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Bishop's Column

The General Election in May offers us, as Catholics, the opportunity to question those who seek our vote to judge how they will act for those most in need, and how they will act to support and strengthen families and individuals in their human dignity with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The various problems faced in our communities are felt most keenly by those who are most vulnerable; those suffering poverty in some form – financial, social isolation or rejection. Two examples show how the very basics of security, a job and a home, can turn from a solution to a problem.

Families used to be able to rely on work to provide enough money to get by. Having a job used to mean that families would be clothed and fed. Unfortunately the case now is that many families in work have to turn to food banks and support from parishes and charities in order to get by. Half of all people in poverty live in a family where at least one member of the household is in work¹. This is a comment on the precarious workplace as experienced by some, dogged by low wages, inadequate hours, or exploitative zero-hour contracts which afford no security or predictability of income.

There are also deep-rooted problems with the housing market, which sees many young families struggle to buy a home or even to find a genuinely affordable home to rent. This situation is leaving families in difficult and often desperate

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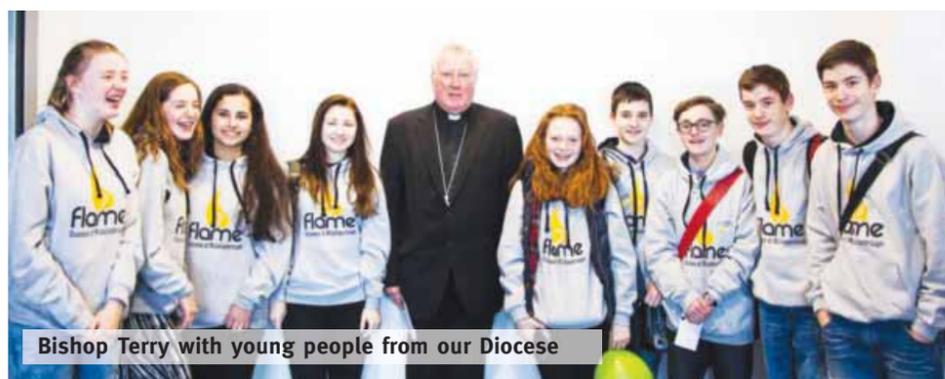
More than 150 young people from our Diocese joined a throng of 8,000 at Wembley Arena for the largest gathering of young Catholics the country has seen outside of Papal visits.

It was a day of celebrating and enriching their faith, with the overriding message "You are not alone, you belong to God." This was delivered in both word and sacrament, as well as by being surrounded with so much joy and energy.

Cardinal Luis Tagle of the Philippines was the main speaker. His heartfelt talk had everyone enraptured and caused them to both laugh aloud and shed a few tears. He focused on The Beatitudes, focusing especially on conveying the importance of Mercy.

Cardinal Tagle challenged everyone to be merciful and assured us that even when we feel alone, we belong to God.

Grammy award-winning Christian performer Matt Redman led the music and most of the Bishops of England and Wales joined both Cardinal Tagle and Cardinal Vincent Nichols in spending a day with the young people of our Church.



Bishop Terry with young people from our Diocese

Easter Schedule 2015

Holy Week, St Mary's Cathedral

Palm Sunday 29 March	4.00 pm	Saturday Vigil/Blessing of Palms (The Lady Chapel, Mount Grace)
	6.30 pm	Saturday Vigil/Blessing of Palms
	8.30 am	Mass (Osmotherley)
	10.00 am	Mass/Blessing of Palms - with Bishop Terence
	5.00 pm	Mass
Monday 30 March	6.30 pm	Mass
Tuesday 31 March	12 noon	Chrism Mass
	6.00 pm	Children's Last Supper Service
Wednesday 1 April	9.15 am	Mass
	12.30 pm	Mass (Osmotherley)
	7.00 pm	Deanery Reconciliation Service
Holy Thursday	7.00 pm	Mass of the Last Supper - with Bishop Terence
		Watching until 10 pm ending with Night Prayer
Good Friday	10.00 am	Morning Prayer & Office of Readings
	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross (Mount Grace - Meet at the bottom of the hill)
	3.00 pm	Solemn Passion - with Bishop Terence
	7.00 pm	"Were You There?" Music/Reflection on the day
Easter Saturday	10.00 am	Morning Prayer & Office of Readings
	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil - with Bishop Terence
	12.00 am	Midnight Easter Vigil (Mount Grace)
Easter Sunday	8.30 am	Easter Day Mass (Osmotherley)
	10.00 am	Easter Day Mass - with Bishop Terence
	5.00 pm	Easter Day Mass

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Bishop's Column

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circumstances; the fact that one in three working parents say they have had to cut back on food in order to afford to pay for their home² shows an injustice in the environment which should be challenged. One of my roles as a Bishop is to be the Chair of CSAN, the network of Catholic charities and dioceses which join together in mission, working with many people, children, those with disabilities, the old, refugees, those affected by prison and those who are homeless. This network, and the many other groups and individuals in our parishes, share an ethos of "caritas" – charity, love and justice. Underpinning this is the richness of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching; human dignity, the common good and solidarity with people in poverty: all defining qualities for our work in social action and justice. Working in the spirit of love and justice every day can make a difference to so many people's lives. That is why at the time of this General Election I invite you to draw upon this rich heritage of Catholic social teaching and action and use it to inform yourself about the way you want to live and the way you think our society should be going. At this election, we are called to transform our faith into action for positive change. Now is our opportunity to challenge the candidates for election to answer our questions on how they intend to respond to the pressing social issues affecting our families and our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

¹ JRF, Monitoring poverty and social exclusion 2014, (Dec 2014)

² Shelter, Housing costs forcing working parents to cut back on food, (Aug 2014)

The Story Of A Diocesan Hero



Bishop Terry will join civic and army chaplaincy dignitaries at the Sacred Heart Church in Hull on Saturday April 25 to mark 100 years since the death of Father William Finn. The church was built in memory of Father Finn, who was killed on the first day of the Gallipoli landings. Here MARGARET TURNHAM tells us his story...

William Finn, who volunteered to serve as a military chaplain during the First World War, is believed to be the first

Catholic chaplain killed in the war, when he fell in action during the Gallipoli landings of April 1915.

He came from Hull and before the war had served as curate at the Cathedral, then as chaplain at Houghton Hall and Market Weighton. After enlistment, he was attached to the first battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, joining them on their return to England from India.

They sailed from England on St Patrick's Day 1915 to join the rest of the 29th Division who were to be part of the landing force at Gallipoli in the Dardanelles. Their particular responsibility was V beach at the southern tip of the Dardanelles peninsula, at a place called Cape Helles.

Strategically, it was a disastrous choice for a landing place, as despite the fact that there was some open beach, most of the land rose straight out of the sea, making it ideal for Turkish defensive gun emplacements.

The troops were to be landed by means of a "Trojan Horse" strategy, which took the form of an old steam collier, the SS River Clyde, that would be run aground.

A pontoon, made up of barges towed behind it, would then be anchored in a line to the shore, enabling the men to jump ashore dry and ready to fight the Turks. The whole engagement was to be preceded by a naval bombardment to take out the Turkish defences.

Unsurprisingly, given the terrain and the inadequate planning of the entire campaign, the whole landing went disastrously wrong. The initial naval bombardment failed to destroy the Turkish defences, and so the men poured off the SS River Clyde into a hail of bullets.

Furthermore, difficulties in getting the barges into the correct position meant many men landed in the sea; with backpacks weighing over 60lbs, they sank under the weight of their equipment and drowned.

Father Finn was under orders to remain on the collier, but on seeing the sight of the men being mown down and needing his care, he managed to scramble ashore in order to minister to the dead and dying.

Despite being hit several times by enemy bullets, he continued to crawl out to wounded men and was finally killed whilst giving absolution to a dying soldier. An eyewitness who survived the carnage later wrote home:

Dear Joe, the worst of all was we had a priest who came along with us. He was in the boat; he insisted on coming with us, as he said he would be wanted for the poor boys. They were all calling for him, but the poor priest could do nothing for them. He got out of the boat afterwards and made a great run for the beach, but the Turks got him as soon he landed, for he was hit four times. He died that evening, but he was still asking for us up to the time he died.

Father Finn was awarded the Military Cross, although many felt he deserved to be given the Victoria Cross. This was refused on the grounds that he had disobeyed orders in going ashore with the men instead of remaining on the collier until it was safe to disembark.

From the battalion of 25 officers and 987 men who embarked on the SS River Clyde with Father Finn, only one officer and 374 other ranks survived the initial carnage, and by the time they left the Dardanelles on January 1 1916, only 11 of them were still alive.

Frank Finn, his brother, built Sacred Heart Church in Hull in memory of William.

*All are welcome to attend the Mass, which takes place at noon. Afterwards, the Lord Mayor of Hull will unveil a plaque, one of a series to commemorate inspirational figures from the city, outside the church. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Memorable Night For Council 29



There was a very special occasion for Middlesbrough's Council 29 of the Knights of St Columba when Bishop Terry attended their monthly Mass.

Brothers Mick Conwell and Mike Carr were presented with certificates marking 50 years as Knights, while Brothers Andrew Gardner, Ryan Metcalfe, Al Bury and Laurie

Haley were all raised to full knighthood. Bishop Terry, former chaplain Canon Derek Turnham and current chaplain Monsignor Gerard Robinson were made members of honour and the Bishop also blessed the Council 29 Charter.

The Knights is a fraternal order of Catholic

men. Council 29 meets at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough on the first Tuesday each month at 7pm. Meetings begin with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel. New members are always welcome. Please contact Grand Knight Tony Kirk on 0777 945 7729.

Ged's Quick Quiz

Connection question:

1. Who played detective Frank Cannon in the 1970s' TV series?
2. Who wrote Gone With The Wind?
3. Which illustrator drew the original cartoons for The Wind In The Willows and Winnie The Pooh?
4. Which actor played Richard Sharpe the Napoleonic soldier in several series from 1993 to 1997?
5. Which jazz trumpeter was nicknamed Satchmo?

Thinking cap question: There are five chemical elements which begin and end with the same letter. Can you name them? Clue: There are only two different letters for all five answers.

