



Bishop's Column

Despite the number of labour-saving devices that abound in our world and the digital revolution which is meant to deliver us from drudgery and menial tasks, thus freeing us up for more leisure activity, time still seems to be a rare and expensive commodity. If something does not get into my diary early on, then the odds are that there will not be sufficient time to fit it in later.

So I am giving you early warning. Next year, from September 7 to 9 2018, there will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. The title of the Congress is *Adoremus* – in English, *Let us adore*. The main point of the Congress is to gather us together as a national Church so that we can reflect upon the centrality and importance of the Eucharist in our lives and thus be renewed by the Lord Himself through devotion to Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

There are many passages from the scriptures that we remember and can often quote. I bet that one of the most quoted is Jesus' parable about the vine and the branches. "*I am the vine, you are the branches.*" (John 15.5). This is how Jesus explains the closeness of communion with Him through the Eucharist. "*Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*"

It is from the fruits of the Blessed Eucharist that we will receive a new impetus for evangelisation and mission. If you have been listening to what Pope Francis has been saying to us since he became our Holy Father, then you will recognise that these two words occur very frequently. We are called to be missionary disciples and to announce the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to our world.

Most of us feel quite unprepared to do this, and presume and hope that this call is for someone else, not for me. But it is for every single baptised Christian; that is why we are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation. Everything we need to be a missionary disciple and to spread the Gospel has already been given to us. We need to start using those gifts. By spending time with our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, by adoring and listening to Him, we will be given the strength and courage to go out and tell others about the Good News of Jesus.

Here is a blessed opportunity for us, the whole Church, from every walk of life, those at the centre and those on the sidelines, to come together in prayer and celebration. As we focus on the Lord, He can turn His gaze on us. We can taste and see His goodness afresh and know that we are loved and cherished by Him. He will give us the strength to bear much fruit; He will give us the courage to go out, as missionary disciples, to spread that Good News of His love for all people.

Make sure those dates are in your diary – September 7 to 9 2018 in Liverpool.

Yours in blessed hope,

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Thank You For The Memories!

Having just returned from our Lourdes pilgrimage, everyone just seems to be on a high. The feedback has been tremendous, with comments such as "best pilgrimage ever" and "can't wait for next year."

The underlying feeling, though, is that our pilgrimage was sincere, spiritually uplifting, friendly, caring and, above all, inclusive. It made such an impact on so many people that I think the memories will last for a long time.

This bodes well for our pilgrimage, which despite all the outside influences, is growing once again and hopefully this message will reverberate around the diocese and attract more people to either return to our Lourdes family or give it a try.

On a personal note, I just want to thank you all for your support and commitment which resulted in a great week. Your dedication, professionalism, gentle manner and respectful dignity helped make our supported pilgrims' week and the whole pilgrimage a fantastic success.

I felt that the services were rewarding and enjoyed by all, enhanced by our music group. We took every challenge the week set us and handled them with the professionalism and sincerity they deserved. The hospitalité teams of brancs, handmaids, nurses, doctors and youth, in my opinion, worked the best they have ever done, a testament to the preparation put in before Lourdes.

Thanks also to our musicians and to our clergy who enhanced the spirituality of our pilgrimage. Friendships were made and renewed between our supported pilgrims,



Bishop Terry and his helpers at the Anointing Service – Photo by Les Clark

our youth and our hospitalité that will last a lifetime.

To finish, I feel humbled by the comments from our supported pilgrims that we care for and I thank them for their care and prayers for us. These include...

"A heartfelt thanks for the opportunity of a wonderful blessed experience that I will

never forget."

"I will treasure you all and you will remain in my thoughts and prayers."

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incredible you all are, your warmth, generosity and kindness mean the world to us.”

“God’s army of angels.”

“Thank you for the care you all gave me so unselfishly and so willingly, for giving up your time and going beyond your duty of care, nothing was too much trouble. You have touched my heart. I will miss you all.”

“Your selfless giving is an example to all of us and is an inspiration to all.”

Thank you all once again for a great week in Lourdes and just a reminder next year’s pilgrimage is May 25 to June 1 2018.

Our Day of Formation for our hospitalité helpers will take place on Saturday April 28 2018 at Trinity Catholic College. This forms a massive part of our pilgrimage preparation and includes the mandatory aspects of our training.

Keith Tillotson

Preparing For The World Day Of The Poor

“As long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes there can be no justice or social peace.”

With these words, Pope Francis called for the whole Church to observe a World Day of the Poor on November 19, the Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King.

This day is to become an annual event and Pope Francis has expressed his hope that it will help all our parishes – and ourselves as individuals – to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.

The World Day of the Poor is a direct result of the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has said that showing compassion for the suffering is a special form of mercy that should last well beyond the formal close of the Holy Year.

In calling for this special day, the Holy Father also suggested that the particular forms of poverty we are seeing in the early part of 21st century demonstrate why there is such a

pressing need for us to rediscover the virtue of mercy.

“Throngs of people continue to migrate from one country to another in search of food, work, shelter and peace,” said Pope Francis.

“Disease in its various forms is a constant cause of suffering that cries out for assistance, comfort and support. Prisons are often places where confinement is accompanied by serious hardships due to inhumane living conditions.”

The Holy Father went on to describe many other forms of poverty, such as the lack of education and literacy that prevents children from reaching their full potential and exposes them to new forms of slavery.

“Being unemployed or not receiving a sufficient salary; not being able to have a home or a land in which to live; experiencing discrimination on account of one’s faith, race or social status: these are just a few of the

many examples of situations that attack the dignity of the person,” said Pope Francis.

In the face of so many problems and challenges, the World Day of the Poor will be our opportunity to show that we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who experience such hardship and deprivation.

The Voice will be publishing a lot of information on the World Day of the Poor over the next few months. Hopefully, this information will increase our awareness and understanding of the concerns that lie at the heart of the Holy Father’s initiative.

“Our world continues to create new forms of spiritual and material poverty that assault human dignity,” said Pope Francis.

“For this reason, the Church must always be vigilant and ready to identify new works of mercy and to practice them with generosity and enthusiasm.”

