

Bishop's Column

I had the great privilege, as chair of Caritas Social Action Network, an agency of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, to present and launch a report entitled *Abide With Me*, in the Churchill Room in the House of Commons on November 20 last year. Among many partners, we worked alongside Canon Angus Ritchie, an Anglican priest and the director of the Centre for Theology and Community.

Common uses of housing and land in England and Wales have often become a means of isolating people from each other, with a profound impact on participation in communities. This is the real housing crisis. It affects everyone in our country. It has deep roots in our social and economic history. The human and environmental costs are simply unsustainable.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals for 2016-30 encourage action on poverty, housing and the care of creation in both developing and developed countries. The Catholic Church has been a major contributor to the goals' development, especially through *Laudato Si'* and, for example, the work of CAFOD and other Caritas national agencies around the world. This shared endeavour and global perspective helps to inform how the Church in England and Wales can promote a greater emphasis on human development and 'our common home' in our communities and policymaking.

Abide With Me extends a living Catholic tradition of teaching, thought and practice, nurturing hope and our relationships for the long term. Much of the power for change is centred in national and regional levels of public decision-making. At these two levels, the Catholic Church's organised capacity needs more depth and co-ordination: to strive for systems of decision-making that truly promote the dignity of families and communities. Over time, local Catholic action can then become less crisis-focused, because our society will better include everyone.

All charities face many immediate pressures. Catholic charities share in the privileges and responsibilities of being parts of one body at the service of all, in "our common home". Our credibility will be lessened where competition between parts, or over-emphasis on one "muscle group", prevents the parts from being fully present together and fit for contemporary purpose. As Pope Francis describes, we "walk together" in mission, even where churches have been tied down by fixed assets and fragmented charity structures. Catholic organisations can consider how property is used to increase fresh participation in our communities building strong mutual networks of support. *Abide With Me* offers a focus for common leadership and language, and for shaping the places we inhabit. I encourage senior leaders in our dioceses and charities to engage with these themes through a deeper engagement in the Caritas network.

Copies of *Abide With Me* are available from the bishop's PA c/o the Curial Office.

Yours in blessed hope,

Terry

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Bishop Calls For Housing Crisis Action

Bishop Terry called for politicians to use their influence to take positive steps to address the housing crisis as he launched a new report at the Houses of Parliament.

He said greater preference should be given to community-owned and led housing developments and more should be done to tackle practices in public sector contracting that ignore the wishes of local people.

"Charities that have deep social connections in local neighbourhoods have been increasingly forced to compete for public funds, often for short-term payments with more strings attached, and against larger, remote organisations," said Bishop Terry, speaking in his role as chair of Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).

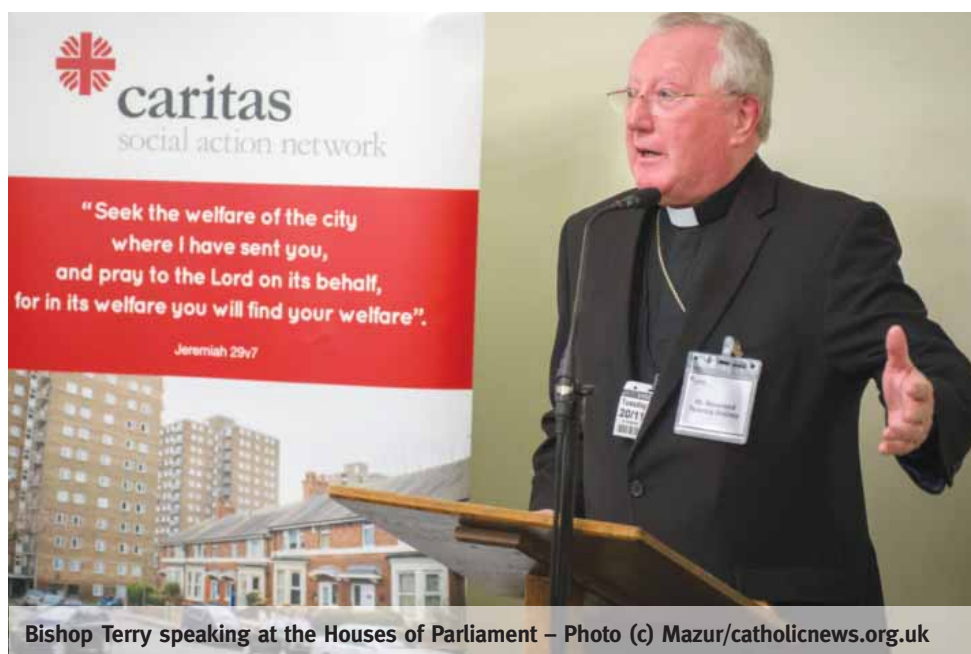
"This further erodes trust and participation in communities, and the priority of labour over capital. I encourage you to take further measures that support local enterprise and the long-term future of local amenities."

The report – *Abide With Me* – is the result of a pioneering collaboration between Caritas Social Action Network and the ecumenical Centre for Theology and Community.

It says co-ordinated action is needed on housing challenges in England and Wales at local, regional and national levels in the social mission of the Church from 2018-30.

The 12-year timescale is aligned with international Catholic Church engagement on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It reflects the need for a long-term approach to deep social and economic roots of the crisis.

Abide With Me addresses the underlying causes of the crisis through fresh theological



Bishop Terry speaking at the Houses of Parliament – Photo (c) Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk

reflection and in conversation with people living in different housing situations, charities and experts in various fields.

Among the causes of the current crisis highlighted are the common treatment of housing and land as financial assets and the strong link between modern housing development and increased social isolation.

The report emphasises the need for the government and all citizens to address the concentration of the power for change in the state and markets. A more sustainable approach would favour more authentic

community participation in decisions that affect the shape of the places we live in.

The launch took place at CSAN's annual parliamentary reception, which was attended by MPs, peers and representatives from many organisations that are part of CSAN.

CSAN is an umbrella group of Catholic organisations that work for social justice within England and Wales, helping poor, vulnerable and marginalised people.

See Bishop Terry's column on the left for more information about the report and his visit to parliament.


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St Mary’s Cathedral Wins *Livesimply* Award

CAFOD has developed a programme called *Livesimply*.

This is an opportunity for Catholic communities – parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies – to respond to Pope Francis’ invitation in his encyclical *Laudato Si’* to “work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us.”

Successful completion of the programme leads to the *Livesimply* award, which is given to Catholic communities that can demonstrate they have taken significant steps to respond to the Church’s call “to live simply so that others may simply live.”

The key criteria are living simply, living in solidarity with people in poverty and living sustainably with creation.

In the context of the encyclical, Bishop Terry has written: “Let us give particular support to

CAFOD in its ‘One Climate, One World’ campaign, its support for refugees and in encouraging parishes to become *Livesimply* parishes.”

With Monsignor Gerard Robinson’s approval, the Justice & Peace Group of St Mary’s Cathedral registered for the *Livesimply* programme in autumn 2017.

Following CAFOD’s guidance, the group devised a wide-ranging action plan that included inviting Deacon David Cross to give a parish talk on *Laudato Si’* and displaying selected quotations from the document on the Justice & Peace noticeboard.

