



Bishop's Column

Last month, there was a celebration in Hull for the Apostleship of the Sea, known internationally as *Stella Maris* (The Church's organisation which provides pastoral care for seafarers). This title, *Star of the Sea*, has been in use since at least the early medieval period. Originally arising from a scribal error in a supposed etymology of the name Mary, it came to be seen as allegorical of Mary's role as "guiding star" on the way to Christ. Under this name, the Virgin Mary is believed to intercede as a guide and protector of seafarers in particular; the Apostleship of the Sea, and many coastal churches are named *Stella Maris* or *Star of the Sea*.

"Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star" must be one of the most well-known hymns to English Catholics of all generations. I had the privilege of seeing the face of the author of this hymn at least three times each day for 10 years of my life as a student and the president of Ushaw College, Durham. The painting of John Lingard hung just outside of the refectory or dining hall, where he had been vice rector from the establishment of the college in 1808. He was a great historian and theologian and, as we can see from his hymn, a poet as well. At his death at the age of 80, according to his wishes, he was buried in the cemetery at the college.

This hymn is a lyrical translation of the ancient hymn to Our Lady, *Ave Maris Stella*, *Hail, Star of the Sea*. It is interesting to note that the sea has always had a great attraction for humankind. We are drawn either by its fascinating allure, or because of its dreadful force. Either way, we are aware that it is beyond our power to control the mighty power of the sea. Anyone who sets course upon the sea is wise to do so with respect and humility.

Sailors throughout the ages have called up the Higher Power to protect them and guard them. Thus Christian sailors throughout the ages have called upon the protection and intercession of Our Blessed Lady under the title of *Star of the Sea*. This beautiful hymn expresses succinctly and simply the needs, thoughts and aspirations of sailors from every country and background as they sail on the sea, and indeed of all Christians who find themselves upon the stormy waters of life.

Wherever we are, in whatever situation we might find ourselves, we need to know that we belong, that there is someone we can turn to, that we are welcomed, cherished and loved. We know that Jesus gave each one of us in every generation to the care of his blessed Mother in the person of his beloved disciple John as he stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross. Away from home for so long, cast upon the vastness and the unpredictability of the sea, sailors know that they can turn to Our Blessed Mother under the title of *Star of the Sea* and experience her motherly protection and care. All of us need to remember that we are her children and that she is constantly praying for us to the Father through Jesus her Son. With every generation of seafarers and with every generation of believers that has gone before us we can cry out in confidence: *Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the sea, pray for thy children, pray for me.*

Yours in Blessed Hope

+ Tony

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Inspiring Event Marks World Day Of The Poor



Words, dance and song will all be used to help to tell the story of the Church's social outreach in our diocese in a major celebration at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday November 16.

The event, which will culminate in a liturgy led by Bishop Terry, is taking place to mark the third World Day of the Poor, when Pope Francis asks us to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.

It's hoped that as many people as possible will attend, with every parish in the diocese sending at least one representative.

"We really want people to see all the good

work that goes on to help those living in all kinds of poverty or oppression, whether it be material, physical, spiritual or social," said Canon John Lumley, Episcopal Vicar for Christian Discipleship.

"Everyone is welcome to come and join us for all or part of the day and will hopefully return to their parishes inspired and with a renewed sense of optimism and purpose, knowing there is so much we can do that really does make a difference to people's lives."

The day will begin with a keynote speech from Sister Lynda Dearlove MBE, who is

returning to her hometown to talk about her pioneering work.

Sister Lynda, a nationally and internationally renowned champion of women whose lives are caught up in the world of prostitution, will also preach at the closing liturgy, presided over by Bishop Terry, which will be a combination of reflection, dance, story and music.

Sister Lynda founded the Women at the Well

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service at Kings Cross, London, and has spent her life speaking up for vulnerable women. In recent months the *Voice* has been highlighting some of the fantastic work carried out by the wide variety of organisations that make up Caritas Middlesbrough, which is chaired by Canon John.

“This event is a unique opportunity to celebrate the ways in which the Gospel is being put into practice in service of those whose lives are blighted by poverty or exclusion,” he said. “You will be able to hear the stories of those who have been helped to overcome the challenges of poverty in its many forms. There will be stalls with information about various groups involved in all kinds of social outreach. Come and celebrate how the good news of our Catholic faith is being put into action!”

