

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The "heart" in our culture is the sign of the highest form of self-giving love. This is exactly what we celebrate on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which falls on 23rd of this month. The Preface of this Mass tells it all:

*For raised up high on the Cross,
he gave himself up for us with a wonderful love*

*and poured out blood and water from his pierced side,
the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments,
so that, won over to the open heart of the Saviour,*

all might draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

June is also the beginning of the time of the year for ordinations and we remember those who are celebrating important Anniversaries of Ordination:

Monsignor Charlton will celebrate his Diamond Jubilee (60 years) on June 20.

Fathers Patrick Bluett, Daniel O'Neil, William Ryan, Colman Ryan and Kevin Trehy will celebrate their Golden Jubilee (50 years) on June 10 – see picture on page 13.

Father Patrick Day will celebrate his Ruby Jubilee (40 years) on June 12.

Father David White will celebrate his Silver Jubilee (25 years) on June 4 and Father Dominique Minskip his Silver Jubilee on June 11.

Congratulations to all and I am sure we will all keep them in our prayers.

Other calls on our prayers, as they prepare for ordination, are: Brother Ambrose Henley OSB, who I will ordain to the priesthood at Ampleforth Abbey on June 11, and I will

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Vigil For Life At Mount Grace

Families from all over the diocese are invited to mark this year's Day for Life by attending a special prayer vigil at the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, on Saturday June 17 at 3pm.

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

The liturgy will be led by Deacon Vince Purcell, before Monsignor Gerard Dasey celebrates a vigil Mass at 4pm for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi that will also include a homily about the Day for Life.

"This year's Day for Life is about uniting all the generations that make up the family – grandparents and great-grandparents, mothers and fathers and children of all ages," said Deacon Vince.



Four generations of love: Tara and little Austin Yarker with Tara's dad, George Metcalfe, and grandma, Ellen Metcalfe, all together on our pilgrimage to Lourdes – Photo by Les Clark

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Bishop’s Column

ordain Richard Marsden to the Diaconate for this diocese at Palazzola in Rome on June 12. As you pray for them, please pray for an increase of vocations to the married state, priesthood, religious life and permanent diaconate.

A couple more dates for your diary coming up soon. Cardinal Nichols will be visiting the diocese on June 10 to celebrate Mass at St Charles, Hull, for the 400th anniversary of the foundation of the Vincentian Family, and we will hold the Annual Postgate Rally on Sunday July 2 at Egton Bridge. Bishop John Wilson, Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster, will preach at this Mass.

I look forward to seeing you there.
Yours in blessed hope,



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“We often hear the word ‘individualism’ being used these days but this Day for Life is a reminder that we all need each other and rely upon each other for so much. While society seems to focus on profit and greed, the family teaches us about selflessness and about the need to give without counting the cost.
“Children and older people are at the opposite ends of life, but they are among the most vulnerable and are often the most neglected as well.
“Pope Francis reminds us that: ‘Every time a child is abandoned and an elderly person cast out, not only is it an act of injustice, but

it also ensures the failure of that society’ (audience at the Pontifical Council for the Family, October 25 2013).
“We really can’t call ourselves civilised unless we take tender care of the young and offer respect and dignity to the older generation. The best way to ensure that our young people grow into energetic and enthusiastic citizens is by treasuring the memories and the wisdom of the older generation.
“We’re hoping it’s going to be a lovely sunny day to encourage families and young couples in particular to come along and be part of this important event.”
No transport is being laid on but lifts up the

hill will be made available for those requiring them.
The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes on Sunday June 18 will assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.
Visit dayforlife.org to find this year’s resources and information on subjects which cover the journey of life. You can also read documents and publications released by the Catholic Church and our bishops on the key issues.



Photo by Les Clark

FCJs Bid Emotional Farewell

Faithful Companions of Jesus’ provincial Sister Bríd Liston paid tribute to 145 years of “courage, generosity and enthusiasm” at a Mass of Thanksgiving for the order’s huge contribution to Middlesbrough’s Catholic history.
Thirteen priests joined Bishop Terry for the celebration at St Mary’s Cathedral as the sisters bid an emotional farewell to our diocese.
The FCJs were the first religious congregation to make a foundation in Middlesbrough when they began their school in a cottage at Temperance Place in 1872. They progressed into primary and post-primary schools and finally the FCJ Convent, The Newlands, which educated generations of young people.
Sister Bríd said there was something very special about the relationship between the FCJ Sisters and the people of the town, young and old, students, parents, teachers, parishioners and co-workers.
“Our sadness in leaving Middlesbrough finds consolation in the belief that the seeds planted by the FCJ Sisters are

bearing rich fruit in the lives of many people,” said Sister Bríd. “Today we have Companions in Mission, lay people who have committed themselves to living and sharing our FCJ charism in their own local area.
“In 2017, everyday life, society and culture here in Britain, and in Middlesbrough, have changed beyond all recognition from when the sisters first arrived in 1872. Today we are more than aware of the great social needs that are here in Middlesbrough, both for people born and raised here and for the many refugees and migrants who arrive in the town.
“However, what has not changed with time is that human nature still needs to be loved and cared for, the values and attitudes of Christianity are still deeply relevant and the need for a good education, academic, technical and social, which enables people to make their way in life.
“The state now ensures education is accessible to all young people. However, we leave Middlesbrough trusting that the witness and commitment shared by our sisters over the years is now being carried on, consciously or unconsciously, by all

those women and men, young and not so young, who have been touched in any way by the values and attitudes of Christ and the FCJ charism of companionship and fidelity.
“By God’s providence in the future, who knows? We might be returning some day to the Diocese of Middlesbrough.”
She assured Sister Jo Baron, Sister Margaret Frain and Sister Moira Cashmore, the FCJ Sisters who lived in Middlesbrough in recent years in companionship with Sister Jo Grainger and Sister Kate Frost in Hartlepool, of prayers and support as they headed for new pastures in Manchester.
Two former students who became FCJ sisters, Sister Rita McLoughlin and Sister Christine Anderson, attended the Mass, while Sister Bríd said Sister Lucy Sacco and Sister Imelda Toomey were there in spirit.
Sister Bríd also gave a special mention to the order’s general superior, former Newlands headteacher Sister Claire Sykes, who was in Canada visiting the sisters there. She was represented by Sister Joanna Walsh, one of her three general assistants.

Helping Couples Prepare For Marriage

Catholic Marriage Care celebrated its 70th anniversary last year as volunteers from around the country reviewed past achievements and looked at what couples preparing for marriage today need.

Some elements of the marital relationship are the same as they were in 1946, while others will be expressed in today's words and culture. One thing that hasn't changed, and an important part of the Marriage Care day course, is "Preparing Together".

This is the shared reflection a couple make on the vows they will exchange at their wedding as they come to understand that they bestow the sacrament on each other. Other parts of the course look at relationships, expectations, how to come back after disagreements and understanding what's going on in any adult human relationship – all in a day!

