thankful for those international people that have been helping the Philippines so much. One thing I'm sure - that we will all rise with the help of everybody."

CAFOD has been working in the Philippines since 1969. The continued generosity of people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough will allow it to remain working in solidarity with the people of the Philippines to rebuild lives long after the television cameras leave.

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