

## Bishop's Column

October has always been associated with Our Blessed Lady and in particular with the devotion of the Holy Rosary. This practice goes back through the ages, strengthened by early monastic traditions and also through the preaching of St Dominic. On October 7 1571, two years after the Vatican commended the Rosary for universal use, an event took place that caused the devotion to gain widespread popularity. One of the most famous (and bloodiest) naval battles in history took place that day on the Bay of Lepanto, off the coast of Greece. The opposing forces were Christians, made up of an alliance of fleets from Spain and Italy, against a far superior Turkish navy. The Muslim force was threatening to take over the Mediterranean Sea and hence be in a position to attack European countries. Pope Pius V asked the Christian faithful to pray the Rosary and seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother to defeat the Muslim navy. Despite being outnumbered, the Christian fleet prevailed. Accordingly, Pope Pius established October 7 as a feast day of Our Lady of Victory, thus perpetually bringing honour to the Blessed Mother for her assistance. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII (r. 1572-85) changed the name of the feast to Our Lady of the Rosary, a feast the Church continues to celebrate.

While we live in different times and adopt different attitudes and practices, I would like to commend the Rosary to all and I would like to do so in the context of the launching this month of "The Friends of the Lady Chapel". You will read in other articles in the present edition of the Voice about this venture. The shrine at the Lady Chapel has a very special place in the life and history of our diocese. Establishing The Friends of the Lady Chapel group will help to raise the profile of the shrine and increase interest within the local community and further afield. The Friends will generate income to support the maintenance and development of the chapel. In addition, the Friends may provide a new source of volunteers to support the work of the Lady Chapel. In return Friends of the Lady Chapel will share in the spirituality of the Shrine and in the prayers offered at each Vigil Mass celebrated on Saturdays and special events. They will be united in the daily prayers of all members. In this way they will support a significant place of prayer and pilgrimage unique to this area and which is of historical and architectural importance and interest. They will receive invitations to events taking place at the Lady Chapel and updates via a regular newsletter.

*Mary, Mother of grace,  
Sweet mother of mercy,  
Protect us from the enemy,  
And receive us at the hour of death.  
Jesus, to you be glory,  
Born of the Virgin,  
With the Father, and the Holy Spirit,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Our Lady of Grace -  
pray for us.*

*+ Long*

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# Bishop Launches Friends Of The Lady Chapel

## Would you like to be part of Mount Grace every day of the year?

Bishop Terry launched a new initiative called "Friends of the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley" after celebrating the weekly vigil Mass at our diocesan Marian shrine.

He has established a small group to work with him in developing the initiative. It includes members of the Scrope and Eldon families who were involved in the original redevelopment of Mount Grace and secured the purchase of the Lady Chapel.

In 1958 the Lady Chapel was scheduled as a national monument and in that year the Knights of St Columba and the Legion of Mary organised the first diocesan pilgrimage on the Feast of the Assumption. This annual pilgrimage has continued ever since.

Work on the restoration of the Chapel began in 1959 and on September 8 1961, the Feast of Our Lady's birthday, Cardinal William Godfrey celebrated Mass and rededicated the chapel. This was done quietly and in the evening. With him were Bishop of Middlesbrough George Brunner, Ralph and Lady Beatrice Scrope, Lord and Lady Eldon and a small gathering of others.

Membership of the Friends of the Lady Chapel is open to all and is a perfect way to share in the spirituality of Mount Grace. A beautiful booklet describing the history of the Lady Chapel, and containing some lovely photographs of its interior, written by Father Anthony Storey, a priest of the diocese who died in 2007 and who dedicated much of his free time to the Lady Chapel, has been updated by Father Neil McNicholas and is available from the Curial Office, St Mary's Cathedral or the Lady Chapel itself, priced £1.

The Lady Chapel is great place of pilgrimage and is truly a jewel in the crown of our diocese. It is hoped establishing a Friends group will help to raise the chapel's profile, increasing interest within the local community and other groups to support its maintenance and development and encouraging a new source of volunteers to become involved in and support its work.

Members will 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.



Information on this initiative will also be available in parishes and pastoral centres. 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. A suggested membership donation is £10 a year for an individual or a family group.

Dr Jim Whiston

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NEWS

# Speak Up For The Climate!

**CAFOD and the Climate Coalition will lead “Speak Up”, a week of action on climate and energy from October 8 to 16 calling for a shift away from fossil fuels. Speak Up is a chance to lobby your local MP and encourage positive actions to support the environment.**

Last December, world leaders came together in Paris and agreed to move towards renewable energy and to limit the global rise in average temperatures to a maximum of 2°C. Burning fossil fuels such as coal makes a huge contribution to dangerous climate change, which is disproportionately affecting the poorest communities in the world.

Shifting from fossil fuels towards renewable

energy can have a big impact. More than three-quarters of dioceses in England and Wales have already switched to using renewable energy. This is your chance to Speak Up in solidarity with the poorest communities and to ensure our government upholds the promises it made in Paris. The Speak Up week of action will see thousands of people meeting their MPs and you can be part of it. This is your moment to Speak Up for the love of the earth, our common home, and our global family. Ask your MP to support positive action being taken to tackle climate change. You can take part in nature walks, tea parties, community

energy visits or school activities. By taking part in the week of action, you’ll be acting on the message of Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’* encyclical. “We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all... We require a new and universal solidarity.” We all have a responsibility to make sure our politicians see how much their constituents care about what we could lose to climate change. Climate change affects us all. During the week of action you have the opportunity to engage with your local community and

speak up for your local environment. The Speak Up week of action is organised by the Climate Coalition, a group of more than 100 organisations including CAFOD, Christian Aid, RSPB, WWF, Islamic Relief and the WI, as well as local groups. It is part of an ongoing effort to encourage our government to shift to 100% renewable energy within a generation to protect the people, places and the life we love from climate change. If you would like to know more about the events during the week of action, please contact [cafod.org.uk/speakup](http://cafod.org.uk/speakup) or visit [weekofaction.org.uk](http://weekofaction.org.uk).



Norah Hanson makes it clear what she wants to be looked after for future generations. What precious things would you like to see protected?

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Deacon Vincent Purcell, guest speaker Martin Foster and Canon Pat Hartnett are pictured at the recent Inspirational Study Day for Ministers of Holy Communion and the Word at Scarborough. Martin is director of the Liturgy Office and assistant secretary of the Department for Christian Life and Worship at the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. Photo by Bernard Wilkins.

## Supporting Mary’s Meals In Filey

The church cleaning team at St Mary’s in Filey have each donated £1 per week to the charity Mary’s Meals. So far this year we have raised £250, not including Gift Aid. The charity provides one meal a day to children in some of the world’s poorest countries. Children must attend school to receive this meal. It only costs Mary’s Meals £12.20 to feed a child for a year. Of every £1 donated at least 93p is spent on charitable activities. In schools where children receive Mary’s Meals there has been a rise in attendance and attainment, giving these children hope for their future.

Rosemary Gunn

### FRIENDS OF THE LADY CHAPEL APPLICATION FORM

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# Contemplating The Year Of Mercy Icon

**The icon for the Year of Mercy was placed on our sanctuary at All Saints Church in Thirsk late last year. The icon attracted attention for what seemed at the time all the wrong reasons. Nobody liked it, with those faces and the figures looking distorted and painful. The general feeling was “it’s not nice – what are they thinking of?”**

We decided the only way to come to terms with it was to have a gathering of the people of God. We moved the icon into the hall where about ten of us sat round it for an hour. This was repeated for a number of weeks. The silence was palpable as we looked at it from all angles and then shared our thoughts in the group.

The faces of the two figures were the first distraction. They looked like animals, perhaps sheep or goats, which reminded us of several scriptural passages, including Jesus’ description of the final judgement and the separation of the sheep and goats [Matt 25:31]. However, we found another reference to a goat in Leviticus 16:20-22. Here the goat was known as the “scapegoat”: the people placed all their sins and problems on the goat’s head and then drove him out into the desert to die for the sins of everyone.