Marriage Care is clear that its courses are not a complete preparation but just part of what couples receive from their meetings with the priest and anything the parish may offer. For this, the bishops of England and Wales have issued guidelines on the preparation of couples for marriage.

In *Amoris Laetitia*, or The Joy of Loving, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation following the two synods of bishops, the Church continues to address the challenges faced by families.

While rooted in Catholic tradition and in continuity with teaching on family life by Pope St John-Paul and Pope Benedict, the exhortation is no theoretical treatise, but is full of Francis' optimism, concern and understanding.

It begins, "The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church" and goes on to list some pastoral perspectives. If you haven't read it, please do so. If you haven't had a sermon on it, ask for one or form a study group.

It is this joy that Marriage Care has always sought to impart to couples. This is what volunteer facilitators in our diocese have to say about the courses...

"It's usually a happy day because there is a lot of love around."

"Hopefully we do good work because marriage is for life and the couples can look at what's involved before they get married."

"So much of the preparation is for the wedding and not for the marriage."

One volunteer's own experience of formal and unrealistic preparation had prompted him to help with the course. Another facilitator noted that about half of couples who take these courses throughout the country are living together and

some have children.

"These couples need help with the spiritual and deeper emotional aspects during their transition to marriage," he said.

All the facilitators wanted to give something and make a difference and they enjoy it as much as the feedback forms say the couples do.

One remarked: "People come up to us in the street later on and thank us, saying they remember what we said on the course."

Marriage Care needs more course facilitators to present Preparing Together. No previous facilitation experience is necessary, but volunteers must be able to welcome, engage with and talk clearly to a group up to 24 people and work with a co-facilitator.

Training takes place over a weekend then a follow-up Saturday. The commitment is to present the one-day course on about three Saturdays each year. If this appeals you, visit the Marriage Care website and in particular see the "Get Involved" section. For more details, please email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

Harold Mozley



Bird Joins Tribute To Our Lady

A wandering, two-foot rapeseed plant lies among colourful blooms at the grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Saltburn. The flowers include yellow and red tulips, purple aubretia and orange wild poppies. Blue forget-me-nots, roses and lilies are to come. The volunteer gardener who tends the grotto thinks a bird must have dropped the oilseed rape seed from a local field and felt it fitted in. More donations of plants are welcome.

Mike Morrissey

Focus On Gender At Study Day

Sister Gemma Simmonds CJ has chosen an intriguing title for the Living Theology Study Day she will lead at the Bar Convent in York in July.

Misquoting the well-known nursery rhyme, "Girls And Boys Come Out To Play" indicates that the theme for the day is to be about men and women in today's church.

Sister Gemma is director of the Religious Life Institute at Heythrop College in London, with an international reputation as a speaker and writer on spirituality and pastoral issues. However, since Sister Gemma is a religious sister of the Congregation of Jesus, speaking at the Bar Convent will in a sense be coming home.

She is basing the day on the dream of a new community in the risen Jesus that has inspired generations of Christians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

In practice, this dream has never entirely overcome the pressures of

historical and cultural attitudes to gender. Different parts of the Christian communion have made their own decisions regarding ordination, leadership and ministry – but it is argued that there is still much to debate regarding deeply embedded prejudices.

Sister Gemma asks: "How can we create a faith community in which the specific gifts of each gender are recognised, while the equality of each gender in Christ is practised to the full?"

This event, on Saturday July 15, is one of the Jesuit-inspired "Living Theology" courses held in different venues across the country. The day starts at 10am and finishes with 5pm Mass in the chapel.

The cost, including lunch and refreshments, is £20 (students £10). Booking is essential. For more details see www.living-theology.uk, email Brenda on fazikasbrenda@btinternet.com or phone Patricia on 01642-645732.

All are welcome – men and women!

Patricia Egerton

Chaplain Supports Injured Seafarer

A Bulgarian seafarer was grateful for the practical support and friendship he received from the Apostleship of the Sea after suffering serious injuries in an accident at Teesport.

Emilian Stanshev was cleaning the deck while his ship was anchored in the bay during bad weather when a strong gust of wind swept him off his feet. He fell several metres into the hold below, badly injuring his right knee and left ankle. The Hartlepool Lifeboat was launched and Emilian was carefully transferred to North Tees Hospital in Stockton.

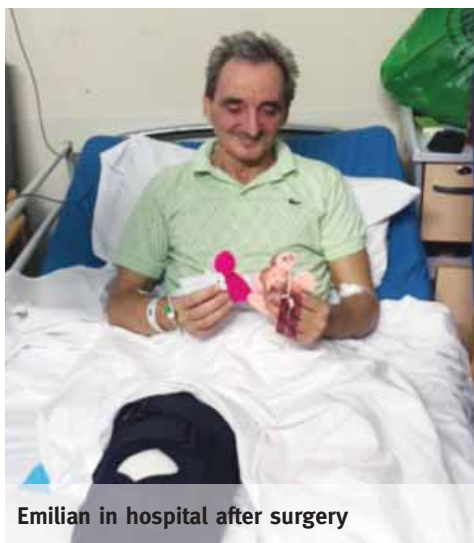
Deacon Peter Barrigan, the Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain for Tees and Hartlepool, was made aware of the seafarer's plight and visited him in hospital. Emilian underwent surgery and spent a further two weeks receiving treatment. Throughout this time he received visits from Deacon Peter and members of his volunteer

ship visitor team, who provided toiletries, chocolate, clothing, fruit and juice and helped him call home to speak to his family.

Eventually, Emilian was discharged and repatriated. He

was full of praise for those who brought him ashore, the medical teams and surgeons who worked on his injuries and to the Apostleship of the Sea for their ongoing practical and pastoral care while he was in hospital.

Although Emilian could speak English, Deacon Peter was very grateful to Reverend Catherine Reid of the Mission to Seafarers who was on hand to assist with translation when needed. The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic charity that supports seafarers all over the world.



Emilian in hospital after surgery

A DAY OF REPARATION AND CONSECRATION

Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

A Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2017

Led by Fr James Benfield

Pilgrims should assemble at 11.30am in St Peter's Anglican church, Osmotherley Village followed by a silent walk to the Shrine. To finish at 6pm approximately. Led by Fr James Benfield.

