

Bishop's Column

As we move closer to the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October, so designated by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, I would like to share the story of a very special man whose intercession I seek as each day begins.

Benedict Tshimangadzo Samuel Daswa was born on June 16 1946, in the village of Mbahe in the province of Limpopo, South Africa, in what is now the Diocese of Tzaneen. He died a martyr for the faith on February 2 1990, and was beatified on September 13 2015.

When Benedict became a Catholic, he understood that there were aspects of African culture, such as the widespread practice of witchcraft, magic, and ritual murder, which he could no longer accept. His position against these profound and obscure problems of his culture led him to pay the ultimate price of martyrdom. His brutal death by stoning and beating has made him a hero to all Christians in Africa and to all those throughout the world who struggle to be free from the slavery of sorcery. Benedict Daswa lived his Christian vocation with contentment and enthusiasm, but at the same time with modesty and humility, as shown by his Christian witness in various areas of his life.

Between November 1989 and January 1990, flooding struck the village where Benedict lived with his family. On January 25 1990, during a storm, the roofs of some huts were struck by lightning and caught fire. It was widely believed that when lightning struck a house, it was caused by a person who was a sorcerer. According to traditional culture, sorcerers had to be captured and killed, as well as anyone who protected them, because they posed a threat to society. Benedict was aware of the growing pressure against him. So the following Sunday, the village leader called a council meeting to address the issue. Benedict had not yet arrived when it was decided that some members of the community would have to consult a sangoma in order to find the sorcerer who had sent the lightning. But first they would have to raise the money needed to pay for it. When Benedict arrived, he immediately tried to change their minds, pointing out that their decision would lead to the death of innocent people. The meeting ended with their firm resolve and Benedict's refusal to collaborate. His enemies gathered a group of young people and adults to kill him. Friday February 2 1990, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, became a feast day for Benedict Daswa's entry into paradise.

The example he offered through his daily life – as a lay person, a family man, a diligent catechist, and a thoughtful teacher – is what many South Africans today consider the most significant legacy of his life: not against their culture, but for the good of their culture and that of every culture and nation.

Blessed Benedict Daswa –
Pray for us!

Yours in blessed hope,

+ Tony

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Rally Pilgrims Honour Blessed Nicholas Postgate

Pilgrims came from all over the diocese to the annual Postgate Rally in honour of the English and Welsh Martyrs and Blessed Nicholas Postgate.

The rally takes place in Egton Bridge and

Ugthorpe in alternate years and this time was held at Egton Bridge.

Bishop Terry was the preacher and principal celebrant at the Mass, assisted by ten priests.

Pilgrims came from Beverley, Scarborough and Middlesbrough as well as surrounding

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This little pilgrim is desperate to share the sign of peace – but will he get his way?

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villages and members of the Madonna House community at Robin Hood's Bay.

Forty-three people took part in the Walk for Vocations from St Anne's Church, Ugthorpe, to St Hedda's Church, Egton Bridge, ahead of the rally, praying for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese along the way.

Known as the Martyr of the Moors, Blessed Nicholas lived from 1596 or 1597 to August 6 1679, when he was executed on the Knavesmire in York as part of the anti-Catholic persecution in England at that time.

He is one of the 85 English Catholic Martyrs of England and Wales beatified by Pope St John Paul II in November 1987.

Photos by Johan Bergström-Allen



Of course he got his sign of peace. Who could refuse?



Deacon Peter Taylor reads the Gospel



Bishop Terry appears to be checking for rain during his homily



Clergy on the altar at Egton Bridge

New Statue Watches Over St Peter's

The parish centre at St Peter's in Castle Road, Scarborough, now includes a special Grotto area featuring a statue of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

The statue shows Our Lady with a devotional medal, the design of which was based on St Catherine Labouré's apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in France in 1830.

It was blessed by Canon Eddie Gubbins on the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. He was assisted by Father Albert Schembri, who gave a detailed history of the devotional medal.

The statue is the latest of a series of changes that have transformed the parish centre in recent months.

Bernard Wilkins



Canon Eddie Gubbins, Father Albert Schembri and members of the congregation with the statue – Photo by Bernard Wilkins



Bishop Terry ordained Brother Henry O'Connell to the diaconate in a service at St Wilfrid's, York, on Saturday July 6 – Photos by Lars Karlsson



The 'Astonishing Success' Of Pauline-Marie's Humble Idea



Pauline-Marie Jaricot

CANON MICHAEL LOUGHLIN continues our series of articles in preparation for Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019...

Last month I wrote about the Society of St Peter the Apostle and the wonderful work it does to help train priests in the developing world. It is a work we can help with. Its founder was Jeanne Bigard.

This month I would like to focus on the work of another extraordinary woman – Pauline-Marie Jaricot (1799-1862).

Pauline came from Lyon. Her brother, Phileas – good name – wanted to become a missionary to China. Pauline, though a young girl at the time, said she wanted to go too and help care for the poor and sick and look after the flowers

on the altar!

From such kind intentions, an international society was to grow and 60 years after her death became the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pauline had been in a prayer group and she got the others to find ten new members who would pray and offer a penny a week for the evangelisation of the world.

The idea was simple – to pray and collect funds, creating a network of personal

relationships. It was an astonishing success. Our red mission boxes originate with Pauline Jaricot.

As we look forward to the Extraordinary Mission Month, it is encouraging to see how small beginnings have such great results.

Many thanks to all who contribute to the missions and who knew that this great work was the result of the initiative of an ordinary dedicated Catholic who lived in Lyon just after the French Revolution.