The strategy also included organising a family walk with refugees, encouraging parishioners to walk to church, promoting Fairtrade products, planting bulbs in the cathedral’s peace garden, supporting charitable causes at home and abroad through the “Ten pence bowl” and other fundraising events,

organising food collections for the John Paul Centre and encouraging volunteer work through promotion of the World Day of the Poor.

Some of these actions were on a large scale. For example, more than 70 refugees were welcomed to the family walk, which was followed by afternoon tea at the cathedral.

Although organised by the Justice & Peace Group, the planned actions were successfully implemented only because of generous support from people throughout the parish.

Joe Burns and Trish Sandbach, two CAFOD assessors from the Leeds Diocese, evaluated the action plan and granted the award to the cathedral, which becomes the first *Livesimply* parish in our diocese.

So what are the advantages of taking part in a programme such as *Livesimply*? First, there is much to be said for drawing up a specific

plan rather than working on an ad hoc basis. There is nothing like setting targets to provide the motivation to meet them. Second, the aims of *Livesimply* are wide-ranging, which means the individuals involved can find it an enriching experience by being taken out of their comfort zone.

Finally, so many parishes do such good charitable work and *Livesimply* provides an opportunity to acknowledge formally what they do.

The award is not an end in itself but rather a challenge to sustain and develop further how we can respond to the needs of the poor and the disadvantaged.

Further details of *Livesimply* are available at cafod.org.uk/Campaign/How-to-Campaign/Livesimply-award

Don Lillistone, St Mary’s Cathedral Justice & Peace Group

Refugee Family Share Their Moving Journey

There was a truly multicultural flavour to the final Share the Journey event of 2018, an advent service organised by our CAFOD parish volunteers from across Hull and North Humberside.

We gathered with Bishop Terry and the Anglican Bishop of Hull Alison White, together with MP for Hull West, Emma Hardy, and people of different faiths and cultures for a very moving and memorable service.

Father James Benfield welcomed everyone to St Charles Borromeo Church and, after an introduction and scripture reading, we heard from four members of the Dirar family, who fled from war in Sudan and lived in different refugee camps for 20 years.

Arafa, the mother, greeted us with a peace blessing in her native tongue and her daughter translated it. She was full of gratitude to God and to everyone for being invited to speak to us. Her son, Waieel, shared a rap-like poem he’d written, capturing his own reflections on all he’d lived through, from leaving his childhood home to arriving in Hull.

Bishop Alison’s homily reflected on sharing journeys and the African Drummers and United Voices choir and musicians, expertly conducted by Gabrielle Awre and made up of people from many countries, further enriched the service.

As we arrived in the church our eyes were drawn upwards to four paintings hanging above the benches. They showed different scenes but I kept returning to one of a woman, facing away, sitting on a rock in a barren land. It was Arafa. Others along the

altar rails captured memories of the long journey they had undertaken.

Speaking to the family after the service, I learned they painted the pictures in a room in their home and they were displayed at the Freedom Festival. They are haunting. They travelled from Sudan and lived in refugee camps in Libya and Egypt before coming to England. For people who had endured such suffering, they were amazingly happy and truly grateful for all they now have.

The twin girls, Mays and Gaida, told me they didn’t go to school for more than four years in the refugee camp and were now studying in college, one art and the other chemistry and physics, while Waieel is studying computer technology. It’s wonderful that they now have opportunities to flourish. I’m sure they will enrich the lives of many people with their talents.

The words of Pope Francis rang true: “The future is made of you, it is made of encounters. The future of humankind isn’t exclusively in the hands of politicians, of great leaders, of big companies. But the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people, who recognise the other as you, and themselves as part of ‘us’. We all need each other.”

The service ended with a word of thanks from Bishop Terry and a joint blessing with Bishop Alison. Grateful thanks to all who helped organise such a wonderful event.

Carol Cross, Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Middlesbrough



Bishop Terry and Bishop of Hull Alison White underneath the painting of Arafa



Arafa Dirar, from Sudan, with her twin daughters, Mays and Gaida

A Time Of Faith-Sharing And Fellowship

York Carmelite Spirituality Group and HCPT Group 122 invite you to a time of faith-sharing and fellowship at Thicket Priory Carmelite Monastery, Thorganby, York YO19 6DE on Saturday February 9.

The event has been organised close to World Day of the Sick (February 11) and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 18) and the speaker is lay Carmelite and Lourdes pilgrim Dr Johan Bergström-Allen.

The day begins with morning prayer at 9.30am, a presentation and reflection at 10.15am and Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 12.15pm, before closing at 1pm. You can come to all or part of the day and can bring a packed lunch if you wish to.

There’s no need to register and the organisers suggest a donation of £15 to raise funds for HCPT Group 122, which takes sick, disabled, and disadvantaged children from York and the rest of the diocese to Lourdes at Easter.

For more information visit carmelite.org/yorkcsg, call Dr Bergström-Allen on 01904 411521 or email carmelitecommunications@gmail.com

Bus Joy As Magical £50,000 Target Is Reached

Last year Monsignor Gerard Robinson visited the Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre at Ahotokurom in Ghana.

St Mary's Cathedral Parish had been providing financial support to Sister Pat Pearson, a Daughter of Mary and Joseph who is originally from Middlesbrough, to help with running costs at the centre through our Ten Pence Bowl collection.

The centre was established in the early 1980s as a partnership between the DMJ sisters, the Franciscan Order and local people, to rehabilitate and reintegrate former leprosy sufferers into their communities and its services have expanded to give support for the marginalised, disabled and disadvantaged. It provides happiness, love, care and support in a peaceful and serene environment for those who have suffered so much through their lives.

During his visit, Monsignor Gerard witnessed the challenges faced by the local people in terms of poverty and poor health that asked Sister Pat whether there was anything more we could do to help. Sister Pat explained that their most desperate and urgent need was for a new bus to transport children, adults and staff to and from the centre.

Their present bus is old and unreliable and often breaks down on the rough bush roads. It is so small and uncomfortable that children and leprosy patients often have to stand or sit on each other's knees.

The bus is the only provider of transport for around 50 children, adults and staff who attend the day centre and is a lifeline for those in need, providing many additional benefits to families living in poverty in the surrounding villages.

The cost of a new bus was around £70,000 and £20,000 had already been raised by the Friends of the DMJ charity. On his return, Monsignor Gerard gave a detailed and moving witness of life at Ahotokurom and surrounding villages and how Sister Pat and her team make such a difference to the lives of so many at the centre.

This inspired our parish to start fundraising in earnest, aiming to get as close as we could to the £50,000 target.

The whole parish got involved and worked together and our bowl was replaced by a colourful wooden Ghana Bus collection box, skilfully made by Joe Harrison. Accounting was set up so ensure every penny donated was safely kept for the fund and we were able to benefit from Gift Aid.

The first fundraiser, driven by Deacon Ray Hall, was a lively St Patrick's social in March, the Lenten soup raised £560 and we had regular monthly Sunday morning cake

stalls and children's crafts were also sold at Easter.

Generous individual donations started to flood in and we saw our funds rise through to more than £9,000 by May. The Mini Vinnies at St Augustine's Primary School organised a colourful Ghana Dancethon involving the whole school and raising £500.

Mandy McCaffrey organised a sports raffle raising £306 and with continued donations into the wooden bus and individual gifts we were greatly encouraged as our total rose to over £15,000. A tea party in August raised £647 and our treasurer Laurie Haley put on his running shoes and on a very hot September day ran the Tees Pride 10K, which raised £1737.39. By mid-September we had reached the halfway point of £25,394.84.