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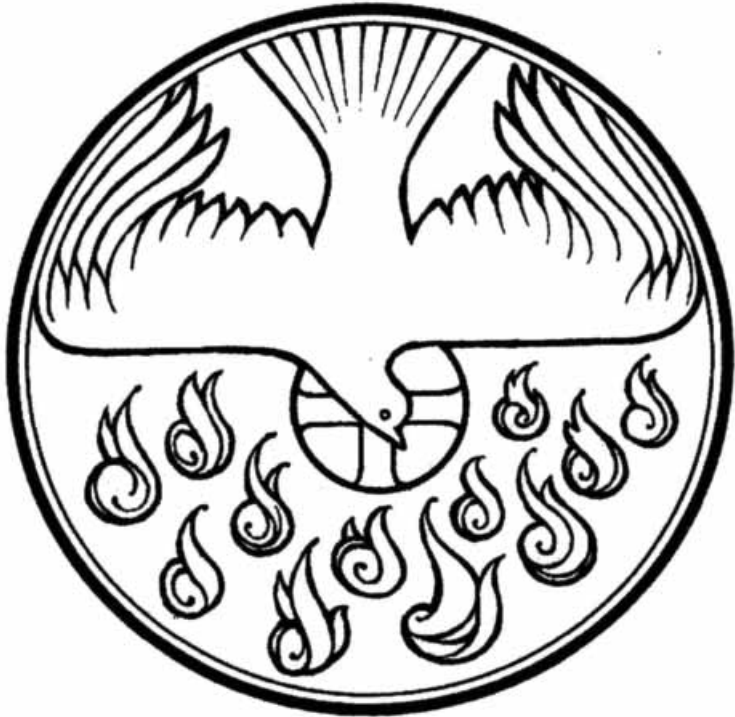
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Feast of the Month

Pentecost
Sunday June 4

When the day of Pentecost came, Mary and the apostles were together in one place. Suddenly there was a sound like the rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in strange tongues and everyone who heard them understood them in their own language. The people asked Peter what they should do. He told them to be sorry for their sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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Congratulations Alanis!

Former St Augustine's, Scarborough, pupil Alanis Beckitt has been awarded a scholarship to fund her tuition fees to study Biomedical Science at Newcastle University.

Alanis is a regular reader at Our Lady and St Peter's Church in Bridlington and started her education at Our Lady and St Peter's Primary in the town. She is currently studying her A levels at Headlands Sixth Form College. "I feel extremely lucky to have gained the scholarship," she said. "I cannot thank Headlands enough for the award. It's given me a great start to my future studies and I hope to go on to a career as a medic."

The bursary is funded by a private charitable trust.



Quick Quiz
With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

- Connection question
1. Which famous steam train holds the record for being the first to reach 100mph?
 2. The Sargasso Sea is a famous breeding ground for which animals?
 3. In which comic did Dan Dare first appear?
 4. What was Fleetwood Mac's only number one hit?
 5. Astraphobia is the fear of what?

Thinking cap question

Name the eight players who have won the BDO Men's World Darts Championship more than once?

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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Our Young People Are MAD!

Are they angry? No, they're Making A Difference (MAD)! From their collective efforts this year in participating in a MAD quiz they have raised enough to feed 27 children for one year through the charity Mary's Meals.

Last year, with a little help, our young people organised themselves into quiz teams. Ten parishes were represented in the Junior League, along with several Catholic primary schools, totalling 18 teams. The Senior League was smaller but is

anticipating expansion.

Rounds were hard-fought, with often very closely matched teams. How do our young people know so much? Eventually Our Lady of Lourdes team in Hesse emerged the winners in the Senior League with St Vincent's and West Hull Parishes close behind.

The Junior League was fiercely contested with St Charles' Parish team nudging ahead of Market Weighton Primary School. Hesse were a very creditable third.

Do we stop there? Absolutely not! Our clergy, who have participated in every quiz draw, have thrown down a challenge to this MAD group. Can they raise enough pennies by September to span the distance between the towers of the Humber Bridge? Each 50p raised will be represented by one metre of twine. Suggestions are flying in, including a treasure hunt, car wash and cakes after Mass.

The young people will assemble with their lengths of twine on Sunday September 24, possibly at St Vincent's Academy. Will that twine be enough to span the towers?

The day will include refreshments and lots of fun. Please come!

To our young people, your energy is amazing. Keep MAD!

Father Michael Marsden,
Dean of the Hull Parishes



Some of the children of both age groups with the certificates which they received for taking part

Living Cross Blooms At St Wilfrid's

St Wilfrid's School in York kept the Easter message alive by asking every family to contribute a bloom for their Living Cross.

Children created the cross with fresh flowers during a Resurrection Mass celebrated by former St Wilfrid's parish priest Canon Michael Ryan. It served as a beautiful reminder of the message of the new life we all share through the mystery of the Resurrection.

Marie Harrison, RE co-ordinator



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Class Of '62 School Reunion

Forty former pupils of St Thomas' Roman Catholic Secondary Modern School, which was located in Highfield Road, Middlesbrough, came together for a reunion.

The gathering was organised by classmates Paul Griffiths and Chris Gallacher and hosted by former pupil Eugene McCoy at his Crathorne Arms hostelry.

It welcomed many pupils who had joined the school in 1962 and others from a year or so either side and was designed to commemorate the 50 years since most of those attending left the school in 1967. The room was filled with excited conversation and continual laughter as reminiscences were exchanged, together with photographs from those early days. Memories were also shared about the members of staff who taught during those formative years, many of whom are sadly

no longer with us, and of contemporaries who have also passed away in the intervening years. May they all rest in peace.

All present were born in the baby boom era, when it is said that we benefited from post-war social subsidies and better education and, as one former pupil put it: "We had a good education and excellent grounding, which enabled us to go out into the world ready and able to establish ourselves."

The reunion was so successful that requests have been made for a repeat. Those who would like to attend a future reunion can register their interest by contacting Paul Griffiths on 01642 802716 or paul.griffiths1@imh-uk.com or Chris Gallacher at chris@cgall526.plus.com.

Tony McAvoy



York Catholic History Day

This year's York Catholic History Day takes place at the Bar Convent on Saturday June 3.

Its title, "Exile and Return: The Bar Convent and the English Catholic Story" is inspired by the Living Heritage Exhibition, with talks based on themes in the exhibition. They describe the life and experience of English Catholics during penal times, including those who went abroad for education or to become priests and nuns, and their family connections and networks in England and on the continent.

Eventually, political upheaval on the continent forced many of the religious to return to England at a time when attitudes towards Catholics were beginning to change. The

impact of their return on the communities themselves and on the country will also be considered, especially those communities who passed through the Bar Convent on their return.

The conference is being organised in conjunction with the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University and the speakers are Dr James Kelly, Dr Hannah Thomas and Dr Cormac Begadon, all from the Centre for Catholic Studies, and Dr Caroline Bowden, from Queen Mary University of London.

Dr Bowden will focus on the education of girls and women, with particular reference to the Bar Convent. Dr Kelly will provide an introduction to the day and the themes to be

considered, while Dr Thomas and Dr Begadon will look at the lives and experiences of the women and men who joined religious communities and studied at seminaries on the continent.

The day will begin with coffee at 10am and conclude with Mass in the Convent chapel at 5pm. The conference fee is £15 (students £7.50), to include coffee and tea but not lunch. Lunches are available at the Bar Convent café and are bookable on the day. For further details or to reserve a place, please contact Judith Smeaton by email at judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or by phone on 01904 704525.

Service Of Solidarity With Those Seeking Sanctuary



Samuel holding the Lampedusa Cross, with the other symbols brought up during the service in the background

"I could not imagine that the Home Office would leave me stranded for ten years before deciding that I was a refugee. Twice I was left homeless with no money. For six months I slept on the sofa in the houses of other asylum seekers. But I had to leave their houses at four in the morning in case I was discovered. I would walk the streets of Middlesbrough in the cold, in the snow and rain, separated from my family back in the Democratic Republic of Congo."

