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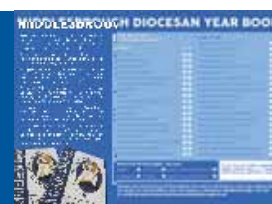
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## Bishop's Column

**Happy New Year to you! May it bring blessings and God's merciful love to us all.**

We are told that in the beginning God created all things, including human beings, man and woman, the first family. Why? Well the pages of the Bible unfold to us the greatest love story ever told; God, who is none other than Love Itself, lavishes his life and love on us, his creation. Even when we turned away and rejected that love, he still walked with us, and eventually sent his Son, born into a human family, so that we could grasp what this love really means. The love of God is no longer a notion, an idea, the love of God is made visible in Christ Jesus: a person. And he was born into a family. Not a perfect family, but the Holy Family.

From the beginning there were problems and difficulties. Not even for the Holy Family was everything plain sailing. Listen to what Pope Francis said at the Prayer Vigil for the Festival of Families in Philadelphia in September last year: *"Certainly, in the family there are difficulties. But in families also, the cross is followed by resurrection, because there too the Son of God leads us. So the family is a workshop of hope, of the hope of life and resurrection, since God was the one who opened this path."*

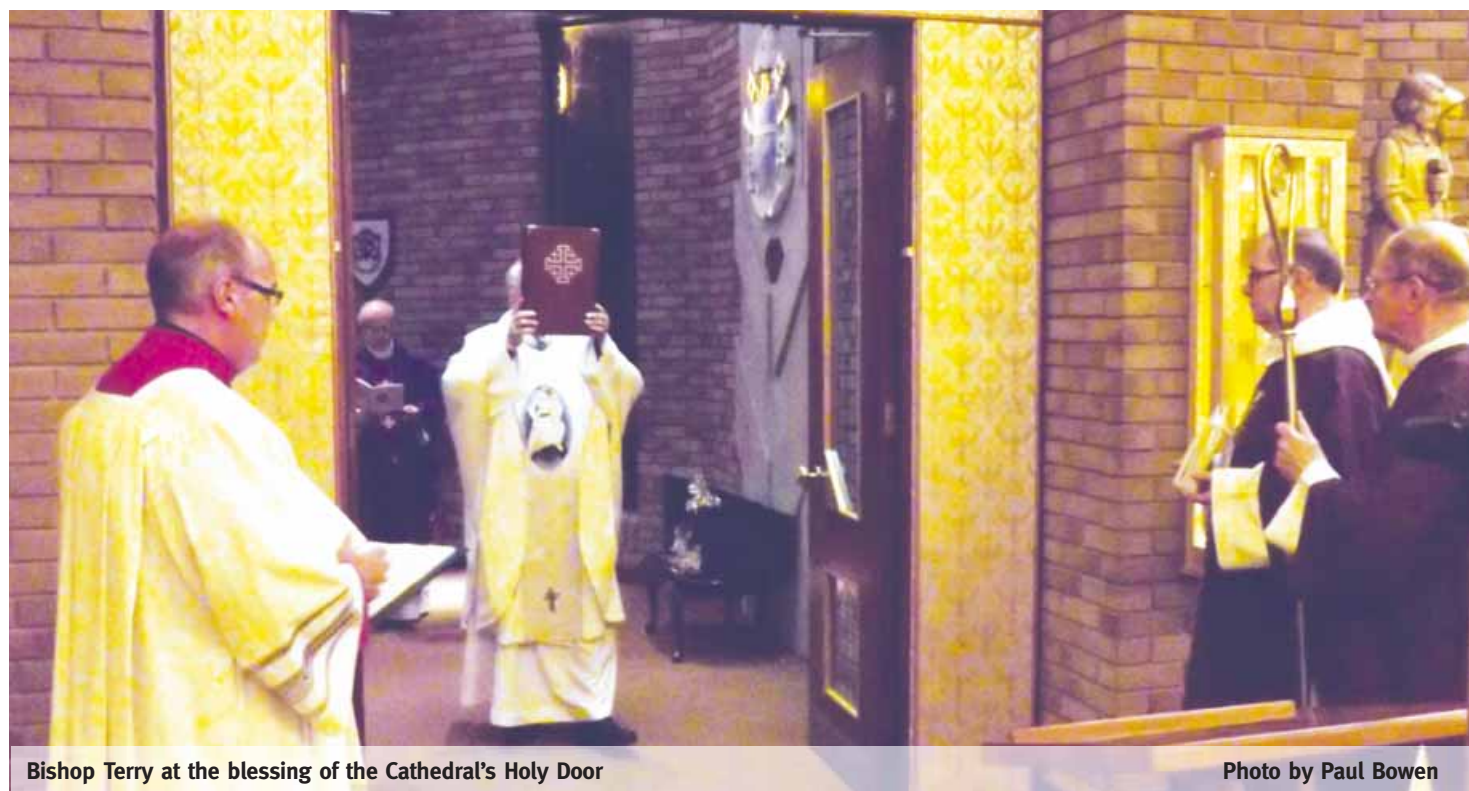
In that same Prayer Vigil, Pope Francis suggested that we should focus our thoughts especially on children and grandparents. He described children and young people as our future: *"They are our strength; they are what keep us moving forward. They are the ones in whom we put our hope."* And of grandparents, he said they are our memory: *"They are the ones who gave us the faith; they passed the faith on to us."*

Recognising that families are not perfect and that there will always be problems and tensions, the Holy Father offered some advice. He said: *"Never end the day without making peace in the family. In the family, the day cannot end in fighting."*

And so I pray for us all:

*We humbly ask you, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.*

# Answering The Holy Father's Call



Bishop Terry at the blessing of the Cathedral's Holy Door

Photo by Paul Bowen

**Pope Francis says this Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy will be a time for us all to "open our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society".**

"Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognise that we are compelled to heed their cry for help," he says.

"May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity."

The Holy Father was very specific about the works of mercy he wanted us to undertake.

"Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead."

What does the Year of Mercy mean to you? What can you do that is meaningful in the Year of Mercy? Practical social action is being achieved every day by the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP).

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In England and Wales there are nearly 10,000 members doing vital work helping the poor, the homeless, the lonely, people in hospital, asylum seekers, ex-offenders, the sick – the many thousands of people who are overwhelmed by their problems.

In parishes all over Britain, the SVP does great work, essential work, Christ's work. There are countless people who need help.

There are also 36 SVP conferences (groups) in the Diocese of Middlesbrough across the four districts, Middlesbrough, Hull, York and East Cleveland. These are now joined by 30 Mini Vinnie Groups (aged seven-to-11 years), based in primary schools across the diocese and engaging children in social justice issues while having fun.

Even just an hour is enough to make a difference to someone else's life. Please open your heart and consider the possibility of joining us.

In all of our communities there is poverty, loneliness and disadvantage. You care, but caring by itself isn't enough. There are people suffering in this area who need your practical help. By joining the SVP, you can turn your concern into action.

We all need to be ready in our parishes to offer people the means to respond to Pope Francis's message.

The SVP will give you all the training and support you need. Every full member receives a DBS check and induction training, as well as ongoing support from the SVP local and national network.

Meeting regularly with fellow members, you'll be working as part of a team, so you'll never be expected to cope on your own or handle anything you can't manage.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols says: "Parish-based SVP conferences are an excellent way of reaching people in need in the local area and a valuable way of witnessing to our faith.

"The SVP relies on the support of its volunteers. More members are needed to ensure that this work continues to grow and flourish. I urge anyone who has time to offer, to work with the SVP by becoming a volunteer.

"Giving your time not only benefits those that the SVP supports, but will also bring you great joy."

How you can get involved...

- Contact the SVP national office on 0207 703 3030, email us on [info@svp.org.uk](mailto:info@svp.org.uk) or visit our website at [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)
- Visit our local community shop at 100 High Street, Redcar TS10 3DL, telephone 01642 497164, where there is a variety of affordable goods available for the needy, including white goods. Furniture collection and delivery is within a ten-mile radius of the shop and donations are welcome. A clothes bank is available at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6LD for the donation of items.

If you are interested in forming a Mini Vinnies group, please contact your local development officer...

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Kathy Warrick

# Parish Mothers' Group Visits Westminster



**A group from St Andrew's Parish, Teesville, travelled to Westminster Cathedral for a celebration Mass to mark the 20th anniversary of Mothers Prayers.**

This service was concelebrated by the Bishop of Northampton, Peter Doyle, assisted by a priest from Russia. We had a wonderful day and were joined by many others from all parts of the world, including Canada, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany and Holland.

