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Bishop's Column

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Holy Week and Easter fall late this year. Already we have changed the clocks and the days are growing longer and lighter. There is a warming of the season and this, I think, brings about a warming of the heart too. Colour begins to break out again. There is movement and drama everywhere in nature if you would only look. The same should be true of our spiritual and liturgical lives. As we approach the great events which will lead us along the path of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection, there should be a warming of our hearts, a heightening of emotion and a refocusing of concentration; for indeed there is movement and drama everywhere, if we choose to look.

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.

While we witness these holy events as a commemoration - calling to mind something that happened in the past, it is also important to claim them for ourselves. They may have taken place 2,000 years ago, but Jesus Christ walked the Way of the Cross with you and me in mind. We cannot be detached witnesses, because we are part of the drama, our salvation depends on the willingness of Christ to become truly our Jesus - the one who comes to save his people from their sins! He is *my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.*

There are many legitimate and important activities which could fill our minds, hearts and time over these next few days and weeks. But will they bring us life; will they heal us and satisfy our inner longing? There is only One who can do all these things for you and me, and he doesn't demand our attention or shout to be heard above the clamour of daily living. We have to be quiet and still and listen. And, at least with our hearts we need to say:

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray, descend upon your people, who have honoured the Death of your Son in the hope of their resurrection: may pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increase, and everlasting redemption be made secure. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

RITE OF ELECTION 2014

Sunday 9th March saw a gathering together of people from all corners of the Middlesbrough Diocese to St Mary's Cathedral for the annual Rite of Election.

Together with family and friends, 23 Catechumens including five children and 25 Candidates gathered to make the commitment of their intention to enter into full membership of the Roman Catholic Church at Easter. For the benefit of those readers who are not sure of which is which, Catechumens are people who have not been baptised, and Candidates have been baptised, but not necessarily in the Roman Catholic tradition.

Each catechumen was called by name and accompanied by their godparent went forward towards the Sanctuary to stand before the Bishop. Following affirmation by their godparents, that they have prepared through an RCIA course, for their election, and affirmation by the congregation to support the catechumens, they were invited to go and sign their names in the 'Book of the Elect' as a sign of their commitment to enter fully into the Church. The Bishop also signs the 'Book of the Elect' to acknowledge the catechumens' state of readiness. Following the Rite of Election, the catechumens are then known as the Elect. At Easter, the catechumens receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

For the candidates, this celebration is known as their 'Call to Continuing Conversion', again each one is called by name and they stand

with their sponsors before the Bishop. After affirmation by the sponsors and the congregation, the 'Act of Recognition' takes place with the sponsor placing a hand on the shoulder of their candidate. This recognises that following their period of preparation through an RCIA course, the candidates are ready to receive the sacraments of

Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at Easter. It was a lovely sunny day and sunshine was evident in the faces of everyone who attended the Rite of Election. Following the ceremony, light refreshments were served in the hall, prepared by Mandy and her 'team'.

Paul Bowen

Easter Schedule 2014

Holy Week, St Mary's Cathedral

The Paschal Triduum at St Mary's Cathedral:
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6.30pm Vigil Mass
10am with Bishop Draine

Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday of Holy Week

5pm
6.30pm
12 midday Chrism Mass with Bishop Draine
9.15am

Holy Thursday

7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Bishop Draine
Watching till 10pm

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10am Morning Prayer and readings of the day
3pm The Celebration of the Passion with Bishop Draine
7pm Were you there? Music and reflection

Holy Saturday

10am Morning Prayer and readings of the day
9pm Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord
with Bishop Draine

Easter Sunday

10am Mass with Bishop Draine
3pm Fellowship Mass
5pm Mass

In this most Holy Week, we ask that you are generous with your time. Come and journey with us as we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
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Evangelisation

Special Commission

A team from Trinity Catholic College were commissioned to provide some inspirational artwork to support the celebration of this significant moment in the lives of those becoming Catholics at Easter. The altar piece depicted the call of Samuel 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening!', and the two wall hangings illustrated the call of the first disciples. 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people!' This was a new collaborative venture and the Diocesan RCIA working group were delighted with the response and grateful to Trinity Catholic College. Part of the purpose of the commission was to involve our Catholic schools in the wider liturgical life of the Diocese - recognising that our schools are themselves important places of evangelisation and exploration of faith.

Caroline Dollard



The sun shines on the Elect



Rite of Election artwork by Trinity Catholic College



We are looking for

Nominations are invited for the **2014 Catholic Women of the Year**. Every year, four women are honoured, chosen by ballot from nominations sent in from across Britain. Any Catholic woman can be nominated - and the aim is especially to honour those who are living out their faith publicly, in service and in witness, as part of the New Evangelisation of our country.

Pope Francis has emphasised joy - *Evangelii Gaudium* - the Joy of the Faith. We are looking for joyful

women who teach the Faith, serve their local community, and share Catholic values with the next generation. **"In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded".** (Pope Francis: *Evangelii Gaudium*)

How to nominate someone as a Catholic Woman of the Year: It's simple. You can use the form

Compass Points for today's Church

In his recent talk to the Cleveland Newman Circle, Deacon Vince Purcell shone welcome new light on the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*. Fifty years ago, it was one of the first Council documents, seeming almost to take the Council Fathers by surprise by its eventual tone and content. Conservative bishops had thought that their document 'on the Church' would promote tradition, focusing on bishops and authority, etc. But instead *Lumen Gentium* ('Christ is the light of the nations') places the mystery of the Church in a wide context. It talks of the People of God before discussing the Church's hierarchy, and welcomes relations with all who worship God.

Vince Purcell emphasised that *Lumen Gentium* is not a historical document: its message is for today. Pope Francis asks whether we have done everything the Holy Spirit and Council told us to: we should be prepared to change ourselves, not just 'build a monument to the Council!' In a talk which was Spirit-centred, wide ranging and deep - never boring! - Vince Purcell identified five 'compass points' from *Lumen Gentium* which will give us our bearings. The first compass point is that we should examine how we appear to others: how do we conduct ourselves; are our actions ostentatious; do we put philosophy and argument before loving our neighbour? The second compass point is that we should welcome our freedom to challenge assumptions and develop new ideas. Pope Francis assures us that through different currents of thought, the Church will be able to grow and appreciate the riches of God's Word. The third compass point is that the Church is mysterious and developing, not a closed-in, completed institution; we should not be complacent but be prepared to take risks - even to become 'bruised, hurting and dirty'. The fourth compass point is that we must respect and work positively with all baptised people: together we constitute the People of God. The final compass point is key: through baptism we are all called to holiness. We are called to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, guided by the Spirit to participate in His roles as prophet, priest and king. We are called to change our lives, taking our lead from God who loves us first. Finally, Vince reminded us that we may still be in the infancy of the Church (who knows God's plans?); we should be actively working to bring God's Word into his world.

The next Newman talk will be on Wednesday 23rd April (Lucy Beckett on 'St Bede and the Northumbrian Saints'). Talks are held at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, TS7 0EB starting at 7.45 pm (coffee from 7.30 pm). All are very welcome; further details from Terry Egerton on (01642) 645732.

Patricia Egerton



Deacon Vince Purcell

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Sir Isaac Newton, famous for discovering gravity, was also a theologian of some note. When praised for his great intellect, he was humble enough to say "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

MYMission took this quote as our theme when we spent a week with the St Mary's College community in Hull. It allowed us to take time to look at the College founders and local saints who provide daily inspiration to the community. It also allowed us to take a look at the example given us by other 'big' characters in our lives that form us by word and example. Crucially, it allowed us to then ask the question: "As we stand on the shoulders of these giants, what kind of people do we want to be?" For the mission, the MYMission Team were joined by the InReality Team from Hallam Diocese.