Vince Purcell

Nightstop Launches Recruitment Drive

Emergency accommodation service Nightstop is looking for new volunteers across Teesside to help young people who are at risk of homelessness.

Every night an average of 38 young people across the North East find themselves without a roof over their heads. To help them get back on their feet, Nightstop, which is run by national homelessness charity Depaul UK, finds them a place to stay and gives them advice, guidance and emotional support.

Nightstop North East is looking for people in Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Hartlepool, Darlington and Stockton who have a spare room they are willing to share, to give a person in need a safe and warm place to stay.

Nightstop places people who may otherwise be at risk with volunteer hosts who cook them a meal, provide a listening ear and a bed for the night.

One Nightstop North East volunteer said: “Every family has its ups and downs, but until I started with Nightstop North East I hadn’t realised how hard life could be for some youngsters and how bad it can get when relationships fail. I love listening to young people and their plans for the future,



because everyone has plans, no matter what their situation. And they are always polite and so grateful for my help, which is a bonus.”

Full training and support is offered to all volunteers and Nightstop North East is there to ensure young people get advice on finding more permanent accommodation as well as help with other issues they may have, such as health, family, work or legal problems.

In the last year across the North East and Cumbria, Nightstop has helped 131 young people have a bed for the night and volunteers have provided more than 1,400



nights of accommodation. But with 80,000 young people in the UK becoming homeless every year, Nightstop needs more volunteer hosts to help and during volunteers’ week is asking for people in the Teesside area to get in touch.

For more information on Nightstop contact nightstopne@depaulcharity.org.uk or call 01642 249782 and 078505 15204.

Prestigious Award For Peacemaker Nan



Nan with the other recipient of the award, Buddhist monk Reverend Gyoro Nagase, and Pax Christi International general secretary Greet Vanaerschot

York activist Nan Saeki has been awarded a Pax Christi peace medal in recognition of a lifetime of dedication to making the world a better place.

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, presents the medal every two years to honour the work of unsung and unknown peacemakers, as a way of acknowledging their essential daily work.

The 2017 peace medal was created by the artist Natasha Ratcliffe with the title *P(lease) E(ngage) A(ll) C(ommunities on) E(arth)*.

Nan, a parishioner of Our Lady’s, Acomb, was one of two recipients, along with Buddhist monk Reverend Gyoro Nagase. The medals were presented by international secretary general, Greet Vanaerschot, during the Pax Christi Annual Gathering in London.

Throughout her adult life Nan has worked for peace and justice, combining a deep passion with the hard work of campaigning. She is a past chair of the Middlesbrough and the national Justice and Peace Commissions and is

current treasurer of both organisations.

A founder member of York Ecumenical Justice and Peace, she is also involved with organisations including City of Sanctuary and Friends of St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, playing a major role in its development over many years.

She was a prison visitor for six years and is on the Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN) Criminal Justice Forum, was a member of the chaplaincy team and a governor at All Saints School and supports the Fairer World shop, maintaining a regular stall in her parish.

She is also closely involved with CAFOD and always urges her parish to get involved with national campaigns and concerns.

One of Nan’s special gifts is welcoming and encouraging new people to her church and to groups. Her inspiration came from her father, who was involved in many different causes and passionate about opposing injustice.

Barbara Hungin



Teesside Mourns Folk Legend Vin

Folk singer Vin Garbutt, whose Catholic values deeply influenced his songwriting, has died at the age of 69. Vin attended Mass at local churches near his home at Loftus, East Cleveland, and was a fearless campaigner on pro-life issues.

Catholic Voice editor Michael McGeary had been helping Vin, who underwent heart surgery in April, to write a book about his life.

“Vin won a place in the hearts of generations of Teessiders after cutting his teeth in the late 1960s at folk nights at Anchor House in Middlesbrough, which is now the John Paul Centre,” he said.

“He was loved by fans all over the world, but nowhere more so than in the Catholic community of his home town. He was extremely proud to have been presented with a papal blessing by Father Pat Day during one of the annual fundraising concerts he played for Life.

“As well as being a brilliant musician and one of the funniest people I’ve ever met, he was also a man of great faith and immense integrity and I and many others will feel his loss greatly.”

Monsignor Ricardo Morgan told the morning Mass congregation at Our Lady of Lourdes, Saltburn, how Vin cut short a world tour to help the diocese celebrate the millennium in 2000.

He said the star of a concert at the Riverside Stadium could

not attend so a request was made to Vin to step in. Despite him being in Canada during a world tour, he immediately agreed and flew back to Middlesbrough. Monsignor Morgan said the gesture was a sign of Vin's love of his faith.

Vin's father was in hospital at the time and sadly died during his flying visit. Vin was pleased to have been able to be at his dad's side during his final hours.

“Vin was delighted to come and play at the Riverside,” recalls Father Paul Farrer, who became a friend of Vin's. “Typically, he sang songs about the area and his faith. It was brilliant.

“My most vivid memories of Vin are of his first time in hospital after undergoing heart surgery. He was in a reflective and calm mood. He kept reading books that made him cry. Every time I saw him like that he was keen to reassure me.

“On the first track of his live album *Plugged* he plugs his guitar in and there's a big bang, then he says, 'I'm all right! I'm all right!' Well he kept saying that – and just like that too – so he was soon laughing, at least a bit.

“It was a great honour to walk a little bit of that path with him. Once he was back on his feet he turned his first stay in hospital into a whole new set of patter when he was back on the road.

“I'd like to think if I could hear him now he'd just be laughing and telling us all, 'I'm all right! I'm all right!'”

Ausama Exhibition In Middlesbrough

The special exhibition of works by late Iraqi artist Ausama al Khalil, who was featured in last month's *Voice*, takes place at Middlesbrough's mima gallery from Friday August 4 to Sunday August 6.

The exhibition, entitled Ausama – Long Journey, Short Life, will be open from 10am to 4.30pm on Friday and Saturday and noon to 4.30pm on Sunday. All are welcome to visit.