Organisations taking part include CAFOD, the SVP, those working with dementia and with migrants and refugees and Justice and Peace groups. The theme for this year’s World Day of the Poor, set by the Holy Father, is: “The hope of the poor shall not perish forever.” (Ps 9:19) He asks all Christian communities, and all those who feel impelled to offer hope, love and consolation to the poor, “To help ensure that this World Day of the Poor will encourage more and more people to

cooperate effectively so that no one will feel deprived of closeness and solidarity.” All are welcome – come to the whole event, or as much as it as you can. It begins at 11am with a welcome from Bishop Terry and the opening address by Sister Lynda and closes with a liturgy starting at 2pm. *Visit middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk to download a resource pack that includes materials and ideas to help you and your parish or group prepare for World Day of the Poor.

Church Hopes To Spark A Scripture Revolution

The God Who Speaks revolution is underway and aims to help Catholics explore new ways of responding to God’s word.

The initiative is a partnership between the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales and the Bible Society and will run for the next 15 months. It will include a St Matthew’s Gospel giveaway, with a special edition for the prison community, Bible Society dome events throughout the country, autism-friendly editions of the Christmas and Easter stories and grants for creative projects that promote engagement with Scripture.

Coordinator Fleur Dorrell says the Word of God is dynamic, not a historical encounter, and the Bible has much to say in our present times. “In a divided society we look for authority, leadership, wisdom and guidance,” she says. “The Bible transcends all our society’s uncertainties and provides a perennial light. It is the source from which we draw our meaning and our purpose.”

Historically, Catholics have perhaps not always been as familiar with the Bible as they should have been, but Fleur says: “For Catholics, the Bible is more than the collection of 73 books – it is the Word made flesh in Christ.”

A survey of 1,600 Catholics carried out before the God Who Speaks showed:
84% mostly hear the Bible in Church
53% read the Bible daily
34% say the Bible is extremely important to the Catholic faith
45% feel we don’t have enough time to read the Bible
41% aren’t sure where to begin with the Bible
The survey will ask the same questions when the campaign



The God Who Speaks initiative aims to explore new ways of responding to God’s word.

comes to a close. Bishop Peter Brignall said: “We would be delighted if people took up the challenge and read the Gospels daily. “The year 2020 will be the 1,600th Anniversary of the death of St Jerome, our most important Biblical scholar, who translated the Bible from the Hebrew and the Greek into Latin. “It’s also the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict’s Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* (the Word of the Lord), in which he proposes giving everyone access to Scripture as a democratic imperative. Our bishops are responding to this papal invitation.”

The campaign was launched to mark the feast day of St Jerome, who is often depicted in paintings with a lion and the God Who Speaks has a cuddly lion mascot with the words “The God Who Roars” on his chest. Nigel Langford, head of church relations at the Bible Society, says: “It’s a privilege to partner the Catholic Church on the God Who Speaks. The Bible Society was founded on giving everyone access to the Bible and we do this best through collaboration and partnership.” For more information on the God Who Speaks, visit cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/.

York Harvest Haul ‘Reflects God’s Unconditional Love’

An impressive 64 boxes of food, clothing, and toiletries were brought up in the Harvest Festival Mass offertory procession at Our Lady’s Church in Acomb, York. These gifts from parishioners were then taken to Carecent, a charity based at the city’s Central Methodist Church, which provides breakfasts and support to the city’s homeless. Parish priest Father Tony Lester said: “In this Season of Creation, it’s right that we thank God for the bounty of the earth and show our solidarity with the poor. “It’s so moving to see people’s great generosity, giving to folk they won’t meet this side of heaven. It’s truly a reflection of God’s unconditional love for all.”
Johan Bergström-Allen



Some of the gifts being brought to the altar – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

How You Help Us To Transform Lives

You may be unaware of how much the gifts we are given help people around the world, so I want to share just three short examples with you.

Making dreams come true

Many people have set up a Candlelight Fund in memory of their loved ones and this enables us to help people like Leum, an indigenous cashew, cassava and rice farmer living in Cambodia.

Her dream is to pass on her land to her children. "The land I own has been passed on from generation to generation," she said.

But over the past few years Leum could see her dream slipping through her fingers.

She told us: "The weather has changed dramatically and there has been drought".

The traditional farming methods Leum relied on just weren't producing enough crops. She needed a little help.