Mothers Prayers began in 1995 when two English grandmothers felt the need to pray in a more committed way, to combat problems facing our children and grandchildren in the world today. Since then, it has spread throughout the world and is now in more

than 100 countries and used by many other denominations.

Our prayers are taken from a small booklet which has been translated into many other languages and the format is used by Mothers Prayers groups throughout the world. At our meetings, we place a basket at the foot of the Cross and the names of our children and grandchildren are placed into it, accompanied by a private, personal prayer.

This is when we hand over to Our Blessed Lord our prayers and hopes for our children. It's good to know we are in union with other mothers throughout the world who are also praying for our children. Mothers Prayers is for all spiritual mothers and anyone who has

a desire to pray for children is most welcome.

Here at St Andrew's we meet in the hall each Tuesday at 10am, followed by a cuppa and a chat. There is also a group in St Gabriel's, Ormesby, on Friday mornings and one at St Thomas More, Easterside, which takes place each week in the homes of two parishioners.

Mothers Prayers is a wonderful experience which has brought comfort, many blessings and new friendships into our lives. I would be happy to help anyone interested in starting a new group, or please come along and join us – you'd be most welcome. Call me on 01642 453556 for more details.

Eileen Nugent

## Children Take Up Pope's Challenge

**Children of all ages came together throughout the school holidays to learn about Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'* – as well as putting his words into practice.**

Youngsters from Loftus, Staithes and Brotton also participated in practical ways to help care for our planet. They met in all kinds of weather to learn how to plant and water seeds and protect the environment.

Handprints made with cress seeds were a good starter, as they only took days to germinate and sprout into life. By week two they were taking home their cress and eating it in sandwiches – one way to get them to eat one of their five-a-day!

One morning the children built bug hotels ready for bees, caterpillars, moths and other insects to use over the winter months. All the children were able to discover God's great creation in many different ways, as well as how we should care for nature and our environment for future generations to enjoy.

They also planted a multitude of flowering plants, which soon became popular with the bees and the butterflies. Within a week they turned over nasturtium leaves to discover butterfly eggs. Much of their hard work is still bearing flowers in these darker months.

**The parish community of St Joseph and St Cuthbert, Loftus**





## NEWS



Francis with some local children in Basankusu Diocese

## Fine Story Has Happy Ending

**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. This month, a run in with corrupt officials has a happy ending...

**Most people are good, I'm sure. Put a uniform on someone, give them the power to arrest and extract fines from people – without anyone checking on them – well, quite a few would take the opportunity.**

We live next to Basankusu's gravel airstrip, so when Father John Kirwan MHM got a place on one of the infrequent planes to go to a meeting in Kinshasa, I drove him to the airstrip. We were let in by a uniformed airport policeman. The building is little more than a brick shelter with a couple of rooms at either side of a central waiting area. Father John went into a small room to pay his taxes, etc. When he came out, I was told that I could pay mine. When I told the woman I wasn't travelling, she asked me what I would give her.

I got annoyed with this airport official and told her that if she didn't stop harassing newcomers, people would stop coming to Basankusu altogether. She said I was in a reserved area (the waiting room). It was strange that the other 20 or so people were not being asked for money.

Later, leaving to go home, I saw that the gate in the barbed-wire fence had been padlocked. After waiting a while in the scorching midday sun, I slipped through the wire and returned home.

After lunch, a letter was hand-delivered from the immigration police. Could I go and present my documents? Father Stan Bondoko went along with me and I was told to pay a \$100 fine, which Father Stan managed to get down to \$85. The money would go straight into the

officials' pockets, of course.

Over the next two weeks, it got me down. How could I go anywhere in Basankusu without being preyed upon? They'll be waiting for me on every street, I thought. Arguing with them would only lead to more officials in this police state demanding money.

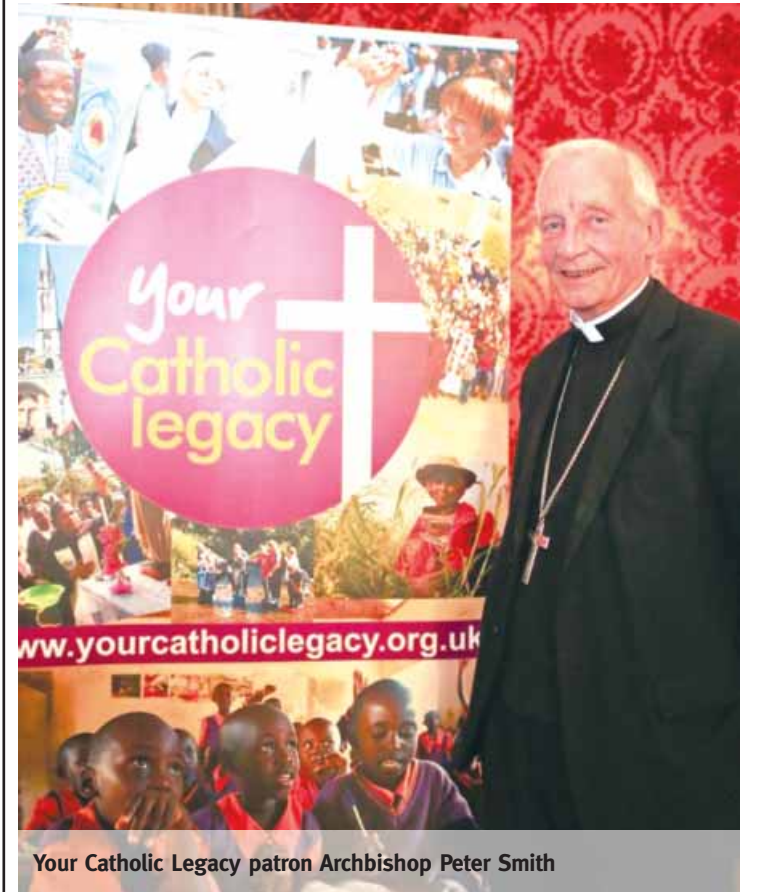
Time went by and I became involved in the project for malnourished children. The treasurer of the group, Judith, was also involved in Basankusu's local radio station, which was set up by an opposition politician. Judith listened to my story and over the following weeks sought out each person who had been involved in harassing me. She threatened to report them to their superiors in the provincial capital and to declare what they'd done on the radio station.

My work with malnourished children started to be noticed by people in the community, and my reputation grew. It even came to the notice of the corrupt officials who had devised the bogus fine.

One day, Judith accompanied me on my walk back home, but took me a way I didn't recognise. A man stepped out from his house. It was one of the officials from the airstrip. He asked, "Do you know who I am?" I replied that I didn't. He then went on to tell me that the incident was all in the past and asked if I could forgive him. I must say that although I was initially bewildered, as I continued my journey home, I felt ten feet tall. Word went around that Francis was to be left alone to get on with his work.

Over the next couple of weeks, one by one, the various people who had been involved in the incident presented themselves to me, to say sorry and wish me well. I was now established within the community.

## Good News For Catholic Charities



Your Catholic Legacy patron Archbishop Peter Smith

**A group of Catholic charities has just doubled its membership, increasing publicity for their life-changing work and showing supporters how they can help build a better future.**

The group, known as Your Catholic Legacy (YCL), was formed in 2013 to raise awareness about the importance of leaving gifts to Catholic causes in wills.

It also enabled member charities to pool resources, share skills and work together to make more effective use of limited funds.

The 13 original charities found the two-year trial to be so beneficial that they opened the door to new members this year. The group has now doubled in size to 26 members, including many leading overseas and domestic charities, as well as two dioceses.

Chairman Alastair Emblem said: "It's wonderful to have a good news story in the charity world at the moment. We want people to know what a fantastic job Catholic charities are doing and to know that they can be a part of that work long into the future."

"By including legacy gifts to their favourite Catholic causes after providing for their loved ones, supporters can help build a better future for millions of disadvantaged people."

YCL patron Archbishop Peter Smith said: "Legacies play a crucial role in funding the work of Catholic charities. No matter how big or small, a charitable gift in your will brings hope to poor communities across the globe, enables the sharing of God's love and provides those in greatest need with a vital lifeline."

