

Bishop's Column

I heard someone say the other day that being born is a "terminal condition"! Death is certainly not a topic that most of us willingly include in daily and normal conversation. But when all is said and done it is a natural part of life. For most of us, thank God, the gap between being born and the end of life is a good long time. During our lives, we grow and develop relationships with our family, we make friends and become close to many people and this is why it is not easy to either talk about separation or contemplate the ultimate separation. It is hard, and can weigh so heavily on our minds that the only way we can cope with it is by pushing it far away from us and never thinking about it.

Our faith tells us that death is not the end. The central point of our belief is that Jesus Christ died and rose again and in his death and resurrection death is finally overcome and life, eternal life, is offered to all of us. Right from the time of the Old Testament we see the tradition of praying for the dead slowly growing and developing right up until today.

We are now in the month of the "Holy Souls". It is our tradition to pray for and remember those "who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace." We ask the Lord to "grant them, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace". (Eucharistic Prayer I)

When we pray, any prayer, any time, we are joining our prayer to the eternal prayer of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is eternally interceding for us before the Father. And so whenever we pray we join that eternal prayer. In a mystical but real way, our prayers now are efficacious for all those who have died, those who have gone before us. Even though our loved ones may have died many years ago, through joining our prayers to those of Jesus our prayers have an eternal quality, and our "now" becomes, in Jesus, the hour of their death. So it is good to have the Month of the Holy Souls, it is good to have the Commemoration of All Souls on November 2.

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity." - Pope Francis

Catholic Voice Advent Appeal 2016



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"Let it not be said that I was silent when they needed me." We can be disheartened that the words written by William Wilberforce in the 18th Century are still relevant today.

Sister Imelda Poole, European President of RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation), recently gave a talk at Christ the King, Thornaby, on this organisation's work.

RENAME is now represented in 26 European countries, a number which is expected to grow.

We are all too aware of the vast contribution religious make to so

many social causes across the world. RENATE is unique in that it is a European-wide network. Its efforts at grassroots level are changing the lives of those who are trafficked and exploited.

One of the very practical features of RENATE is that it is a membership organisation, with members drawn from congregations, missionary societies and laity, who strive to bring real change to the scourge of modern-day slavery.

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A Special Voice Appeal For Advent

We are inviting you to support our work this Advent by helping to fund anti-trafficking projects. You can read about the great work undertaken by RENATE on its website, www.renate-europe.net. It's heartbreaking to read that human trafficking affects more than 12 million people in Europe and nearly 70% of the victims are female with many being under the age of 18. RENATE has a clear spiritual vision: "All people are created in the image of God. We, the religious of Europe, believe in a world where everyone has a right to human dignity. Human dignity cannot be compromised, therefore we labour to free the world from trafficking and exploitation."

The following case study is typical of the work of RENATE:

Zamira comes from a dysfunctional family in Kosovo. Her father is unemployed, drinks raki and beats his wife. Zamira cannot wait to leave home. A woman offers to get her an overseas work permit. She promises a job, stamped papers and a way out of her misery. An illegal taxi drives her with two other girls to the airport in Prishtina and soon they are in another country. But her dreams do not come true. The girl is sold on to another trafficker who drugs and rapes her, forcing her, with threats to her family, to do what he says. She makes a lot of money through forced labour and she does not see any of it. She eats little. Zamira ended up in a shelter for rescued trafficked victims and is now denouncing her trafficker. We do not know whether she will receive real justice or whether the trafficker will be caught. The fact is that it seems to be so easy today for a trafficker to sell human beings over and over again. Why is this on the increase?



Sister Imelda Poole

Pope Francis calls it a scourge in today's world, a wound in the side of humanity. Will we join the Holy Father in helping to eliminate this crime, which destroys millions of peoples' lives and stains our history with inhumane and inconceivable horror?

The work of RENATE is broad and thorough in that it also looks at the roots of the problem. For RENATE, research and campaigning are just as important as project development and fundraising.

You can turn your Christmas event into a fundraiser for RENATE by asking your parishioners to make a real team effort. You could also ask for donations for RENATE in lieu of Christmas

presents. If you are in an office or shop, ask your colleagues to each bring one grocery or seasonal item and make up a collective Christmas hamper to raffle.

Sister Imelda urged everyone at Christ the King to consider they were ambassadors for the trafficked and exploited and that we should use our forums, meetings and political and government contacts to keep this tragic issue to the forefront.

In the meantime, please give some consideration to an Advent Gift for the great work RENATE is undertaking across Europe to end modern-day slavery.

Please send donations made payable to "RENAME" to John Hinman, RENATE Member, Aikriggs, 19 Church Lane, Swainby, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 3EA. Your donation can also be gift aided – please include your full address and postcode.

Sister Imelda Poole, IBVM (Loreto), president, and John Hinman, member, RENATE EUROPE

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Religious in Europe Networking
Against Trafficking and Exploitation

Ending Trafficking Begins with YOU
"Human Trafficking is shameful for our society that calls itself civilised"

RENAME

Diocese of Middlesbrough

ITALY –San Giovanni Rotondo and Assisi
Pilgrimage led by Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey
Monday 5 June – Friday 9 June 2017

5 JUNE: MONDAY We fly from Leeds Bradford airport at 07.30 to Naples arriving at 11.30, where we are met by a representative and transfer to Pietrelcina, the village where Padre Pio was born. Visit the Convento dei Frati Minori Capuccini (with the museum dedicated to the Saint), Padre Pio's house, Chiesa di Santa Maria degli Angeli, Chiesa di Sant' Anna and ancient village. Possibility to have lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon depart to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight.

6: JUNE TUESDAY All the day is dedicated to the visit of the places tied to Padre Pio's life and activity : Convento dei Frati Minori (with the original cellar of the saint),Chiesetta di Santa Maria delle Grazie,Chiesa Maggiore di Santa Maria delle Grazie,Nuova Chiesa di Padre Pio. Time to purchase Lunch. (or to attend Mass) In the afternoon transfer to Monte Sant' Angelo to visit the Sanctuary dedicated to St Michele the archangel, where Padre Pio had the famous "appearance". Dinner and overnight.

7: JUNE WEDNESDAY After breakfast transfer to Assisi, on route we have time to stop for lunch. In the afternoon we arrive to Lower Assisi to enjoy a guided visit of the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli, including the Porziuncola. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

8 JUNE THURSDAY In the morning we are joined by a guide for the morning, and are transported by minivans to visit St Francis's hermitage where we enjoy the peace of the surrounding countryside. We then continue on to visit San Damiano. Finally we are transported to visit the Basilica of St Clare where the minivans leave us to then leisurely stroll down to the Basilica of St Francis and in turn back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

9 JUNE: FRIDAY We have an early start at 06.00 for our 3 hour transfer to Pisa airport for our 11.40 flight arriving at Leeds Braford at 13.10. (Flight times may change)

Pricing Information

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✓ Lunches

✓ Single room supplement at £100.00 (subject to availability)

✓ UK airport Transfers

✓ Gratuities and City Taxes

I wish to confirm ____ place(s) on the 5 day Pilgrimage to Italy departing on Monday 05 June – Friday 09 June 2017. I understand the information recorded on this registration form will be used by Kath Gallagher as co-ordinator to compile and submit documentation which will be used by the airline, coach operators, hotels and ground service staff as applicable for the confirmation of services required. I enclose my/our deposit(s) for £_____(£260 per person payable to "Tours for Churches") and a copy of my/our passport(s). *Please note that Names MUST BE AS PER YOUR PASSPORT, Any changes will incur additional charges.