These were the words of one of the participants in a service of solidarity organised by the Justice and Peace groups of three Middlesbrough parishes. We gathered in the Holy Name Church to reflect, listen to the voices of people whose lives have been affected and irrevocably changed by tragedy and pray in solidarity with them and all those who have been forced from their homes by war and persecution. They had come from countries including the Congo, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.

This was a service rich in symbolism. The central symbol was a Lampedusa Cross created by carpenter Francesco Tuccio out of brightly coloured driftwood from the wreckage of migrant boats. It was brought forward to the altar by Samuel, a young boy from the Congo and a pupil at the Sacred Heart Primary School. The cross has itself been on a journey, spending time in parishes throughout the diocese in recent months. A globe was brought forward as a symbol of our fragile world, followed by a mobile phone to help us consider the human cost and trail of destruction left by the mining of conflict materials used in so many electronic devices. A passport printout helped us focus on identity and the importance of having the right documents.

Refugees lose their homes and countries and often struggle to prove their identity when they are forced to flee without papers or passport. A bottle of water symbolised the life-saving drink given to another participant who was one of 60 people packed into a lorry for four days with no room to move and no nourishment. Precious family photographs are lost. A photo was brought forward as we reflected on the importance of families being able to stay together. For many, there are no visual images of the loved ones they have left behind.

Finally, a picture of joined hands completed the symbols. Pain and suffering accompany all those who flee but fortunately we also heard of welcome, hospitality being offered, friendship, support and deep connections established. We shared the joy of one family who had offered space in their home and quickly realised how much they had received in return.

We heard the words of St Paul: "Remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it." The beautiful liturgy reminded us that during his ministry Jesus was also persecuted in his home country, his identity as the Son of God denied by many.

It is not unusual to feel anger, frustration and despair at the seeming lack of humanity and understanding of those who are tasked with decision making within our asylum system. During this service the visual symbols, words and music all combined to take us to a place of prayer and reflection, to a deeper understanding of solidarity and a renewed commitment to work for peace and justice.

Barbara Hungin

Marie's Mission Of Love



Marie Rice was leafing through a diocesan publication when she chanced upon an advert promoting volunteering opportunities with VMM International in Africa.

Just a couple of months later the retired teacher and events specialist was planning a month-long trip to Uganda with the help of the UK-based international development organisation.

The advert that caught Marie's eye was publicising the short-term volunteer programme that VMM (originally known as the Volunteer Missionary Movement) runs from its offices in Liverpool and Dublin – and it will be within this framework that she travels to Mbarara in western Uganda to work with schoolchildren and orphans.

"I spotted a half-page advertisement in Northern Cross – the independent monthly newspaper for people of Christian faith and, in particular, the Catholic diocese of Hexham and Newcastle," explains Marie. "Now I will be spending all August near Mbarara at a Catholic spiritual renewal centre called Yesu Ahuriire."

If the Catholic connection reflects VMM's ethos as a lay Christian organisation – around 70% of its partners in Africa are faith-based or diocesan bodies – Marie's own mission chimes both with her early career teaching in London and Canada, and with the evening classes she later gave back on her native Tyneside.

She will be assisting at Kichwamba primary school as well as helping out at the House of Love-Africa, which serves the poor and needy, including people affected by HIV/AIDS and abandoned children.

"Some members of Yesu Ahuriire, which teaches people how to live in the community as one family and one society, were inspired to create the House of Love-Africa in 2006. This supports abandoned HIV/AIDS orphans infected and affected by HIV/AIDS," says Marie. "I am awaiting a full job description but I will be helping out in a school, in addition to fitting into the timetable of the House of Love with prayers, music and Eucharist celebrations."

Marie's lifetime of experiences – including jobs in advertising, sales and, latterly with the Institute of Chartered Accountants – makes her a strong and versatile candidate for any volunteering post. Yet she credits VMM with quickly and easily turning her initial interest into an exciting reality.

"The preparation has been straightforward," she says. "I knew from the start that I wanted to go in August and so having a deadline helps with all the paperwork. The VMM staff are very approachable and totally encouraging – I had my initial interview within weeks of applying and this was followed two months later by two days' training in Liverpool."

VMM tailors its three-to-six-week placements to suit applicants of all ages and aptitudes, with opportunities ranging from teaching and community development to construction in countries such as Uganda, Kenya, Malawi and Ghana.

Marie, 64, has been impressed, saying: "A big part of the appeal was that VMM works with partner organisations in Africa which enables the time spent there to be more fruitful with long-term results. Also, it's a faith and values-based operation with a strong history of sending lay volunteers."

Now, the parishioner of Our Lady and Saint Columba in Wallsend hopes to "enter wholeheartedly into the spirit" of her Ugandan hosts' life and work, adding: "It may just be four weeks but I know somehow that the experience will leave an indelible mark on me and that I will be both challenged and fulfilled."

The House of Love also fits with the VMM tagline of 'A world where we live in the shelter of one another'. She has the following advice for anybody else considering volunteering possibilities in Africa: "Listen to your heart and instincts and just go for it."

Patrick Harte

SVP Opens New Middlesbrough Shop

Donations of goods and new volunteers are needed for the SVP's newly opened shop at Belle Vue, Marton Road, Middlesbrough.

The shop is in an excellent spot, with a loading bay outside to drop off goods. Angela Wilson is the new shop manager and many thanks to Steve Milburn and his team for all their hard work in setting the shop up.

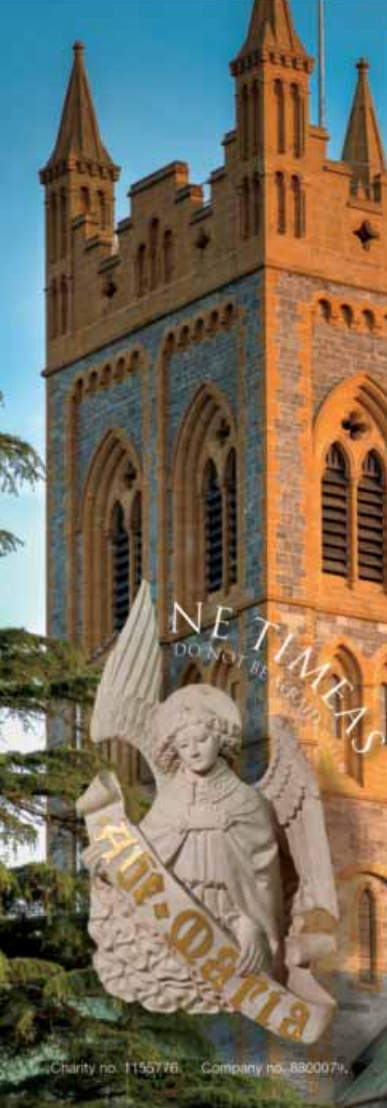
The SVP operates 42 shops across England and Wales, mainly in areas of deprivation. They serve local communities by providing low-cost goods and household items to disadvantaged individuals and families, offering a listening ear and arranging for local SVP members to visit those most in need.