MYMission Team member, Charlotte Peters, takes up the story: "With a school population of just over 1,600 pupils, this was the biggest school mission MYMission has led in my time with the Team and what a

success it was". Father Paul said "In just five days, we worked with every young person in the school, leading an assembly for each year group and then meeting much smaller groups during RE class. We explored with the students how we are called to be saints, recalling the words of Pope Benedict XVI during his 2010 visit. The saints cannot be simply good examples consigned to history, their example should inspire us to saintly lives too."

Of the assembly, Charlotte said "We tried to have fun and give insight and challenge to the young people as well as ask them to pray and think about what they were experiencing. It's always good fun, I was the star of one drama and had to dance to Beyonce's 'Crazy in Love' on my own every morning to a year group! I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did." During the team-led RE sessions, time was given over to prayer and reflection as well as a little bit of study aimed at increasing our knowledge about some of the saints and founders. There was also time for discussion and each

member of the Mission Team gave personal witness, which was greatly valued by the young people.

Again, Charlotte says "The students were really enthusiastic and shared personally and freely with their peers. This made me feel very comfortable, and I had the opportunity to share my story. The students were very respectful and even gave me a little clap at the end which made me feel like they had gotten something positive out of it, which is wonderful." The week ended on a high as we celebrated Mass in the big sports hall. Fathers John O'Gara SM and Noel Wynn SM joined with Father Paul and the whole school community for a great end to a fantastic week. The atmosphere was both prayerful and celebratory and it perfectly rounded up a fantastic week.

Naomi, Year 11 at St Mary's College, says a few words:

The Mission Week gave us a very different and in some ways refreshing way of exploring our faith at St Mary's. Although there is plenty of opportunity to experience

faith at our school, this special week allowed us to look at it from a new perspective. It was really interesting to learn more about the Saints and Founders we hold close to us at St Mary's and finding out about the people who dedicated their lives to others and in some cases helped found our school was inspirational. The MYMission Team presented everything in such a way that we, as teenagers, could translate into our daily lives, especially when asked to focus on our inspirations. I know that it really made us think and for me personally, it helped me realise that those closest to me were my greatest inspirations and that I could appreciate them more. At the end of the week, we were certainly able to reflect on the giants whose shoulders were and are supporting us and how we should aim to be the giants of the future through our faith, words and actions.

Thank you to the whole school community at St Mary's College!

Charlotte Peters
MYMission

History Days in 2014

Early warning: The York Catholic History Day 2014 will take place at the Bar Convent on Saturday 7th June. Speakers will be John Rayne-Davis: 'The Heritage of Catholic York', Claire Marsland: 'Hidden Gems; the Object Collections at Ushaw College' and Roger Thompson: 'Religion as Motivational Force and Aspects of Yorkshire Catholicism in the Great War'. Further details will follow but please put the date in your diary now.



When Somebody Dies

An afternoon for all involved in our schools to help prepare to respond to the eventuality of a death of a member of the school community. Tuesday 6th May: Park Inn, North Street, York, 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Rainbows Bereavement Support GB believes that just as every school has regular fire drills and every school has child safeguarding policies and procedures in place, it is essential that in the event of the death of one of its members, the response is a planned, tested and considered one.

This afternoon will provide practical, realistic and sensitive guidance to assist school communities review the policy and procedure for 'when somebody dies'. Support schools to respond appropriately when learning of the death of a member of the school community. Affirm and advise school communities in their important ongoing work with who grieve. For more information, contact andrea.rainbowsm@btconnect.com

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Prayerful reflection on history can enable us to learn from our past so that we might embrace more generously what the Lord calls us to do in our own times. — Adolfo Nicolás SJ, Jesuit Superior General

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joyful evangelists!

here:
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or you can send an e-mail to: mijamajoje@ntlworld.com
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All we need from you to nominate someone is the lady's name and information on why she is being nominated: a few paragraphs setting out what she does, and where she does it, and the spirit in which she does it! The nomination

can be from a friend, family member or parish priest. It does not have to be long, but it must give relevant information - and must give the writer's name and contact details. It is not necessary to obtain permission from the lady being nominated - for most of our Catholic Women of the Year, the honour comes as a complete surprise, and perhaps that's the way it should be! Closing date for nominations is **Wednesday 30th April 2014.**

Margaret Wickware



Pope Idol 2014

Saturday 1st March saw the last ever Pope Idol, the Diocesan Youth Talent Show. Over 300 people turned out at Middlesbrough Theatre to support the young people of the Diocese. Every year, the young people wow the audience with their talent and this year was no different.

This year's Pope Idol Champions were James Merryweather and Sammy Campbell, a duo from St Patrick's College in Thornaby. Their creative performance of 'Little Talks' by Of Monsters and Men was a hit with the audience and judges alike. Judge Canon Gerard Robinson was impressed with James' multi-tasking of playing the guitar, singing and banging a bass drum all at the same time! Other acts included: James Solan aka Professor Solo and Michelle Pasirayi from Trinity Catholic College; Amy Smith and Shauna Cosgrove from St Peter's Catholic College, South Bank; Jonathan Stern and Alec Petford from Sacred Heart School, Redcar; Bernadette Davey, Helen Inasue and Chloe Moran aka Una Voce and Jemima Whyte from St Augustine's School, Scarborough and Emmie Beckett from Our Lady and St Peter's Parish, Bridlington.

There was a special performance to open the second half from Louie Cosgrove from St Gabriel's Primary School, Ormesby. Louie won St Peter's Catholic College's feeder schools talent show with his performance of Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep'. Louie sung completely unaccompanied, wowing the audience with his confidence and talent. Father Paul Farrer, Youth Chaplain who was compere, said "Pope Idol 2014 was another triumph for the talent of the young people of our Diocese. It is a real shame that this is the last Pope Idol. We simply don't sell enough tickets in our schools and parishes to give the young people the support they deserve. We will continue to work hard to provide opportunities for our young people to play a part in the life of the Diocese, so keep an eye out for whatever is next".

Dominique Finn



Evangelii Gaudium - Part Three

In the first two parts of our reflection upon Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, we heard how the Holy Father has called upon all members of the Church to rediscover the joy of the Gospel. He asks us to do this so that we might all become more effective "missionary disciples".

In Chapter Two, Pope Francis offers us his views on why the world so urgently needs to hear the good news of salvation. He begins by offering us the benefit of his own wisdom, experience and insight and he calls upon the whole Church to "read the signs of the times" so that we can affirm those movements in society that lead to the building up of the human community while rejecting those that lead to community breakdown.

Just as the Ten Commandments begin by listing those things that are forbidden to us, and just as our Baptismal promises begin by stating those things that we must reject, so Pope Francis begins his analysis by pointing out certain trends in modern society that must be condemned. His first unequivocal "No!" is to what he calls "an economy of exclusion".

He goes on to give a number of examples of what he means by "exclusion" - it cannot be right, for instance, that the death of an elderly homeless person fails to get a mention in a news bulletin while at the same time we make a fuss about the Stock Market losing a few points. Pope Francis speaks of the idolatry of money and the evils of a throw-away society that leaves the poor excluded and ignored. He goes on to condemn the inequalities in society that so often lead to violence and conflict.

The Holy Father then turns his attention to a number of challenges facing the Church. Many such challenges, he says, come from the secular and materialistic culture in which we live today but he is also quick to acknowledge that certain Church structures and the "occasionally unwelcoming atmosphere of some of our parishes" can easily put some people off coming to Church. When

speaking about pastoral workers, Pope Francis does not fail to mention "the pain and shame we feel at the sins of some members of the Church" but he also goes on to point out "how many Christians are giving their lives in love".