Prayer For 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.



The four Altar Servers at Our Lady and St Edward's Church in Driffild were enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and presented with their medals during our Sunday Mass. It was a lovely service led by Father David White and Deacon Bill Adlington, which gave the parish the opportunity to thank servers Natalie and Jodie Lidster and Thomas and Oliver Harrington for their service to God and our parish community.

Julia Lidster

How To Live Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019



Pope Francis has specified four dimensions to help us live the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019.

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer.
2. Testimony: Missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world.
3. Missionary formation: Biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological.
4. Missionary charity.

No End In Sight To Knights Appeal

Knights of St Columba in Middlesbrough have collected an estimated 10,000 pairs of unwanted spectacles over the last decade – and they're not finished yet!

The glasses used to be sorted and graded by Vision Aid Overseas and then sent out to developing countries to be distributed to those in need.



George Metcalfe with some of the glasses he has collected

However, the charity has now achieved its long-term goal of training people in the areas they work in to carry out eye tests and then manufacture spectacles locally.

That means the glasses collected by KSC Council 29 are now put to a different use and are recycled within the UK, with the money raised still funding Vision Aid's vital work helping some of the world's poorest people to see clearly.

“Most of the spectacles we sent to Vision Aid are now dismantled and the component parts are recycled,” explained former Council 29 grand knight George Metcalfe, who runs the appeal.

“Precious metals are extracted from some of the spectacles, which are then sold to raise funds. There is also a constant demand for retro spectacle frames, and dealers buy these from Vision Aid.

“The money raised is used to help support the work of the eye clinics that have been established. Father Tom O'Neill has told me how important this work is, as he saw the benefits when he was in Africa.”

Many parishes have a box at the back of church where people can leave specs for the appeal. If you have any glasses to donate, call George on 01287 633772.

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The Fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary
The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

If you have been following the Rosary with your beads, you will now be on the last ten beads. Close your eyes and imagine what it was like after Our Lady was taken up to God. Jesus crowned her Queen of Heaven, and all the angels and saints asked her to be their queen too. My favourite title for Mary is “Queen of Peace”. When you have finished saying your decade of the Rosary, draw a picture of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven.



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Brother Guy, director of the Vatican Observatory and president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, studies meteorites and asteroids and has written six popular astronomy books and more than 200 scientific publications.

He will give his main lecture in York Minster on Wednesday August 21 at 7pm. Earlier in the day, at 2.30pm, he will give a family talk at York St John University.

The annual free series of talks in York is an ecumenical project jointly organised by York Minster, York St John University, the Order of Carmelites, the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church and the C & JB Morrell Trust

It aims to promote a conversation between theology and public issues and contribute to the creation of personal and collective decision making in economic, political and social spheres.

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SCHOOLS

South Bank School Celebrates Its Patron

The school community at St Peter's Catholic College in South Bank, Middlesbrough, came together to celebrate the life of their patron saint.

Canon John Lumley celebrated Mass at St Peter's Church and pupils were also given the opportunity to explore and learn about the history of the church.

Liturgies for every year group focused on

St Peter's contribution to the early Church and Christ's importance in our own lives.

Other activities throughout the day included decorating stones for a prayer garden, making rocky roads with the catering department, animation classes, values workshop and sporting activities. Pupils also had time to enjoy a celebratory ice cream.



St Patrick's children with their certificates at the Lady Chapel

St Pat's Become Friends Of The Lady Chapel

First Holy Communion children from St Patrick's Primary School in Thornaby went on retreat to the Lady Chapel in Osmotherley as part of their celebrations.

The school has also become the first in the diocese to join the Friends of the Lady Chapel, which is also open to families and individuals.

Members are united in the spirituality of the Lady Chapel through an annual Mass and daily prayers and also receive newsletters and invitations to events. They make an annual donation of their

choice. Visit ladychapel.org.uk/friends for more information.

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

Want to be in the *Catholic Voice* like St Pat's? Then join the Friends of the Lady Chapel and send us a picture of your group visiting the shrine!



We would like to thank these schools for always supporting the paper. If your school would like to do the same please contact Charlotte on 07932 248225 or 01440 730399 or email charlotter@cathcom.org to book your advert

Education Sunday will take place on Sunday 8th September 2019.

It is a day of Celebration for all those involved in Education.

It is an opportunity for Schools and Parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic Schools.

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A Letter From Madonna House Exquisite

On June 10, the day on which the Church celebrated Mary as Mother of the Church, I was considering Our Lady and the women in my life, struck by a characteristic that I see in all vital femininity.



Though not exclusive to women, this quality seems to be theirs in a unique way. It is the radiant though unassuming quality of *receptivity*.

Receptivity as *trust* – when the morning sun shines through the mist as we drive to Mass over the moors, my Madonna House sisters read in the scene a message from God. They receive the gift. They take it personally and their faces beam.

When we receive a donation of groceries because someone was inspired to think of us and call, I often hear the exclamation from the kitchen, “God loves us so much!”

In view of God’s gift and his plans for her, Mary received and responded, “The Almighty has done great things for me!” (Luke 1:46-55).

In a similar spirit, the soul that can receive declares, “I am *made* by God! He gives me my identity. He has plans for me!”

This contrasts with the sombre attitude of “I’m self-made” or “I have my own plans.” That rather is the voice of one unaffirmed in being and identity and in this, all of us have need of healing.