Kathy Warrick



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The Hungry Months

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

They call them the hungry months. Food is in short supply. In June and July and even into August, we see a steady rise in mothers bringing their malnourished children to the centre. The children become lethargic and often lose interest in everything – including food. The mothers exhaust themselves trying to feed these little ones and, finally, give in to them.

One little boy, Junior, arrived weighing 11lbs (5kgs) at two years old. He was thin and his eyes were sunken into his face and three little lines appeared each side of his mouth, so it looked like he was wearing a mask. Junior would only eat meat – and each day

when he arrived, would let out a huge roar until he got it. He didn't like milk and he certainly didn't like the porridge we gave him, but we insisted until he ate it. The porridge is an essential part of all the children's diet. It's made from ground corn (maize), peanuts, soya milk (which we make ourselves), sugar, milk powder and vegetable oil. The volunteers persevered and after two weeks the mask disappeared and he was suddenly transformed into a normal looking little boy. He's not out of the woods yet – but he's made a good start. He is one of 22 children receiving treatment this month. Next month the number could exceed 50 children – some of them so severely malnourished that they will need hospital treatment. We've treated 380 children in the past 12 months alone. This year only two children have died from complications, after waiting too long before

seeking help. The seriousness of the condition of all the children is a constant worry to us.

With the coming of summer, it would be easy to forget these unfortunate children who are struggling to get back onto the road to good health, especially during these hungry months. We depend on your donations to run the centre.

The hungry months end in August, when the edible caterpillars appear on Basankusu's trees.

Unfortunately, malnutrition never leaves us completely.

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Junior when he arrived at the feeding programme

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A Letter From Madonna House

Our Bethany Home

Recently I attended a meeting of leaders of the new ecclesial movements and communities in the UK. These are groups like Madonna House, made up of men and women, clergy and lay, young and old, dedicated to spreading the Good News.

It was thrilling to hear of youth rallies, evangelists in ravaged areas like Aleppo, outreach to people in big city night life, care of the homeless, refugees, the poor. All of these groups are international, and most have members and associates in the hundreds and thousands. Who says the Church is dying? She is throbbing with life.

Towards the end of the meeting, it was my turn to speak. What did I have to say? Madonna House is a small community. We are only three women in the UK, hidden in the outskirts of a tiny seaside village, living a simple and poor life.

And yet, like Martha and Mary, we have the privilege of receiving Christ into our Bethany home. He comes in weary priests, thirsty for a respite of beauty and silence. He comes in young people, hungry to find God and their place in life. He comes in those whose hearts are breaking with the loss of a loved one.

"How important is your community life?" someone asked at this meeting, and I immediately burst out with, "It's everything! We can pray all we want (and we do pray a lot), and serve others in all kinds of ways, but if we don't love and forgive each other and always try to live in deeper unity with each other, then we have nothing to give."

It seemed as if the Spirit suddenly shone his radiance on the simplicity of Gospel life that we're all invited to embrace. Living our Christian faith means opening our hearts in union with God and with one another.

"Love one another as I have loved you," commanded Jesus (John 15:12). This call



demands everything and it begins with our families.

Eighty or so years ago, when the first ecclesial communities were being formed by the Spirit, the lay movement was nascent. Most Catholics seemed to believe that only priests and nuns were called to holiness. But the Good News is that we're all called to union with God and that's all about in the silence of our hearts and in the midst of our everyday life. It is not esoteric – it is as real and incarnational as Martha and Mary forgiving each other and then loving and serving Christ in their home.

Do you believe that your ordinary life can be as welcoming and consoling to Christ as Bethany was so long ago? It can be. Do you believe that your willingness to die for your family in forgiveness and sacrificial love is as powerful as the fidelity of the martyrs? It can be. It must be. Believe it!

If you would like to visit or support us in any way, contact us at madonnahouserhb@gmail.com or 01947 880 169 or visit www.madonnahouse.org.



Junior now

Refugee Talk Asks, 'Do We Care Enough?'

Pete Widlinski gave a passionate talk on "The Refugee Crisis – helping those for whom life is endless exile" to a large gathering for a Cleveland Newman Circle meeting in the cathedral hall.

The speaker shared his experiences with Justice First and the Mary Thompson Fund. He explained that migrants are people who travel to another country, usually voluntarily and legally, to work or study there, and people can legally migrate between European Union countries.

A refugee is a migrant wishing to settle because of a well-founded fear of persecution due to race, gender, religion, nationality or politics. An asylum-seeker is someone who has applied to be recognised as a refugee. This is a legal right – "illegal asylum-seekers" don't exist.

In 2016 there were 32,500 asylum-seekers in the United Kingdom but more than twice this in France, almost five times as many in Sweden and nearly 14 times as many in Germany.

Giving them no choice, the government disperses asylum-seekers to poorer regions, such as parts of Teesside, where accommodation is cheap, and there are almost 1,500 asylum-seekers in Middlesbrough and Stockton. They are safe in the UK and provided with a basic level of subsistence but no cash support and life is far from easy, with no permission to work. Just 29% of UK applications for refugee

status were granted in 2016. If this was refused, people could appeal, but then life is even harder as they are totally dependent on charity while they remake their case to the Home Office. However, about 40% of the failed cases win on appeal.

Mr Widlinski described the desperate situation of people refused asylum who cannot "go home". If they do not have children they lose their right to public support and accommodation. It can take months or even years for them to gather new evidence for the Home Office to reconsider their cases. Justice First provides emotional and practical support for them and the Mary Thompson Fund offers emergency help.

Several members of his audience were already involved with supporting refugees and asylum-seekers. Others felt the help required should be more widely known. Many people remain unaware of the scale of hardship involved, or that there are particularly high levels of need in Teesside. Asylum-seekers are people in need – do we care enough?

For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle call 01642 645732 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net. Next year's programme will start on September 27, when Father Fabian Radcliffe OP will talk about Cardinal John Henry Newman.

Patricia Egerton

Giving The Poor The Power To Be

Over the past decade we have made huge steps forward on tackling poverty and climate change and shifting towards renewable energy. This has come about thanks to your actions, filled with love and hope for our sisters and brothers around the world.

For the Climate Change Act in 2008, you campaigned for the UK to pass the world's first legally binding commitment to cut carbon emissions.

In 2015, in response to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*: On Care for our Common Home, you ensured the voices of the world's poorest communities were heard by people in power. You marched, cycled and signed a global petition ahead of the historic climate change talks in Paris.

A total of 195 countries signed the groundbreaking Paris Climate Agreement, calling the world to take urgent action. It endeavours to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C, paving the way to a low-carbon future.

In the same year, nearly 200 countries set Sustainable Development Goals, new global targets to end poverty and protect the earth. This included a commitment to ensure "affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all" by 2030. Every card you've signed, every march you've walked and every prayer you've offered has helped us to get this far. Thank you.