People tend to look for a scapegoat when they do not want to face up to their responsibility. We all looked into our own hearts and found that the same was still true today for us. Nothing has changed; we still look for someone to blame. Anyone will do! Jesus is, of course, the great scapegoat, as Caiaphas declares before Christ’s trial has even begun: “It is better that one man die for the people” [Jn 18:14]. The blame was apportioned to this innocent man so the high priest and officials could avoid any introspection and reflection about their own wrongdoing. We realised we all do this to one another. Lord have mercy.

The face of the man being carried – the sinner – is also animal-like. Could it be that we find it easier to blame if we can degrade people? While there are two faces on the icon, there are only three eyes, which inspired us to reflect on the Trinity. It took quite some time but after a while we saw that maybe the man being carried was able to share Christ’s vision of the world and to see it through the eyes of the mercy of Christ, who is mercy himself.

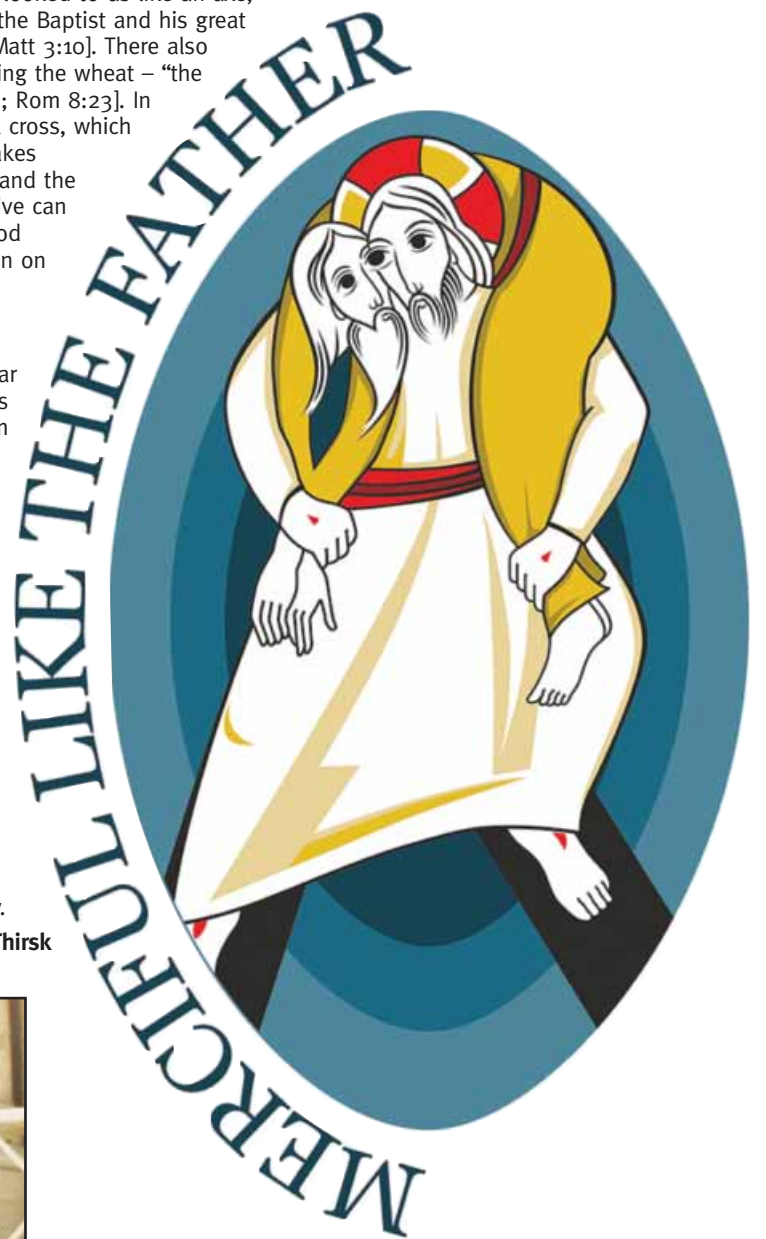
Simultaneously, Christ sees the world, and each one of us, through the eyes of the one who has been found by mercy and needs mercy. He shares in our sufferings and understands our trials and tribulations. Christ is depicted as having strong hands, whereas the one who was lost has limp arms and hands; he has surrendered to the help Christ offers him, which we are only able to do when we realise how lost and broken we are.

Additionally, we noticed that the body of the sinner is like a scroll, and his two arms reminded us of the Old Testament and the New Testament. While there are only four

wounds visible, possibly the fifth one is the sinner. The sinner’s beard is in the shape of a heart, which reminded us of how loved he feels. Furthermore, the shaded area on the white garment of Christ looked to us like an axe, which reminded us of John the Baptist and his great call to produce good fruit [Matt 3:10]. There also appears to be a scythe cutting the wheat – “the first fruits” [Nehemiah 10:35; Rom 8:23]. In the background is the black cross, which Pope Francis reminds us makes everything real: the people and the situations we find unattractive can lead us into the mercy of God through prayer and reflection on the word of God.

The icon continues to be displayed on our sanctuary and as each week of the Year of Mercy passes, those of us who spent time with it seem to be coming to a deeper and deeper understanding of the relationship between Christ and his people. We see ourselves in the icon, being carried by Christ and sharing his vision, but also being better able to recognise Christ in others and being prepared to carry them whenever necessary. The icon is a true blessing of which we are now very fond. It has helped us to better understand Christ’s desire for “mercy not sacrifice”. Christ have mercy.

**Come and See group, Thirsk**



Teachers Andrew and Christianne Gardner had an unforgettable experience when they visited Rome to have their marriage blessed along with other newlywed couples from all over the world. Pope Francis stopped to give them a personal greeting as they lined up in St Peter’s Square. Andrew teaches Religious Education at Carmel College in Darlington, while Christianne teaches at St Edward’s School in Middlesbrough. The couple were married at St Gabriel’s Church at Christmas.

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## SCHOOLS

# College Lives Out Gospel Values In Gambia

Trinity Catholic College first visited the Gambia in 2013, when a group of 20 pupils, along with staff, spent a week living and experiencing the country's culture.

They also delivered bikes bought with money raised through fundraising events so pupils could cycle to school instead of walking in extreme heat. The group spent time sharing and delivering lessons and found out that many families simply cannot afford to give their children an education.

We have kept in touch with the schools and staff have revisited the area, spending time with families and teaching in schools. A further trip was arranged but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the Ebola crisis, which had a huge affect on tourism, hitting families' incomes and resulting in more children being unable to attend school.

Our school ethos is to "Live out Gospel values" and

follow the teachings of Christ, with each other and the wider community. We are very privileged to receive an education and as a school community felt it was right to try to support children there. The Justice and Peace group from St Mary's Cathedral Parish have been instrumental in setting this project up with Trinity staff. Links with a priest in the Gambia identified those most in need.

Together we have sponsored ten pupils, five boys and five girls, through their five years of secondary education, with the Cathedral parish paying the first two years through donations and fundraising. Trinity's contribution has now been raised through fundraising, including year 11s' hard-fought 2-1 football victory over a staff team, cake stalls and donations.

**Hannah Perkin, year eight, Trinity Catholic College**



## A Helping Hand In Their Hour Of Need

A dedicated team of knitters from Ampleforth parish has been meeting for an hour each Monday and Tuesday morning to help refugees in Greece. So far they have knitted 15 blankets, scarves and a jumper. **RICHARD SMITH, who now lives in Greece, was able to take the blankets to the Idomeni camp in person before it was cleared by the authorities earlier this year. This**

**is what he found there...**

The news on BBC World showed migrants in Idomeni climbing blossoming cherry trees to rip off branches for firewood. I put seven boxes of olive firewood into the car and then thought that if I was going to Idomeni I ought to clear the soon-to-be-overripe fruit off the citrus trees too – this came to 40kg of oranges, satsumas,

pomegranates, grapefruit and lemons in a large laundry basket. Finally, I grabbed a bag and filled it with items such as Deep Heat and toothpaste and toiletries, plus five surplus jumpers.

For the six weeks before my visit there had been a general strike and all the motorways were blocked by tractors. I found to my surprise that the motorway was clear. It's about three hours from Mount Pelion to the border with Macedonia. By the time I reached Idomeni it was twilight and raining. I saw police directing cars but otherwise the road was filled with groups of bedraggled migrants carrying bags and pushing pushchairs and even wheelchairs. I had not seen these people on the road so they must have been bussed from Athens only as far as the motorway. I felt bad that I could not fit anyone in.