Another £600 was donated from the Summertime Special, the Knights of St Columba donated £515 and in November the sale of beautiful handmade toys and a table-top sale raised further funds. Other parishes donated £696.

Approaching Christmas we arranged another festive tea party and a raffle of four Boro match tickets with hospitality. Wooden bus donations totalled £3,859. Some very generous individual donations meant that by Christmas we somehow reached the magical figure of £50,000.

It's been great fun working together as a parish to achieve this dream in less time than we ever thought possible. We were spurred on by the thought of those children and adults, many unwell and in desperate need of all that is offered at Ahotokurom, travelling in cramped conditions or, worse still, the bus breaking down and not getting to the centre for their essential treatment and rehabilitation.

The bus will improve the lives of many now and for many years and the generosity and support from all who have contributed has been amazing. Sister Pat was overwhelmed at the wonderful news and filled with gratitude for our generosity and hard work. All at Ahotokurom send a big heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped in anyway.

We are grateful to Laurie for his work in setting up our bank accounts and managing the financial management of the project. Monsignor Gerard wants to add his own thanks to all who contributed, both within the parish and beyond.

"This is a wonderful example of helping our brothers and sisters," he said.

Teresa Lyth



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- Developing personal and professional skills to enhance your service to others
- A biblical view of suffering
- Effects of trauma and the process of grief
- How to provide emotional and spiritual care
- What to say and what not to say when people grieve
- Learning about the Rapid Response Team ministry

The event takes place on Saturday April 6 at St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre, 96 Annandale Road, Hull HU9 4LA.

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When they set off for home, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents thought he was travelling with the others, but when they went to find him, he wasn't there. Mary and Joseph went back to Jerusalem but it was three days before they managed to find him. He was in the temple, talking to the teachers there.

His mother told Jesus how worried they were, and she was puzzled when he said had been busy with his father's affairs. Jesus returned to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and stayed there with them until he was grown up.



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Wealth Of Teaching Opportunities In Region's Largest Catholic Academy Trust



With pupil numbers in the UK set to continue to rise and teacher numbers at an all-time low, it's a challenging time for schools across the UK.

Figures show that in 2017 there were 451,900 full-time teachers working in English state schools compared with 457,000 in 2016. Teacher numbers have not been lower since 2013 according to the Department for Education and there is currently a shortfall of 30,000 professionals. This, coupled with the record number of teachers leaving the profession and increases in pupil numbers, makes for grim reading.

However, Hugh Hegarty, chief executive officer of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT), said: "As a newly formed Catholic multi academy trust, teacher recruitment, retention and development is of paramount importance.

"As the region's largest Catholic trust with 25 schools in both the primary and secondary sectors, we recognise the need to address

this critical issue head on and believe we are in the enviable position of being able to offer a very diverse programme of engagement for teachers and new trainees.

"NPCAT is focused on academic excellence and the spiritual and moral development of our pupils, staff and the communities we serve."

The academic excellence is evident in the fact that 88% of the trust's schools are now rated as Good or Outstanding by Ofsted and four of its primary schools were named in the Sunday Times top 250 – Christ the King, in Thornaby, St Edward's, in Linthorpe, St Thérèse of Lisieux, in Ingleby Barwick and St Bede's, in Markse-by-the-Sea, which was also named State Primary School of the Year by the paper.

"This quarter we are set to launch a series of engaging initiatives aimed at not only attracting new teachers through our many Initial Teacher Training programmes, but also developing our current teachers through our own internal, targeted CPD programmes, with the aim of identifying the next generation of leaders," added Mr Hegarty.

To help drive interest in the teacher training programmes, NPCAT is offering taster teacher sessions across all their schools for anyone interested or considering going into teaching.

These sessions will give people first-hand experience of what it's like being in a school and the diversity a job in teaching can offer. For further information, please contact John O'Boyle at oboyle.j@npcat.org.uk.

NPCAT is also delighted to announce that

from September it will be working with four Initial Teacher Training Providers (ITTPs). St Paulinus, Guisborough, is working in partnership with Durham University, St Patrick's, Thornaby, with Leeds Trinity, Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough, with Redcar SCITT and St Joseph's, Middlesbrough, will be one of the lead schools for the Carmel Teacher Training Partnership. For further information, please visit npcat.org.uk/initial-teacher-training.

NPCAT seeks to create an environment which will inspire and challenge its teachers and

leaders, creating a culture where knowledge and best practice is shared and recognised and achievement is celebrated.

"The aim of the teacher training programmes is to develop our own pool of teachers, used to working within our framework and dedicated to delivering outstanding Catholic education," said Mr Hegarty.

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A Letter From Madonna House

Lift Up Your Arms!

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"That must have been terrifying," said the man who was plastering my broken wrist at the hospital. "Not really," I replied, "I don't remember anything."

"That must have hurt to be pulled out with a broken wrist," sympathised the woman who was glueing the long slit in my head. "Yes, it must have," I mumbled, "although I don't really remember."

"Ooh, you'll have a lot of bruising," warned the nurse checking the cut on my back. She was right.

As I lay in a hospital bed for several hours, my mind drifted. I remembered playing with the next-door children when I was a little girl and managing to scrape and gash my stomach. I was horrified by all the pain and blood, and I demanded to be lifted over the hedge to safety.

The hedge was a bit high though, so my mother urged me, "Run around the block to come home. It's not far." But I was having none of it: I kept my eyes glued on my father. "Lift up your arms," he said, and soon I was lying in my room, bandaged and safe. These two rescues blended in my half-conscious mind: once I had begged for rescue; this time I wasn't even aware of where I was, and help was given.

In the hospital ward fragments from Scripture floated in my heart: *From the depths I cry to you O Lord...He drew me out from the miry waters...He rescued me since He loves me...* Even though this all happened in Advent I thought, "This will be a perfect image for Lent."

If I find myself in a pit of my own making, with a train barreling toward me, I can cry, Pull me out! If I'm lost like a little lamb, suddenly realising I'm entangled in the briars, one little bleat can call the Good Shepherd to my aid.

If an inner wound or searing emotional pain paralyses or blinds me, if I'm lost in some part of my spirit and don't even know it, if I'm stuck in my sin and can't call out, perhaps I'll hear a kind voice saying, "Lift up your hands and I'll draw you out."

When Lent does arrive this year – or even now, in this interior Lenten season of broken but slowly mending body, I can ask my Lord, "Where am I lost? In danger? Where do I most need your grace?" As I allow him to gradually pull me free, I will know ever more profoundly that, "He rescues me because he loves me."

And in my last moment on earth, I may plead for him to pull me over the hedge to safety, or perhaps he'll catch me by surprise and whisper, "Lift up your arms. It's time". I don't mind whatever way he chooses, as long as those strong arms pull me safely home.

Cheryl-Ann Smith

Green Flag Award For SFX

Staff and students at St Francis Xavier School in Richmond have been recognised for the commitment they have shown to protecting the environment by being awarded the prestigious Eco Schools Green Flag.

To achieve this award, the joint Anglican and Roman Catholic school, which had already won the scheme's bronze and silver awards, was led by its active eco team as it introduced a series of innovative ideas.