Now we must act together to ensure these commitments are turned into real change for poor communities around the world. Access to renewable energy not only protects the earth we share, but also helps communities to escape poverty.

Every child has the power to achieve great things, but one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. By joining CAFOD's Power To Be campaign you can speak up for local, renewable energy and help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty.

Did you know?

- In 2016, 47 of the world's poorest countries, including Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Haiti, agreed to shift to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

- Eighteen of 22 Catholic dioceses in England and Wales, including Middlesbrough, have already switched to renewable energy!

If you have two minutes – sign our online petition at <http://cafod.org.uk/powertobe>

Want to do more?

- You could organise a card-signing event in your parish, asking the UK's representative at the World Bank, Melanie Robinson, to support local, renewable energy, which tackles poverty. Order cards and download leaders' notes from our website.
- CAFOD are also encouraging supporters to take part in

the Climate Coalition week of action from July 1 to 9, by speaking to their local MP about energy access for the world's poorest people. Your MP represents your voice in parliament. They can speak up to the UK government on your behalf and call on them to champion local, renewable energy at the World Bank – but they will only act if we ask them to!

- **We have also produced a reflective, guided liturgy you could use on a parish walk or in your church or hall. The liturgy can be ordered or downloaded from our website at <http://cafod.org.uk/powertobe>**

For whatever you decide to do, thank you!



Our Common Future

Pope Francis reminds us that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and calls us to join a new dialogue about the future.

Britain has a proud record in looking outwards and in working with others to tackle climate change and poverty. This election, CAFOD is asking you and others in your parish to stand up for the common good and to encourage your candidates to do the same. Find out what you can do, read our briefing online and contact your candidates.

Pilgrimage To Holy Island

A Mass of Thanksgiving for CAFOD's volunteers and supporters will be offered during the pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday July 1. The causeway will be open from 12.10pm and a walk across the sands will start around 1pm. A liturgy for people not crossing the causeway will take place in the Catholic church around the same time. Father Chris Hughes will celebrate our Mass in St Mary's Church at 4pm. You're welcome to join us for this very special occasion.

Step Into The GAP – Places Still Available!

There's still time to apply for CAFOD's gap year for this September. It's an opportunity for anyone aged 18 to 30 to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. You might like to advertise this in your parish newsletter for people to share with anyone else who might like to know more about it. More details are on our website.

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Help Vin Tell His Life Story

Fans are being asked to contribute stories and memories for a book about the life and career of Catholic folk legend Vin Garbutt. Vin, who will celebrate his 70th birthday later this year, is working with journalist Michael McGeary on his autobiography, which they hope to launch before Christmas. And they want fans to contribute their own memories about him, his gigs and the famous “patter” that entertains audiences between songs during his live performances. The book will tell the story of a near 50-year career that has taken Vin and his guitar all over the world. Vin, from South Bank, Middlesbrough, was named Best Live Act in the 2001 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and has released 16 albums, most recently Synthetic Hues in 2014. His career has not been without controversy as he tackled difficult subjects in his songwriting such as unemployment, oppression and genocide. But it was his strong pro-life stance that got him into most trouble. All profits from his 1983 album Little Innocents went to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and he has written a large number of pro-life songs since, bringing him into conflict with some elements of the folk music establishment. In recent years Vin has suffered from health problems and he is currently recovering from major heart



surgery. “We’d love fans to tell us what they remember about Vin, whether it’s a funny story or how his music touched them, as it has touched thousands of people over the years,” said Michael. “If anyone has their own photographs we could use we’d love to see them as well.” Please send your contributions for the book to vindicated@email.com



Sparkling Celebrations In Marske

Dorothy and Dennis Brown celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with Holy Mass and a renewal of their wedding vows in a packed St Bede’s Church, Marske. This very happy occasion was attended by many friends, parishioners and family members. The couple have two daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dennis was a manager at ICI before and Dot was a nurse before retiring. They continue using their skills each year on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, where Dennis works as a brancardier and Dot as a nurse, both helping care for the supported pilgrims. Dot and Dennis are also very active members of their church community at St Bede’s. Dot’s soup is keenly sought after at

the weekly soup lunch every Lent. Father Pat Smith congratulated the couple on reaching this milestone in their relationship. He spoke in admiration of their great love for each other, overcoming the challenges that life throws up for all married couples – words that resonated with the packed congregation. The celebrations continued at Saltburn Cricket Club, where Dennis amused friends and family with his tales of attempts to capture Dot’s heart. Daughters Sharon and Bev echoed the thoughts of all present as they recounted their love, praise and respect for their wonderful parents.

Liam Gardiner



President Phil Luke with Harry Vince

Catenians Boost Harry’s Tanzania Fund

Brothers from Middlesbrough Circle 30 of the Catenian Association attended Mass at St Bernadette’s Church for the presentation of a cheque to a young parishioner. Harry Vince is fundraising for a trip to a remote village in Tanzania with Cleveland Explorer Scouts, who will help build more classrooms and rejuvenate existing buildings at a school. Brother John Gough was in the congregation when Harry made an appeal to parishioners and suggested he should apply to the Catenian Bursary Fund. Harry, who attends Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough, was thrilled to be awarded £500 towards his costs.

President Phil Luke gave a brief explanation to the congregation about the work of the Catenians in Middlesbrough and especially the support they offer the Catholic youth of the town. Before he handed the cheque over he made Harry promise to come to one of their meetings when he arrives back from his trip to give a presentation to brothers about the great work that he and his fellow scouts undertook. Harry, who will be 16 when he arrives in Tanzania, has been in the scouting movement for seven years. He is grateful for support from his school and parish as well as from the Catenians.

Former Madonna House Director Passes Away

A former director of Madonna House in Robin Hood’s Bay has died peacefully at the community’s headquarters in Canada. Helen Hodson served in our diocese from 1987 and was appointed local director the following year, continuing in the position for six years. Born in Cumbria, Helen taught children with special needs before becoming an applicant, or novice, in December 1977 and making her first promises a year later. After her return to Canada in 1996, Helen was assigned to the handicraft department but also spent two days a week in silence, solitude and prayer and directed Ignatian retreats. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday May 1 before interment at the Madonna House cemetery.



The Long Journey And Short Life Of Ausama

We are custodians of the art portfolio of the late Ausama al Khalil, who died in December 2016. Ausama benefitted from support given by charities based at the John Paul Centre. He truly believed in the ethos of the John Paul Centre and its message that "Strangers become friends."

Ausama was an Iraqi artist who lived in Middlesbrough. He obtained a Fine Art degree from Baghdad University and his real joy was painting and drawing. He held exhibitions of his work throughout Iraq and Jordan and worked in a number of mediums to create abstract and modern realist pieces. Ausama lived through many wars and experienced and witnessed much brutality. The colours of war are starkly present in his work.