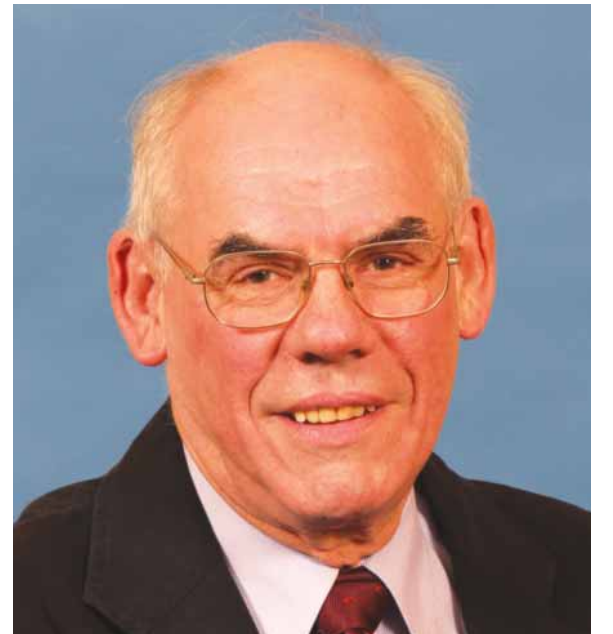
Tributes Paid To Catholic Councillor

Tributes have been paid to a veteran councillor and stalwart of the trade union movement who has died.

Councillor Bernie Taylor, who represented Middlesbrough's Ayresome Ward, passed away at the age of 74 following a short illness. A former Cleveland County Councillor, Cllr Taylor became a Middlesbrough Councillor in 1995 and represented Ayresome Ward ever since his election.

A practising Catholic and parishioner of St Francis in Acklam, he was active in his local church community. He leaves a wife, Joan, two sons and daughter.

Middlesbrough Mayor Dave Budd said: “Over 40 years of public life, Bernie Taylor has made a huge contribution to Middlesbrough. Bernie always showed utter dedication to the community which elected him. His integrity, passion and knowledge will be sorely missed by us all.”



Oscar-Winning Actress Narrates Art Of Dying Well Film

Oscar-winning actress Vanessa Redgrave has narrated a beautiful animated film for a website designed to help people coping with issues surrounding the end of life.

Although devised by the Church in England and Wales and based in the Catholic tradition, the Art of Dying Well site is open to all.

Ms Redgrave is widely acknowledged to be one of the greatest actors of her generation and won an Academy Award for the title role in the 1977 film *Julia*, as well as five other Oscar nominations.

She narrates the story of the fictional Ferguson family, whose father asks to see a priest when he is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

He receives the Sacrament of the Sick in his final days even though he hasn't been to Mass for many years, as well as planning hymns and readings for his funeral and even healing a rift with his son.

The site was officially launched last year at a Mass in



Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

It is designed for everyone, including those who are dying, their friends, family and carers and content includes short videos, testimonies and case studies.

The idea was inspired by the *Ars Moriendi* or “Art of Dying”, a popular 15th-century manuscript designed to bring Christian comfort and practical guidance to dying people and their families.

The original Latin texts and illustrations offered advice on the protocols and procedures for a good death. It included deathbed etiquette and prayers as well as the five temptations a dying person might face and the prescribed antidotes.

The website is a modern approach to explaining the Church's comforting rites and rituals that can help a person spiritually prepare for the final journey.

Visit the new site at artofdyingwell.org.

A DAY OF REPARATION AND CONSECRATION

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SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2017

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Sea Sunday - July 9

On Sea Sunday we offer special prayers for people who risk their lives at sea for us, whether they are fishing or transporting food and other things we need.

We know the apostles were once out at sea in a raging storm. They were terrified, but Jesus just slept peacefully. They woke him up and asked him, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to die?”

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Students Launch New Wellbeing Guide

Ampleforth College has unveiled a new emotional health and wellbeing policy for pupils – written by two of the students themselves.

The Catholic boarding school’s deputy head boy and girl, Freddie Fawcett and Alex Madden, wanted to help students become more aware of the signs of someone suffering from mental health issues.

Alongside the work of staff, including matrons, tutors and house parents, the policy will play an important pastoral role. It includes a guide on spotting the early signs of anxiety, depression and eating disorders in others and aims to help pupils understand and empathise with those who might need help.

It also encourages students to take part in extra-curricular activities, meditation and prayer sessions and provides counselling for pupils who find it helpful to talk about their problems.

“We feel that the work we have been doing on the policy has facilitated an openness towards mental wellbeing and we’re planning on introducing mental health first aid training next year for staff and students,” Freddie said.

“Freddie and I visited each of the ten houses at the college and took on board the students’ concerns and discussed various coping mechanisms,” added Alex. “The policy we have put together provides guidance for students and staff alike and will be a key part of our induction programme in the future.”

Associate head teacher Deirdre Rowe said: “This policy demonstrates how committed pupils are to supporting their fellow students and putting the welfare and happiness of others at the forefront.”

Quick Quiz With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

- Connection question
- Who was the longest-serving of the original Radio One DJs, having broadcast from 1967 until his death in 2004?
 - Johnny Briggs played which character in *Coronation Street* from 1976 to 2006?
 - In the British Army, what rank comes between a captain and a lieutenant-colonel?
 - Which sportswear giant supplies Roger Federer’s tennis racquets?
 - Who is the author of the best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code*?

Thinking cap question

Since 2006, only seven men have won at least one of the four major tennis competitions. Name them.

Please send stories and photos of what's been happening in your school to catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk – we'd love to hear from you!

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St Augustine's Awarded Gold Certificate

St Augustine's School in Scarborough has been awarded a prestigious gold certificate for its outstanding results in Music.

The honour from the Incorporated Society of Musicians Trust means more than 20% of all GCSE students achieved an A* to C in Music, putting the school in the top 76 in England. Head of Music Oliver Barron said: "What a fantastic achievement by the pupils of the school. Last year we were awarded the silver certificate for GCSE results in Music, so to go

one better is just brilliant.

"Other schools who received the award include Purcell School for Young Musicians, Chetham's School of Music and the Royal Ballet School, so you can see we are now right up there with the best in the country.