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Father Paul Farrer and friends



Cardinal Tagle is greeted by an admirer

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Organised by CYMFed – the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation – Flame2 saw groups from five of our seven Catholic secondary schools join the MYMission Team and a group of young adults for what some described as a life-changing day.

Among many special memories, one Boro highlight was seeing Bishop Terry take to the stage to read a message of support from Pope Francis.

There was lots of singing and dancing, all that you would expect from such a large group of young people, but the day finished in a profoundly moving way with Father Timothy Radcliffe leading the congregation into silence before 8,000 young people prayed together before the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Paul Farrer said: "I'm really

delighted that so many young people, their teachers and priests were able to be here. It is an experience of the universal Church that we need to give more and more of to our young people. They need to know they are not alone as people of faith."

Mark Taylor, headteacher of St Augustine's School, Scarborough, said: "It was a great day. I got so much out of it personally and I know the kids did too."

Liz Jayasuriya, of St Patrick's School, Thornaby, said: "All our young people just want to know when Flame3 is! The day was packed full of such good news. It was such an inspiring experience for us all.

"It was a great day of faith, encounter, sharing and celebration. It was a day when we learned that 'Blessed are the merciful.' And that 'We belong to God.' Here's to Flame 3!"

Message From Pope Francis, delivered by Bishop Terry

His Holiness Pope Francis presents His special greetings to all those persons who are participating in Flame2. Speaking to young people during his recent Apostolic Visit to the Philippines, the Holy Father affirmed: "God surprises us. Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by God. Let us not have the psychology of a computer, thinking that we know everything. What do I mean? Think for a moment. The computer has all the answers, never a surprise. In the challenge of love, God surprises us. Let yourselves be surprised by God: Don't be afraid. True love makes your heart burn within you. Think of Saint Francis; he left everything, he died with empty hands, but with a full heart. So, be wise; think well, feel well and act well. Let yourselves be surprised by God's love, then go and set the world aflame with that love. I want to encourage you as Christian citizens to offer yourselves passionately and honestly to the great work of renewing your society and helping to build a better world. His Holiness imparts to all participants in Flame2 and their families and loved ones a special Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of abundant graces from Our Blessed Lord.



A view of the stage from the back of the Wembley Arena

The Mystery Of God's Mercy Cardinal Tagle's Address To The Young People Of England And Wales

I would like to speak to you about the mercy of God. If I had a whole semester I would not be able to tell you all there is to know. I have only 20 minutes but I will try. First, I would like to ask all of you to look around you, try to recall your homes, your parishes, marvel at the many signs of mercy. The concrete ways by which men and women show God's mercy to others.

At the same time I would like you to open your eyes, ears and hearts to the many signs of the lack of mercy, hunger, thirst, violence, dehumanising poverty, the victims of human trafficking, the abuse of vulnerable people, the children, women, migrants, those with disabilities. Look at the victims and survivors of war. Imagine the incalculable harm done by the lack of mercy to individuals, families and whole communities.

When I encounter someone who has experienced the lack of mercy from other people or institutions, what hits me is the sense that nobody cares. When we are touched by those people then we know that only mercy can save humanity. Our hearts break whenever somebody says, "Nobody cares for me, I am alone, nobody cares."

It is in this context that we proclaim who God is. He maintains love for us all. He forgives us, he is tenderness and compassion. We turn to the God who is merciful. We can understand God's mercy as this amazing attachment to persons. He is joined to us, he heals sinners, the wayward and those in need.

Why is God like this, even with his enemy? Because we have a covenant with him. He tells us, "I am your God, you are my people. You are mine, how can I give you up?"

teachers. What do we do with those who we want to kick out of the school? Well, God is merciful.

Look at Jesus, he called his 12 students and taught them for three years and during the final examination they all failed! They did not understand. He had to teach them again after the resurrection and then he sent the Holy Spirit to continue teaching them. God does not give up. This is the mercy of God. It has flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ.

Think of the stories of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the prodigal son. They end in feasting and celebration. Where there is mercy, there is joy. The Gospel really is the Gospel of Mercy.

That lost sheep may be a financial liability, but it is mine. That lost coin may not amount to very much, but it belongs to me. That son who had wasted everything is my son. This is mercy. This is joy. No-one is alone. You belong to God.

My dear young people, be the living signs in our world of God's mercy, of the joy of the Gospel of Mercy. Recall in your lives how God has been merciful to you and proclaim the joy that has come to you because of God's mercy.

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome those without homes, visit the sick and console those in prison. Be Good Samaritans, spread the flame of God's mercy and heal the wounded world.

Dear young people, it doesn't cost much to be a sign of joyful mercy to those who feel that nobody cares. May I ask you to take out your mobile phones and send a message to one or two people? I am going to dictate the message. Ready? Send to your friends and parents. Tell them, "Blessed are the Merciful!" Ready? Send! Thank you!

Students from St Mary's College in Hull sum up the Flame2 experience...

My favourite bit was at the end when everyone was dancing, like it was a party, but you could tell that God was there, partying with us – **Naomi**

Flame2 has been the best experience I have ever had – **Rojin**

I enjoyed it when everyone was singing and worshipping – **Hannah**

The music was wonderful, as was the dancing. I especially liked the inspirational speeches. I felt so alive – **Tabitha**

I really enjoyed the music by Matt Redman because it made our faith more modern, which appealed to me as a young person – **Penny**

The young people who spoke about their work with CAFOD inspired me most and made me want to do a similar sort of thing when I am older – **Lucy**

Flame2 made me reflect on my life. It was full of music, colours and laughter – I loved it! – **Anna**

CATHOLIC WORLD NEWS

Mass For Richard III

As part of ceremonies marking the re-interment of King Richard III, Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrated Mass for the repose of the soul of Richard III in Holy Cross Church, Leicester, on Monday March 23. Three days later his remains were re-interred in Leicester Cathedral, the mediaeval Catholic parish church of Leicester.

Easter Message For Persecuted Christians

Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Catholic Bishops' Conference Department of International Affairs, encouraged Catholics to contact Christian prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders with an Easter message of hope. Action by Christians Against Torture published details of Christians, including a teacher imprisoned on political charges in Indonesia, a priest facing threats because of his human rights advocacy in Cuba and an MP risking her safety by speaking out on behalf of religious minorities in Pakistan.

Oscar Romero Nearer To Sainthood

Archbishop Oscar Romero will be beatified in San Salvador on May 23. The ceremony moves the murdered archbishop a step closer to sainthood. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, will celebrate the Mass.

Homeless Man Buried At Vatican

A small cemetery inside the Vatican walls made headlines with the burial of a Belgian homeless man, Willy Herteleer. He was buried in "the pilgrims' tomb", a common grave just a few yards from the tombs of bishops, royalty and academics. Parishioners at the Vatican's St Anne Church, where he attended daily Mass, gave him food that he shared with other homeless people.

Recent tweets from Pope Francis' Twitter account @Pontifex...

A credible witness to truth and to the values of the Gospel is urgently needed.

There is no sin that God cannot pardon. All we need to do is ask for forgiveness.

Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.

SCHOOL NEWS

St Aelred's Pupils Are First VIPs!

Excited children at St Aelred's School in York are eager to demonstrate their excellent behaviour and attitude to learning after the introduction of a new VIP scheme.

The school already presents weekly certificates for Star Pupils, Big Maths Champions and Fabulous Presenters, but is now rewarding even more children for excellence.

Every two weeks parents are invited to a special assembly when one VIP from each class is announced.

Pupils walk up the red carpet to the sound of *Celebration* by Kool & the Gang, before receiving their VIP lanyard, which they wear for two weeks, and a VIP certificate. They also sit at a special dinner table with cloth, flowers and reserved signs.

"The children have been so excited and are desperate to become VIPs," said foundation stage leader Sylvia Klays.



St Aelred's first ever VIPs – all outstanding pupils both in attitude to work and in their behaviour

Schools Partnership Continues To Strengthen

Middlesbrough Catholic Schools Partnership continues to strengthen through regular events and meetings. The partnership, first formed as Trinity Partnership in 2009, has seen every Catholic school in Middlesbrough come together as one body to lay foundations for both a strong academic and spiritual education for the young people in the area.

The structure of the group changed following the award of Teaching School status to St Clare's Primary School. There have been several events this year connecting schools across the partnership in faith, including year eight and year five pupils sharing a day together. This started with Mass at St Mary's Cathedral followed by a faith walk from Seaton Carew to Summerhill Park.



Pupils and staff celebrate their glowing report

Celebrations For 'Outstanding' School

A Bridlington school is celebrating after Ofsted inspectors declared it "outstanding" in every area.

Our Lady and St Peter Roman Catholic Primary School achieved Ofsted's highest possible ranking after being previously rated as "good".

Ofsted says pupils of all abilities make outstanding progress. The behaviour and safety of pupils, quality of teaching, leadership and management and early provision are all now outstanding.

The inspectors' report says that joint headteachers Anne Parr and Angela Spencer are uncompromisingly committed to raising pupils' achievement and have maintained consistent improvement since the last inspection.

"Their vision for the school is shared by an outstanding governing body and motivates a dedicated and highly-skilled staff team," the report says.

Pupils of all abilities make outstanding progress through the school in reading, writing, mathematics and other subjects, achieving above-average results at the end of year six.

Mrs Parr and Mrs Spencer said they were very proud of the children, who impressed inspectors with their hard work, good manners and excellent behaviour. They also paid tribute to the professionalism and dedication of the school's teachers, teaching assistants and support staff, as well as the support given by the governors and the education authority.

Councillor Julie Abraham, East Riding of Yorkshire Council's portfolio holder for children, young people and education, said: "I am delighted Our Lady and St Peter RC Primary School has been recognised for its efforts and particularly proud that the children were seen as such excellent ambassadors for the school."

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Old Friends And New Challenges

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, in Middlesbrough, continues his report from Basankusu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he is working as a lay missionary for Mill Hill Missionaries.

"Meeting" has been the theme of my year so far: meeting old friends and new and meeting situations and challenges. Mill Hill Missionaries used to be the driving force of Basankusu Diocese – now we are a community of only three, Father John Kirwan MHM from

Merseyside, Father Stan Bondoko MHM who is Congolese, and myself.