In this same chapter, Pope Francis speaks of the pressures that so many families experience these days. This is perhaps especially true in the world's expanding cities where close and meaningful human relationships are often so much more difficult to build and maintain. He admits that some of his comments may seem to paint a rather negative picture at times, but again and again the Holy Father returns to his main theme - that the joy of the Gospel can overcome what he calls any "sterile pessimism".

This is the point at which Pope Francis warns us of the danger of being "sourpusses". While being aware of our own frailties, he says, we need to have the same confidence as that shown by St Paul who was assured by the Lord that "My grace is sufficient for you; my power is made perfect in weakness".

So although Pope Francis lists a number of things to which we Christians must say "No!" he also stresses that there is a much more important thing to which we are all called to give a resounding "Yes!". That "Yes!" is, of course, to a new relationship with Jesus. Such a relationship has the potential to overcome suspicion, mistrust and fear. This is indeed the Good News that society needs to hear and in the next issue of the *Voice*, we will reflect further upon the ways in which the Holy Father is asking us to play our part in the Church's mission of evangelising the whole world.

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

May Procession

The Parish of St Vincent, Queen's Road, Hull are organising a May Procession on Sunday 11th May at 2.30 pm and they would like to offer a warm welcome to adults and children from outside the parish to join them. For more details, please contact Catherine Holtby on (01482) 804532.

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It was a truly blessed time in such a lovely school and we were lucky to be there. As is often the case, so much of what we wanted to explore with the young people was not new to them but we did challenge them with how important what they knew and believed was. What is the point of gathering together around the table of the Lord if that gathering has no impact on the rest of the world? And so we began to see all of the social action and the outreach work undertaken by the school community as a direct consequence of the fact that they are a Eucharistic Community. As Pope Francis said to the young people of the world gathered in Rio for World Youth Day, "You gather together as Disciples, but you leave this gathering as Missionaries". So it is with us each time we leave the Eucharist, we are missionaries, charged with letting the rest of the world know that God loves them... well, the rest of Whitby anyway!

Father Paul Farrer

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Spirituality and Worship



Bishop Terry and Reverend Adrian Klos

A Special Memorial

The death of a new born baby, stillborn or neonatal, is surely the saddest moment in any mother's life, leaving her feeling abandoned, wondering why. A support group that can help at this time is STILLBIRTH AND NEONATAL DEATH SOCIETY and in Hull, they bring comfort when they can. The local group under the leadership of Mrs Margaret Simkiss decided to provide affected couples with a focal point for their grief and their memories and to this end raised the funds to commission a memorial to these little lost children.

Sister Catherine Ryan, on behalf of the Mercy Sisters, donated a spot in the gardens at Endsleigh where a statue was erected in their memory. The statue is of a sleeping baby and it is mounted on a granite pillar and is a symbol of peace.

On Sunday 9th February, some 50 or so people gathered in Endsleigh for a service of dedication which was led by the Chaplain to the Society, Reverend Adrian Klos, and our own Bishop Terry. Bishop Terry welcomed the gathering and reminded them that this was a little garden of peace where they could come with the rest of their families and live their memories. Bishop Terry then blessed the little monument and all the people gathered. Sister Catherine echoed the Bishop's welcome, inviting the people gathered to come and visit the garden as and when they wished.

Afterwards in true Sisters of Mercy fashion, we all enjoyed a tea party.

Tom Timpson

Summer Choral Music Workshop

On Saturday 5th July, the renowned organist and choral director Norman Harper will lead a workshop for singers at St Margaret Clitherow, Holly Tree Lane, Haxby, near York, YO32 3YJ.

Norman Harper was organ scholar at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read for a music degree and studied organ with Peter Le Huray and Gillian Weir. Since then, he has given organ recitals and accompanied choirs at cathedral and concert hall venues throughout the UK, including Westminster Abbey, St Paul's, Southwark and Westminster Cathedrals, as well as in France, Germany, the Czech Republic and Estonia.

Touring in the USA, Norman has given recitals at the National Cathedral and other prominent churches in Washington DC. Norman has broadcast solo organ recitals on BBC Radio Three and has played for many broadcast services on BBC radio and television. He has released several CDs of solo organ music.

Norman is currently Organist and Assistant Director of Music at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

We look forward to an exciting day of music making with singers from across the Diocese. For more information, please contact Tim Harrison, e-mail timothyharrison@gmail.com

It's Friday but Sunday Is Coming

Paul Barron from Hull shares with us his reflection on the Passion.

Jesus has just had his last meal with his friends. They have fallen asleep when he most needs them. It's Friday but Sunday is coming.

The disciples are running in every direction, like sheep without a shepherd but that is Friday, Sunday is coming.

The High Priest is tearing his clothes, hitting him; he wants Jesus dead. It's Friday....wait Sunday is coming.

The soldiers mock and beat Him; think they can have fun at His expense, crown Him with thorns. It's Friday, waiton Sunday the Father's crown.

Pilate is afraid to step in too deep; thinks he can wash his hands of this troublemaker.

Herod is looking for magic - gives a "magician's cloak". It's Friday, Sunday is coming.

Peter, the cock is crowing; "Don't you know this man? Are you one of the crowd, the 'Friday mob'?" "Crucify Him" they shout; Sunday is coming.

The Pharisees think they have solved a problem. They strut; they poke each other in

the ribs. They are back in charge and don't like a change. The followers of John the Baptist have gone. But it's only Friday....Sunday is coming.

Carry that cross, that yoke Jesus falls not once but lower and lower, but it is Friday. How high will he go on Sunday?

The women are crying for Him; cry for your children killing, fighting, aborted or in prison. But it's only Friday....Sunday is coming.

Mortal body torn to shreds on hard stones, rough wood and cruel nails. Clothes ripping open wounds of the scourging. What a Friday....Sunday?

Throw the dice for His clothes; off with the workclothes, it's Friday. Get out the Sunday best.

Blood pouring to the last drop, transfixed by a lance, a public spectacle between two thieves, a thing of shame, a scape-goat for the people. It's Friday, Sunday is

Arms outstretched to the very last, to the limits of His love. Jesus gives His all, it's Friday....Sunday is coming.

Mary is crying. He came to die. She knows. It's still a shock, a Passover to remember. Friday's journey. Sabbath's rest Sunday's best.

Social Action Stations

Listen to God: Hear the Poor

Bishop Terry invites members of the Diocese of Middlesbrough, Diocese of York and Christians of all denominations and traditions to join him and the Venerable Paul Ferguson, Archdeacon of Cleveland, to 'Listen to God and hear the poor' through a 'Stations of the Cross' style act of worship in St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham on Friday 4th April at 6.00 pm.

The Cardinal of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury have written to Church of England and Roman Catholic Bishops to inform them about their plans to commit together to prayer and to support Christian social action this Passiontide, and to ask them to seek local opportunities for praying together in their respective dioceses. From Passion Sunday (6th April) to Palm Sunday (13th April) Archbishop Justin and Cardinal Vincent will invite others to join them in praying for the work done by Christians to serve those in need and to strengthen their communities. Cardinal Vincent and Archbishop Justin will be inviting members of their churches and others who share the Christian faith to join them in their commitment to prayer through this week as they listen to God and hear the poor. Their hope is that this will not only give glory to God by fostering the work of the Kingdom, but will also support, encourage and inspire local church members who give so much to their local communities.