"This also shows that the outstanding choirs and bands in the school and amount of extra work they do helps them achieve some of the finest results in the country. I am so proud once again to be part of this ever-

growing music family at the school".

Deborah Annetts, chief executive of the ISM – the professional body for musicians – congratulated the school.

"We are delighted to recognise St Augustine's achievement in music and celebrate the commitment to music education shown by the school in their high uptake and high achievement of pupils," she said.

Meanwhile, judges at the annual St

Augustine's Got Talent show were amazed at how much ability there is in the school.

One judge, Dom Boyes, said "The pupils were brilliant and a real credit to themselves, the school and Mr Barron, the music teacher."

The overall winner was Emily Corcoran, Ted Broadbent and Olivia Shehi were joint-second and Sophie Skelton, Tobias Cooper



Children Pray For Manchester

St Patrick's community in Thornaby united in prayer to support all of those affected by the horrific events in Manchester in May.

The parish community were led by the children from St Patrick's Primary School during a special Mass to pray for peace and for all of those affected.

They prayed and sang beautifully, asking for peace and unity and for eternal rest for those who died. During the Mass, 22 candles were lit and placed on the altar to symbolise the lives that were so tragically taken away.

Mark Ryan, head teacher



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A Letter From Madonna House

The Poustinia That Wasn't – Or Was It?

This was to have been *the* poustinia*. The one I've been building up to for a while. The one in which I confront the *big questions*. I'm entering the last third of my life (as far as I can tell) and I've suffered periodic unease: What about my early conviction that I was called to be a saint? What about the seeming lack of focus and intensity in my prayer life now? What about certain weaknesses and sins that still plague me after all these years? Time to stop avoiding the questions. This poustinia was the perfect time to stand before God and hear the truth.



It is supposedly the height of summer in North Yorkshire right now, but we've hardly seen the sun and we certainly haven't experienced real warmth yet. So when I awoke to a bit of both, I decided I just had to sit out in the garden. I was a little distracted, I admit, and I rolled my sleeves up and down as the sun regularly hid behind the bank of clouds...and as I periodically gave up and retreated to the poustinia – only to be lured out again by the sun's promises to reform.

The other garden denizens were distracting too, especially the little bunny who's lived with us for weeks now. Sometimes I wonder if he was someone's pet, as he's so different from the muscular hares that bound through the neighbouring field. He's round and cute (except when he helps himself in our vegetable garden), and he seemed a little lonely as he poked around all corners of our enormous yard before settling down close to me.

While he snoozed in the shade of a tree near my chair, a mother robin was darting here and there, feeding her little one, and taking time out for a few bars of song. Finally she perched on a little branch just inches from the rabbit who had awakened and was surveying his kingdom. They seemed to commune for a little bit and then off flew the robin.

And what a glorious kingdom, a feast for the senses: the rich green carpet of our lawn, the explosion of colours in our Mary Garden, the soft texture of the budding purple wild flowers beside me. Occasionally a hint of perfume wafted from one of the flowers, along with a tang from freshly cut grass next door.

By this point, I'd spent half the day distracted by birds, bunnies and flowers, so I resolutely closed my eyes to focus on the *big questions*. Without the visual stimuli, sounds began to break through: the gurgling splash of the brook that borders our property, the chirping, trilling, squawking of all kinds of birds in the woods by the brook, the scampering and scolding of squirrels, the laughter of a child in the caravan park up the hill, the constant cooing of the pigeons. Even though I couldn't see the source of any of these sounds, they filled the air with beauty and joy.

Joy! This was supposed to be my opportunity to enter my heart and confront fears, failures and the need for repentance and conversion. I had the space, the time for tears to flow, and instead, I was filled with joy and contentment. What happened to the poustinia?

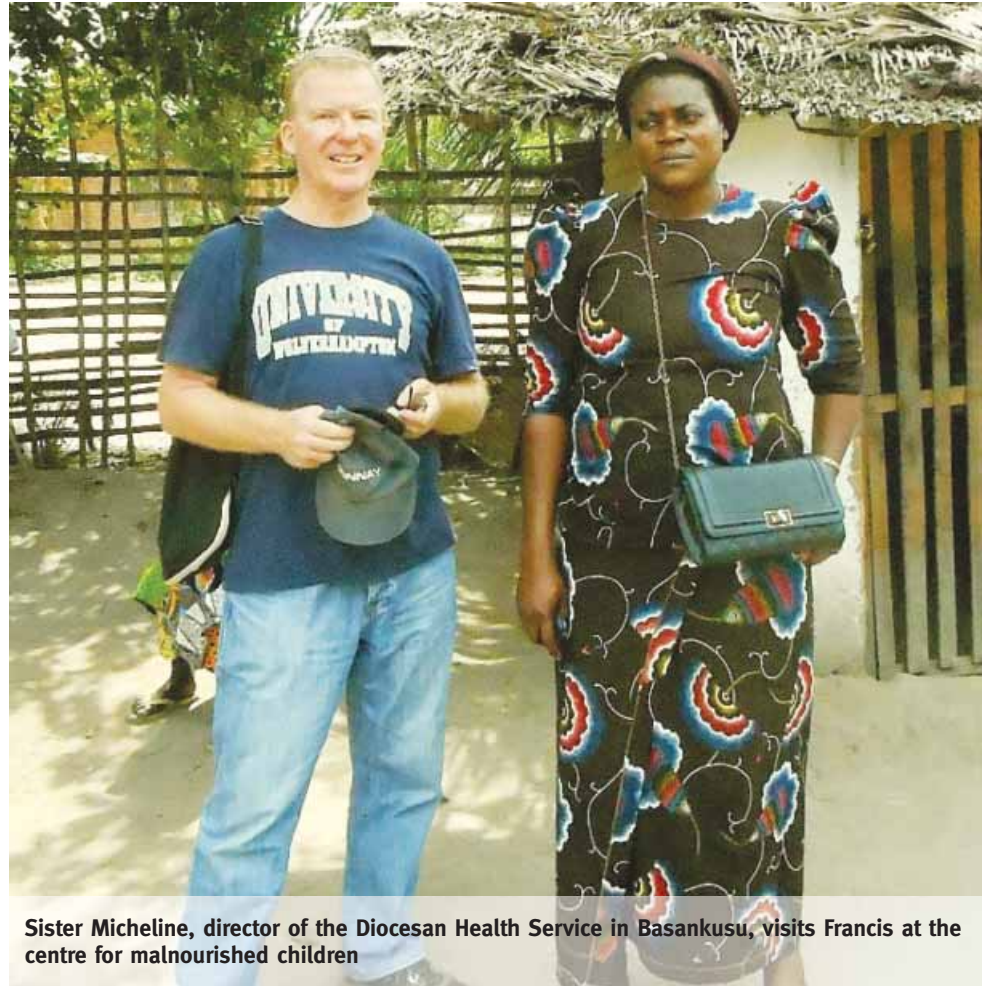
As I neared the end of the day having answered none of the *big questions*, I pondered what I had heard. Here it is: God is infinite, omnipotent, omniscient, so far beyond me. And yet, He is also simplicity. He is love. He loves me as I am. He fills the world with his beauty, delight, creative energy. I am the one who is complicated. I have dreams, plans, ideals, expectations, which may or may not be from God.