When the receptivity of *trust* is present, there comes forth also the receptivity of *hospitality of heart*. We can imagine a mother before her unsteady toddler. Rather than going right to the child, she may squat and wait.

From her facial expression and her body, she sends a message of both welcome and delight, “That’s it!” she says “Come on! You’re doing it!”

The child sees the embrace that’s awaiting him or her and, however clumsily, moves quickly, urged on by the mother’s delight in them before being gathered into her arms. To the child, she is exquisite in the hugeness of her receptivity.

Like Mary’s receptivity to God in her womb, she receives us too into her care (Rev 12:17) and teaches us trusting receptivity to God, to his mercy and to his plan for our good. Does this all mean that a woman who feels deficient in the realm of receptivity is not really woman? She may have her defences up...closed.

Perhaps her trust has been wounded or she is protecting herself from more rejection. She *is* indeed woman, though she is somewhat stifled. Yet with every measure of healing from the Lord, she regains her capacity to live *from* the God-given womanly identity that is hers.

We are all called toward the perfection of receptivity. May the fully alive woman, Mary, teach us how to be before God and how to welcome Christ in each person we meet.

Father Brian Christie

*The Madonna House Community is in urgent need of a fridge-freezer. If anyone can help out, please call them on 01947 880169.



Gordon Mills and family with some of our helpers

Our ‘Amazing’ Lourdes Family

Lourdes was always going to be an emotional time for us this year after losing Mam in January. This was why we all chose to go to Lourdes as a family, to support one another, and Dad.

When Dad became ill in Lourdes this year, it completely bowled us over – we just didn’t expect it. But with the incredible support from our Lourdes family, we coped...together.

I just can’t thank everyone enough. The doctors, nurses, handmaids and brancs were amazing and totally stepped up to make sure that not only was my dad given the best care possible, we, the rest of the family, were looked after also.

People made sure someone was on hand at all times.

We were made to rest and have breaks, safe in the knowledge that others were sitting with Dad – holding his hand and chatting to him.

Special thanks go out to those who made it possible for Dad to be taken to the Grotto when he and we needed it most. This was a truly moving moment and one we will always treasure in our memories.

I have always known that Lourdes was a special place and it brings out the best in us all. The dedication and commitment I saw in people, knowing that nothing was too much bother and the people who

gave up their time willingly, was incredible.

I know wholeheartedly that Our Blessed Lady was working through each and every one of you. So once again, “Thank you”. You carried us as a family throughout the week. You made us feel like we were very much at the heart of the Lourdes family. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for you all.

Sharon McIntyre

• Sadly, Gordon died on the morning of Thursday July 18, shortly before we went to press. His family asked us to go ahead with publishing this article. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for him.

Giving Thanks For A Wonderful Week

Thanksgiving Masses for our 2019 pilgrimage have been celebrated in both St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough, and at St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull.

It was wonderful to see so many pilgrims at both celebrations and great catching up over a cup of tea afterwards.

At the cathedral celebration, Keith thanked Monsignor Gerard

Robinson for his 19 years of service and commitment to the director of liturgy for our pilgrimage.

Bishop Terry has appointed Father Philip Cunnah as Monsignor Gerard’s successor in the role.

Chris Tillotson



Pilgrimage director Keith Tillotson with department heads Chris Tillotson, Audrey Kirby, Paddy O’Neill and Tony Kirk and Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen, third from left, who dropped into the airport to see us off to Lourdes

Events Support The World's Poorest

It was good to see some volunteers and supporters at recent CAFOD events held in Manchester and London in June.

The No-one Beyond Reach event was an opportunity to meet our new director Christine Allen and learn more about CAFOD's work and how much the support of our diocesan churches and schools is key to enabling us to respond to the needs of some of the poorest people in the world.

Participants were given a presentation by members of CAFOD's international staff, who pitched proposals for three different projects that need funding. They then voted for the one they thought should be backed.

They were visibly shocked to learn that the most popular project was the one in three we are unable to fund. To address this anomaly, we are trying to extend our reach to those people in our parish communities who know about CAFOD but don't currently engage with us. This is something we are working on.

The Time is Now lobby of MPs was a remarkable event that involved more than 15,000 people travelling to speak to their representatives and ask them to ensure the promise made by Teresa May to commit the UK government to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 is acted upon, by agreeing policies and securing funding to deliver it.

I met Paul Williams, the MP for Stockton South, who agreed with our requests and demonstrated a wide understanding of the political actions that will be required to deliver it, as well as the causes contributing to climate change.

Afterwards, he spoke to CAFOD partner José Batista Gonçalves Afonso, a land rights' lawyer who works defending landless people in Marabá in Pará State, Brazil. This state is the epicentre of deforestation and land conflict in the Brazilian Amazon, which acts as the world's natural defence against the human actions that are heating up our planet.

"In May we saw the highest rate of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon since current recording methods began and in January 2019 there was a reported 54 per cent increase in deforestation compared with January 2018," he said.

"My family moved to Pará state as landless migrants when I was nine. During my lifetime, the climate here has changed dramatically, in part due to the burning and deforestation of the forest.

"Today this is totally out of control. Since the paving of the Brasília-Belém highway in 1974, around 70 per cent of Pará's forests have been removed, mainly for monocultures of soya and cattle ranching.

"Environmental crimes devastating areas

equivalent in size to several European countries have left a trail of extreme violence towards human rights' defenders and rural workers who struggle for land rights in the region.