In response to this initiative, Bishop Terry has invited Archdeacon Paul Ferguson (the Diocese of York is still waiting for the appointment of a new Bishop of Whitby who would be the natural person for Bishop Terry to invite) to join him in a simple prayer service at which the focus will be the social action work undertaken by Christians of all traditions in the area of the Dioceses of York and Middlesbrough, which cover roughly similar parts of historic Yorkshire, and in particular the 'Together Middlesbrough' project.

Please pass the word around and encourage others to come to St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, TS8 0TW on Friday 4th April at 6.00 pm to 'Listen to God: Hear the Poor'.

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The Cleveland NEWMAN Circle

St Bede and the
Northumbrian Saints
a talk by Lucy Beckett

Wednesday 23rd April, 2014

St Bernadette's,
Nunthorpe, TS7 0EB
7.30pm (coffee)
7.45pm start

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All Are Welcome!



Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz of Minsk-Mohilev, Bishop Terry and Diocesan priests pictured together at English Martyrs Church in York when the Archbishop visited to celebrate Mass and speak about the Church in his country



Christian Discipleship



Participants sharing news and ideas for promoting peace and justice

Carmelites and JPIC Day in York

The British Province of Carmelites was represented by Lay Carmelites at a recent Networking Day of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN).

The NJPN is a grass-roots body, rooted in Gospel values, working to support the Church's work in the area of Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC). NJPN works with groups and individuals, facilitating dialogue and sharing between charities, dioceses and religious orders. With an office at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales headquarters in London, the National Justice and Peace Network holds a number of Networking Days each year, alternating between the capital and cities across England and Wales.

On Saturday 15th February, a NJPN

Networking Day was held in York at St Bede's Pastoral Centre. Approximately 40 participants took part in the gathering, including representatives of the Justice and Peace boards of various dioceses and religious orders, delegates from charities (like CAFOD, Pax Christi, Catholic Association for Racial Justice, and Housing Justice) as well as individuals interested in JPIC issues. Among the participants were Lay Carmelites from York Carmelite Spirituality Group, who took the opportunity to learn more about the work of the organisations present, and to tell others about the service that Carmelites undertake in promoting justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

The participants were welcomed by the National Justice and Peace Network's Chair,

Anne Peacey and Administrator, Ann Kelly. A local welcome was extended by Barbara Hungin, Chair of Middlesbrough Diocese Justice and Peace Commission, who gave an overview of recent JPIC activity in the host diocese. The main speaker was Trisha Griffin, a Quaker, who has recently returned from the Holy Land where she was a volunteer with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). Trisha spoke on the topic 'Life Under Occupation', explaining EAPPI's work in monitoring Israeli checkpoints in the separation wall, and the suffering of people in the occupied Palestinian territories. She spoke of the importance of engaging with Israelis and with Jews in the United Kingdom, to inform them of the human rights situation in the

West Bank and Gaza. She also called for better labelling on food, identifying whether food is produced within Israel or within illegally-occupied Palestinian lands.

After a networking lunch, a business meeting was held for the National Justice and Peace Network. Dioceses, religious orders, charities and agencies were able to give updates on important JPIC-related issues and share information and resources. Among the forthcoming events highlighted were Fairtrade Fortnight and Romero Week. The next National Justice and Peace Network gathering will be its AGM and Open Networking Day on Saturday 10th May, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm at CAFOD's HQ in London (55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB).

Parish Breakfast

A parish in Ryedale, North Yorkshire has come up with a novel way to raise funds to help educate the street children of the Philippines.

St Leonard and St Mary's Church in Malton occasionally hosts a parish breakfast after a Sunday Mass in its community centre. The breakfasts are cooked by Bob Richardson and the most recent one attracted 40 parishioners and raised £100.00 profit for the work involving the street children.

The parish has an association with the Philippines going back several years, as some parishioners from that country used to live and work in the area and attend Mass at the church. In spite of protests from parishioners, the Home Office ruled a few years ago that although they had come to this country under the correct procedures, they had to return to live and work in their

country.

The breakfasts originally began to celebrate Mother's Day and they also coincided with the parish's gift weekend which came into being following a survey of parishioners, in place of the annual Christmas Fair. Later, it was decided to hold the breakfasts as a way of raising funds for the street children in the Philippines. Parish priest, Father Tim Bywater, said "It not only helps to bring parishioners together but also raises funds for a cause that we want to support". Parishioners also donate unwanted clothes which are collected and then sent to the Philippines, which are then sold to raise funds for the cause.

Trevor Hayes

Well Done Dawn!

Forty-one year old Dawn Conway, who has Downs Syndrome, graduated as a 'Tomorrow's Leader' at Hinsley Hall, Leeds on Thursday 6th March.

Having worked and studied hard during her course, Dawn is now a qualified Mentor for people with disabilities - enabling her to counsel and help others in a similar position to herself as well as train new leaders along the way. Dawn is a parishioner of St Andrew's, Teesville, where her very proud parents Kath and Alex Mackie regularly worship. Dawn has been a member of Eston Handicapped Fellowship since it began and was a qualified Girl Guide leader at St Andrew's for a number of years. Although Dawn has lived independently in her own flat in Redcar for the past 14 years, she comes home to Normanby often and visits St Andrew's - where she is well known.



Dawn Conway

Easter Mass Times

Bridlington Our Lady & St Peter

Maundy Thursday
9.15am Office of Readings
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday
9.15am Office of Readings
10.00-11.00am Confessions
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
7.00pm Burial of the Body Meditation

Holy Saturday
9.15am Office of Readings
10.00-11.00am Confessions
8.00pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass

Easingwold St John the Evangelist

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
11.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion Liturgy

Holy Saturday
11.45am Rosary
12.00-12.30 Confessions & Reconciliation
4.45-5.15 Confessions & Reconciliation
9.00pm Solemn Mass of the Vigil

Easter Sunday
10.30am Family Sung Mass

Hessle Our Lady of Lourdes

Holy Thursday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
11.00am Stations of the Cross for Children

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7.00pm Reflection on the Passion

Holy Saturday
9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.30pm Mass

West Hull Parishes

The Parishes of
Corpus Christi
St Joseph
St Wilfrid

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Wilfrid's

Good Friday
10.00am Office of Reading & Morning Prayer, St Joseph's
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St Wilfrid's

Holy Saturday
10.00am Office of Reading & Morning Prayer, St Joseph's
9.00pm Easter Vigil Mass St Wilfrid's

Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass, Corpus Christi
11.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Ingleby Barwick St Charles Borromeo Yarm St Mary & St Romuald

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass at St Therese of Lisieux School - Watching until 9pm - conclude with night prayer

Good Friday
10.00am Office Reading & Morning Prayer - St Mary & St Romuald, Yarm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:
3.00pm - St Therese of Lisieux School
3.00pm - St Romuald's

7.00pm Ancient service of the burial of the Lord - St Romuald's

Holy Saturday
10.00am Office of readings & Morning Prayer - St Romuald's
9.00 Easter Vigil - St Romuald's

Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass at St Romuald's
11.00am St Therese of Lisieux School

Lealholm, Egton Bridge & Ugthorpe

Our Lady, Lealholm
St Hedda, Egton Bridge
St Anne, Ugthorpe

Palm Sunday
6.30pm (Saturday) Vigil - Lealholm
9.30am Mass: Egton Bridge
11.00am Mass: Ugthorpe
Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper and watch until 9.00pm: Ugthorpe

Good Friday
9.00am Stations of the Cross: Lealholm
10.00am Stations of the Cross: Ugthorpe
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion: Egton Bridge

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass: Lealholm

Easter Day:
9.30am Mass: Egton Bridge
11.00am Mass: Ugthorpe

Kirkbymoorside Our Lady & St Chad with Helmsley - St Mary's

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose (Kirkbymoorside)

Good Friday
10.15am Ecumenical Procession (Helmsley)
11.00am Ecumenical Witness Event (Helmsley)
11.00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness (Kirkbymoorside)
3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy (Kirkbymoorside)

Holy Saturday
9.00pm: Easter Vigil (Kirkbymoorside)
Easter Sunday
9.00am: Mass of Easter Day (Helmsley)
10.30am: Mass of Easter Day (Kirkbymoorside)

Market Weighton and Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Market Weighton

Maundy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday
10.30am Mass

St. John the Baptist, Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor

Easter Sunday
9.00am Mass

Wishing everyone the Joys and Blessings of Easter...
From Everyone at the Middlesbrough Voice, CathCom
and the Parishes around the Diocese

He is Risen Alleluia!!

