

## Bishop's Column

After the penitential time of Lent and the joy of Easter, May bursts onto my scene with a flurry of activity and the promise of many exciting things. It is a month packed full of feasts, and a good sprinkling of English feasts at that. We begin with St Joseph the Worker, and you can't start the month with a better saint! Then SS Philip and James, Apostles, followed by the English Martyrs, Our Lady of Fatima (it is the centenary year of the apparitions). A few more English saints follow, St Dunstan, St Bede, St Augustine of Canterbury; then we celebrate the Ascension and finally the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a blessed month indeed.

From a personal point of view there is a lot of travel. Every other year all the bishops of England and Wales either have an in-service training week or a retreat, and this year we gather at the Villa of the Venerable English College, Palazzola, for a week of retreat. Immediately after that I will visit the other English College, in Valladolid Spain. One of my national roles is to be part of the team that liaises between the "foreign" colleges and the Bishops' Conference. So every year I have to go to the Venerable English College Rome, the Beda College Rome and the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain.

Then towards the end of this month we have the annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. So much work and effort go into organising this event. And so I would like, in advance, to thank all those who beaver away through the year to ensure that all goes well. Please remember us all in your prayer. Be assured that we will remember the intentions of all in our diocese when we visit the place of the apparition at the Grotto. I am sure you know to whom you can give your intentions

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# Hull Prepares To Welcome Cardinal

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols will join followers of St Vincent de Paul in Hull this summer to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the foundation of their mission.**

The cardinal will concelebrate Mass alongside Bishop Terry at St Charles Church on Saturday June 10 at 11.30am.

For four centuries members of the Vincentian Family have followed in St Vincent de Paul's footsteps by dedicating themselves to service towards the less fortunate members of society.

The 400th anniversary of the Vincentian Charism is being marked all over the world and earlier this year more than 40 Vincentians, SVP members, Daughters of Charity and others who share the desire to support and serve their sisters and brothers in need gathered in St Stephen's, Hull, to explore "What are we celebrating? How did it all begin?" The city's celebrations will culminate in the Mass at St Charles.

"With Hull hosting the Year of Culture and offering many and varied secular opportunities to celebrate who we are as a city, it seems appropriate to celebrate 400 years of loving service to those on the margins of our society," said Sister Maria Robb of the Daughters of Charity.

"Please encourage your local SVP group, Mini Vinnies and any other group in your parish that supports those on the margins to come.

"We're also asking that you encourage the SVP and other organisations to bring along those they serve. These are the people the whole celebration is about. As a Vincentian

Family we would appreciate your support in celebrating this unique and amazing event."

After Mass everyone is invited to the Jubilee Centre for a buffet and the opportunity to meet Cardinal Vincent, Bishop Terry and fellow Vincentians. More details will become available closer to the event.



**Cardinal Nichols crowns the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Westminster Cathedral. See story inside for more details – Photo courtesy of Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk**



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## Bishop’s Column

so that they can be carried with us on our journey.

Finally, I was searching through a book of poetry the other day and I came across this poem which I found very encouraging and amusing at the same time. Perhaps it might bring a smile of hope to your face.

An Epilogue

*I have seen flowers come in stony places  
And kind things done by men with ugly faces,  
And the gold cup won by the worst horse at the races,  
So I trust too.*

John Masefield

Yours in blessed hope,



## Reflection And Prayer At Refugee Liturgy

All are welcome to join together for a refugee solidarity liturgy. The event will be an hour of prayer, music and reflection on Wednesday May 3 at 7pm at the Holy Name of Mary Church in Middlesbrough.

A Lampedusa Cross, which is a symbol of hope for refugees, will be on show at the evening. The cross was made by an Italian carpenter using shipwrecked refugee boats in 2013. The liturgy has been organised by Middlesbrough Justice and Peace Group and refreshments will be available afterwards.

# Tributes Paid To Much-Loved Priest

Tributes have been paid to a much-loved priest whose ministry included service in Middlesbrough, Hull and East Cleveland.

Canon Bill Madden died at the age of 81 in Conna Nursing Home in County Cork, Ireland, on Monday April 10.

He was born on May 9 1935 in Lismore, County Waterford, trained at St John’s Seminary, Waterford, and was ordained at Waterford Cathedral on June 15 1958.

Canon Madden immediately came to the Diocese of Middlesbrough and was appointed assistant priest at Corpus Christi Church, Thornton, Middlesbrough, where he remained until 1970.

He was then appointed assistant port chaplain at Anchor House in Hull, becoming the main chaplain from 1973 to 1978, when he was appointed parish priest at St Peter and John Fisher, Withernsea.

In 1981 Canon Madden returned to Middlesbrough as parish priest at Sacred Heart Church and he was made a canon of the Cathedral Chapter in 1994.

In 1995 he became parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes in Saltburn and from 1997 to 2010 he also had pastoral responsibility for St Anthony’s, Brotton.

In 2005 he was elected as provost for the Chapter of Canons and in 2010 he retired to Ireland to be close to his family.

A talented footballer and keen hurler in his youth, Canon Bill enjoyed a lifelong passion for horseracing. He was also a Middlesbrough Football Club season ticket holder until the effects of Parkinson’s disease made it difficult for him to attend games.

Our Lady of Lourdes’ parishioner Liam Gardiner got to know Canon Bill when he moved to Saltburn and visited him in Ireland in recent years.

“He was a shy man who was liked by one and all, from the youngest to the oldest,” he said. “His parishioners recognised him as a holy priest who had time for everyone. We were all touched by his humility, kindness,

sensitivity and sense of humour.” Father Jack McKeever was ordained on the same day as Canon Madden and the pair remained close friends for 60 years.

“He was a great priest and a man of the people, especially anyone who was sick or in need,” he said. “He worked incredibly hard and always had a kind word for everyone.”

Canon Bill’s mortal remains were received into St Carthage’s Church, Lismore, on Tuesday April 11 before a funeral Mass on Wednesday April 12, followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Canon Dan Spaight, another priest of the Diocese of Middlesbrough who is now retired in Ireland, was a friend who regularly visited Canon Madden and he represented Bishop Terry and the diocese at the funeral.

Bishop Terry will celebrate Mass for the repose of the soul of Canon Madden at the Sacred Heart Church in Middlesbrough on Friday May 12 at noon.

“We keep Bill’s family in our prayers and we give thanks to God for his generous service to the Diocese of Middlesbrough,” said Vicar General Monsignor Gerard Robinson.

“May God bless and reward him for his faithful ministry throughout his years as a priest.”