I asked a policeman if there was anywhere I could unload firewood to keep it dry. He gave me more of an "I don't care" than "I don't know" look. I parked next to a VW van which had its back open and up like an awning. It was full of food, which was free to all comers. Two elderly Greek men were doling it out. The migrants were all wearing rain ponchos they must have been given and they looked a bit ghostly.

I walked up to the main camp, which looked like a cross between Glastonbury and a Bruegel painting. There was a long line of hundreds of people in hooded ponchos queuing up for a Styrofoam cup of hot soup from a volunteer stand. Tents of all

colours and sizes were pegged out as far as the eye could see and rainwater was starting to pool in between some of them, as the grass had been churned to mud. The tents were on both sides of the road and up to and actually on the railway line which crosses the border. There were Greek police forming a human chain blocking the railway line further up and a fairly angry mob was climbing the fence and yelling.

There were lots of outside broadcast media vans. I spoke to someone I think was a BBC reporter and an English-voiced man spoke to me. I asked him who was organising the camp and he pointed me to some large white tents about 100m further on as UNHCR. I still had my bag, which I gave to a pair of ladies in hijabs who looked very grateful and went off to their tent. All over the camp there were women tending open fires in pits sunk in the earth. The rain was getting heavier, and as a thunderstorm began I went off into the dark and the driving rain to find somewhere to spend the night. I made my way along to the UNHCR tent, which huddled in between seven huge Medicine San Frontiers (MSF) mobile hospital tents. MSF had put up notices in Arabic, Urdu, Pashtun and English saying "Free Doctor" and all the tents were full with separate queues of men and women, some with children. There was an air of orderliness. There were long queues for a small number of showers and 20 Portalooos – that's one toilet to 650-plus migrants.

I asked at the UNHCR where someone would go to register that they could house an asylum seeker family. I am thinking of this, having a big house and being recently widowed. They didn't know and told me to ask MSF. I could not believe it. It dawned on me that no-one was in charge and everything was left to volunteers. MSF had the experience and had set up very professionally. Apart from the police, the only manifestation of the Greek state I saw was the public health van which seemed to be picking up litter in black sacks. By contrast I heard quite a few English voices among volunteers. In daylight I could appreciate the sheer size of the camp. I noticed that the fruit and veg man with his van and was doing a brisk trade. A burger van also arrived. A bloke in a leather jacket and smoking a cigarette was selling mobile phone chargers at hugely inflated prices.

I read somewhere that Britain agreed to take 4,000 Syrian asylum seekers from camps in Lebanon in a year. But more than 4,000 migrants each day were landing on the shores of Lesbos, Chios, Samos and Kos. Greece has one sixth of the population of Britain, but has by default to house all these migrants somehow until either the borders are reopened or Europe gets its act together. Whatever your view about immigration, someone stuck in a makeshift camp in Northern Greece in the winter, not knowing what will happen and dependent on the support of volunteers for an indeterminate length of time, is just a human being in need of help.



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## Ged's Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

### Connection question

1. Which battle was fought in present-day Belgium on June 18 1815?
2. What is the first name of the footballer signed by Chelsea for a British record £50m in January 2011?
3. What was the name of Alan Partridge's TV chat show?
4. What name is commonly given to the Martin Luther's speech to more than 250,000 civil rights marchers on August 28 1963?
5. What became the worldwide standard distress signal on July 1 1908?

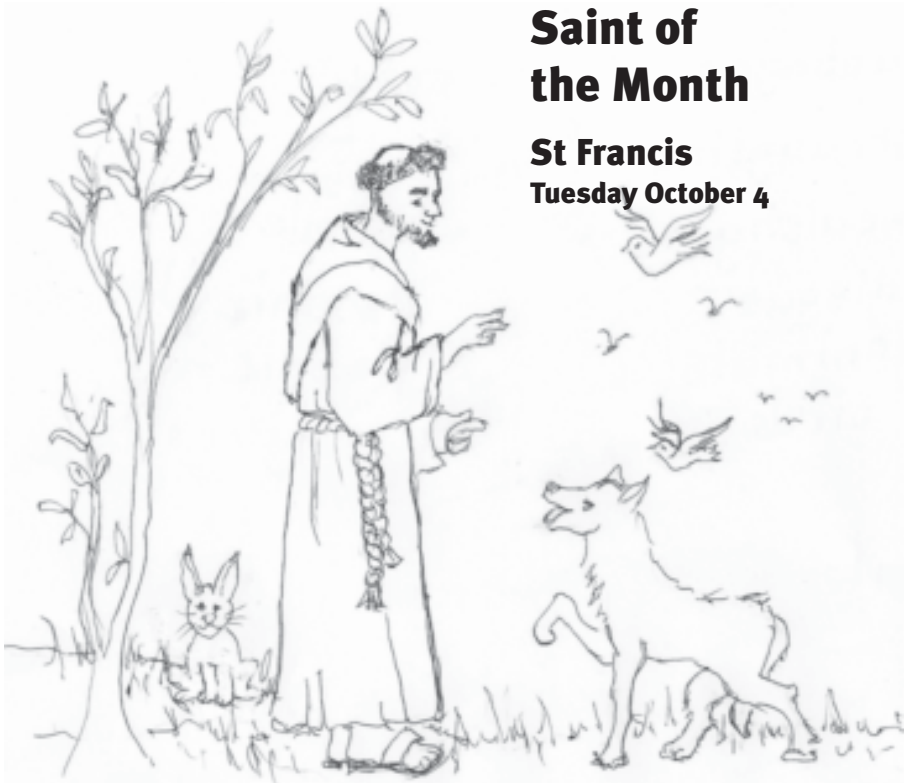
### Thinking cap question

Name the three Beatles' UK number one hits with "love" or "loves" in the title.



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SCHOOLS



Saint of the Month

St Francis  
Tuesday October 4

St Francis was born into a very wealthy family but he chose to give everything away, much to his father's disgust. He went to care for God's poor. One day he met an old lady struggling to carry a bundle of cabbages. Francis took off his belt and tried to tie it around the bundle, but it didn't work. From then on, he wore a rope round his waist, just in case. The people wouldn't listen when Francis told them about how God loved them, so he talked to the birds and animals instead. When everyone saw the animals listening, they listened too, and they came to love God.

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## NEWS

# Micki's Plans For Marriage Preparation

The man who will help develop practical and spiritual marriage preparation for engaged couples in our diocese has spoken of his plans for the role. Micki Coyle, an architect who also has extensive experience in school chaplaincy, has been appointed as a consultant to work on the project one day a week for two years.

Derry-born Micki, who lives in Hull, will build on groundwork carried out by a group of lay people and clergy led by Canon Derek Turnham.

"I'm going to look at what they've done and help put together a plan of what we're going to do in the next two years," he said. "We need to ask how the Church can support people who are going to be living together, bringing up children and educating them in the faith.

"We have to look at what we're already doing and develop something that's consistent and good and based firmly in the faith but written for the 21st Century. It shouldn't just be a tick you have to get before your wedding, but

something that might actually be useful to you throughout your marriage."

Micki said studying the Church's teaching on marriage as he prepared for his interview was a real eye-opener.

"People sometimes think the Church are interfering," said Micki, who has been married to Nicky for 30 years and has four children.

"Like I did, they might assume they know what the teaching about marriage is, but until we sit down and have a really good read, we don't. It came as a real surprise to me.

"The more I read the more interesting it became, because it's actually quite simple. In a marriage it's your responsibly to show the world your love by how you treat each other."

Micki says one of his biggest challenges will be convincing couples that the Church has an important part to play.

"I know there are people in our diocese who can put together really good marriage preparation," he said. "We've heard a lot about the Synod on the Family and now's the time for reviewing and reminding ourselves what the Church teaches about marriage and how it relates to the wider community and to our faith.

"At the moment only 40 per cent of people getting married in our diocese go through marriage preparation. We need to encourage them and show them it can be really helpful by giving them tools they can use when things go wrong.