My first meeting – and challenge – was the extremely hot and humid weather. It's so tiring. A day's work in such stifling heat is sometimes like climbing a mountain. We've had a little respite recently, some cooler days and a little breeze now and then. We are lucky to have a generator for a few hours each evening. It gives us enough power to turn on lights, the TV, pump water into the oil-drums in the loft

(our water tank) and use the washing machine. My next meeting was with teachers and children of the voluntary schools for orphans. It was really uplifting to see the community making such an effort – teaching children to read, write and count and to provide meals – when the volunteers have so little themselves.

I met with my own students here at Maison St Joseph (St Joseph's House). Candidates who want to discern their vocation have a long road to travel. We give them nine months of "orientation" – lessons to set them on their feet before they enter "basic formation" in Kenya. After two years there, if they are successful, they can enter

the Mill Hill seminary in Uganda. I couldn't wish to meet a nicer group of young men.

I met with Bishop Mokobe of Basankusu. He was very welcoming and pleased I'd come to Africa, despite all the terrible things happening here, not least Ebola. He also asked me to teach at the minor seminary in Bonkita, 12 miles away.

Father Stan introduced me to the Basankusu Youth Choir, who can improvise complex harmonies at the drop of a hat. They were going to perform at Waka parish of Christ the King. Although only 50 miles away, it took almost four hours to get there because of the poor roads.

I left Kinshasa over a month ago and it seemed disorganised but peaceful. This week, however, I met



Francis Hannaway with Mill Hill Candidates

with the grim realities of life in a country without democracy and the rule of law. There were protests in Kinshasa over the President clinging to power by changing the constitution. Cars were overturned and shops looted. The government responded by opening fire on anyone in the vicinity. I can't begin to describe the terrible things that have happened. There are many dead.

You can keep up with the latest news from Francis Hannaway in the Congo on Facebook. If you would like to send a donation to support the school for orphans (£10 will buy a wooden desk for three children), make cheques payable to, "Mill Hill Missionaries (Francis Hannaway - Congo)" and include a covering note. Send to: Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's Parish Centre, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead SL6 7UX

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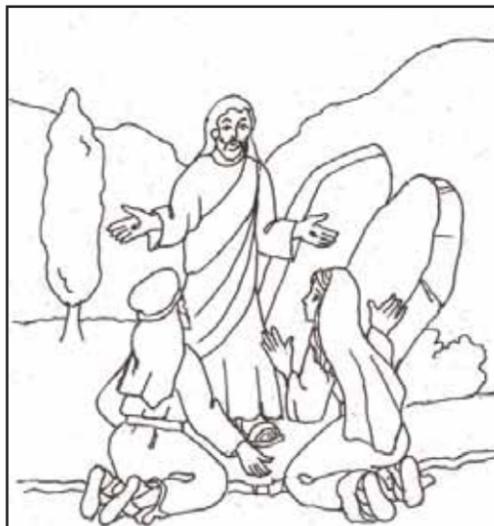
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The school for orphans

He is Risen!

When Jesus died his apostles thought everything was lost, but on Easter Sunday the angel rolled back the stone to show Jesus was no longer in the tomb. He had risen from the dead, and his friends were filled with joy. This is why we celebrate at Easter, as we remember that Jesus is with us always.



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Lourdes has had a profound impact on thousands of lives since the Middlesbrough Pilgrimage began in 1952. Each month some of those people tell their often deeply moving stories.

Some of them will make you smile and others might make you cry. All reflect some aspect of what our Pilgrimage means and reveal how it has the power to transform lives.

Some were first heard at the Taizé service that has become part of our pilgrimage in recent years and are collected in a book, where more can be added. If you have your own Lourdes story you'd like others to share, please email Mary Lombard at thelombards@hotmail.com

Inspired By Bernadette



I've visited Lourdes three times and the story of St Bernadette really touched me. Bernadette was such a young girl, poorly educated and she didn't have much money or materialistic goods, or many friends. But God chose her, the simple person with the pure heart and the pure faith.

Bernadette's story taught me I don't need to be the most academic person or be the best at running or have the fanciest clothes. God loves me for who I am because he created me. Lourdes has helped me a lot with my self-confidence, it has taught me I don't need to stand and look at the magazines or the media and try to be that kind of person. I will be loved for myself.

When I first thought of coming to Lourdes, I thought I would be bored. But once you arrive, you never stop – there's so much to do, everyone is always there to help and get involved. What really stood out was that there were so many different ages and ethnicities, people who are well and those who are sick, all coming together to praise God and live Bernadette's story, and I think that's just amazing.

Before I started coming to Lourdes, I was a bit sceptical about God. I was a Catholic but I didn't

really understand the faith. Coming to Lourdes and meeting other young people and sharing their stories helped me develop my faith in a way that I now feel that I can trust in God.

When you visit Lourdes you never see anyone upset. If they are crying, it's because they are overwhelmed with everything that's going on. It's an amazing place to be. We would never normally get the chance to help the VIPs or meet new people and I just think it's brilliant.

A Humbling Example

When I visited Lourdes with my grandmother I had reservations, because although I was brought up as a Catholic, I didn't practice as one. I had reservations about rituals and all that sort of thing, so I went very much because I thought it would make my grandmother happy, rather than because I wanted to.



But God uses things like this to put his finger on problems such as spiritual pride and feeling like you have all the answers. He tells us that his ways are different from our ways and we cannot understand – and he is right.

Seeing how people live out faith in Christ in Lourdes was amazing. Really serving each other, really loving each other. I think visiting Lourdes is such a humbling experience because you meet people from all walks of life putting off their pride, giving up time and hard-earned cash to help others. It is a really humbling example of how we ought to follow Christ and I hope that it will stay with me and remind me going forward.

Lourdes Day Of Prayer

You are invited to take time out and join other members of our Lourdes family in an Afternoon of Reflection at Ampleforth Abbey on Saturday April 18. It will take place from 2pm to 5pm in the Postgate Room, beneath the Main Hall in the central building.

Afternoon tea and coffee and cake will be served so it's important to let us know by the beginning of April if you're coming. For further details contact Audrey Kirby by emailing a.kirby1356@gmail.com or calling 07791071159. There is no charge but donations will be welcomed on the day.

Follow Middlesbrough Lourdes Hospitalite on Twitter at @MDLHospitalite or search for Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage on Facebook.

Trinity's Got Talent!

The Student Council of Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough will hold an Evening of Talent in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage on Wednesday April 29 from 6pm to 8pm. Tickets for the event, which will include singing, dancing, drama and comedy, as well as raffles, tombolas and refreshments, are £1 for children, £2 for adults or £5 for a family ticket (two adults and up to three children). Tickets are available from school reception or by emailing Simon Carey at carey.s@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk or calling 01642 298100.

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Mizens' Message Of Forgiveness And Faith

Catenians from eight circles and Catholics from seven Ryedale parishes were joined by Anglicans and Methodists to hear a remarkable story of forgiveness and faith.

When Margaret and Barry Mizen's 16-year-old son Jimmy was killed in a vicious street attack in London in 2008, they channeled their emotions and energies away from anger and into helping young people avoid becoming involved in violence.

The Catholic couple believe violence in young people stems from years of feeling unloved, unvalued and afraid. Their faith has given them the energy and determination to establish effective ways to help.

As a practical legacy of peace, they set up the Jimmy Mizen Foundation, which supports youth clubs and funds "Jimmy Buses" for youngsters. Their "Cafes of Good Hope" provide both work experience for young people and funds for their Foundation. They speak to young people in schools and prisons with remarkable results.

An audience of 130 packed Hovingham Village Hall to hear their



Left to right: Margaret Mizen, Christopher Wilding, Rosalie Wilding, Father Tim Bywater, Reverend Sue Bond, James Bond and Barry Mizen.

inspiring message at an event sponsored and organised by Ampleforth and District Catenians. Although not planned as a fundraising event, donations and sales of Margaret's book topped £1,700.

For more information about their message and Margaret's moving book, visit

<http://thejimmymizenfoundation.tumblr.com>

For more information on the Catenians, visit

<http://www.thecatenians.co.uk>

Rob Thompson

Prom Praise Prepares For Next Step

After the success of its Singing Day, the next task for Prom Praise York is to assemble a choir to sing at the Royal Albert Hall. A total of 101 singers turned out for an enjoyable and challenging day of tuition from Noël Tredinnick and Helen Warry.

"We had a wonderful cross-section of York's Christian community, with all the denominations represented in strength," said organiser Mike Parish. "This reinforced the message that our shared musical traditions help bring us all together in our worship."

Catholics from St Margaret Clitherow, Haxby, St George's, York, St John's, Easingwold, and Thorganby Priory were among those who took part. Plans are now underway to get together a choir to sing at the Albert Hall on April 25 before a concert on in the York Barbican on October 3.

If you'd like to help, please contact Mike Parish on 07880 548474. You can keep up with plans for the event on Facebook (Prom Praise York), Twitter (@PromPraiseYork) or by emailing info@prompraiseyork.org.uk



NEWS

Big Society Award For SVP

Prime Minister David Cameron invited St Vincent de Paul Society leaders to a reception celebrating the organisation's Big Society Award.

SVP national president Adrian Abel and chief executive Elizabeth Palmer visited 10 Downing Street alongside representatives from around 50 organisations receiving the award, including sports clubs, art associations and charities.

Mr Cameron commended all those who have given their time to serve the community and urged them to continue their good work. He said a vicar had reminded him he hadn't invented the Big Society – the credit belongs to Jesus.

The Prime Minister asked Mr Abel and Mrs Palmer about the SVP's work and on hearing that they befriend people who live alone, especially older people, he said there would be an increase in the need for such work in the future.

"Going up the stairs of Number 10 there are pictures of former Prime Ministers dating back to the 18th Century," said Mr Abel. "Frederick J Robinson, who served from August 1827 until January 1828, had connections to the SVP.

"His son, George Frederick Robinson, converted to Catholicism in 1874 and subsequently became the SVP's national president in 1899 until his death in 1909.