Marske – St Bede

Holy Thursday
7.00pm (Watching until 9.00pm)
Good Friday
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6.30pm - Stations of the Cross
Easter Saturday
9.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday
9.30am & 6.00pm

Middlesbrough

St Joseph & St Thomas More

Maundy Thursday
6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Joseph's
(Watching until 10.00pm)
Good Friday
3.00pm The Lord's Passion - St. Joseph's
3.00pm The Lord's Passion - St. Thomas More's
Holy Saturday
8.00pm The Easter Vigil - St. Joseph's
Easter Sunday
9.00am Mass - St. Thomas More's
10.30am Mass - St. Joseph's

Pickering - St Joseph's

Palm Sunday
8.00am Mass
11.00am Blessing of Palms
Procession and Mass
Holy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday
8.30pm The Easter Vigil
Easter Day
8.00am Mass, 11.00am Mass

Scarborough Churches

**St Joseph
St Peter
St Edward**

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Joseph's followed by watching at Altar of Repose until 11.00pm
8.15pm Confessions at St Joseph's
Good Friday
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Peter's
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Joseph's
Confessions follow each Liturgy at 4.15pm
Holy Saturday
9.30 - 10.30am Confessions at St Peter's
8.00pm EASTER VIGIL - First Mass of Easter at St Joseph's
Easter Sunday
8.30am Easter Mass at St Edward's
10.00am Easter Mass at St Joseph's
11.30am Easter Mass at St Peter's

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**Redcar
Sacred Heart and St
Augustine**

Homilies at each Holy Week Mass will develop a theme.

Palm Sunday
6.30pm (Saturday) Mass at St Augustine's
9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart
11.00am Mass at St Augustine's
Monday
7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Tuesday
7.00pm Mass at St Augustine's
Wednesday
10.00am Stations of the Cross in Sacred Heart
7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Holy Thursday
10.00am Holy Thursday celebration for children in Sacred Heart
7.00am Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Augustine's followed by Watch of the Passion until midnight
Good Friday
9.15am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in St Augustine's
10.00am Stations of the Cross for Children in St Augustine's
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Sacred Heart
7.00pm Ancient Service for the Burial of the Lord in St Augustine's
Holy Saturday
9.15am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in Sacred Heart
9.00pm Easter Vigil in St Augustine's Church
Easter Day
9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart
11.00am Mass at St Augustine's

Saltburn - Our Lady of Lourdes

Palm Sunday
6.00pm (Saturday) Mass; 10.30am (Sunday) Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses
Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm
Good Friday
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday
10.30am Mass

**Teesville
St Andrew, St Anne & St Peter**

Wednesday of Holy Week
9.15am Mass (St Anne's) followed by Confession until 10.30am
6.30pm Mass of the Anointing of the Sick, St Andrew's
Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Andrew's; followed by Watching before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour
Good Friday
9.00am Stations of the Cross, St Peter's, followed by Confession until 10.00am
10.30am Stations of the Cross, St Anne's, followed by Confession until 11.30am
12 Noon Ecumenical Act Of Witness around the Cross of Christ, Eston Square
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Andrew's
7.00pm - 8.00pm Stations, Prayer Around the Cross & private Meditation
Holy Saturday
7.30pm "The Easter Vigil", St Andrew's (not 6.30)
Easter Sunday
9.30am - Easter Day Mass, St Andrew's
11.00am - Easter Day Mass, St Anne's
12.15pm - Easter Day Mass, St Peter's

The Lord is Risen Alleluia

York - St George's

Holy Thursday
9.30am Office of Readings
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching until 11.00pm
Good Friday
9.30am - Office of Readings followed by Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion followed by Confessions
Holy Saturday
9.30am - Office of Readings followed by Confessions until 11.00am
9.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday
10.30am Mass

York - St Joseph

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
7.00pm Vigil Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass

**York
St Wifrid**

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of Lord's Supper
Good Friday
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
9.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday
8.30am & 11.00am Mass
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Scoring against Poverty



Patrick Jamiru and Kei Kamara (© Louise Norton - CAFOD)

Boro striker Kei Kamara has met a fellow countryman as part of a charity appeal for his homeland of Sierra Leone. Kamara was introduced to Patrick Jamiru, Director of Caritas Kenema, at Middlesbrough FC's Rockliffe Park training ground in February. Caritas Kenema is CAFOD's partner organisation in Sierra Leone. The meeting was part of CAFOD's 'Dig Deep' Lent Fast Day campaign, asking local people to support others living in poverty in Kamara's home country.

Patrick was able to tell Kei what Caritas Kenema is doing to help the West African nation recover from a brutal civil war in which 2.6 million people were left homeless - the equivalent of the entire population of North East England. Kei himself fled from the war with his family to the USA. Kei said "Football is like a religion in Sierra Leone and when I go back home, kids are playing everywhere in the street. Playing football is a gift for me and if I can use it to put more smiles on more people's faces, that is good."

"Working with the CAFOD programme to help out there is amazing. I'm a Muslim but I will be 100 per cent behind them. It's going to a really great cause and it makes a difference to people to know that they're cared about and being helped from overseas. Please continue to help the 'Dig Deep' programme because it's amazing how far the little things you can do can go."

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. CAFOD is helping people to feed their own families by training them in alternative farming methods to help secure food during the annual Hungry Season. We are asking people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough to stand side-by-side with people in Kei's homeland by digging deep, ensuring that more children in the poorest countries grow up healthy and free from hunger."

"The kindness, compassion and generosity of people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough have enabled CAFOD to train families 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." Those wishing to donate to CAFOD's 'Dig Deep' campaign and learn more about the fight against poverty can find details at www.cafod.org.uk

Liam Finn



Father Andrew Burns with Philip and Rita Jackson

What are we doing about Marriage?

Father Andrew Burns CSsR from the John Paul Centre in Middlesbrough and Philip and Rita Jackson from the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Rednal, Birmingham form the National Executive Team of Worldwide Marriage Encounter in England and Wales. From 6th-9th February, they attended the European Council Meeting of Marriage Encounter in Siracuse, Sicily. Here, they joined the national teams, couples and priests from 13 European countries, together with the European Ecclesial Team, Ben and Lian from Holland and Father Boni from Spain.

The European Council meets three times each year in a different country to share a common desire to help couples and priests make the most of their life commitments in the Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders through the experience of the Marriage Encounter Weekend. Everywhere, the traditional understanding of marriage as an exclusive, lifelong commitment of love between a man and a woman is being questioned. Such a relationship has always been accepted as the basis for family, providing the best environment for the development of children. But how are we to respond today when couples simply live together without any formal commitment, when gay couples, on the other hand, do want to express their love in a permanent commitment and feel they have a right to have children? Such are some of the questions faced by Christians today right across Europe.

