



Bishop's Column

Although it is June already, I am casting back in my mind to the Chrism Mass held on the Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16. It was a wonderful celebration and gathering of the Church of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Just about all parishes and institutions of the diocese were represented. I think only once in my priestly life have I missed the Mass of Chrism. No matter where I have found myself, I have always attended. In so many ways it represents the meaning and mission of the local Church.

However, having heard, both in the first reading and in the Gospel, the imperative to proclaim a year of the Lord's favour, I could not but help reflect on the dark horizon against which this proclamation of favour has to be made!

"There seems to have been much darkness in the Church at large; cardinals, bishops, priests, found guilty of heinous crimes. There have been squabbles within the Church, and even an attempt by a senior Archbishop to implicate the Pope in covering up. The political scene offers no solace. Whichever way you voted in the referendum, I can't believe that any of us expected to witness the shambolic processes through which we are being dragged. Each of us too will have had our own personal dark clouds blotting out the face of the sun in our lives – problems, crises, shocks, sicknesses and deaths."

"Coming back to the Church, but this time the local Church, our Church of the Diocese of Middlesbrough, there is the constant knowledge that our presbyterate is, by and large, getting older and older. We are almost at the point where we have as many retired as active priests in the diocese and the number of retirees is bound to increase and the number of active clergy is constantly dwindling. Already I have had to begin the process of informing parishes that they will not have a resident priest in the future and Mass will be supplied as and when possible. And this is only the beginning. It will be one of my regular tasks of the future."

I think we have forgotten how to be a missionary Church. "Missionary" conjures up faraway places, other continents. "Mission" and "Missionary" are not to do with England, Middlesbrough, York, Hull, Scarborough or Whitby. Oh, but they are! If we do not take the message of the Resurrection and Ascension seriously and to heart, then we are in real trouble.

"Go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee," says Jesus. "They will see me there. So you have seen how it is written that the Christ must suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this." (Luke 24) This is what Jesus is saying to you and me today.

I hope that all those who come to the study day on Saturday June 8 will listen to Father Eamonn Mulcahy and begin to take their mission to be witnesses seriously, so that over the next months and years we, slowly but surely, begin to become a genuinely missionary diocese, supported by missionary parishes, filled with intentional disciples; and that they spread the message to each and everyone one of us. And we in our turn, like the Apostles, can proclaim, "Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

Yours in Blessed Hope,

+ Terry

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Priests And Deacons Renew Vows At Mass Of Chrism

Priests and deacons from all over the diocese renewed their vows during the moving Mass of Chrism at St Mary's Cathedral during Holy Week.

The service also saw the blessing of the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens and consecration of chrism. These oils will be used in the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick and ordination in our churches this year.

Bishop Terry spoke of recent darkness overshadowing the wider Church and the challenges faced within our own diocese as we face the future with an ageing body of priests (see Bishop's Column).

Music, led by music director Tim Harrison with singing from diocesan choirs, included his own setting of *A Parish Mass for Middlesbrough* and *Hubert Parry's I Was Glad*.

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Bishop Terry breathes on the oil




Deacon Ken Senior brings oils to be blessed



Deacon Len Collings with the thurible



Holy Communion – Photos by Les Clark


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Offering A Helping Hand To Those In Need



In the latest of our series focusing on some of the groups that form Caritas Middlesbrough and are engaged in social outreach, PAULINE BENNETT from Caritas East Cleveland tells us about their work at grassroots level..

Our group comprises members from Redcar, Marske and Saltburn parishes and has operated since 2014. We have been involved in many initiatives centring on Pope Francis' message to us all to, "create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance."

This has led to our association with other groups including food banks, the Mary Thompson Fund, Nightstop, Positive Pathways and the St John Paul Centre.

We have hosted speakers from the Medaille Trust and Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, who have inspired us to take whatever action we can offer and we have often surprised ourselves in what we have been able to achieve.

Our main thrust over the last two years has been closely linked to the Methodist Asylum Project (MAP) in the welcoming of refugees and asylum seekers from all over the world.

You may remember the *Voice* article on the trainers' appeal when, together with the students of Sacred Heart Secondary School in Redcar, we were able to donate more than 80 pairs of trainers for asylum seekers.

We are currently involved in two drop-in

centres for refugees and asylum seekers, in Coatham and at St Andrew's in Teesville. We help by providing transport and a warm welcome and offering English lessons and play sessions for the younger children.

Volunteers also help with medical appointments and social events, assist in arranging football matches and trips to Saltburn.

Imagine your son or daughter arriving in a strange country seeking help – we would hope someone would help them and this is what we are trying to do.

If you would like to join us in our mission of friendship and sharing Gospel values through Catholic Social Action, we meet bi-monthly at St Bede's Parish Hall in Marske and you would be very welcome to attend.

If you cannot help at this time, we ask you to pray not only for our work, but for the many people affected by displacement in these troubled times as, "we seek to remain faithful to all whose identity as your children are diminished by poverty and oppression."

For details of meetings contact our chair, Terry Doyle, at terry-doyle@live.co.uk.



Terry Doyle, chair of Caritas East Cleveland, pictured at the St John Paul Centre

Prayer, Learning And Cake At Teams' Retreat

Prayer, learning, sharing, time just being together and cake were among the ingredients for Equipes Notre Dame Middlesbrough's annual retreat.

Better known in the UK as Teams of Our Lady, we are part of an international movement in the Catholic Church. Members are married couples who seek to live their marriages sacramentally, deepening spirituality through prayer and sharing and growing closer to God and to each other. We returned once again to Barmoor, on the North York Moors, sufficiently far to be away from everything but just 30 miles from Middlesbrough.

Some of our retreats have been led by someone outside of the team, while we often create the retreat ourselves, as we did at Barmoor, where we shared responsibilities for meals, prayer, reflection and activities.

Soon after we arrived we were all together sharing the ups and downs of life around the table in the usual way, then our chaplain, Father Phil Cunah, led evening prayer, setting the scene for the weekend.

Each couple led a session centred around the 80th anniversary of Teams...

The desire to follow Christ

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We are always amazed at how things come together and complement each other. The sessions have their own style, as each couple share in their own way. This process works because we are vulnerable, available, trusting and accepting of one another.

There were no hard and fast rules as to what would happen between the sessions, although coffee and cake were always on the agenda.

Some opted to try felting, creating beautiful work to express what had been explored in the previous session, while a couple of us sat on the porch and carved wood and for others, a walk on the moors

provided space, fresh air and a different way to see the world.

Saturday evening saw us all in a cosy room with a log fire, where Father Phil celebrated Mass. Social time continued until people drifted off to bed. On Sunday we left Barmoor as we found it, taking with us a peaceful soul, much love and a freshness of spirit.

To find out about Teams, contact us on northernngb@teams-transatlantic.org or visit teams-transatlantic.org.

You are invited to a Mass to celebrate the sacrament of marriage and family life at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace at 2pm on Sunday June 23. The service has been organised by Teams of Our Lady and will be celebrated by Canon John Lumley. Afterwards there will be a picnic and some family games.