"Always a progressive politician, serving in government for a short time alongside Winston Churchill, he was known as a great conciliator. I hope he was looking down on us from heaven with approval."

The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need.

Formed in Paris in 1833, the group has around 10,000 active volunteers in the UK, who make more than 500,000 visits each year to vulnerable people in their communities.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Success For Sacred Heart Speakers

Pupils from the Sacred Heart School in Redcar were among the winners of the annual Catenians public speaking competition in County Durham. Key stage three winner was Joshua Moore, while Isaac Moore was successful in the key stage four category.

New Year Honour For Elizabeth

Congratulations to President of the Middlesbrough Branch of the Catholic Women's League Elizabeth Rodgers, who received the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Cottingham in the New Year Honours list.

May Procession In Hull

This year's May Procession will take place on Sunday May 17 at 2.30pm at St Vincent's Church, Queen's Road, Hull HU5 2QP. Children wishing to take part should meet in St Vincent's VC Academy from 2pm. The procession is outdoors, weather permitting, and the highlight is the crowning of Our Blessed Lady by the May Queen and her attendants. All visitors to the parish are extremely welcome. For further information please contact Catherine Holtby on 01482 804532 or email catherineholtby@yahoo.co.uk

Day Of Divine Mercy

A Day of Divine Mercy will be held at St Vincent's Church, Queens Road, Hull, on Sunday April 12 from noon to 4pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions all afternoon. The Hour of Great Mercy from 3pm will end with Benediction. All are welcome.

Music And Drama In York

York storyteller F Mary Callan is putting on a new production of her show *King David's Wives* in English Martyrs' small hall on Thursday April 23 and Friday April 24 at 7.30pm and Saturday April 25 at 2.30pm. Mary's shows utilise local musicians to bring Bible stories to life and have been performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. *King David's Wives* is one hour long and not suitable for children. Admission is free, with donations welcome. To book a performance for your parish, call 01904 653836.

Rebecca Returns For Parish Play

Award-winning actress Rebecca Fenwick returned to her former parish of Our Lady and St Peter's in Bridlington to give a performance of the play *Spoonface Steinberg* to an enthusiastic reception. Rebecca's mum, Joan Fenwick, is President of the Catholic Women's League in Bridlington.

St Aelred's Welcomes All

St Aelred's Church, in York, opened on Friday afternoons during Lent as part of evangelisation initiative Crossing the Threshold, with banners outside the church and in the school inviting local people to visit.

Building Bridges Together

The Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland Impact Statement highlights significant progress made in supporting the poor, the homeless and refugees over the last two years.

This Church Urban Fund initiative has made a difference to the lives of so many vulnerable people in our community. Its distinctly ecumenical approach has paid dividends and we benefit from having Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Rev Paul Ferguson, as our chair, as well as the wholehearted support of Bishop Terry.

Bishop Terry sanctioned the use of the John Paul Centre in Grange Road to be one of our visible contributions to the Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland work and it is now a hive of activity.

Bringing together a range of charities at the centre, combined with the established role as a place of worship and prayer, is a formidable combination. As diocesan representative on the Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland Board of Trustees, I know the significant results outlined in this statement are just the beginning, with more far reaching plans scheduled for this year.

The work of the John Paul Centre needs your support. If you can, why not make an Easter gift to help the new services for the poor flourish at the centre? Please send donations, made payable to the John Paul Centre, to Father Andrew Burns, John Paul Centre, 53-55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 5AU.

John Hinman, Trustee, Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland

The project aims to support and develop the churches' response to poverty in Middlesbrough and Cleveland, working in partnership with other organisations and agencies. The scale and spread of deprivation in Teesside is among some of the worst in the country, with 47% of Middlesbrough ranked in the bottom 10% poorest places to live.

In these communities up to 60% of children are living in poverty, up to 53% of families are headed by lone parents and male life expectancy is as low as 68 years.

This impact report is a snapshot of what has been achieved over the past two years by churches and organisations working together. It has been so encouraging to see the many projects and partnerships that have developed during this time. The project has recently been registered as a charity Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland to reflect its growing work.

You can read the two year review on our website, <http://www.cuf.org.uk/blog/together-middlesbrough-two-year-review>

TOGETHER MIDDLESBROUGH IMPACT REPORT 2013 & 2014

Together Middlesbrough was launched by the Archbishop of York in December 2012. This is a snapshot of what has been achieved over the past two years...

- RAISING AWARENESS**
 - 275 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITH 1,000+ VOLUNTEERS
 - According to Faith in Action: a 2013 report of church-based social action in Middlesbrough.
 - We made 2 FILMS about churches and projects working together to tackle poverty.
 - 215 INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER
 - We share good news stories of local projects to thousands of people via the Evening Gazette & BBC Radio Tees.
- DEVELOPING SKILLS**
 - We believe it's important that people committed to tackling poverty have the right skills, and the opportunity to learn from each other.
 - 240 PEOPLE ATTENDED WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING SESSIONS
 - Improving skills in fundraising, working with volunteers, working with children and young people.
 - 1,100 REACHED THROUGH EVENTS
 - Increasing learning and sharing between churches and other organisations
- WORKING TOGETHER**
 - Supporting people to work better together is central to our commitment to tackling poverty.
 - Part of 26 DIFFERENT PARTNERSHIPS
 - Working with groups around common concerns, helping to develop partnership projects and contributing to local and strategic partnerships.
- SUPPORT FOR CHURCH-BASED SOCIAL ACTION**
 - Together Middlesbrough provides one-to-one support for church-based projects, and sign posts people to areas of expertise.
 - 40 CHURCHES AND PROJECTS ASSISTED
 - Developing new or existing projects and activities
- £165,000 AWARDED TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS**
 - Funding secured for activities including family support, children's work, addressing food poverty and homelessness.
- HOPE 4 SUMMER**
 - During summer 2014 churches across Middlesbrough worked together to provide holiday clubs and activities, with healthy snacks and packed lunches to over 400 children.
 - Families really valued the support during the 6 weeks with tight budgets and no free school meals.
- FEEDING 7,000**
 - Middlesbrough Food Bank is an excellent example of churches and other organisations working together to tackle food poverty. Since it opened Middlesbrough Food Bank's team of over 50 volunteers has provided emergency food for 7,000 people.
 - New projects were piloted in 2014 e.g. Slow Cooker course, helping 200 families to cook on a budget in 2015.
- JOHN PAUL CENTRE**
 - Over the past two years Together Middlesbrough has worked along side the John Paul Centre (JPC) as it has been redeveloped to offer support to vulnerable and marginalised people including asylum seekers and people experiencing homelessness. The centre has now been refurbished and is full to capacity with a wide range of projects. Funding was secured in 2014 via the Church Urban Fund to create the Positive Pathways out of Homelessness project.
- CASE STUDIES**

For more information contact: Heather Black, Development Officer Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, together@middlesbrough.org

Copies are also available from together@trinitycentre.org or by calling 07446908451.

Heather Black

Voluntary Organisation Needs Your Help

The SVP is always looking for new members to help in the community through its 44 parish-based conferences in our Diocese.

The charity has set up community shops to provide low-cost furniture and clothing and a drop-in point for lonely people in the community. Most shops make a small profit, which goes to national and local SVP funds. There are two community shops in the Teesside area, on Rothbury Road, Middlesbrough, and Redcar's High Street. There is also a SVP clothing bank at Sacred Heart Church on Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough.

Meanwhile, the "Mini Vinnies" programme aimed at children aged between seven and 11 has proved a huge success. Based on a

model introduced in Australia, children, with the permission of their parents and the support of their schools, are encouraged to "see, think and do". The programme engages children on social justice issues while they're also having fun.

You can find out more at www.minivinnies.org.uk or by contacting one of our diocesan co-ordinators, Bernadette Murray (Middlesbrough and East Cleveland) at bernadetteemurray2013@gmail.com, Pat Nobbs (York) at patnobbs@live.co.uk and Jayne Wilson (Hull) at jayne.wilson24@ymail.com

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Easter Mass Times

Bridlington Our Lady & St Peter

Mundy Thursday
9.15am Office of Readings
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by *watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm*

Good Friday
9.15am Office of Readings
10.00-11.00am Confessions
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
7.00pm Burial of the Body Meditation

Holy Saturday
9.15am Office of Readings
9.30-10.30am Confessions
11.00am Polish Blessing of Food Service
8.00pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass

Hull Our Lady of Lourdes & St Peter Chapel

Mundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Watching until 10.30 p.m.

Good Friday
9.30am Way of the Cross for Children and Parents
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
10.00am Easter Day Mass

Easter Monday
12.00 noon Mass of Monday in Easter Week.

Lealholm, Egton Bridge & Ugthorpe

Our Lady, Lealholm
St Hedda, Egton Bridge
St Anne, Ugthorpe

Palm Sunday
6.30pm (Saturday) Vigil - Lealholm
9.30am Mass: Egton Bridge
11.00am Mass: Ugthorpe

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper and watch until 9.00pm: Ugthorpe

Good Friday
9.00am Stations of the Cross: Lealholm

10.00am Stations of the Cross: Ugthorpe

3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion: Ugthorpe

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass: Lealholm

Easter Day:
9.30am Mass: Egton Bridge
11.00am Mass: Ugthorpe

Ampleforth Our Lady and St Benedict

Wednesday 1st April
7.45pm Reconciliation Service

Mundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Waiting at the Altar of Repose, until 10pm in the Parish Hall

Good Friday
3.00pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday
9.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday
10.00am Mass

Easingwold St John the Evangelist

Mundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the altar of Repose until 11.00pm

Good Friday
9.30 am Morning Prayer
11.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
9.30am Morning Prayer
11.45am Rosary
12 Noon Confessions & Reconciliation

Easter Sunday
10.30am Family Sung Mass

Hull St Anthony & Our Lady of Mercy

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
10.00am Easter Mass

Kirkbymoorside Our Lady & St Chad with Helmsley - St Mary's

Mundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose (Kirkbymoorside)

Good Friday
10.15am Ecumenical Procession (Helmsley)
11.00am Ecumenical Witness Event (Helmsley)

11.00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness (Kirkbymoorside)
3.00pm: Solemn Liturgy (Kirkbymoorside)

Holy Saturday
8.00pm: Easter Vigil (Kirkbymoorside)

Easter Sunday
9.00am: Mass of Easter Day (Helmsley)
10.30am: Mass of Easter Day (Kirkbymoorside)

Beverley St John of Beverley

Mundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch before the Altar of Repose until midnight

Good Friday
10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
9.00am Mass of the dawn
10.30am Mass of the Day

Hessle Our Lady of Lourdes

Holy Thursday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

11.00am Stations of the Cross for Children
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7.00pm Reflection on the Passion

Holy Saturday
9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.30pm Mass

West Hull Parishes

The Parishes of
Corpus Christi, St Joseph, St Wilfrid

Mundy Thursday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - Corpus Christi
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Wilfrid's

Good Friday
10.00am Office of Reading & Morning Prayer, St Joseph's
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St Wilfrid's

Holy Saturday
10.00am Office of Reading & Morning Prayer, St Joseph's
8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass St Wilfrid's

Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass, Corpus Christi
11.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Market Weighton and Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Market Weighton

Mundy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday
1.00pm Walk of Witness
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday
10.30am Mass

St. John the Baptist,
Holme-Upon-Spalding-Moor

Easter Sunday
6.00pm Mass

Wishing everyone the Joys and Blessings of Easter...
From Everyone at the Middlesbrough Voice, CathCom
and the Parishes around the Diocese

He is Risen Alleluia!!