What is from God is a call to rest in our mutual love; to feast my eyes and ears on all the manifestations of his beauty and life; to keep my eyes off myself and firmly fixed on his mercy and goodness. He leads me as surely as a shepherd leads his lamb, without need of my analyses, judgments, criticisms – just my trust and love.

So I left this poustinia refreshed in spirit, but with no answers. Or was the answer quite simply *God*?

**Poustinia* is a Russian word meaning *desert*, and has come to mean also a simple room or cabin where one goes to pray and fast in silence and solitude.

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Sister Micheline, director of the Diocesan Health Service in Basankusu, visits Francis at the centre for malnourished children

A Creepy-Crawly Delicacy

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is a lay missionary with Mill Hill Missionaries. This month Francis describes a Congolese delicacy.

Creepy-crawlies wouldn't normally spring to mind when you're feeling hungry, but caterpillars are an absolute delicacy here. It's not just any old caterpillar that people eat, though, but a very specific one – the caterpillar of the diverse emperor moth. Not only is it a tasty addition to what's normally eaten, this seasonal bug adds much-needed protein to the diet at a time when other food is scarce.

The caterpillars, known as *mbinzo*, appear on a particular tree – so every village makes sure plenty of these trees are planted. The *mbinzo* season is also a time for lots of outings with baskets and plastic tubs to carry them from the forest. Everybody eats them, but it's usually women and children who collect them. They are black, or brown, with big red eyes.

If you come to a *mbinzo* tree, you would see it absolutely teeming with caterpillars – and locals can spot them at quite a distance.

Recipe: Caterpillars with peanut sauce

Ingredients: Mbinzo (several handfuls); palm oil (three tablespoons); hot peppers (to your taste), salt, peanuts (one cup); aubergine and onion (optional).

Wash the caterpillars with fresh water and leave in the sun to dry, making sure they don't wriggle away! Grind the peanuts in a pestle and mortar. Fry in palm oil, adding the salt, ground peanuts and other ingredients as you fry. Drain surplus oil and serve. Serve with green vegetables.

I eat caterpillars when they are in season. I've got to be honest and say they are not my favourite food. For parents struggling to feed their children, though, they are an absolute Godsend. First of all, they are free and easy to collect (if you have a head for heights, because someone has to climb the tree). Secondly, they are very high in protein

– the cassava that is normally eaten has no protein in it at all. And thirdly, the children go out to collect the caterpillars themselves – so it's a win-win situation!

The caterpillars appear in August at the end of the hungry months that I mentioned last month. It's before most harvests and at a time when fish and bush-meat is scarce – that's why we see so many malnourished children coming to our supplementary feeding centre at this time of year. The thought of eating caterpillars might make us feel uncomfortable – but, for many children, it saves their lives.

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Statue Of Teesside Hero Is Unveiled

Canon Derek Turnham unveiled and blessed a new statue of a true Teesside hero outside Middlesbrough's Dorman Museum.

The ceremony marked the centenary of Tom Dresser winning the Victoria Cross during the First World War in 1917 and followed a year-long fundraising campaign.

The statue, cast in bronze, was sculpted by Brian Alabaster, whose depiction of another Teesside VC hero, World War Two Green Howard Stan Hollis, stands nearby. The unveiling was carried out in the presence of Private Dresser's son Tom and his two grandsons, Brian and Paul Dresser.

Tom Dresser moved to Middlesbrough from York as a child and attended St John's and Hugh Bell High School, going on to work at Dorman Long's Dock Street Foundry before signing up when war broke out.

In May, 1917 he was serving as a private in the 7th Battalion The Green Howards in the Battle of Arras in northern France when the call went up for a volunteer for a hazardous mission.

The Green Howards had won a strategically important trench but were pinned down by heavy gunfire and running short of ammunition – and a man was needed for the seemingly impossible task to get word back to Battalion Headquarters.

Private Dresser, 24, stepped up and after reaching HQ set off back to the frontline with two other soldiers carrying orders from HQ and sacks of bombs.

Despite being shot twice he made it back across no-man's land, crawling the last 50 yards.

He was subsequently evacuated to Wrexham Hospital for treatment and on July 21, with his arm still in a sling, he was awarded the Victoria Cross by King George V at Buckingham Palace for "conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty".

Private Dresser returned to Dorman Long after the war before taking over the family's newsagent business, running the shop on Marton Road for 40 years, with his precious



Canon Turnham blesses the new statue – Photo courtesy of Middlesbrough Council

medal in a tobacco tin behind the counter. He died in 1982 at the age of 90 and is buried with his wife Theresa in Thorntree Cemetery, where Canon John Lumley blessed his gravestone earlier this year.

Tom's grandson Brian said: "His courage and single-minded determination to deliver a vital message at all costs proved of the greatest value to his battalion at a critical

period of the battle. "He never sought recognition for his bravery, but I think he would have been proud to have been honoured in this way.