"The organisation I work for – CPT (Pastoral Land Commission) – has registered more than 900 murders in Pará alone in the last five decades. Behind this lies a model of economic development imposed by the state, which prioritises logging, cattle ranching, mining and more recently, production of grains such as soya.

"I accompany legal cases to try to bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice. One such case is that of José Claudio Ribeiro da Silva and Maria do Espírito Santo, a couple who lived in a nearby municipality, Nova Ipixuna.

"We helped the farmers there, coordinated by José Claudio and Maria, to create a 22,000-hectare forested settlement in the south-east of Pará with an abundance of native species such as Brazil nut, açaí and others, all of which protect the soil and water sources.

"There was a lot of pressure from loggers who wanted to acquire the valuable wood and growing pressure from ranchers who were trying to expand their operations into the area.

"The couple became role models for others who sought to protect the integrity of the forest, but over time, death threats arrived and steadily increased. For years we supported them in alerting the authorities to the threats and to the environmental crimes in the forest. But the state did little in response."

In 2011, José Claudio and Maria were murdered. José Batista helped secure the convictions of two of the men who carried out the crime and one of those who ordered the killings. However, even though they were condemned to long jail sentences, they are still free.

"I've also been supporting families that survived the Pau D'Arco massacre, where ten landless rural workers were killed by the police," said José Batista. "It's been a long struggle for justice and for a third time the families are facing eviction, due to a failure of the government to provide adequate funding, which would guarantee this community a secure place to call home."

Currently, 2,000 families from 12 communities are facing eviction orders and it is likely this situation will worsen, potentially affecting 160 communities that do not have land rights in the region.

"The lesson must be that the fight against climate change has a dangerous and brutal front line. That's why during my trip to Europe I'm working with CAFOD to ask the

UK government to do more to protect human rights defenders who challenge large-scale investment projects, and demonstrate that it is serious about meeting commitments on business and human rights, as part of its new climate pledge.

"We are also calling for individuals to act, addressing lifestyle choices such as choosing

to not eat meat exported from conflict lands in the Amazon and calling on the Brazilian government to fulfil its commitment under the Paris agreement on climate change and to support the Vatican Synod on Amazonia, starting in October."

Carol Cross, Community Participation Coordinator



Batista, left, talks to Stockton South MP Paul Williams
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Sun Shines On Catholic Cup Footballers



More than 600 pupils from 39 primary schools across the Diocese of Middlesbrough took part in this year's Catholic Cup in glorious sunshine at Trinity College, Middlesbrough.

Around 1,000 teachers, parents and families also came along to cheer the players on. "Befitting of the Feast of St Peter and Paul, the tournament had a real sense of faith in action and community spirit," said organiser Paul Conway, head teacher at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe. "The games were played in a competitive but fair manner and it was a very uplifting day, enjoyed by all the children and their families."



The crowd roar their encouragement as St Thérèse, Ingelby Barwick, take on St John of Beverley

There were separate tournaments for large and small schools, who played a series of group games in the morning, with the winners progressing to the knock-out stages later in the day. St Patrick's, Thornaby, pulled off an impressive double in both boys' and girls' tournaments, which were also victories for St Aelred's, York, and St Thérèse of Lisieux, Ingelby Barwick. As well as medals for the winners and runners up, all participating children received a commemorative tournament medal. Other awards included best banner and most original pennant competitions and fair play trophies. Launched by Tony McAvoy in 1997, the tournament has established itself as the highlight of the sporting calendar for Catholic primary schools in the diocese. "Many thanks to Trinity Catholic College for hosting the event and to the tournament organising committee, the Knights of St Columba for marshalling the parking, the referees, including many Trinity students," added Paul. Thanks also go to sponsors the Mike McCullagh Memorial Trust Fund, Carey's Personal Credit, the Knights of St Columba, the Catenians in Hull, Middlesbrough, York and Yarm, Minster Cleaning Services, Marie Kilgallon Associates Ltd (Phonics and Primary Literacy) and John Shipley Property Maintenance. **Small schools' girls' final:** St Thérèse of Lisieux, Ingelby Barwick 0, St Aelred's, York 2 **Large schools' girls' final:** St Edward's, Middlesbrough 0 St Patrick's, Thornaby 2 **Small schools' boys' final:** St George, York 0, St Thérèse of Lisieux, Ingelby Barwick 2 **Large schools boys' final:** St Patrick's, Thornaby 0, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, York 0 (St Patrick's won 4-3 on penalties) **Best Banner:** St Alphonsus, Middlesbrough **Best Pennant:** Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough **Fair Play Girls:** St Wilfrid's, York **Fair Play Boys:** St Richard's, Hull **Mike McCullagh Memorial Cup:** St Pius, Middlesbrough



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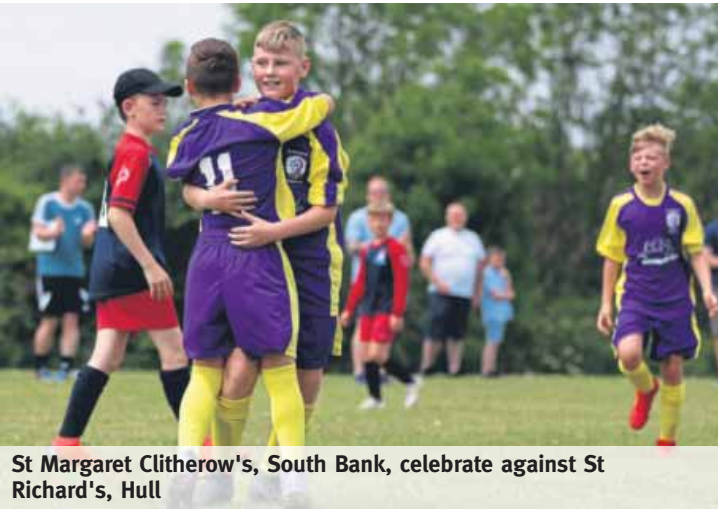
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The Corpus Christi, Middlesbrough, keeper saves from St Joseph's, Pickering