## Hope For Children And Families

**It may seem a long time to the summer months as we begin 2016. We all hope for good news this year and especially the hope that we can all work together to alleviate some of the hardships facing families and communities.**



Last year, the Middlesbrough Food Bank, which was set up by local churches, saw a sharp increase in family referrals in the summer holidays. There has also been a sharp increase in families not coping due to the stress of children at home all day, with tight budgets stretched and no resources for activities and trips.

In response, Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland (TM&C) looked at what it could develop in local communities. TM&C now have Anglican and Methodist churches working together across the town to offer holiday activities in eight of the hardest hit wards, with healthy snacks and packed lunches.

We are conscious that not only do children go hungry, they also really miss out on the five-a-day allowance they receive at school, so we aim to offer fresh fruit juice and fruit and veg snacks to help with vitamin and mineral intake, which can be virtually nil for some children during the holidays.

The project is called Hope 4 Summer and is open to all

families. Anglican churches will be promoting it in local schools and community venues. TM&C are working with the local authority to promote this.

It's a simple, grassroots solution of local people working in their communities to respond to local need. The response of Anglican churches and volunteers has been fantastic. We have secured a small grant from the Church Urban Fund and local sponsorship of food to make it happen.

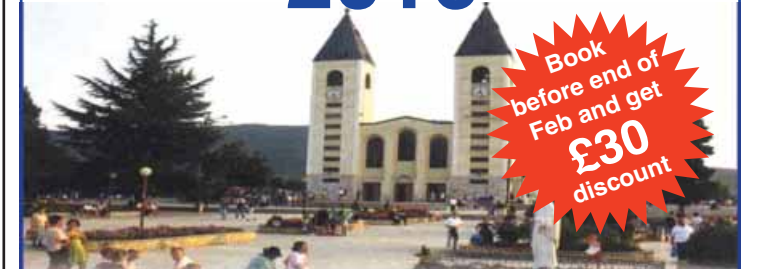
This worthwhile initiative is open to our Catholic churches and school communities. TM&C would be delighted to see our faith groups make use of this very practical programme this summer.

We would like to hear from parishes and schools so children and families in Middlesbrough and the surrounding district can benefit. Let us all make Middlesbrough in 2016 a more secure place for children and families in need.

If you have any questions, please contact John Hinman at [jnhinman@gmail.com](mailto:jnhinman@gmail.com) or Heather Black at [together@trinitycentre.org](mailto:together@trinitycentre.org) or 0744 690 8451.

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# Bungalow Partnership Spreads Its Wings

A service that supports children in crisis in more than 40 Teesside schools is celebrating achieving registered charity status. The Bungalow Partnership provides support to children with emotional, social or behavioural needs in schools including Trinity Catholic College and Middlesbrough's Sacred Heart, St Alphonsus', St Augustine's, St Bernadette's, St Clare's, St Edward's, St Gerard's, St Joseph's


and St Pius X primary schools. The charity has worked with more than 350 children, together with their families and schools, since its formation three years ago. Its team of 15 professionals includes psychotherapists, specialist teachers, play therapists, counsellors, behaviour mentors and home support advisors. The partnership's dedicated team work with

children whose performance in school is affected by external circumstances and family difficulties such as bereavement, separation, financial problems and other issues. The Bungalow Partnership director Rod Lyall hopes the organisation's newly achieved registered charity status will help it grow further into new areas within Stockton, Redcar and Cleveland and North Yorkshire.

For more details on The Bungalow Partnership, visit the charity's new website at [www.thebungalowpartnership.org.uk](http://www.thebungalowpartnership.org.uk)  
**Below: Director Rod Lyall is celebrating The Bungalow Partnership's registered charity status with his team Nickki Dickens, Sarah Atkinson, Marie Blythe, Rachael Scrafton, Ellen Brannigan, Susan Barry and Erica Winney**



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## Inspirational Book Raises Charity Funds

Stories of how some people in our diocese found their Catholic faith and other memorable spiritual experiences in their lives are featured in a new book being sold for charity funds.

*Journeys Of Faith* was compiled and edited by Deacon Brian Morgan when he was at Bridlington, partly to contribute to the costs of refurbishment of Our Lady and St Peter's that was being undertaken at that time.

Since then, the book has also gone on sale at Deacon Brian's current parish of Sacred Heart, St Bede's and St Stephen's in South East Hull. Deacon Brian said: "I've always had an interest in the faith stories of parishioners and every parishioner has one, but they don't always recognise it. This is, therefore, not my work, but the true stories as given to me.

"Many people who have read the book have been very kind in their comments and say it has been of benefit to them in their own faith journeys, especially, perhaps, those taking their first steps on the journey to becoming a Catholic. I am also indebted to the very kind parishioner at Bridlington who published the book free of charge."

The book, which focuses mainly on stories from Bridlington parishioners, has sold well in both parishes.



St Bede's parishioner Helen Holyoake, who purchased the book, said: "It's a very easy read. It is as though the persons in the book are talking to you directly."

Parish priest Father Dominique Minskip added: "Anything that encourages people in their faith has to be a good thing."

The book may be helpful to others on their faith journeys or of general interest. Copies are £1 plus post and packaging of £1.20 and are available from Reverend Brian Morgan, 15 Swift Close, Hornsea, HU18 1LD. Please make cheques payable to Sacred Heart Church, Hull.

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## Quick Quiz

### Connection question

1. Which Belgian astronomer and professor of physics is known as the Father of the Big Bang Theory because of his "Cosmic Egg" hypothesis?
2. Which composer's most famous work is also the name of a pizza?
3. Which Victorian poet's works include *Binsey Poplars*, *Pied Beauty* and *The Wreck of the Deutschland*?
4. Who was Haiti's first democratically elected president, in 1991?
5. Not to be confused with the captain of the USS Enterprise, who was the first scientist to accurately calculate the size of the earth?

### Thinking cap question

Which four words beginning with a letter "c" are used in diamond classification?



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

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The Mini Vinnies with their badges and booklets

## New Mini Vinnies Group Off The Ground

St Vincent's VC Academy in Hull are delighted to have recruited a group of 12 children to become Mini Vinnies. This group of enthusiastic volunteers are already starting to come up with ideas in school to "turn concern into action".

Jayne Wilson kindly visited us and led the commissioning assembly, where the children made their pledge and received a certificate in front of the whole school, Father Jim O'Brien and parish SVP representatives.

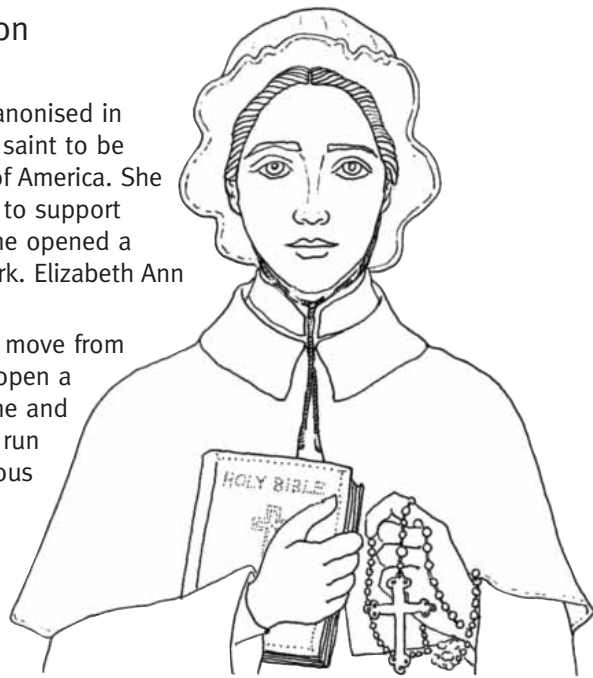
Catherine Holtby, Chaplaincy co-ordinator

## Saint Of The Month

St Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Feast Day: January 4

When Elizabeth Ann was canonised in 1975, she became the first saint to be born in the United States of America. She was a widow, and in order to support herself and her children, she opened a boarding school in New York. Elizabeth Ann became a Catholic in 1805.

A priest encouraged her to move from New York to Baltimore, to open a school for Catholic girls. She and the women who helped to run it wanted to become religious sisters, so they started the Daughters of Charity, in 1809.



### Word Search

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CAFOD NEWS

# CAFOD’S New Year Message

**New Year provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed and all that happened and to give thanks, as well as looking forward in hope to new beginnings.**

Last year was a busy one for CAFOD and its partners around the world, with so many emergency situations developing, from the Nepal earthquakes to the devastating hostilities in Syria and the surrounding countries of the Middle East. Growing numbers of people fleeing the conflict and the resultant refugee crisis is still having repercussions in Europe and beyond and challenges us to rethink our priorities in the face of immediate human need.