Canon Bill Madden – Photo by Les Clark



Bishop Terry (centre) with Canon Bill Madden (left) and Father Jack McKeever (right) at a Mass to celebrate the golden jubilee of the two priests’ ordination – Photo by Liam Gardiner

# Marriage, Family Life and Us

I’d like to thank you for the feedback we’ve received about the first diocese-wide Celebration of Marriage and Family Life, writes MICKI COYLE.

It’s been great to have your support for the work I and the Marriage and Family Life committee have been doing. So, I hear you ask, what’s going to happen next? The easy answer is – lots!

Canon Derek Turnham sent me plenty of information to read before I was formally appointed by the diocese as a consultant in September 2016, the most prominent of which was Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (the Joy of love). I know some people struggle with this document and others love it. But as I read it a few things struck me and the one part that stayed with me above all was this simple phrase...

“The grace of the sacrament of marriage is intended before all else ‘to perfect the couple’s love’”

You see, I like things to be straightforward. I find it easier, that way, to focus my efforts towards fulfilling one simple idea. So, irrespective of whether our couples are getting engaged, preparing for marriage, living their relationship or raising a family

within their home, how can we best support them “to perfect the couple’s love”?

Thankfully I don’t have to come up with all the answers myself. I have a great team who work with me. They keep me focused and ask all the right questions so that our goal is always clearly in sight. We are in the process of developing a very practical plan, which includes marriage preparation, for how we can best fulfil our aim.

What we need now is your help because, clearly, no matter how committed the Marriage and Family Life team is, we are not able to achieve all that we would wish across the whole of the diocese on our own. We are looking for people who are interested in marriage and family life and its place within our faith. People who are prepared to help in small, practical ways to enable us to achieve our aim.

If you are interested in finding out more, Deacon Vince Purcell and I have arranged a number of sessions around the diocese over the next few months. It would be great to get your views on what we are proposing. In the end I would love the solution to be not my plan, nor the plan of the MFL committee, but our plan, developed, facilitated and supported by us all.

The dates for the information sessions are:  
Saturday May 13: St Edward’s, Scarborough  
Saturday June 24: Our Lady’s, Acomb, York  
Saturday July 8: Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle  
Saturday July 15: St Mary’s Cathedral,

Middlesbrough  
Each day will begin at 9.30am for a 10am start and will finish by 1pm. If you’re interested please contact Sue Paterson at the Curial Office on 01642 850505 or email reception@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk



Members of the Marriage and Family Life committee Peter and Di Wordsworth, Kit Dollard, Micki Coyle, Kevin Ryan, Canon Derek Turnham, Sue Westmacott and Harold Mozley





## Oils Blessed At Chrism Mass

**Bishop Terry consecrated the holy oils to be used throughout our diocese during the year in the moving Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.**

The ancient ceremony takes place in cathedrals around the world at the beginning of Holy Week.

The bishop was joined by priests and deacons in a demonstration of their unity with him.

After they renewed their priestly commitment, Bishop Terry blessed the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism, which was perfumed with balsam.

Later the oils were collected by each priest to be presented at the Mass of the Lord's Supper in their own churches on Maundy Thursday evening.

The cathedral was completely full for the service, with five coaches attending from all over the diocese.

The service was enhanced by beautiful singing and music led by Director of Music Tim Harrison.

**Photos by Les Clark**



## Minister Praises Middlesbrough School

**St Pius X Roman Catholic Primary School in Park End, Middlesbrough, is celebrating after being recognised for its excellence. School Standards Minister Nick Gibb wrote to congratulate them on their achievements and naming them in the top one percent of schools for reading and mathematics.**

Headteacher Peter Gair said: "We are delighted with the recognition of the hard work, commitment and dedication of all our pupils, parents, staff and governors. The whole school community has worked hard to provide quality learning experiences for the children with consistently high expectations leading to pupils behaving extremely well and making rapid progress."

## 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**

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.

**For further details, please contact:**

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Feast of the Month

The Visitation  
Wednesday May 31

The angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was expecting a baby, so she went to visit her. As soon as Elizabeth heard her voice, she knew that Mary was going to be the mother of Jesus. Mary was so full of joy, she sang out in praise to God.

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Raising Notes For New Music Classroom

St Augustine's School in Scarborough is holding an Auction of Promises to raise money for their flourishing music department.

A third of the school's pupils play in at least one of the department's ensembles, which comprise more than 170 members in total.

Music teacher Oliver Barron runs the school junior choir, senior choir, male voice choir and chamber choir, along with the orchestra and St Augustine's Jazz Orchestra (SAJO), while Caroline Watkinson runs the junior jazz band.

"The department is always looking for new ways to encourage pupils in music and to improve the facilities through fundraising," said Mr Barron.

"We have mentoring schemes in some of the ensembles in which the older pupils and many ex-pupils come back and help the younger ones become better players, which is working wonders with the standards of the ensembles."

A sell-out audience of 400 parents and friends enjoyed a recent concert and the students thoroughly enjoy being involved.

Year eight pupil Beth Metcalfe said: "I love being in all the choirs and the orchestra. It's a massive part of mine and many others' school life. It's so much fun and I love it when we perform. There are so many opportunities for us here."

Year eleven pupil Darcie DeFreitas added: "During the past five years as part of the music family I have discovered a passion for music which will stay with me my whole life."

Another highlight of the calendar is the department's biannual music tour. Over the past eight years they have performed in Italy, Malta, Spain and Lake Geneva and they are currently raising money to visit Croatia in July.

The Auction of Promises, which will help fund a new music classroom, takes place on Friday May 12 at 7pm. If you could offer anything for the auction or would like to make a donation to the new build, please email Mr Barron at [obarron@st-augs.org](mailto:obarron@st-augs.org).

Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

- Which saint, who is buried beside his sister at Monte Cassino in Italy, was named patron of Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964 and has an order of monks named after him?
- Which singer and comedienne won *New Faces* in 1975, beating Lenny Henry and Victoria Wood? She later presented the show.
- Who was the lead singer of 1990s indie band Suede?
- Who wrote *Death of a Salesman*?
- Who played the title role in the 1992 film *Chaplin*?

Thinking cap question

Name the four NFL teams in American Football whose first and second names start with the same letter.



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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# 10,000 Reasons To Believe In Our Young

**Flame 2017 brought almost 10,000 young people together at Wembley Arena to interact and celebrate their faith together – and 160 young people and their leaders from our diocese were part of it.**

Made up of young people from our eight secondary schools, plus those from Hull and York universities' chaplaincies, St Bernadette's, St Gabriel's and St Mary's Cathedral parishes, four coaches set off in the early hours to travel down to London.