St Margaret Clitherow's, South Bank, celebrate against St Richard's, Hull



St Richard's, Hull, score against St Margaret Clitherow's, South Bank



A St Gabriel's, Middlesbrough, player clears against St Paulinus, Guisborough



It's agony: St Wilfrid's, York A on the attack against St Patrick's, Thornaby A

CATHOLIC CUP



Small schools' girls' runners-up St Thérèse, Ingleby Barwick



Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough, won the most original pennant award



St Wilfrid's, York, with the fair play award



Small schools' boys' winners St Thérèse, Ingleby Barwick



Large schools' boys' winners St Patrick's, Thornaby



Large schools' boys' runners-up Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, York



No way through in the York derby: The St Mary Queen of Martyrs' keeper saves from St Wilfrid's



Small schools' boys' runners-up St George's, York



We did it! Small girls' schools' winner St Aelred's, York



St Mary Queen of Martyrs, York, celebrate



Large schools' girls' winners, St Patrick's, Thornaby



Large schools' girls' runners-up, St Edward's, Middlesbrough



My ball! A St Mary & St Joseph, Pocklington, player locks horns with his St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, opponent

NEWS

Parishioners Urged To Become Dementia Champions

In the latest of our regular series focusing on some of the groups that form Caritas Middlesbrough and are engaged in social outreach, DOT FELLOWES tells us about the Music for the Mind sessions at St Mary's Cathedral hall and how all parishes can become more dementia friendly...

Dementia causes the cells of the brain to die more quickly than in normal ageing, leading to a general decline in a person's abilities.

Individuals may be more forgetful of recent events and muddled about time and place and have difficulty carrying out familiar tasks. Behaviour may be challenging or unusual.

There are 850,000 people living with dementia and 700,000 friends and family caring for them. We all need to work towards being more dementia friendly, so that everyone feels they are not just included in parish life, but they truly belong.

What you can do...

1. Hold a dementia awareness session.

These sessions help parishioners think about how they turn understanding and awareness of dementia into action. They could be offered to the whole parish or initially to an SVP meeting or similar gathering. Contact Chris Tinkler on 01642 710179 or christine.tinkler@gmail.com or Dot Fellowes on 01642 714274 or dorothy.fellowes@hotmail.co.uk.

2. Aim to have one dementia champion in each church.

Champions can then run their own awareness sessions and ensure that Eucharistic ministers, SVP and bereavement group members, deacons and clergy are all dementia friendly. Free one-day Champions' training is offered by the Alzheimer's Society – see dementiafriends.org.uk for more details and resources.

3. Plan to become a dementia-friendly parish.

To achieve this you need to complete a short form and an action plan. Your parish may well be doing many of the actions already. Dot and Chris have the Middlesbrough forms to share. The action plan is submitted to the local Dementia Action Alliance by email or post and you are then eligible to display the daisy symbol in your church and on literature.

St Mary's Cathedral and St Joseph's, Stokesley, are the first parishes in the diocese to be recognised as working towards becoming dementia-friendly churches. Champions are needed to reach our churches in Hull and York.

4. Organise a monthly Mass for those living with memory loss and their carers, family and friends, followed by a light lunch or afternoon tea.

5. Offer music sessions for those living with or without memory loss, with tea, coffee and cake.

Our monthly session takes place in the cathedral hall on the second Wednesday of

each month from 2pm to 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Why not set up a session in your own parish?



A Music for the Mind session at the cathedral

Sunday August 18

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

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From the Archives

50 Years Ago

(From Hull Catholic Magazine, August 1969)

Notes from Teesside

We were blessed with the traditional fine weather for the Annual Corpus Christi Procession and there was the usual turn out. The police co-operated to make all go smoothly, the only hold up being to allow an ambulance through on an emergency call. One notable absentee this year was Mgr. Provost McMullen – due to illness he missed this procession for the first time. He has walked in every previous procession beginning in 1925. At the time of writing he is in hospital in Middlesbrough – may he soon be restored to full health.

100 Years Ago

(From the Log Book of SS Peter & Paul School, Leyburn, August 9 1919)

School re-opens today. The Registers have not been marked as only 14 children were present. Owing to the continual rain during holiday time the hay-making had been postponed to this week & in consequence nearly all the parents were glad of the children's help. The Rev. Manager decided to close the school for a further week's holiday and gave instructions for the dismissal of the children.

David Smallwood

Confirmations For Six York Churches

Bishop Terry confirmed candidates from the York churches of English Martyrs, St George's, St Paulinus, St Margaret Clitherow, St Wilfrid and hosts Our Lady's, Acomb. He is pictured here with the candidates – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

Tributes To 'Little Nun With The White Trainers'

Sister Monica O'Mahony joined the Order of the Sisters of Mercy in 1947 and spent 72 years ministering, befriending and genuinely caring for everyone she met.

She came to live in the convent in Hornsea in 2007 and soon became a loved and respected member of our community. Instantly recognised by her trademark white trainers, she walked everywhere and would be seen out and about the town every day, often refusing offers of transport even in the foulest weather.