Responding to these emergency situations was only made possible through the generosity of our Catholic communities – individuals, parishes and schools, whose support is a continuous source of amazement and inspiration to us in our work.

There were some successes in our campaigning work through One Climate One World, which culminated in a mass rally in London that coincided with other events around the world, ahead of the COP 21 talks in Paris last month.

Hopefully, world leaders will have taken heed of the many voices raised in concern for our common home, as Pope Francis extolled in his timely encyclical *Laudato Si’*, and will respond by initiating measures to address the impacts of a changing climate.

One great cause for celebration, although tentatively, was the news that came in November, when, after 42 days with no new cases of Ebola, Sierra Leone was declared Ebola-free by the World Health Organisation.

The country then entered a 90-day period of heightened surveillance to make sure the virus did not return.

Although Liberia was declared Ebola-free in September, the region as a whole must wait until Guinea has no new infections for 42 days until the epidemic can be declared over.

The mood in Sierra Leone has been celebratory. In Freetown, hundreds of people gathered on the streets, dancing and celebrating to remember those who died, survived and to honour health care workers. After 17 months of uncertainty, people are joyful and relieved.

President Ernest Bai Koroma said: “I am deeply humbled by what the Ebola workers have done as they have succeeded in winning the battle that started 17 months ago. I am here today as your head of state to tell you that collectively we have prevailed over the evil virus.

“We have persevered and we have overcome the challenge that wanted to destroy the very existence of this country. We had to change the way we grew up, care for the sick, respect our dead and the affection we show when greeting one another.”

His words strongly reflected the reaction and mood in all parts of the country. Walking around public places such as the beach and markets, the sense of relief is clear to see. People are beginning to say “Ebola don don” (Ebola is finished). Ebola has affected everyone in Sierra Leone either directly or indirectly and so the joy felt by citizens that the country is finally Ebola-free is enormous.

The mood of the people in Kambia district, where we carried out most of our emergency

response work, has been euphoric. However, new cases of Ebola are being reported on a weekly basis in the neighbouring district of Forecariah, in Guinea, which means people are still concerned the virus may return to Sierra Leone.

Our Safe and Dignified Burials work has been suspended and we now plan to wind down our Ebola response in Sierra Leone. CAFOD will continue to seek funding for our food and livelihoods security, social protection and WASH projects.

President Koroma is now calling for a halt in the stigmatisation of survivors and a focus on improved hygiene, healthcare and economic recovery.

Kayode Akintola, our country representative in Sierra Leone, who is pictured, sent this message.

“I just want to say thank you to all our supporters and colleagues in the offices and dioceses for all their financial support and for all their prayers for this country. It has been amazing to have people stand in solidarity with this country and I want to echo the voice of our partners and the communities who have been so appreciative of all their support through the difficult period. They hope CAFOD supporters and colleagues will continue to remember Sierra Leone in prayers as we move towards the recovery phase. Thank you!”

Are you looking for new opportunities? Have you thought about volunteering with CAFOD? We have many different openings to suit most people’s availability and you will be provided with all the support and training you need. As well as contributing to our work, you will meet others who share our commitment to bringing an end to



poverty and enabling people to live in peace and security and have sustainable lives and livelihoods.

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Or why not come along to one of our “Hamjambo Uganda” volunteer days in January? Check our blog for details of when and where they will be held. We look forward to welcoming you to our team!

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## Growing As Missionary Disciples

WE ARE ALL MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19)... all of us are called to mature in our work as evangelizers. We want to have better training, a deepening love and a clearer witness to the Gospel... each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120-121

**A new year, a new beginning...**

This time last year, a report in *The Washington Post* stated that a quarter of American citizens give up on their New Year resolutions well before the middle of January.

Of course, I would love to think that we’ve got a bit more staying power on this side of the Atlantic. It is, though, over two years now since Pope Francis asked us to be “bold and creative” in finding new ways of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, and some of us might be flagging a little bit!

This January, then, could be a good time to commit ourselves to being “missionary disciples” once again. After all, at the end of almost every Mass we’re told to “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord”, so every now and then we would do well to ask ourselves how faithful have we been to playing our part in the Church’s mission of evangelisation.

Now – to be honest – on my travels around the diocese, I’ve discovered that not everyone is completely comfortable with the idea of “evangelisation” and many people find it hard to see how they fit into that mission. Perhaps, then, this New Year could mark a new beginning in our understanding of how each and every one of us is called to share in this

vital work.

Getting rid of some myths...

One of the problems with the whole notion of evangelisation is that it has attracted quite a few myths over the years. Some examples include the idea that it’s a more of a “Protestant thing” than a “Catholic thing”, or maybe that it’s a job for “missionary” priests and nuns.

Perhaps some people think you need special qualifications or permission to be involved in it, or that their contribution wouldn’t really make much difference in any case. It might even be that some of us think faith should be a private matter and that we should never discuss religion or politics with anyone!

In the next few issues of *The Catholic Voice*, I’d like to explore some of these myths in the hope that each of us will come to see that we all carry some responsibility for passing on the good news.

In the meantime, though, you might like to think of ways in which your parish could make use of our Evangelisation Fund to support local initiatives. Please speak to your parish priest in the first instance and then get in touch with me at the Curial Office for more information.

**Deacon Vince Purcell, Diocesan Adviser for Adult Formation and Evangelisation**





Voice reader Bernard France sent in this picture that belonged to his father-in-law, Neil Brady. Apart from it being taken in Hull, nothing else is known about it. Can anyone help shed some light?



Photo by Michelle Martin

## Time To Remember At St Gabriel's

**Parishioners lit candles and prayed for their deceased loved ones at the first Time to Remember service at St Gabriel's in Ormesby, Middlesbrough.**

More than 140 people turned out for the Sunday afternoon event, including many who don't regularly attend services at the church.

Canon John Lumley had asked parishioners to invite neighbours and friends to come along and ensured they were made to feel the warmth of a St Gabriel's welcome.

"The service was an opportunity for all of us to come together and pray in a special way during the month of the Holy Souls," he said.

"It was also a very successful event in terms of an evangelisation initiative and it was great to see so many people who perhaps hadn't been to church for a long time.

"Many people found it deeply moving and asked if we would hold a similar service next year. The answer is a resounding yes."

## Glowing Review For Internship Scheme

**An East Yorkshire Parishioner is encouraging any young adult interested in public policy or politics to follow in his footsteps with a Catholic Public Affairs and Parliamentary Internship.**

The Catholic Bishops' Conference is offering eight internships, four with Christian MPs, two with Catholic charities, one in their own Parliamentary support team and a media internship in Archbishop's House, Westminster.

Current Parliamentary intern Tom Burke, from Our Lady and St Edward's Parish in Driffield, says the scheme is a fantastic way to make the transition into working life.

"It gives you the opportunity to work in intense, interesting environments, while continuing your studies at a higher level," he said.

"The Bishops' Conference is hugely supportive of the interns, providing spiritual and career support throughout and beyond the scheme.

"The Conference also places you at events and meetings with a huge variety of people, from prison chaplains, to policy advisers, to refugees currently seeking asylum in the UK.

"Working in Parliament has been an amazing experience, giving real insight into how it works on a day to day basis. I would recommend it to anyone with the slightest interest in public policy or politics."

The internship provides accommodation in the University of London Chaplaincy's Newman House, a student hall housing 60 people.

It also provides personal spiritual guidance and involves studying a postgraduate certificate in Contemporary Ethics at Heythrop College, London. The Bishops' Conference also gives interns access to events and there is a trip to Rome.

The scheme is aimed at recent graduates or current students expecting to graduate this year and applications close on Sunday January 31.

Visit [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk) to apply or for more information.



## NEWS



**A sleep-out at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, raised awareness of the increasing problem of homelessness while also raising vital funds.**

Twenty adults, including Terry Doyle and other Depaul staff as well as members of Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, were joined by 20 young children from North Ormesby Youth Centre. I was pleased to take part along with two friends, Kate Gibbon and Sarah Irwin.

Early in the evening, we were entertained by our resident buskers and the children (who had raised more than £600) spoke about what the issue meant to them. We were also joined by Mark Bryant, who is a Nightstop host and also Bishop of Jarrow, before he went off to Sunderland to another sleep-out.

The Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson also joined the sleep-out and at dawn we were joined by Bishop Terry for morning prayers.

As well as the company of Storm Desmond, we were privileged and enriched by the company of so many warm-hearted people, including those who had suffered a range of misfortunes and found themselves sleeping rough on the streets in the past.

But thanks to the support from Depaul UK and the Church Urban Fund, who organised the sleep-out, they regained stability and managed to turn their lives around. Listening to their stories given with so much honesty and clarity was a humbling experience.

We came together, on a cold December night, in a very special way of welcoming Advent.

We spent the night in cardboard boxes and, despite gale force winds, we managed to sleep but woke cold and stiff. It caused us to reflect that this experience is a permanent situation for many people in our modern society, a society that offers so much to those of us who are privileged and secure but also how easily any of us could find ourselves homeless through no fault of our own.

A total of £5,945 has been raised at the time of going to press, although donations are still coming in. If you would like to support the homeless you can still give to the Sleep-Out Appeal by contacting <https://sleepout-northeast.everydayhero.com/uk/margaret>

**Margaret Hinman, Osmotherley Parish**

## Wonderland In York

Parishioners and friends of English Martyrs Players, at Holgate, York, enjoyed a magical production of *Alice in Wonderland*, mostly performed by the parish drama group's junior members.

The production, directed by the group's founder Jeff Corker, involved 18 youngsters and was very much a whole parish event, with a dedicated team of backstage crew, prop-makers, light and sound crew, musicians and a set painter. Even Father John Bane was recruited for his usual cameo role, appearing as a snoring Red King!

The drama group has been going for eight years and puts on one or two productions annually. The next play is expected to be a modern comedy in spring with an adult cast.



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## Living Joyfully Across Hull

**A mini-pilgrimage around three religious communities in Hull celebrated Living Joyfully, the theme for the Year of Consecrated Life.**

A minibuss and cars crossed from west to east to visit the Marist Fathers, Vincentian (Daughters of Charity) and Sisters of Mercy religious communities in Hull. There they heard about the charisms of each society, their international nature and local history.

The pilgrimage began with Mass at the Marist Church, continuing with midday prayer at the St Stephen's Centre and concluding with a meditative presentation on Catherine McAuley's inspiration and prayer with Sister Bernie, of the Mercy Sisters. There were also talks on Marist "catchphrases" and the Vincentian world from its foundation in 1633 to the sisters' work today in Hull and worldwide.

**Brother John McAllister SM**

## Reflecting On The Gateway To Mercy

**A day of reflection entitled Lourdes: Gateway of Mercy will take place at Thicket Priory Carmelite Monastery near York on Saturday February 6.**

The event has been organised to coincide with the Year of Mercy and HCPT's diamond jubilee. The speakers are Father Antony Lester OCarm and Johan Bergström-Allen TOC, both members of the Carmelite family and Lourdes volunteers.

There is a recommended donation of £15 per person, with cheques payable to HCPT. All donations go to HCPT Group 122, taking sick, disabled and disadvantaged children from the Middlesbrough Diocese to Lourdes.

To donate online visit [www.justgiving.com/lourdes2016](http://www.justgiving.com/lourdes2016) or text AVEM60 £5 to 70070 to donate £5 via mobile phone.

The day begins at 10.30am and closes at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

To register, or for more information, contact Johan at [projects@carmelites.org.uk](mailto:projects@carmelites.org.uk) or on 01904 411 521.



# A Controversial History In Focus

**The sometimes controversial history of the Jesuit Order was examined during a recent talk to the Cleveland Newman Circle.**

The speaker on the topic of *The Machiavellian Jesuits? Gross defamations or grey realities?* was Harro Höpfl, who was educated by Jesuits at Wimbledon College and had a distinguished academic career until retiring to Stockton.

The order, founded by St Ignatius and approved by the Pope in 1540, quickly made itself enemies – often because of its astonishing successes. Its original purpose was to engage in mission, both locally in towns and countryside, and in foreign countries (as in the case of St Francis Xavier in India and Japan) and also Protestant territories.

However, very soon they had colleges throughout Catholic Europe and beyond. Many of them were confessors or advisers to kings, princes and prelates and were, therefore, politically involved.

Because the order was so well organised and powerful, enemies tried to undermine it with accusations of false doctrines and political meddling. An infamous example is *The Secret Instructions (Monita Secreta)*, first published in Craków in 1614 and still in print.

This clever forgery claimed to be from Jesuit headquarters, instructing senior Jesuits how to acquire money and power. Over the years this document has been used to attack both the Jesuits themselves and the Church and the Papacy.

Jesuits were accused of ingratiating themselves with rich widows, being over-indulgent confessors to gain influence over rulers and laity, condoning lying through “equivocation”, advocating massacres of heretics and involvement in conspiracies and assassinations.

Most Jesuit work, however, had nothing to do



Harro Höpfl

with politics or wealth. Many Jesuits were experienced confessors, but their attitudes reflected care over “hard cases” rather than moral laxity.

“Equivocation”, ambiguous answers to those with no right to the truth, is legitimate to avoid self-incrimination under persecution. Like many in those days, Jesuits endorsed enforcement of “orthodoxy”, but not massacres. Jesuits taught only doctrines well-grounded in tradition and shared by other Catholics and often non-Catholics.

Then, as now, the highly educated Jesuits offered good education, often free of charge. Harro finished his warmly received talk by commending their contribution to spirituality.

For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle, contact Judith Brown on 01642 814977 or email [tpj.egerton@virgin.net](mailto:tpj.egerton@virgin.net). Talks are on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall. Professor Karen Kilby of Durham University will talk on *Love and Suffering* on Wednesday February 24. All are welcome.

Patricia Egerton

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Free Safeguarding Programme

The Catholic Church in England and Wales is offering free safeguarding e-learning to every parishioner. The programme covers Child Protection, Child Protection in Education, Safeguarding Adults, Child Exploitation and Online Safety and Mental Capacity. Visit <http://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/safeguarding-e-learning-programme> for a brochure and details of how to access the programme, which is an integral part of the Church's commitment to safeguarding.

### Catholic Women's League's New Project

Catholic Women's League members from our diocese will join colleagues from all over the country in supporting women's refuges as this year's charity. The project was chosen by National President Elizabeth Upsher for her final year of office. It was selected because of the Synod on the Family in Rome and is also partly inspired by a resolution on The Family from the World Assembly in Fatima. Each CWL section will approach their local refuge to ask what items are needed. Members have been working on another World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations Resolution during 2015, Drinking Water and Sanitation, through CAFOD and Water Aid. The total raised will be announced when all the money is collected.

### Chaplaincy Takes Off At Leeds Bradford

Methodist minister Reverend Andrew Atkins has been appointed as the first stipendiary coordinating chaplain for Leeds Bradford Airport. He shares the ministry with Catholic Deacon David Arblaster and Anglican vicar Reverend Richard Dimery. The chaplains are looking for more volunteers to join the chaplaincy team or the Emergency and Disaster Pastoral Support Group. Contact Reverend Atkins by emailing [rev.andrew07@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andrew07@gmail.com) or calling 07896 977 478. A space beside the Leeds Bradford Airport departure lounge is set aside for quiet and prayer.

### CWL Meets In York

The Catholic Women's League diocesan branch meeting will be held at Our Lady's, Acomb, York, on Saturday January 30, beginning with Mass at 11.30am.

### A Feast In Cottingham

The Catholic Women's League in Holy Cross Parish, Cottingham, enjoyed a fish and chip supper and a very lively quiz at their autumn feast, pictured below.



## Catholic National Library Moves To Durham

**An agreement has been reached for the Catholic National Library (CNL) to be taken into the care of Durham University.**

The CNL, which was founded in 1912 and was previously housed at St Michael's Abbey in Farnborough, Hampshire, will remain a discrete collection within the Library of Durham University, maintaining its existing title.

Once its catalogue has been integrated with the online format of the University Library, the collection will be available for study and research both by students at the centre and Durham University students.

The CNL has 70,000 volumes of books and more than 150 runs of various periodicals. The range includes religious history and biography, theology, spirituality and devotion, as well as material on culture inspired by the Catholic Church and Catholic fiction.

Professor Paul D Murray, dean-director of the Centre for Catholic Studies, said: "The CNL collections will be a major asset for researchers working on Catholic theology, history, and culture within the University's Centre for Catholic Studies."