As well as slashing energy consumption by 23% since 2014/15, it has also dramatically cut its paper usage, with 172 fewer reams of paper purchased in 2018 compared with the previous 12 months.

A lunchtime recycling system has been introduced, including the composting of raw food waste and measuring the total food wasted to see if it could be reduced.

Around 30 bags of rubbish were collected in around more than 50 litter picks in the school grounds, while 3,000 spring bulbs have been planted, with plans to create a wildflower meadow.



Children from St Francis Xavier in Richmond celebrate their Green Flag award

In addition, the school has stopped selling single-use plastic bottles and condiments sachets have been replaced with dispensers, has arranged a textiles recycling collection that raised almost £150 and worked with local company RJ Farrow Skip Hire to recycle a full skip of aluminium cans.

The school was generously supported by RJ Farrow Skip Hire, Richmond Rotters, who

provided free composting bins, GCH Grounds Maintenance of Richmond, who provided four good quality litter pickers, and Richmond Town Council, who provided the funding for the spring bulbs.

SFX has now signed up to work towards being awarded the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic-Free Schools Award this year.

What A Difference A Day Makes

All Saints School in York held two big fundraising events in one day to raise money for three great causes.

Following on from the school Big Sleep-In two years ago, we decided to hold a sleep out with years eight and nine with the aim of raising £1,000 for CAFOD and SASH, a local charity that supports homeless teenagers.

Students were asked to raise money or make a donation and to come along to school with their sleeping bags and cardboard

boxes.

The evening began with a video showing the plight of young homeless people on the streets before the students went outside on the tennis courts to build their shelters for the night.

Twenty-nine students and seven staff spent a cold but enlightening night. We exceeded our £1,000 target, raising just over £2,000.

Earlier the school held a home clothes day in response to Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor initiative, asking students to bring in a donation for York Foodbank rather than pay the usual £1.

Once again, the generosity of our parents and students and staff was outstanding and a fantastic 555 kilos of food was collected.

Kevin Baker, from the food bank, wrote to tell us our collection will make a real difference, preventing people from going hungry in their own homes, parents from skipping meals to feed their children or people having to decide between eating and paying the rent.

*The St Vincent De Paul Society within the York Deanery were invited to bring elderly and retired parishioners to a Christmas party in the lower site at All Saints. They were treated to a wonderful afternoon that included home baking, games, gifts and seasonal entertainment by the school brass band and choir.

Elaine Wright, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator



Children from All Saints with donations for York Foodbank

Parish And School Groups Invited To Flame

There's still time to take part in the fourth CYMFed Flame Congress, at Wembley Arena on Saturday March 2.

Many parishes and school groups have already booked tickets for their young people to enjoy this wonderful celebration of Catholic faith in a vibrant atmosphere, full of joy, with content presented in a way that resonates for young people.

This year Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, a network of communities that supports people with intellectual disabilities, will be giving exclusive video input.

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland, will share his experience of the October Synod on Youth, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.

Rapper Guvna B and his wife Emma will speak on the issue of stress, mental health and wellbeing for our young people and Robert Madu is flying in from Texas to talk on the theme for the day, "Significance."

RISE Theatre will present the powerful

drama Jesus Is Here as an introduction to Adoration, which will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in the presence of almost all the bishops of England and Wales.

Music throughout the day will be animated by Tim Hughes, composer of Here I Am To Worship.

Nearly 6,000 tickets have already been sold and if your parish or school has not yet booked, there is still time. Flame is ideal for young people aged 14-plus (year nine and above), which for many parishes will include confirmation or older youth groups.

For schools groups such as GCSE and A level RE classes it's a magnificent enrichment day, with input during the day and the vision of Church offered illuminating classroom discussions.

A limited number of tickets are available at £25, which includes travel, entrance, and hoodie. Enquiries from parish groups can be made by emailing FRPhilip.Cunnah@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk.



Continuing The Fight Against Human Trafficking

TERESA DEAN, the Medaille Trust's representative to the diocese, tells us about the charity's mission to care for and empower UK victims of human trafficking, raise awareness of their plight and campaign on their behalf...

On Friday February 8 the Catholic Church commemorates the life of St Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan when young.

The trauma of Bakhita's abduction caused her to forget her own name. The name by which she has become known is a mixture of the name given by her slave traders, Bakhita, Arabic for "lucky", and the Christian name, Josephine, which she took in adulthood.

In 1883, Bakhita was bought and taken to Italy. She made her profession in 1896 with the Canossians and was assigned to a convent where she spent the remaining 45 years of her life dedicated to assisting her community and teaching others to love

God.

Bakhita's last years were marked by pain and sickness, but she retained her cheerfulness. If asked how she was, she always answered smiling, "as the Master desires."

St Josephine was beatified in 1992 and canonised by Pope John Paul II in October 2000. She is the first person from Sudan to be canonised and is the patron saint of her country and of victims of human slavery and trafficking.

The Global Slavery Index estimates there are 45m slaves today in the world and government estimates suggest that there may be up to 15,000 men, women and children in the UK who are victims of human trafficking and slavery.

The Medaille Trust is a charity founded by priests, sisters and brothers from many orders and congregations to help men, women and their children who have been rescued from the evil of human trafficking. Working together with victims we rebuild

lives and offer brighter futures. The charity does this by providing safe housing for both male and female victims of human trafficking and their dependents in nine houses throughout England.

Pope John Paul II said: "The trade in human persons constitutes a shocking offence against human dignity and a grave violation of fundamental human rights." Pope Francis says trafficking is "an open wound on the body of contemporary society."

Please pray with St Josephine Bakhita for the men women and children who are victims of trafficking and slavery still.

As the Medaille Trust's representative in our diocese, I am available to deliver talks and presentations in schools, parishes and other groups about the work of the trust in combatting human trafficking and slavery in the UK and globally.

Please call me on 01642 313460 or email t.dean@medaille-trust.org.uk for more information.



St Josephine Bakhita

Peace Theme As Choirs Unite

Peace was the theme as the choirs of St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough and hosts Durham Cathedral combined as one for the Royal School of Church Music's North-East Festival.

The service was led by Dean of Durham Andrew Tremlett, together with Canon Patrick Hartnett, and was devised by Andrew Robinson.

The introduction referred to the centenary of the end of hostilities in World War I, including the words: "We will thank God for the peace of 100 years ago, we will continue to pray and strive for a lasting peace in our world, as well as praying for the peace that passeth all understanding."

The service was the first official joint area festival between RSCM North and East Yorkshire and RSCM Durham, with the 50 members of the two cathedral choirs leading 400 singers in the massed RSCM area choirs.

A congregation of around 350 enjoyed renditions of hymns including Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, which was arranged by Middlesbrough Diocesan director of music Timothy Craig Harrison, who was presented with a prestigious Associate of the RSCM award during the service.

The choirs will combine once again for the next festival, at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday October 10 2020.

Preparations Begin For RCIA Celebration

I've already seen Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs in the shops so perhaps it's time to remind you of some important dates for those celebrating the RCIA.

The first Sunday of Lent will be on March 10 this year and, as usual, the Rite of Election will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 3pm that afternoon.

Before that, however, I would like to let you know about a Day of Reflection at which candidates, catechumens, catechists and sponsors would be most welcome.