In 2012 Sister Monica returned to Broughton Hall in Liverpool, but her failing health brought her back to the Mercy Convent in Hull last year, where she received the very best care possible and remained fiercely independent right up to the moment God took her home, on May 10 2019.

Requiem Masses celebrated in Hull and Liverpool were well attended by family, fellow sisters and friends, before Sister Monica was laid to rest in the sisters' cemetery in Old Swan, Liverpool.

At Sister Monica's insistence, a meal – not a snack – was provided for those who attended the funeral, absolutely typical of her thoughtfulness and caring, fuelled by her unfailing faith and love of God.

Parishioners extend a warm invitation to anyone who would like to attend a memorial Mass for Sister Monica at the Sacred Heart Church, Hornsea, at 7pm, on Tuesday September 10. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall and an opportunity to share memories of a truly remarkable and well-loved sister. A memorial Mass was also celebrated in her native Leap, County Cork.



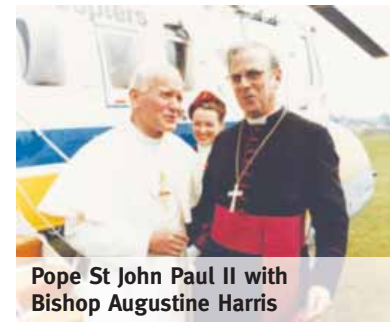
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Margaret White

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

1	1938	Rev Gerard Collingwood	Middlesbrough
2	1977	Very Rev Canon Bernard Lovelady	Thorpe Thewles
3	1913	Very Rev Canon James Dolan	Scarborough
3	1945	Very Rev Canon Lawrence Doherty	Yarm
5	1947	Rev George Walsh	Market Weighton
6	1974	Rev Eugene Kennedy	Hayton
7	1994	Rev Francis Hack	York
8	1958	Very Rev Canon Thomas Wright	Whitby
10	1958	Very Rev Canon Thomas Wilson	Egton Bridge
11	2010	Rev J Anthony Barry	Middlesbrough
13	1924	Rev John Moore	York
13	1989	Rt Rev Mgr Patrick McEnroe	Mount Nugent
17	1918	Very Rev Canon Francis Callebert	Egton Bridge
20	1981	Canon Patrick McAniff	Malton
20	1985	Rev Geoffrey Power	Waterford
20	2011	Rev Daniel Cahill	Whitby
21	1936	Very Rev Canon Patrick Macken	Hull
21	1899	Very Rev Canon William Arnold	Brough Park
21	2005	Very Rev Canon John Mortell	Haxby
25	2008	Rev Peter Coleman	Whitby
26	1921	Very Rev Canon Thomas Murphy	Hull
27	1881	Rt Rev Provost Joseph Render	York
27	1944	Rev William Storey	Barnard Castle
27	1978	Rt Rev John Gerard McClean	Fourth Bishop of Middlesbrough
30	2007	Rt Rev Augustine Harris	Fifth Bishop of Middlesbrough



Pope St John Paul II with Bishop Augustine Harris

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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST 2019

18 Attends Annual Diocesan Assumption Pilgrimage at the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley. Rosary is at 2.30pm, Mass 3pm

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

4 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
3pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Thomas More Church Beechwood, Middlesbrough TS4 3EE. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

7 Wed
12 noon Midday prayer/prayer intention for August – 'for those who suffer with dementia/mental health issues and all who care for them.' Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB. Followed by refreshments.

11 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 Welcome. This

month's Mass will be followed by a picnic.
5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN (01482) 898338
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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2-3.30pm 'Music for the Mind', St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, particularly those with dementia, their carers, families and friends.

18 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Assumption Pilgrimage at the Lady Chapel, 2.30pm rosary, 3pm Mass. Note the pilgrimage has changed from 11 to 18 August.
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September Voice is available from churches.

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27 Tues
2.30pm Vatican Astronomer, Guy Consolmagno, gives a 'family event' talk at York St John University
7.30pm Brother Guy gives the Ebor Lecture at York Minster See www.yorks.ac.uk/events-calendar/events/ebor-lecture-series

28 Wed
12 noon Midday prayer/prayer intention for August – 'for those who suffer with dementia/mental health issues and all who care for them.' Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB. Followed by refreshments.

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NEWS

A Pilgrimage To ‘England’s Nazareth’

The Walsingham story began in 1061, when Our Lady appeared to an East Anglian woman called Richeldis and asked her to build a replica of the Holy Family’s house at Nazareth.

The shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham soon became one of the greatest places of pilgrimage in the medieval world. The town was known as “England’s Nazareth” and devotion to Our Lady spread so widely throughout the country that England itself came to be known as the “Dowry of Mary”. Almost 1,000 years later, many people

continue the tradition of going to Walsingham and an annual pilgrimage has become an important part of our diocesan calendar. Bishop Terry will lead this year’s pilgrimage over the weekend of October 26 and 27. The cost will be £90 per person, which includes transport to and from Walsingham, an evening meal on Saturday, overnight accommodation at Elmham House and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Sixty-six places have been reserved, mostly in double/twin rooms, but some single

rooms are available and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Some en suite accommodation is also available at an extra cost of £14.50 per person. You are warmly invited to take part in this pilgrimage and to pray that the Lord may always be at the centre of our national life. Please see the advert on page 15 or contact Sharron Driver at the Curial Office (01642 850505) for more information or to book a place.