**Marske
St Bede**

Holy Thursday
7.00pm (Watching until 9.00pm)

Good Friday
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6.30pm - Stations of the Cross

Easter Saturday
7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday
9.30am & 6.00pm

**Malton
St Leonard & St Mary's**

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
10.45am United Service in Malton Market Place
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday
11.00am Blessing of Easter Baskets (Polish Community)
8.00pm Vigil Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass of Easter Day

**Middlesbrough
St Joseph & St Thomas More**

Maundy Thursday
6.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Joseph's
(Watching until 10.00pm)

Good Friday
3.00pm The Lord's Passion - St. Joseph's
3.00pm The Lord's Passion - St. Thomas More's

Holy Saturday
8.00pm The Easter Vigil - St. Joseph's

Easter Sunday
9.00am Mass - St. Thomas More's
10.30am Mass - St. Joseph's

Pickering - St Joseph's

Palm Sunday
8.30am Mass
11.00am Blessing of Palms
Procession and Mass
Holy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday
8.30pm The Easter Vigil
Easter Day
8.00am Mass, 11.00am Mass

Scarborough Churches

**St Joseph
St Peter
St Edward**

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Peter's followed by watching at Altar of Repose until 11.00pm

8.15pm Confessions at St Joseph's
Good Friday
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Peter's
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Joseph's
Confessions follow each Liturgy at 4.15pm

Holy Saturday
9:30 - 10:30am Confessions at St Peter's
8.00pm EASTER VIGIL ~ First Mass of Easter at St Peter's
Easter Sunday
8.30am Easter Mass at St Edward's
10.00am Easter Mass at St Joseph's
11.30am Easter Mass at St Peter's

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
TELEPHONE 01723 360358**

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Blessed Nicholas Postgate**

Sacred Heart and St Augustine
Homilies at each Holy Week Mass will develop a theme.

Palm Sunday
6.30pm (Saturday) Mass at St Augustine's
9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart
11.00am Mass at St Augustine's

Monday
7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
Tuesday
7.00pm Reconciliation Service at St Augustine's
Wednesday
7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Augustine's followed by Watch of the Passion until midnight

Good Friday
9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in St Augustine's
11.00am Stations of the Cross for Children at Sacred Heart
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Sacred Heart
7.00pm Ancient Service for the Burial of the Lord in St Augustine's

Holy Saturday
9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in Sacred Heart
8.00pm Easter Vigil in St Augustine's Church
Easter Day
9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart
11.00am Mass at St Augustine's

Saltburn - Our Lady of Lourdes

Palm Sunday
6.00pm (Saturday) Mass; 10.30am (Sunday) Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses
Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday
10.00am Children's Way of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday
10.30am Mass

**Teesville
St Andrew, St Anne & St Peter**

Palm Sunday
Mass with Blessing of Palms:
6.30pm (Saturday) Vigil, St Andrew's
9.30am St Andrew's
11.00am St Anne's
12.15pm St Peter's

Wednesday of Holy Week
6.30pm Mass of the Anointing of the Sick, St Andrew's

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper, St Andrew's; followed by Watching before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour

Good Friday
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Andrew's
7.00pm - 7.30pm Stations, Prayer Around the Cross & private Meditation

Holy Saturday
7.30pm "The Easter Vigil", St Andrew's
Easter Sunday
9.30am - Easter Day Mass, St Andrew's
11.00am - Easter Day Mass, St Anne's
12.15pm - Easter Day Mass, St Peter's

The Lord is Risen Alleluia

York - St George's

Palm Sunday
10.30am Mass with Children's Procession

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching until 11.00pm

Good Friday
12.00 Noon Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
10.30am Mass of the Resurrection

**York
St Wifrid**

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of Lord's Supper - followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.45pm - followed by Compline.

Good Friday
11.00am Children's Stations
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday
9.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
(NB No Mass at 6.15pm)
Easter Sunday
8.30am, 10.30am & 12.00pm Mass
6.00pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction

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EVENTS

Talk Revives War Memories

Memories Of A Teenage Refugee From Hitler's Germany is the title of April's talk at the Cleveland Newman Circle. Gabriele Keenaghan will speak about her experiences fleeing Germany for England on the Kindertransport in 1939.

The talk takes place in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW on Wednesday April 15 at 7.45pm (coffee from 7.30pm). Everyone is welcome. Please call 01642 645732 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net for more details.

Dr Susan Royal will speak about Reorientating the Catholic Past in the English Reformation when York Newman Circle meet on April 20 at St Bede's Pastoral Centre. Talks begin at 7.30pm and admission is £1 for members, £2 for non-members and free for students.

Islamic State In Focus

Events in the Middle East will come into focus at this year's Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture. Speaker Dr Chris Davidson, Reader in Middle East Politics in the School of Government and International Affairs at Durham University, will examine The Islamic State in Context.

Chris is a former pupil of Hull's St Mary's College whose latest book *After the Sheiks: The Coming Collapse of the Gulf Monarchies* was listed by the Foreign Policy Association as one of the most significant books of 2013. The lecture takes place in the Lindsey Suite, Staff House, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull HU6 7RX on Saturday May 9 at 11am, with tea and coffee from 10.30am. All are welcome.

A Christian Response To Homelessness

Churches and faith organisations will examine the issue of homelessness in the Middlesbrough area at a conference in the town.

Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland and DePaul UK is hosting the event, which will provide an opportunity for people to come together to learn, share and reflect on homelessness and our response, motivated by faith.

The keynote speaker will be John Kuhrt, who writes about issues of homelessness and social justice, while the Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Rev Mark Bryant, a trustee of DePaul UK and a volunteer host for Nightstop, will also attend.

The day will include looking at the causes of homelessness and the role of faith groups and their contribution to tackling the problem and hearing first hand stories of the positive support experienced by people moving out of homelessness.

The John Paul Centre has an excellent track record of providing hospitality and support, including the recent development of the Positive Pathways project in partnership with DePaul UK.

Positive Pathways development worker Terry Doyle said: "The conference is an excellent opportunity for the many support services and faith-based groups to come together to explore how best we can all work together, to share good practice and to be honest as to what may not be working as best it could."

Homelessness: Are We Really Helping? will take place on Thursday April 30 from 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby TS3 6LD. Booking is essential via Eventbrite at <http://homelessness-are-we-really-helping.eventbrite.co.uk> or by email at together@trinitycentre.org

Heather Black

Pilgrimage To Holy Island



Celtic Prayer on the beach at Holy Island

All are welcome to join the 12th annual Apostleship of the Sea pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday June 20.

Following the format that has proved so popular in the past, there will be Celtic Prayer on the beach at 11.30am and the feast day Mass of St Alban the Martyr will be celebrated in St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church at 2pm.

The Rt Rev Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld, who is also the Bishop Promoter for AoS Scotland, will lead the pilgrimage. Visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk for more information about the work of the AoS.

Election Hustings In East Cleveland

Parishioners in East Cleveland have extended an open invitation to two election hustings planned in April.

The public meetings will be held at Redcar's Sacred Heart School, Mersey Road, on Monday April 27, and Emmanuel Church hall, off Windsor Road, Saltburn, on Thursday April 30, both starting at 7pm.

The Reverend Catey Morrison, of Redcar United Reformed Church, will chair both events.

Questions to the candidates are welcomed by organisers, the local newly-formed Caritas East Cleveland, a group from the Catholic parishes of Redcar, Marske and Saltburn who have a concern for Justice and Peace and promoting Catholic Social Teaching. Caritas East Cleveland has organised the hustings on behalf of Churches Together in Redcar.

"We hope most, if not all, the candidates in the two constituencies, Redcar and Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, will be there," said organiser Dominic Hoy, a member of the church group.

"Our group will be putting questions based on the Common Good theme proposed by church leaders and subjects will include climate change, but we expect members of the public will have other topics to put to them."

For further information email dom.hoy@gmail.com or phone 01287 622493.

Michael Morrissey



Young Football Stars Head To Hull

This year's Catholic Primary Schools Cup Football Tournament will be held on Saturday May 9 at St Richard's Voluntary Catholic Academy (formerly St Richard's Primary School, Marfleet Lane, Hull).

All primary schools in the Diocese have been sent an invitation to enter teams in the separate boys and girls competitions.

Now in its 19th year, this is a six-a-side tournament played on specially marked pitches with teams playing in groups initially, and the top two teams in each group progressing to knockout stages.

As well as cups and medals for the winners and runners-up, the event will include official referees, fair play trophies, best

banner competition and an award for the most original pennant designed by schools.

The Mike McCullagh Memorial Cup will also be awarded to the school displaying excellence in its approach to the event and on the day. Every child taking part will receive a commemorative medal. Complimentary photographs will also be taken of each team.