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Mandela's Bodyguard Speaks At Study Day

Bishop Terry held his annual Bishop's Schools Study Day for all head teachers, chairs of governors and parish priests working across the diocese.

He opened the conference by thanking all those involved in education for the work they do in supporting him as first educator for the diocese and in spreading the good news every day to more than 17,700 young people and their families.

The keynote speech was given by Chris Lubbe, a prominent figure in the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, where he acted as bodyguard to Nelson Mandela.

Chris' insight into the world into which he was born and the struggles he and his family endured was deeply moving.

He also spoke of his role in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that developed in South Africa and how he was able to forgive and form new friendships with those who had treated him and his family very badly under the apartheid regime.

In this Year of Mercy, Chris showed us all how forgiveness and reconciliation can be achieved in the most trying of circumstances and asked us to reflect on his story and how we could ensure mercy was lived out within our own lives.



Chris Lubbe with Bishop Terry

CAUSE Launches Hamper Campaign

Catholics Against Unemployment and Social Evils (CAUSE) would like to remind all its kind donors that the time has come to launch the annual appeal to provide Christmas hampers for needy families. If you can spare just a little, it will go a long way and be greatly appreciated. Cash donations, or cheques made payable to CAUSE, can be sent to Pat Wilson (Treasurer), c/o Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Middlesbrough TS5 6QT. CAUSE would also be grateful for help with deliveries or any other assistance. If you have time to spare and would like to help, please contact co-ordinator Pat McBride on 01642 310854.

Voluntary Role Available With SVP

Are you a retired teacher or head teacher or are you approaching retirement from such a role? A part-time, flexible, voluntary role is available with the St Vincent de Paul Society as a Young Vincentian development officer.

Full training will be given, as well as excellent resources. Following the very successful Mini Vinnies programme in primary schools, we are now promoting Youth SVP (11-to-14) and SVP B-Attitude (15-to-18).

The SVP is developing its youth outreach and supporting young people to turn their Christian faith into charitable service. For more information contact Kathy Warrick by email at kwarrick39@hotmail.com or visit <http://svp.org.uk>.

Catholic Family Boosts Oscar's Freedom Fund



Photo by Michelle Maddison, courtesy of the Evening Gazette, Middlesbrough.

The Catholic community in Middlesbrough are playing their part in helping a severely disabled six-year-old gain his independence.

Oscar Phillips was born with cerebral palsy and paraplegia and currently has to be pushed around in his manual wheelchair or carried.

Now his family have launched an appeal to buy a specially designed powerchair that will set him free for the first time.

Oscar's one good hand will enable him to operate the £22,141 SnapDragon chair to get around and even move up and down using its revolutionary forklift truck-style mechanism.

Although doctors don't think he will ever be able to talk, Oscar is a clever and happy little boy whose infectious laugh makes him popular wherever he goes.

"He's very, very bright and he always has a smile on his face," says mum Charlie, 30. "He can make himself understood and is always looking to get a conversation out of somebody."

His condition was caused by a porencephalic cyst and became apparent when he was about nine months old and wasn't developing as he should have.

"He's much worse on his left side than on his right," says Charlie. "His limbs are very stiff and he has a very weak core and struggles to keep his head up."

Dad Richard, 32, added: "Part of his brain is damaged but as he's developing it's working out ways of working around the damaged parts, so he could be using areas that nobody else would and he's learning that he can do things."

Charlie, Richard, Oscar and his two-year-old brother, Freddie, all visited Lourdes two years ago as part of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage music director Mary Lombard helped look after Charlie's disabled brother, Jamie Foster, in Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship many years ago.

Jamie died when he was only five years old but Mary stayed in contact with the family and when Charlie was born a few years later they asked her to be godmother.

It was Mary's idea for the family to go to Lourdes and they all benefited from the experience.

"Mary told us Oscar would shine brighter than all the candles in Lourdes," smiled Charlie, who went to Lourdes

with her school, Newlands. "The whole family loves Lourdes. It's my favourite place in the world."

"We had people fighting over who would look after him while we were there!" said Richard. "We'd love to take him back. It's hard to try to explain, you have to go to experience it, it's incredible."

"They managed to raise funds so we could go as a family, Oscar, Freddie, Charlie and me. Oscar absolutely loved it – we all did."

This year he went away for a summer break with the Catholic Fellowship and Mary's daughter, student nurse Eloise, helped look after him.

"Eloise messaged me afterwards and said she'd been doing Makaton sign language with Oscar and he was really good at it," said Charlie. "That came as a lovely surprise to us. He's been learning it at school but we didn't know he understood it. We're going to have to learn it now!"

"I think Oscar benefits from the Fellowship community just as much as he did from going to Lourdes. He goes to playgroup on a Saturday morning and they all fight over him – he gets all the girls!"

The chair is made in Cambridge by not-for-profit company Dragonmobility, run by Dan Everard, who first began inventing elevating powerchairs for his own daughter, Ruth.

It will last Oscar for five years and the price includes all servicing and repairs during that time.

Oscar tried the chair out during a demonstration at his home and it was instantly clear how much it will transform his life.

"He's got excellent motor skills on one hand," said Richard. "Seeing him able to move and do what he wanted to for the first time made us all feel emotional – and determined to do everything we can to buy the chair for him."

Friends and family have already raised £2,000 for the cause in just a few months, boosted by sponsorship from the Roseberry Topping and Ben Nevis adventures.

A grateful client of Macks Solicitors donated a further £1,000 to thank the local firm for acting *pro bono* for them in a successful legal action.

"We so grateful to all the people who are helping Oscar and we just can't thank them enough," said Richard.

To donate, visit Oscar's Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlotte-phillips20>



Oscar tries out the SnapDragon powerchair.

Success For Newman Fest

A huge thank you to everyone who helped, promoted or supported Newman Fest 2016 in any way. I am thrilled to announce that the event raised £1,785 in total, which equates to almost six fully-funded children's holiday places.

The Newman Holiday Trust strives to ensure that the most deserving children are afforded a holiday that will change their lives for the better. We will ensure the money raised from the event will go towards doing just that.

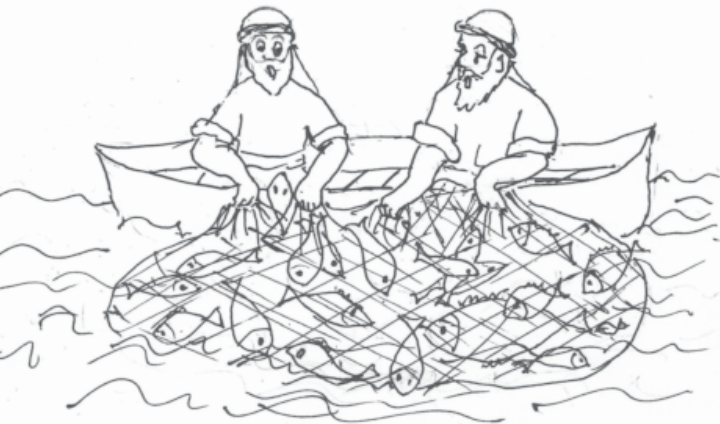
Alex Bury, Newman Holiday Trust volunteer and organiser of Newman Fest 2016

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Saint of the Month

St Andrew

Wednesday November 30

St Andrew the Apostle was the brother of St Peter and they were both fishermen. They once fished all night without catching anything. Jesus told them to lower their nets again and they caught so many fish that their nets were breaking and they had to call on their friends to help bring in the catch. Jesus told them they would become “fishers of men”, leading people to God. St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. The Scottish flag has his cross on it – a white X on a blue background. St Andrew’s cross is also part of the flag of the United Kingdom.