Flame Congress is a joint production of CYMEvents, the events branch of the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The theme of the 2017 congress was 10,000 Reasons, encouraging the young people to be a part of 10,000 reasons to believe, hope, and pray.

Father Dermott Donnelly, chair of the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) and the director of Youth Services in Hexham and Newcastle Diocese, encouraged all present to "experience the vibrancy and hope that a new experience of Jesus brings."

Music included the community and music group One Hope Project, Jasmine Elcock and double Grammy award-winning Matt Redman.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols delivered a message from Pope Francis, who hoped that Flame 2017 would "foster a greater zeal to blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy."

Cardinal Charles Bo of Myanmar (Burma) explained the political and religious situation in his country, as well as inspiring the young people present to be courageous in making a difference in their own societies and beyond.

The highlight of Cardinal Bo's speech was the interactive use of the poem *It Depends On Whose Hands It's In*. Delegates also heard from a range of speakers on topics from refugee care to environmental.

Solidarity with and welcoming refugees was a key theme in many elements of the event. This was emphasised by the presence of a 30-foot boat that carried 37 people from North Africa to the island of Lampedusa as they fled violence and war.

During the afternoon liturgy Cardinal Nichols offered prayers for the estimated 10,000

refugees who have drowned while attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea. He then blessed Boat T06411 as "a symbol of hope for people in despair, of new beginnings, of safety and of all our journeys, as one family, united in God's love." The boat blessing was followed by readings, prayers and adoration of Christ in the Blessed Eucharist.

All present were encouraged to use Twitter, Instagram and all social media to express their thoughts, emotions and images of the event. So many young people responded that #Flame2017 was trending nationwide!

### Flame Feedback from St Augustine's, Scarborough

"Flame 3 was an experience I will never forget. From the early wake up to the late night, I enjoyed every second. The idea of 10,000 people all together, singing and shining a light to the world – brilliant!"

"Flame 3 was a memorable event. I feel like it has brought me closer to God and my friends. Thank you to all those who made it possible."

"Flame 3 was really fun. I'd love to go again."

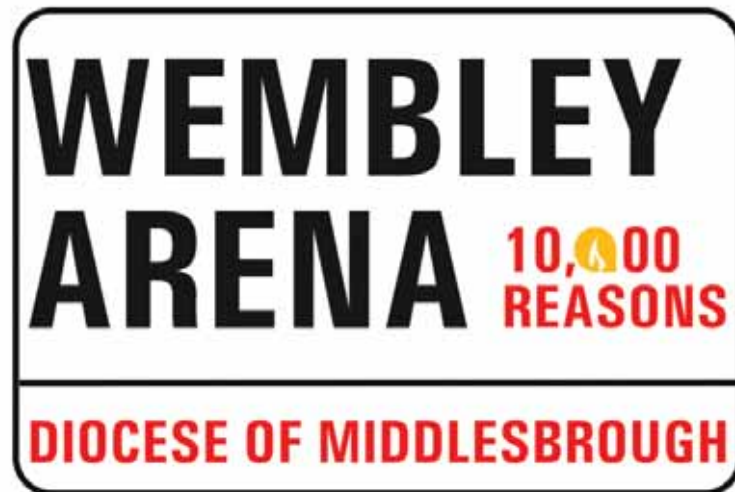
"I loved the fact that you met people that you had seen before but thought you would never see again. It's so wonderful."

"I really enjoyed Flame 3. I would definitely want to go next time. The songs are always in my mind. It was very energetic and the talks were very educational."

"Flame 3 was a great experience for me. The atmosphere was really good and I can't wait until 2019 to be able to go again."

"I really enjoyed Flame 3. My favourite part was the music!"

And from one of our group leaders... "It was so moving and inspiring to see so many young people worshipping God in such a dynamic and joyful way. We are truly blessed – thank you!"



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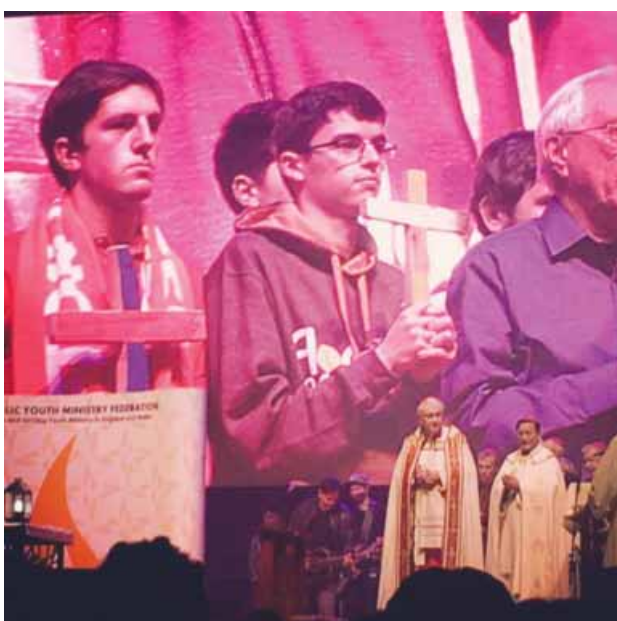
  
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# Talks Asks ‘What Is A Catholic School?’

**Cleveland Newman Circle welcomed Andrew Gardner to speak to them on “Christ at the Centre – Catholic education today”, about the purpose and need for faith-based education.**

Andrew grew up in St Bernadette's Parish in Nunthorpe and is now lay chaplain and teacher of RE at Carmel College, Darlington and Multi Academy Trust coordinator for holistic and spiritual development.

In his lively, informative talk Andrew posed this question about Catholic schools: “Are we a faith school? Or a state school with statues?” He quoted Pope Benedict XVI who said the purpose of Catholic education is for people to encounter Jesus Christ. The care of children comes first, enabling each to flourish – exams are not the priority.

Most Catholic schools in England are well-respected and oversubscribed. Andrew noted that Mass attendances are down but our schools are full – Carmel has recently increased its entry.

Why do parents choose Catholic schools? While the faith foundation is important to them, only 9% of parents give this among their top three reasons for choosing a school.

Academic standards are usually the first reason. Children from Catholic schools on average perform 5% better at year six SATS and have 5% better GCSE results than those at comparable state schools. In addition, 82% of Catholic primary schools are good



or outstanding compared to 79% of other schools.

Other reasons for choosing Catholic schools include the friendly atmosphere of trust and respect, fair behaviour policies, a reluctance to exclude pupils (Carmel has an Emmaus programme where staff accompany pupils with difficulties), and a more diverse community background.