"I'm grateful to everyone whose contributions and hard work have made it possible to pay tribute to a true hero in this way."

Church Maintenance Service Takes Off

A new service from the National Churches Trust to make it easier for churches, chapels and historic buildings in Yorkshire to book maintenance services is gradually gaining in popularity.

MaintenanceBooker was launched earlier this year and there have been more than 60 registrations to date, with the first few gutter clearance jobs booked with its suppliers having recently taken place.

If you look after a place of worship and haven't yet seen the website, visit MaintenanceBooker.org.uk and explore the grants and services on offer before you register.

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The supplier can then give you a more accurate quote if you supply these measurements when you are creating your job on MaintenanceBooker.

Walk around your building and count the number of downpipes and drainpipes you can see. This information will also help the supplier quote more accurately.

Gather together any images or relevant documents you have regarding your building which you can digitally attach to your job request for the supplier. Don't forget to apply for a preventative maintenance micro-grant while the opportunity still exists.

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Middlesbrough Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017

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Middlesbrough pilgrims on their way to the Grotto



Young brancardiers and acolytes during the torchlight procession



Mass at the Grotto



Father Phil Cunah at the Anointing Service

What A Week We Had!

Our pilgrimage to Lourdes was so special – it had everything. We had a busy week in the Accueil caring for our supported pilgrims, including a wonderful afternoon tea party where we celebrated a number of big birthdays.

On the trip to Lac de Lourdes, our supported pilgrims from the Accueil and the hotels enjoyed a wonderful lunch, followed by a singsong in the sunshine. At the party night, a number of our supported pilgrims and hospitalité helpers entertained us with both laughter and song.

Night prayers were so special on St Jacques Ward in the Accueil this year. They were led by Father Pat Keogh, on some evenings supported by our youth, and we always finished with a hymn and usually a joke.

Our Masses and liturgies, walking together in procession through the Grotto, in the Marian procession and the Blessed Sacrament Procession, lighting our candles and praying together, were all so special.

Thank you to our supported pilgrims for allowing us to care for you – you are the heart of our pilgrimage. Thank you too for all the support given throughout the year, often from those who are unable to join us on pilgrimage. It wouldn't be the success it is without your help.

I've never felt more proud to be part of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Hospitalité team or of each and every one of the young people who joined us on this year's pilgrimage. They were just amazing!

Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid



Keith and Chris Tillotson



Happy workers



Students from Trinity College singing in the Accueil

LOURDES

For the Glory of God

In Lourdes, I had the blessing of renewing my promises as a member of Madonna House. The men and women who are members of our community make promises of poverty, chastity and obedience.

After two years formation we make them for one year, and then renew three times for two years, after that we make our promises for forever. I renewed for two years and will be making my final promises (God willing) in two years' time. The words of our promises are: *For the glory of God and because I desire with my whole heart to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel with my life, I, Sara Matthews, hereby promise with the help of Our Lady, to live in poverty, chastity and obedience for two years according to the Madonna House spirit and mandate.*

For the glory of God... I have been in promises for five years, and for the first few years I felt like a fraud. I thought about the faults I had. I thought surely someone would come along and tell me that consecrated life is for good people and suggest I go elsewhere. I still have my faults, but that is not the point, our lives are for the glory of God and celebrating His mercy, kindness and faithfulness for us. Like Mary we can say, the Almighty has done great things for me.

To respond with my whole heart to the call of Jesus Christ... When I was deciding whether or not to ask to join Madonna House, I spent a long time adding up pros and cons, internally debating whether I should wait a year or two before

asking, or whether I should look at other communities, or thinking maybe I was called to marriage. In order to decide, I had to ask myself, what do I really want? Ever since I had come to know God, I had also known in the depths of my heart that I could only live for him alone.

With the help of Our Lady... I found it very moving to make promises in Lourdes. It is a place where the help of Our Lady is very evident. She has given us a place to come for healing, and to follow her son more closely. All promises and vows, whether to consecrated life or marriage, are an act of trust in God and Our Lady. How can I know that I will be faithful to my promises? I cannot, and I know I cannot by my own strength, but I can only trust that God and Our Lady will be there to help me.

Poverty, Chastity and Obedience... When I started formation, I was given a little card that explains the reason for our promises. I think it says it best: "The members of Madonna House travel in poverty to find security only in Christ, journey in chastity to serve and love Christ in men, live in obedience to be concerned only with the will of God."

Any vocation can only be lived with the support of a Christian community. Lourdes was a beautiful experience of that in the joy of the Masses and processions and in people's love and care for each other. I am so grateful and will never forget it.

Sara Matthews



Mass in the Rosary Basilica



Bishop Terry with young people during Mass in the Underground Basilica



Bishop Terry with David Connor

Young People Inspired By Mary

Two hundred young people from our secondary schools and sixth form colleges across the diocese were with us in Lourdes this May.

Each year the Lourdes authorities and the local diocesan bishop select a theme for pilgrims to reflect upon while on pilgrimage.

"The Almighty has done great things for me," taken from Mary's song of praise, the Magnificat, is the theme for 2017.

Our young people were encouraged to think and pray about how Our Lady's "Yes" to being the Mother of God at the Annunciation allowed the Lord to do great things for and through her.

The young people play a hugely important role in helping transport the supported pilgrims from the hospital to Masses, services and events and their help was integral to the success of the pilgrimage.

Besides taking an active part in all the pilgrimage activities and liturgies, each school group was tasked with completing a "secret mission" upon the pastoral theme.

Tasks ranged from performing a piece of drama on the life of Mary and praying with the supported pilgrims to video recording pilgrims' experiences of Lourdes using Instagram frames and distributing bespoke "Full of Grace" wristbands to those who were seen doing special acts of service.

Each school presented its mission to the other young people at a celebration gathering on the final evening attended by Bishop Terry.

It was a joy-filled, prayerful occasion at which the young people were encouraged to continue to respond positively to Our Lady's invitation to encounter Jesus and to live faithful lives of prayer and service.