John and Vanessa Pearson and Sue and Paul Rowney



Chaplain Father Phil Cunah with couples celebrating the 80th anniversary of Teams of Our Lady during their retreat in Barmoor

NEWS

Faith And Service Celebrated At Windsor

Earlier this year I was nominated by the Diocese of York to receive Royal Maundy Money from the Queen at Windsor Castle. The most significant and important element for me was to receive the honour from the Anglican community for services to Church and community.

For six years, I have represented Bishop Terry and the Diocese of Middlesbrough as a trustee on the Board of Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland (TM&C).

Regular readers will know about the outstanding work undertaken by TM&C across Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland. The board, under the chairmanship of Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson, and with the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers, has made a big difference to the lives of so many in these challenging times for vulnerable communities.

We have the respect and trust of MPs, council leaders and other civic and voluntary organisations across Teesside and our projects dealing with holiday hunger and loneliness have achieved national recognition.

Margaret and I were welcomed to St George's Chapel, a building rich in history and architecture, by Bishop John Inge, the Lord High Almoner. Sitting in the nave, we could see many different heraldic signs in the vaulting. Most are badges of King Henry VII – this part of the vaulting was built during his reign – or those in his court.

On duty in uniform were the Queen's bodyguard, the Yeoman of the Guard, as well as the Military Knights of Windsor. In the Middle Ages, when the court travelled

regularly round the country, the annual Royal Maundy was observed wherever the sovereign was in residence at Easter.

The distribution of alms and the washing of feet by the sovereign on the Thursday of Holy Week can be traced back to the 13th century. The first recorded royal distribution was by King John at Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, in 1210. The service derives its name from the Latin word "mandatum" meaning a commandment, and the opening words of the service are, "Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment.'"

The symbolic gifts, which are handed to recipients by the Queen, are two leather purses, one white and one red, which contain specially minted legal tender.

The liturgy and music were spectacular and it was evident that this ceremony of faith and service is one of the Queen's favourite duties – she was radiant throughout the service. Afterwards, a reception was held in the state apartments in Windsor Castle.

Talking to other recipients throughout the day, we came to realise just how much social action and service to the Church and community is undertaken throughout the country. TM&C, a vital example of ecumenical partnership, is playing a strategic and pivotal role in the life of our community. All of our Caritas and social action teams should be proud of this vital contribution to Christian service and duty.

John Hinman



John and Margaret Hinman outside Windsor Castle after receiving Maundy Money from the Queen

CAFOD

Diocese Joins Move Away From Fossil Fuels

CAFOD is delighted that 20 out of 22 dioceses in England and Wales – including Middlesbrough – now buy their energy from suppliers of renewable energy such as wind and solar power.

The switch is important because using the fossil fuels traditionally relied upon to provide energy contributes to climate change, which has a big impact on CAFOD's work and the people we serve.

CAFOD campaigns for action to tackle climate change, including a shift away from fossil fuels, because our partners tell us that the impacts of the changing climate are making life harder for the world's poorest communities.

You can play an important part in the movement away from fossil fuels. It's easy to switch your home energy to a renewable energy supplier – and for each switch to renewable energy company Ecotricity it will donate up to £75 to CAFOD's work. Visit our website to learn more about Ecotricity and how to switch supplier.

The switch to renewable energy is part of a wider Catholic movement from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy, responding to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and doing their bit to care for our common home.

Daniel Hale, head of campaigns at CAFOD, said: "This is great news, as switching to renewable energy is a practical way to respond to *Laudato Si'* that demonstrates the Catholic community's desire to work together and to care for the earth, our common home, and our neighbours."

Pope Francis gives us hope that each person, parish and diocese can play their part in caring for our common home and each other.

"We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all" – Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*



The diocese now buys its energy from suppliers of renewable energy such as wind

Join Our Climate Change Lobby

Thousands of people will meet their MPs to demand that our politicians take action on climate change and protect our environment during a mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday June 26.

If you would like to join us, sign up online to let us and your MP know you are coming by visiting cafod.org.uk/climatelobby.

We realise not everyone can join us in London, but you can still act to raise awareness in your parish community by organising a Creation celebration. Just follow these three steps:

Step 1: Hold a Creation Mass or service to give special thanks for the gift of creation and pray for our common home.

Step 2: Fill in a petition to the prime minister calling for further, faster climate action.

Step 3: Share food together or have a picnic and get your community talking about how you can respond to the climate crisis.

You can sign our online petition and download a quiz and climate resources by visiting cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-Change.

Together, we Catholics can turn the tide. We can treat our home with respect by leading the way, taking responsibility and forging new habits.

Carol Cross, Community Participation Coordinator,
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Rita McManus holds a sign ahead of COP24 climate demo in Poland – Photo by Rosie Heaton

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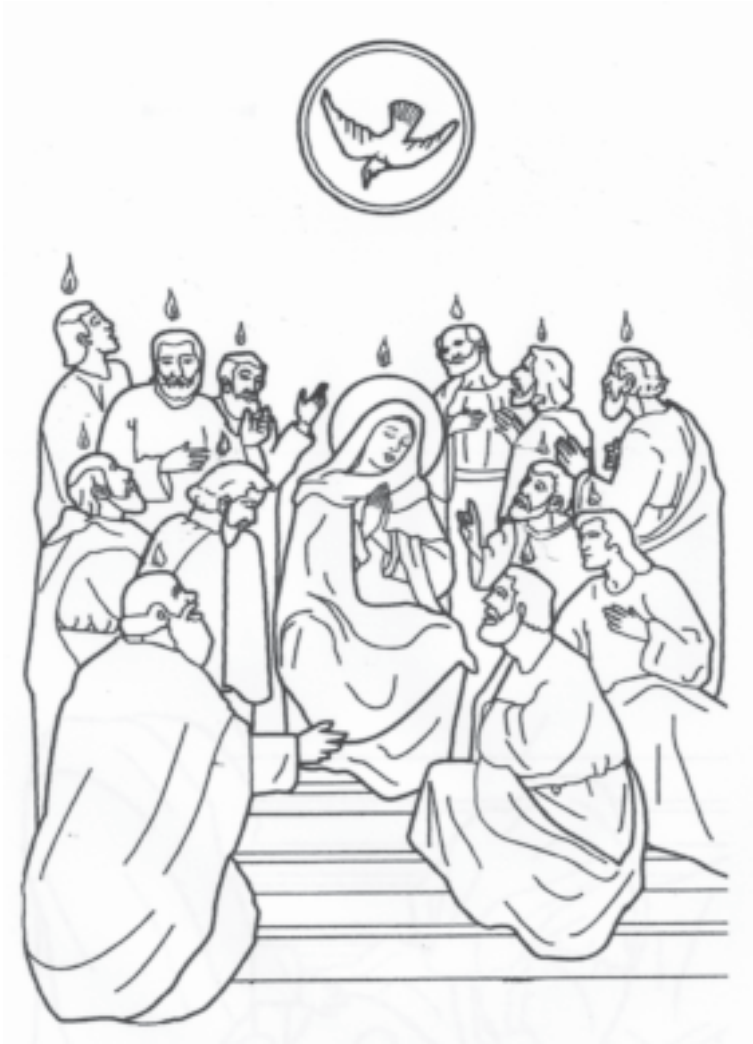
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The Third Glorious Mystery of the Rosary
The Descent of the Holy Spirit

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles were all together in one room. They were afraid that they would also be arrested. Suddenly, they heard the sound of a great wind, and something like tongues of fire rested on the head of each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. They stopped feeling afraid and went out to teach the people. Everyone could understand them, whichever country they came from, because the Holy Spirit had given the apostles the gift of tongues. Peter told the people that if they were sorry for their sins and were baptised, they too would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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Visit Delights York Children

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Terry to St George's RC Primary School in York. We prepared for weeks in advance. The KS2 children conducted lots of research and wrote biographies of Bishop Terry and the children in KS1 made their own pectoral crosses, mitres and episcopal rings.