The best response is not the political or dogmatic argument but rather the witness of truly loving couples, men and women, who celebrate their Sacramental relationship with Christ and with each other in a very

open way. We all know, however, that such relationships don't grow on trees. They require ongoing hard work, self-denial, mutual forgiveness and healing.

The question is often asked: how does the Church support married couples to live their Sacrament more fully, more deeply? At best, there is some form of preparation before marriage, but then what? Marriage Encounter is a movement within the Church which promotes marriage by encouraging couples to look at themselves firstly as individuals, then as a couple, then as a couple called to live according to God's plan for them. On a Marriage Encounter Weekend, couples are given the tools to do this personal and sensitive work together, and after the weekend, they are encouraged to continue their journey with the support of others who have made the same choice: to strive to love one another as Christ has loved us.

To find out more about how Marriage Encounter can help enrich your married relationship, please go to our website: www.wwme.org.uk where you can find testimonies of couples who have discovered new joy and satisfaction after the experience of a Marriage Encounter Weekend (or try: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3SSBjfa1c4>). Details of future weekends, and how to book, can also be found there. Or telephone (01538) 385801.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will be taking place at Minsteracres, County Durham over the weekend of 9th to 11th May and if you would like more information, please telephone (01538) 385801.

Philip and Rita Jackson

Post-Christmas

A 'post-Christmas' social event took place recently in South East Hull Parish (incorporating the churches of Sacred Heart, St Bede's and St Stephen's Pastoral Centre).

Despite the less traditional time of year, the event followed the time-honoured meal menu of 'turkey with all the trimmings' that everyone associates with Christmas. There was, of course, a 'starter' to the main meal, which was followed by helpings of Christmas pudding and a plentiful supply of 'good humour'. Many of the 40 guests were 'housebound' and the event was sponsored by the parish SVP. It was not, however, totally devoid of controversy, as the deacon pulled his own ticket out of the raffle! Similarly, the entertainment was of a high standard until the parish priest joined in!

Deacon Brian Morgan

Right: Vocal Quartet: Three ladies, Eileen Francis, Mary Read and Judith Miller, are joined by Father Dominique Minskip in entertaining the honoured guests

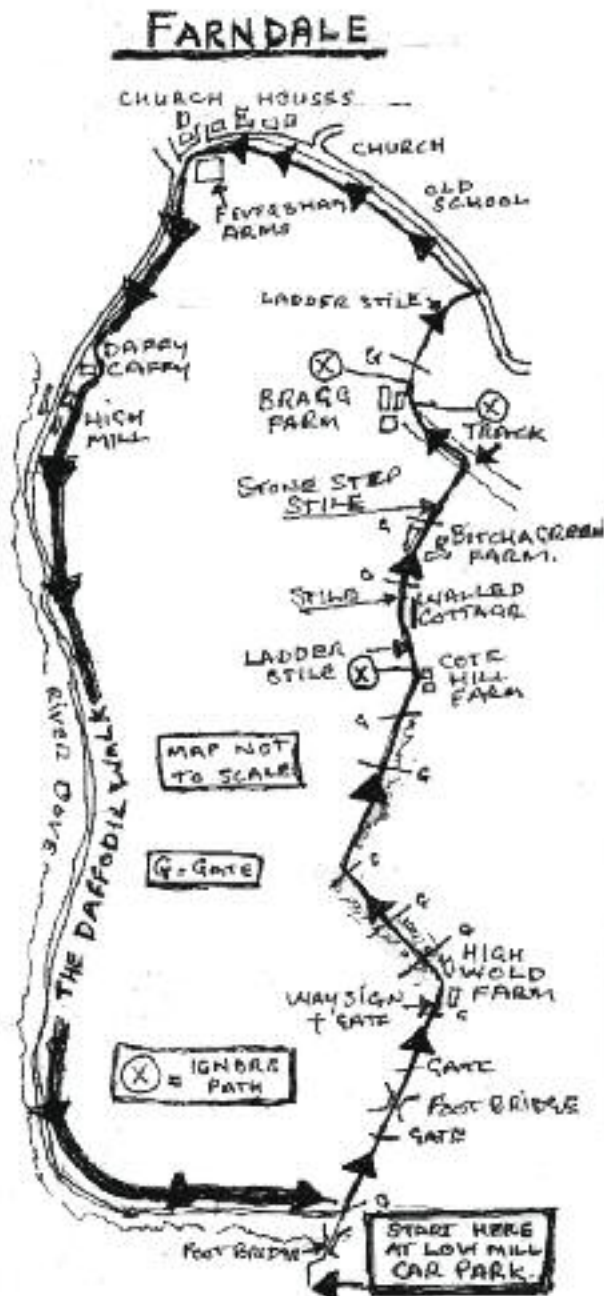


Easter and the Farndale Daffodil Classic

The 'New Pilgrim', who gave us some pilgrimage walks to enjoy during the Year of Faith, now offers a walk for Eastertide.

Farndale in North Yorkshire can be found by leaving the Castleton to Hutton-le-Hole road using the third turn right after the Lion Inn (1 mile from Hutton-le-Hole) down a side road signed Gillamoor (note: the first two turnings may offer a shorter drive but are steep narrow lanes and can be very busy), cross a sandstone river bridge and turn right into a lane signed Low Mill.

In the daffodil season, there may be a signed route through Farndale for visiting motorists, please use these directions. The car park at Low Mill is extended at this time and there is a charge.



Map of 'Daffodil Walk'

This walk is well used in early April when the daffodils are blooming, however in recent years, because of the changing weather patterns, the flowering window may change. If you miss the daffs, don't worry, this is a beautiful walk at any time of year and is well way signed.

1. Start from the Low Mill car park by taking the well used path through a walkers' gate signed High Mill, after 50 yds cross the footbridge, do not follow the path along the river but continue straight ahead along the footpath/paved trod up through fields to cross another gated footbridge.
2. Continue by a stone wall to pass through a way signed gate where a turn left leads past High Wold farm buildings to another gate and along a track between hedges, through two more gates then turn right, keep to the hedge along two fields to a way signed gate just before reaching Cote Hill. Follow the route half left and still rising to a ladder stile (ignore the path down sharp left), pass left of a walled cottage to a stile.
3. Carry on to a gate and pass straight through Bitchagreen Farm and another gate to a way signed old stone step stile then head half right up across a field to a farm track.
4. Turn left along the track and pass through Bragg Farm ignoring paths left and right follow the yellow arrows straight ahead over a field to a ladder stile then a right turn leads to a road.
5. Turn left down the road passing the old school soon to reach Church Houses. Go by the Feversham Arms and ignore two right turns to take the cul de sac lane to the 'Daffy Caffy' and through High Mill.
6. You are now on the 'Daffodil Walk' which meanders along a definite gravelled path through lightly wooded areas and open meadows for just over a mile leading through a number of gates (no stiles) back to the Low Mill car park.

- Distance: 4 miles
- Ascent: 310 feet
- Start: Low Mill car park Farndale (Map Ref SE673 952)
- Facilities: Toilets at Low Mill
- Eateries: Pub Grub in Church Houses at the Feversham Arms.
Light meals at High Mill's 'Daffy Caffy'
- Buggies: The main walk is unsuitable, but the 'Daffodil Walk' to Church Houses is okay for large wheeled buggies
- Footwear: Boots or tough trainers
- OS Map: North York Moors (western) OL26

The Silver Tsunami

The SVP combats the 'Lonely Society', the killer of our generation. "The biggest disease today," said Mother Teresa, "is not leprosy or cancer or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody."