A respect for all faiths develops social cohesion – indoctrination is not involved. Children are given a grounding in the Catholic faith, with daily liturgies and the active involvement of chaplains. All this does not magically increase Sunday Mass attendances. However, a strong Catholic ethos supports young people developing all their potential. This is active evangelisation, which may well increase future parish practice.

Andrew said impending financial cutbacks will hit Carmel and other local schools badly. We should pray for our young people and for our schools.

**For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle call 01642 645732 or email [tpj.egerton@virgin.net](mailto:tpj.egerton@virgin.net). The group holds six talks through the year on Wednesdays at 7.45pm. On April 26 Pete Widlinski and Kath Sainsbury will talk on “The Refugee Crisis”. All are welcome.**

Patricia Egerton

# Whitby Welcomes Asylum Seekers

**Asylum seekers from Teesside were treated to a day out in Whitby by members of St Hilda's Parish.**

The group of 31 enjoyed climbing the 199 steps, taking a boat trip, visiting the museum and hitting the charity shops.

Some years ago parish priest Father Pat Keogh asked parishioners to think about how they could reach out to asylum seekers. Following contacts with Mary Frankland, a community volunteer from Christ the King Parish in Thornaby, a network of supportive groups has been established.

They arrived for their fifth visit to another warm welcome from parishioners along with volunteers from other denominations.

Thank you to those who generously donated money, clothes, food and toiletries to be taken away by our visitors.

The visitors showed their appreciation by telling us how much our time and gifts mean to them, not just on the day but for weeks to come.

Liz Atkinson and Gill Almack

# Coral Services At The Cathedral

**The following choral services with the cathedral choirs and Schola Cantorum will take place at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough.**

**Sung Benediction and Vespers:** 6pm every Wednesday during term time.

**Choral Vespers**

Sunday April 30 at 4.15pm

Sunday May 21 at 4.15pm

Saturday June 24 at 4pm (visiting choir)

Sunday June 25 at 4.15pm

**Sung Solemn Mass:** Every Sunday at 10am





Maureen (left) and Kath (right) with Bishop Terry – Photo by Dom Finn

# A Fond Farewell To Maureen and Kath

**Two members of staff who have given a combined half-century of service to the diocese said a fond farewell to colleagues at a celebration to mark their retirements.**

Maureen Raine was the longest-serving member of staff at the Curial Office, where she worked for 32 years as it moved to a number of different sites.

She initially worked for Monsignor David Hogan when he was chancellor and judicial vicar and then for his successors Canon Alan Sheridan and most recently Father Stephen Maughan, all in the Tribunal office.

"Bishop Harris's secretary was a neighbour of mine and asked me to come in for a couple of hours a couple of days a week to help out, and that's how it all started," said Maureen.

Kath Gallagher worked at the Curial Offices for 18 years, beginning as a receptionist and then becoming secretary to the Liturgy and Spirituality Department, at first with Monsignor Ricardo Morgan, then Monsignor Gerard Robinson and finally Canon Pat Hartnett.

Bishop Terry thanked them for their long and loyal service to the diocese as staff gathered to toast their good health.

"Maureen and Kath have been extremely generous in their service and were great assets to the Curial Office, helping to pave ways forward in the evangelisation of our diocese," said Vicar General Monsignor Robinson.

"They will be greatly missed but I hope they will both enjoy a long and happy retirement."

# Healing Service Brings Peace

**People of all ages attended an inspiring healing service in the parish hall at St Aelred's in York. The event is organised twice each year by St Aelred's SVP and Father Bill Serplus. Everyone requiring physical, mental or spiritual healing or knowing someone who did was welcome to come.**

Father Bill spoke movingly about people having problems and requiring the burden to be lifted from their lives. Parishioners were then invited to ask for healing and forgiveness and to have faith in the Lord to bring peace and calm into our lives. They named those they wished to be remembered in our service before Father Bill anointed or blessed everyone individually.

Kath Stubbs

# Filipino Flavour For Day Of Prayer

Christians in York were delighted to welcome eight Filipino ladies to take part in an ecumenical service for this year's Women's World Day Of Prayer. This year's prayer, written by the Christian women of the Philippines, was entitled "Am I being unfair to you?" and was based on the parable of the workers in the vineyard. As well as entertaining everyone with their dancing, the Filipinos also baked cakes for the occasion.



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The latest albums to be uploaded features pictures from the Rite of Election and the Chrism Mass at the cathedral. There are also photographs from the Lourdes pilgrimage and events such as ordinations.

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## NEWS



Catenians' grand president David Rowley presents John Gough with his scroll, with John's wife Sharron also pictured

## A Letter From Madonna House

### The Tranquillity of Her Order

**"Mary, please bring *order* to this week!" (or was it, "Mary – HELP!") I was astonished when this cry came ripping out of me not too long after I arrived in our house in England. I was so taken with the various people who wanted to call in or come on retreat, that my enthusiastic yesses were wearing us down. In fact, we were double-booked.**

Perhaps it's my Protestant background, but when I'm in trouble, I usually turn to Jesus, the Father or the Holy Spirit to bail me out. But instinctively, I had asked Our Lady this time. It makes sense: She ordered the life of the Holy Family, and you can't imagine anything but peace in that household.

Well no sooner had my fervent plea shot out that day than someone rang to change the date of her visit. Ah, sanity restored! From that point on, we began to ask Mary for her assistance in keeping our home in the tranquillity of her order, especially when life became complicated.

There is a catch, though: we must accept her plan. Sometimes we sigh in relief as the schedule is eased; other times we wonder if she realises all the facts as we are stretched even more. One week we already had three men staying with us, two from different countries, and one in mental anguish. On top of all this, a friend rang about coming. We had to squeeze him in, but what a gift he was with his humour and loving spirit.

Another year, two women who had both just suffered the death of a loved one asked to come for Holy Week. "Mary, I think this might be too much pain packed into one week. Won't this compound everyone's grief?" She seemed to insist, though, and these wonderful guests found solace in each other and particularly in our Good Friday evening service, as together we "buried" Christ and proclaimed our faith in his



resurrection. I don't think any of us will forget that Triduum. I guess Our Lady knew what she was doing after all!

In these past years, I've learned in a new way to hand over the ordering of my heart to Mary. I can't think of a better guide than the one who always said *fiat* (let it be done) to God, no matter what sacrifice or trust was demanded. Surely her maternal heart wanted to cry out against the agony of her beautiful son on the cross, yet she allowed her emotions, intellect and will to be crucified as well. My own dilemmas pale before this suffering, but when I can't find a way to trust or forgive or let go, she can guide me, and together, we can stand at the foot of the cross.