Bishop Terry joined in our whole school worship and explained to us that he was giving up television for Lent. Our junior chaplains organised for each pupil to wear a special coloured paper band to show what they were doing for Lent. Purple was for fasting, orange was for praying, yellow was for giving and blue was caring for creation. Bishop Terry was given a special purple band to wear.

After the whole-school worship, Bishop Terry visited each class and answered our questions. There was lots of laughter, as he was very funny and very easy to talk to. He then had coffee with the staff and our chaplaincy team. We loved our special visit from Bishop Terry and we look forward to welcoming him again soon.

St George's Junior Chaplains



Bishop Terry telling St George's children why he was giving up television for Lent

Lighting The Flame

Getting up at 4.30am is hardly a cause for rejoicing. But for many pilgrims going to Flame 2019 at Wembley Arena, it proved to be a very rewarding sacrifice.

Together with Lynn Roberts and parish leaders Jan and Paddy O'Neill, I took 25 students from St Patrick's Catholic College, in Thornaby, on a coach trip to London.

On arriving at noon we made our way through the throngs of eager pilgrims from all over the country – and hundreds of football supporters, as Arsenal were playing Spurs the same day.

Once inside the arena we felt an immediate sense of excitement, anticipation, respect and love. It was a truly blessed experience.

The theme of the day was "significance". We live in a world where it is easy to feel constrained and measure self-esteem in Twitter and Instagram likes, responses to Facebook status updates and Snapchat conversations. The aim of the day was to offer our young people a different perspective, centred in their creation in the image and likeness of God.

Flame comprised inspirational speakers and Christian faith bands, each spreading the same message, that our young people are significant and reminding them that they can make a difference in their own lives and the lives of others if they want to.

Perhaps most impressive was the 8,000 young people gathered at the end of the day, on their knees, in silent, respectful, reflective adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Dermott Donnelly, chair of Catholic Youth Mission Federation (CYMFED), expressed his thanks and amazement to all at the success of the event.

He said the young people, along with those supporting

them, are now reasons to be hopeful for the future of the Church and, as Pope Francis describes our world, "God's construction site."

A big thank you to Father Phil Cunah and Chris Tillotson for helping pull everything together, from ordering sweatshirts to organising transport. We look forward to returning to Wembley to see Middlesbrough win the FA Cup next year!

Alison Fisk, Chaplain Coordinator



Staff, students and helpers from St Patrick's, Thornaby, on their way to Flame

Ambassadors Lead St Mary's Tour

Bishop Terry was given a conducted tour by RE ambassadors during his visit to St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy in Hull. He dropped into every class and talked about their lessons before joining junior chaplains for their lunchtime rosary club.

In the afternoon, he led an assembly and talked about his role as bishop and explained his regalia to the children. There was also an opportunity for the children to ask questions before Bishop Terry gave everyone a blessing.



St Mary Queen of Martyrs' RE ambassadors Sam Woyen and Imogen Tingle-Yates with Bishop Terry

Right: Bishop Terry told the children about the regalia worn by bishops, including his mitre



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A Letter From
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3-D Spirituality

When I was a child, I passed my beginner's swimming test twice and decided to rest on my laurels. I'm content to dog paddle to just beyond the shore and then lazily float on the water. No plunging into the deep end of the pool for me. But deep dives seem to be the way of the spiritual life.

My first dive came one week before I was to enter the Catholic Church. I awoke that morning with the thought, "I can't join the Church: I have no understanding of the pope or Our Lady. I can't just use the Church to receive the Eucharist, which is what I really want."

What ensued was a nightmare week of conflicting thoughts, feelings, doubts, what-ifs and yes-buts. Finally, the night before my Profession of Faith, I cried to God in desperation: I had to have clarity! That's when he taught me the discernment dive.

I sensed him calling me to dive under all the eddies of conflict and doubt. When I finally reached the depths, there was only one word: I want to be Catholic. God gave me this desire. He knows what I don't yet understand and he'll have to help me. He did. When doubts later attacked, I could simply dismiss them, armed with the clarity of God's will.

My second diving lesson was offered when I was living in a hermitage for a few months. I discovered that it's one thing to be in silence and solitude for an hour or a day. But day after day? That was another matter. I was just floating on the surface and not truly entering the silence. I didn't know how.

This time God taught me the silence dive. Again, I had to plunge below my constantly nattering mind, emotional turmoil and even my efforts to pray. Initially, a refreshing stillness greeted me, but then I became aware of pockets of hurt, anger and fear that had been shoved there through the years. The price of diving to interior silence is confrontation with some of these unresolved areas. The silence dive then can feel somewhat fraught with danger, but it's the only way to true interior peace and integrity.

The final dive (thus far) was terrifying. I crashed into it at the nadir of my mid-life crisis, when any sense of certainty about vocation and faith was lying in shattered pieces at my feet. I had come to the end: I could not muster one more shred of faith or willpower. I was on a 30-day retreat, trying to salvage any scrap of my former life, and God just wasn't cooperating. Finally, I lashed out and screamed, "I hate you!"

Time stopped. Then I heard a gentle voice asking, "Will you also leave?" and I suddenly found myself at the foundation of my being. How could I leave? We are already so united in the depths that we cannot be separated. His mercy and love unite us, whether I'm screaming in rebellion or resting on his heart. This was the mercy dive, which brought me to a place of rest, of abiding in his all-encompassing merciful love. Who wants to float on the surface anymore?



Singing Their Praises

This year's Holy Week celebrations at the cathedral were enhanced by superb accompaniment from our choirs, under the leadership of director of music Tim Harrison.

The standout event was perhaps the Mass of Chrism, with the diocesan choir and various cathedral choirs including the senior choir, ladies schola, boys' and girls' choirs and the excellent solo choristers, Grace and Patrick, plus the addition of a second organist and solo trumpet. The blend of voices and music filled the cathedral with an unforgettable sound.

Since the building of the cathedral more than 30 years ago, the choir was always positioned at the front of the side aisle close to the organ, but just over a year ago Tim suggested a trial move to the back of the same aisle. The move has now become a permanent fixture and the sound flows around the building, enhanced by the wonderful acoustics evident within the building.

Tim has developed a choir that has grown in stature and has a reputation that has been recognised by the Royal School of Cathedral Music. In recent weeks, the Friends of Cathedral Music has awarded the

cathedral choir a bursary to support the continued training of young musicians, in recognition of its excellence.

Later this year the choir from Durham Cathedral will pay a reciprocal visit to our cathedral, following the visit by our choir to Durham last year.