York’s Pearl Author Presents New Edition

Author John Rayne-Davis will give a presentation on the new edition of his popular book about St Margaret Clitherow at St Thomas More Church Hall in Middlesbrough on Wednesday September 4 at 7.30pm. The forewords to *St Margaret Clitherow, York’s Pearl* have been written by Bishop Terry, who will attend the presentation, and Catholic public figure David Alton. The book, which will be on sale on the night, has been jointly written with John’s wife Wendy, who is responsible for much of the research. All are welcome.

Papal Blessing For Jubilarians

Sisters Ann Parker and Joan Agnes Starr of the Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters in York celebrated the diamond jubilees of their religious profession with a Mass at St George’s Church in York. The celebration was also an opportunity for the local Church to thank God for the active apostolate of the Corpus Christi Carmelites in York since 1995. During that time, the sisters have served in parish ministry, in chaplaincy work at Askham Grange Prison and at the University of York, in ecumenical collaboration, in praying and campaigning for peace and justice and supporting development projects in Liberia. The jubilarians were presented with gifts and a papal blessing. **Johan Bergström-Allen**

UCM Gathers For Annual Meeting

St Peter’s, Scarborough, hosted the Diocese of Middlesbrough Union of Catholic Mothers’ annual meeting. Mass was concelebrated by Canon Eddie Gubbins and Father Bill Serplus, diocesan spiritual advisor to the UCM, and afterwards we enjoyed lunch in the parish centre. There is only one change of officer this year and we are delighted that Theophila Serernain from the St Charles Borromeo foundation in Hull has agreed to be Justice and Peace officer. Members were reminded that the 60th anniversary of the UCM in our diocese is in November and next year is the 75th anniversary of the UCM pilgrimage to Walsingham. Middlesbrough delegates also attended the national council and AGM in Derbyshire, where an illustrated talk was given by delegates who attended the World Conference of the World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations (WUCWO) in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh and one of the world’s most densely populated cities. **Kath Stubbs**



Rosemary Gunn, Bernadette Evans, Jean Rigg, Kath Stubbs, Barbara Cookson and diocesan spiritual advisor to the UCM Father Bill Serplus at the UCM’s AGM in Derbyshire

NATIONAL NEWS

Teachers Who Tackle The Big Questions


Exploring the big questions in life is the motivation for nine out of ten Religious Education teachers, according to research conducted as part of the Beyond the Ordinary campaign to attract graduates to train in the subject. The study also found that 60 per cent of teachers draw inspiration from discussing issues that are in the news on a daily basis and that they are contributing to a better society. Teacher training courses are open to graduates from a range of academic disciplines and from diverse backgrounds. Successful candidates can benefit from a bursary of up to £9,000 a year while they study. For more information visit teachre.co.uk/beyondtheordinary.

Pope Announces Newman Canonisation Date

Blessed John Henry Newman will become the first English person who has lived since the 17th century to be officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church when he is canonised on Sunday October 13. Newman (1801-1890) was ordained as a Church of England priest and became the leader of the Oxford Movement but converted to Catholicism in 1845. He was later made a cardinal. When he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets of Birmingham for his funeral and he is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century. The cause for his sainthood was opened in 1958 and he was declared Venerable by Pope St John Paul II in 1991 after his life of “heroic virtue” was recognised. Pope Benedict XVI declared him Blessed during his visit to Britain in 2010. The canonisation was made possible by a second miracle attributed to his intercession, the medically inexplicable healing of a woman with life-threatening complications due to her pregnancy. The cure took place in Chicago in May 2013. After an initial investigation by the Archdiocese of Chicago, it was submitted to the Holy See last year and approved by Pope Francis in February. For information about Cardinal Newman visit newmancanonisation.com.

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NEWS

Diocese Says Farewell To Deacon Vince

Staff at the curial office said a fond farewell to Deacon Vince Purcell as he left the diocese after seven years.

Vince, who is a deacon in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle, initially came here in November 2011 on a nine-month contract working with adult formation. He ended up staying ever since, adding responsibility for evangelisation to his role.

“I came here at a good time,” said Vince, who was previously on the senior management staff at Ushaw College.

“Pope Benedict’s Year of Faith initiative in 2012-13 lent an easy focus to adult formation, and also in 2013 Pope Francis published the Joy of the Gospel, which was like a job description for evangelisation.”

As well as continuing to develop his links with Ushaw, Vince will be able to spend more time with his family, including his wife Christine and their first grandchild, Jonny, who is coming up to six months’ old.

“I’ve been really glad to work here but it’s the right time to go and I’m looking forward to doing less driving – that’s one thing I’m definitely not going to miss!



Deacon Vince Purcell says goodbye to his colleagues at the curial office

Vicar General Monsignor Gerard Robinson said: “My thanks to Vince for the time he has been with the diocese. He has certainly helped in the development of evangelisation and also spiritual formation.

“I hope he now enjoys his well earned retirement with his family. I don’t hold it against him that he supports Sunderland!”

Vince added: “I left in the same week as Rafa Benitez departed from Newcastle but there’s no truth in the rumour that I’m replacing him as a secret agent!” Vince is based in Sedgefield at the Parish of Blessed Edmund Duke, which is part of the Finkle Partnership of 11 churches.

Generous Knights Light Up Historic Yorkshire Chapel

York Knights of St Columba have donated floodlighting for the Church of England chapel of St Chad in the village of Sproxtun, near Helmsley, North Yorkshire.

The church was originally built around a mile away in the mid-1640s and moved stone by stone to the present site in 1879.

