

Bishop's Column

They say that mud sticks and life experience tells us that this is absolutely true. It is the same with shame; it clings and actually seems to eat into the very marrow of our being, eating away at our self-esteem until we are, in some cases, completely floored. What I am referring to are the various scandals that seem to have erupted in the Church over the last few months. Part of me reacts in the way I have just described, then another part of me rebels against the shame and protests that this has nothing to do with me. I have not sinned; I have not committed the crimes which are being revealed; I have not perpetrated these terrible offences against innocent people, innocent young people, innocent children.

We are in the process of celebrating Holy Week and Easter. For us it is such a special time, in fact, the centre and focus of our spiritual lives and our spiritual year. Through immersing ourselves into the Liturgy, we accompany Jesus on the road which leads from Palm Sunday through the Last Supper, the agony and arrest in the Garden, the painful and shameful procession to Calvary, the death and entombment of Christ's lifeless body, the apparently hopeless waiting at the tomb and finally through to the unexpected Resurrection and joyful appearances of the Risen Lord.

It's hard for us to take in the ways of God: that he is as high above creation as the heavens, yet stoops to the very depth of our lowliness and sinfulness. He is the God who reaches into the darkness of our lives and shares it in order to bring us his light and raise us up to share his life. If I didn't believe this then I would be unable to acknowledge a God who, despite our worst efforts, protects the innocent but who also, at the same time, reaches out to the perpetrator, the sinner. Yes, I feel shame reflected on me by others, but I also know the saving, cleansing and redeeming sacrifice of

*Christ Jesus who
did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
(Philippians 2.6-11)*

And this same Christ Jesus offers this life, light, salvation, cleansing and redemption to all who want it, who turn to him in any kind of need; yes, even you, even me.

Yours in blessed hope,

+ Tony

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Friends Begin Ambitious Lady Chapel Improvement Programme

An ambitious programme of improvements and essential repairs at the Lady Chapel is underway, with further developments set to be announced in the coming months.

The shrine above the North Yorkshire village of Osmotherley has been a place of pilgrimage since at least the 14th century and is now under the care of our diocese.

Work to re-roof the hall and side chapel took place in February and early March. As well as replacing clay and sandstone tiles, guttering was also cleaned, painted and repaired, while slipped tiles on the chapel were fixed back in place.

The project included repairing or replacing any rotten timbers or damaged wall plates and addressing issues with some of the lead flashing. Repairs were also carried out to timber in the roof of the adjoining cottage.

The work was approved by the Diocese of Middlesbrough Historic Churches Committee and carried out by Stockton firm NT Sweeting after a tendering process.

The re-roofing is the first of a series of projects planned by the Friends of the Lady Chapel, which was launched by Bishop Terry in 2016 to promote the shrine within the local community and further afield and raise funds for its maintenance and development.

Plans are in hand to convert the top floor of the cottage for use by the many school and other groups that visit the Lady Chapel.

The Friends are also fundraising for a new canopy in the outdoor space opposite the chapel where Mass is celebrated for the

diocesan pilgrimage for the Feast of the Assumption in August and other special occasions.

It would probably have a wooden structure with a shingle roof and open sides so that large numbers of clergy can concelebrate Mass.

"A suitable canopy would enable Mass to be

celebrated outdoors more frequently and in a more dignified way on those solemn occasions when we come together as a diocese," said

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Easter Schedule 2019

Holy Week St Mary's Cathedral, St Clare and St Francis of Assisi

PALM SUNDAY

Blessing and distribution of Palms

Lady Chapel

Saturday evening Vigil Mass 4 pm

Cathedral

Saturday evening Vigil Mass 6.30 pm

Sunday 10 am & 5 pm

St Francis

Saturday evening Vigil Mass 6 pm

Sunday 10.30 am

St Clare

Sunday 9.30 am

Tuesday, 16 April:

Chrism Mass

12 midday at the Cathedral only

Wednesday, 17 April:

There will be a Penitential Service for the

Deanery at the Cathedral at 7 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

St Francis 7 pm

Cathedral 7 pm watching till 10 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

10 am Morning Prayer Cathedral

St Francis 3 pm

St Clare 3 pm

Cathedral 3 pm with Bishop Terence

HOLY SATURDAY

10 am Morning Prayer Cathedral

Cathedral Vigil Mass 9 pm

St Francis Vigil Mass 9 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

St Clare 9.30 am

Cathedral 10 am with Bishop Terence

St Francis 10.30 am

Cathedral 5 pm

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Friends Begin Lady Chapel Improvements

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Bishop Terry. “It’s a project that’s being very seriously considered and we hope to have more information soon.”

The diocese hopes to place a stone altar, plinth and font, which were formerly at St Joseph’s in Stokesley, under the new canopy. The stone was originally quarried from the Lady Chapel.

Enquiries are also being carried out to restore a carving of the Holy Trinity that was bequeathed by Lord Eldon, the statue of Mary and the child Jesus has been restored and a CCTV system has recently been installed.

Membership of the Friends of the Lady Chapel is by donation. Members are remembered in an annual Mass and daily prayers and also receive newsletters and invitations to events. Individuals, families and schools are all welcome to join. Visit ladychapel.org.uk/friends for more information. Please consider 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 for future generations and bequests are free of inheritance tax.



Roofers working on the Lady Chapel and hall

Flame Message: 'I Am A Masterpiece!'

Quoting Ephesians 2:10 – “We are God’s work of art” – Robert Madu invited thousands of young people gathered in Wembley Arena to say it like they mean it.

A talk by the charismatic preacher from Dallas, Texas, was just one of the many highlights of Flame 2019, which took place on Saturday March 2. Around 160 young people from our diocese attended this magnificent event.

It began before 6am with a long coach journey to London. Groups gathered in Hull, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Scarborough and York to arrive in time for the noon start.

A break at the motorway services gave a good impression of the size of the event as groups from Leeds and Hexham and Newcastle mixed together. The Middlesbrough contingent stood out, however, in their matching hoodies!

The event itself was a mixture of contemporary Christian music, talks and dramas, culminating in the high point of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Flame always has the feel of a threshold event, something that is accessible to everyone, no matter where they are on their faith journey.

This year’s theme was significance, a subject that looked at self-esteem challenges for young people. There were wonderful contributions from popular Christian couple, Guvna B and his wife Emma, the author of the blog, Girl Got Faith.

They spoke passionately about their faith and the crowd shared in Guvna B’s music. Archbishop Eamon Martin from Ireland then reminded the young people of their personal

call to holiness.

Perhaps the biggest cheer of the day went to Robert Madu, who combined theology, humour and empathy into a wonderful talk about avoiding comparison.

Taking the story of Saul and David from the first book of Samuel, he examined the way King Saul became bitter with jealousy at David’s success. It turned Saul into a monster and away from the path God had laid out for him.

“Comparison is the destroyer of destiny,” he said. It was a wonderful way to bring faith alive for young people who can be so worried about fitting in. A bit like an athlete in a race who doesn’t look from side to side, he advised young people to, “stay in your lane and keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.” It was a message that reminded us all to trust in the God who made us and knows us.

Flame reaches its zenith before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. After all the noise and input, this is a moment of quiet before the Lord. What a powerful experience to hear so many people fall silent in adoration, listening for the voice of the Lord or speaking to him from their hearts.

The coaches arrived back at their destinations well after 11pm, making it a long day. Yet everyone who participated felt they had received something wonderful in friendship, inspiration and a deeper faith.

To see more on Flame 2019 or the MYMission pilgrimage to Panama for World Youth Day, please visit twitter.com/MYMissionTeam.

Father Phil Cunhah



Josephine and Mary Betteridge at Flame

What our young people said about Flame...

"Rarely, after such a long journey, do you ever feel as energised as you do when you go to Flame. A day of reflection, inspirational talks and religious music awaited us. Throughout the day the focus was the theme of ‘Significance’. Exploring who and what is significant in our lives.

Tim Hughes and Guvna B did a brilliant job at keeping us in the mood with music, while Robert Madu, Emma Borquaye, Archbishop Eamon Martin and Jean Vanier spoke to us about the theme. At the end of the event the whole arena fell silent as Cardinal Vincent Nichols led adoration. We then had the opportunity to think about the significance of the Eucharist in our lives. We can’t wait to go back next time to develop our faith through the biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales."

Josephine and Mary Betteridge, All Saints, York

A Match Made In Heaven

A retired firefighter has been “playing with matches” to impress visitors to Ushaw College.

Clive Holmes, 81, spent much of his professional life educating people about the dangers of matches before discovering a talent for putting them to a different use. He now spends his days carefully assembling meticulously detailed models of famous landmarks.

His spectacular matchstick models of Durham Cathedral – containing 146,000 matchsticks – and some of the main Ushaw building are already on display and he’s now working on a new project.

Grandad-of-four Clive said: “I’ve been making models all my life, but I’d never made anything out of matches before. I cut off all the flammable heads, and I just got on with it. It took a while, but that was my first matchstick model. That will have been about 40 years ago.