Existing life members of the CNL will continue to have access to the collection by arrangement with the Durham University Librarian. Past and present CNL members can also borrow books through the UK Inter-Library Loan Service.

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VIEW FROM A PEW

# The Homily

Over the years I must have listened to thousands of sermons. I have been educated and inspired, moved to tears, moved to laughter (often), and moved to action.

I have felt cross, impressed, bored and delighted, and at least once, I fell asleep.

Many years ago, in another diocese, a young priest, Father Tony, came to the parish. He was very friendly and quickly got to know people. He was musical and made friends with a number of choir members.

One Sunday after Mass, he complained to the organist. “I’ve been here six months and every week I spend hours trying to write a decent sermon, but nobody, not one single person, has ever commented on my preaching! I could do with some encouragement, I wouldn’t even mind criticism, as long as I get some sort of reaction.”

The choir in that church sang in the gallery at the back, next to the organ, facing the altar.

The following Sunday, at the end of the homily, the choir members stood up and each held a card with a number on it. There was a six, some fives, some fours and threes and there was one that read: ‘Nul points’!

Father Tony looked up and began to laugh. “Well, I asked for it!” he said.

But after that, we made an effort to encourage our preachers, and often to praise them. And somehow, it seemed to us, the sermons actually improved!

Mary

# Prayers To Mark Feast Of Sudanese Saint

**Middlesbrough Diocesan Women’s Commission has produced a short service of prayers and suggested hymns for the Feast of St Bakhita.**

The feast day, on Monday February 8, is marked by an annual international conference for prayer and reflection on human trafficking, which affects an estimated 21 million people worldwide.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Darfur, Sudan, in 1869. When she was seven, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders and over the next eight years she was sold five times. She was so traumatised by the brutality of her captors that she couldn’t remember her birth name.

Her kidnappers gave her the name “Bakhita”, which means “Fortunate”. Her final owner, the Italian Consul, brought her to Italy to be a nanny for his daughter.

When the family went away on business, they left Bakhita and the child in the care of the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of Catechumens in Venice. It was there she came to know and experience God’s love.

In 1890 Bakhita asked to be baptised and received the name Josephine. When the family returned to reclaim their daughter and Bakhita, Josephine resisted and her case went to court, which upheld her freedom, as slavery was not recognised in Italian law.

In 1896 she took her vows as a Canossian Sister and for the next 50 years she led a life of simplicity, prayer and service, especially as the doorkeeper in the convent, always showing kindness to everyone.

In her final years she suffered from sickness and the haunting memories of the flogging and beatings she received while in slavery. In 2000 she was canonised, becoming the first Sudanese ever to be proclaimed a saint.

The prayers and hymns, which have been put together using material provided by Sister Imelda Poole, should be in parishes now.

You are free to use this material as it is or adapt it to your own requirements. We are sending this notice early to give you plenty of time to prepare for your celebration of St Bakhita’s feast day.

If any group would like a copy of this material



please email Catherine Rowland [cath.rowland@ntlworld.com](mailto:cath.rowland@ntlworld.com), Pat O’Connor [patriciaoconnor@ntlworld.com](mailto:patriciaoconnor@ntlworld.com) or Rita Morris [ritatmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:ritatmorris@hotmail.com)

Catherine Rowland

# Free Scripture Resource For Married Couples



**A free e-book containing short reflections on each week’s scripture readings written especially for married couples is now available.**

Marriage Matters contains 60-word snippets in response to the question “What is God calling us to through this week’s readings?”

Co-ordinators of the pro-marriage group Two in One Flesh, Brian and Maureen Devine, believe Marriage Matters will enhance the Church’s efforts to focus on marriage in a positive way.

Maureen said: “The sharing focus can encourage couples to deepen their relationship with each other and with the Lord.”

Bishop Peter Doyle, who attended the Synod on the Family as chair of the Bishops’ Conference Committee for Marriage and Family Life, has written a foreword to this year’s edition of Marriage Matters.

He said: “In the summary of their own



reflections, the Synod Fathers wrote, ‘The personal encounter with Christ through reading the Word of God together at home constitutes an inspired source of daily living for couples.’”

The e-book can be downloaded free from [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

For more information about Two in One Flesh, email [Maurbri13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Maurbri13@yahoo.co.uk) or call 01702 472848.

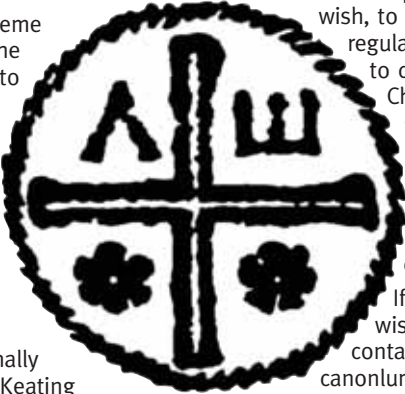
# Centering Prayer Introductory Day

**An introductory day on the ancient form of silent prayer known as Centering Prayer will be held at St Gabriel’s Church in Ormesby, Middlesbrough, on Saturday January 23.**

This method is of great simplicity and extreme gentleness. We are invited to consent to the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, and to the Spirit’s transformative action.

We use a single word of our own choosing as a reminder, when we need it, to return from the clamour of our everyday thoughts to the simple intention with which we began our prayer – to sit as quietly as possible in the presence of God.

Centering Prayer is taught and its practice fostered by Contemplative Outreach, originally founded by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating and now a lay-led association of individuals and small faith groups worldwide. The speaker for the day is Howard Nelson, a member of Contemplative Outreach who has taught this prayer practice for many years.



This one-day Introduction to Centering Prayer is reinforced, for those who are interested, by six short follow-up sessions to build on the experience. At the end of the follow-up, participants are invited, if they wish, to become a support group, meeting at regular intervals to practice the prayer and to deepen their understanding of the Christian contemplative tradition.

The day starts at 10am and will run to about 3.30pm or 4pm at the latest. Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided. There is no cost but there will be an opportunity to make a donation.

If you would like more information or wish to express an interest, please contact Canon John Lumley on [canonlumley@gmail.com](mailto:canonlumley@gmail.com) or by calling St Gabriel’s on (01642) 314501. If you wish to know more about this ancient form of prayer, the Contemplative Outreach website can be found at <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

Timetable	
10am	Assemble
10.15am	Introduction
10.30am	Talk 1: Prayer as Relationship
11am	Coffee
11.30am	Talk 2: The Method of Centering Prayer
Noon	Centering Prayer practice (20 mins)
12.30pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Talk 3: The Use of the Sacred Word
2.15pm	Centering Prayer practice (20 mins)
2.45pm	Tea
3.15pm	Talk 4: Deepening our relationship with God: ways of extending Centering Prayer into daily life
3.45pm	Questions
4pm	Close



LOURDES CORNER

Merciful Like The Father

This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place during the Extraordinary Year of Mercy.

In so many ways, Pope Francis has been teaching us that Mercy is the ultimate word of the Father expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

*Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.*

*Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.*

*Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.*

*Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.*

(Letter proclaiming the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, Misericordiae Vultus, #2)

The motto for this Holy Year and the theme of our Pilgrimage this year is "Merciful like the Father".

Some of the main focuses of our pilgrimage will be the Holy Door at Lourdes, which is the sign of our desire and willingness to cross the threshold and receive the Father's mercy; the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we receive pardon and strength to begin again; and the Anointing of the Sick, where we are given the comfort of our Lord and the courage to offer our sickness together with his own sufferings on the cross for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

I very much look forward to walking with you in Lourdes on the road where we will all learn to be "Merciful like the Father".

Yours in blessed hope



Accueil – What's In A Name?

The word "accueil" is French for "welcome". In Lourdes, during our diocesan pilgrimage, many of our supported pilgrims stay in the Accueil Notre Dame. So what is it? What does it all mean?

It literally means the place where our Lady of Lourdes welcomes and accommodates those who have taken up her invitation, given to us through St Bernadette, to visit her in this holy place.

The Accueil is not a hotel, although all bedrooms do have *en suite* facilities, nor is it a hospital, although it is fully equipped to meet the medical needs of our supported pilgrims.

What makes the Accueil so different from either a hotel or a hospital is that the volunteers – doctors, nurses, brancardiers and handmaids – who accompany our supported pilgrims, feel privileged to be called by Mary, Our Mother, to make our area within the Accueil a place of love and joy (and fun!); a place where everyone feels special; a place where everyone feels cared for.