Tim is involved all around the diocese

giving workshops, developing vocal talent and keeping an ear open for new additions to the choir. Soloists Grace and Patrick will be leaving in the summer to take up studies elsewhere, so if there is anyone out there who thinks they have the ability to take their place, contact Tim.

Paul Bowen



Director of music Tim Harrison with our cathedral choirs during the Mass of Chrism – Photo by Les Clark

Schools Invited To Join Friends

As well as families and individuals, schools and other groups are also welcome to join the Friends of the Lady Chapel.

Members are united in the spirituality of the chapel through an annual Mass and daily prayers and also receive newsletters and invitations to events.

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Father Anthony Storey's booklet describing the history of the Lady

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The Lady Chapel

How You Help The Church's Mission

As we continue our regular series of articles to prepare for Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019, I thought we might like to look at the ways we continue to support the Mission of the Church.

Our diocese has a long history of supporting the Pontifical Mission societies. The chief way we support the missions is through the Mill Hill Mission box – every home and presbytery should have one.

Last year, our diocese donated £73,945 from the Mission boxes alone. Another £10,845

was raised by the second collection on World Mission Sunday and a further £11,529 was given for the training of priests through the St Peter the Apostle Society.

Anyone can sponsor the last four years of training for a priest, which costs £500 a year. It would be great if every parish would sponsor a seminarian – I don't think people know how easy it is to do this.

At a time when we in the diocese are having difficulty in attracting vocations, there is an abundance overseas. One of the most

successful supports for the missions comes from our schools, who raised £7,063 through the work of Mission Together.

Last year we were the best diocese in the north of England for the support received from our schools. All told, our diocese raised £104,935 for the work of the missions.

Thank you to everybody who has a mission box, sponsors a seminarian, donates on World Mission Sunday and to all our schools who support Mission Together.

Our special Mass at the Cathedral in October



will be an occasion to celebrate and to deepen our commitment to the work of mission.

Canon Michael Loughlin

Prayer Network Unites York Churches

Church leaders in York have been praying together on Wednesday mornings for more than 20 years as part of the onevoice prayer network – and it continues to go from strength to strength.

It started when churches were planning events together such as the Millennium celebrations. First the Methodists invited the Anglicans to join them. The Benedictines were at the York pastoral centre at that time, and one of them, Father Cyril, was chair of York Council of Churches and brought Catholics into the mix. Gradually more churches joined in.

Father Pat Hartnett later became a regular member and although Canon Michael Ryan is now retired, he still takes part as often as he can.

The deep friendship and support between leaders is impressive and I wonder if God is working on a long-term plan. There are many leaders of new, small churches, all devoted to scripture study, hospitality and service to the community.

New ones seem to spring up all the time, most of them willing to cooperate with each other and with the historic churches, without the baggage of prejudices, which can hamper Christian cooperation.

A visitor from Manchester, liaising with inter-church fellowship groups, congratulated York churches on working together to run food banks, cooperating closely with existing initiatives such as Carecent and ARCLight.

Onevoice churches encourage and support cooperation in schools' outreach and youth work, and spread news about charities such as Brephos, which campaigns to raise awareness of the reality of abortion, as well as praying for and supporting local work with needy families and the homeless, engagement with the arts and evangelistic activities.

Mary Callan/Simpson



Christian leaders at a Wednesday morning prayer meeting at St Cuthbert's medieval church, Peaseholme Green, York

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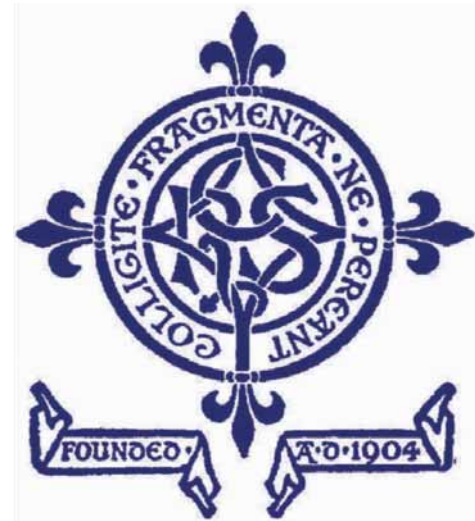
Prayer for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019

Heavenly Father,

When your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.



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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Churches Call On Government For Religious Freedom Protection

Christian leaders are calling on the government to protect Christians facing persecution and to promote freedom of religion.

In a joint Catholic and Church of England document, Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Justin Welby argued that the government should promote freedom of religion and belief as a fundamental human right.

They also called on the government to take a joined-up approach to freedom of religion and belief in foreign, aid, security, trade, resettlement and asylum policy, rather than treating it as an isolated diplomatic activity.

They were writing in response to the government-commissioned independent

review of Foreign and Commonwealth Office support for persecuted Christians, launched by Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt earlier this year and led by Bishop of Truro Philip Mountstephen.

In their letter, Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop Welby said: "Christians form an important part of the social fabric in almost every country of the world.

"Yet in many places, our Christian sisters and brothers face persecution of an intensity and extent unprecedented in many centuries. This submission is shaped by their voices and by our commitment to make them heard.

"We must remember, too, that these threats to freedom of religion or belief are not

restricted to Christians alone. Rather, it is a widespread experience of the followers of other faiths.

"Many are deprived of this basic expression of their human dignity. Similar threats are also faced by atheists and agnostics who seek to uphold crucial decisions of conscience.

"We ask Her Majesty's Government to take note of the practical recommendations offered by our churches in this submission and to take meaningful action not only in protecting Christians facing persecution but also in promoting freedom of religion and belief more widely."

The call was echoed by Archbishop Bashar Warda, Chaldean Catholic Archbishop of

Erbil, Kurdistan Iraq, where Christians fled from their homes in 2014 as ISIS took hold in Northern Iraq.

Archbishop Warda said: "The UK government has taken the first courageous step to have the global review into Christian persecution. The next courageous step is to come and listen to those who suffer and witness the persecution, the destruction, the displacement and the frightening figures of persecuted flight.

"The Church in England and Wales is a great support to us here in Iraq. Cardinal Nichols made a great impact when he came here in 2015 to see and experience our situation at first hand."



A funeral service for victims of the Easter Sunday bombing at St Sebastian's Church in Katuwapitiya, Sri Lanka – Photo © Roshan Pradeep & T Sunil

Bombings Dash Sri Lanka Peace Hopes

A Sri Lankan priest who lost close friends during the Easter Sunday bomb attacks has spoken out about the devastating impact of the terrorist atrocities.

Father Malaka Leonard, a Franciscan priest whose friends died in the bombing of St Sebastian's Catholic Church, Katuwapitiya, said: "We suffered enough from 30 years of war against terrorists. We thought Sri Lanka was becoming a peaceful environment. But with these blasts, all our hope has gone. We are far away from peace."

More than 250 people, including 47 children, were killed and more than 500 people injured in the devastating bomb attacks targeting churches and hotels across Sri Lanka. But Father Leonard stressed that the response of the Church will always be one of peace and reconciliation.

"There is no road to peace, peace is the road. The way of peace is the path of love. Let us take every possible step to avoid violence and live peacefully."

Dr Thomas Heine-Geldern, executive president of Aid to the Church in Need (International) said: "These atrocities mark the bloody climax of a trend that has endured for some years now – the persecution of Christians knows no bounds."