“My wife was very relieved when we donated the Durham Cathedral model to Ushaw, as it meant we got our dining room table back. When I dropped it off, I saw the beautiful architecture of the college and I knew what my next model would be.”

Starting with the college’s St Cuthbert’s Chapel, Clive has since also made striking models of the library and the main administrative building, before starting to assemble the college’s Junior House.

Designed by acclaimed architect Peter Paul Pugin and built in 1859, this building closed in 1972 and is now dilapidated, although there are plans to return it to its former glory. Clive expects Junior House to be finished by the end of the year. It will contain up to 45,000 matchsticks and 60 tubes of glue. To find out more about Ushaw and forthcoming events, visit ushaw.org.

• There will be speakers and special events as “Catholicism, Literature, and the Arts II: Legacies and Revivals”, a second biennial conference, explores the relationship between the Church and arts including literature, music and visual art. The conference will be hosted by Ushaw College and St Chad’s College from July 8 to 10. For details, visit dur.ac.uk/theology/religion/ccs/events/cla/



Clive Holmes with some of his amazing creations



Kuldip Kaur Mattu, from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel, Hull, signing the Book of the Elect alongside catechist Josie Pipkin, with Bishop Terry and Father Phil Cunah on the left
– Photo by Paul Bowen

Final Steps In Journey Into The Church

Candidates and catechumens were warmly welcomed as they began the final part of their journey towards being received into the Church.

The traditional Rite of Election and Call To Continuing Conversion takes place in every cathedral in the world on the first Sunday of Lent.

The service marked the formal acceptance of people who have been on a journey of faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme.

This year there were 15 candidates, who have already been baptised into other Christian traditions and who will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil in their parishes.

There were also eight catechumens, who have not previously been baptised and will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and

Holy Communion during their Vigil celebrations.

The catechumens were each called to the sanctuary, where their catechists were asked if they had prayerfully reflected on this next step and affirmed them in their faith journey. Their godparents also came up to the altar.

Bishop Terry formally accepted the catechumens and they signed the Book of the Elect. The candidates remained in their places with their sponsors, who affirmed they had been prayerfully preparing. They do not sign the book, as they are already Christians.

All were then given a Tau cross as a sign that we were now entering Lent, the period of purification and enlightenment.

The candidates and catechumens will be received into full communion with the Church in their own parishes at Easter.

Fundraising Underway To Preserve Historic Chapel

St Mary's Chapel at Crathorne, just south of Middlesbrough, is a rare example of a Grade II* listed Georgian building of exceptional importance on both historic and architectural grounds.

Completed by 1821 for the then Lords of the Manor, the Crathorne family, who maintained their Catholic faith after the Reformation, it is part of the circuit of churches served from Stokesley.

Of special interest are the triple hanging arches at the nave and sanctuary junction, with cherub head finials, the pair of concave sided canopies over niches either side of the altar and the decorative treatment of the reredos.

What makes it of such importance is that while the exterior is a tall, single storey of modest appearance, made from local handmade light red brick, it has three attractive Tudor arched and roll-moulded windows with interlaced glazing bars and cill band.

The interior is remarkably complete, with high-quality box pews, gallery and rich Gothick decoration, believed to have been completed by an Italian master craftsman especially brought over by original Lord of the Manor, George Crathorne. It is also believed that the plasterwork was richly colour-decorated.

After a period of neglect, it was restored in the mid-1960s and has since been in regular use for services, marriages and baptisms. Unfortunately, time is again taking its toll, and there is a substantial rising damp problem and need for general redecoration.

With its bicentenary approaching, the congregation felt there was an urgent need to seek funds for the renovations, expected to cost more than £200,000, based on



Fundraising is underway to preserve St Mary's, Crathorne

estimations following a comprehensive survey.

A fundraising group was formed and has already held a continental breakfast morning, coffee mornings, a ceilidh and a sales of preserves, a CD of old village photographs and craft jewellery. There have also been some small donations and more than £2,000 has been raised, with around £15,000 available from parish funds in addition.

Although the chapel is not normally open to the public except for services, it is proposed to open for heritage open weekends in September. Apart from benefitting the churchgoing community – with an average attendance of around 50 – restoration will benefit the community in general by keeping the chapel in use in a conservation area.

As well as being Grade II* listed, the chapel is thought to be one of just two pre-Catholic Emancipation Act 1829 chapels in the country, and restoration for its bicentenary in 2021 will secure its future.

The chapel now has its own Facebook page at facebook.com/crathornechapel/fund/. For further information, to make a donation, help with fundraising, or receive a newsletter, email miketoogood1@gmail.com.

Mike Toogood

Death Of Ampleforth Monk Father Antony

Father Antony Hain OSB, Benedictine monk of Ampleforth Abbey, died peacefully in the monastery infirmary on February 12, aged 66. Born in Ruislip in August 1952, Father Antony was received into the Catholic Church in 1972 and ordained priest on March 20 1983. He had lived at Ampleforth in recent years. His funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church on Thursday February 28, followed by burial in the Monks' Wood.



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The First Glorious Mystery of the Rosary

Go back to the beginning of your Rosary and picture in your mind the First Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection. After his death on the cross, Jesus was buried in a tomb, with a huge round stone covering the entrance. Two women, both called Mary, came to visit the tomb and found that an angel had rolled away the stone.

The angel told them to go and tell the other disciples that Jesus had risen, as he said he would. Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb, weeping. Jesus came to her and asked, "Why are you sad?" Through her tears, she replied, "If you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him!" Jesus said, "Mary!" She knew him then, and was filled with joy.



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A Time Of Renewal And Reflection In Our Schools

Lent is a time of renewal and reflection. Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust has identified three themes for Lent, enabling all of us to take time to prepare for the coming of Our Lord at Easter.

We are called to serve in many ways and each school and community reflect upon this mission during Lent, serving their communities in several unique ways – through prayer, through fasting and through almsgiving.

Lenten themes of prayer are prominently placed in all schools. Fasting and giving help strengthens the mission of the schools. Parents gather along with children and parishioners, enjoying opportunities to pray together during “Stay and Pray” sessions.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust encourages pupils to reflect on acts of kindness to each other and how they may make small changes that could have a big impact on the world around them.

All our schools work with charities throughout the year, but during Lent these activities intensify. Schools have nominated charities to work with over this period, adopting local, national and international causes such as Thornaby Food Bank, Cancer Research, CAFOD and Missio's Children Helping Children appeal. The Mini Vinnies are also very active, sharing parish hunger lunches with local parishioners throughout the year.

School leaders, teachers and staff everywhere across the trust are participating in Lenten liturgies and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Hugh Hegarty, chief executive officer of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust, said: “As a Catholic trust, our faith permeates everything we do and plays an important role in the spiritual and emotional lives of our pupils, teachers, staff and parents. Lent is a particularly poignant time for us when we reflect and seek to grow.

“Our goal is to help ourselves and our communities use the season to strengthen our community of faith. A blessed Easter season to all.”

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust brings together 25 schools from across the north of the Diocese of Middlesbrough.



Lenten promises by pupils at one of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust schools

Pupils Gather For Trinity Games

Around 250 children from eight Catholic primary schools took part in a year two athletics competition in the sports hall at Trinity College, Middlesbrough.

The pupils – from St Edward's, St Augustine's, St Bernadette's, St Pius X, St Thomas More's, St Gerard's, St Joseph's and the Sacred Heart – competed in a variety of activities.

These included relay running races, long jump, triple jump and speed bounce and chest push and indoor javelin.

“This is a very inclusive event allowing children who would not usually take part in sporting competitions to have an enjoyable experience,” said a spokesperson for Trinity College.

“The emphasis is on fun and doing their best, but points are awarded so we have a



Children taking part in the primary schools' athletics competition at Trinity College

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A Letter From Madonna House

It's A Right Mess!

"It's a right mess!" How many times have I heard that phrase since the Brexit referendum? We seem to have endured a never-ending procession of political upsets, crises and divisions in our country.



"It's a right mess!" For a few years, our Church has been rocked by shocking scandals of abuse by those called to act in *persona Christi*. The need for atonement, purification and healing is staggering.

"It's a right mess!" say many of our friends, as the tangled web of family dynamics and tragedies threaten to thwart even Our Lady, Untier of Knots.

"It's a right mess!" we may mutter to ourselves, as we face our own intractable and complex hearts and realise our utter inability to right that mess!

In 2014, when Boko Haram was wreaking malevolent havoc on Nigeria, I could not bear to hear one more atrocity. And yet I knew I couldn't close my ears – more than ever, our prayers were needed. Only God could stop this unbearable tangle of evil. And yet he didn't. It kept getting worse.

Then I came across a letter that changed my life. It was written by Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme to his people in Nigeria, who were at the epicentre of this madness. Acknowledging the hell in which they were living, he wrote, "We are wounded, traumatised and devastated. We have lost our dear ones, our property, our wealth and our church structures."