The date is Saturday February 16 and the venue is the parish hall at Our Lady's in Acomb. The day will be led by Canon Pat Hartnett and will begin with coffee at 10am. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch and we will end at 3pm.

It is important to reserve a place by contacting Jenny Dowson at the Curial Office on 01642 850505 or by emailing reception@rcdmidd.org.uk.

Vince Purcell, Adult Formation Adviser

History Of Egton Catholics In Spotlight

Diocese of Middlesbrough Archivist David Smallwood will speak on the subject of "Egton Catholics 1600-1900" at the next meeting of Cleveland Newman Circle. The event takes place at St Mary's Cathedral Hall on Wednesday February 20 at 7.45pm, with coffee and tea available from 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more details call 01642 316493 or email sandamerckx@btinternet.com.

Fellowship Needs Your Help!

Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship has been running successfully for 46 years, forming friendships and making memories in our local community.

Friends at the Fellowship are of different abilities and we all help each other to share in and enjoy the time we spend together.

Unfortunately, we are very low on helpers for our Saturday playgroup at the Holy Name of Mary Church Hall, meaning that some members are having to miss out.

Please help us to continue God's work in providing a safe and caring network of friends for our members, for which the Saturday playgroup is a highlight of their week.

If you, or anybody you know, is interested in joining the Fellowship Family, please email me at amvg@me.com or contact any other Fellowship helpers.

Andrew Gardner



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NEWS

Chaplain Who Gave His Life In God’s Service

I don’t believe in coincidences. Last year I was helping Father Jerry Twomey with preparations for Mass in All Saints School in Thirsk and while looking for the items for the altar, I found a chalice lying in the back of the cupboard.

It was presented by Father Finn and said he was killed at Suvla Bay. Nobody knew of Father Finn and it being close to Remembrance Day, I thought it worth investigating.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records the death of Reverend Father William Joseph Finn, Chaplain 4th Class Army Chaplains’ Department, on April 25 1915 at Suvla Bay in Gallipoli.

Father Finn was born on December 27 1875, at Sculcoates, near Hull. His birth details do not record Joseph. After studying at Ushaw College, Durham, from 1889 until 1900, he was ordained on August 5 1900 in Middlesbrough. He was curate at Middlesbrough Cathedral and St Hilda’s, Whitby, and parish priest at All Saints, Thirsk, from 1909 until 1913. He then became chaplain to Colonel Langdale at the Holy Family, Houghton Hall, Sancton, near Pocklington, until 1915.

Previously, he had asked for permission to enlist, and this was refused. But on October 11 1914 Bishop Lacey wrote: “I have reconsidered my decision on one condition only, namely that when the war is over for one reason or another, you cease to be chaplain to the troops immediately and at once report yourself to the bishop of the diocese at that time and that you will not use this leave of absence as a means of seeking release from your own diocese.”

He joined the Army Chaplains’ Department on November 5 1914 and by 1915 he was the chaplain to 1st Battalion Dublin Fusiliers and sailed from Alexandria to Gallipoli on

the Ansonia. He taught all his men a little Act of Contrition to use when they required it and asked them especially to repeat it if they were wounded and no priest was nigh – “O my God, I am sorry that I have sinned against thee, because thou art so good, and I will not sin again.”

He transferred to an old collier, the River Clyde, which was quickly run ashore. Immediately the men commenced to disembark, shells crashed into her from the shore and machine guns were turned on to the two exits made in her sides from which the men were emerging.

Many anxious eyes were peering about over the ship’s protected bulwarks. Among them was Father Finn, the Roman Catholic Chaplain of the Dublins.

The sight of 500 of his brave boys lying dead or dying on that terrible strip of beach was too much for him, so heedless of the risk, he plunged down the gangway and made for the shore.

On the way his wrist was shattered by a bullet, but he went on, and although lead was splattering around him like hailstones, he administered consolation to the wounded and dying.

For a time he seemed to have some miraculous form of divine protection, for he went from one to another through shot and shell without receiving any further injury.

At last a bullet struck him near the hip and on seeing this, some of the Dublins rushed out to him from the protection of the sandbank and brought him into its shelter.

When, however, he had somewhat recovered from his wound, nothing would induce him to remain in safety while his poor boys were being done to death in the open.

So out he crawled again to administer comfort to a poor



Father William Finn

fellow who was moaning piteously a little way off and as he was in the act of giving consolation to the stricken man, Father Finn was struck and killed, becoming the first chaplain to be killed in action in the First World War.

He is buried in V Beach Cemetery, Turkey, and remembered on the Memorials in Ushaw College, Beverley Minster and the Army Chaplains’ Aldershot Memorial. The Sacred Heart Church in Hull was also built by his brother as a memorial to him.

We often use phrases such as, “He gave his life for his country” and “Greater love hath no man than this.” In this instance, Father Finn also gave his life in the service of God.

Lionel Cartwright-Terry

Snowdrops On Show At Tudor Croft

Teesside’s best-loved private garden, Tudor Croft at Guisborough, will be open for two days on Saturday and Sunday February 16 and 17 for everyone to enjoy its fabulous collection of snowdrops and early spring flowers.

Home of the Heagney family, Tudor Croft provides perfect conditions for more than 250 varieties of snowdrop, many rare and all clearly labelled, in a stunning five-acre garden setting.

Lourdes brancardier Mike Heagney said: “This is a great time not only to see the snowdrops but also to view the intricate design and

structure of this Arts and Crafts garden which, in summer, is less visible when everywhere is filled with flowers.”

Tudor Croft will be open from 11am to 3pm on each day and will be signposted from all approach roads to Guisborough. Admission is £5, children free, and there will be snowdrops and spring flowers for sale.

Hot soup and refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go to local charities. Last year more than £5,000 was raised at Tudor Croft for the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Fund and other charities.



See the spectacular snowdrops at Tudor Croft, Guisborough

From the Archives



50 Years Ago

(From the Log Book of St Thomas’ Secondary School, Middlesbrough, February 11 1969)

Sixteen teachers withdrew their services in support of a union dispute. In view of this the school was closed in the afternoon.

100 Years Ago

(From From Bishop Lacy’s Lenten Pastoral Letter, 1919)

It is the Holy Father’s express wish that prayers be offered up everywhere to obtain from the Father of Lights a blessing on the deliberations of the Conference now sitting in Paris charged with formulating the terms of a just and lasting Peace. While the Pontiff has pledged beforehand his hearty co-operation in supporting the just decisions of the Conference, the Catholics of the world at large cannot but feel aggrieved that his Nuncio has not been invited to take his seat on their Board. The Roman Pontiff is, whether statesmen like it or no, the great representative of the moral order of the world and now that the foundations of that order have been disturbed beyond precedent, his exclusion from his rightful place at the Council Board will be regarded as a decided blow to the cause of social reconstruction and lasting peace.

David Smallwood

Environment Corner Cleaning Up Our World

Continuing our series on environmental concerns, this month’s article from our Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission focuses on natural laundry products made without harsh chemicals...

There’s a growing range of products on the market now that put environmental management at the heart of what they do.

The Bio-D Company produces a wide selection of washing powders, laundry liquids and fabric conditioners and aims to deliver excellent green products at affordable prices. They are available throughout the diocese and the simplest way to find your nearest stockist is through the map on their website, biodegradable.biz.