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Pearl Of Africa Children’s Choir Visit Thornaby

St Patrick’s Catholic College recently welcomed the Pearl of Africa Children’s Choir back into their school for a return visit. Part of the Pearl of Africa Childcare Foundation, the choir travels from Uganda to the UK to raise funds for education, healthcare, food and shelter in the Kampala and Masaka districts. It consists of children aged from five to 18. Nothing but joy permeates the whole school during the choir’s visit. Beginning the day with a performance for the students, followed by traditional drumming, singing, and dance workshops (with a spot of football in between), the college was filled with life.

After spending the day with students across the Our Lady of Light Catholic Academy Trust, we had a full house at St Thérèse of Lisieux Church as the choir performed for the community. More than £2,000 was raised, which will help keep the foundation alive, offering orphaned and destitute children a better start in life and the chance of a brighter future.

Elizabeth Sanders



Hull’s St Thomas More Primary Opens Its Doors

St Thomas More Roman Catholic Primary School in Hull is currently enrolling into all year groups, including its brand new nursery for three- and four-year-olds, with free funding available. Through the school’s federation with St Mary’s College, all children attending St Thomas More before Year 6 will have the opportunity to continue their education at a consistently outstanding secondary school. Applications are also open for children starting primary school for the first time in September 2017. Hull families

can apply for a primary school place using the online application form which is available on the Hull City Council Citizen Portal (https://emsonline.hullcc.gov.uk/citizenportal_live). If you live outside the city but want a place at a Hull school, you must apply using your home authority’s online system or form. The online application service is available until Monday 16 January 2017. Parents are welcome to visit St Thomas More at any time.



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Ged’s Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

- 1. Which 1984 film starred Robin Williams as an Eastern Bloc concert musician who defects in Bloomingdale’s department store in New York City?
- 2. How is the vegetable *Brassica Oleracea* better known?
- 3. Which alliteratively-named footballer won the 1997-98 Premier League Golden Boot? He won four England caps and played for Norwich City (twice), Cambridge United, Manchester United, Coventry City, Millwall, Aston Villa, Leicester City and Celtic.
- 4. Which composer, born with the given name of Israel in Russia 1888, wrote *God Bless America* and *There’s No Business Like Showbusiness*?
- 5. Which popular poultry dish was believed to have been created at the Russian Merchants’ Club in the early 20th Century?

Thinking cap question

Which five Monopoly properties have a single word title?

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

SCHOOLS

Youngest Student Leads St Michael's Day Procession

Students from All Saints School in York took part in a 300-year-old tradition when they walked in the annual procession in honour of St Michael at the Bar Convent.

The event took place on Wednesday September 28, the Eve of the Feast of St Michael The Archangel.

In around 1696 an attempt was made by a mob to destroy the Bar Convent and so most of the children were sent away for safety. The relics were hidden while the community waited for whatever might happen that night. Reverend Mother Bedingfield took the picture of St Michael which hung above the convent door and placed the convent under his protection.

Those in the house opposite described how they saw a tall person on a white horse brandishing a sword above the convent. The

mob retreated back down Micklegate leaving the convent and its occupants unharmed.

The procession began in the hall of the Bar Convent, with Sister Anne retelling the story. As we sang the first hymn, Gwen Spavin, the youngest student in the school, upheld tradition by leading the procession while carrying the picture of St Michael to the Chapel.

Loumiya Suresh and Joseph Hawkshaw carried candles behind her. The rest of the students followed the procession to the chapel, where they sang and listened to the prayers of intercession.

It's wonderful that the school is able to continue to support its links to the Bar Convent by taking part in this great tradition.

Elaine Wright, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator



Bishop's Fruitful Visit To St Peter's

Bishop Terry told Year 11 students about the importance of "bearing much fruit" during a visit to St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy in South Bank, Middlesbrough.

He began by praying with them and for them as they gear up for the most challenging academic year of their school careers to date. He then spoke about the theme of the assembly, inspired by the Gospel of John.

The School Council were delighted to have the opportunity to meet the Bishop and were impressed by his gardening expertise as he ceremoniously planted an apple tree in the school gardens to commemorate his visit.

He advised the students that growth involves

a period of darkness and apparent inactivity, so that roots can take hold and burst into life; a metaphor for spiritual and personal growth which was later reflected upon.

Year 7 students competed in a "Great Bishop's Bake-Off" event, with Bishop Terry judging their culinary skills. The students involved in the Faith in Action Award scheme prepared and led a liturgy for Year 7 with the theme of the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit".

The students were thrilled to meet Bishop Terry and look forward to spending time with him again soon – possibly in Lourdes this May.

Amy Glanville, Head of Religious Studies



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Long Service Recognised At Education Masses

Hundreds of teachers and parents from diocesan schools gathered to hear Bishop Terry celebrate his annual Education Masses in York, Hull and Middlesbrough.

The Masses welcome in the new academic year while also recognising the achievements of those who have recently retired from

working in schools and academies across the diocese.

The bishop presented Episcopal Blessings to 24 retiring teachers, support staff and governors who together contributed an amazing 301 years of service to Catholic education.



The Education Mass in Middlesbrough



Vick Klays, Helen Bickley, Bishop Terry, Jane Vaughan and Maria Fox at the York Mass



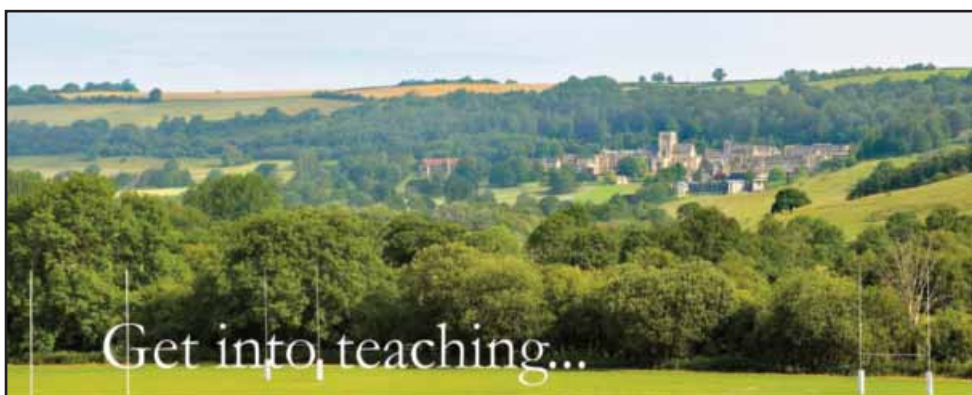
Carmel Hardy, Helen Plowman and Maria Bowers with Bishop Terry in Hull



Retiring diocesan inspector Andy Turner with the Bishop in Hull



Bishop Terry with John Rossi, Liz Burke, Cath Murray, Carol Reason and Cath O'Neill at the Middlesbrough Mass



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All Change For Lourdes 2017

A referendum was held on Thursday 23 June to decide whether the UK should leave or remain in the European Union. Leave won by 52% to 48%. The turnout was 71.8%, with more than 30 million people voting.