It could just be the place for you!

Maureen McLean, Lourdes handmaid

Joining Us As A Supported Pilgrim

Our supported pilgrims, who we used to call "sick pilgrims", are always at the heart of the pilgrimage. If you would like to be considered for a place as a supported pilgrim, please complete this form and post it to...

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It is available specifically for the use of supported pilgrims in Lourdes and to aid anyone who is unable to accompany us on pilgrimage due to financial reasons.

All help is confidential and agreed by the Executive Director of the Pilgrimage.

The cost of taking one of our supported pilgrims to Lourdes is around £700 which, like everything else, increases by about five per cent per year.

The fund has been generously supported in the past and we are extremely grateful for that support – but we do still need your help. Could you give vital assistance to our work by joining the Friends of Lourdes and giving a regular donation by monthly standing order?

This can be increased by 27% by the use of covenanting, enabling the fund to claim the extra funds from the Inland Revenue. If 15 people reading this article gave £5 per month, this would pay for one supported pilgrim to go to Lourdes.

If you would like to become a Friend of Lourdes by setting up a regular payment to the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Sick Fund, please call Keith Tillotson on 01642 324043 or email keith\_tillotson@hotmail.com and we'll send you an application form.

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John Is New Head Of Hospitalité

I'm delighted to announce that John Brown has been appointed by Bishop Terry as our new Head of Hospitalité.

I hope you will join with me and wish John every success. I'd also like to thank Audrey Kirby, who recently stepped down, for her contribution in this important role.

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director

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## NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

### New Church Council To Assist Inquiry

The Catholic Church in England and Wales has set up a council to assist the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse led by Justice Lowell Goddard.

Baroness Nuala O’Loan will chair this council, which will support the numerous organisations that make up the Church and will speak with and for the Church, ensuring evidence is collated appropriately. The Church is committed to the safeguarding of all children and vulnerable adults. All allegations of abuse are immediately reported to the police and the Church co-operates fully with any subsequent investigation by the statutory authorities.

### Pope Launches Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has described the Jubilee Year of Mercy as a “gift of grace”. “To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father, who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them,” the Pope said in his homily at a Mass to formally launch the year.

### New Translations For Confirmation And Marriage

New translations for the rites of Confirmation and Marriage in England and Wales will be published in January and used from Easter onwards. The Order of Celebrating Matrimony retains familiar texts from the English tradition.

Quiz answers

Connection question:

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# Look Out For Slavery Signs

**Keep your eyes and ears peeled for suspicious signs of "under duress" modern day slaves you meet in car washes, nail bars, on construction sites or in agriculture.**

That was the appeal from Kevin Hyland OBE, the UK's first Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner, when he spoke at a Teesside conference.

More than 100 representatives of groups including Caritas, Justice and Peace and the St Vincent de Paul Society, attended at the Crathorne Hall hotel.

They promised to take action on the problem when conference chairman Margaret Clark, President of Soroptimist International Northern England, asked what they would do following the session. Promises included writing to firms employing suspected slaves.

Mr Hyland told of taking a Latin American victim of modern day slavery to meet Pope Francis in Rome when the Santa Marta group, a partnership between international enforcement agencies and the Catholic Church, was launched at the Vatican last year.

She had been rescued from exploitation in a north London house after a policeman quietly asked her, "Are you OK?" and she shook her head.

A picture of the Pope embracing this young woman has been used to symbolise her freedom and the Commissioner's aims of "freedom and justice" for those exploited in modern day slavery.

Mr Hyland urged people to use their common sense when spotting a "not quite right" situation in a car wash, nail bar, construction, and agriculture or when seeing children begging.

He surprised many people at the conference by claiming that demand for modern day slavery is often unwittingly driven by "us in this room". He said the mineral coltan is a key element in mobile phones and is often mined by African children.

In addition, many of the clothes worn by Westerners were "connected with slavery." That was why transparency in the supply chain element of the Modern Slavery Act was so important.

He reminded his audience of a quote from the great Hull-born 19th



Century anti-slavery campaigner William Wilberforce: "You may choose to look the other way, but you can't say you didn't know."

The conference also heard from Barnardo's representatives about the sexualisation of young people, particularly in the media and through smartphones.

Other speakers were the three North East police commissioners Barry Copping, Cleveland, Ron Hogg, Durham, and Vera Baird, Northumbria. Canon Derek Turnham also attended.

Musicians from the Tees Valley Youth Choir provided a well-received presentation of classic songs from the stage, reminding the participants of the value of the young and how it is their future we must protect.

- The Anti-Slavery helpline is 0800 0121 700.

Mike Morrissey

## UCM Comes To Guisborough

Parishioners at St Paulinus Church in Guisborough heard from representatives of the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) as they prepared to form their own branch. Diocesan President Hilda Carney, of St Aelred's Parish, York, told the congregation at weekend Masses about the benefits of the organisation. They also heard from Jean Rigg, UCM President at Middlesbrough's Holy Name of Mary Church, about activities there. The St Paulinus UCM contact will be local organiser Sharon Kendrick.

Brian Gleeson



Right: Jean Rigg, Hilda Carney and Sharon Kendrick at the statue of Our Lady of Guisborough in St Paulinus Church



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# Reaching Out With Love

The week began with the news that our friends Ljena, 24, and her four-year-old daughter Elira (names altered) had been awakened before first light and removed, terrified, from a Teesside hostel by uniformed officials.

No contact was permitted between them and the other residents, their friends, during the proceedings. Neither Ljena, who was handcuffed, nor those agencies acting on her behalf had prior warning of the failure of her final submission.

There had been no prior indication that they were about to be removed or that other options were open to Ljena.

There followed 80 hours in which we tried, in vain, to halt their removal from the UK, on the grounds that due procedure had not been followed for the removal. During this time, no response was received from the Home Office, or the Ministry of Justice, to appeals for a Judicial Review.

Both, we understand, are back in Albania, Ljena still in fear for their lives. She asked me a month ago, struggling with English, how one proved to UK authorities that one's life had been threatened in Albania.

While there is some understanding and reaching out to those refugees, abroad or in our midst, who are fleeing a demonstrably hostile state, there are those who criticise other incomers, seemingly here to improve their lot, their standard of living, their access to work, those who seek a better life. "Let them go home: There is no room for them here. There is too little housing for our own people. There are too few jobs. They are sponging on our state."

These beliefs are understandable and excusable in localities in which the government's austerity measures are most felt, and yet it is in these areas where refugees are often made most welcome, as though many do realise that one seldom knows the reasons why others are desperate to leave their homeland.

There are other areas, however, where these reactions are less explicable. The government's response to the human tragedy evident in the European-wide refugee crisis, namely throwing cash at it rather than accepting a fair share of refugees, sometimes finds an echo locally. "We cannot cater for them here. There are no back-up services. Our schools are full. There is no mosque. Nobody speaks Arabic in our village."

Where there is no will, there is certainly no way. And yet many want to help and cannot see how to do so without falling foul of a maze of bureaucratic regulations.

Those asylum seekers, those refugees in our midst or a short journey away, certainly offer a place to start. Contributions to food banks help both, and help those who have always lived here, and yet whose daily subsistence is also under threat. Clothes and bedding for refugee camps, as well as for those living nearer and in need, are as important, as is the hand of friendship which we can extend in so many ways – supporting help centres and hostels for those in need, befriending individuals or small groups, volunteering, replacing indifference with a smile, a word of encouragement. Love need not cost anything, and yet is transforming. Like mercy, "it is twice blessed: it blesseth him that gives and him that takes".

Only the notion of borders separates the refugee and the asylum-seeker in our midst from the poor who have always been among us. Can we allow borders to impede Christ's offer of love to others through us? We like to think we offered Ljena and Elira love when they needed it. It is still there in us, and we pray we may be allowed to offer it again.