The first four months of 2019 saw a series of deadly attacks against Christians throughout the world.

Central African Republic: Islamist Séléka militia attacked

a Catholic mission station in Bangassou, killing dozens of people and causing around 20,000 people to flee the violence.

Southern Philippines: An Islamist attack on the cathedral of Jolo killed 20 people and injured around 90.

Kaduna State, Nigeria: Attacks by Islamist Fulani extremists on Christian villagers left more than 130 dead.

Tamil Nadu State, India: Religious sisters from a Catholic school were hunted down by a 200-strong mob of extremist Hindu nationalists, who attempted to lynch them with their rosary beads.

ACN's 2018 Religious Freedom in the World report showed evidence of the targeted persecution of Christians by extremist groups.

Dr Heine-Geldern said: "To say that Daesh (ISIS) has been beaten militarily and therefore no longer exists is a fallacy – the ideology lives on, as do its supporters. Extremist Islamism, excessive nationalism and authoritarian ideologies are still the main drivers of persecution against Christians and other religious minorities. People are becoming more and more frightened."

"It is the duty of governments and the UN to bring about peace, to guarantee freedom of religion and to repel anti-religious attacks."

Faith Leaders Urge Climate Change Action

Faith leaders are calling on the government to set a net zero greenhouse gas emissions target in law to halt climate change.

More than 40 representatives of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu communities signed a letter to the Daily Telegraph.

A report from the government's climate advisers, the Committee on Climate Change, says a net zero target is needed to avoid temperature rises exceeding the 1.5C level, which would be disastrous for hundreds of millions of the world's poorest people.

The letter says: "The UK government must take the opportunity created by yesterday's report from the Committee on Climate Change to commit to eliminating our country's contribution to global temperature rises. The urgency and scale of action required necessitate a legally-binding target of net zero emissions by 2045.

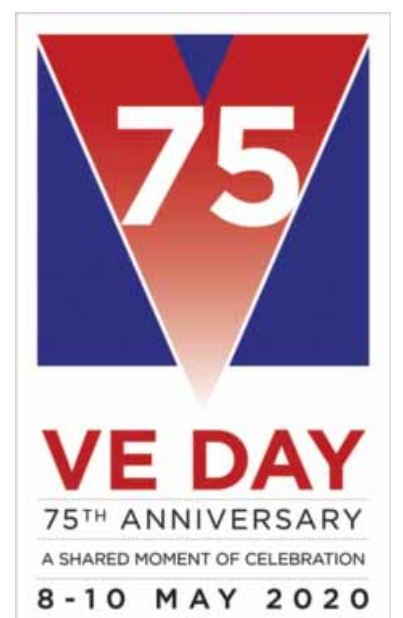
"Such a target demands a cross-governmental approach and one which does not rely on offsets or outsourcing of carbon emissions to poorer nations – the very countries which are being hit hardest by climate change, despite having contributed least to the problem.

"We readily recognise this means changing our lifestyles and behaviours. Indeed, we welcome the benefits that will follow, including cleaner air and warmer homes. Our country's faith communities have already begun to embrace these changes, with thousands of places of worship powered by renewable energy and families committing to live simply and sustainably.

"We now urge our country's politicians to show leadership of the magnitude demanded by the challenge we face and encourage them to consider the extraordinary legacy they could leave."

Churches Invited To Join VE Day Tribute

Churches throughout the country are being invited to join next year's celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. VE Day 75, on the weekend of May 8 to 10 2020, will be an international celebration of peace. Churches are being asked to ring out their bells at 7pm on the Friday and organise services of celebration and commemoration at 10.30am on Sunday to celebrate peace and remember those who lost their lives or were wounded. They are also encouraged to read out the Tribute to the Millions and ask a bugler or trumpeter to play the Last Post and Reveille. Register at veday75.org.



Stunning Gardens Open For Charity Weekend

One of Teesside's most beautiful gardens will be open to the public once again this summer to raise funds for two good causes.

Mike Heagney and Gel Heagney's family have lived at Tudor Croft, Guisborough, since 1952, and have developed the gardens into a wonderland packed with fun features and rare plant species.

Last year the weekend event raised funds for our Lourdes fund and this year they will help fund a youth worker for Guisborough's Bridge project and support the Jacob's Well Appeal, a Beverley-based charity that sends medical, educational and agricultural aid to the poorest parts of the world.

"We grow all our own plants in Tudor Croft's nursery

and we will be selling a large selection," says Lourdes brancardier Mike. "There will be crafts for sale and delicious home-made afternoon teas. Wine and other refreshments will also be available, and we will be kindly entertained by local musician friends."

New features recently added by Tudor Croft's team of gardeners and volunteers include the replanting of the walled garden with delphiniums and lilies, a new hosta bed and stepping-stones across the beck. Dare you cross?

The open weekend is on Saturday June 22 and Sunday June 23, from 11am to 4pm. Admittance is £5 (children free) and all approach roads will be well signposted.



Brothers having fun during last summer's open weekend at Tudor Croft

Queen Honours Our Paul

A popular member of Middlesbrough's Catholic community has been presented with the MBE he was awarded in the Queen's New Years Honours list.

Paul Griffiths, a former head brancardier of our Lourdes pilgrimage and a Catenian and Knight of St Columba, has been recognised for services to engineering skills and apprenticeships on Teesside.

Paul, who is chairman of Middlesbrough firm Industrial & Marine Hydraulics (IMH), had no idea he had been nominated until he received a letter from St James Palace last December. Paul's inspiration is the Catholic faith given to him by his parents and nurtured by teachers at St Philomena's and St Thomas More schools in Middlesbrough.

He is now beginning to hand over the running of the company to son James and daughter Catherine and hopes to spend more time with his wife Teresa, pursuing their love of sailing. IMH employs 28 people in Middlesbrough and its newly opened operation in Blyth, Northumberland.



James, Teresa, Paul and his niece Claire, who nominated him for the award

Catenians Support Young Lourdes Helpers

Three young Catholics have been awarded grants of £50 from the Catenian Bursary Fund to help them take part in this year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Middlesbrough Catenian Circle president Chris Rhodes and pilgrimage director Keith Tillotson met Siobhan McIntyre, Helena Ramli and Georgina Jayasuriya at the Day of Formation helpers' training day at Trinity Catholic College.

The Catenians are a strictly non-political lay organisation of Catholics founded in 1908 to promote friendship and support and strengthen family life. Catenians work to support and help Catholic youth throughout the world.

In 1990 the Catenians formed a UK-registered charity that has now distributed £1m to young Catholics aged between 16 and 25 who are volunteering to give up their time to work for the benefit of others.

In addition, an individual project award is available to assists young Catholics who are spending at least 15 working days delivering a voluntary project. To apply for either award, download and complete the application form at catenianbursary.com.

Chris Rhodes



Chris Rhodes (left) and Keith Tillotson (right) with Siobhan McIntyre, Helena Ramli and Georgina Jayasuriya



NEWS



Bishop Terry celebrating Mass to mark the 250th anniversary of the Bar Convent – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

Mary Ward Family Gathers For Bar Convent Celebration

Mass was celebrated to mark the 250th anniversary of the opening of the Bar Convent Chapel, built discretely in York at a time when Catholics were persecuted. Bishop Terry was the principal concelebrant along with Emeritus Bishop John Crowley, Father Philip Endean SJ and local clergy.