Why do I mention this? As a result of the change or not as a result of the change, the exchange rate for the pound to the euro has reduced. In October 2015, when we fixed prices for our 2016 pilgrimage, the pound was worth 1.358 euros. As we stand today it is worth 1.14 euros, a decrease of approximately 16%.

What does this mean? As we planned our pilgrimage for 2016 we negotiated the best value we could and last year this was offered by Tangney Tours, using a Spanish airline and, of course, Lourdes hotels, all of which were priced in euros. If we remained in this situation this would mean an immediate increase in prices of 16%, assuming no change in the agent's profit margin. Bearing this in mind and considering all other factors, we needed to address this issue.

In the past few weeks discussions have taken place with Tangney Tours and Joe Walsh Tours. These included negotiations over price and service offering to achieve best value for our pilgrims.

Following on from these talks, discussions have also taken place with Bishop Terry. As a result of this process we believe we have secured the best possible package and the decision has been made to appoint Joe Walsh Tours as our preferred operator for our 2017 pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Booking forms and information will be available as soon as possible. I hope you join with me in thanking Tangney Tours for their past commitment to our pilgrimage.

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director

A message from David Walsh of Joe Walsh Tours...

"I would like to develop a long-term relationship between Joe Walsh Tours and the people who organise the Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes Pilgrimage and I would like to think that we would be judged on our performance each year.

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"We feel they would also give a very strong endorsement to our pricing, where increases, if any, have been nominal. I understand that this reassurance will be very important to the organising committee of the Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes Pilgrimage.

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Mediterranee	£659	£669	£670	
St George	£659	£669	£649	
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Keith Tillotson, Executive Director



Tea Party Thanks

A huge thank you to all of those who came along to Trinity College on Saturday October 1 for the celebration of Mass followed by a wonderful afternoon tea party.

It was a great to see so many of our supported pilgrims, Hospitality team and a good number of new faces coming together for such an enjoyable afternoon.

Special thanks to Trinity College for allowing us to use their fantastic facilities and to Allan and his team for the wonderful sandwiches and cakes which we all enjoyed. Also to Stephen McNicholas for keeping us right with the IT equipment and the site staff who supported us all the way.

We also travelled to Hull in September to join our Lourdes friends for their afternoon tea party and what a spread that was. Jean Campbell and her wonderful team of helpers really did us and all their guest's proud. Thank you.

Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid

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NEWS



New Postgate Plaque Erected

Bishop Terry attended a ceremony at Littlebeck near Sleights to bless a plaque recently erected by the Postgate Society. It marks the place where Blessed Nicholas Postgate was arrested in 1678 while conducting a baptism. The following year he was put on trial in York, convicted of being a Catholic priest trained abroad and executed for this offence.

A small gathering of participants included Father Pat Keogh, Parish Priest of Whitby and Sleights, Father Roger Guiver, of Lealholm and Egton Bridge parishes, and Father William Massie, chaplain to the Postgate Society. Lady Normanby, an enthusiastic patron of the society, was also present.

David Smallwood



Pro-Life Pilgrimage At Osmotherley

Pilgrims from the Diocese of Middlesbrough joined others from further afield for the annual Pilgrimage of Prayers and Reparation for the Sanctity of Life and the Family in Osmotherley. The joyful mysteries of the Rosary were recited as pilgrims made their way up the hill before stopping at the Station of the Cross and pausing silently to reflect on each scene and contemplate its implications. After the Angelus there was a picnic lunch. During a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, pilgrims prayed the sorrowful mysteries and took time to reflect on the needs of babies in the womb and their mothers and the pro-life ministry. Father Noel Colahan celebrated Mass in the tiny chapel.

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Sacred Music Concert In Aid Of Military Charity

A charity that helps former members of the armed forces is hosting an evening of sacred choral music at Ampleforth Abbey.

Soldier On! assists veterans and others who have been medically discharged for any reason to adapt to civilian life.

Ampleforth and Ryedale Concert Choir and Ryedale School Cantaria will perform at the event, which also includes works by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and Hubert Parry.

The concert includes the northern premiere of a Requiem Mass written by renowned composer Dr Philip Moore, former organist and Master of the Music at York Minster.

"Two thousand people are medically discharged from the armed forces every year," said the charity's founder Nicholas Harrison.

"Soldier On! provides an education in career transition management both to service personnel who are coming out now or who have been discharged in the past.

"It does this by working in a bespoke, one-in-one fashion to help them understand what their capabilities are, how they can best present themselves to potential employers

and to research and secure the right job for them."

The evening will also include two very short talks by soldiers who have been assisted by the charity.

One was blown up by a 500lb bomb and has made an extraordinary recovery to now work as a professional yachtsman. The other, a former army officer, had his career cut short as a result of a severe allergy to stings.

The charity needs to raise around £1,800 for each person it works with. Although the event is primarily an awareness evening for the charity's work, the organisers hope to cover their costs and make some profit.

The concert is on Saturday November 26 at 7.30pm, with refreshments in the Main Hall from 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at £15, with free entry to children aged 15 years and younger accompanied by a paying adult.

They are available from music@ampleforth.org.uk, by calling 01439 766701 or on the door.

Visit www.soldieron.org.uk for more information about the charity's work.

The Journey To Kinshasa

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 visits Kinshasa.

I went to Congo's capital, Kinshasa, with Father John Kirwan after our house fire. Father John travelled on to England where he was finally able to replace his passport. Wondering if staying in Kinshasa for a break would be boring, I soon found plenty to do.

Judith, who manages the daily running of my nutrition project, was also visiting Kinshasa. She reminded me that we had talked about bringing Gael, a seven-year-old boy from Basankusu, with his mother Esther, to Kinshasa for medical treatment. Gael became ill when he was three and was in constant pain. They were told it was rheumatism.

Medical treatment in Basankusu is very basic, so he would need to make the journey to Kinshasa. Esther and little Gael made the six-day journey down the River Congo and started a week of tests in hospital, to see what his illness was.

Congo continues to simmer with political tension caused by an increasingly repressive government. One day, on our way back from visiting Gael in hospital, Judith and I were looking for a shared taxi in a busy part of the city. We were stopped by seven young men in plain clothes who said they were police.

They were actually part of a specially trained group of government supporters sent to intimidate foreigners. They demanded to see my passport. I called a uniformed policeman across but he wouldn't help me. They demanded \$100 and finally accepted \$35 before letting us go. We were very shaken by the ordeal.

Three days later an anti-government

demonstration in Kinshasa turned into a bloodbath, with an estimated 80 people shot or burned to death by soldiers and police. The whole city was on lockdown for a week – nobody could leave their house for fear of arrest or attack. Unfortunately, this delayed Gael's treatment.