But his next words stunned me: "Be consoled my dear people, that the love of God for us is unshakable...that we have a mother who never fails. Be consoled my people because we have the strongest weapon at our disposal, and that is prayer. Be consoled my people that God is there for us; be consoled for the spirit of forgiveness God has implanted in our hearts. Be consoled because our victory is at hand."

His words, spoken in the centre of the fire, like those of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Dan 3), rang with authentic trust. Without seeing a way out of this fiery furnace, he urged his people to praise the God who would save them. These were not just words: the power of his conviction leapt into my heart.

What changed my heart was this: I realised that when I am in the nadir of suffering, I have a choice: despair, or put my trust in the God I know to be loving, even if I see no sign of victory. No other human reason or solution satisfies in these extremes – only unreasoning, crazy trust (as Christ showed in his Passion, his ultimate act of love for us).

Years later, I read that Christ had appeared to Bishop Doeme and handed him a sword. He took it, and it turned into a rosary, while Christ proclaimed three times, "Boko Haram is gone". Christ promised victory and gave Bishop Doeme the key: pray and believe.

So when I now hear (or say), *"It's a right mess!"*, I pick up my rosary and praise my Lord of Love. He will prevail!

Cheryl-Ann Smith

Fruitful Rome Pilgrimage For Church Leaders

Bishop Terry and church leaders from across the North East enjoyed a prayerful and fruitful ecumenical pilgrimage to Rome.

The group included the Anglican bishops of Whitby, Durham and Berwick, the Methodist chairs of Newcastle and Darlington and leaders from the Baptist Church and the United Reformed Church, as well as the area ecumenical officer.

They were based at the Pontifical Beda College and enjoyed a packed programme from Friday before returning home on Monday.

Their first port of call was the Scavi, the archaeological excavation that lies between five and 12 metres below the high altar in St Peter's Basilica and which includes the site of St Peter's original tomb.

"Findings over the years have confirmed more and more that it definitely is the tomb of Peter," said Bishop Terry. "A wall in front of the tomb was covered in graffiti from the first century that shows that right from the church's beginnings this was seen as the place where he was buried.

"When they dug down they found a small tomb continuing a wooden box full of bones of a male from that period. You could feel the emotion in the whole group as we stood in front of the tomb. Our guide stepped away and left us to pray quietly for a while and it was a very moving moment."

On the Saturday, Bishop Terry was able to arrange a visit to the magnificent Apostolic Palace, where Pope Francis and senior Vatican officials live and work.

"We saw the Sala Ducale, part of the rooms that have led to the papal apartments since medieval times, and then the Sala Regia, where kings and queens would wait to see the pope, and the Capella Paolina, the pope's personal chapel.

"We continued along the route the College of Cardinals process during the conclave until we reached the doors of the Sistine Chapel, so we were able to visit parts most people wouldn't get to see."

They were taken round by Monsignor Brian Ferme, one of the key officials in the Vatican's Council for the Economy, who was a knowledgeable and informative guide.

From there the group were received at the Congregation for Divine Worship across the road, where they were briefed about its work in relation to the universal church.

After lunch they visited tourist sites including the Vittorio Emanuele II Monument, better known as the wedding cake, the Roman Forum, the Coliseum and San Clemente Basilica.



Bishop Terry with other North-East church leaders in the Venerable English College gardens

Finally, they arrived at St John Lateran Basilica for the 51st birthday celebrations for the Community of Sant'Egidio, which has around 50,000 members in more than 70 countries.

They were invited because one of the group, Bishop of Durham Paul Butler, is the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the community, which began at the Church of Santa Maria in Trastevere, beside the Church of Sant'Egidio that gave them their name.

"They're lay people who wanted to work with the Church for the poor by setting up soup kitchens and looking after refugees and asylum seekers – all the things Pope Francis is really keen on, they've been doing for the last 50 years," said Bishop Terry.

There was standing room only in the basilica as Bishop Terry concelebrated Mass, before a reception where a member of the community called Monica spoke to them, which turned out to be another very special experience.

"She sat and 'preached', in the best sense of the word, for about an hour with us," said Bishop Terry. "We asked her questions and her answers were the gospel on fire, it was just wonderful."

After Sunday Mass at the Beda, the group set off to pray the Angelus together in St Peter's Square.

"Someone said there must be 80,000 people and I said yes, it's a quiet one today! It was another very moving moment for all of us to pray together with the Holy Father and our fellow Christians from all over the world."

On Monday morning they were given a tour of the Venerable English College and lunch before returning on the minibus to the airport.

"It was a wonderful experience and we did a lot of praying together and sharing of the scriptures when we got back each evening," added Bishop Terry.

The group go on pilgrimage together about every two years and have previously visited Prague and the shrines of St John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila in Spain together.

They also meet every couple of months and have annual retreats at Ampleforth and, along with church leaders from throughout the north of England, at Hinsley Hall in Leeds just before Holy Week.



In the beautiful Apostolic Palace

Prayers For Former Bishop's Secretary Mary

Emeritus Bishop John Crowley has offered prayers for his former secretary Catherine Mary Bell, who died peacefully on January 14 aged 85 years.

Known as Mary, she was born in Middlesbrough and lived in Corpus Christi presbytery from a young age with her mother, who became housekeeper to Father Michael Lynam after Mary's father died.

She attended Newlands Convent and worked as school secretary at St Gerard's School, Hemlington, before becoming the first school secretary of St Clare's, Acklam, when it opened in 1969.

She later worked as secretary to Bishop John Gerard McClean and then Bishop Augustine Harris from 1979 and was also secretary to financial secretary Monsignor

Ray Charlton for 14 years.

After her husband, Les, died in October 1992, and the retirement of Bishop Harris at the end of the year, she then worked for the newly installed Bishop John Crowley from January 1993 until her retirement in 1994.

Mary leaves a daughter, son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren and will also be sadly missed at St Clare's, her parish for many years. Her funeral service took place on January 28 and Monsignor David Hogan offered Mass for the repose of her soul at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe.

On learning of Mary's death, Bishop Crowley said: "May she rest in everlasting peace and joy, free from all pain and happy in the presence of the Lord."



Former bishop's secretary Mary Bell

SCHOOLS

Mass Celebrates Work Of Headteacher Bill

Clergy, former pupils and colleagues turned out in force for a Mass at St George's in York to thank former All Saints School headteacher Bill Scriven for his hard work and commitment to education in the city. Mr Scriven retired last year after 22 years at the school, 15 of them as head.

"Bill already had a school celebration but we wanted to say thank you as a deanery, allowing parents of pupils who had left in former years to come and express their gratitude," said Canon Alan Sheridan. "We just felt as clergy that the wider Catholic community owed him a debt and we wanted to reflect that."

When he retired in August, chairman of governors Peter Cannings said: "Bill is an inspirational head teacher. The governors are deeply appreciative of the enormous contribution Bill has made to Catholic education in York and within the Diocese of Middlesbrough. His ability to inspire both staff and pupils has made All Saints such a wonderful place to work and study."



Bill Scriven with Canon Michael Ryan, Father Kevin Trehy, Canon Alan Sheridan, Canon John Lumley, Father Bill Serplus and Father John Bane – Photo by Lars Karlsson



Past and present leaders, mums and guests and some young former Brownies at the party in the school hall – photo by Sarah Brady

Forty Years Of Brownies

The Brownies at St Bernadette's in Nunthorpe have been celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the pack's formation in 1979. Past and present leaders joined current Brownies, their mums – including some who were once pack members – and other invited guests at a fun-filled and joyous occasion.

Being in the Brownies (part of Girlguiding) provides girls aged seven-to-ten years with opportunities to learn about themselves, their community and the world. Each week they enjoy topics such as crafts, road safety and home skills, while the annual pack holiday offers opportunities for outdoor adventure. Hundreds of girls have been members during the 40 years, all gaining experiences that have helped them in later life.

Choral Services At The Cathedral

Wednesday April 3 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Low Voices Schola)

Sunday April 7 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir) – Music includes *Kyrie* from *Missa Brevis* by Palestrina

Tuesday April 9 at 6pm: Schools' Last Supper Mass (Cathedral Junior Choir)

Wednesday April 10 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Cantor)

Sunday April 14 at 10am: Solemn Mass of Palm Sunday (Cathedral Choir) – Music includes *Hosanna Filio David* and *In Monte Oliveti* by RR Terry

Tuesday April 16 at noon: Mass of Chrism (Diocesan and Cathedral Choir) – Music includes *I Was Glad* by Parry

Thursday April 18 at 7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Cathedral Choir) – Music includes *Ubi Caritas* by Duruflé

Friday April 19 at 3pm: Good Friday (Cathedral Choir) – Music includes sung *Passion of Our Lord According To John*

Saturday April 20 at 9pm: Solemn Easter Vigil (Cathedral Choir) – Music includes *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* by Purcell

Sunday April 21 at 10am: Solemn Mass of Easter Day (Cathedral Choir) – Music includes *Jesus said to His Disciples* by Harrison

For more information about our choral services and music visit us online at

<https://sites.google.com/site/middlesbroughcathedralmusic>

Oliver Welcomed Into Faith Family

■ Year six pupil Oliver Price was baptised by Father Andrew Smith during a school Mass at St George's Primary School in Scarborough.