The Mary Ward Family were out in force, including the superiors general and English provincials of the Congregation of Jesus (CJ sisters) and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM Loreto Sisters) and Friends of Mary Ward. Many friends of the Bar Convent attended, including members of local religious orders, past pupils and teachers of the adjoining All Saints School, ecumenical guests and convent staff and volunteers.

Environment Corner

Ideas To Help You Go Plastic-Free

An ongoing challenge for all of us is moving towards becoming plastic-free in our homes and especially our kitchens. This month we have some ideas for plastic-free food storage.

Why not change from Tupperware-type containers to glass jars? Jars make great food storage in the fridge, as you can see at a glance what's inside – helping you reduce food waste at the same time. You can even freeze food in glass jars – try leaving an inch at the top to allow space for the food to expand when freezing.

If you're looking for a plastic-free alternative to transparent plastic film, there are several options.

Beeswax wraps make excellent food savers and are both reusable and biodegradable. Simply warm them in your hands and mould over your bowl or around foods such as cheese or sandwiches.

Lakeland makes some good beeswax food wraps, as does Buzzcloth – buzzcloth.com – and the Beeswax wrap company – beeswaxwraps.co.uk.

They may seem costly, but they last up to three years.



One of the most pleasing features of the environmental campaign is the amount of information available online, which is both interesting and very educational.

Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

Beeswax wraps are an excellent alternative to plastic film wrap

Death Of Monk and Writer Father Cyprian

Spiritual writer and monk of Ampleforth Abbey Father Cyprian Smith OSB died peacefully in York Hospital on April 8 at the age of 81. Born in Barrow in 1937, he was a music lecturer joining the Ampleforth community in 1973 and was ordained priest in 1979.

Father Cyprian's 1987 book *The Way of Paradox – Spiritual Life as taught by Meister Eckhart* became a popular spiritual text, offering new and important insights into God, the nature of society and the reader's own spiritual journey. His talks during his time as novice master from 1989 to 1998 were adapted for lay people and published as *The Path of Life* (1995).

Father Cyprian was born with cerebral palsy and in later years his mobility was restricted and his health declined. His funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church, followed by burial in the Monks' Wood.



Father Cyprian Smith OSB

Positive Thinking Pays Off

Many of us choose to give something up during Lent but some people can't decide to go without something because each day is a struggle. Embracing this, St Mary's Cathedral started a new initiative this year – Positive Lent.

This came about from the idea that whether you chose to give something up or not, you can make a pledge to give something back to the local community.

Parishioners were encouraged to take a Positive Lent paper bag, kindly donated by McDonald's and KFC outlets in Coulby Newham.

Instead of buying luxuries or items that had had been given up, families and individuals were encouraged to buy something for the Positive Lent bag, such as toiletries, particularly, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and sanitary products.

The response was phenomenal, with large

quantities of toiletries being made up into care hampers and donated to local organisations and charities that help those in need in our local area, including My Sister's Place, the Mary Thompson Fund, CAUSE, Harbour and Homeless Hub Middlesbrough.

Many of those working for the charities were emotional and deeply moved by the love and kindness shown by the parish. They expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation, as they often struggle to receive the donations they need.

We would like to thank the parish for embracing Positive Lent and giving back to those struggling in our community. You can be assured that your donations have been put to good use and are making a difference to local people. Special thanks go to Carmel Richardson, Liz Perkin and Theresa Lythe. We hope to continue the good work next Lent.

Charlotte Richardson

Catenian Dennis Celebrates Milestone Birthday

There were celebrations as Middlesbrough Catenian Circle's very own "Father of the House" Dennis Tate celebrated his 90th birthday.

Dennis joined Middlesbrough Circle in May 1967 at the age of 38 and has proudly served as president four times and won the Catenian National golf championship in 1970.

Not one for a fuss, Dennis's birthday was marked quietly with his fellow brothers at their regular meeting the day after his birthday, when newly installed circle president Chris Rhodes presented Dennis with a bottle of wine.

Outgoing president Steve Hodgson, Dennis's grandson, attended the presentation, no doubt hoping to emulate his grandad's achievement in 2063.

The same meeting saw Chris perform the first official duty of his coming

year by enrolling Patrick Rutherford as Middlesbrough's newest brother. Patrick is a teacher and an active member of St John Fisher parish in Sedgefield, along with his wife Rosanna and their three children.

His enrolment brings the circle's membership to 38.

Martin Lodge



Oldest Middlesbrough Catenian Dennis Tate, circle president Chris Rhodes and newest member, Patrick Rutherford

Pope’s Teaching Is ‘Like A Map’

Deacon Vince Purcell gave Cleveland Newman Circle a stimulating talk on how we might best interpret Pope Francis’s teachings.

The pope wants the Church to be essentially missionary, practising “the art of accompaniment”, which heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.

Vince, who is the Diocese of Middlesbrough’s adult formation officer, asked what tools are best for this accompaniment and proposed that we choose between a map and a sat-nav.

He feels that Pope Francis teaches by giving us a map. Just like Jesus, the pope rarely states fixed laws. Instead, he describes situations whole, spread out like maps, encouraging us to develop navigation skills.

We need “a bearing” before we start, but then we appreciate that situations are never the same for everyone. The terrain suits some but not others – people’s talents and experiences vary and they have different fitness levels and carry different loads.

The sat-nav approach to teaching is different. There are precise instructions, “Do this”, “Go that way.” These instructions are not always trustworthy and reliance on them means people do not learn to make judgements.

A recent *dubia* letter from four cardinals asks the pope for yes or no answers to questions whose wording is open to interpretation. They reflect a reliance on a sat-nav approach to teaching.

In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis does not discuss theories for family life, but instead describes concrete situations. He understands “the law of gradualness” – that people can aspire to an ideal but be unable to achieve it immediately.

For families in difficulty, he advises that: “Since the degree of responsibility is not equal in all cases, the consequences or



Deacon Vince Purcell



effects of a rule need not necessarily always be the same” (AL 300).

The pope says the church has “been called to form consciences, not to replace them” (AL 37). In difficult pastoral situations, some people prefer being told what to do, but it may not be right for them to rely on authority.

Vince’s talk was both inspiring and exhilarating. He emphasised that the pope views the world through the lens of the Gospel, which empowers us to become mature disciples, not just people who “pay, pray and obey”. The pope’s maps, containing the Good News of God’s mercy, help us to navigate on our journey and the church accompanies us. Together we are the Pilgrim People.

Cleveland Newman Circle holds six talks a year, usually on Wednesdays, at 7.45pm in St Mary’s Cathedral Hall, Coulby Newham, TS8 0TW. For information email sandamerckx@btinternet.com or call 01642-316493.

Patricia Egerton



2019 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

PIETRELCINA & ASSISI EXPERIENCE

Wednesday October 2 – Sunday October 6

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

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA & SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Some Highlights:

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, would you 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 of £28 per night; travel insurance required and available for £29pp.