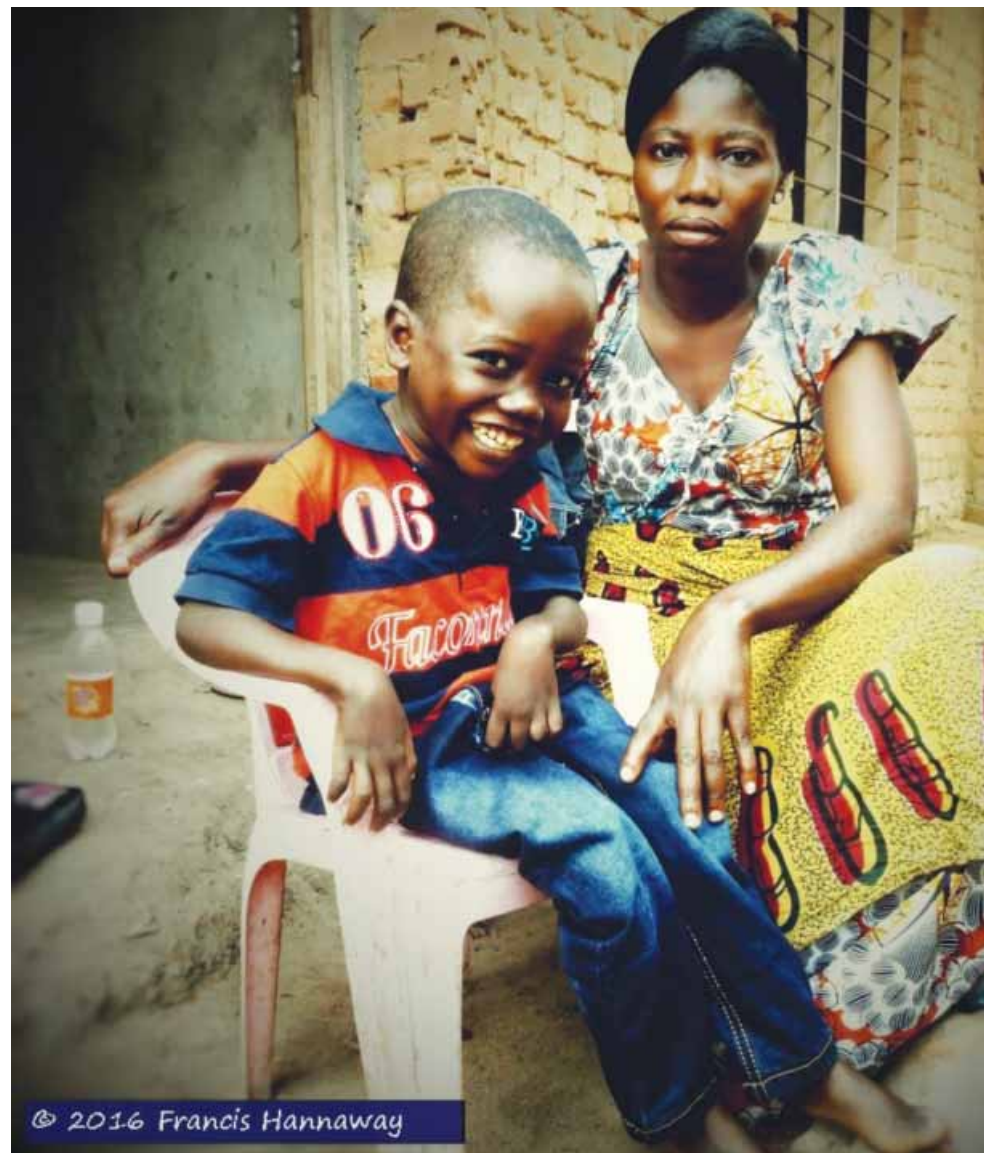
We ventured out after a week. Gael was transferred to a specialist hospital for rehabilitation. He had a brain scan, was encased in plaster and will undergo a course of physiotherapy.

As Kinshasa returned to normal, I left Judith and Esther as Gael's treatment continued, and rushed back to start a new term with our new students in Basankusu. Before I left, I took the opportunity to buy equipment for the nutrition centre – chairs, tables, plates and saucepans. Most importantly, for feeding the most severely malnourished children during the night, we bought a large solar-panel and a massive battery which will provide light for the three night-time feeds.

My "holiday" over, I took a one-hour flight, followed by a 15-hour journey on the river, and eventually found myself driving a four-wheel-drive, sliding along the rainforest roads of mud and water. I was back in Basankusu.

• A week after this article was written, Gael sadly lost his battle and passed away one night while staying in the hospital waiting to start the next part of his treatment. Condolences to his family.

Follow Francis Hannaway on Facebook and YouTube. Email: francish7@yahoo.com To support his projects send money via PayPal (type [PayPal.me/FHannaway](https://www.paypal.me/FHannaway) into your browser), or Internet banking: Pay: St Joseph's Society for FM, Ref: F Hannaway Congo, Sort code: 16-00-15, Account: 23114537



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Mary Celebrates Centenary In Style

Retired Middlesbrough teacher Mary Stead rolled back the years as she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Friends organised a special party at the Gables Care Home, on Highfield Road, where she has lived for the past five years.

Mary was born on September 22 1916 and after beginning her career at St Patrick's School she taught Maths for many years at the now demolished St Thomas' Secondary School.

After hearing she would be celebrating her birthday without family, pupils from St Thomas More RC Primary School, on Erith Grove, offered to make birthday cards and presented them to Mary.

Mary and her late sister Margaret were dedicated to the Catholic faith and received medals for 50 years' service to the Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2010.

"On her special day she seemed to get some inner strength," said Mary's friend, Cath Learmonth. "She was speaking about her life and answering questions and sang *Happy Birthday* and then *Auld Lang Syne*."

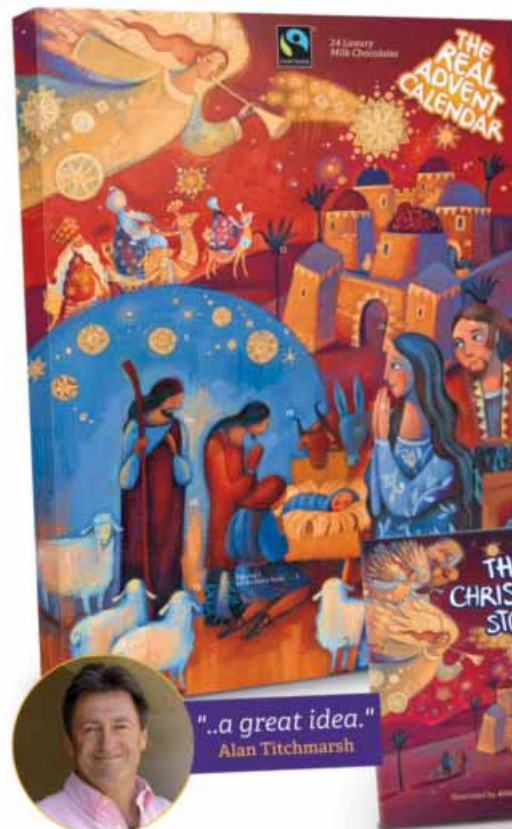
"She appreciated Father Tom O'Neill visiting her regularly and on her birthday Father Stephen Maughan brought her a beautiful bunch of flowers."

"It has been my privilege to have known Mary for a lot of years. She is such a lovely, gentle and wise lady."



Mary, left, and her late sister Margaret, in Lourdes with Monsignor Gerard Robinson

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VOCATIONS

Young Benedictines Meet At Wass



Sisters from all over the continent came to Stanbrook Abbey at Wass for the sixth meeting of Young European Benedictine Women.

The 18 participants travelled from Lithuania, Spain, Germany, France, Poland, Belgium, Sweden and Denmark, as well as England, and the theme of their discussions was “Monastic Space”.

“The Stanbrook community ongoing formation team led discussions each morning and the young sisters followed this up themselves in the afternoon in their own reflections,” said Stanbrook prioress Sister Josephine Parkinson OSB.

“It was important that each sister had the opportunity both to listen and to share her own experiences and something of the challenges facing her own community.