As a victim of torture, both knees were broken, leaving Ausama with disability and pain, despite excellent support from James Cook Hospital and other groups. The Foundation for Victims of Torture gave Ausama considerable help, but despite his talent and creativity, he found it hard to fully adjust and find true happiness. Throughout his journey from Baghdad to England he carried with him memories of the cities and towns he had experienced, contrasting in his work war and peace and skies filled with the colours of the Middle East. His later work increasingly explored the light, colours, and textures of his new home and the differences between the rhythm of the East and the West. Ausama would often say his paintings "are about my life, the struggles but also about the very good childhood memories".

Ausama exhibited work at Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (mima), Minsteracres and other northern centres of art. In a documentary, he said: "Painting gives the power to feel alive. When painting, sometimes my mind does not think about my suffering and this gives me hope for the future."

We believe his collection offers a unique perspective on the trials and tribulations of refugees and asylum seekers escaping from war and civil unrest. The work also explores the journey between cultures and continents, of denial of rights, adjustment and assimilation.

Ausama made strenuous efforts to reclaim dignity and respect through his art. The work is, therefore, a record of the common and all too frequent displacement we are witnessing in the 21st century.

An exhibition at mima will run from August 3 to 6 and there will be other exhibitions in the autumn. We are fortunate that mima and many other galleries focus on art for everyone. They are more than just galleries and increasingly serve all sectors of the community and have become important social hubs.

We have lost a dear friend but the legacy and message will burn brightly. Art is another form of remembrance, just as the Lampedusa Cross we hold in our diocese will be central to so many memories and difficult journeys.

Contact jnhinman@googlemail.com or visit see.visitmima.com for more information.

John and Margaret Hinman



Gerry and Peter with Father Leonard

Papal Blessing For Golden Couple

Gerry and Peter Campbell celebrated their golden wedding in style as they received a papal blessing during Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church in Middlesbrough. The couple are long-time parishioners and Peter was very active in the campaign with Father Pat Keogh and the late BBC Tees personality Ali Brownlee to raise the money

to replace the church roof. Gerry runs a fundraising bookstall, runs trips for our older parishioners group and organises a meal and day out at Christmas, as well as singing in the music group. The blessing was presented to them by Father Leonard Jioke.

Ian Stubbs

The Medaille Trust was founded in 2006 by a number of religious congregations in response to the plight of thousands of people who are being trafficked into the UK each year. The Trust was established as a charity and opened its first safe house in January 2007. A major part of the Trust's work is to raise awareness of the plight of those who enslaved and exploited in the trafficking industry, and campaign on their behalf.

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Soldier Marches 52 Miles For Charity

Teesside soldier Lieutenant Déaglán O'Neill has completed a double marathon march in the desert heat in aid of Zoë's Place Baby Hospice.

Déaglán, who is currently serving in the British Army's Royal Irish Regiment in Kabul, Afghanistan, carried 33lbs of military equipment on his exhausting journey. Two teams from the regiment marched the distance between Dublin and Belfast (103 miles), with one group marching north and the other marching south.

The teams met in the middle, having walked 52 miles each. Each member raised funds for a cause close to their heart and Déaglán, 25, from Thornaby, chose Zoë's Place. Zoë's Place, which is in the former Crossbeck Convent in Normanby, and offers respite and palliative care for young children and babies with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and illnesses. "It was a real pleasure to be able to help Zoe's Place," said Déaglán, whose family are regulars on our diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage, including his dad, Paddy, the head doctor. "They do a really amazing job for those who need it most and should get as much support as possible."

If you would like to make a donation, please visit Déaglán's fundraising site, justgiving.com/fundraising/D-agl-n-O'Neill. For more information, visit the Royal Irish Regiment's Facebook page.



Déaglán is pictured with mum Jan, sisters Naomi and Sinead and dad Paddy at his passing out parade at Sandhurst.

Climate Change And How It Affects Us

In Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'* we hear a new prophetic voice. The Pope is asking us to respect and care for the world and the creatures in it.

We have already reached a crisis point, both in nature and in its effects on the human population. The climate is becoming increasingly unstable. The area of Arctic Sea ice is reducing year by year and we have seen increasing floods and droughts. With drought there comes famine.

One hopeful sign, however, has been the Paris Climate Change Treaty agreed by 195 nations just before Christmas 2015. The treaty specifies that we should try to prevent average world temperatures from rising by more than two degrees centigrade above pre-industrial levels, and if at all possible 1.5 degrees. It was left to the individual countries to decide how this would be achieved, and here it all becomes more controversial.

There is a fear that many of the world's governments may seek to renege on their obligations under the treaty or at least seek to minimise what they do to implement it. The British government has promised to close all coal-fired power stations by 2025. This is a good thing because it is designed to reduce our national emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the principal agent of global warming. However, there is much argument over what will replace coal as a means of generating electrical power. The government favours extracting gas from the shale layer deep underground (fracking). Although there are believed to be great resources of such gas in this country, the technology required to get it is extremely drastic. To make it economically worthwhile would involve the industrialisation of huge swathes of the countryside, bringing risks to health, the environment, the water supply and existing employment in agriculture and tourism. Set against these disadvantages there is little, if any, benefit. The gas is methane, which has a high tendency to escape during production, transport and storage, and is about 80 times as powerful as a global warming agent as CO₂. If as much as three

per cent of production escapes, as is very likely, that would be worse than using coal. Setting up a new and extremely expensive industry would also take resources away from investment in renewable energy – such as wind turbines, solar panels and tidal power – which is the way we must ultimately go. If we are to make good on our pledge to the Paris agreement, 80% of fossil fuel reserves must be left in the ground. This brings us back to the prophetic voice. Scientists tell us we are approaching a tipping point. We are already at a global average temperature of one degree above pre-industrial levels. The warming of the Arctic is already releasing methane from the permafrost. This methane is adding to global warming and a point is likely to be reached where the process becomes self-sustaining. We are aware of what flooding and droughts can do. Rising sea levels threaten to inundate inhabited Pacific islands. All these processes impact most severely on the poor. These are issues in which the Catholic Church should be deeply involved, for the sake of us all and of the planet.

Christopher Pickles

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Sunday 2 July 2017

Principal Celebrant
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Hymns from 2.30pm, Mass at 3pm



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St Wilfrid's Parish in York will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday June 23 with a day of Eucharistic Adoration. The day will begin with Exposition Mass at 8am and conclude with candlelit adoration, a procession and Benediction at 10pm. There will also be Mass at 12.10pm and Mass in the extraordinary form at 6pm.