Have you ever heard of the *Golden Hail Mary*? The next time someone asks for prayers, or you find yourself in need of help, just stop everything, pray this prayer and then leave it all in her hands.

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## Brother John Celebrates Four Decades As A Catenian

**Grand president David Rowley presented Brother John Gough from Middlesbrough Circle 30 with a scroll and medal to commemorate his 40 years as a member of the Catenian Association.**

More than 80 brothers and wives from provinces throughout the North East were present for the celebration at Teesside Golf Club. President John Buckton welcomed everyone to the presentation and spoke about notable events from 1977 when John joined the Catenians.

David praised John for his work within the

association, especially helping to initiate the provincial young person's public speaking competition. John thanked all who had travelled to attend the celebration and his wife Sharron for all the love and support that she had given him.

\*More than 110 brothers and guests from Middlesbrough Circle 30 and circles within Province 5 were joined by clergy from our diocese to celebrate Middlesbrough's Charter Dinner at the Riverside Stadium. Principal guests included provincial president Peter Mackie and provincial director Brendan Leer.

## A Vintage Night In Yarm

**Generous bidders raised a magnificent £1,250 at Yarm Catenian Circle's annual charity wine auction.**

Circle president Mark Dias, who was also the night's auctioneer, chose Cancer Research UK as this year's charity. Before the auction began Father Michael Keogh, Parish Priest of St Patrick's and Christ the King parishes in Thornaby, led prayers for the many people suffering from cancer.

Almost 60 people attended as brothers and wives from the circle were joined by those from Province 5 and beyond as well as

parishioners and friends. Grand president David Rowley and his wife Eileen also attended. More than 120 bottles, including many rare and expensive examples, were sold in 50-plus lots.

Yarm Circle is one of the smallest in the whole association with just 17 members but the night proved that it's a successful and vibrant organisation. They are reaching out by making every meeting night a ladies' night and ensuring that all activities are widely publicised.

## International Feast At English Martyrs

**Parishioners at English Martyrs, Holgate, York, were served an international feast after Sunday morning Mass. The parish's Teen Group cooked and served a hearty meal featuring foods from around the world, including countries the young people and their families come from.**

The dishes, including plates from Italy, Germany, France, India and Ireland, were hugely appreciated by parishioners young and old and the newly refurbished hall was packed with happy diners.

Bunting and flags from around the world decorated the room and a jazz trio, including semi-professional musicians from English

Martyrs, added to the festive atmosphere.

As well as being a huge success socially, the lunch raised over £570 for refugee charities. The Teen Group has focused on refugee charities this year and has raised £900 so far.

Father John Bane said: "We are incredibly blessed in this parish with such active, enthusiastic, caring young people. Our parishioners thoroughly enjoyed the lunch and we were repeatedly congratulated on our young people's helpfulness and politeness. And what was even better, they didn't even mind doing all the washing up afterwards!"



Members of the English Martyrs Teen Group serve lunch to parishioners



## LOURDES



## Big Boost For Hull Lourdes Fund

**Hull Lourdes Sick Fund's popular annual coffee morning in the St Charles Parish Centre raised an impressive £745. The event was very well attended and included a tombola and raffle and a delicious selection of homemade cakes.**

Parish priest Father Paul Dowling then celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving, assisted by Father Frank Gallagher and Father William Massey. Afterwards the congregation

lit candles and processed around the church singing the Lourdes Hymn, before gathering around the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes for the final blessing. Our thanks to Jean Campbell and the Hull Lourdes Sick Fund Committee for organising the event and for all the great work they do throughout the year.

**Chris Cuthill**

## Appeal For Biscuits And Cakes

**We are almost there and as ever can I make the annual appeal for biscuits and cakes for our supported pilgrims staying in the Accueil to enjoy with a cup of tea?**

If you are able to bring them along to one of our pre-pilgrimage Masses I would be really grateful. Otherwise, please get in touch either by email [chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 01642 324043 and I will arrange for them to be collected.

Thank you for all the wonderful support from all around our diocese in helping us on our way to our 64th pilgrimage!

**Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid**

## Lourdes Dates For Your Diary

**With just weeks away before we leave for our 64th Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, here's a reminder of some important dates for your dairies...**

**Saturday May 6: Day of Formation at Trinity Catholic College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough TS4 3JW**

A preparation day for our Hospitalité team working in Lourdes this year. Registration is from 9am. As the day comes to an end Mass will be celebrated in the hall at approximately 4.15pm. All are welcome to come along and join us.

**Sunday May 14: Pre-Pilgrimage Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Southcoates Lane, Hull HU9 3AP**

Mass will be celebrated at 2pm followed by an opportunity for those of our supported pilgrims travelling to Lourdes this year to come along and meet some of the Hospitalité team.

**Sunday May 21: All Helpers Meeting at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW**

The meeting begins at 2pm and will be followed at 3.15pm by an opportunity to chat with our supported pilgrims travelling with us this year. At 4.15pm we will be able to join with the cathedral parish for Vespers, followed at 5pm by our Pre-Pilgrimage Mass.

I wish you a safe journey. If you have any issues or concerns while in Lourdes, please contact me or speak to one of the Organising Committee about them.

**Keith Tillotson, Executive Director**

## Cross Unites Thornaby Christians

**The arrival of the Thornaby Churches Together Travelling Lenten Cross helped remind parishioners at St Patrick's Church of the many things we have in common with our neighbours from other Christian denominations.**

The cross was brought in procession by Eileen and Richard, from the Salvation Army, and was accompanied and received by Martin Donegan, representing the joint parishes of St Patrick's and Christ the King. Eileen spoke movingly about our shared belief in a loving saviour and reminded us that the cross was at the centre of all Christian belief. She smiled as she told us our opening hymn *Be Thou My Vision* had just been sung at the Salvation Army meeting before the short journey to St Patrick's.

Father Michael Keogh welcomed our fellow brother and sister in Christ and spoke of the great joy felt by all Christians in the presence of the cross – a sign of healing, forgiveness and new life – so appropriate for such a beautiful spring day.

The Lenten Cross

remained at St Patrick's until being escorted to Thornaby Baptist Church on the next part of its journey with the clear message that we are all one in the Spirit.

Meanwhile, parishioners at St Patrick's celebrated their patron's day in style and raised more than £500 for the church restoration fund.

The green, white and gold bunting was out as the crowds enjoyed a dance masterclass from Scoil Rince I Muir followed by music from the local musicians the Shamrockers. Father Michael was on hand to lead several songs.