The small team of volunteers who have organised this event since its inception in 1997 are now in the process of handing it over to the Diocese and schools. They will continue to organise the tournament in the future, starting with Tournament 20 in 2016.

Tony McAvooy

VOCATIONS



I have recently been doing a course in Moral Theology. The central basis of our studies has been the three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity. For every Christian, our cultivating of these virtues is key for deepening our relationship with God and with others.

View From A Seminarian: Faith, Hope And Charity

So why are they so important? Faith is our act of believing in God, our response to his call of friendship. This great adventure begins in earnest at our baptism. It is a gift given to us by God and is born in our encounter with Him who loves us and calls us to love in return with all our hearts. The disciple is not only asked to preserve their faith but to profess and witness to it. Faith is not some stab in the dark, as our secular world would try and convince us. As the Catechism tells us: "Faith is certain. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie." (CCC157)

Hope is intimately linked with faith. We

journey towards happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven and place our trust in Christ, relying on the grace of the Holy Spirit. While we recognise our human sinfulness, hope allows us to look beyond our discouragement and seek the Lord's forgiveness by which we come to salvation won for us by Christ on the Cross.

Charity is the virtue by which we love God and our neighbour. It is the basis of both faith and hope and therefore the first of the theological virtues. Jesus makes charity the new commandment "to love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

In the last decade, beautiful papal encyclicals have been written on all three

of these virtues: *Caritas in Veritate* and *Spe Salvi*, by Pope Benedict XVI, and *Lumen Fidei* by Pope Francis. I would recommend a careful, prayerful and reflective reading of each of these. We are all called to grow in faith, hope and charity. A great way to ask for help in this endeavour is by praying to Our Heavenly Mother. Whenever we recite the Rosary, we are invited to dedicate the three Hail Mary beads before starting the decades to an increase of faith, hope and charity in our day-to-day lives. Let us also pray for each other in this pursuit.

Richard Marsden

Warm Tributes Paid To Canon Gerry

Tributes have been paid to Canon Gerald Cox, who has died at the age of 80 after serving parishes throughout the Diocese of Middlesbrough across five decades.

Canon Gerry was born in Hull on July 11 1934, the son of Albert and Catherine and brother of Peter and John. At St Vincent's Primary School he was a classmate of another future priest of the Diocese, Father Brian Nicholson.

After completing his secondary education at the Marist College, he graduated from Hull University in Mathematics. After a one-year preparation course at Campion House, Osterley, he studied for the priesthood at St Cuthbert's Seminary in Ushaw, County Durham, from 1957 to 1963.

Canon Gerry was ordained to the priesthood in St Vincent's Church, Hull, on June 9 1963 and took up his first curacy in St Aelred's, in York. In 1965 he was seconded to the junior seminary of St Michael's, Underley Hall, Lancashire before continuing his teaching at St Joseph's Seminary, Upholland, also in Lancashire. He returned to the Diocese in 1979 as

Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Middlesbrough, where he remained for nine years, before moving to the Parish of St John of Beverley. In 2001, he replaced retiring Auxiliary Bishop Kevin O'Brien at St Charles Borromeo, in Hull.

Canon Gerry's final placement was from 2005 to 2011 at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Market Weighton, before retiring from active ministry to live in Hull.

However, he continued to support the local parishes and priests, notably St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Parish during the sickness of the late Father Norman Jacobson.

Along with many years of dedicated parish ministry, Canon Gerry's Diocesan roles included Schools Commissioner, Dean, Vocations Director and Episcopal Vicar for the south of the Diocese. He was also instrumental in securing the present site for the Hull University Catholic Chaplaincy.

"Those who assisted him as curates were often challenged by his Yorkshire directness, but valued and appreciated his priestly example of generous and zealous

service to those entrusted to his care," said the Diocese of Middlesbrough's Vicar General, the Very Reverend Monsignor Gerard Robinson.

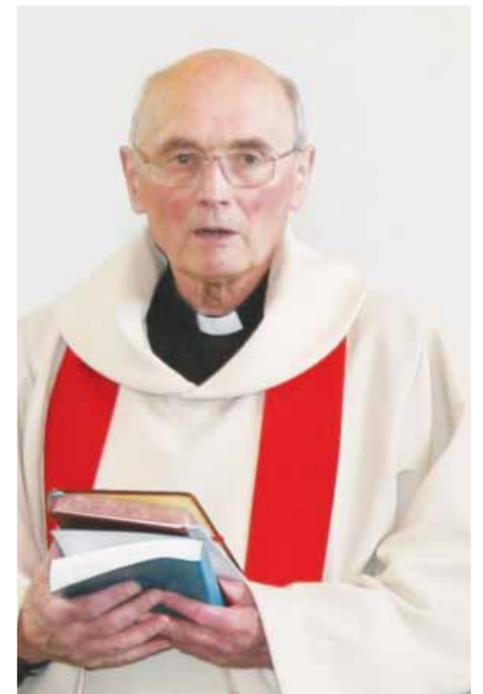
"They will especially recall his quiet and unassuming outreach to those on the margins of society.

"The Diocese owes a debt of gratitude to the Cox family for providing us with a loyal shepherd and assures them of our prayerful sympathy at this time.

"We should also recognise the care of his brothers, Peter and John, over the most recent times and especially the care shown by Peter's wife, Pam, to Gerry in the twilight of his life."

Canon Gerry, who died on Monday February 23, was received into St Vincent's, Hull, on Sunday March 8.

His funeral Mass was at St Charles Borromeo in Hull on Monday March 9.



Ampleforth Monk's Everest Role

A Benedictine monk who ensured that a crucifix was placed on the summit of Mouth Everest during Sir Edmund Hilary's historic 1953 expedition has died just two weeks after his 93rd birthday.

Father Martin Haigh OSB, of Ampleforth Abbey, sent to expedition leader Sir John Hunt the small crucifix blessed by Pope Pius XII, asking that it be placed on the top of the mountain.

Sixty years later and into his 90s, Father Martin was still giving presentations to College students about the Everest crucifix placed on the summit by Hilary.

Father Martin had written to Sir John: "When [the real] history of the world comes to be read, the day when men climbed to the very summit of the earth and left there the sign and symbol of our faith will rank as one of the very great days."

That same year Father Martin started the annual Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage with the then Father Basil Hume, and he was Pilgrimage Director until 1987.

For more than 50 years Father Martin also gave lectures on the Shroud of Turin, culminating in the 2004 release of a DVD and video, *The Wonder of the Shroud*, leading one reviewer to state: "Roll over Sister Wendy Becket and her Old Masters. For a similarly appealing, compulsively viewable, natural TV presenter, the Shroud has found its Sister Wendy in Father Martin Haigh, OSB, a quiet-spoken, youthfully octogenarian Benedictine monk based at Ampleforth Abbey."

Father Martin was born in London in 1922 and educated at Ampleforth College. He joined the monastic community in September 1940 and was ordained priest on July 17 1949.

For more than 30 years Father Martin had a wide-ranging variety of roles in Ampleforth College, teaching Art and French from 1947 to 1981, a games master from 1948 to 1963 and Housemaster of St Bede's House from 1963 to 1977.

At the end of his time in the school Father Martin served in parishes including Gilling East. He was an accomplished artist and in 1993 and 1998 had an exhibition of oil pastels in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral. Today, the walls of the Ampleforth Abbey Tea Shop boast many of his paintings.

Early in 2014, Father Martin was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia and expressed a desire not to have any treatment, but to let the disease take its course.

He died peacefully in the monastery infirmary on January 31. His funeral Mass took place in the Abbey Church, followed by burial in the Monks' Wood.



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VOCATIONS

A Joyful Celebration For Lent

I wonder how many of us ever think of Lent as being a time of joy?

Perhaps we're more used to the idea of "sackcloth and ashes" – after all, there's no doubt that the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are all essential to a really fruitful experience of Lent.

But, as Pope Francis reminds us, the sense of joy brought to us by the Gospel should never be very far from a Christian's heart. "This," he writes, "is the joy which we experience daily, amid the little things of life, as a response to the loving invitation of God our Father."

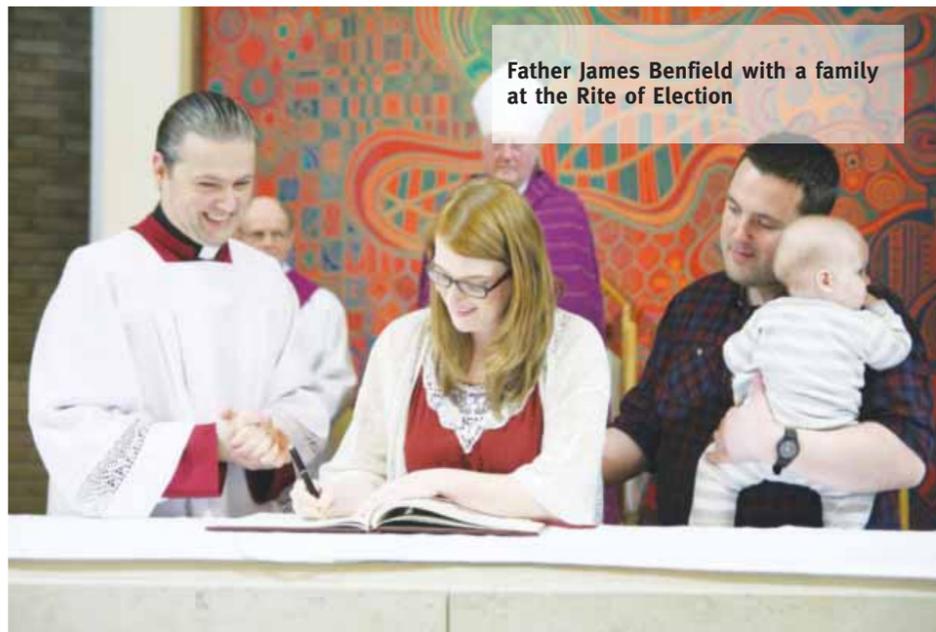
It is surely right, then, that the First Sunday of Lent should be marked by the joyful celebration of the Rite of Election. This is the moment when those who wish to be received into the Church begin a period of intense preparation for the Easter sacraments.