Terry Graham



Communion in the St Bernadette's Centre

LOURDES



Brancardier Andy Home with Monsignor Ray Charlton



Ged, Siobhan and Sharon McIntyre



Head of hospitalité John Brown enjoys a cuppa



Two of our supported pilgrims enjoying the tea party



Big smiles at the tea party



Colin and Trisha Lunn



Brancardier Tom O'Hagan asks: 'Anyone for tea?'



Some of our younger hospitalité members serving our supported pilgrims

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Almost 1,000 years later many people continue the tradition of going to Walsingham and an annual pilgrimage has become an important part of our diocesan calendar.

Monsignor Gerard Robinson will lead this year's pilgrimage over the weekend of September 30 to October 1 2017. The cost will be £80 per person, which includes transport to and from Walsingham, an evening meal on Saturday, overnight accommodation at Elmham House and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Sixty-six places have been reserved, mostly in double/twin rooms, but some single rooms are available and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Some en-suite accommodation is also available at an extra cost of £13 per person.

You are warmly invited to take part in this pilgrimage and to pray that the Lord may always be at the centre of our national life.

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David, a music teacher at St Peter's Voluntary Academy in Middlesbrough, said: "It just seemed like an idea to help out any way we could to support the East Africa appeal and thankfully we were able to make it a successful fundraiser."

There are currently more than 16m people in need of urgent food and other life-saving assistance in East Africa.

Despite the challenges, CAFOD makes sure aid reaches the families who are most in need, through the network of trusted local organisations the charity works with in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

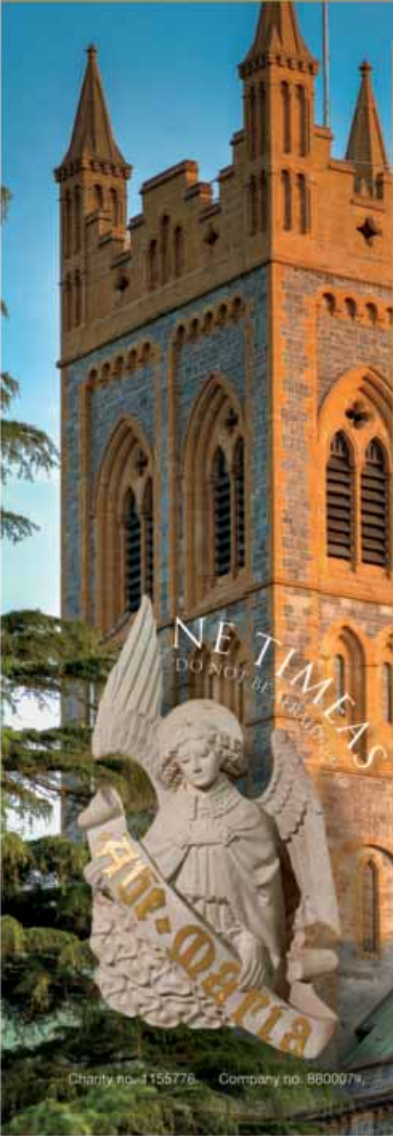
Event organiser Amy Glanville, who also teaches at St Peter's, said: "'I don't know where you could get a better night of entertainment for £2, made all the better with the knowledge that our little gathering might save a life elsewhere in the world."

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Funeral Of Popular Author

St Benedict's Church in Ampleforth was full for the funeral of Peter Walker, author of stories in the *Heartbeat* TV series, who died aged 80.

Peter, a former inspector with North Yorkshire police, also wrote two books on his hero Blessed Nicholas Postgate. One, under his *nom de plume* Nicholas Rhea, was called *Nicholas Postgate: Martyr of the Moors*.

It suggested that the man called a saint by locals in Eskdale was probably born at Kirkdale Banks, 400 yards from where Mr Walker was born, not at Egton Bridge, as widely reported. He was delighted to hear

Pope John Paul II commemorate the 85 English martyrs, including Nicholas Postgate, during his 1982 visit to York.

Mr Walker was born and educated at Egton Bridge, where Blessed Nicholas, who died for his faith in 1679, served. He wrote more than 100 books and a weekly country column in the *Darlington and Stockton Times* until shortly before his death.

Nicholas Postgate: Martyr of the Moors was published in 2012 by Gracewing Publications priced £12.99 and is also available on Amazon.

Michael Morrissey

Inspirational Day In Scarborough

An inspirational day for all ministers of the world and extraordinary ministers of holy communion in our diocese will be held at Scarborough Spa Conference Centre on Saturday September 9.

The speaker is Kathryn Turner, head of the department for spirituality at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, who will reflect on Mary as our model of discipleship and ministry.

"This will be a lovely, prayerful day with the opportunity to reflect on our ministry," said Deacon Vince Purcell.

"It's a chance to refresh our ministry by reflecting on the example of Mary, mindful that it's also the day the statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrives in our diocese.

"This diocese is considered a model for others in the formation of its ministers and we hope this inspirational day will bring great benefits to every parish."

Registration is from 9.30am and the day will end at 3pm after 2pm Mass. Lunch provided and booking will be available in the parishes.

Fatima Statue Visit Draws Near

There will be opportunities for both individual and group prayer when the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco come to our diocese.

The visit will begin on Saturday September 9 at St Charles Borromeo in Hull, where there will be a service of evening prayer and Marian devotions.

It will leave Hull on Monday September 11 and travel to be received during the 12.10pm Mass at St Wilfrid's in York. There will also be Mass in the extraordinary form during the statue's stay at the church.

On Wednesday May 13 the statue and relics will be received into St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough during the 6pm evening devotions.

Pope Francis has granted a special Fatima Centenary Plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, for those who go on pilgrimage to Fatima, or visit an image of Our Lady of Fatima which is being publicly venerated, on the 13th of each month until October. Those who cannot travel can fulfil the conditions in front of a small image of Our Lady of Fatima.

Two of the child visionaries, Jacinta and Francisco, were canonised by Pope Francis in Fatima on the 100th anniversary itself.