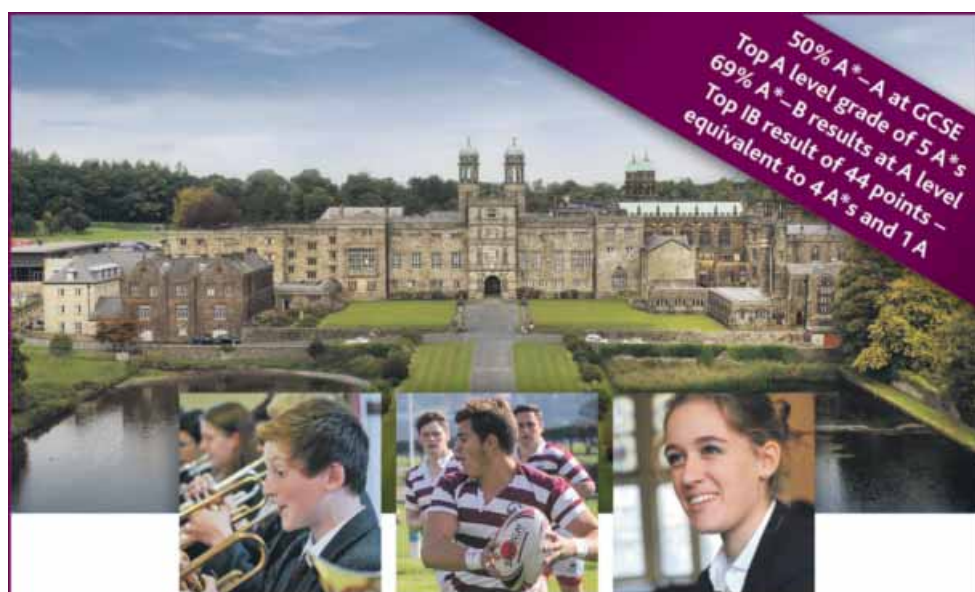
"What I have learned after 30 years of marriage is that talking is the key and if you haven't got that, you're in trouble. I would like to see developing that ability to talk to each other form the core of the course."



Micki at the Marian Torchlight Procession in Lourdes



With Father Paul Farrer at the procession



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## Rediscovering The Love We'd Lost

**The Retrouvaille programme helped my wife and I rediscover the love for each other that for so many years was lost.**

Twelve years ago the walls finally crumbled in a marriage that for many years left myself and Frances feeling unloved, unheard, alone and unwanted. The final devastating blow came when I admitted to my wife that I had been unfaithful to her years before. Following my disclosure I fell into a depression which lasted for almost four years.

It was hard to imagine that our lives could get any worse than it had been for the 17 years I carried the secret of my infidelity, but it did. It was an extremely painful time for Frances and our daughters and at one point I seriously contemplated suicide.

We were in the darkest, coldest of places, and hardly spoke a word to each other. We tried counselling, we read self-help books, we saw a psychologist. Things improved a little but we spent our time walking on eggshells. There was no intimacy or depth in our conversation or in our lives – physically or emotionally. We became convinced that for us separation was the only option. It was at this point our prayers were answered.

I saw an article for an organisation called Retrouvaille. The advert read: "Does Your Marriage Bring You Joy?" We both knew the answer. I showed Frances the advert and

following a phone call we were registered and attended the programme two weeks later. The programme consisted of one full weekend beginning on Friday evening and finishing on Sunday evening, followed by four one-day post-programme days.

Presentations were delivered by three couples and a priest. The focus of the weekend sessions was on teaching couples new means of communication. Attendees are taught effective ways to listen and how to share their pain with their spouse respectfully.

Back in February 2007 we couldn't believe the effect the Retrouvaille programme had on us. During that weekend we began to rediscover the love for each other that for so many years was lost. Today we are happier than we ever thought possible. Our relationship goes from strength to strength.

If you're reading this article and you're a couple in pain, please don't give up, help is out there! Frances and I are now the co-ordinators for Retrouvaille England and Wales. We, along with thousands of other couples, are proof that the Retrouvaille programme works.

For details please contact Michael and Frances on 07887 296 983 or Maurice and Margaret on 07973 380 443. Visit our website [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) for more information about our programmes.

**Michael Hyland**



# Lampedusa: Our Act Of Solidarity And Covenant With Refugees

**Many of us feel that the plight of millions of refugees coping with war, criminals and indifferent states seems so far removed from our shores. Sadly, a growing number of potent and tragic symbols in Greece, Italy and Turkey on our television screens can make us feel inadequate and helpless.**

A Sicilian carpenter, Francesco Tuccio, made some remarkable symbols, rough crosses from the wreckage of a boat carrying refugees that sank off the island of Lampedusa. The crosses were offered to survivors as symbols of their rescue and a sign of hope.

On September 1 a Lampedusa Cross was welcomed into our cathedral. We came to pray in solidarity with the 60m people in our world who have been forced from their homes by war and persecution. We were able to go home after the Mass – they may never see their homes again.

I had the privilege of carrying the Lampedusa Cross from the Door of Mercy to the altar, where it was placed for all to see. Carrying this simple cross, bearing the carpenter's signature on the back, led to an instinctive reaction to hold it high when, with the rest of the Caritas Core Group, we walked to the

altar. This indeed was rare treasure, knowing the reasons that led to its construction. We know, also, that it has become a worldwide symbol of both faith and hope.

The North East, Yorkshire and Humberside have made refugees particularly welcome. We only have to count the wide range of services and sources of support concentrated within the geography of the diocese. We need more than this. We need to actively demonstrate our common beliefs and support everyone through prayer and service.

Pope Francis has said: "We ourselves need to see, and then enable others to see, that migrants and refugees...are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved."

We often act as a community of care, and this can, to some extent, compensate for mistrust, indifference and inadequate support by those with more authority and means than our faith communities. But then, on whose authority do we act, safe in the knowledge that God has already claimed our actions?

The cross and suffering lies at the centre of our story, and never more so than at the cathedral for this celebration. It will be a special experience, charting the progress of

the Lampedusa Cross across our diocese. Lampedusa will, for many of us, become close in our prayers and thoughts.

The story of another carpenter has indeed echoed across the world. We can learn to act for the Common Good, as well as show our solidarity through the Lampedusa Cross. Distance and obstacles are removed and no longer does anything seem or remain "hard to reach."

**John Hinman on behalf of the Caritas Core Member Group, Diocese of Middlesbrough**

**Any schools or parishes who want to borrow the cross during September should contact Monsignor Gerard Robinson at the cathedral on 01642 597750. During October contact Father Richard Duffield at St Wilfrid's, York, on 01904 671767. During November contact Canon Eddie Gubbins at St Peter's, Scarborough, on 01723 360358. In December contact Father Paul Dowling at St Charles, Hull, on 01482 329100.**



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## Venerating A Relic Of St Teresa

Father Antony Chundelikkat, from the parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull, feels very privileged to have met Mother Teresa twice and to have a relic of some of her hair. Just before the end of our 10am Mass on September 4, at the very time that Mother Teresa was being canonised, the congregation came forward in procession to venerate the relic. It was a very moving occasion and inspired everyone to try to follow her wonderful example of being compassionate, sympathetic and caring for those in need and to smile at those we meet.

**Bernard and Sheila Swift**





## NEWS

# Is This The Best Britain Can Do?

**What is life like for asylum seekers and immigrants living in our communities? DAVID CRAIG JAMES looks at one woman's story...**

Zarina (names have been changed) has just been informed summarily that her asylum support has been discontinued. The Home Office have "noticed" movement in a bank account in her name, which she says she can prove to be charitable donations from abroad destined for her mosque.

In addition she has been asked to leave the accommodation provided for her. She has been given a few days to submit the official form to appeal against the Home Office decision. Such forms are complicated for most of us. For Zarina, whose English is rudimentary and whose access to help from caring agencies is also impeded by weekends, holidays and pressure of work, they are impossible.

Zarina has no access to English classes and in any case has a toddler fully dependent upon her since she fled the violence of her marriage. She came to the UK legally from one of the former Soviet Central Asian republics, eventually marrying a Middle Easterner, Fadhil, who had permanent rights to remain in the UK and with whom she conceived a child.