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Sunday 2 July 2017

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26 May to 3 Jun

- Attends annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- 6** Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall 10.30am
 Celebrates Mass and confirmations at English Martyr's, York 7.00pm
- 8** Celebrates Mass and confirmations at SS Leonard & Mary, Malton 7.00pm
- 10** Concelebrates Mass for 400th Anniversary of Vincentian Family at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 11.30am
- 11** Priestly ordination of Brother Ambrose Henley at Ampleforth Abbey 10.00am
- 13** Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00am
 Confirmations at Christ the King, Thornaby 7.00pm
- 14** Celebrates Mass and confirmations at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Peter Chanel, Hessle 7.00pm
- 16** Attends meeting of CSAN Board at Romero House, London 12noon
- 17** Attends Choral Evensong at Beverley Minster 5.00pm
- 22** Attends annual general meeting at Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay 4.00pm

2 Fri

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

3 Sat

10am York Catholic History Day, Bar Convent 'Exile and Return: The Bar Convent and the English Catholic Story' in conjunction with the Centre for Catholic Studies, Durham University. Concludes with Mass at the Convent chapel at 5pm. Details from Judith on 01904 704525 or judith.smeaton@btinternet.com. Fee £15 (students £7.50).
11am Cleveland Newman Circle members' Summer outing; 11am meet at Mount Grace Priory followed by bar meal in Osmotherley

4 Sun

11am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
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

5 Mon

7pm York Ecumenical Bible Study, St George's Parish, York 'That we may have life in Jesus's name' – what do the signs performed at Cana by Jesus and recorded by St John signify? (Also 12,19, 26 June). Information and venue from elizabeth.hardcastle@btinternet.com

6 Tues

2pm-3pm Singing for the Brain; group activity for people living with dementia enjoying the songs of yesteryear with their carers at The Trinity Centre, Market Place, North Ormesby TS3 6LD

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

7 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

9 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

10 Sat

11.30am Mass at St Charles Borromeo, Hull - celebrate with the Vincentian Family 400 years of sharing God's love. Chief celebrant Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Followed by reception in Jubilee Church Hall. All welcome.

11 Sun

11am Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr William Ryan's 50 years of priesthood, St Mary & Joseph Church, Hedon followed by garden party until 5pm

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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

12 Mon

7pm York Ecumenical Bible Study 'That we may have life in Jesus's name' – what do the signs performed at Cana by Jesus and recorded by St John signify? St George's Parish, York (also 19, 26 June). Information and venue from

elizabeth.hardcastle@btinternet.com

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

13 Tues

12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull. Speaker Sarah Dearlove, Neonatal Unit, Hull

2pm-3.30pm Singing for the Brain; group activity for people living with dementia enjoying the songs of yesteryear with their carers at St Mary's Hall, Green Lane, Middlesbrough TS5 7RX

2pm-4pm LIFE ASCENDING 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

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14 Wed

10.30am The LIFE ASCENDING group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meets after the morning Mass

10.30am The LIFE ASCENDING group of St Leonard and St Mary, Malton meets

2.30pm Prayer Group at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.

15 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

16 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://readingthe

summa.blogspot.com/

17 Sat

3pm Day for Life Vigil of Prayer, 4pm Mass, Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Paul O'Sullivan), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

18 Sun

11am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road

6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

19 Mon

7pm York Ecumenical Bible Study 'That we may have life in Jesus's name' – what do the signs performed at Cana by Jesus and recorded by St John signify? St George's Parish, York (also 26 June). Information and venue from elizabeth.hardcastle@btinternet.com

7.30pm York Newman Circle AGM at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York followed by talk by Fr Peter Phillips, Diocese of Shrewsbury, theologian and historian 'Humanae Vitae and the English Bishops. Refreshments from 7pm.

20 Tues

2pm-3pm Singing for the Brain; group activity for people living with dementia enjoying the songs of yesteryear with their carers at The Trinity Centre, Market Place, North Ormesby TS3 6LD

21 Wed

8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

22 Thurs

5.30pm Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture, Exhibition Hall, Ushaw College: 'Bearing Scars and Forging Hope: The Church's Flawed Expertise in Humanity' Dr Ethna Regan (Dublin City University); 5.30pm drinks; 6-7.15pm lecture

23 Fri

7am-10pm Eucharistic Adoration in St Wilfrid's, York for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

24 Sat

9am coach departs York SVP National Conference, Liverpool Cathedral for SVP members and supporters to attend. Everyone is welcome to this Northern Pilgrimage. Contact Angela Breffit for information on 01904 426666 or e-mail angelabreffit@btinternet.com

4pm Choral Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough (visiting choir)

25 Sun

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Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

12 noon Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

4.15pm Choral Vespers, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
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26 Mon

7pm York Ecumenical Bible Study 'That we may have life in Jesus's name' – what do the signs performed at Cana by Jesus and recorded by St John signify? St George's Parish, York. Information and venue from elizabeth.hardcastle@btinternet.com.

27 Tues

2pm-3.30pm Singing for the Brain; group activity for people living with dementia enjoying the songs of yesteryear with their carers at St

Mary's Hall, Green Lane, Middlesbrough TS5 7RX

1.30pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 1.30pm Rosary, 2pm Mass, the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

28 Wed

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

29 Thurs

7.30pm 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

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

First week of July

2 Sun

11am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

2.30pm Annual Postgate Rally and Mass, St Hedda's Church, Egton Bridge.

Walk sets off from St Anne's Church, Ugthorpe (registration from 10.15am, walk begins 10.45am approx.; see poster).

6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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
6pm every Wednesday in term time Sung Benediction and Vespers, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
11 July, 12.10pm – thanksgiving Mass in St Charles Borromeo Church for past and present members of the Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club.

Saturday 15 July at the Bar Convent, Study Day: Living Theology 'Girls and Boys come out to PRAY' - 10am start 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.

15 July – Day of Reparation at the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley (see page 3)

16 July, 3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge

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Stephen, from Middlesbrough, has set himself a £3,000 sponsorship target to try to transform as many lives as possible after being inspired by what he has seen during his many visits to the French shrine.

“I first went to Lourdes when I was a 14-year-old schoolboy and it was an amazing experience that influenced me to choose a career in nursing,” said Stephen, who is taking up running for the first time.

“I qualified as a Registered Nurse and when I returned to Lourdes nine years ago I didn’t know anyone. During that pilgrimage I made many friends and witnessed how much physical, emotional and spiritual strength Lourdes gives to both individuals and families.

“This year I’m running the Great North Run to fund supported pilgrims who stay in Lourdes cared for by our volunteers, made up of nurses, doctors, handmaids, brancardiers and musicians.

“All our helpers fund themselves and give up their time to care for the supported pilgrims, many of whom suffer from illness or disability. They also work hard throughout the year to help make sure the



Stephen, left, with supported pilgrims in Lourdes

pilgrimage is a success.

“Please donate and help me to raise as much as we can to support such a worthy cause.”

The 13.1-mile run takes place on Sunday September 10. If you would like to sponsor Stephen, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stephen-mckenna-Lourdes-Diocese-of-Middlesbrough> or go to justgiving.com and search for Stephen McKenna, then look for him under “Crowdfunding Pages”.

Quiz Answers

Connection question

1. The Flying Scotsman 2. Eels 3. The Eagle 4. Albatross 5. Thunder and lightning

Connection: Nicknames of Olympic athletes (Eric Liddle, Eric Moussambani, Eddie Edwards, Michael Gross, Usain Bolt).

Thinking cap question

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