Ecover products are also readily available in many supermarkets. Their website, ecover.com, is also full of information about their range, policies and ongoing mission to lead a clean world revolution.

Method is a US-based company started by two young graduates with a vision of a cleaner, greener world. Their website, methodproducts.co.uk, is both interesting and fun and their story is worth reading. Their laundry products were launched in 2010 and can now be found in many supermarkets, as well as branches of Dunelm.

Further information on ethical cleaning and household products can be found at ethicalsuperstore.com.



Is it time you switched to greener laundry products?

Death Of Former Marine Who Became A Monk

Benedictine monk Father Aidan Gilman OSB, died peacefully in the infirmary at Ampleforth Abbey on December 15 2018 at the age of 91.

Born in Leicester in March 1927 and educated at Ampleforth College, Father Aidan served in the Royal Marines from 1945 to 1948 before joining the Ampleforth community in September 1948 and being ordained priest on July 20 1958.

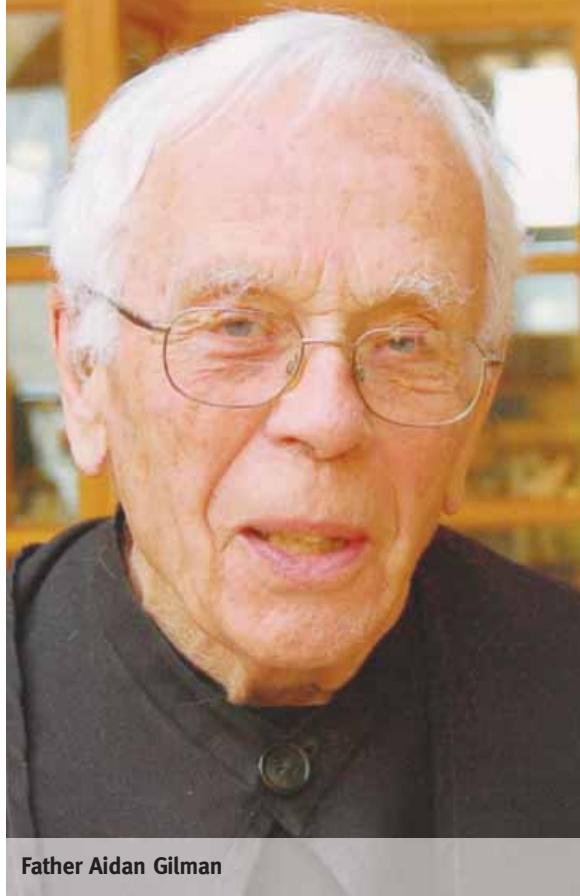
He read Botany at the University of Oxford and in the early 1960s was part-time chaplain at RAF Topcliffe and then RAF Linton. From 1964 to 1969 he was housemaster of St Thomas' House in the school and taught Biology.

Father Aidan then expressed a desire to live as a hermit and from 1969 to 1975 he resided at Holly Hill, near Hawaby, where he built a small chapel, which is still in existence. He returned to Ampleforth in 1975 and was appointed novice master, before setting out again a year later to work at Eke Priory in Nigeria.

He wrote to the community about his journey on a tiny, leaky cargo boat carrying sugar from Middlesbrough to Lagos: "None of the watertight doors fit, the port anchor is unusable, there is a kink in the main derrick which could buckle it on top of dockers unloading. En route, the engines overheated, so that speed had to be kept below six knots. The crew was arrested while in Dakar, for debts unpaid last time."

In 1977 Father Aidan joined a small experimental religious community in Little Crosby and from 1982 to 1987 served as chaplain to Stanbrook Abbey, then located in Worcestershire. He returned to Ampleforth in 1987 and helped establish St Bede's Pastoral Centre in York. Father Aidan also looked after Justice & Peace groups and worked closely with the Association for Separated and Divorced Catholics.

From April 1994 to 1998 he served in Osmotherley and then spent eight years back at Ampleforth, returning to Osmotherley once again before going back to



Father Aidan Gilman

Ampleforth in September 2006.

Father Aidan's health declined in recent years and he died peacefully on December 15. His funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church on December 20, followed by burial in the Monks' Wood.

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

Please pray for the following priests of our diocese whose anniversaries are during the month of February...

1	1919	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Gerald Shanahan	Thornaby
1	1937	Rev Edward H Bryan	Pickering
1	1973	Rev Michael Barry	Market Weighton
2	1920	Rt Rev Mgr Provost Charles Dawson	York
2	1982	Rev Francis Gresham OP	York
2	1989	Rt Rev Mgr J Liam Carson	Teesville
3	1912	Very Rev Canon Joseph Dodds	Leyburn
3	1981	Canon Gerard T Rickaby	Guisborough
3	1999	Rev Thomas Burke	Scarborough
3	2018	Rev Thomas Ryan	Caherconlish
5	1978	Very Rev Canon W Hughes	Hull
5	1979	Rev Dan Breen	Scarborough
7	1985	Mgr T Alban Nolan	Billingham
7	1988	Very Rev Canon Robert Carson	Redcar
8	1991	Rev John Shanahan	Knocklong
9	1975	Rev Joseph Bickerstaffe	Connah's Quay
9	2011	Rev Sean O'Donnell	Falcarragh
10	1933	Rev Richard Lewis	York
10	1970	Rev Leonard Cornwall	Hull
12	1947	Rev Thomas Reilly	Skirraugh
12	1965	Rev Gerard Culkin	Ushaw
14	1897	Very Rev Canon George Brunner	Wycliffe
15	1931	Rev William Kirkham	Ushaw Bridge
16	1999	Rev John Joseph Ryan	Scorton
17	2003	Rev Francis Daly	Middlesbrough
18	1995	Rev Desmond Cush	Richmond
18	1938	Rev George Kiernan	Thornaby
18	1942	Rev Bernard Wilson	Staithes
23	2015	Very Rev Canon Gerald Cox	Hull
23	2018	Rev Patrick Grant	Thurles
27	1963	Rev Joseph Blake	Hull
27	1900	Rev James Atkinson	Middlesbrough
27	1981	Rev James O'Brien	Staithes
28	1988	Rev John MacDonnell	Middlesbrough

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ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

2/3

Parish visitation to Our Lady's, Acomb

All weekend

5

Attends meeting of National Office of Vocations Board in London

11.00am

7-11

Attends Northern Church Leaders' Retreat in Rome

13

Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustee Board at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough

10.30am

19

Attends Bishop's Council

11.00am

26

Attends meeting of Friends of the Lady Chapel Committee at the Curial Office

11.00am

Attends meeting of Council of Priests at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough

1.00pm

27

Visit to HMP Hull

9.30am

28

Attends meeting of Northern Province at Bishop's House, Leeds

10.30am

1 Fri

Events and articles for the March Voice are due by today

2 Sat

11.30am Centering (Contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact Canon Lumley jl@rcdmidd.org.uk

3 Sun

10am Solemn Mass, St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)

11am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB

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

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

4 Mon

10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group (10am for new meditators), St John of Beverley, Church. Contact: christian meditation.beverley@gmail.com

5 Tues

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

6 Wed

12 noon Midday prayer/Wednesday Word/prayer intention 'modern slavery'; Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB

6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers, St Mary's Cathedral (Ladies Schola)

6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for further details.