So Bishop Terry invited seven catechumens to make their solemn commitment to this preparation by signing the Book of the Elect at the Cathedral.

These catechumens are men and women who were not baptised as children but who have nevertheless experienced that "loving invitation of God our Father".

Another 37 candidates were then invited to make a promise to their "continuing conversion". These are people who are already baptised and who are therefore members of the Body of Christ. During Lent, though, they will continue to prepare for full membership of the Church at Easter by being confirmed and then by receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

When a candidate or a catechumen is asked about what attracted them to the Church, they often reply that it was the example of faith given by someone who was already a member. This fits completely with the teaching handed down to us by all of our recent popes – from Pope Francis, for instance, who reminds us that faith grows through "attraction", to Pope Paul VI, who advised us to remember that people are much more ready to listen to witnesses than they are to teachers.



Father James Benfield with a family at the Rite of Election

This is indeed a challenge for all of us who do belong to the Church. We need to ask ourselves how effective we are as witnesses to the Gospel and to reflect upon how attractive our lives might be as examples of faith.

Thankfully, though, this example of faith works in two directions. There is no doubt that the witness given to us by those who seek to join the Church can strengthen our determination to live a more faithful life

and so help us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

I'm sure that's why all of those who attended the Rite of Election – the sponsors, the godparents, the catechists, the whole congregation and even the clergy – found it to be both a source of great inspiration and a really terrific way to begin the joyful season of Lent.

Deacon Vince Purcell

New Look For Youth Website

Catholic youth workers are being asked to share their ideas and experiences to help a newly-revamped website become an invaluable resource for the whole Church.

The site – <http://CatholicYouthWork.com> – is run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, a religious congregation of brothers and priests with a special mission to work with young people.

It offers resources, jobs, a forum to share ideas and find support and updates on the latest youth ministry news and events, and is available free of charge to everyone who works with young people in the Church.

Site editor Chris Knowles, who has been involved in youth ministry for many years as a lay school chaplain, hopes CatholicYouthWork.com will bring the best ideas together in one place.

"We know there are lots of people out there doing great work with young people," he said.

"They're all doing fantastic things, having amazing ideas and putting exciting plans into action, but the problem is that we're too often disconnected from one another.

"This site is a place we can all come together to share ideas, resources and good practice, and was designed specifically to facilitate this. So we invite you to come onto the site, join the forum and start to share ideas and resources."

The Salesians have invested in the site since taking it on last

summer and Provincial Father Martin Coyle said it was appropriate that the relaunch took place on the feast of St John Bosco.

He said: "There really isn't anything else like this out there. It's a great way to use new technology to help those who minister to young people.

"This year we celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of St John Bosco, and while he wouldn't recognise a website if he saw one, he did love new technology such as the railways and the modern printing presses of his time, things that made it easier to bring people together and share the Gospel.

"This project is a particularly appropriate way for us to continue to live out his mission today."

Father Dermott Donnelly, Chair of CYMFed, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation in England and Wales, welcomed the relaunch, saying: "This is a fantastic resource that will help strengthen and support the Church's important work with young people."

Anyone can register to get involved in the forum and receive regular emails from the site, which last year attracted up to 11,000 page views each month. The Salesians hope this number will grow as new resources and ideas are added.

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NEWS



Sadness As Endsleigh Closes

The leader of the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy has spoken of her sadness after the closure of the Endsleigh Centre in Hull. The centre operated as a pastoral, retreat and conference centre since 1995 and more recently began offering bed and breakfast facilities.

However, falling demand for its spiritual and retreat services and the fact that the Order no longer has anyone available to resource the centre led to the decision to close. After a consultation process, this has now been confirmed.

Trustees reviewed representations from both the Catholic and the wider community as well as staff,

but said they were not presented with an option to buy the centre or any other viable proposal that would sustain its future.

Sister Colette Cronin said: "We would like to thank the management committee of the centre for their efforts, the committed staff and the many volunteers who continue to give of their time to help us in our work."

"I would also like to express my gratitude to Sister Catherine, the director of the centre for the last 13 years, and to the other Sisters who have lived and worked there over the years."

"The Endsleigh Centre has played a big part in the lives of so many

sisters who have dedicated their lives to the furthering of Catholic education. As we consider the future, we remember all who passed through its corridors and contributed to the work of the Sisters of Mercy."

The trustees will contact families connected with the Hull Sands Memorial Garden to ensure their needs will be properly taken into account in decisions concerning the property.

Endsleigh was first used by the Sisters of Mercy in 1901 and was a college for many years. No decisions have yet been made about arrangements for the future of the property in the longer term.

Cath Presented With Bene Merenti Medal

Pope Francis has honoured St Andrew's, Teesville, parishioner Cath Coyle with a Bene Merenti Medal for her outstanding service to the Church. Cath received her medal and certificate from Parish Priest Canon Edmond Gubbins at evening Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Cath shows outstanding commitment to good causes including the Catholic Fellowship, the Children of Chernobyl and the Shoe Box Christmas Appeal. She is also a Eucharistic Minister in the hospital and in the parish, a handmaid for the Lourdes Pilgrimage each year and a hardworking member of the Legion of Mary.

Canon Gubbins said: "On this feast day of the Baptism of the Lord, Cath is an excellent example of someone who is living out her baptismal promises and discipleship of Christ for the good of others, her family and the parish community everyday."

Paul Terry



Cath receiving her Bene Merenti Medal and certificate from Canon Gubbins with her daughter Helen, right.

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2 Celebrates Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Mary's Cathedral 7.00 pm
3 Celebrates Service of the Lord's Passion - St Mary's Cathedral 3.00 pm
4 Celebrates Easter Vigil - St Mary's Cathedral 8.00 pm
5 Celebrates Mass of Easter Day - St Mary's Cathedral 10.00 am
14 Attending Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am
17-24 Attending Bishops' Conference and In-Service Training
25 Celebrating Mass for the Fallen of the Gallipoli Campaign at Sacred Heart, Hull 12 noon
27 Attending Meeting of Bishops with Christopher Jamieson in Liverpool 11.00 am
28 Attending Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am
30 Attending CSAN meeting at Hinsley Hall 12 noon

We would recommend those wishing to attend events during Holy Week and Easter check with the relevant organiser or parish to see if they are proceeding

1 Wednesday
7.00 pm Reconciliation Service at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. All welcome

2 Thursday
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the May issue of Voice must be received by today. Please note earlier date

2 - 6 Thursday - Monday
'The Easter Triduum: a Celebration of Easter at Ampleforth' - join the Ampleforth Community for Easter Conferences and the celebration of the Triduum liturgies. Early booking is recommended. There is no fixed charge for the Triduum Retreat, but all donations which may help to defray costs would be gratefully received. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766486 for further details and to request a booking form

3 Friday
Soup Lunch hosted by the people of Christ the King RC Church, Trenchard Avenue, Thornaby in Christ the King Hall will be served after the Good Friday Service at 3.00 pm. There is no charge but donations will go to CAFOD. All welcome

6.45 pm Churches Together in York Walk of Witness with the Cross from the Parliament Street Fountain, to be followed by Service at York Minster (7.30 pm), Preacher: The Venerable Sarah Bullock, Archdeacon of York

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

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

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

7 Tuesday
7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way,

Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

8 Wednesday
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the Morning Mass
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
2.30 pm Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

10 Friday
2.00 pm Scarborough Medjugorje Prayer Group. Contact Joan Salt, Tel: (01723) 363321 for further details including venue
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details including venue
7.30 pm Medjugorje Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, Talk, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details

10 - 12 Friday - Sunday
'Homeward Bound A' - a retreat led by Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

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

11.30 am - 4.30 pm Day of Divine Mercy at St Aelred's Church, Fifth Avenue, York, YO31 0PN. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation with tapes and excerpts from the Diary; 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Hour of Great Mercy, Conversion Prayer, Blessing and Veneration of the Image, Congregation Commitment of Trust and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Conclusion of Exposition and Final Blessing

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

12.00 pm - 4.00 pm Day of Divine Mercy at St Vincent's Church, Queen's Road, Hull. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions all afternoon. The Hour of Great Mercy 3.00 pm ending with Benediction. Everyone most welcome with a special invitation to the lapsed

2.00 pm Day of Divine Mercy at St Thomas More Church, Kirkham Row, off Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Blessing of the Image, Veneration of the Image, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions. 4.00 pm: Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Simon Broughton. A shared tea afterwards, everyone welcome. Contact: Rita McClurey, Tel: (01642) 467906 for further details. Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday

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

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

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

14 Tuesday
12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Mr C Pamplin will speak about Antique Mystery Objects

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

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

14 - 17 Tuesday - Friday
'Creativity Through the Eye of the Heart' - a retreat led by Diane Miller. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

15 Wednesday
7.30 pm for 7.45 pm The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Mrs Gabriele Keenaghan entitled 'Memories of a Teenage Refugee from Hitler's Germany' in the Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Coffee at 7.30 pm. Contact Tel: (01642) 645732 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details. All are welcome

17 Friday
7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet after 6.00 pm Mass at St Stephen's Pastoral Centre, Hull
7.30 pm Aquinas Reading Group in the upper room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact: Steve Evans, Tel: 07800 697975 or E-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>
7.30 pm - 9.30 pm Bible study in the Church Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: (01904) 795605 for further details

18 Saturday
11.30 am The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Annual General Meeting will be held at Our Lady and St Peter's, Bridlington commencing with Mass. The National President will be attending
2.00 pm - 5.00 pm Lourdes Day of Prayer in the Postgate Room, Ampleforth Abbey, Ampleforth, York. Afternoon tea and cake will be served so notification of attendance is required by early April. No charge but donations welcome. Contact: Audrey Kirby, Tel: 07791071159 or E-mail: a.kirby1356@gmail.com for further details
7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227

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

3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough

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

20 Monday
7.30 pm The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Dr Susan Royal entitled 'Reorientating the Catholic Past in the English Reformation' at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

21 Tuesday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'BUT women?' led by Sr

Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

23 Thursday

7.30 pm 'KING DAVID'S WIVES - Almost A Musical' in English Martyrs Small Hall, York. Admission free, donations welcome