Before meeting Zarina, Fadhil used his UK residency rights to go abroad, and the Home Office have knowledge of this. They do not, however, acknowledge his return, although the Muslim marriage certificate, the child's birth certificate and the police report of the violence perpetrated upon Zarina during her

pregnancy all attest to his presence here.

Fadhil will do nothing to corroborate his presence by cooperating with Zarina's lawyer here until she returns to him with the child. Consequently, an application for British Citizenship on behalf of the child on the grounds that Fadhil is settled in this country has been rejected. Such a grant of citizenship would assist Zarina's quest for asylum.

Zarina is isolated. She has been living on a pittance – now withdrawn – while trying to care for her child, all under the occasionally hostile gaze of British society. Imagine being about to lose your home, your support and not knowing where you will be in a week. Imagine the hopeless and friendless lives that many of those we encounter on the streets of our towns and villages are leading.

Clearly there will be more to this story than meets the eye, and yet we can only react to what seems to be true. Lawyers' ability to obtain information is severely curtailed by the fact that they cannot use the Freedom of Information provisions concerning one who is not their client – Fadhil. They also run into a wall of bureaucracy apparently erected by officialdom to impede the efforts of such as Zarina to help herself.

What will become of Zarina and her child? Will she be driven back to her husband on the south coast with all that that entails? How could she get there? Will she consent to repatriation, or be moved forcibly via a detention centre? Is this the best that we in Britain can do for those who live among us? Do we care, for more than a moment?



## Spare Euros Support Church In Crete

**For several years now there has been an extra collection at St Joseph's Church in Pickering. People are asked to put any surplus holiday money they may have into the "Euros for Crete" box on the Bonus Ball table at the back of the church. This year, 545 euros was collected.**

This isn't an effort to help the Greek economy as a whole, but to support one very special small part of it. St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Rethymnon relies on visiting priests over the summer months to ensure that Masses are available to the large number of Catholic tourists, the local Catholic population, a handful of expats and summer workers from Eastern Europe. Father Bill East has been going to Rethymnon and to St Anthony's for years and for the last few has been on the rota of clergy who come to help in the holiday season.

There are three Catholic churches in Crete, amid all the Orthodox churches. The church in Rethymnon was built in 1897, replacing a small chapel built by Capuchin friars at the time of the Turkish occupation in the mid-19th Century. The structure became unsound after World War II and was repaired and reopened in the 1980s. The Capuchin community in Chania has oversight of the church in Crete, sending a priest to say a weekly vigil Mass during the winter months when the congregation is much smaller. Visiting clergy provide two Sunday Masses from April to October.

And what Masses they are. Caretakers Agnes and Lucas ensure that every person has a Mass sheet in his or her own language. After a first reading and psalm in Greek, the Second Reading and Gospel are read out in several tongues, always German, usually Polish, often Italian or French, and when Father Bill is present, English as well. Music is from a polyglot hymnal, with Taizé chants and a single trumpeter also enhancing the worship. Father Bill says the Mass in Latin and is often thanked for his language skills: he was twice complemented on his English!

Many of the visitors come from countries where state funding supports churches, and so not a lot is put into the collection basket. That is where the people of Pickering come in. The spare euros we send at least doubles collections for the fortnight of Father Bill's visit. That is a very big help to all concerned.

Our holiday usually coincides with the Assumption and this year, with just one



Outside St Anthony's

Mass on the feast, there was standing room only. We sang a Marian hymn in our various languages, a joyous jumble of words. But at the chorus, we sang Ave Maria with one voice, and it echoed all around Rethymnon, right out to the seafront.

Betty East



Handing over money from Pickering to Agnes for the church in Rethymnon

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# Twins Inspire Teesside Hero Mike

**The never-forgotten son he and wife Julie lost at ten days old and his twin sister whose smile can light up the room despite the challenges of cerebral palsy are the inspirations that have made Mike Farrell a fundraising phenomenon.**

Mike's first thoughts were for Liam and Megan when the Middlesbrough dad received a Teesside Hero Award in a surprise presentation at one of the dozens of charity events he has organised since the birth of the twins 11 years ago.

Spurred on by the ongoing support of actor James McAvoy, the Hollywood superstar he met on the Redcar set of hit film Atonement, Mike has now raised well over £50,000 for a wide range of Teesside charities and good causes – and all in the name of his twin children.

"It's all down to Megan and Liam," said Mike. "The twins were born in October 2005, Megan was first and Liam was born ten minutes later. But they were 15 weeks premature."

Megan, who has severe cerebral palsy, survived despite suffering a brain haemorrhage and undergoing major bowel and heart surgery. Despite initially being in better health, Liam sadly died at just ten days old after contracting a virus following heart surgery.

"Liam's still there in our hearts, and he always will be," continued Mike. "Megan's now

coming up 11 and a happy little girl. She can't walk, talk or use her hands but every time I come in she's got the biggest smile on her face. You can have had the worst day of your life but when you come home and see Megan's face it brightens your day. You give her kisses and hugs and she loves it.

"The staff at the neonatal unit at James Cook Hospital got Megan through. I knew I needed to do something for these people, to thank them for their care."

Between the ages of two and five Megan was a regular respite care visitor at Zoe's Place Baby Hospice, which is why around £30,000 of the funds Mike has been responsible for raising over the years has been for the Normanby unit.

"When you walk into a place like that you see what a vital resource it is. It needs to be kept going for children and parents now and in the future. It is invaluable. Megan loved it there. She'd have the time of her life and we'd get some respite."

Mike kickstarted his fundraising after meeting movie star McAvoy when the Middlesbrough man got a part as an extra during filming for the Hollywood blockbuster on Redcar beach in 2006.

"I introduced myself to James during a break in filming and told him I planned to give my wages for playing a soldier in the film – amounting to a grand total of £150! – to the



Fundraising champion Mike Farrell receives a Teesside Hero award from Lisa Preston of Teesside Philanthropic Foundation patrons Hunters Estate Agents.

neonatal unit. He asked for my telephone number and, to my amazement, he texted me the next day and arranged to meet me again on the set where he gave me loads of stuff for a charity auction.

"Then he asked for my home address and started sending me stuff through the post – movie posters signed by the stars of Atonement and The Last King of Scotland, signed books, CD, all sorts. That really spurred me on to start fundraising however I could."

After receiving his Teesside Hero Award, Mike said: "I'm shocked, thrilled and humbled to be held in such esteemed company as those who've previously won this award."

Mike and Julie were married at St Gabriel's in Ormesby and are now parishioners of St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe.

To nominate an unsung community champion as a Teesside Hero, visit the Get Involved page of the foundation's website at [www.teessidecharity.org.uk](http://www.teessidecharity.org.uk)

# Cardinal Wants Employers To 'Ban The Box'

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols told delegates at a conference on prison chaplaincy that employers should exclude the tick box on initial job application forms requiring a person who has completed a prison sentence to disclose their conviction.**

The cardinal suggests that banning the tick box and allowing people to discuss their conviction at a later stage in the recruitment process would give them the chance to "put their past in context and show who they really are".

"Of course convictions have to be disclosed and where necessary DBS checks undertaken," he said. "But people should not be written off without a hearing for actions in the past which may no longer have a bearing on their future."

The cardinal emphasised that prison leavers need stable employment and that true rehabilitation means not defining people by their worst actions for the rest of their life.

"It is hard to envisage the crushing disappointment of someone who has worked hard to move away from crime and learn new skills, only to be rejected for job after job and never even given the opportunity to explain how he or she has changed since being convicted years before," he said.

"That is not just devastating for the individual – it deprives employers of potentially excellent and able workers and denies society working taxpayers."

While stressing that all necessary steps must be taken to ensure that safeguarding is paramount, Cardinal Nichols said he will be looking at the Church's own recruitment processes.

"I personally appeal to all employers to take this step and give people a fair opportunity that will benefit our society," he added. "Dioceses too have such opportunities if they can create social enterprise programmes with



Cardinal Vincent Nichols – Photo © Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk


employment possibilities."

The cardinal also discussed the acute need for prison reform and stressed that the Catholic Church is prepared to be an active partner in the process. He had this message for government.

"We are ready to work alongside and support you in transforming prisons from places of despair to places of redemption. But I also urge you to be brave and go further than any government before. Make this the turning point where prison policy is built upon giving people the support they need to make amends and play a positive role in our society."