8 Fri

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

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

10 Sun

10am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir and Junior Choristers)

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

3pm Diocese of Middlesbrough LGBT+ outreach and service; Mass giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, in the chapel of The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. All are welcome.

4.15pm Solemn Vespers, St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Consort)

5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN

5pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Thomas More's Church, Beechwood, Middlesbrough Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details.

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

11 Mon

10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group (10am for new meditators), St John of Beverley, Church. Contact: christian meditation.beverley@gmail.com

12 noon Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick) – Rosary only, Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

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

12 Tues

12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull. Maureen Woollens 'Wedgewood.'

2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.

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

13 Wed

10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meets after morning Mass

10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets

2.30pm Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.

2-3.30pm Music for the Mind in St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, especially those suffering from dementia, their carers and friends. Contact 01642 710179 for details.

6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral (Cantor)

16 Sat

11am Centering (Contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact Canon Lumley jl@rcdmidd.org.uk

11am-3pm Tudor Croft Garden, Guisborough open today and Sunday (signposted from all approach roads to Guisborough)

7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Chris O'Malley), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

17 Sun

10am Solemn Mass, St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)

11am-3pm Tudor Croft Garden, Guisborough open Saturday and today (signposted from all approach roads to Guisborough)

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

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Acklam Road, Middlesbrough

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

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20 Wed

7.30pm for 7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle 'Egton Catholics 1600-1900' (a case study in compiling a parish history) by David Smallwood, Diocesan Archivist, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham TS8 0TW

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

22 Fri

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

24 Sun

10am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)

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

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

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25 Mon

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27 Wed

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

6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral (full Schola)

28 Thur

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

Advance Notices

25 March Solemnity of the Annunciation, Rosary 1.30pm/Mass 2pm, Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley

3 April, Cleveland Newman Circle, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham 'Amoris Laetitia: A Guide to Accompaniment. But is it a satnav or a map?' Talk by Rev Vincent Purcell.

6 April, St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre, 96 Annandale Road, Greatfield, Hull HU9 4LA 'Sharing Hope in Crisis' (register at billygraham.org.uk and enter your details)

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NEWS

Praying For A New Rosary Revival



The World Apostolate of Fatima banner in St Mary's Cathedral during the visit of the Fatima statue and relics to Middlesbrough – Photo by Les Clark

JOHN CARROLL, World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) of England and Wales promoter for the Diocese of Middlesbrough, introduces a new initiative to stimulate a Rosary revival...

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have begun the rededication of our countries to Our Blessed Lady.

In the past year, the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited places including Middlesbrough, Hull and York and the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham recently came to St Mary's Cathedral.

As part of this ongoing process, WAF is promoting the Five First Saturdays' Devotion in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by her to the three shepherd children of Fatima, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta.

Our Lady told Sister Lucia: "I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask

pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for he is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."

She also said in a grave manner: "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say often, especially when you make some sacrifice, 'O my Jesus, this is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary'."

After showing the children a vision of hell, Our Lady said: "Pray, pray a great deal and make many sacrifices, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and pray for them."

Inspired by these words of the Mother of God we must encourage devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart, alongside the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, by making reparation for sin. By trusting in Mary's intercession, we hope to obtain the salvation of many

souls, the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart and an era of peace for all mankind.

Our Lady gave this pledge to Sister Lucia on December 10 1925: "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

WAF is appointing promoters in each diocese to encourage prayer groups and parishes to start the devotion. We hope a network of groups will help stimulate a Rosary revival in the diocese and throughout the land and we would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us. For more information email 3woldview@gmail.com or call me on 01759 380415.

Summer Retreat Focuses On God's Plan

God's Plan for the Fullness of Time is the theme of a Foyers de Charité Retreat to be held at the Diocese of Leeds' Hinsley Hall Pastoral Centre this summer.

The preacher will be Monsignor Keith Bartrop, with help from Foyers' members and others.

Foyers' retreats are held mainly in silence,

with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ.

The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. They do not charge for their retreats but request a

donation.

The retreat is from 6pm on Sunday July 21 to 2pm on Saturday July 27. For further information or to book a place, email keithbartrop@rcdow.org.uk, call 07879 953953 or write to Monsignor Keith Bartrop, St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ.

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NEWS

Brothers Toast Loyal Catenian Peter

Catenian Peter Grainger was presented with a scroll in recognition of 40 years' membership of the organisation's Middlesbrough Circle during a dinner at Teesside Golf Club.

Peter was born in Middlesbrough in August 1936 and after attending St Joseph's Primary School he studied for O and A levels at St Mary's College, later qualifying as a teacher at Hull University. His first post was at St Richard's Secondary Modern School in Middlesbrough and two years later he and wife, Mary, left for the missions in Nigeria, where he taught in a secondary college and Mary nursed in a mission hospital. After six years and the addition of three sons, he took up a post at a government secondary school near Jos in Northern Nigeria. On their return to Middlesbrough in 1970, now with three sons and an infant daughter, Clare, he taught for a short while at St Thomas's Secondary School before being appointed head of English at the Sacred Heart Secondary School in Redcar and then head of lower school. He retired in 1996.

Peter joined Middlesbrough Catenians Circle on December 12 1978 and he and Mary enjoyed the friendship of his fellow brothers and wives ever since. A keen walker and a former North York Moors National Park ranger, Peter is very active in the Holy Name of Mary Parish as a special minister of the Eucharist and the Word, and until recently took Holy Communion to patients at James Cook University Hospital. Catenian director Brendan Leer presented him with a commemorative scroll, saying it had been truly earned by his exemplary loyalty and commitment to the circle. Peter thanked his brother Catenians for many years of friendship, saying he was flattered and overwhelmed by the occasion. The Catenians are members of an international brotherhood of Catholic men who meet socially at least once a month. They offer you and your family lifelong friendship with other Catholic men and their families and you are invited to join them. For more details, contact Chris Rhodes 01642 319161 or email chris.rhodes@tinyworld.co.uk.



From left to right: John Bonnar (provincial president), Brendan Leer (director), Peter Grainger and Steve Hodgson (Middlesbrough Circle president)

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Benemerenti Hat-Trick Celebrated In Hull

There was joy on Gaudete Sunday as Benemerenti Medals were presented to St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull, parishioners Jean Campbell, Jean Daintith and Will Gorman in recognition of their devoted service to the Catholic community.

Jean Campbell is known throughout the diocese for her work for pilgrims going to Lourdes. When her husband Malcolm died she became chair of the Hull Lourdes Sick Fund and more recently has been a handmaid. She helps produce the monthly Parish Link, which includes news of people and events in all Hull and the East Riding parishes, and is involved in running the monthly housebound group at St Stephen's and their annual visits to Walsingham. She organises outings for St Anthony's to various pilgrimage centres, was a foundation governor at St Anthony's School and helps with the children's liturgy. Jean Daintith has worked tirelessly for the parish for many years and continues to do

so today. She was a founder member of St Anthony's SVP and organises various fundraising activities throughout the year, including Easter and Christmas raffles and the parish lottery and cake stalls. She somehow seems to know when anyone has a milestone birthday or anniversary and gifts and cards for all the parish to sign appear. She arranges a parish meal three times each year and organises buffets for funerals and other special events, as well as helping with the First Communion preparation group and the children's liturgy. Wilf has been treasurer and a member of St Anthony's finance committee for many years and has helped in making a number of important decisions. On behalf of the diocese he has audited the books of all Hull and district parishes. He was the parish safeguarding representative for many years and a governor of St Mary Queen of Martyrs Primary School.