■ Oliver was supported by mum Katie and dad Andrew, who were extremely proud of him, as were the staff and pupils.

■ Welcome into the faith family, Oliver!

Sarah Barron



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CAFOD

How Your Help Brings Food, Water, Support And Love

No one beyond reach of food...

Last Lent we met the Mudzemeti family, who were going hungry. Fiona Mudzemeti spends much of her day going back and forth fetching water and has little time for anything else. Peter is lucky if he earns \$5 a day doing casual labour. Their youngest son Pardon, aged two, was showing signs of malnutrition, with a swollen stomach.

Your generosity during Lent meant that we raised £4.3m, which was matched by the UK government. With this funding, we can now follow through with our plan to plant a community vegetable garden in Dzimat village where Fiona and Peter can grow vegetables and help a further 500,000 people in need.

No one beyond reach of water...

A few years ago, when Longora was in the late stages of pregnancy, she became

seriously ill after drinking dirty water from a local river and gave birth while she was still sick. Because of the water, her baby was also born seriously ill. She said: "Ten people died from drinking river water then. My baby died too".

It was obvious her community needed clean water and – thanks to donations from people like you – CAFOD repaired the well in her village and taught local people how to fix it if it breaks again. Now Longora and her neighbours have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.

No one beyond reach of support...

Throughout the year, you've walked in solidarity with refugees and migrants – circling the globe an incredible four times and calling on governments to protect the human dignity of people on the move.

Dainny and his sons are among the hundreds

of thousands of people who have moved to Colombia after being displaced from their homes in Venezuela.

The Catholic Church has been at the forefront of helping refugees and migrants and in La Parada, the Divine Providence Soup Kitchen, a Caritas foodbank, is the only distributor of food. It helped 5,000 people in the first six months of last year.

No one beyond reach of love...

Amina and her family became refugees after

fleeing violence in their home country. Although they have reached a refugee camp, Amina worries about her baby suffering from hunger and cold in their thin tent.

Your fundraising during Advent helped provide practical help to mums such as Amina – ensuring they have emergency food and emotional support, as well as seeds, tools and training to help them begin to rebuild their lives.

Carol Cross, CAFOD Diocesan Coordinator



Dates For Your Diary

Stations of the Cross and soup lunch: St Clare's, Low Lane, Middlesbrough, on Fridays during Lent from 11.30am and St Gabriel's, Ormesby, from 11am.

Humber Bridge Walk: Saturday May 11 from 2pm to 5pm.

Creation Mass: Sunday May 19 at 10am, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, to launch our new campaign, Our Common Home. All are welcome to join us.

Mass Lobby of Parliament: Wednesday June 26 – A coach will be going from our diocese. If you'd like to join us, sign up at <https://cafod.org.uk/climatelobby>

Charity Unveils Bold New Logo

CAFOD has unveiled a new logo with a bolder font to emphasise the urgency of our work.

The Caritas cross has also been added to form the letter O. The cross is the symbol of Christ's love for the world and it is ablaze because of the intensity of that love. It shows our membership of Caritas Internationalis and the reach it enables us to have.

The strapline "Just One World" has been replaced by our name. Research showed many potential supporters didn't know who we are and what CAFOD stands for and this makes it plain from the outset.

We are also launching a new focus with two key messages. We know we can help more people to live life to the full and to protect our common home. Currently, we are unable to meet one in three documented requests for support received from some of the poorest people and communities, simply because we don't have the funds.

We believe we can and should reach more people in England and Wales. Everyone in our diverse Catholic community should have the opportunity to reach out to the poorest and most disadvantaged.

Two in five regular Mass-goers don't know

who CAFOD are or what we do. We want to reach out to and inspire more Catholics to connect and act with us.

We also recently welcomed a new director. Christine Allen began her career as a Justice and Peace fieldworker in the Archdiocese of Liverpool before joining CAFOD in 1989. She later worked for charities including the Catholic Housing Aid Society and Christian Aid.

"Working for CAFOD as a young campaigner I discovered Catholic Social Teaching and was hugely inspired and influenced by a Church that took action for peace and justice," she said.

"The need for global solidarity today is as great as ever. CAFOD, and its thousands of supporters, stand as a powerful witness of love in a world of greed and selfishness as we seek to end the injustices of poverty, inequality and environmental exploitation.

"I am immensely proud of CAFOD, its work and its role in the global Catholic family and I feel humbled to lead such an important agency of the Church."

We look forward to working with Christine in the years ahead.

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beyond reach**



**Help people in the world's poorest places
See the Way to a brighter future - give
before 14th May 2019 and every £1 you
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Dear Middlesbrough Voice reader,

Life with severe cataracts was not easy for five-year-old Sesan, living in Nigeria, West Africa. Unable to see, this bright boy could not play with friends, help at home or go to school. He faced a bleak future.

Now, thanks to CBM supporters, his life has been transformed by a 45-minute cataract surgery. He can play, learn and one day work and earn his way out of poverty.

It is heart-breaking to know that there are still so many children living in poverty around the world, whose sight could be so easily restored. Children like Theo are blinded by cataracts, but their families cannot afford the £95 cost of surgery. So these children have no choice but to live in darkness.

You can change that with a gift to CBM right now. Give before 14th May 2019 and every £1 you donate to our **See the Way** appeal will be doubled by the UK government.

This means that if you can give £95 for one child's surgery today, two children could have their sight restored.

Your gift today could help twice the number of children **See the Way** to a brighter future.

God bless you,

Rebecca

Rebecca Molyneux
CBM Programme Manager

How it works

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Holy Week

Bridlington

Our Lady & St Peter

Maundy Thursday

9.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
watching before the Blessed
Sacrament until 9.00pm
8.00-8.30pm Confessions

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer
10.00-10.30am Confessions
11.30am Blessing of Polish Foods
6.00pm Vigil and First Mass of
Easter

Easter Sunday

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass

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
No evening Mass

*Kirkbymoorside
Helmsley*

Our Lady & St Chad, St Mary

Palm Sunday

St Mary's: Blessing of Palms and Mass
9.00am
OLSC: Blessing of Palms and Mass
10.30am

Holy Thursday

OLSC: Mass of the Lord's Supper,
Procession to the Altar of Repose
and Watching 7.30pm

Good Friday

St Mary's: Ecumenical Walk and Act of
Witness from 10.15am
OLSC: Ecumenical Walk of Witness
11.00am
Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm

Holy Saturday

OLSC: Easter Vigil 8.30pm

Easter Sunday

St Mary's: Mass of Easter Day 9.00am
OLSC: Mass of Easter Day 10.30am

Easingwold

St John the Evangelist

Mass Times for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

11:00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday

12 noon Confession and
Reconciliation
8:30pm Mass of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10.00am Sung Mass of Easter

Hull

**Our Lady of Lourdes
and St Peter Chanel**

Palm Sunday

10am

Holy Thursday

7.30 pm

Good Friday

3pm

Holy Saturday

The First Mass of Easter
(The Vigil) 9pm

Easter Sunday

10am

*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 -
Egton Bridge
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

Mass Times

Redcar and Marske
The parish of Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Redcar incorporating the Churches of Sacred Heart and St Augustine

The Parish of St Bede Marske-By-The-Sea

Palm Sunday

6.30pm (Saturday) Mass in St Augustine's Church
 9.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
 9.30am Mass in St Bede's Church
 11.00am Mass in St Augustine's Church
 6.00pm Mass in St Bede's Church

Monday

7.00 pm Mass in St Augustine's Church

Tuesday

9.30am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
 12.00pm Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday

9.30 am Mass in St Bede's Church followed by Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the Watch of the Passion at St Bede's Church

Good Friday

9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in St Augustine's Church

11.45am Ecumenical Act of Witness in Marske

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Sacred Heart Church

7.00pm Ancient Service for the Burial of Christ at St Augustine's Church

Holy Saturday

9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in Sacred Heart Church

9.00pm Easter Vigil in St Augustine's Church

Easter Sunday

9.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
 9.30am Mass in St Bede's Church
 11.00am Mass in St Augustine's Church

6.00pm Mass in St Bede's Church

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St Augustine's Church, 10, Warwick Road, Redcar, TS10 2ER
St Bede's Church, 17, Southfield Road, Marske, TS11 7BP

Middlesbrough, Teesville

St Andrew's, St Peter's, St Anne's

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil, St Andrew's
 Sunday: 9.30 am. St. Andrew's
 Sunday 11.00am, St Anne's
 Sunday 12.15pm, St Peter's