The cardinal made it clear that individuals must be prepared to accept punishment, make amends and work towards a better future, but he identified the important role Catholic parishes can play to help people get their lives back on track.

"Our parishes are particularly well placed to welcome people and help them get back on their feet. I hope and pray that this Year of Mercy will be a rallying call for Catholics actively to reach out a hand of friendship and offer practical assistance to those leaving prison. For even the smallest actions can give someone hope and help them to stay on the right path."



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NEWS

# Clergy Moves Take Place

A number of clergy are on the move to new roles within our diocese.

**Father Jim O'Brien** steps down as the Roman Catholic chaplain at Hull University but continues as Parish Priest at St Vincent's.

**Father William Massie** takes over the Hull University chaplaincy and also becomes Vocations Director, with responsibility to liaise with the Hull Evangelisation Project and in particular the Daughters of Charity.

**Father Paul Dowling** becomes Parish Priest of St Charles Borromeo, Hull, and Father Ivan Dawson becomes Priest in Charge at West Hull Parishes, with Father John Wood as the Associate Pastor.

**Canon Eddie Gubbins** moves from St Andrews, Teesville, to become Parish Priest to the Scarborough parishes.

**Father Albert Schembri** continues as Assistant Priest in the Scarborough parishes, administering St Joseph's and St Edwards in particular. He is resident at St Joseph's.

**Canon Michael Loughlin** is the new Parish Priest of St Andrews, Teesville, while Father Damian Nwachukwu is Assistant Priest at Teesville.

**Father Michael Keogh** continues as Parish Priest of the Thornaby parishes with Monsignor Gerard Dasey becoming Assistant Pastor pro tem at Christ the King, Thornaby.

**Father David Standen** moves to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Market Weighton, as Priest in Charge.

**Father Anthony Amadi** is now Assistant Priest to the to Redcar parishes.

**Father Jerry Twomey** takes on additional duties as Administrator at Osmotherly village parish for a limited period.

**Father Paul Farrer** has moved to Valladolid, Spain, to take up a new role as Vice-Rector at the Royal College of St Alban.



Father William Massie takes over the Hull University chaplaincy and also becomes Vocations Director



### 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)

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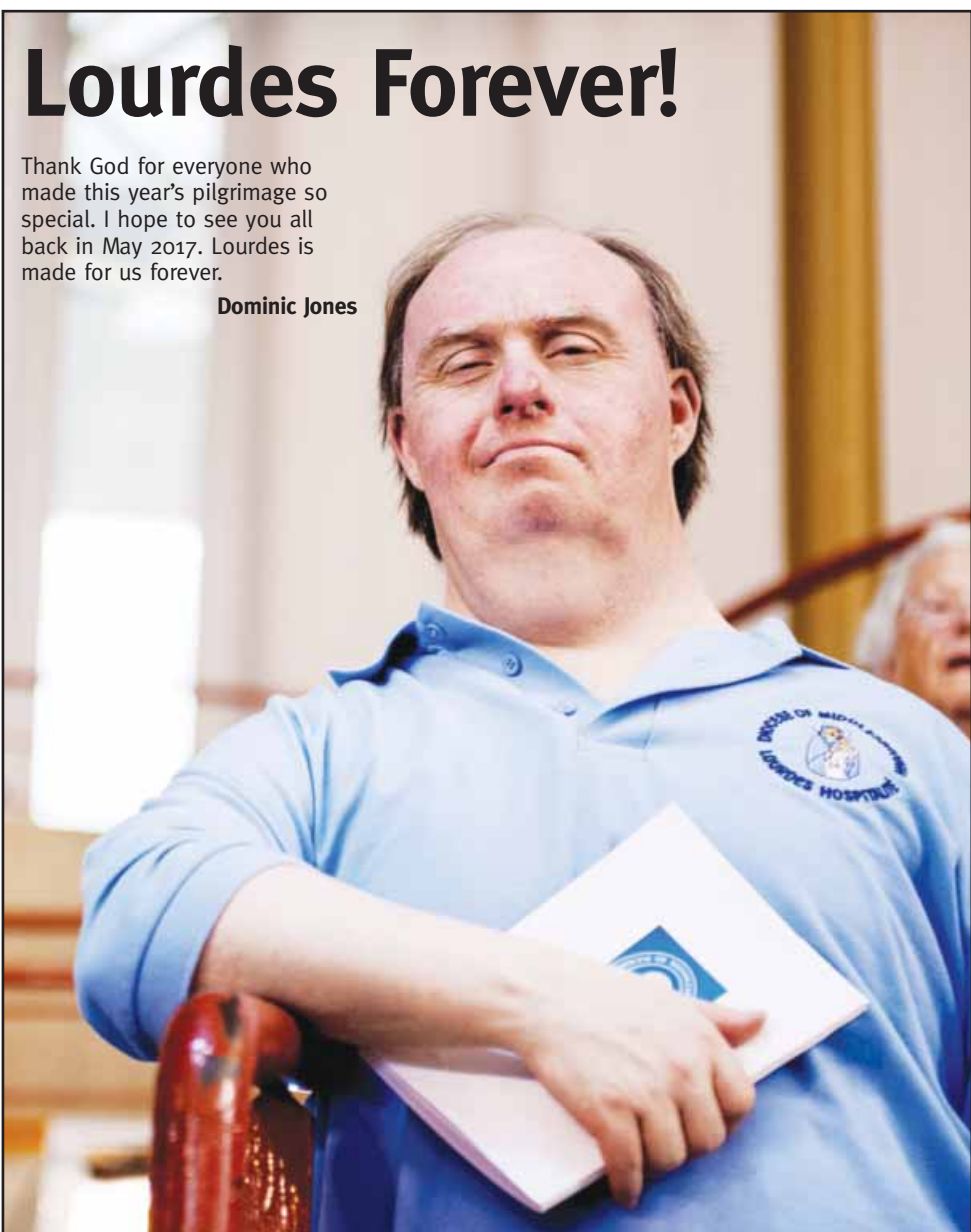
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# Lourdes Forever!

Thank God for everyone who made this year's pilgrimage so special. I hope to see you all back in May 2017. Lourdes is made for us forever.

**Dominic Jones**





## LOURDES CORNER

# Trinity Students Reflect On Lourdes

Parents and invited guests were treated to a three-course meal prepared by the students during a special Lourdes evening at Trinity Catholic College. Students then gave these reflections on this year's pilgrimage. Here are some of the highlights...

My time at Lourdes was an amazing experience and I absolutely loved it. I've made some memories to last forever and met the best people. Lourdes was full of the funniest times and even the most heartbreaking. One of the best parts of the experience was meeting the VIP supported pilgrims who make you realise how lucky we actually are and the biggest eye-openers. I definitely want to go back whenever I have the chance because Lourdes and the pilgrimage is just the most gorgeous place and thing to be a part of. Thank you Mac, Benton, Martin and Father Phil.

**Maisie Gray**

I really enjoyed Lourdes as it was a peaceful, lovely, tranquil place of worship. For me personally the thing that was the most enjoyable was the International Mass because it was rather wonderful. Seeing people from different countries all joining together to celebrate the reason why we were gathered in Lourdes – the miracle of St Bernadette seeing Mary and all attempting each other's different languages. I was rather surprised at how similar the languages seemed, it truly sounded amazing. Everybody was filled with the Holy Spirit that week. I would suggest Lourdes to everyone. Helping the supported pilgrims have a brilliant pilgrimage was another special part of the week. They all had truly amazing stories to tell and enjoyed being with us.

**Brett Turner**

The memories I have from Lourdes will stay with me forever. I met some amazing supported pilgrims and young people! My

supported pilgrims were Gerald Moxon, Simon, Rita, Mary Owens and Keith Owens who I created such a close bond with. The happiest moment I had in Lourdes was seeing one of my pilgrims stand up for the first time in over 25 years! There were many sad moments of the pilgrimage. Lourdes has been the most amazing experience ever and I cannot wait until we go back in two years.

**Olivia Twiby**

A good memory I will always remember from Lourdes was meeting the VIPs and getting to know them personally and for them to rely on me to care for them. Also I enjoyed meeting new people and seeing how they live.