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NEWS

Czech Families Bring Easter Tradition

Families from the Czech Republic continued their Easter tradition by bringing gifts and foods to be blessed at St Joseph's, Middlesbrough. Czech members of the congregation brought Easter baskets containing family gifts and chocolate eggs, lamb, bread, meat and fat. The traditional Easter meal includes meat, especially minced meat, in combination with eggs.

Ian Stubbs



St Joseph's parish priest Father Dominic Minskip with families from the Czech Republic

Play Brings Healing Hope To Sick Children

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

Just before our centre for malnutrition was opened in Basankusu, we decided to keep one of our cat's three kittens. He followed me about and eventually became my kitten.

Unfortunately, he suddenly refused to eat. Try as I might, he clamped his mouth shut whenever I tried to feed him. Day by day, he became thinner. His brothers, whom we'd given away, were already feasting on mice and rats. Each day he'd come into my room, looking for somewhere to rest his bony frame. And after two weeks of not eating, he simply went to sleep and didn't wake up.

"This is what I'm going to see when I start feeding malnourished children," I told Father John. "If I'm upset about a cat dying, what am I going to do when it's a child who dies?"

"Focus on the positives," he replied. "You'll have some setbacks, but there will be even more

successes in your work."

And so it was. Over the years, around 40 children attending the centres have died. They'd either been brought along too late, or their parents refused to follow the programme. On the positive side, we've saved the lives of more than 2,000 children.

In the course of this work, we recently had a visit from a new doctor called Patrick who reminded us that play, and a positive attitude, can have a great effect on getting children better.

In the early days we'd received several children as companions of the sick children, usually relatives. They enjoyed singing, dancing and playing – and their actions could be infectious. Unfortunately, those children have since gone. We see the parents of the malnourished children as desperate, worried, often depressed. The children themselves sit, listless, staring into space, waiting for their food.

So even though it's not easy, we've been reinvigorated by Doctor Patrick's words. We've introduced some games and singing and encourage brothers and sisters to play during our feeding sessions – even if the poorly children can only watch.

June and July are our busiest months, with up to 70 children expected. It would be great if, as well as giving them nutritious food and medical attention, we could also raise their spirits a bit through singing and play.

As for my cat, I eventually got over it. A few weeks ago, centre manager, Judith, came along with a present for me. It was a new kitten.

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From the Archives



50 Years Ago

(From The Hull Catholic Magazine)

The new Primary School of St Charles' was formally opened by his Lordship Bishop McClean. A host of city dignitaries graced the occasion as well as many illustrious past pupils. Sir Leo Schultz paid a handsome compliment to the Catholic education planners for their foresight in fitting in so admirably with the city's Comprehensive Schools policy. No doubt it was because he too was conscious of belonging to a minority group that he gave unstinted praise to the church in Hull for its successful provision of Catholic education to its members. The opening of the school had a touch of nostalgia for Fr Arthur O'Connor because the school is sited on his birth-place.



90 Years Ago

(From The Middlesbrough Catholic Magazine, June 1929)

Messrs. Relph, 79, Borough Road, who carried out the funeral of Bishop Lacy, desire it to be known that they have a surplus quantity of wood from which the coffin was made, and that they are willing on request, to offer gratis a small piece of the same, as a relic, so far as the stock permits.

David Smallwood

Bishop Richard Lacy
(1841-1929)

NEWS

Baby Hospice Launches Care £29 Campaign

Zoë's Place Baby Hospice in Middlesbrough has launched a campaign to urge people to raise £29 each for a desperately ill child. That's the amount needed to provide one hour of specialist nursing care, as well as aromatherapy massage, light and music therapy for a Zoë's Place child suffering from a life-threatening or life-limiting illness.

In last month's *Voice* we reported how the hospice was appealing for donations to help it stay open seven days a week. Now general manager Mark Guidery Hospice is urging people to organise fundraising events.

"Whether a cake bake, sponsored walk or a coffee morning, £29 is a target we can all try to reach," he said. "Every event that takes place in aid of Care £29 takes us closer to reaching our £1.5m annual target to help our hospice stay open.

"Zoë's Place is part of our community and it is crucial that our supporters know we are prudent and careful with every penny donated. There are no extravagances and we always try to get value for money in everything we do."

For further information on Zoë's Place, visit zoes-place.org.uk/middlesbrough.



Zoë's Place Care £29 campaign will fund an hour of specialist care for a child suffering from a life-threatening or life-limiting illness

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

5	1998	Rev Cuthbert Kestell Cornish	London
6	1927	Rev William Strucken	Market Weighton
10	2017	Very Rev Canon Michael Davern	Hull
11	1995	Rev Arthur Stritch	Redcar
12	1925	Rev Vincent Calvert	Bridlington
12	2014	Rev Michael Lambe	Liverpool
13	1906	Rev Ian Stewart	Yarm
14	1922	Rev Richard Roche	North Ormesby
14	1939	Rev Christopher Flanagan	Marton
15	1981	Rev Denis Banks	Bedale
19	1881	Rev Charles O'Neil	Wycliffe
19	1906	Rev Matthew O'Donoghue	Grangetown
21	1995	Rt Rev Mgr William Carroll	Saltburn
21	1999	Rev Thomas Brophy	Middlesbrough
26	2014	Rev David Hynes	Middlesbrough



Father David Hynes, who served in parishes throughout the diocese, died on June 26 2014 at the age of 80. His funeral was held at St Mary's Cathedral and he is buried in Thorntree RC Cemetery.



Curia Says Farewell To Sue

Staff gathered to say a fond farewell to Sue Patterson as she retired after 14 years at the curial office in Middlesbrough.

She was presented with gifts including a set of garden furniture, a plant and a bottle of whiskey.

Sue worked in various roles, most recently in the property department, and she is pictured here on the right with property manager Sharon Westcough on the left.

We wish her a long and very happy retirement.

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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE 2019

4 Attends Education Sub-Group meeting at Ampleforth 10.00am

6 Attends Diocesan Safeguarding Commission Meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00am

8 Attends Diocesan Day on Missionary Disciples, Missionary Parish, Missionary Diocese at Lakeside Conference Centre, York 10.00am

9 Celebrates Mass of Pentecost at Middlesbrough Cathedral 10.00am

11 Attends meeting of Council of Priests at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 1.00pm

12 School Visit: All Saints, York 9.30am Celebrates confirmations for the Central Deanery at Our Lady's, Acomb 7.00pm

13 Attends CSAN AGM and Board Meeting in London 12.00noon

17 Attends meeting of Ushaw Board of Trustees at Hinsley Hall, Leeds 10.30 am

18 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am Celebrates confirmations for Northern Deanery at St Joseph & St Francis Xavier, Richmond 7.00pm

19 School Visit: St Paulinus VA Guisborough 9.30am Celebrates confirmations with the Polish Community at St Vincent, Hull 7.00pm

20 Celebrates Confirmations for the Coastal Deanery at St Paulinus, Guisborough 7.00 pm

24-28 Attends Diocesan Retreat for Diocesan Clergy at Ampleforth Abbey

1 Sat
10am York Catholic History Day, Bar Convent, 10am registration. Contact judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or 01904 704525.
11.30am Centering (Contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact Canon Lumley jl@rcdmidd.org.uk

2 Sun
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

3 Mon
10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group (10am for new meditators), St John of Beverley, Church. Contact: christian.meditation.beverley@gmail.com
7.30pm York Newman Circle, Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York AGM followed by lecture Dr Rik Van Nieuwenhove, University of Durham 'Saved by the Cross' – what can that possibly mean? A Thomist Answer (refreshments from 7pm)

4 Tues
7pm Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral chapel.
7pm-8.15pm Christian Meditation Group, St Andrew's, Teesville; contact terry-doyle@live.co.uk

5 Wed
12 noon Midday prayer/rosary. Prayer intention for June 'that we love and learn from one another.' Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB followed by refreshments
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for further details.