**Pam Ross and Dan Woodgate**



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# Golden Celebrations In Hull

## A Century Of Priestly Service

**A large congregation gathered in the Marist church in Hull to celebrate the golden jubilee of the ordination of Father Noel Wynn and Father Clive Birch.**

Family members and friends joined parishioners as Father Noel and Father Clive celebrated Mass with Fathers Peter Corcoran, Austin Horsley, Gerard Burns, Des Hanrahan and Brother John McAllister.

Father Clive and Father Noel first met when they joined the Marist community in Paignton as novices in 1957. They took their first profession together in September 1958, their final profession in September 1962 and were ordained on March 11 1967.

Middlesbrough-born Father Noel has spent more than thirty years of his ministry in the diocese. Before he was ordained he studied at Christ's College, Cambridge, gaining a BA in 1961 and an MA in 1965.

Much of the early part of his career was spent teaching in the Marist Colleges in Hull and Blackburn. He was appointed vice principal of St Mary's College, Middlesbrough, in 1976 and was principal from 1977 to 1991. Maths was his main

subject, together with RE and PE.

He is a talented football coach and an accomplished flautist and for many years was secretary of Teesside Jazz Society. He is also a keen walker and has completed the Coast to Coast Walk and the Lyke Wake Walk, as well as walking from Hull to Walsingham with Father Michael Simison.

After retiring as principal he was appointed to Hull, where he established an innovative system of school chaplaincy at St Mary's College.

He was director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 2001 to 2009 and oversaw the expansion of the hospitality facilities. He was also regional superior of the order from 2008 to 2011. He is now a governor of four schools, travelling from Blackburn to attend meetings.

Father Clive trained as a teacher at Strawberry Hill College from 1961 to 1964 and studied Theology at Ste Foy, in France. After ordination, he taught in Winslade School, the Marist College in Hull and in Sidcup.

Father Clive is also an accomplished

musician, playing the clarinet. He helped re-found the Marist College orchestra and directed many school productions. He studied at the Guildhall School of Music while teaching, gaining his degree in 1978. That same year he was appointed director of the National Shrine at Walsingham where he stayed for six years and was responsible for the construction of the Chapel of Reconciliation. After that he returned to teaching at St Mary's College, Middlesbrough.

His next appointment was as parish priest at Notre Dame de France, the French church beside Leicester Square. He was appointed Marist provincial in 1996, a post he held for six years, serving in both Walsingham and Sidcup.

He was then appointed to Carmarthen, a new Marist community in Wales. It was at this time that he suffered a severe stroke, which slowed him down but has never stopped him from fulfilling his vocation.

He was appointed to the Marist community in Hull in 1994 and recently moved into the Holy Name Care Home where he celebrates



Father Clive Birch

daily Mass for residents and staff. He attends the Housebound Day at the St Stephen's Centre every month, where he celebrates Mass.

The diocese is blessed to have had two such remarkable and dedicated priests in our midst for so many years. We thank God for giving them to us and we wish them many more years of happiness in the future.

Chris Cuthill

## Thanks For Blessings Shared

**Golden couple Maureen and Brian Salmon celebrated their special wedding anniversary with the priest who was ordained the day they exchanged vows half a century ago.**

Marist priest Father Noel Wynn concelebrated Mass at Maureen and Brian's home parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull to thank God for all they had received in their lives.

The couple had also shared the celebration of their 30th and 40th wedding anniversaries with Father Noel's jubilees. Although they are both very active members of St Anthony's, Maureen and Brian also have links with the Marist parish as they are members of the Marist Way and both have been on many Marist pilgrimages.

The couple have two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They became members of St Anthony's parish soon after it was formed in 1974 and Brian was received into the Catholic Church in 1984.

They have both played important roles at St Anthony's and Brian is on the finance committee and uses his many talents as parish handyman.

The chief celebrant was Marist superior Father Peter Corcoran, who was assisted by Father Antony Chundelikkat, of St Anthony's, as well as Father Noel. In the last three weeks parishioners have also celebrated diamond and ruby anniversaries.

Bernard Swift



Maureen and Brian with Father Noel Wynn and Father Antony Chundelikkat – Photo by Bernard Swift



Margaret and Gerald cutting their Golden Jubilee cake with the help of their great-granddaughter, Isabella

## At The Heart Of The Parish

**Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Hull was packed with family and friends to help Gerald and Margaret Moxon celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.**

Well-wishers included their two children, Joanne and Julie, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Everyone enjoyed a delicious high tea with the wine flowing freely. Margaret and Gerald were married by Father Carroll at St Mary's, Wilton Street, on March 27 1967. They met when they both worked for the same company and have been active parishioners of Sacred Heart for many years.

Margaret has been the presbytery housekeeper for more than 30 years and is at the heart of all that happens in the parish.

Gerald has been awarded the gold medal for his work as a Lourdes brancardier and an MBE for his services to beekeeping. Both are big supporters of the pilgrimage and have been going to Lourdes for many years.

It was a joy and a privilege to celebrate with them and we wish them many more years of happiness together.

Chris Cuthill



# Fatima Virgin Tour Begins

The programme for the World Apostolate of Fatima National Pilgrim Virgin statue's visitations to cathedrals including St Mary's, Middlesbrough, is now underway.

Cardinal Nichols received, blessed and crowned the statue at a packed Westminster Cathedral.

The statue and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto will visit St Mary's Cathedral and parishes around the diocese from September 9 to 15.

This is the centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, which took place between May and October 1917. Our Lady appeared to Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who were beatified in May 2000, and Lucia dos Santos, who died in 2005. For more details see [worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](http://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk).

Cardinal Nichols consecrated England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in an act which included these words: "To you and your Immaculate Heart, in this centenary year of the apparitions at Fatima, we re-consecrate ourselves in union not only with the Church, the Mystical Body of your Son, but also with the entire world."

In his homily, which focused on the importance of devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart and the Rosary, Cardinal Nichols said: "Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a way for us to say 'Yes' from the depths of our hearts."

"That is why today we consecrate afresh ourselves, our lives, our country, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that we can always be saying 'Yes' to the Lord, with all our heart, with all



The statue begins its journey at Westminster – Photo courtesy of Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk

our will, from the centre of our being. And only Mary can teach us how to do this.

"I pray that the pilgrimage of this statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be a time of grace for many, as they honour Our Lady of Fatima in this centenary year."

The cardinal emphasised the importance of praying the Rosary in the family, which he recalled doing as a child. After Mass, crowds of people waited to venerate the relics of

Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto and pray before the statue. More than 2,500 petitions were received and will be placed under Our Lady's statue at Fatima.

If you would like to help with the visitation programme locally please email [info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](mailto:info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk) or call 07817 839 415.