Designed by George Gilbert Scott Jr and Temple Moore, it stands on the crest of a slope at the edge of the village and can be seen for miles around, especially on the road from Sutton Bank to Helmsley.

We donated the lighting primarily in the spirit of ecumenical togetherness but also in the hope that people driving by will be inspired to say a little prayer.

Mike McAndrew



Mike McAndrew with one of the lights bought by York Knights of St Columba

Nutrition Centres Rely On Your Donations

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

Summer holidays are a great time of year, whether you enjoy local days out or are able to travel further afield.

Here in the Congo, the concept of a holiday is not really familiar to people. Firewood stocks still need to be maintained and the routines of cooking and washing clothes by hand continue, whether or not you have a holiday from work or school.

The idea of leisure time, however, is growing. If they can afford it, families will go out for a soft drink or something stronger. The couple of established beer gardens in Basankusu are not usually too busy. Running fridges from diesel generators, they make a fair living from families that have a little money to enjoy themselves with.

Facebook is the other new attraction. Battered old mobile phones started to arrive in Basankusu in 2006, at the end of the civil war. It was a real revolution. Nobody had any credit, but they soon developed a system of “beeping” their relatives in Kinshasa, the capital.

They phone, then hang up, in the hope that their relatives will return the call. It didn’t take long before social media started to interest people, despite our poor connection.

Monsignor Jean Calvin, the most unusually named priest in the diocese, sharing his name with that leading figure of the Protestant Reformation, often visits the Mill Hill house to use the internet.

“I’m very impressed with your Facebook page, Francis,” he said one day. “You have so many likes for the videos about your centre for malnutrition.”

July and August are always hectic.

Mothers and children come from far away villages. As I write we have 52 children, so when you read this there will be at least 70 children at our centres. The centres rely solely on donations – the vast majority of them from people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

People get to know about my work through two main routes: one is through the Catholic Voice – I was so happy to meet people in Lourdes earlier this year who knew me because of my monthly articles – and Facebook posts (you’re all welcome to add me!). I am, in effect, a professional Facebooker – the videos, photos and commentaries about the work of my malnutrition centres generate the most donations. Without donations, the centre would close and countless unfortunate children could die.

“It’s very nice that people like my videos,” I told Monsignor Calvin. “But unfortunately, malnutrition isn’t cured with Facebook likes – it’s cured with milk, beans and rice. Unless people make a commitment to give some money – perhaps the price of a round of drinks or a meal in a restaurant – the likes will count for nothing. Without funds, the children could die.”

“Yes, you are right,” sighed Monsignor, as he packed away his computer, ready to go home. “I hope people remember to send you something before they all go off on their summer holidays.”

•Follow Francis Hannaway on Facebook. Donate via PayPal (type PayPal.me/FHannaway into your browser), or internet banking: Pay: St Joseph’s Society for FM, Ref: F Hannaway Congo, sort code: 16-00-15, account: 23114537. Cheques to: Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph’s Parish Centre, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead SL6 7UX. Pay: “Mill Hill Missionaries” (enclose a note to say it’s for F Hannaway).

Environment Corner

Celebrating The Season Of Creation

This month we are bringing attention to Pope Francis’ message and encouragement concerning the Season of Creation.

The Holy Father declared in June that climate change is an emergency and he urged Church leaders and communities to celebrate the Season of Creation, the annual festival of prayer and action for our common home, which takes place between September 1 and October 4.

Many Christian communities – including Catholics, Anglicans, and Orthodox – have already been celebrating the Season of Creation. However, now is the time for the celebration to be broadened out, as communities globally band together with a common cause.

Every year, an ecumenical steering committee suggests a theme for the season. This year’s theme is “The Web of Life.” We’re protecting all species and the glory of the Creator that each one reveals. The season could start for parishes with a Laudato Si’ Mass on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Care of Creation.

A wealth of resources for implementing Laudato Si’ in your community is available. These include hands-on projects including developing community groups such as Laudato Si’ circles, liturgical suggestions, advocacy ideas and much more. Many resources are available at the website SeasonOfCreation.org.

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NEWS

AoS Holds Day Of Prayer For Seafarers

The drizzle failed to dampen spirits at the Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage organised by Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

Parishioners, priests, volunteers and supporters from the dioceses of Middlesbrough and Hexham & Newcastle turned up in their hundreds to pray for seafarers and for the work of Apostleship of the Sea in this annual event, now in its 16th year.

They were joined by AoS bishop promoter for England and Wales, Bishop Paul Mason, and AoS regional port chaplains Anne McLaren, Paul Atkinson and Deacon Peter Barrigan.

The traditional Celtic prayers on the beach, normally held at the beach opposite St Cuthbert's Island, was moved indoors to the St Vincent De Paul Ozanam Camp.

About 200 people joined in this mix of music, readings and prayer, directed by former Navy chaplain and AoS trustee

Monsignor Ronnie Brown. Over the years this has become extremely popular and sets the tone for a peaceful and reflective day. Special thanks to Stephen Terry for providing the music.

The day ended with Mass of Pentecost in St Mary's Anglican Church, concelebrated by Bishop Paul, Monsignor Ronnie, Father Shaun Purdy, Father Tony Hoggarth and Deacon Peter. Special thanks to the vicar, Canon Dr Sarah Hills, for allowing us the use of the church and for her hospitality.

In what has also now become something of a tradition, Scottish piper Andy played Amazing Grace and The Skye Boat Song, guiding the procession before and after Mass.

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A Scottish piper guides the procession before Mass

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