HOLY THURSDAY

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Andrew's

GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm Passion of Our Lord, St Andrew's

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm Easter Vigil, St Andrew's

EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am, St Andrew's
 11.00am, St Anne's
 12.15pm St Peter's

Whitby and Sleights

St Hilda's, English Martyrs

Holy Thursday

6.00pm, St Hilda's Whitby

Good Friday

3.00pm, St Hilda's Whitby

Holy Saturday

9.00pm, St Hilda's Whitby

Easter Sunday

9.00am, English Martyrs Sleights
 10:30am, St Hilda's Whitby

York

St George

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

9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10.30am Mass of the Resurrection

York

St Joseph and St Wilfrid

Maundy Thursday – 18 April

Joint Maundy Thursday Mass for St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's at St Wilfrid's

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6pm
 Watching at the Altar of Repose until at 11.45pm when we will end the period of watching with Compline

Good Friday – 19 April

St Joseph's

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 12 noon

Stations of the Cross at 6pm

St Wilfrid's

Matins and Lauds at 9.00am

Children's Stations at 11am

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3pm

Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm

Holy Saturday – 20 April

Matins and Lauds at 9.00am

Joint Easter Vigil for St Joseph's and St Wilfrid's at St Wilfrid's

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

9pm at St Wilfrid's

Easter Sunday – 21 April

St Joseph's

9.30am Mass St Wilfrid's

8.30am Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

12 noon Sung Latin Mass

4pm Solemn Vespers and

Benediction

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NEWS

Solar First For Middlesbrough Parish

A Middlesbrough parish is thought to be the first in the diocese to install solar panels, which are now powering the church, presbytery and parish hall.

St Gabriel's in Ormesby came up with the idea after a visit from Deacon David Cross of CAFOD, who talked first to a small meeting and then at all weekend Masses about Pope Francis' environmental encyclical *Laudato si'* – On Care For Our Common Home.

“David did a great job of getting us all thinking and explaining how caring for God's creation and stewardship of the Earth is all part of our worship of God and our relationship with him,” said parish priest Canon John Lumley.

“Afterwards we distributed copies of the environmental policy drawn up by our diocesan Justice and Peace group for parishioners to look at and we made it the main agenda of our parish pastoral council meeting.

“We divided the council into small groups and asked them to come up with ideas for us to work on, based on David's input and the message of Pope Francis. I hoped we would decide on three projects we could adopt as a parish – but we ended up with ten!”

They included planting a wildflower garden, putting up bird boxes, better recycling and a monthly green tip in the newsletter – as well as investigating the possibility of solar panels for the presbytery roof.

“I asked Peter Carey, from the parish council, to look into it and he found a company called GoEcoRenewables that gave us a really good price to put up a single group of solar panels,” said Canon John.

“We also mentioned our plans in the newsletter and discovered by chance that one of our retired parishioners had worked for a company that installed solar panels, so he was able to help with further advice.

“GoEcoRenewables were very helpful and worked hard to make it a very simple and painless process, completing the installation in one day. We managed to install all the panels discreetly so that we haven't in any way detracted from the lovely roofline of our church.”

The work was carried out just before the closure of a government buyback tariff scheme that means the parish will actually get money for the electricity produced, rather than just reducing its own bill.

The total price of installation, including the erection of scaffolding, was around £5,000,

with an estimated return of £500 in electricity back each year.

“Within ten years the panels should have paid for themselves,” said Canon John. “But more importantly, we will be reducing our carbon footprint throughout that period.”

Work has also taken place to clear the parish gardens, prune trees, plant new shrubs and put up bird boxes.

“We're also going to be planting wildflowers to add to the daffodils we already have and we'll see the fruits of that in the spring and summer,” Canon John added.



Environment Corner



Bee Friendly In The Garden

This is the time of year when many people visit garden centres and consider planting new shrubs and flowers – both in gardens and on patios or elsewhere in pots and baskets.

There has been a lot of publicity recently about the plight of bees. The presence of bees is necessary in gardens for pollination and they play an important role in growing all sorts of crops. Unfortunately, bees in the UK are under threat, so we are encouraged to play our part in attracting bees to our gardens.


Bees are crucial to our economy. Without them, it would cost UK farmers an estimated £1.8bn to pollinate our crops.

These flowers and plants are considered to be among the most bee-friendly:

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Lavender | Borage (starflower) |
| Viper's Bugloss | Ox-eye daisy |
| Mahonia | Crab apple trees |
| Hawthorn | Honeysuckle |
| Bluebells | Ivy |
| Crocuses | Pussy willow |
| Rosemary | Abelia (bee bush) |

Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

From the Archives



50 Years Ago

(From Hull Catholic Magazine)

How do you get 163 young people on a stage so that all can be seen and heard? This was the problem for the Marist and St. John Fisher Scout and Guide groups at their 15th Annual Scout Show, when they put on three performances at St. John Fisher School on Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th April.

It is an unforgettable experience to see row upon row of young people singing with enthusiasm and feeling. From the opening chorus with its football theme to the patriotic finale, we were treated to songs, sketches, mimes and playlets which were well performed, entertaining and varied. They included an old-time melodrama of the silent movie type, humorous sketches, a new look Cinderella and choruses by the full company with themes like “Fiesta Time”, “Wild West” and “Highland Swing”

100 Years Ago

(From the Log Book of St Gregory's School, Scott Street, Hull)

Instructions in swimming commenced on the 7th April. The children of this school are to attend every Thursday morning from 11.15 to 11.55. Miss Bates is in charge – East Baths, Holderness Road.

There was no school meeting on Wednesday morning the 16th inst. on account of the children's visit to the City Hall to see the “Exhibition of Canadian Official War Photographs”.

David Smallwood

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Taking Care Of Baby Brigitte

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, in Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Brigitte was brought to our centre by her mother. She made good progress but then they disappeared. Not long afterwards, another mother brought another little girl to us, Lucy. Both girls were extremely malnourished. Again, after a few weeks of progress, Lucy and her mother disappeared.

Severely malnourished children like these are fed every day and drink lots of milk enriched with sugar and vegetable oil. Brigitte and Lucy couldn't afford to miss a day. Then one day, out of the blue, Lucy and her mother came back.

"Where have you been?" I asked. "I went to our prayer group to pray for my little girl," she replied. The alliance of Protestant churches is very much respected in Congo, but she had taken her daughter to one of the thousands of do-it-yourself independent churches. The clergy have no formal training but will happily give out benedictions for a price!

"I saw that Lucy was becoming worse, so I've brought her back," said the young mother, barely 18 years old and already expecting another baby. I looked at Lucy's gaunt face, noticing the slight curve of her legs from rickets.

"Don't stop praying for your little girl, but remember that our centre is more than a blessing to her," I said. "This is the place where God's work is being done – we're feeding your baby because we care about you both."

After a day at the hospital, we again gave them a place to sleep at our centre. A week later the mother and child went home again. Sadly, little Lucy died a few days after that. The day after we heard the sad news, Brigitte and her mother came back.

"Where have you been?" I asked. A relative had died and they'd been to the wake. Again the child had lost a lot of weight. More hospital time followed and a room was given at our centre for 24-hour care. After a few days, they also disappeared again!

"We'll have to track them down," I said. "We can't let them get away after making such progress."

They'd been staying with relatives near our centre. Her aunt was at home. I showed her a photograph. "Yes, she's my niece," she said. "They're on their way to the river to go back to their village, about 30 miles away." Fortunately, the boat hadn't set off yet and we were able to persuade her to stay with us for another month. "We just want to make sure that little Brigitte is back on the road to good health," I explained. She'll stay with us until at least the end of April. There are currently 32 children at the centre.