David Cragg-James,  
Ampleforth Justice and Peace Group

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# Out & About around the Diocese

**BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2016**

**12** Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am

**13** Gives a talk on St Teresa of Avila to Catenians at Thornaby Cricket Club 7.30 pm

**20** Attends Praying Together for Christian Unity event in Durham 10.00 am

**23-24** Parish Visitation to St Bede, Marske All weekend

**25** Attends Episcopal Ordination of Bishops-elect John Wilson and Paul McAleenan at Westminster Cathedral 12 noon

**26** Attends meeting of NOV Board, Eccleston Square, London 11.00 am  
Attends National Vocations Dinner at Durrants Hotel, London 6.00 pm

**30-31** Parish Visitation to St John of Beverley, Beverley All weekend

**10 Sunday**

January issue of Catholic Voice available

**12.00 pm** Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

**6.00 pm** Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01642) 818203 for further details

**6.00 pm** Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

**6.00 pm** Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

**11 Monday**

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

**12 Tuesday**

**12.45 pm** Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Ms Diana Redburn will speak about "The work of the Dementia Academy"

**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** ASCENT Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly Room

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

**13 Wednesday**

**10.30 am** The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the Morning Mass

**10.30 am** The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet

**2.30 pm** Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

**15 Friday**

**7.30 pm** Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact: Steve Evans, Tel: 07800 697975 or E-mail: [steve\\_evans21@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk) Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>

**7.30 pm - 9.30 pm** Bible study at Our Lady's, Acomb, York. Contact: Lukasz Druzic, Tel: 07540 981429 for further details

**16 Saturday**

**10.00 am for 10.30 am** 'Islam, Peace and Human Rights' - Middlesbrough Justice and Peace Commission presents a talk by Maha Abdelwahed for its January meeting at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Concludes with a shared lunch, all welcome

**17 Sunday**

**12.00 pm** Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

**1.00 pm** The Cleveland Newman Circle meet for their New Year Lunch. Contact: Judith Brown, Tel: (01642) 814977 for further details

**3.00 pm** Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough

**6.00 pm** Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

**6.00 pm** Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

**18 Monday**

**6.00 pm** Ecumenical Gathering as part of the Churches Together in Whitby Week of Christian Unity, to be held at St Hilda's RC Church, Whitby. The Bishop of Whitby, Rt Rev Paul Ferguson, will preach. All welcome

**7.30 pm** The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Imam Abid Salik, York Mosque, entitled 'Being a Muslim in York' at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: [judith.smeaton@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.smeaton@btinternet.com) for further details

**20 Wednesday**

**7.00 pm** The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarratt Street, Hull

**21 Thursday**

**2.00 pm - 3.30 pm** 'Julian Gatherings' led Rev Gwynne Wright at St Bede's Pastoral

Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**7.00 pm - 9.30 pm** 'Exploring Prayer' led by Lenore Hill, Jill Solich, Sue Tite, Sr Agnese CJ and Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**22 - 24 Friday - Sunday**

'Silent Retreat' led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766486 for further details

**23 Saturday**

**10.00 am for 10.15 am - 4.00 pm** 'Centering Prayer Introductory Day' at St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Refreshments provided, please bring a packed lunch. There is no cost but there will be an opportunity to make a donation. Contact: Canon John Lumley, Tel: (01642) 314501 or E-mail: [canonlumley@gmail.com](mailto:canonlumley@gmail.com) for further information or to express an interest

**24 Sunday**

**12.00 pm** Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

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**6.00 pm** Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

**25 - 28 Monday - Thursday**

'Women of the Old Testament' led by Fr Andrew McCaffrey. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766486 for further details

**26 Tuesday**

**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'Introducing the Living Heritage Exhibition' with Sr Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**5.30 pm - 7.00 pm** 'The Church and the Enlightenment' (drawn from his new novel) - Ushaw Lecture in the Exhibition Lecture Theatre, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Piers Paul Read, Author. Drinks reception at 5.30 pm, lecture commences at 6.00 pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: Dr Marcus Pound, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: [m.j.p.pound@durham.ac.uk](mailto:m.j.p.pound@durham.ac.uk) for further details

**27 Wednesday**

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



**28 Thursday**

**7.00 pm - 9.30 pm** 'Exploring Prayer' led by Lenore Hill, Jill Solich, Sue Tite, Sr Agnese CJ and Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**7.30 pm - 9.00 pm** The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Margaret Jones, Tel: (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

**29 Friday**

**7.00 pm** Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Everyone welcome. Contact: Pat, Tel: (01482) 802483 for further details

**30 Saturday**

**11.30 am** The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Branch Meeting will be held at Our Lady's, Acomb commencing with Mass at 11.30 am

**31 Sunday**

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**12.00 pm** Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

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**FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY:****2 Tuesday**

**7.00 pm** The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

**3 Wednesday**

**6.30 pm** Latin Mass at the Church of St Charles, Jarratt Street, Hull, HU1 3HB

**6.30 pm** The Secular Franciscan Order meets every first Wednesday of the month at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, Tel: (01904) 470041 for further details

**5 Friday**

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

**10.30 am - 4.00 pm** 'Just Write It' led by Margaret (Marji) McAllister at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**7.00 pm** First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Parish Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Frances, Tel: (01482) 574486 for further details

**6 Saturday**

**10.30 am for 11.00 am - 3.30 pm** 'Our Lady's Bookshop' - a Day of Reflection in the Jubilee Year of Mercy and HCPT's Diamond Jubilee, to be held at Thicket Priory Carmelite Monastery, Thorganby near York. Speakers: Fr Antony Lester OCar and Johan Bergström-Allen TOC. Please bring a packed lunch. Recommended donation £15.00 per person. Contact: Johan Bergström-Allen, Tel: (01904) 411521 or E-mail: projects@carmelites.org.uk to register ahead of the event (advised) or for further information

**2.00 pm** Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture. Concludes with Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4.00 pm. All welcome. Contact: Patricia Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for further details

**7 Sunday**

**12.00 pm** Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

**6.00 pm** Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

**6.00 pm** Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

**ADVANCE NOTICES:**

**15 February:** 7.30 pm, The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Fr John Farrell OP, Prior Provincial of the English Province of the Order of Friars Preachers, entitled 'What is it to be a Christian? Using some New Testament texts to start a conversation' at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

**15-17 February:** National Conference for Rural Catholics at The Old Lodge Hotel, Old Maltongate, Malton, YO17 7EG. Contact: Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01747) 870228, E-mail: rwhm274@btinternet.com or visit [www.ruralcatholics.org.uk](http://www.ruralcatholics.org.uk) for further details

**17 February:** 7.00 pm, 'Leadership Under Pressure' - Ebor Lecture in York St John University, York, to be delivered by Colonel Bob Stewart DSO, MP. Visit [www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures) for details on how to book online or in writing, or contact the Ebor Lectures Co-ordinator,

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**25 February:** 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm, 'On Sen' - Joint CSTP and Ushaw Lecture in the Exhibition Lecture Theatre, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Prof Stuart Corbridge, Dr Mark Hayes, Dr Augusto Zampini Davies and Dr Severine Deneulin, organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Pre-seminar drinks reception is offered from 5.30 pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact E-mail: ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk for further details

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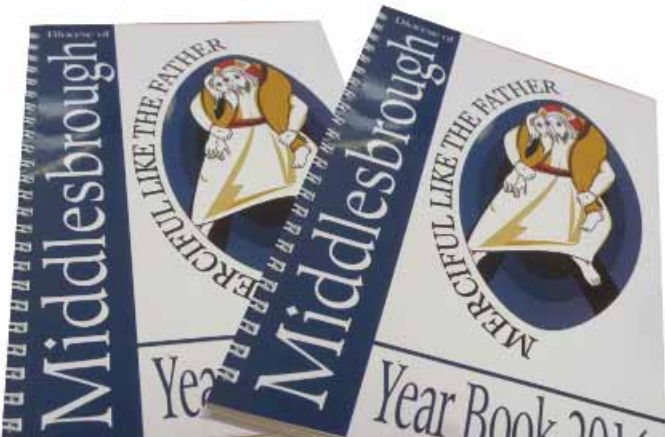
It has become apparent from the low numbers sold that the Year Book is perhaps not fulfilling its purpose as effectively as it could.

It is proposed for 2017 to move away from the current "Year Book" style, with its features and reflections on the life of the diocese, to a more task-orientated "Diocesan Directory".

Before deciding on the content of the new-style Directory, we would appreciate your assistance by filling out this survey and indicating what you would like to see in future Year Books.

To the right is a list of the 2016 Year Book's contents. Please place a tick in column A to indicate the sections you use regularly and a tick in column B for sections you feel would be desirable.

The list also includes page numbers, so that you can locate each section in the current Year Book and give an accurate opinion. Thank you in advance for taking part in this survey - your feedback is very valuable to us.



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If you have any further suggestions, please include them on a separate sheet when you submit your survey

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