“As usual, the meeting was structured around the monastic day, with sisters sharing in the liturgy of the community, having meals together, sharing lectio and time relaxing in the company of other Benedictine nuns at a similar stage of monastic life.”

The sisters, pictured here, also visited the Cistercian Abbey ruins of Rievaulx, made famous by St Aelred, and Ampleforth Abbey.

Friends Of The Lady Chapel Takes Off

Dozens of people have already applied to become Friends of the Lady Chapel after the launch of the initiative last month.

Bishop Terry set up a small working group to help develop the Friends, which it is hoped will raise the chapel’s profile, increase interest within the local community, support its maintenance and development and encourage a new source of volunteers.

Organisers are pleased with the response so far, with members signing up from the length and breadth of the diocese and some from further afield. Each will receive a credit card-sized membership card.

Members will also be united in the spirituality of the Lady Chapel through daily prayers and in the prayers offered at each vigil Mass on Saturdays and special events. Friends will receive newsletters and invitations to events.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support

a significant place of prayer and pilgrimage, which is unique to this area and of historical architectural importance and interest.

If you would like to become a member of The Friends of the Lady Chapel, please fill in the form below and return it to Kath Gallagher at the Curial Office.

Membership is open to all and costs £10 a year. Other plans in the pipeline include Lady Chapel Mass bouquets card and possibly Christmas cards to be sold to raise additional funds.

A booklet describing the history of the Lady Chapel, written initially by Father Anthony Storey, has been updated by Father Neil McNicholas and includes a number of images of the Lady Chapel and surrounds as it appears today. It is available from the Curial Office, St Mary’s Cathedral or the Lady Chapel itself, priced £1.

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Jobs Scheme Aims To End Exodus

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) has announced plans to support and nurture Christian youth employment in the Gaza Strip. Gaza’s Christian population numbers just 1,200 and without investment in the next generation it could disappear entirely.

After years of armed conflict and a blockade, many Christians find their situation unbearable. Around 40 Christians reportedly left Gaza earlier this year and did not return because of the jobs shortage.

Despite their small number, Christians in Gaza play a pivotal role, running many schools, healthcare facilities, social and community projects which support the mainly Muslim population.

However, many international NGOs and charities focus relief on the Muslim majority, often overlooking the small Christian groups.

FHL has responded to this urgent need by pledging £46,000 to support the salaries of 16 young Christians over a 12-month period. Working in partnership with four Christian institutions in Gaza, 16 university graduates will be given work placements.

FHL’s Peter Rand, who visits Gaza regularly said: “Friends of the Holy Land recognise that for this historic Christian community to survive there is a need for a sustainable financial commitment.

“By working with our partners and targeting funds to named young Christians we are confident that we can make a significant impact, supporting and reassuring the small Christian community in Gaza that they are not forgotten.”

This FHL project gives donors the opportunity to support a named young Christian and FHL is actively looking for groups or individuals to sponsor these young employees at £2,875 each over the year.

FHL’s work is entirely non-political and has the backing and blessing of Anglican and Catholic bishops in England and Wales.

For more information about how to donate to this and other FHL projects visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980.



Saying ‘Yes’ To The Spirit’s Prompting

For the past two years I have been part of an accompaniment programme with the Daughters of Charity, trying to discern what God is asking of me and what he wants for my future.

For about 11 years I have felt God was inviting me to serve him and give my life to him as a sister. I had mixed feelings and talked to friends and my parish priest, who were all positive in their support. I had great support from my family, too, and this made it easier to respond to God’s call.

There as so many religious orders that I wasn’t sure where to start. A priest from home told me to find a website called Vision Vocation Match. This offers a number of questions. When I finished answering them the website offered various orders that matched my profile and I decided to contact the Daughters of Charity.

Through this I met up with Sister Theresa Tighe, who just happened to be a native of my hometown, Coatbridge in Scotland! I met her regularly and I was also invited to meet Sister Cecilia Dowd every month. Cecilia took

me to visit many of the sisters’ houses in Scotland. This gave me the chance to meet them and see the different ministries the Daughters of Charity are involved in.

I also had the chance to spend a “Come and Serve” week with Sister Patricia and the sisters who work in Abbeywood in south London. It was a wonderful experience to work alongside the sisters and have the opportunity to live and pray with them. I would have loved to have stayed longer.

All this support from family, friends and the sisters has helped me to discern that I do feel God is inviting me to come and serve him as a Daughter of Charity. I now find myself in Hull as a postulant. This will probably be a year-long experience before going into the seminary, our noviciate. I arrived on the eve of the Feast of St Vincent and I’m looking forward to getting steeped into ministry with the sisters. I’m sure this is where God wants me to be at the moment and I’m sure he will continue to guide me.

Nadine Henderson

Bishop Speaks Of Apostleship's 'Great Blessing'

The Apostleship of the Sea brings "great blessings, great comfort and great joy to the many who receive the ministry," Bishop Terry told a gathering of the charity's supporters.

Speaking at the end of Mass to mark the feast of Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea, at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough, Bishop Terry thanked port chaplains and ship visitors for the work they do supporting seafarers.

"It is a very quiet work and lots of people wouldn't know about it but it is such essential and important work," he said.

Three port chaplains – Deacon Peter Barrigan, Anne McLaren and Steve Willows – and nine ship visitors from the North East of England region were commissioned at the Mass.

Monsignor Ronnie Brown, a former Royal Navy chaplain and Apostleship of the Sea trustee, preached the homily, saying: "We are an island nation and we depend very much on our seafarers. There are natural dangers from the weather from storms."

He recounted the bravery of a Maltese crew on a merchant ship he sailed with that went through a storm.

"Seafarers spend a long, long time away from home and they miss their families," he said. "They're months away from their families, they miss the joys of seeing their children grow up, making their first holy communion, making their first confession, or being confirmed."

Monsignor Brown said seafarers' time in port is limited, which is why we have Apostleship of the Sea chaplains and ship visitors who can help the crews.

"Tonight we commission port chaplains and ship visitors," he said. "They are the Church's face to aid and assist seafarers."

After Mass a reception was held to thank Apostleship of the Sea supporters, parishioners and the local community who have been very supportive of its work by making donations, knitting woolly hats and providing shoeboxes to give to seafarers during Easter and Christmas.

Apostleship of the Sea port chaplains and volunteers visit seafarers on ships at ports including the Tees, Hartlepool and Hull.



North East port chaplains Paul Atkinson (Blyth & Tyne), Deacon Peter Barrigan (Tees & Hartlepool, Seaham), Anne McLaren (Goole & Hull) and Steve Willows (Immingham & Trent River).

Hearts Burning With Love At St Thérèse

Parishioners from St Thérèse of Lisieux Church in Ingleby Barwick were inspired by the words of their patron when they encouraged the community to a Come and See open day.

More than 100 people visited the new church to light a candle, say a prayer and tour the special prayer stations on the feast of St Thérèse (Saturday October 1).

Refreshments were available and children from St Thérèse School generously provided flowers for this special day, witnessing "A heart burning with love".

A special outdoor sign funded by the Parish Evangelisation Fund was commissioned to encourage the community to call in and view the church.

A total of £92 was raised for CAFOD and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you to everyone who participated, including Canon Pat Hartnett, Reverend David Cross and Reverend Vincent Purcell. It's wonderful to witness a new young community of faith in action.

Kathy Warrick



The St Thérèse organising team. Photo by James Nevison.