**Donal Anthony Foley, secretary, WAF England and Wales**

## Pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' For Pentecost

Churches Together In England are encouraging all Christians to join together in prayer for the evangelisation of the nation in the week leading up to Pentecost.

The initiative, called "Thy Kingdom Come", invites people to commit to praying with God's worldwide family, hold prayer events of different kinds and in different places and to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Church leaders including Cardinal Vincent Nichols hope parishes, families, schools and individuals will all get involved, enriching their prayer life in imaginative ways, both as groups and as individuals.

There will also be an event in York Minster on Pentecost Sunday June 4 at 7.30pm that it is hoped will help inspire a generation to rise up with a fresh passion and confidence for the

proclamation of the Gospel.

Groups of churches, deaneries and ecumenical groups are being encouraged to get together to organise joint prayer events and activities.

Cardinal Nichols said: "Please join in this drive to pray together for the gift of God's spirit for our mission."

"We know how rich Pentecost is in the life of the church from its very beginning. That richness can be ours too – if we ask God for it."

Thy Kingdom Come takes place between Thursday May 25 and Sunday June 4. For more information and for ideas of how to make the most of the initiative visit [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global).

## A Tight Spot For Papa Gerard

**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 Francis has a brush with the wilder side of the African jungle.**

**Ferocious wild animals are difficult to see in the Congo. Occasionally, someone keeps a monkey as a pet instead of for the pot and you might see a snake now and then, but, apart from that, the jungle keeps its inhabitants very well hidden. Yesterday, though, I came a step closer to brushing with the wild.**

The sky began to darken around 6pm. The trees teemed with bright yellow weaver-birds, chattering and squealing and carrying endless streamers of grass and palm leaf to build up their nests. Darkness descended swiftly, leaving ragged banana trees and oil kernel palms silhouetted against the clear royal blue sky, with vivid twinkling constellations scattered like sequins on a velvet cloth.

People in Basankusu settled down to cook and eat their evening meal, the glow of charcoal burners and the smell of various foods filled the air.

Towards ten o'clock, Papa Gerard went to wash. He left his little clay-brick house, ducking down a little to step under the palm-thatched roof and walked across his garden. His two goats had already found a corner and were fast asleep. He entered his little area. It's just a private space screened from view with four flimsy palm leaf walls and a bucket of water inside. Papa Gerard was tired after a long day in his vegetable garden in the forest, about four miles from Basankusu. He'd walked there and back and now he was ready for bed.

He was just emerging again when he heard a

noise. He saw that the ground had been flattened as if something had been dragged across the long grass. He called to his wife but didn't wait, he followed the trail. He was quite surprised with what was there. A leopard, no less, had dragged one of his goats from the garden and was standing right in front of him, its long yellowish teeth deeply embedded into the side of the goat and its distinctive orange, white and black pattern clearly visible, despite the darkness.

"Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh!" he cried out, not really thinking about what he was saying or doing, waving his arms at the leopard as his wife caught up with him. The leopard stared into his eyes, then, without a sound, released its jaws from the now-dead goat and scurried into the undergrowth.

It happened to our cook's neighbour, so we all heard the story the next. Some were excited, others afraid – but a few decided the story wasn't true at all.

As for me, I believe it was an uncommon intrusion into Basankusu by a rare and secretive animal, for whatever reason. Perhaps it was sick, or old. Perhaps it was the leopard that soldiers had captured ten years ago, caged and fed, which had returned to a place it knew. Who knows? At least I can now say that the wild of the equatorial rainforest around me has taken a few steps closer.

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CAFOD



# School Song’s Message Of Trust

A Thornaby school called upon singer-songwriter Joe Hammill to write their very own song. St Patrick’s Primary School composed Child of God as part of their fundraising for CAFOD.

The music was written and performed by the schoolchildren in just one day. Thornaby-born Joe, who is lead singer of chart band Cattle and Cane, said: “It was a lovely process.

“I wanted it to be a song that pupils of all ages through the school would be able to learn and understand. We kept the words and music very simple, almost lullaby-esque.

“The message of the song is really simple – God has us in his hands and all we need to do is place our trust in him.”

All proceeds went to CAFOD’s Lent appeal, which this year is focused on the story of a Zambian woman called Florence and the

theme of turning little fish into big fish. As well as the songwriting, pupils were invited to bring in silver coins which were used to decorate fish marked on the playground floor, raising a total of £238.

Many more activities took place during the day, including writing letters of support to people in Zambia and prayers of reflection. Staff and children also wore a splash of blue.

Deputy head teacher James Conwell said: “We always look forward to our CAFOD fundraising days during Lent – it makes our giving real and helps the children think about the people who need our prayers. Writing the song and seeing our silver fish grow in the playground also made it fun.”

For more information about fundraising for CAFOD, visit [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).



St Patrick’s schoolchildren decorating fish in the playground as part of their CAFOD fundraiser

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# East Africa Crisis Appeal Hits £1m

A big thank you to everybody from the Diocese of Middlesbrough who has helped raise money for the East Africa Crisis Appeal. An incredible £1m was raised for the appeal in just one week and donations continue to flood in.

There are currently more than 16m people in East Africa who are in urgent need of food and other life-saving assistance. Despite the challenges, CAFOD makes sure aid reaches the families who are most in need, through the network of trusted local organisations the charity works with in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

Families face starvation because of drought, lack of food, and civil war. The UN has described this as the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. For more information about the East Africa Crisis Appeal, visit CAFOD’s website.

# York Choir Concert Success

A York charity concert raised £666 for CAFOD’s East Africa Crisis Appeal. Ladies’ choir In Harmony delighted the audience at Our Lady’s Church in Acomb with songs from musicals including Oliver, The King and I and My Fair Lady. Two raffles helped boost the impressive total.



# Join Our Humber Bridge Cross

CAFOD and Christian Aid supporters are invited to gather on Saturday May 6 for the annual Humber Bridge Cross.

The fun event allows people of all ages to walk across the bridge to the Barton side and return as many times as they can.

The walk takes place from 2pm until 5pm and will be opened by Bishop Alison White of Hull.

There will be a warm welcome whatever the weather and encouragement from friendly stewards on the bridge, as well as refreshments for everybody to enjoy.

For more information, contact Nora Hanson on 01482 802814.

# Thanks For Your Lenten Effort

Lenten lunches and innovative Lent Fast Day fundraising took place throughout the diocese last month in aid of CAFOD.

We are very grateful to all schools and parishes who took part in raising money this year and helped turn a little fish into a big fish.