At each resting place in our diocese, representatives from the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) will be available to show a DVD and presentation about the apparitions, helping people understand more about the Our Lady's message.

She spoke of the necessity of personal



conversion, penance and prayer, and particularly the importance of praying the Rosary for peace.

She also asked for the Five First Saturdays devotion of reparation and the consecration of Russia and promised that in the end her Immaculate Heart would triumph and a period of peace would be given to the world.

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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY 2017

- 2 Postgate Rally at Egton Bridge 3.00pm**
- 4 Attends Mass to welcome new Nuncio to Great Britain, Westminster Cathedral 5.30pm**
- 10-14 Attends Diaconate Ordination in Palazzola**
- 19 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustees at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.30am**

2 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
2.30pm hymns, **3pm** Mass, Postgate Rally, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

4 Tues
7pm 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 Wed
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for details
6.30pm Latin Mass, St Charles Borromeo, Jarret Street, Hull

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

8 Sat
4.30pm Classical guitarist Jonathan Richards and the diocesan choir in a short concert to celebrate Hull as the City of Culture 2017; St Anthony & Our Lady of Mercy Church, Beverley Road, Hull HU6 7JJ. Choral music by Vaughan Williams and others, guitarist and composer Ernest Shand. Free admission, retiring collection.

9 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
6pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details

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

11 Tues
12.10pm Thanksgiving Mass in St Charles Borromeo Church, Hull for past and present members of the Hull and District

Catholic Women's Luncheon Club. Lunch at 1pm

2pm-4pm The Ascent Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.

7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

12 Wed
10.30am The Ascent Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the morning Mass
10.30am The Ascent Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
2.30pm Prayer Group at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.

14 Fri
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details
7.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

15 Sat
10am Study Day: Living Theology 'Girls and Boys come out to PRAY' - 10am start at the Bar Convent, York concluding with Mass in the Convent Chapel. Led by Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ; details Patricia 01642 645732, Brenda fazikasbrenda@btinternet.com or www.living-theology.uk. Cost is £20, £10 for students. All welcome, booking essential.

11.30am A Day of Reparation and Consecration, Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, led by Fr James Benfield. Assemble at 11.30am in St Peter's Anglican church, Osmotherley Village. See page 3 for further details.
7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Declan Gaynor), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie on 01642 860227

16 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

19 Wed
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull

Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

20 Thur
7.30pm-9.30pm Bible study in Our Lady's, Acomb looking at one complete set of Sunday readings (first, second and gospel). Contact Lukasz (07540981429) for details

21 Fri
7.30pm Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact Steve Evans, tel 07800697975 or e-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk. Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>

23 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

26 Wed
12.45pm-3pm Life Ascending Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after the 12.10pm Mass

27 Thurs
7.30pm-9pm The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact Margaret, tel (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

28 Fri
7pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details.

30 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
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6.30pm Latin Mass, St Charles Borromeo, Jarret Street, Hull

Advance Notices

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass in St John of Beverley, North Bar Without

13 August: Assumption Pilgrimage: 2.30pm Rosary/3pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

8 September: Our Lady's Birthday: 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

First Communion At St Gabriel's



Canon John Lumley used Andrei Rublev's icon The Trinity, also known as The Hospitality of Abraham and Sarah, during his homily in a First Holy Communion Mass at St Gabriel's in Ormesby. The icon depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre in

Genesis but is full of symbolism about the Holy Trinity, which Canon Lumley explained to the packed congregation. After Mass the children enjoyed a First Holy Communion breakfast before celebrating with their families.

Retreat Focuses on Hope

Father John Fuellenbach will lead a preached retreat at Minsteracres Retreat Centre near Consett, County Durham, from Monday July 17 to Monday July 24. "Being Messengers of Compassion and Hope" will explore ways in which we, as followers of Jesus, continue his

mission. Father Fuellenbach is a member of the Society of the Divine Word and has written books on scripture and theology. For more information or to book, visit minsteracres.org or call 01434 673248.

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Preacher: Rt Rev John Wilson
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NEWS

For Those In Peril On The Sea



Deacon Peter Barragan

If you were asked to name occupations that were essential to daily life, your list might include doctors, police and fire officers, farmers and other food producers. But would you ever think of including seafarers?

Most of us probably never give a thought to the world's 1.5m seafarers. This isn't surprising, as they exist in a hidden, semi-nomadic world. Seafarers can spend months at sea and when they visit a port they might only be anchored there for a few hours.

Yet without seafarers, many of the goods we buy in our shops wouldn't be available. Just take a look around your kitchen. The chances are that your cooker, washing machine, those tomatoes, that coffee, have all come by sea. And probably your TV and computer as well.

July 9 marks this year's Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of Apostleship of the Sea, whose chaplains and ship visitors provide practical and pastoral help in ports in the north-east and around Britain.

AoS is a small charity that relies on the generosity of Catholics to help it continue its work. That's why there is a second collection every Sea Sunday.

When AoS port chaplains go on board a ship they always ask the crew the same question – can I help in any way? Sometimes a seafarer might

need transport to local shops, a mobile phone top-up card or access to the internet to contact their family back home, or, in the winter, warm clothing.

Other times seafarers might need a listening ear. Being away from your family for months on end can put a strain on marriages and lead to a deep sense of isolation or loneliness.

“As you leave a ship you will often hear, ‘Thank you for your visit.’ I often think I've done little but whatever we do is appreciated,” said Deacon Peter Barrigan, the Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain for Tees and Hartlepool.

Even in the North East, which has a long and proud maritime history, many people know little about what goes on inside a port, he added.

“It's a bit of a hidden world, even though every day there are ships lying off the Tees, waiting to enter the port to load or discharge. It's not as if the members of the public can wander into the port and then pop onto a ship to have a look around.

“Part of my role is to let people know about the life of a seafarer. When I explain to them what happens on board the vast majority of people are fascinated.”

For more information about how you can help the charity's work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Greg Watts

Quick Answers

Connection question

1. John Peel 2. Mike Baldwin 3. Major 4. Wilson 5. Dan Brown. **Connection** – All former Prime Ministers

Thinking cap question

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