Formation Day Looks At Safeguarding Issues

Around 60 priests and religious from our diocese attended the Bishop's Formation Day on Safeguarding at York Racecourse.

The event began with a morning session delivered by trainer Wendy Murdoch, a former Health Visitor who now works for North Tees and Hartlepool Hospitals NHS Trust.

Wendy examined various scenarios that could arise in everyday life and advised how they might best be handled.

Simon Finch, from a charity called Northern Grid, led an afternoon IT session, looking at the various ways people communicate in the modern world. He drew attention to how even Pope Francis now uses social media

such as Facebook and Twitter.

The purpose of the talk was to give an overview of what is available and how people use it, with the aim of making participants feel more confident in talking about these things.

The day ended with a session from former police officer Mick Couhig on dealing with difficult people. Mick, who is a parishioner of Blessed Nicholas Postgate in Redcar, gave his services for free.

A similar event took place at the same venue on Saturday October 22 for all parish safeguarding reps to update their skills.



AoS North East port chaplains and ship visitors with Bishop Terry

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NEWS

Biblical Pointers To Overcoming Obstacles To Ecumenism

Cleveland Newman Circle was privileged that Father Nick King SJ agreed to inaugurate this year's programme of talks.

An appreciative audience gathered to hear Father Nick, who has translated the whole bible from Greek into modern English, speak on "The scandal of Christian disunion: a biblical approach". They were rewarded with a challenging talk, full of wisdom and biblical illustrations.

Father Nick identified seven attitudes which can create obstacles to ecumenical dialogue. These occur not just in people of other traditions but also in our own church and also in ourselves at times.

The first attitude opposing ecumenism is not being at ease in one's own tradition. Another is thinking we have nothing to learn (even Jesus found he could learn, from the Canaanite woman [Mt15]).

Clinging relentlessly to hard-won insights can block ecumenism: God may need to deconstruct our mindset before redirecting our actions. A fourth attitude impeding ecumenism is rushing ahead of the Spirit before the right time (was the Ethiopian official over-eager for baptism? [Ac 8]).

Theological hatred is an obstacle to ecumenism: see the Jews and Samaritans in Jesus' time [Jn8], and the Fourth Century Arian-Orthodox disputes. A sixth attitude blocking ecumenism is refusing to ask what the Holy Spirit is saying (traditionally, circumcision was compulsory, but the Jerusalem meeting decided the Holy Spirit was inviting Christians to see things differently [Ac15]). The seventh attitude goes

to the heart of things: a lack of love moves people away from ecumenical dialogue [Mk12].

Divisions in the Church and anti-ecumenism, based on anger or cold indifference, have been common throughout our history. But all recent popes have worked to promote ecumenism. Indeed, Father Nick sees many signs of hope today – among them the extraordinary openness and friendliness between many church leaders; in South Africa, all Christians have cooperated in Truth and Reconciliation Commissions; "Receptive Ecumenism" is encouraging people to listen to fellow Christians.

The way ahead, Father Nick suggests, is for Christians to listen to God and focus on Jesus [1Co 3], with a three-step approach to ecumenism: first working on joint projects, then praying together, then discussing points of (dis)agreement. God will never ask anyone to surrender essentials of their faith. We can learn about ecumenism from St Paul, who described how different body parts should work in harmony, but how without love we are nothing at all [1Co12,13].

Mike Kerrigan, chair of the Movement for Married Clergy, is the guest speaker at this month's meeting. "Married Priests: their time has come" is the title of the talk, in St Mary's Cathedral hall, Middlesbrough on Wednesday November 23 at 7.45pm. Coffee and tea is served from 7.30pm. All are welcome. Please give £2 if you can. For more details please call 01642 645732 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net.

Patricia Egerton



Italian Pilgrimage For Newman Members

Five members of Cleveland Newman Circle joined 40 from other groups of the association for a pilgrimage to Italy. They stayed at the Villa Palazzola, the former summer residence of English College students, and visited St Peter's Square for the Pope's Angelus, the Basilica of St Paul's Without the Walls and the abbeys at Subiaco and Monte Cassino associated with St Benedict. Good company, interesting talks and daily prayer contributed to making the pilgrimage truly wonderful.

Patricia Egerton

Celebrating The Jubilee Of Mercy

November is always a time for remembrance and reflection and this year the sentiment is particularly poignant. The month marks the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which has seen Catholics across the world enter through designated doors of Mercy, embark on pilgrimages and take action around the Works of Mercy.

CAFOD supporters in the Diocese of Middlesbrough have done so many amazing things during the Year of Mercy, from giving drink to the thirsty during the Lent Fast Day, fundraising to feed the hungry during the Harvest Appeal and caring for our common home by showing their support for renewable energy during CAFOD's Power to the People campaign.

Yet during this turbulent time, perhaps the most touching act was CAFOD supporters' willingness to welcome the stranger.

In May, alongside Caritas Social Action Network and the Jesuit Refugee Service, CAFOD shared Lampedusa crosses – made from the wreckage of refugee boats – with every Catholic cathedral in England and Wales. CAFOD invited supporters to use the crosses to reflect on the refugee crisis and to take part in a refugee pilgrimage and share their messages of hope and welcome with refugees.

CAFOD received more than 9,000

messages from 150 schools, parishes and communities, which will be dedicated in a special service in November.

A Lampedusa cross was welcomed to St Mary's Cathedral, where it was presented to Monsignor Gerard Robinson before being displayed for several weeks for visitors to pray and leave messages of hope.

The cross was then presented to the parish of St Wilfred's in York, where a liturgy took place to act in solidarity with those who have fled their shores.

Refugees' stories appear daily in the news and at times it is easy to become weary. But as Pope Francis said at the beginning of the Year of Mercy, Catholics are called by their faith to show compassion "in the name of Christ and the Church, never tire of being merciful".

By welcoming the stranger, and by helping communities across the world, CAFOD supporters were able to show the practical meaning of Mercy. So at the end of this Jubilee, it's time to reflect on the progress of the year and look forward as we continue to engage with the practice of understanding and sharing mercy.

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Healing The Broken-Hearted

It's been more than two decades since the genocide that devastated Rwanda. And while the saying "time heals all wounds" may ring true, many people across this small African nation are still in need of practical, spiritual and emotional support.

Following years of ethnic tension, a series of mass killings violently broke out in Rwanda in April 1994. Over a period of 100 days approximately one million people – 20% of the population – were brutally tortured and killed in one of the worst genocides the world has ever seen.

Father Emmanuel Nsengiyumva was just 18 when the systematic slaughter began and was midway through his seminary studies.

Father Emmanuel lost two of his brothers and knows well the deep emotional wounds of his people.

"Your relatives, your mother, your father, your brothers, are not only killed but they torture them in front of you," he says. "Some of them would die in two days – two days of agony."

With the support of Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, Father Emmanuel has dedicated his life to reaching out to his fellow Rwandans. His desire for his people is that through forgiveness their broken hearts may be healed.

Father Anthony Chantry, National Director of Missio in England and Wales, says: "There are some wounds so deep in human experience that they require the healing touch of God's love. The Church with its vital ministry of caring for victims of senseless and appalling violence allows God's grace to heal those whose lives are broken."

Two of the many Rwandans who are working through their pain are Edouard and Immaculée, who have been married for 23 years. During the genocide, they hid in the mountains. Knowing the Church had served as a safe haven for people during previous conflicts, Immaculée and Edouard's families thought they would be protected

from the violence by sheltering in their local Catholic church in Nyamata.