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Francis with Brigitte and her mother

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

1	1975	Canon James Lindley Hall	Hull
1	1988	Rev Richard Van de Pitte	York
4	1988	Rev Anthony Wade, MCCJ	York
5	1900	Very Rev Canon William Sullivan	Hull
6	1956	Rev John Potts	Pickering
7	1978	Very Rev Canon Francis O'Hara	Middlesbrough
10	2017	Very Rev Canon William Madden	Cork
10	1894	Very Rev Canon Edward Pearson	Leyburn
10	1977	Rev William Bury	Middlesbrough
11	1929	Rt Rev Richard Lacy, first Bishop of Middlesbrough	
12	1946	Rev Bernard Costello	Hull
14	1897	Very Rev Canon Benjamin Randerson	Whitby
15	1999	Very Rev Canon Donal O'Byrne	Scarborough
16	1962	Rev James Murphy	York
18	1982	Very Rev Canon Daniel Ryan	Bridlington
19	1986	Rt Rev Mgr Provost Thomas Breen	Thornaby
21	1912	Rev David Smith	Holme
21	1886	Very Rev Canon William Fisher	Bridlington
22	2006	Rev John A Treacy	York
25	1928	Rev Alphonsus Wannyn	Hull
25	2009	Rev Austin O'Neill	Limerick
26	1990	Rev James J Gilligan	Ballyagran
26	2014	Rev Clement Pattison	Middlesbrough
28	1935	Rev James Skehan	Howden
29	1915	Rev Patrick Finn, CF	Houghton Hall
29	1932	Rev Patrick O'Regan	Driffield
30	1995	Rev John Jenkinson	Hull



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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR APRIL 2019

1/2/3 Visitation to the Venerable English College Rome

3/4/5 Visitation to the Beda College Rome

9 Attends meeting of Cathedral Chapter at St Mary’s Cathedral, 11am

Attends meeting of the Diocesan Education Sub-Committee 2.00 pm

10 School visit: Christ the King Primary, Thornaby 9.00 am

11/12 Attending “Call To The North” Northern Church Leaders’ Retreat at Hinsley Hall

14 Celebrates Mass of Palm Sunday at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough 10.00 am

16 Celebrates the Mass of Chrism at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough 12 noon

18 Celebrates Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00 pm

19 Celebrates Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3.00 pm

20 Celebrates the Solemn Easter Vigil 9.00 pm

21 Celebrates Mass of Easter Day 10.00 am

27 Celebrates Mass at the Bar Convent for its 250th anniversary, 12 noon

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

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

3 Wed
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (low voices schola), St Mary’s Cathedral
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel 01904 470041 for further details
7.30pm 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.

5 Fri
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the May issue of Catholic Voice must be received by today

6 Sat
9am-4.30pm ‘Sharing Hope in Crisis’ St Stephen’s Neighbourhood Centre, 96 Annandale Road, Greatfield, Hull, HU9 4LA. Register at billygraham.org.uk and enter your details.

11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel’s Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: jl@rcdmidd.org.uk

7 Sun
10am Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary’s Cathedral
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
1.30pm Easter Eggstravaganza at St Thomas More’s Church Hall, Middlesbrough. Easter bonnet parade, tombola, raffle, cake and bottle stalls. Come and enjoy with family and friends.
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid’s, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

8 Mon
10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (10am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
7.30pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Nan Saeki (01904) 783621 for further details

9 Tues
12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women’s Luncheon Club meet at the Kingstonic Theatre Hotel, Hull. Jayne Wilson re ‘CAFOD.’
2pm-4pm Open Mass followed by a cup of tea and short reflection offered by Canon Michael Bayldon at Madonna House, Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood’s Bay, YO22 2TQ
2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady’s, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.
6pm Schools’ Last Supper Mass (Cathedral Junior Choir), St Mary’s Cathedral
7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

10 Wed
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after morning Mass
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets
12 noon Midday prayer/Stations of the Cross/prayer intention for April – ‘For those facing the uncertainty of change in their lives.’ Followed by refreshments.
2pm-3.30pm ‘Music for the Mind’ St Mary’s Cathedral hall; tea/coffee and cake on arrival; all welcome especially those living with dementia, their carers and friends. Call 01642 710179 for details
2.30pm Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Cantor), St Mary’s Cathedral
7.30pm Hull Circle of the Catenian Association meet at Lazaat Hotel, Woodhill Way, Cottingham, HU16 5SX. Contact Bernard Swift (01482) 348272 for further details.

11 Thurs
7pm-9pm PSD taster evening at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1QA. A two year course commencing September 2019. PSD is an ecumenical experiential course rooted in Ignatian spiritual tradition. Contact admin@stbedes.org.uk for details.

12 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

14 Sun
10am Solemn Mass of Palm Sunday (Cathedral Choir), St Mary’s Cathedral
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid’s, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm LGBT+ outreach and service in the chapel of The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, followed by refreshments. All welcome.
5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & St Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN
5pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Thomas More Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details.
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid’s, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

15 Mon
10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (10am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
7.30pm York Newman Circle ‘Glimpses of Eden’ talk by Jonathan Tulloch, author and journalist at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Refreshments from 7pm. For further information please contact Judith Smeaton: 01904 704525 judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

16 Tues
12 noon Mass of Chrism (Diocesan and Cathedral Choir), St Mary’s Cathedral

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

18 Thurs
7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Cathedral Choir), St Mary’s Cathedral

19 Fri
10am Good Friday Stations of the Cross at the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley
3pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Cathedral Choir), St Mary’s Cathedral

Advance Notices

1 May, 7.30pm for 7.45pm at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough: Cleveland Newman Circle. ‘Newman’s theory of doctrinal development and his influence on Vatican II’ by Fr Andrew Downie, University Chaplain at Durham University

19 May, 2.30pm, May procession at St Vincent de Paul, Hull celebrating 100 years of parish May processions. Contact Catherine Holtby on 07817834362or catherineholtby@yahoo.co.uk

31 May, 12 noon Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rosary only) at the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

3 June, 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm), York Newman Circle, Blossom Street, YorkA.G.M. followed by lecture Dr Rik Van Nieuwenhove, University of Durham ‘Saved by the Cross’ – what can that possibly mean?’ A Thomist Answer

22 June Union of Catholic Mothers’ AGM, St Peter’s Scarborough

13 and 14 July: Joint Newman/Living Theology Conference at the Bar Convent ‘Children of Abraham: interfaith topics. See www.jesuit.org.uk/living-theology-york-2019 for details and booking form.

NEWS

May Procession Celebrates Century

St Vincent's in Hull will celebrate at least 100 years of its parish May procession on Sunday May 19.

The earliest recording of the event is in the Hull Daily Mail of Monday May 26 1919, meaning it is at least a century old this year.

The procession is outdoors, weather permitting, and is followed by the crowning of a statue of Our Lady by the May Queen.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to honour Our Lady," said Catherine Holtby, who sent in this cutting.

Children are asked to meet in St Vincent's School from 2pm and should wear either white dresses or smart shirt and trousers. The procession begins at 2.30pm.

If anyone is able to help on the day or would like further information, please call Catherine on 07817834362 or email catherineholtby@yahoo.co.uk.

MAY QUEEN PROCESSION AT ST. VINCENT'S.

There was on Sunday evening, a special attraction at the St. Vincent's (R.C.) Church, Queen's-road. A procession of children dressed in white with blue sashes, many carrying flowers in honour of Mary, to whom Catholics dedicate the month of May. The procession was intended to have been in the grounds, but the weather in the afternoon was unsettled and it was decided to hold it indoors. The procession consisted of children of St. Mary aspirants, the Guild of St. Aloysius, the Guild of the Holy Angels, and a large number of tiny boys and girls. The statue was carried by Miss Dick and Miss Hasnip. The May Queen, who performed the crowning of the statue, was Miss Beatrice Borda, the train bearers were Misses Vera Bedford and Monica Barker, and the crown bearer Miss Hilda Hall. The attendants were Misses Winnie Smith, Dorothy Palmer, Midge Connor, and Eileen Smith. The celebrant was the Rev Father Coppen, who was assisted by the Revs Fathers G. Brunner and P. Clancy, and Father Brunner preached. The procession was organised by Sister Agnes, who has charge of St. Vincent's Boys' Home.

• Jinu Paul and family, of St Thomas More Parish, Middlesbrough, are pictured during the Dowry Tour of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to the cathedral.

• The statue, which usually resides in the shrine's Slipper Chapel, is being taken around the country for two years in preparation for England's rededication as the Dowry of Mary in 2020.



New UCM Officers At Holy Name

The Holy Name of Mary Union of Catholic Mothers has new officers after the Middlesbrough parish group's recent AGM. Meriel Carroll becomes president, Jean Rigg is secretary and their new treasurer is Ursula Moulton. For further details of their meeting day and time, please contact either Meriel on 01642 829407 or Jean on 01642 879704.



20 Sat
11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: jl@rcdmidd.org.uk
7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance, Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB (Liam Turner). Contact Eddie White on 01642 860227 for details.
9pm Solemn Easter Vigil (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral

21 Sun
10am Solemn Mass of Easter Day (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral
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

23 Tues
12 noon Mass of Chrism, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough

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

25 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

26 Fri
7.30pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details

28 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
11.30am Divine Mercy Sunday St Aelred, York YO31 0PN; Eucharistic Adoration from 11.30am, confessions from approx 1pm throughout the afternoon. Holy Hour of Mercy 3pm: Blessing of the Image, diary readings, Chaplet of Mercy, individual consecration to the Divine Mercy, Eucharist procession, benediction. All welcome; tea and biscuits afterwards
12 noon-4pm Divine Mercy Sunday St Vincent de Paul, Hull HU5 2QP; Eucharistic Adoration and confessions all afternoon; Holy Hour commencing 3pm: Blessing of the Image, prayers/readings from the diary, Chaplet of Mercy, Benediction. All welcome.
3pm Divine Mercy Sunday: exposition, confession and chaplet 1.30pm, Mass 3pm at

the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley
3pm Fellowship Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Middlesbrough
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

First week of May
3 Fri
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11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: canonlumley@gmail.com

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

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

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NEWS

Thirsting For Justice And Peace

In the latest of our regular series focusing on some of the groups that form Caritas Middlesbrough and are engaged in social outreach, we look at the work of our diocesan Justice and Peace Commission...

“Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God.” These words from the prophet Micah (6:8) are the foundation for the National Justice and Peace Network, which welcomes all who share a vision of a world in which people live in peace and harmony, where our common humanity is respected and all are able to contribute freely to the common good.

In the Diocese of Middlesbrough, our Justice and Peace Commission dates back to the 1980s and its founder members were Father Tony Storey and Mary Thompson. The idea of a diocesan body is to provide a forum and service for all people and groups working for peace and justice, to be a source of encouragement and to promote communication and shared action – firmly rooted in Catholic Social Teaching.

Campaigns focusing on our responsibilities to those living in poverty have been a constant feature – from the Jubilee Debt campaign to our own diocesan “New Covenant with the Poor” signed by Bishop John Crowley on Pentecost Sunday in 1997.

This was a direct response to Pope St John Paul’s call to the Church to prepare for the forthcoming Millennium by hearing “the cry of the poor”.

Our two founders are remembered constantly.

The Mary Thompson Fund distributes food and a small amount of money to those asylum seekers who have no support and who rely on friends and faith groups for survival. The fund was started with the money donated in her name at her funeral and is a lifeline for those who have nowhere else to turn.

The Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture is held every May at the University of Hull, where he was chaplain for many years. It is always a great occasion. We have been very fortunate in our speakers, including Eamon Duffy, Paul Vallely, Bruce Kent, Julian Filochowski and Anna Rowlands. This year’s speaker is Professor Paul Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford. See the article on this page for more details of the lecture.

Each January we organise a York meeting to take up the theme of Peace Sunday and we have again had excellent speakers who share their expertise and never fail to inspire and challenge those who come. We work closely with Pax Christi and CAFOD.

The commission seeks to encourage and link individual parish justice and peace groups. There are groups throughout the diocese, including in Middlesbrough, York, Hull, Whitby, Malton, and Ampleforth.

Each group has its own particular interest. Some work ecumenically. Support for refugees and those seeking asylum is a common theme. Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato si’*, published in May 2015, has been the

inspiration and guiding force behind our present campaign concerning “our common home”. Pope Francis, in turn, takes his inspiration from his namesake, St Francis of Assisi.

He writes: “Francis shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace.” (*Laudato si’* para 10)

Making the encyclical and its teaching known as broadly as possible was the challenge set before us. In response to this challenge we launched the Diocesan Environment Policy in April 2018, in a colourful booklet that combines an invitation to praise God for his gift of our beautiful planet with practical suggestions as to what we can do as individuals and in our parishes to ensure we have a lifestyle that respects others and God’s creation. We have distributed it widely but have still to cover some parishes.

Our diocese has taken a lead in significant ways. Along with other dioceses, it purchases “green energy” in all its parishes. As a result of work by members of the commission, the diocese has adopted an ethical investment policy and has divested from fossil fuels.

Parishes and schools have taken up the challenge with creative enthusiasm and a particular focus on the use of plastic, energy audits and environmentally-friendly cleaning products. Children have built bird boxes and planted bee-friendly flowers. St Gabriel’s Church in Ormesby has now invested in solar panels, as you can read elsewhere in this edition.

If you would like copies of the Environment Policy, or help with starting a Justice and Peace Group in your parish, please email bhungin@yahoo.co.uk.

Barbara Hungin



New Biography Unveiled At Lecture

This year’s memorial lecture also sees the publication of a biography of Father Storey – *A Priest for His Time: A.J. Storey 1919-2007*, by the historian Peter Roebuck.

“Anthony Storey lived for 88 years and was extraordinarily active for all but the last few weeks of his long life,” he says. “Ordained in 1943, aged 24, he spent the whole of his career working as a priest in the Diocese of Middlesbrough, witnessing profound changes in virtually every facet of human life, not least in Catholicism.

“He was fiercely loyal to the Church, but also a well-educated and highly intelligent man of a distinctly questioning cast of mind. While not always easy to reconcile, these characteristics were fertile ground for the growth of an inspired ministry, which, in turbulent times, was deeply appreciated.

“He was a committed environmentalist, a talented preacher and broadcaster and a skilled and experienced counsellor.”

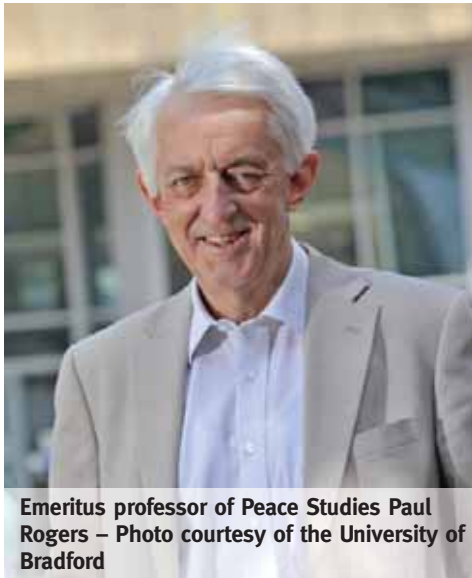
The book traces the origins and nature of the many strands of his complex personality, attitudes and outlook, identifies significant junctures in his life and charts the process whereby key influences coalesced to inform and enrich a remarkable ministry and a profound personal wisdom.

It reveals how one priest successfully negotiated the challenges of his times and won a very large following among the laity. We’ll have more details in forthcoming editions of the Voice and you can email the author at peter.roebuck3@gmail.com to reserve a copy.



Father Tony Storey at his desk at St Charles in Hull in the late 1950s – Photo courtesy of Marian Hall

Storey Lecture Looks At Ending War



Emeritus professor of Peace Studies Paul Rogers – Photo courtesy of the University of Bradford

This year’s Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture is on the subject of “Future wars and how we prevent them.”

The speaker is Professor Paul Rogers, emeritus professor of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford. Paul is also Open Democracy’s international security adviser and has written a weekly column on global security since September 2001 as well as a monthly briefing for the Oxford Research Group. His latest book is *Irregular War: ISIS and the New Threat from the Margins*.

He has worked in the field of international security, arms control and political violence for more than 30 years. Paul knew Father Storey when he was involved with the Union of Catholic Students in the mid-1960s. The lecture takes place at 11am on Saturday May 11 in the University of Hull’s Canham Turner Building. Tea and Coffee will be available from 10.30am. All are very welcome.

Celebrations As Josie Hits A Century

There were balloons, flowers, smiles and lots of cake in Hull to mark Corpus Christi parishioner Josie Kirk’s 100th birthday.

Josie was born in Anlaby, near Hull, on February 25 1919, an occasion celebrated by a neighbour raising the Union Jack on the flagpole in his garden.

When she was young her family moved to east Hull, where she went to school and later trained to be a shorthand typist at commercial college.

She married soldier Kenneth six weeks after the Hull Blitz in 1941 and they had two children, Stuart and Vivienne, and in turn five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated their diamond wedding in 2001.

Josie was presented with a bouquet of flowers, chocolates and a card by the Hull and District Catholic Women’s Luncheon Club, of which she was once secretary.

“Josie has been a regular member of the club for many years, contributing ideas for talks and suggestions for outings,” said Margaret Flood of the luncheon club.

“We like to think being an active member has added to her many happy memories and that her example will encourage our members, even if they have a long way to go to their own centenary.”

“I appreciate living for so long and seeing such wonderful changes,” added Josie. “After all, I have two artificial hips!”

Our picture shows Josie cutting a cake at Hull Housebound group, where the celebrations continued.

• **Hull and District Catholic Women’s Luncheon Club welcomes new members, young in age or heart. If you feel like joining them, call Evelyn Hutton on 01482 840596.**





Benemerenti medal recipient Allen Fitzgerald with Canon David Grant

St John of Beverley parishioner Allen Fitzgerald has been awarded the Benemerenti medal for his dedication and service to the Church. Allen is an extraordinary minister of the Eucharistic, altar server and Apostleship of the Sea helper. Readers in the Hull area may remember the many pilgrimages he organised. – Canon David Grant



Bishop Terry is pictured reaching during his visitation to Our Lady's parish in Acomb, York, with Deacon Peter Warren and Father Tony Lester on the altar – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

Dates Set For Ordinations

The dates have been confirmed for two ordinations in our diocese during 2019. Deacon Peter Taylor will be ordained a priest by Bishop Terry at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday September 7. Peter, who comes from Ingleby Barwick, is nearing the end of his studies at the Venerable English College in Rome. He was previously a student at the Royal English College in Valladolid. He was ordained deacon at the cathedral on Sunday January 13, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Francis Sutcliffe was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Terry at his home church, St John of Beverley, on Friday March 17. He will be ordained to the priesthood at the same church on Saturday May 11. Francis, who is 71, is a former Anglican vicar and is married to Barbara. Please keep Peter, David and their families in your prayers.