They included St George's, Eastfield, and St Mary's, Filey, which raised more than £200 as parishioners enjoyed a variety of delicious soups with cheese and rolls on what was an enjoyable social occasion.

Without your help, the work of CAFOD would not be possible.

# Fishy Fundraising At St Wilfrid's

Children at St Wilfrid's School in York raised £125 for CAFOD thanks to a Lenten project organised by the Mini Vinnies. They prepared an assembly to explain the project and requested a small donation to the Lent Fast Day appeal. Cut out fish shapes decorated by the pupils and containing a prayer or commitment of care to be undertaken during Lent were displayed around the school hall.



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# Out & About around the Diocese

## BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY 2017

28 April to 5 May

Attends Bishops' Spring Meeting and Retreat in Palazzola

6 Gives introduction and welcome to Lourdes Hospitalité Formation Event at Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough 10am Confirmations at Ampleforth 5.00pm

7 Confirmations at Ampleforth 10.00am

8 – 11 Visitation to Valladolid

12 Mass for the repose of the soul of Canon Madden at Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough, noon

16 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00am Celebrates Mass and Confirmations at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00pm

17 Confirmations at St Vincent's, Hull for Polish Community 7.00pm

18 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustees at St Aelred's, York 10.30am

22 Attends meeting of NOV Board in Middlesbrough 11am

26 May to 3 June Attends annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**7pm** A journey of reflection and prayer with the Lampedusa Cross. An hour of prayer, music and reflection at Holy Name of Mary, The Avenue, Middlesbrough TS5 6QT. Followed by refreshments; all welcome. Contact Teresa\_lyth@hotmail.co.uk or catherine.m.murray@hotmail.co.uk

### 4 Thurs

**5.30pm** Ushaw Lecture: Prof John McCafferty (University College Dublin) 'Squabbling, Babbling, Feeling: What did Exile do to Early Modern Catholics from Britain and Ireland?' Ushaw College, 5.30pm reception, 6-7.15pm lecture.

### 5 Fri

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

### 6 Sat

**11am** Staff House, University of Hull, Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture 'Fr A J Storey: Influences and Key Junctures 1919-1961' an illustrated lecture by Professor Peter Roebuck, economic and social historian and Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Ulster.

### 7 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

### 8 Mon

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

### 9 Tues

**12.45pm** AGM Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull

**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

### 10 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.

### 12 Fri

**7pm** 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

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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

### 15 Mon

**7.30pm** York Newman Circle, Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York 15 May: Joe Fitzpatrick, former Inspector of Schools, theologian and author: 'Augustine and the doctrine of original sin'

### 2 Tues 7pm

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

### 3 Wed

**10.30am-2.30pm** Day of Reflection, (organised by Life Ascending) in the Fr Kelly Room at Our Lady's Church, Acomb. The day will be led by Sister Lindsay Spendelow, Sister of Mercy. Registration and tea/coffee 10.30am; please bring food for a shared lunch. Suggested donation is £6.

**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



**17 Wed**

**7.30pm** Cleveland Newman Circle AGM and supper, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW

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

**18 Thurs**

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

**19 Fri**

**7.30pm** Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact Steve Evans, tel 07800697975 or e-mail: steve\_evans21@tiscali.co.uk. Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>

**20 Sat**

**7.30pm** Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Michael Coyne), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

**21 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** May procession, St Vincent's parish, Hull. Weather permitting it will feature an outdoor procession followed by the crowning of a statue of Our Lady in church. Children wishing to take part in the procession can meet from 2pm at St Vincent's Academy. All are welcome. Further information from catherineholtby@yahoo.co.uk

**3pm** Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Francis, Acklam Road

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

**25 Thur**

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

**26 Fri**

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

**28 Sun**

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**31 Wed**

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

**1.30pm** The Visitation; 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

**First week of June****4 Sun**

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**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

**10 June** 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.

**18 June** Catholic Fellowship Mass, 3pm. Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road

**19 June** York Newman Circle AGM followed by talk by Fr Peter Phillips, Diocese of Shrewsbury, theologian and historian 'Humanae Vitae and the English Bishops'

**24 June** SVP National Conference, Liverpool Cathedral for SVP members and supporters to attend. Everyone is welcome to this Northern Pilgrimage. Coach leaves York at 9am, contact Angela Breffit for information on 01904 426666 or e-mail angelabreffit@btinternet.com before 30 April.

**27 June** – Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 1.30pm Rosary, 2pm Mass, the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

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# Farewell To Our Sisters

**St Thomas More Church in Beechwood, Middlesbrough, was packed to capacity for a thanksgiving Mass for the Daughters of Mary and Joseph.**

Bishop Terry was the main celebrant with ten priests from surrounding areas concelebrating. As we celebrated 48 magnificent years of the DMJs we remembered those who had passed away, the latest being Sister Anne Jordan, who died recently after coping courageously with a long illness.

Over the years the sisters have been a great source of strength and inspiration in our parish. Whether working in the church, school, hospital, nursing homes or the parish community, they were always available with considerable support, help, love and care to anyone in need. A presentation was made to Sister Dymphna Dineen from the children of our school, followed by a reception buffet in our hall.

It all began in 1969 when Father Lovelady invited the DMJ sisters to Middlesbrough and a convent was built in the grounds of St Thomas More's Church. The DMJs rapidly became an integral part of life in and around the parish.

We wish Sister Dymphna, who has served us since 1993, every happiness and good health in pastures new. All the sisters will be dearly missed but will always remain in our hearts.

**Terry Gallagher**

The parishes of Scarborough and Eastfield gathered to celebrate with a thanksgiving Mass and farewell buffet for the Daughters of Mary and Joseph.

Their dedication was rewarded by the parishioners' heartfelt thanks, the order having generously given their lives to teaching and caring for generations of local girls at the convent in Scarborough, as well as the children of St Peter's and St Georges.

Sister Dymphna and Sister Agnes attended, to the joy of past pupils and staff, and gifts were presented as an expression of appreciation.

**Jennie Eyre**

\*Bishop Terry celebrated a thanksgiving Mass for the work of the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) congregation at the cathedral on Saturday April 1. We'll have a full report and pictures in next month's Voice.



Sister Dymphna receives a presentation from children at St Thomas More's

## Quiz Answers

### Connection question

1. St Benedict 2. Marti Caine 3. Brett Anderson 4. Arthur Miller 5. Robert Downey Junior.

**Connection:** Actors who have played Sherlock Holmes (Benedict Cumberbatch, Michael Caine, Jeremy Brett, Johnny Lee Miller and Robert Downey Junior).

### Thinking cap question

Jacksonville Jaguars, Seattle Seahawks, Tennessee Titans and Buffalo Bills.

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