Devastatingly, over the next week more than 10,000 people – including Edouard and Immaculée's parents, as well as 15 brothers and sisters between them – were brutally killed in and around that church.

Both carry deep wounds and struggle with the trauma of their past. Edouard recalls: "Just after the genocide we visited the church and tried to find our relatives, but it was impossible because there were just so many dead bodies."

Many perpetrators were brought to trial and imprisoned. Having served their time, many of these prisoners are now returning to the neighbourhoods they brutalised. Many priests, sisters and brothers in Rwanda are supporting these communities through counselling and healing workshops, which focus on forgiveness and mercy. Edouard explains: "The church has helped us to be strong, the priests have tried to bring our community together."

Father Emmanuel is helping those whose lives have been shattered look to the future with hope. His work is supported by Missio, which works to answer the call to love God and to love our neighbour by bringing the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world.

On World Mission Sunday (October 23), Missio encouraged the faithful of England and Wales to help "Heal the Broken-Hearted" in Rwanda and throughout the world. The Pope's worldwide collection is a real sign of God's mercy and love to our sisters and brothers around the world who are suffering through war and conflict.

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- 2** Attends CSAN's Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons, London 1.00pm
- 3** Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustee Board at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.30am
- 5** Attends Mass followed by launch of biography of Bishop Gordon Wheeler at Hinsley Hall 6.30pm
- 8** Attends meeting of Cathedral Chapter at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 11.00am
Celebrates Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy at St Mary's Cathedral 12noon
Attends meeting of Council of Priests at St Mary's Cathedral 1.30pm
Travels to Birmingham to join CDDV Conference at Oscott Seminary 4.00pm
- 13** Attends Remembrance Sunday parade at Cenotaph, Middlesbrough
- 14-17** Attends Bishops' November Meeting at Hinsley Hall
- 20** Celebrates the Closing of the Holy Year of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral 5.00pm
- 22** Attends Study Day on Amoris Laetitia at Burn Hall Hotel, York From 9.30am
- 23** School Visits:
St Patrick's Catholic College, Thornaby 9.00am
St Patrick's Primary, Thornaby 1.00pm
Attends 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Ebor Lecture Series & York St John University 7.00pm
- 26/27** Parish visitation to St Joseph, Stokesley/Gt Ayton/Crathorne All weekend
- 27** Attends Advent Carol Service at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3.30pm
- 28** Attends All Saints High School Advent Carol Service at York Minster 7.30pm
- 29** Attends Ampleforth covenant meeting 10.00am
- 30** Attends NCL Group Meeting at Ampleforth 2.00 pm

1 Tues

7pm Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

2 Wed

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

4 Fri

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

5 Saturday

2pm Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2pm to pray for life and an end to our abortion culture and continue in prayer to Mass. All welcome. Contact Patricia Sammon (tel: 07747 698553) or Marie Bedingfield tel (01642) 530739 for details.

6 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 Tues

10am-3.30pm 'Age on the Agenda' Ann Morisy, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York (tel: 01904 464900)
12.45pm 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

9 Wed

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

11 Fri

7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details
7.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details
7.30pm-9.30pm Bible study in the Church Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York looking at one complete set of Sunday readings

(first, second and gospel). Contact Marek Lichtarowicz, tel (01904) 795605 for further details

12 Sat

10am Union of Catholic Mothers' Diocesan Study Event, St Aelred's Church, York, 'St Luke's Gospel and Preparing for Advent,' commences with Mass at 10 am.

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6pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details

14 Mon

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

16 Wed

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

17 Thur

2-3.30pm Julian Gathering with Revd Gwynne Wright, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ tel (01904) 464900

18 Fri

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

18-20 Fri-Sun

The Year of Mercy, Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact Ampleforth (01439) 766386/766889 for details

19 Sat

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

20 Sun

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

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

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Alphonsus, North Ormesby

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

21 Mon

1.30pm The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Rosary 1.30pm, Mass 2pm, the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

2-4pm 'Passing Through a time of Crisis in the Spiritual Life with the Scriptures' – a time of prayer and reflection with Agnese Jenčíkova CJ, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York tel: (01904) 464900

23 Wed

7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough Mike Kerrigan, Chair of MMAC 'Married Priests: their time has come.'

24 Thur

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

25-27

Advent Retreat 'The Saviour is Coming!', Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact Ampleforth (01439) 766386/766889 for details

25 Fri

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

27 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

4.30pm Sung Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham preceded by a 10 minute programme of organ music and followed by Mass at 5pm

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29 Tues

7.30pm-8.30pm Taize Prayer – Songs and Reflections with Agnese Jenčíkova CJ, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York (tel: 01904 464900)

30 Wed

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

First Week of December**4 Sun**

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5 December – 'A Quiet Day at Ampleforth' with Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact Ampleforth (01439) 766386/766889 for details

8 December – The Immaculate Conception – 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass at The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

12 December – 'Touching the Mystery of Christmas' with Agnese Jenčíkova CJ, and Cecilia Goodman CJ, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York tel: (01904) 464900

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The publication of *Laudato Si'* and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change make this the ideal moment to explore responses to the encyclical around the diocese and share creative ideas on how we can be part of the Gospel calling to care for our common home.

Over the next few months the Justice and Peace Commission will offer a series of articles on this theme, to look at what is happening and work towards a Diocesan Environmental Policy. This month we hear about an initiative in Our Lady's parish in Acomb, York...

The recently formed Care for Our Common Home (CCH) group in Our Lady's parish wanted to start its life by celebrating the beauty of God's creation. To this end, a photography competition was held on the theme of "Beauty where we are". The intention was to help us to be open to the treasure of God's creation around us and to



share this with our fellow parishioners. One of the entries is shown here.

The new youth group also combined with the CCH group to organise an afternoon of home building for birds and insects. This was a great social occasion for the parish and the young people were assisted in their house building by some older craftspeople.

The young builders are hoping the houses will attract more birds to the parish gardens for parishioners and neighbours to enjoy. The photograph here shows one young parishioner who is very pleased with his handiwork.

The CCH group is hoping to involve the parish in many more activities inspired by the encyclical. It is planned initially to undertake an environmental survey of the parish and parish buildings in areas such as electricity, water and paper usage, with a view to reducing our carbon footprint.

Let us know of any initiatives around the diocese which will serve to inspire and encourage us all to work together to protect our precious planet and keep it safe for future generations. Please email Justice and Peace Commission chair Barbara Hungin at bhungin@yahoo.co.uk. Next month's *Voice* will include some suggestions for holding an environmental survey in your parish.



One of the young builders from Our Lady's in York

Jubilee Of Mercy Flower Festival

This Jubilee of Mercy banner in the porch greeted everyone who attended a Flower Festival as part of the Year of Mercy celebrations in St Margaret Clitherow's, Haxby, York.

Members of the Haxby & Wigginton Flower Club, three of whom are parishioners, provided the dramatic floral displays depicting the Works of Mercy, the Church's seasons and other religious themes.

The event began with choral singing by the York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir and continued throughout the weekend as we extended the hand of friendship to those of other faiths from the local villages and beyond.

Thanks to their generosity, £1,320 was given to the local charity Hands & Voices. Other events throughout the special year have included a pilgrimage to Egton Bridge, a 12-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, speakers from the Muslim and Jewish faiths and a lectern address by a prison chaplain. The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy have also been penned by members of the parish and hung around the church.

Kath Campbell



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