7 Fri
Events and articles for inclusion in the July Voice must be received by today.

9 Sun
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.
5pm Mass in the Malayalam language, St Thomas More Church, Beechwood, TS4 3EE, tel (01642) 818203 for details.
5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

11 Tues
12.45pm Hull & District's Catholic Women's Luncheon Club AGM, Kingston Theatre Hotel, 1-2 Kingston Square, Hull HU2 8DA (speaker will be Ms Alex Slater from Emmaus).
2-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.
7pm-8.15pm Christian Meditation Group, St Andrew's, Teesville; contact terry-doyle@live.co.uk

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

12 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
12 noon Midday prayer/rosary. Prayer intention for June 'that we love and learn from one another.' Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB followed by refreshments
2-3.30pm Music for the Mind, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW. All welcome, especially those with dementia, their friends and carers.

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

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.

14 Fri
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details.
7.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

15 Sat
11.30am Centering (Contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact Canon Lumley jl@rcdmidd.org.uk
7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance, (Michael Coyne); Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie on 01642 860227

16 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at Sacred Heart, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough TS5 6HA
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

Advance Notices

7 July – Postgate Rally, St Hedda, Egton Bridge and vocational walk (from Ugthorpe)
8-10 July Catholicism, Literature and the Arts II: Legacies and Revivals, hosted by Ushaw College and St Chad's College, Durham. Contact theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk or 0191 33 43952 for details
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.
Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World at St Peter's, St Joseph's & St Edward's Churches, Scarborough during the month of July 2019, with programme of talks, adoration and prayer. Phone 01723 360358 or email scarboroughcatholicparishes@gmail.com for info

NEWS IN BRIEF

Novena To Our Lady Of Perpetual Succour

St Andrew's Church in Fabian Road, Teesville, is holding nine weeks' devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The novena takes place every Thursday evening from 7pm and concludes on June 27, the great feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Parish priest Canon Michael Loughlin hopes different priests will lead the devotions

each week. Each novena lasts around 45 minutes concludes with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Everyone is welcome to go along and take their own needs and petitions for Our Lady, our compassionate mother and perpetual help.

Programme To Help Married Couples

A Retrouvaille programme for couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriages takes place in Welwyn Garden City from Friday June 7 to Sunday June 9. Although Catholic in origin, Retrouvaille is open to married couples of any faith or none. The programme is presented by trained volunteers who have benefited from the programme and want to pass it on to couples in need. The ministry says there is an 85% success rate for couples that attend the programme and both work at it, including those who have separated or already divorced but want to try again. Visit retrouvaille.org.uk for more information.

Clive and Kathy Jones

Walk Of Witness In York

St Aelred's, York, parishioners were joined by neighbouring churches for their annual Good Friday walk of witness.

The walkers began with Stations of the Cross in Church and then followed the cross provided by Reverend Andrew Clements, from St Thomas's Church, Osbaldwick.

One parishioner made bookmarks carrying an Easter greeting to be handed out to people they passed. Prayers and readings were led by representatives of the churches as the worshippers stopped outside local shops and then processed alongside the main road.

The walk culminated at St Hilda's Church, where parishioners kindly provided refreshments.

Charity Concert At The Cathedral

Tickets are on sale for "Sounding Brass and Voices" in St Mary's Cathedral organised by the Rotary Club of Cleveland in aid of educational charities operating in Africa. This gala charity concert features Cleveland Police and Community Band, the Dalesmen

Singers MVC and Castleton Ladies Singing for Pleasure and takes place on Friday June 21 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 (students £3). Email harrycollett678@icloud.com or call 01642 826232.

17 Mon

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18 Tues

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

22 Sat

11am-4pm Tudor Croft, Stokesley Road, Guisborough, TS14 8DL open garden (also Sunday 23rd)
12 noon Union of Catholic Mothers' AGM, St Peter's Scarborough, Mass at 12 noon followed by lunch and AGM

23 Sun

11am-4pm Tudor Croft, Stokesley Road, Guisborough, TS14 8DL open garden (also Saturday 22nd)
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
2pm Teams of Our Lady Teesside & North Yorkshire Annual Sector Mass and picnic, the Lady Chapel; further information www.ladychapel.org.uk/making-a-visit
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

27 Thurs

12 noon Our Lady of Perpetual Help (rosary only), Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

27 Thurs

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

28 Fri

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

30 Sun

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

Plaque Honours Victorian Cleric And Reformer

A heritage blue plaque has been unveiled at More House in the village of Heslington, York, to honour former resident the Reverend Sydney Smith (1771-1845), who was one of the foremost writers and social activists of the 19th century.

Since the 1970s, More House has been the base of the Catholic chaplaincy to the University of York, which the Diocese of Middlesbrough entrusted to the care of the British Province of Carmelites in 1995. The current chaplain, Carmelite friar Father Kevin Melody, was given the honour of unveiling the plaque.

Before its purchase by the Catholic Church, the beautiful Georgian building was owned by the Anglican Diocese of York, sometimes serving as the vicarage for the parish of St Paul. It was occupied by Anglican clergyman Smith between 1809 and 1814.

Smith rose to national prominence through his powerful preaching and his writings of great wit and insight in the press. He was a champion of causes including the abolition of child chimney sweeps, prison reform, the abolition of slavery and the repeal of laws designed to keep rural communities in poverty.

He is best remembered, however, for his efforts in support of Catholic Emancipation. Since the Reformation, Catholics had been treated as second-class citizens in England, denied the right to vote and stand for parliament and excluded from various professions.

Although not an advocate of all aspects of Catholic theology, Smith considered the prejudice against Catholics to be unjust,

illogical, and politically dangerous.

Writing under the pseudonym of Peter Plymley, he wrote a series of public letters ridiculing the opposition of the Established Church's country clergy to the rights of Catholics. These satirical pamphlets caused a sensation and paved the way for equal rights for Catholics in Britain.

Despite him using a pen name, rumours spread of Smith's authorship of the letters,

prompting the government to turn against him and depriving him of a bishopric. Smith's letters and sermons have been published in multiple editions.

The plaque describes Smith as: "Anglican Priest, Wit and Social Reformer who fought for Catholic Emancipation."

A prayer of thanksgiving for his life was led by the Catholic chaplain, Father Kevin Melody, before the plaque was blessed by

the Vicar of Heslington, Reverend Johannes Nobel.

The plaque was erected by York Civic Trust in collaboration with the Sydney Smith Association, which perpetuates the memory and achievements of this remarkable Victorian gentleman.

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Father Kevin Melody and Reverend Johannes Nobel on the left, with guests at the unveiling of a plaque in honour of Reverend Sydney Smith – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

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