It may have taken them a while but scientists have finally acknowledged that feelings of loneliness and isolation have serious health consequences such as disrupted sleep, raised blood pressure, lower immunity, increased depression, lower overall wellbeing and increased stress. Professor John Cacioppo (Professor of Psychology), a leading expert on loneliness, said that lonely people are nearly twice as likely to die prematurely as those who do not suffer feelings of isolation. Presenting in Chicago this February, he said "We are experiencing a silver tsunami demographically. The baby boomers are reaching retirement age... People have to think about how to protect themselves from depression, low subjective wellbeing and early mortality." In the UK, the Mental Health Foundation's report 'The Lonely Society' claims that our individualistic society is harming our mental and physical health.

Ask any volunteer of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and they will be able to give numerous examples of people they visit who are lonely and isolated. As well as visiting people in their homes, hospital or in retirement facilities, the SVP provides transport to take isolated individuals to key appointments, to church, or simply to the shops. Elizabeth Palmer, CEO of the SVP, said "SVP members made over half a million visits to those in need last year and loneliness is one of the major issues they are confronted with, especially the loneliness and isolation of older people. Sometimes a member of the SVP is the only person a housebound person will talk to the whole week."

For years, the SVP has been befriending the lonely and housebound and knows how much it improves wellbeing; it is good to know the academic, scientific and healthcare communities agree and that they are beginning to quantify the benefits. The SVP was recently awarded a Big Society Award as the Prime Minister recognised the outstanding work of the society in befriending some of the neediest people in England and Wales for over 170 years.



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Paul Vallely

'Pope Francis, Justice and Peace Pope'

Paul Vallely is to give this year's Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture and he will take as his subject 'Pope Francis, Justice and Peace Pope'.

The Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture, which is organised each year by the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission, will take place on Saturday 10th May at 11.00 am at Staff House, Hull University, Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 7RX. Coffee and tea from 10.30 am.

The speaker, Paul Vallely, is a writer and Consultant on International Development, Religion and Ethics and author of 'Pope Francis, Untying the Knots'. Paul is a native of Middlesbrough. He has worked in newspapers, in broadcasting, with aid agencies, government and church organisations for more than two decades. Paul has produced award winning reports from more than 30 countries in the developing world. He is an expert in Catholic Social Teaching.

For his latest book, he travelled to Argentina and Rome to meet those who have known Pope Francis well over the last four decades. Paul's book charts the remarkable journey and reveals what changed the man who was to become our Pope into a humble friend of the poor and offers insights into the intensity and optimism which characterises his faith. All are very welcome.

Barbara Hungin

Vacancy for Mini Vinnie Co-ordinator

A retired teacher or Headteacher is required for a voluntary part-time role in the St Vincent de Paul Society for Middlesbrough Diocese. For further information, visit <http://www.minivinnies.org.uk> The role promotes social justice through establishing Mini Vinnies throughout the primary schools within Middlesbrough Diocese. The role is flexible, varied and rewarding. Join us, making a difference is great fun! Contact Kathy Warrick (Middlesbrough Central Council President), e-mail kwarrick39@hotmail.com or tel (01642) 765110.



On Sunday 2nd March, after Mass in church halls all over the country, members of the Catholic Women's League invited parishioners to join them in a National Coffee Morning event to spread the word about the work of the CWL, locally, nationally and internationally. Seventy-eight parishioners attended the Cottingham Section coffee morning. Anne Brittain, Section Secretary

New Justice and Peace Group



From left: Joan Gillis, Ian Hoy, Terry Doyle, Stuart Myers, Emma Thompson, Freda Duncan and Deacon Len Collings

The parishes of Sacred Heart and St Augustine, Redcar, St Bede, Marske and Our Lady of Lourdes, Saltburn are on a journey towards forming a single parish community to serve the Northern coastal part of the Diocese and as part of the process of drawing closer together, a joint group to promote 'justice and peace' has been established.

The group aims to raise awareness about local, national and international social justice issues under the Middlesbrough Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission, but is locally run. Emma Thompson, of St Augustine's Parish, Redcar, was elected secretary and will take the chair until a chairman is appointed. Stuart Myers, Redcar and Cleveland Council's Welfare Reform Policy Specialist, said his

department had been preparing for 18 months to help local people understand the Government's new welfare reforms when he spoke at a recent meeting. He said a fund to give out crisis loans and grants had been set up and many of those applying were in work, but only for a few hours a week. He said local foodbanks had given out 2,500 parcels in the past year. Representatives of the four parishes, St Augustine's and Sacred Heart, both Redcar, St Bede's, Marske, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Saltburn, reported on activities they ran connected with justice and peace issues. These included collecting food for foodbanks, raising money for CAFOD and Christian Aid and knitting woolly hats for Tees seamen.

Michael Morrissey

ASCENT Group Day of Reflection

A Day of Reflection organised by ASCENT will take place on Wednesday 7th May from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm in English Martyrs Parish Hall, Dalton Terrace, York. The day will be led by Canon Michael Ryan. Registration and coffee/tea and biscuits at 10.30 am. Please bring some food for a shared lunch. The day will finish with a cup of tea after the 2.00 pm Mass. The suggested donation is £6.00 and all are very welcome.

Margaret Snowden

All at sea during Lent

For Catholic seafarers, being away at sea for long periods means that they are unable to share in the liturgical seasons in a parish. This is especially true during Lent.

Modern seafarers can be at sea for weeks or months. The work is physically demanding and often brings with it intense loneliness and a sense of isolation. At one time, seafarers might have spent two or three days in a port before sailing again. Nowadays, it might be just a few hours.

Many seafarers today come from Catholic regions of the world, such as the Philippines

and Goa in India. For them, the brief time in port means there is no chance to attend Mass at a local church. The job of helping Catholic seafarers nourish and deepen their faith falls to Apostleship of the Sea port chaplains and ship visitors.

This Lent, at ports around Britain, Apostleship of the Sea chaplains will be arranging for seafarers to receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday and providing materials to help them reflect on the meaning of Lent. Father Colum Kelly, Apostleship of the Sea Port Chaplain to Immingham, says seafarers



Ministering to Seafarers



have few opportunities to meet a priest and receive sacraments. "When I celebrate Mass in the Seafarers Centre, seafarers will often comment that it was their only chance to celebrate Mass for a year or more. I am regularly asked to celebrate Mass on ships and these too are very special and joyous occasions."

Roger Stone, who is chaplain to eight ports on the south coast, including Southampton and Portsmouth, and also a permanent deacon, echoes Father Colum. "I offer seafarers Christ in the form of Holy Communion, leading services on board whenever I'm asked. For seafarers who are

strong in their faith, being unable to receive Holy Communion is a real problem. On one ship I went on, I was thumbing through a bible to select some readings and a couple of seafarers suggested some passages. They didn't need a bible. They knew the references. They were far better at knowing their needs than I ever could be." He says his own faith has been strengthened through some of the seafarers he has met. "I now spend more time reading the bible than I ever have before. They've inspired me to be as familiar with the scriptures as they are."