**Niamh Edwards**

Personally, I loved experiencing Lourdes and felt honoured to be in such a holy place. I found it very overwhelming and heartwarming how so many people congregate to such a wonderful place. Another thing I enjoyed was meeting all the supported pilgrims, Brancardiers, Handmaids and the My Mission Team. The Lourdes experience will stay with me forever. I enjoyed Lourdes a lot but my fondest memory was meeting my supported pilgrim Kathy. She was lovely and told me a lot about herself, she also gave me her address so hopefully we will stay in touch. Another thing I enjoyed was going to the Grotto at night. I enjoyed how it was peaceful and quiet. I also enjoyed when the whole Middlesbrough Diocese went to the lake on one of the last days as we got to meet and play with all the other different schools.

**Daisy Shields**

In Lourdes I met a supported pilgrim from Hull called Kathy. She was so special and sweet. I bought her some rosary beads and holy water on the last day because she made my week so special for me.

**Hannah Lawrie**



Students on the steps of the basilica

My best time in Lourdes was meeting all of the pilgrims and getting to know them. My saddest but most powerful moment was visiting the Grotto. It was an amazing experience. The memory that will stay with me forever is the bond that we made with the supported pilgrims.

**Molly Grace**

I really enjoyed my Lourdes experience and would love to go again next year. I loved the Grotto because it was so special, reflective and peaceful. I'm extremely happy because I got the chance to make new friends and meet different people from different places. I had

two supported pilgrims, Michael and Maureen. They were really kind, gentle and they made my Lourdes experience. I enjoyed the International Mass, hearing new languages and learning new facts and information. I liked going to the other Masses as well. My favourite thing about Lourdes was going to the mountains and the lake because I had the chance to play with other schools and meet new people. The people at Lourdes respected me looking after them and cared for me as I cared for them. My Lourdes experience will stay with me for eternal.

**Molly Martin**



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NEWS

## UCM Study Event In York

‘St Luke’s Gospel and preparing for Advent’ is the subject of a talk at the Middlesbrough Diocese Union of Catholic Mothers’ study event. It will be given by our diocesan Adviser for Adult Formation and Evangelisation, Deacon Vince Purcell. The day takes place on Saturday November 12 at St Aelred’s Church, York, and begins with Mass celebrated by our UCM diocesan spiritual adviser, Father Bill Serplus, at 10am.

There will be coffee and welcome from 10.45am in the parish centre before the talk starts at 11.15am. We will break for a social shared lunch at 12.45pm and the day closes at 2pm. There is ample parking beside the church and disabled access is available. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake will be provided. All are welcome – please bring friends!

Sarah Sheils

## New Hull Foundation For UCM



Eight members were enrolled in a new Union Of Catholic Mothers foundation at St Charles Borromeo Church in Jarratt Street, Hull. The ceremony was performed by Canon Michael Loughlin during Mass and was also attended by UCM foundations in York and Filey. Our picture shows the new officers, treasurer Anna Omdejie, president Madge Jordan and secretary Kate Smith.

Hilda Carney

# An Awesome Journey

**I have sometimes thought the young people in our communities use a language that is entirely their own, writes JULIA BEACROFT.**

It’s a language with which they are perfectly at ease and which their peers easily and readily understand. Let me give a few examples: “Bad” meaning good, “fit” meaning attractive, “buff” as in muscly, “sick” meaning impressive and so the list goes on.

My 23-year-old twins tell me “Nice one!” when I’ve earned their approval and frequently allude to LOL (laugh out loud) when I’ve cracked a joke. As this has been going on for a few years, I can probably boast that I’m now fairly up to speed with most of their words and expressions.

Yet a few weeks ago I found myself surprised by a turn of phrase my son produced. I had explained to him that I was feeling a bit tired as I’d done a lot of walking that day and when he asked where I had been, I gave details of the route I had taken.

“Wow, that’s a mission, Mum!” he exclaimed in admiration. I will readily admit this was new ground for me. I was definitely unfamiliar with this term. However, the meaning was clear enough – he was referring to a journey of great length.

### Pope’s Message

On October 16 the Catholic Church again celebrates Mission Sunday, when we pray for missions and the Church declares its

commitment to missionary organisation. Last year, as part of Pope Francis’ message for World Mission Day, he said...

“The mission of the servants of the Word – bishops, priests, religious and laity – is to allow everyone, without exception, to enter into a personal relationship with Christ.”

Upon reflection, I was struck by the fact that possibly my son’s use of the word “mission” (interpreted as lengthy journey) was not so wide of the mark after all. Pope Francis reminds us that the mission of all is to have an intimate relationship with the Lord. Yet, of course, in so doing we embark upon our own journey of faith. On Mission Sunday we share our love and concern for our overseas brothers and sisters, with our charitable donations journeying to distant shores to supply the aid that is so necessary. And not least of all is the fact that we are a missionary church, thereby spreading the Gospel of Christ to all and in so doing journeying and following the same path as the Lord himself.

So on this coming Mission Sunday may we remember others who are less fortunate than ourselves and delight in our journey in Christ. And finally, if anyone asks why you are a follower of Christ – tell them that it’s because he is cool and awesome. Nice one!

**Julia Beacroft’s first book Sanctifying the Spirit is available from [www.sanciobooks.com](http://www.sanciobooks.com) and from Amazon.**

## Open Doors Calls For Worldwide Support



**Anti-persecution charity Open Doors is launching a global campaign to support persecuted Christians in Iraq, Syria and other Middle Eastern countries.**

For the first time in the charity’s 60-year history it is mobilising supporters from across the globe to pray, give and speak out.

Christians from as far away as the Philippines, Brazil and America will be taking part. Open Doors partners are also encouraging participation from Christians in places such as Nigeria, where thousands of Christians have been killed and displaced for their faith by Islamic extremists. Christians living in the Middle East will be adding their voices in this seven-year campaign.

Open Doors CEO Lisa Pearce said: “Christians in Syria and Iraq have told us they do not want to be seen as victims but as citizens. They believe they have a vital role to play in the rebuilding of their countries and in the future of the Middle East just as they played a vital role in shaping the culture, history and economies of their countries in the past.

“Open Doors is asking everyone to sign a petition asking for equal rights for Christians and other minorities that will be presented to the UN in June 2017.”

The petition was created after eight months of consultation with Christians and church leaders in Syria and Iraq, and asks the UN to ensure Christians’ and other minorities’ right to equal citizenship, dignified living conditions for all and a role in reconciliation and

rebuilding society.

Open Doors is aiming for a million people to sign the petition globally and in the UK and Ireland it has already been signed by several thousand people at summer festivals.

Kate Green MP will host a meeting in Parliament on Wednesday October 12 to launch the campaign. Baroness Anelay, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office with additional responsibility for the Department for International Development, will speak at the event, alongside Father Daniel, an Iraqi Church leader forced to flee his home and now ministering in a camp for internally displaced people in a part of Iraq free of so-called Islamic State, and Open Doors CEO Lisa Pearce.

As well as speaking out on behalf of Christians in Syria and Iraq, Christians are also encouraged to hold prayer events for Syria and Iraq to coincide with the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 20.

Open Doors is also asking supporters to give generously and aims to raise £2m this year to support Christians in Syria and Iraq. The charity’s partners are supporting thousands of families each month in Syria, Iraq and Lebanon with vital aid such as food, medicines, trauma care and schooling, as well as through long-term projects such as loans for small businesses.



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# Can You Hear Me Mother?

If you recognise that Sandy Powell catchphrase then you are one of the older members of our community and in your age and experience, a very important part of it. Of course old age doesn't come on its own and many of us are showing some symptoms.

One of the most common failings is in the loss of hearing efficiency. As we get older our hearing range shrinks and we suffer varying degrees of loss.

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that they are working properly. We can and do instruct priests and readers on how best to use them, not least of which is to switch them on!

Again, most of our churches have a loop system which works in conjunction with hearing aids. And that brings me neatly to what we the older parishioners must do. We must recognise and accept our own failing hearing, swallow our pride and get fitted with a hearing aid. There are many styles available and many suppliers and once fitted the difference is said to be only a little short of a miracle.

So, if we sort out this relatively simple problem, maybe when we are listening to the Gospel, "the seeds won't fall on stony ground."