24 Friday

7.00 pm Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at St Catherine's Convent, Southcoates Lane, Hull. Everyone welcome. Contact: Pat, Tel: (01482) 802483 for further details. Please note the new venue

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27 Monday

7.00 pm Election Husting at Sacred Heart School, Mersey Road, Redcar, organised by

Caritas East Cleveland. Contact Tel: (01287) 622493 or E-mail: dom.hoy@gmail.com for further details

27 - 29 Monday - Wednesday

'To Listen and to Hear the Voice of God' - a retreat led by Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

28 Tuesday

5.30 pm - 7.30 pm Ushaw Lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Frank Cottrell Boyce as part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Drinks reception at 5.30 pm, lecture commences at 6.00 pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: James Kelly, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk for further details

29 Wednesday

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Resurrection Stories' led by Rev Canon Michael Smith at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
12.45 pm - 3.00 pm ASCENT Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after the 12.10 pm Mass
6.00 pm - 8.00 pm An Evening of Talent in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage hosted by the Student Council at Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough. Raffle, tombolas and refreshments. Tickets: £1.00 children, £2.00 adults, £5.00 family (2 adults and up to 3 children), available from school reception or Simon Carey, E-mail:

carey.s@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk or Tel: (01642) 298100. All welcome

30 Thursday

9.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Homelessness: Are We Really Helping?' - conference organised by Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland and DePaul UK at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6LD. Booking is essential via Eventbrite: <http://homelessness-are-we-really-helping.eventbrite.co.uk> or by E-mail: together@trinitycentre.org

7.00 pm Election Husting at Sacred Heart School, Mersey Road, Redcar, organised by Caritas East Cleveland. Contact Tel: (01287) 622493 or E-mail: dom.hoy@gmail.com for further details

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

FIRST WEEK OF MAY:

1 Friday

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

3 Sunday

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

17 May: 3.00 pm, Lourdes Pre-Pilgrimage Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough

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Mondays 7.30 pm City Prayer Group
Wednesdays 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm Christian Meditation

The Pastoral Centre is in Blossom Street, York. Contact: Tel: (01904) 464900 or e-mail: admin@stbedes.org.uk

ADVANCE NOTICES:

5 May: 12.45 pm, Tuesday Lunchtime Summer Recital Series at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, with trumpeter Simon Debrulais accompanied by organist Clive Harries. Admission is free, voluntary donations welcome (suggested minimum donation £3.00). Visit the Cathedral Music website <https://sites.google.com/site/middlesbroughcathedralmusic> for further details

6 May: 10.30 am - 3.30 pm, ASCENT Day of Reflection led by Fr Gerard Walsh O'Carroll at English Martyrs Parish Hall, Dalton Terrace, York. Contact: Pauline Ventress, Tel: (01653) 618614 for further details

7 May: 7.00 pm, 'Not Joining The Dots: Education as Love, Life and Liberty' - Ebor Lecture in York Minster, York, to be delivered by The Very Rev Prof Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. Visit www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures for details on how to book online or in writing, or contact the Ebor Lectures Co-ordinator, Tel: (01904) 876474 or E-mail: eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk for further details

9 May: Catholic Primary Schools Cup Football Tournament at St Richard's Voluntary Catholic Academy, Marfleet Lane, Hull

9 May: 10.30 am for 11.00 am, 'The Islamic

State in Context' - Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture in the Lindsey Suite, Staff House, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 7RX, to be given by Dr Chris Davidson, Reader in Middle Age Politics in the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University. All welcome

9 May: 11.00 am - 5.00 pm, Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace in honour of the Venerable Mary Ward in the year dedicated by Pope Francis to the Consecrated Life. A coach will leave the Bar Convent, York at 10.00 am, arriving back 6.30 pm. Contact: Sr Mary Walmsley at the Bar Convent, York, Tel: (01904) 464946 or E-mail: marywalmsley.cj@bar-convent.org.uk for further details

10 May: 2.00 pm, Lourdes Pre-Pilgrimage Mass at Sacred Heart, Hull

10 May: 4.00 pm, Young Catholic Adults Sunday Mass and Meal for those aged 18+ at Mission House, St Thomas More Church, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact: Dom Finn, E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details

17 May: 2.30 pm, May Procession at St Vincent's RC Church, Queen's Road, Hull, HU5 2QP. Contact: Catherine Holtby, Tel: (01482) 804532 or E-mail: catherineholtby@yahoo.co.uk for further details

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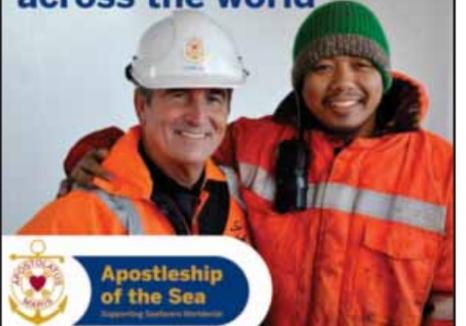
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CATHOLICS IN SPORT

Premier Passions

In the first of a new regular series, MATTHEW BARBER discovers how a Premier League star combines faith and football...

Throughout the season of Lent, Hull City defender Paul McShane keeps a copy of the popular Walk With Me booklet close at hand. And for the 29-year-old Catholic, the name of the prayer book is a fitting description of his beliefs and his relationship with God.

"My faith has definitely helped me with my career," says Paul. "I'm extremely grateful, and I thank God every day for what I have. It gives me peace of mind to know there is a higher power watching over me."

The Irishman's career has seen him feature

for a host of English clubs and 31 times for the Republic of Ireland national team. In the pulsating world of top-level football, Paul will not be the only one to look for the occasional divine intervention.

"Reaching the Premier League with Hull in 2013 always sticks in my mind because of the whole drama of the final day," he says. "It came down to the last few moments of the season.

"In the end we were waiting on the final result of Watford and Leeds, and it was a brilliant feeling when we were finally promoted."

Paul is also thankful to have featured in last season's FA Cup final for City, despite his side's eventual defeat to Arsenal.

"I was rushing back to get fit and be part of the squad because I'd had a bad injury – I'd torn the ligaments in my ankle," he says. "My motivation to get back was for the final. I just made it by the skin of my teeth – and to come on in the second half was an amazing experience."

But Paul also relies on his faith during the tougher times in his career.

"There are the highs, but there are definitely a lot of lows as well in football," he says. "Sometimes it can be very difficult and in those tough times I turn to my faith. I speak to God and it gives me a great feeling and a mental strength to overcome it."

Having started out as a trainee at Manchester United, the Kilpedder, County Wicklow-born stopper has now turned out for seven other English clubs, including Sunderland, West Brom and now the Tigers. With such a nomadic occupation, Paul is grateful for the Catholic community who have been a constant wherever he has gone.

"I go to Mass every Sunday, except on the odd occasion when we're travelling to play away," he says. "I get to know the local people around the place and it's nice to talk to them because it does help you settle in. Everywhere I've gone I've always found that, and in Hull it has been no



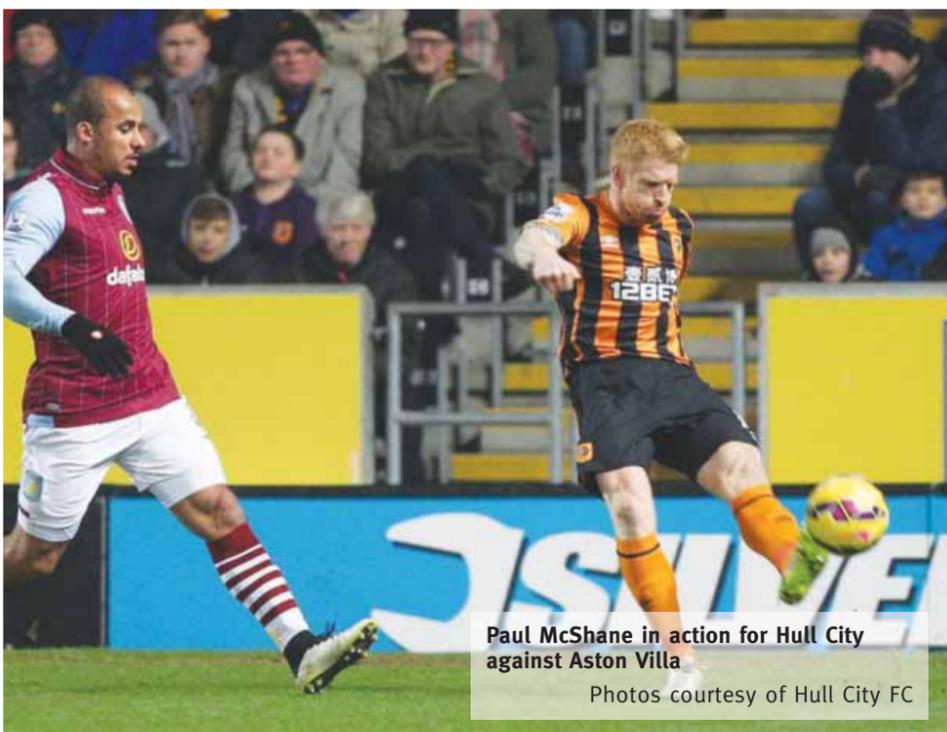
different."

In fact, after one Mass, Paul and his mother met Bishop Terry.

"We didn't really realise it was the Bishop at first," he recalls. "We were having a cup of tea and I was talking to Father Pat Day, who I'm still good friends with. We were introduced to the Bishop and we had a good chat."

Hull City are battling to stay in the Premier League but whatever happens, on or off the pitch, Paul will always have his faith to guide him through it.

Do you have an idea for an amateur or professional Catholic sportsman we could feature in a future Voice? Please email catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk with details.



Paul McShane in action for Hull City against Aston Villa

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Ged's Quick Quiz

Quiz answers: 1. William Conrad 2. Margaret Mitchell 3. Sean Bean 4. EH Shepard 5. Louis Armstrong. Connection: Men who have walked on the moon – Peter Conrad, Edgar Mitchell, Alan Shepard, Alan Bean and Neil Armstrong. **Thinking cap question:** Magnesium, mendelevium, molybdenum, neon and nitrogen.

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