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2 Celebrates Mass for St Oswald's New Academy of the Diocese - St Mary's Cathedral 10.00 am
8 Attends Bishop's Council - Curial Office 11.00 am
10-11 Attends Northern Church Leaders Retreat - Hinsley Hall All Day
13 Celebrates Palm Sunday - St Mary's Cathedral 10.00 am
15 Celebrates Chrism Mass - St Mary's Cathedral 12 noon
17 Celebrates Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Mary's Cathedral 7.00 pm
18 Celebrates Service of the Lord's Passion - St Mary's Cathedral 3.00 pm
19 Celebrates Easter Vigil - St Mary's Cathedral 9.00 pm
20 Celebrates Mass of Easter Day - St Mary's Cathedral 10.00 am
26-27 Attends Canonisation of SS Pope John Paul II and John XXIII - Rome All Day
29-30 Visitation to English College - Valladolid All Day

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
6.00 pm 'Listen to God: Hear the Poor' - a Stations of the Cross style act of worship with Bishop Terry and Ven Paul Ferguson, Archdeacon of Cleveland, at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. All welcome
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

7 - 10 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

8 Tuesday
12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Mr C Cuthill will speak about 'St Charles' Drop In Centre'
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ASCENT Group, York West meets in the Fr Kelly Room at Our Lady's, Acomb
8.30 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

9 Wednesday
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meets after the Morning Mass
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
11.00 am - 3.30 pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' with Sr Louise at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
2.30 pm Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm Hull and East Riding Newman Circle presents a talk/experience of the Passover Meal at The Endsleigh Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: Andrew Carrick, Tel: (01482) 500181 for further details/confirmation of arrangements for this meeting

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

11 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

11 - 13 Friday - Sunday
'The Psalms' - a retreat led by Fr Henry Wansbrough. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

12 Saturday
11.30 am The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Annual General Meeting will be held at St Joseph's, Hull commencing with Mass at 11.30 am
2.00 pm Postgate Society meeting in St Anne's Parish Rooms, Ugthorpe
7.00 pm Stokesley Methodist Choir presents a performance of 'Mary Magdalene' at Stokesley Methodist Church, High Street, Stokesley. A musical by Roger Jones telling the story of Mary Magdalene and the dramatic changes

wrought in her life through her encounters with Jesus. All welcome

13 Sunday
2.00 pm - 5.00 pm Christian Life Communities (CLC) Today - a gathering for CLC members and those interested in the Christian Life Community at The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York, YO24 1AQ with input from Monica Francomb (CLC President) and Br Alan Harrison SJ (CLC National Chaplain). All Welcome. Contact: Sr Mary Walmsley CJ, Tel: (01904) 464946 or E-mail: marywalmsley.cj@bar-convent.org.uk 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 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

We would recommend those wishing to attend events during Holy Week and Easter check with the relevant organiser or parish to see if they are proceeding

14 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
7.30 pm The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Tiffy Allen, National Co-ordinator of City of Sanctuary 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

15 Tuesday
12 noon Chrism Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough
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

16 Wednesday
8.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's RC Church, West Hull

17 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

18 Friday
6.45 pm Churches Together in York Walk of Witness followed by Service at York Minster (7.30 pm). Meet at Parliament Street fountain to carry the cross to the Minster

19 Saturday
7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Chris Ball) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JB. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227

20 Sunday
3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass 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 Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

23 Wednesday

7.30 pm for 7.45 pm The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Lucy Beckett entitled 'St Bede and the Northumbrian Saints' 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

24 Thursday

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

25 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

25 - 26 Friday - Saturday

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 Sunday

May issue of Catholic Voice available
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.

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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

6.30 pm Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough

28 - 1 Monday - Thursday

'Glimpses of Eden: Creative Responses to Nature' - a retreat led by Fr Terence Richardson and Jonathan Tulloch. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

30 Wednesday

12.45 pm - 3.00 pm ASCENT Group, York Central meets in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York after the 12.10 pm Mass

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm ME and CFS Self-Help Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

FIRST WEEK OF MAY:

1 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

2 Friday

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

7.00 pm Lourdes Hospitalité Race Night at St Thomas More Church Hall, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Price £5.00 including fish and chip supper. Tea and coffee provided but bring your own favourite tippie. Contact: Anne-Marie Stephenson, Tel: 07885 771258 or E-mail: mrsastephenon@gmail.com for further details and to book a place

7.00 pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

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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

4 Sunday

12.00 pm 'Walk for Life' Procession in York. 12.00 pm to 1.15 pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Wilfrid's Church, Petergate, York; 1.15 pm to 1.30 pm, Procession assembles at West front precinct of York Minster. Procession concludes at English Martyrs Church for Holy Mass at approximately 5.00 pm. Contact: Pat Sammon, Tel: 0113 258 2745 or 07747 698553 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com 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

ADVANCE NOTICES:

6 May: 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, 'When Somebody Dies' - an afternoon for all involved in our schools to help prepare to respond to the eventuality of a death of a member of the school community, to be held at the Park Inn, North Street, York. Contact: Andrea Brewster, E-mail: andrea.rainbowm@btconnect.com for further details
7 May: 10.30 am - 3.30 pm, A Day of Reflection organised by ASCENT in English Martyrs Parish Hall, Dalton Terrace, York, to be led by Canon Michael Ryan. A shared lunch. Suggested donation £6.00. All welcome

9-11 May: 8.00 pm on the 9th until 4.30 pm on the 11th, Marriage Encounter Weekend at Minsteracres Retreat Centre, County Durham. Contact Tel: (01538) 385801 or visit www.wmme.org.uk for booking details

10 May: 10.30 am for 11.00 am, 'Pope Francis, Justice and Peace Pope' - Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture in the Staff House at the University of Hull, to be given by Paul Vallely

11 May: 2.30 pm, May Procession organized by the Parish of St Vincent, Queen's Road, Hull. A warm welcome is extended to adults and children from outside the parish to join them. Contact: Catherine Holtby, Tel: (01482) 804532 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

7 June: York Catholic History Day 2014 at the Bar Convent, York

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Campaign to reclaim Easter rolls out

A campaign to reclaim Easter through the humble Easter egg has launched. Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK every year, only one, The Real Easter Egg, tells the Easter story, gives money to charity and is Fairtrade.

The Real Easter Egg is the brainchild of David Marshall. He explains: "In 2010, someone got me a Green and Black's Easter egg. On the side of the box, it said 'Easter is the festival of chocolate and loveliness'. The line made me laugh and think to myself there is a bit more to Easter than that. I remember sketching what a meaningful Easter egg might look like. It would be Fairtrade, tell the Easter story and make real the Easter themes of hope and new life by supporting charitable projects. It would be called The Real Easter Egg - just to make the point that all the rest were mostly in it for the money. I founded The Meaningful Chocolate Company in 2011 and 2014 will be our fourth Easter."

It was a real struggle to establish The Real Easter Egg as all the supermarkets turned it down at first. To date, more than 450,000 eggs have been sold with 210,000 sent through the post directly to churches and schools.

David Marshall, speaking for The Meaningful Chocolate Company, explains: "Each year, it's a struggle to get The Real Easter Egg stocked in large enough quantities by supermarkets. Last year, one national retailer ordered 900 eggs for the whole of the UK. So we send hundreds of thousands of eggs to churches, who collect orders from their members and then order directly from us online."

Each Real Easter Egg has a copy of the Easter story in the box. The design is different from year to year so that people can keep giving it as a gift. But the appeal of The Real Easter Egg is very wide as it is also Fairtrade and charitable.

As David explains: "Being the UK's top selling mail order egg means that not only has there been an increase in Fairtrade chocolate sales but nearly £120,000 has been donated to charity, and as each egg had an Easter story booklet in the box, the core message of the faith was also passed on. It is a gift that offers hope and new life and is very different from the other eggs on the market."

The Real Easter Egg Range: this year, there are three eggs in the range. A co-operative in Bethlehem is making tens of thousands of olive wood crosses for a special edition of The

Real Easter Egg this year. It is the first time a cross has featured as part of a mainstream Easter gift.

The special edition egg is one of three new designs available, the other two being a sharing box - with 20 smaller eggs and 20 Easter story booklets in the box, and

the blue boxed egg which comes with a 24 page Easter story book and some Chunky chocolate buttons.

As the egg sells out every year, the advice is to please order early. You can check which shops are stocking the egg or buy it at www.realeasteregg.co.uk



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