If, like me, you are one of those affected, go on – make an appointment with a consultant now.

Tom Timpson



## In The Spirit Of Mary Ward

Dr Elizabeth Walmsley, director of the Catholic Trust for England and Wales, is the guest speaker at this month's Cleveland Newman Circle meeting. "In the spirit of Mary Ward – working for justice, sincerity and freedom in Albania" is the subject of Dr Walmsley's talk, which takes place on Wednesday October 26 in St Mary's Cathedral hall in Middlesbrough. Coffee will be served from 7.30pm, with a 7.45pm start. All are welcome – please give £2 if you can. For more details call 01642 645732 or email [tpj.egerton@virgin.net](mailto:tpj.egerton@virgin.net).

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# Out & About around the Diocese

## BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2016

- 1-2** Attends annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- 4** Attends meeting of National Office of Vocations in London 11.00am
- 5** School visits:  
9am St Peter's VA, South Bank  
1pm St Margaret Clitherow, TS6
- 6** Attends CRC Department meeting, London 11.00am
- 9** Attends Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect for Syro-Malabar Community in Preston 2.30pm
- 11** Attends CES and Department Meeting, London 11.00am
- 12** School visit to St John of Beverley Primary 9.00am
- 13** Attends NOV Committee Meeting, London 10.00am
- 15/16** Parish visitation to Sacred Heart, Hornsea ALL weekend
- 18** School visits:  
9am St Edward's Primary, Middlesbrough  
1pm St Bernadette's Middlesbrough
- 19/20/21/22** Attends International Conference of Vocations in Rome

### 1-2 Sat-Sun

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

### 1 Sat

**2pm** Lourdes 'keep in touch' Mass, followed by afternoon tea, at Trinity College. Everyone welcome.

### 2 Sun

Day for Life Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace 11am: meet in the village

**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

### 4 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

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

### 5 Wed

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help after 9.30am Mass in St John's Church, Beverley

**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

### 7 Fri

**2.30pm** Rosary Pilgrimage, the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace 2.30pm Rosary/3pm Mass

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

### 9 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

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

### 10-14 Mon-Fri

Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Fr Andrew McCaffrey at Ampleforth. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel (01439) 766386/766889 for details

### 10 Mon

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

### 11 Tues

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

**2pm-4pm** ASCENT Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly Room

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

### 12 Wed

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 9.30am Mass in St John's Church, Beverley

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

**10.30am** The ASCENT 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.

### 14 Fri

**7pm-8.30pm** Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details

**7.30pm** Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

**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

### 15 Sat

**7.30pm** Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Sally Glennon) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie White (01642) 860227

### 16 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 Andrew's, Teesville

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

### 17-20

Ora et Labora: Monastic Experience Retreat. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel (01439) 766386/766889 for details

### 18 Tues

**1.30pm** Songs of Prayer and Praise with Mike Leigh, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York (preceded by AGM of the Friends Group at 11.30am and lunch; all welcome).

### 19 Wed

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 9.30am Mass in St John's Church, Beverley

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

### 20 Thur

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

### 21 Fri

**7.30pm** Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact Steve Evans, tel



07800697975 or e-mail: steve\_evans21@tiscali.co.uk. Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>

**7pm** for 7.30pm MFC Riverside Stadium, Lourdes Hospitality Annual Fundraising (black tie or lounge suits, £35/head)

21-23 Fri-Sun Finding God in Everything; Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel (01439) 766386/766889 for details

## 22 Sat

**11am-3.30pm** Hearts and Crafts Fair, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York

## 23 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 with the Senior Girl Choristers, preceded by a 10 minute programme of organ music and followed by Mass at 5pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham

**6pm** Sung Latin Vespers and

Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

## 26 Wed

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 9.30am Mass in St John's Church, Beverley

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

**7.45pm** Dr Elizabeth Walmsley 'In the Spirit of Mary Ward (IBVM): Working for Justice, Sincerity and Freedom in Albania' Cleveland Newman Circle, Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham – all welcome

## 27 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

## 28 Fri

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

## 28-30 Fri-Sun

Christian Meditation; Fr Christopher Gorst and Terry Doyle. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel (01439) 766386/766889 for details

## 30 Sun

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

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

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## First Week of November

## 6 Sun

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

## ADVANCE NOTICES:

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

**12 November 2016**, Union of Catholic Mothers' Diocesan Study Event, St Aelred's Church, York, 'St Luke's Gospel and Preparing for Advent,' commences with Mass at 10am.

**20 November 2016**, 3pm, Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Alphonsus, North Ormesby

**18-20 November** The Year of Mercy, Fr Kevin Monahan. Contact Ampleforth (01439) 766386/766889 for details

**21 November 2016** 'Passing Through a time of Crisis in the Spiritual Life with the Scriptures' – a time of prayer and reflection with Agnese

Jenčikova CJ, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York (tel: 01904 464900)

**25-27 November** Advent Retreat 'The Saviour is Coming!', Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact Ampleforth (01439) 766386/766889 for details

**23 November 2016**, Cleveland Newman Circle, 7.45pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough Mike Kerrigan, Chair of MMAC 'Married Priests: their time has come.'

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# Taking Evangelisation To The Streets Of Hull

As we continue to hear about evangelisation ideas at work in parishes throughout the diocese, FRANCES REDMORE from St Charles Borromeo shares her experience of the St Paul Street Evangelisation Team in Hull...

On the first Saturday in March 2014 a small group of us left St Charles Borromeo Church for Monument Bridge in Hull. We had our back-up team praying for us. We took rosaries and rosary cards, Miraculous Medals and Divine Mercy images. We planned to street evangelise in the way St Paul's Evangelisation Team do in America.

St Paul's Street Evangelisation was started in 2012 by a young man called Steve Dawson. He would give away Miraculous Medals to anyone who would take them, including a young waitress in a restaurant. Some months later she told him that the next day she found out she was pregnant. She said if it hadn't been for that medal she would probably would have had an abortion.

Steve decided to take this further and started going onto his local streets and offering passers-by rosaries and Miraculous Medals. Today there are more than 100 groups in the US and worldwide. I heard him speak on EWTN and thought we have to give this a try in Hull.

On the first Saturday of every month we leave St Charles after Mass and stand on Monument Bridge to offer rosaries, cards, medals and especially in this year, Divine Mercy images to the people of Hull. At the same time our prayer warriors cover us with prayer while we are on the street. We are a team and we can't go on the streets without their prayer. We rely on it so much.

I can't tell you how much we enjoy street evangelisation! Ninety-nine per cent of people completely ignore us, but what never ceases to amaze is the number of people who do stop and talk to us. There are usually between five and seven people in our group and we just smile and hold rosaries or Divine Mercy images; if we catch someone's eye we gently ask them if they would like one.

If they do, we try to engage them in a little conversation and maybe ask if they would like a prayer for any reason. Some people like to pray there and then, while some are happier for us to pray for them later. We have a book for anyone who has a specific



intention and we pray for each of them throughout the next month.

We always finish by praying for everyone we have met and for those who simply passed by. We ask Our Lord that when the time is right he'll send someone to tell them more about him. We finish off with coffee in the Heaven café.

Over the last two years we have met more than 1,000 people from all ages and from all over the world. This includes a man who had a miraculous healing at Lourdes, refugees from East Timor and members of the Muslim community. We have our regulars who stop to talk to us and people who want to tell us something of their life, struggles and faith.

The team would like to thank Canon Michael Loughlin for his support and Deacon Vince

Purcell for the evangelisation grant to buy another 1,000 rosary cards. We would like to invite anyone who is interested to come along with us. If you would like any more information please see, <http://streetevangelization.com>, <http://streetevangelization.com/hull-uk/> or

search for SPSE St.Charles Borromeo or Hull Catholics on Facebook.

**Do you have any thoughts on ways to spread the Good News in your own area? Please don't hesitate to contact Deacon Vince, Diocesan Adviser on Evangelisation, for any help and support.**

## Quiz Answers

### Connection question

1. Waterloo 2. Fernando 3. Knowing Me, Knowing You 4. I Have A Dream 5. SOS.

**Connection:** Hit singles by Abba.

**Thinking cap question:** She Loves You, Can't Buy Me Love and All You Need Is Love.

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