Peter Taylor pictured during his ordination to the diaconate – Photo by Dom Finn

Double Joy At St Peter's

Canon Eddie Gubbins presented husband and wife team Chris and Sue Stubbings with Benemerenti medals during Mass at St Peter's Church, Scarborough. This much-deserved papal recognition was awarded for their heroic witness of faith, hope and charity and their dedication to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children for many years. Parishioners joined them in the parish centre after Mass to share in their celebration. – Bernard Wilkins



Sue and Chris Stubbings with their extended family – photo by Bernard Wilkins



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NEWS

Three Centuries Of Parish Life

Diocesan archivist David Smallwood told an inspiring story of the Catholic inheritance of a rural community at the latest meeting of Cleveland Newman Circle.

Catholics lived in the Egton area of North Yorkshire throughout penal times and remain present today. David has traced the life of this community from original records in archives and libraries.

After the reformation and Pope Pius V's excommunication of Queen Elizabeth, courts imposed stiff fines on people who refused to worship in the Church of England. Records show there were more Catholics in Cleveland than in all the rest of Yorkshire, with 89 in the Egton district in 1600 and 415 in 1780.

Blessed Nicholas Postgate was born in Egton in 1597, ordained for the English mission at Douai College and served in the Egton area from 1630. His letter to Douai in 1664 noted 226 marriages, 593 baptisms, 719 burials, 2,400 reconciliations and 600 people in the Egton congregation.

After 1791 Catholics could build chapels and in 1797 land at Egton Bridge was donated for this purpose. The chapel, with a gallery, and a priest's house at one end, was completed in 1798. It could hold 600 people, who travelled up to 13 miles.

David described detailed parish records continuing through the 19th century. In 1835, they erected the belfry and cross on the chapel and in 1841 they cleared the drains and built a confessional. Peter Kaye came as priest in 1843 and set up a parish committee responsible for the practical affairs of the congregation and formed the "Holy Guild of St Hedda", which existed until the 1990s. It helped with sick pay and burial fees and prayers for the dead and held ceremonial and social activities.



The stained glass window dedicated to Blessed Nicholas Postgate in St Hedda's Church, Egton Bridge

David's family comes from Egton and he brought in his grandfather's regalia – a black cloak with a silver cross, hung from a white ribbon. Guild records, along with Easter communions and parish registers, give a complete picture of the parish throughout this time.

In 1859 the chapel was "in a deplorable state" and a new church was planned. Work began with voluntary labour in 1864 and it was opened in 1867. This is St Hedda's Church, still alongside the old 1798 chapel.

• Cleveland Newman Circle holds six talks a year, usually on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in St Mary's Cathedral Hall. On Wednesday April 3, Deacon Vince Purcell will speak on "Amoris Laetitia –satnav or map?" and on Wednesday May 1, Father Andrew Downie, chaplain to Durham University, will speak on "Cardinal Newman, his theory of doctrinal development and his influence on Vatican II". All are welcome. For more information email sandamerckx@btinternet.com or call 01642 316493.

Patricia Egerton

Cardinal Demands Trafficking Action

Cardinal Vincent Nichols called on all governments to act upon their commitments to assist victims of human trafficking, at the end of the Santa Marta Group conference for Latin America in Buenos Aires.

More than 100 countries signed the United Nations' Palermo Protocol, which calls on governments to catch and prosecute criminals and help trafficking victims with jobs, education and rehabilitation.

But Cardinal Nichols told delegates this was not being carried out.

The conference, which was attended by Church representatives from across Latin America who work with victims of human trafficking and the Argentinian police force, agreed a series of measures in the ongoing fight.

Cardinal Nichols said: "Most countries have signed this protocol and ratified the measures to assist victims. However, they have turned their backs on this responsibility and are not acting upon this agreed commitment.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols

"In the UK, a hostile environment towards migrants has been created and victims of trafficking have been criminalised, despite promises to support victims of this horrendous crime which sees so many kept in slavery.

"There are more than 40 million people, mainly women and children, trafficked and kept in slavery. As Pope Francis says, this is a crime against humanity and a wound on the body of Christ.

"As the Santa Marta Group we will pursue this issue and continue to push for the victims to be at the centre of all we do.

"I have been inspired by the testimony of those working with victims in Argentina. This is an international crime and it requires an international response, as well as the local care of the victims."

Cardinal Nichols met Argentinian government ministers, who have shown global leadership in this struggle by getting the fight against human trafficking onto the agenda of the G20 group of leading nations.

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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: Jenny Dowson on 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.

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A leprosy-free world is now within sight

Just a few decades ago, more than five million

people were being diagnosed with leprosy every year, their lives destroyed physically, emotionally and socially by the disease.

Today, this number has reduced significantly but remains stubbornly at over 200,000 new cases annually, worldwide. St Francis Leprosy Guild is committed to achieving a leprosy-free world and we genuinely believe it is possible, if only people like you are prepared to help.

Early detection can stop leprosy in its tracks

Leprosy is curable and in 1995 the World Health Organisation made multi-drug treatments freely available to help fight it. Since then, millions of people have been cured of the disease. New cases

of leprosy tend to be concentrated in isolated communities where people are still living in dire poverty and have little or no access to healthcare. If leprosy is to be stamped out for good, your support is needed to train local healthcare workers who can reach out to these communities. By supporting early detection and treatment - before the disease takes hold - you can help to prevent untold suffering.

If, in this season of Lent, you are able to send a donation of £30, you will help us support ongoing health initiatives, such as the hospital ship run by Dr Tony Lopez Gonzalez.

This has already helped to train 600 local healthcare assistants, and the ship visits remote communities in the Amazon where leprosy is still



rife, so they can monitor people for early symptoms and provide prompt medication.

Help to beat leprosy for good

Dr Tony's hospital ship is just one of around 60 inspirational partner organisations supported by St Francis Leprosy Guild, which are working with remote and marginalised communities in countries such as India and Brazil. Please send £30 today to help this essential work continue. **This Lent, let's seize the opportunity to create a leprosy-free world and help put an end to people's suffering at last.**



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LOURDES

Fond Farewell To Charity Hero Norman

Busking legend Norman Evans MBE is one of several members of our Lourdes family who has passed away in recent weeks.

Norman raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity by playing his accordion, keyboard and banjo for passing shoppers after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1959, when he was 16.

Norman, who was 75, travelled to Lourdes with us as a supported pilgrim on more than one occasion and was a great help on rainy days, entertaining us all with his music.

He was honoured by the queen for his incredible efforts and told the story of his life – including his “Lourdes miracle” and how after initially struggling with depression he came to view his condition as a blessing – in his book *We May As Well Dance*. His funeral took place at St Bede’s, Marske, on Thursday March 7.

The funeral of Phil Harrison, mother of former head brancardier Joe and handmaid Helen, took place at St Andrew’s, Teesville, on Friday March 15. Phil first travelled to Lourdes in the mid-1950s and in recent years returned with us again.

Chris Jones (Deakin) came to Lourdes many times as a nurse and in recent years as a supported pilgrim. Her funeral was at St Mary’s Cathedral on Tuesday March 12.

The funeral of former handmaid Teresa Riley, who joined us last year as a supported



pilgrim, took place at St Thomas More’s Church on Wednesday March 13.

Another of our supported pilgrims, Sharon Wilkinson, was due to return to Lourdes with us this year. Sharon’s funeral was at the Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough, on Thursday March 14.

Earlier this year we also lost, Joan Dallin, who travelled with us a number of times as a supported pilgrim in recent years. Joan’s funeral took place at St Bede’s in Marske.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them. St Bernadette, pray for them.

Support Micki’s Lourdes Mission

Lourdes youth leader Micki Coyle is on a mission to raise funds for a very special cause close to his heart – and he wants your help.

Micki came up with the idea of cycling from Hull to Donegal during the Easter holidays to raise funds so that more young helpers can join our annual diocesan pilgrimage.

“For the past 11 years I’ve been involved in taking young people from Hull on the pilgrimage, which takes place at the end of May,” Micki explained.

“Year after year I’ve been aware of young people who would love to travel to Lourdes to help the supported and sick pilgrims but who just can’t afford it. This project is to help to fund those young people.

“The pilgrimage is an incredible opportunity for our youth to give themselves in the service of others. We travel to Lourdes by coach for 24 hours, then work to assist our supported pilgrims for the week.

“It’s true to say that without the help of our young people the pilgrimage would not be the success it is today. It would be great if people could support this event.”

Micki initially set a target of £350 – £1 for each mile he’ll be covering – but well-wishers helped him reach this goal in just four days. To sponsor Micki and support this worthwhile cause, please visit gofundme.com/the-road-to-donegal.



Micki Coyle is cycling from Hull to Donegal for Lourdes

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