Bernard Swift



Father Antony Chundelikkat and Deacon Bob Shakesby at the back with Jean Daintith, Wilf Gorman and Jean Campbell in front with their certificates – Photo by Bernard Swift

Book Now For Lourdes 66!

Booking forms and information on Lourdes 2019 are available and have been posted out to those on our mailing list.

Once again we are travelling with experienced tour operator Joe Walsh Tours. The dates for our 65th pilgrimage are Friday May 24 to Friday May 31.

Please continue your support of our pilgrimage and book as early as possible. If you haven't had a pilgrimage brochure and would like one, call Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790 or book online at joewalshstours.co.uk.

For a Supported Pilgrim application form, email secretary Pat Ling at lourdessecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk or call 01642 760105.

Day Of Formation Draws Near

The Day of Formation for our Hospitalité helpers takes place on Saturday March 30 at Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough, with registration from 9am.

This is earlier this year due to Easter and a number of holidays and Bank Holidays. We tried to avoid any clashes and settled on this date after a long discussion.

The day forms a major part of our pilgrimage preparation and the varied programme includes the mandatory aspects of our training. It also gives us a chance to spend a day with our teams.

Lunch will be provided and we will end the day with the celebration of Mass. Last year's formation day was attended by more than 200 helpers and supported pilgrims and helped our pilgrimage get off to a great start.



Nurse Marie Kelleher loves Lourdes so much she's been back 25 times! Marie is seen here receiving her 25-year medal from Bishop Terry last year – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes

Calling All Nurses!

If you've ever thought about coming to Lourdes as a helper, now is the time to act!

Our team of nurses consists of qualified nurses in current registration and pharmacists and physiotherapists with valuable experience, along with health care assistants.

Qualified nurses in current registration with the Nursing Midwifery Council will be responsible for duties such as the administration of medicines, assessing and planning care for our supported pilgrims.

Nursing students can also work as volunteers in Lourdes and a reflection of this unique experience of holistic care could be included in their portfolios.

You'll find out why so many nurses return to Lourdes year after year. We guarantee it will be a life-changing experience!

For more information, please contact head nurse Stephen McKenna by emailing headnurse@rcdmidd.org.uk.

Mass For Past And Present Handmaids

There will be an opportunity for all past and present handmaids to come together for the celebration of Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, on Saturday February 16 at 2pm. The service will be followed by a cup of tea and cake in the hall and an update on the preparations for this year's pilgrimage. If anyone else would like to join us you would be very welcome.

Friendships Renewed At Lourdes Parties

The Lourdes family gathered in the hall at Sacred Heart Church Hull for the annual Christmas party to thank everyone connected with the pilgrimage.

It was a delight to see so many there, including supported pilgrims, pilgrims, volunteers, brancardiers, handmaids and other supporters of the pilgrimage. This was followed by our Middlesbrough gathering at St Gabriel's Church, where more friendships were made and renewed.

This year also has started well with a New Year Party in St Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday January 5.

Many thanks to our Hospitalité team, led by John Brown, and to our friends in Hull, led by Jean Campbell, and to everyone for your commitment and support, which helped make all the events a resounding success

Wanted: Lourdes Coastal Representative

The organising committee is looking to appoint a representative to cover the Whitby, Scarborough and Bridlington area of our diocese, to promote the pilgrimage and be a contact point for anyone who would be interested in joining us or helping in any way.



Historically, we have had a representative on the organising committee, but over the last few years this post has been vacant. The role is voluntary and would involve two or three meeting per year, but predominantly being active in our coastal region to build up the profile of the pilgrimage.

We would offer all the support needed and work closely with our Hospitalité to promote events and information requirements. If you are interested in volunteering or require any further information, please email Keith Tillotson at pilgrimagedirector@rcdmidd.org.uk



Monsignor Anthony Bickerstaffe, Monsignor Seamus Kilbane and Father Clive Birch were among the residents who enjoyed Christmas performances from Hull's Gospa Choir. The choir, which consists of adults and children, performed at Holy Name Care Home and Alexandra Court Care Home in the city. Thank you to all staff at the care homes for making us feel most welcome.

Catherine Holtby



2019 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

PIETRELCINA & ASSISI

EXPERIENCE

Wednesday October 2–Sunday October 6 2019

Bishop Terry will lead a diocesan pilgrimage following in the footsteps of

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA & SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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PIETRELCINA – the village where Padre Pio was born. The visit will include Saint Pio's house, the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, the Church of Sant' Anna and ancient village

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – we will visit the places associated with Saint Pio's life and activities – Santa Maria delle Grazie, the new church of Padre Pio, the sanctuary where he had a famous appearance and more

ROUTE TO ASSISI – via **LANCIANO** (Miracle of the Eucharist) there will be a guided tour of the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angele. We will visit St Francis' hermitage and on to **SAN DAMIANO** and the Basilica of St Clare

This is a taster of the places we will visit and experiences we will have while on this journey. Mass will be celebrated every day in some of the beautiful basilicas.

To express your interest in joining this pilgrim journey, please email: jennydowson@rcdmidd.org.uk or write to her at The Curial Office, 50A The Avenue, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT, giving your contact details. Flights are from and to Leeds-Bradford airport. Cost is £659 per person sharing based on a minimum of 40 people travelling. Single supplement £28 per night, travel insurance required and available for £29pp.

NEWS

How The Lady Chapel Looked In 1952

Many thanks to Francis Smith, who sent in this wonderful picture of the ruined Lady Chapel at Mount Grace.

A friend sent Francis a copy of November's Catholic Voice, in which Peter Grainger wrote about a 1952 camping trip with a group of scouts and priests including Father Anthony Storey, Father Philip Graystone SM, Father Wilfred Duffy SM and the future Father Aelred OFM.

There they celebrated what is thought to be the first Catholic Mass at the ancient Marian shrine since the Reformation.

Peter thought he might be the last member of the party still alive, but Francis writes: "Please assure him he is not the sole survivor of that clandestine operation, as I am still around, though now living far away in Gloucestershire!

"Peter's recollection of details is much better than mine, but I think I probably served at Father Duffy's Mass.

"As a budding photographer at the time, I had an old folding Kodak camera with me, but it was thought inadvisable to have any pictures of the personnel involved, so I finished up with just this rather blurry long-shot of the ruined chapel. Thank you for reviving my memories of that event."

Father Anthony Storey's booklet describing the history of the Lady Chapel has been updated by Father Neil McNicholas and is available from the Curial Office, St Mary's Cathedral or the Lady Chapel itself, priced £1.

Friends of the Lady Chapel members are united in the spirituality of the Lady Chapel through an annual Mass and daily prayers and also receive newsletters and invitations to events. A suggested membership donation is £10 a year for an individual or a family group. Schools are also welcome to join. Visit ladychapel.org.uk/friends for more information.

Have you ever thought about leaving a legacy to the Friends of the Lady Chapel in your will? By doing so you will be helping to preserve this important shrine to Our Lady for future generations and bequests are free of inheritance tax.



Francis Smith's photo of the ruined Lady Chapel in 1952

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