Our local farming experts, Development and Partnership in Action (DPA), showed her how to use natural pest control from the seeds of local trees, while also providing small interest free-loans. Leum can therefore support herself and pay back the loans after a successful harvest.

"We are all so thankful to DPA for sharing this knowledge with us," she said.

True development means people such as Leum being able to support themselves. Thank you for helping Leum sustainably use the resources around her to help her dream of passing on her land come true.

Fog catchers in Peru

Lima is a desert city in Peru with very little rainfall. But just outside the city there is a cluster of mountains called the Lomas de Primavera. Mist comes up from the

Pacific Coast, allowing plants to thrive there. It is known as Lima's "green lung."

Recognising the potential of this natural phenomenon, Ascencio started using fog catchers. Made simply from local materials, they turn Lima's thick fog into thousands of litres of water. They work by collecting moisture on the fabric, which then runs down along the guttering at the bottom before being collected in a tank.

The fog catchers collect the most water during winter – up to 1,000 litres per month. This is then used to irrigate the land and grow plants. It really is a simple, cost-effective way to help preserve the Lomas de Primavera. Thank you for helping people ensure it remains a place to enjoy.

Cycling to work in Uganda

When we think of cycling to work, it may be about reducing our carbon footprint. But for Raphael, in Uganda, it means a whole lot more. With your support, we trained Raphael to be a water pump mechanic. He was delighted when he received a bicycle, to be able to reach the more remote villages in his area.

"I've never had a bike before, when I received it, I was very happy," he said proudly. "I often cycle into town to buy spare parts for the boreholes and hand pumps, then deliver them to the repair sites. I can now cycle to broken boreholes in my parish that I couldn't get to before. I like my job because I have knowledge that can help my community."

In the past families walked miles for water. Now, mechanics such as Raphael are bringing clean drinking water within easy walking distance. Thank you for giving him the chance to help his community in such a special way.

Carol Cross, Community Participation Coordinator



Raphael has trained to be a water pump mechanic in Uganda – Photo by Mark Kipkirui Baiywoh/Caritas Moroto



Leum uses natural pest control from the seeds of local trees in Cambodia – Photo by Chloe Sideserf/CAFOD

Join CAFOD For Our Memorial Mass

Our annual Memorial Mass for all our deceased supporters and volunteers takes place at St Joseph's Church, Stokesley, at 10.30am on Sunday November 3.

You're welcome to join us and I'd like to thank Father William Charlton for agreeing to celebrate this Mass for us.

Afternoon Tea Helps Zoë's Place

Generous parishioners from Christ the King in Thornaby held an afternoon tea for Zoë's Place after seeing their appeal in the Catholic Voice. The event was a big success, with a raffle and bingo boosting the total raised to £700. The Normanby-based baby hospice had warned it may have to close some days without more donations. For further information on Zoë's Place and how you can help, visit zoesplace.org.uk/middlesbrough.



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The Third Luminous Mystery of the Rosary

Jesus' Announcement of the Kingdom of God



Find the third decade of your Rosary, and we will think of a story Jesus told. He said to the people: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds, but when it becomes a tree, the birds come and shelter in its branches.”

Let’s think about this. When we plant a seed, we must water it, feed it, and care for it, or it will die. When we were baptised, Jesus planted a seed in us, and we must care for it with our prayers, kindness to others and learning about God. That way our faith will grow, until we join the angels in heaven.

Word Search

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Bid Could Be A Lifesaver

We always knew a defibrillator would benefit the whole community. However, the cost of buying one and installing it in a heated outdoor unit was prohibitive.

Luckily, a wonderful group of young people, all part of the student leadership team at All Saints RC Secondary School, led by their teacher Sarah Bilton, put in a successful bid from the Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award and won £750.

The award is part of a unique active citizenship programme that empowers young people to make a difference in their local communities while developing key leadership skills at the same time.

The children at St George's RC Primary then contacted our local Waitrose and were

awarded more than £400 from the store's community help programme towards the defibrillator.

The only additional cost to meet was the cost of installing the heated unit, so the defibrillator works all year round and isn't affected by frost.

Fortunately, St George's were having a new kitchen put in over the summer and fitters ATL Kitchens generously agreed to install the unit for free.

The defibrillator has been registered with the NHS and York Rescue Boat and we now want to make sure everyone in the community knows where it is, as it could potentially save someone's life.

Dee Patton-Statham, Headteacher



All Saints students Max, Esme, Rosa, Eleanor, Orla, Charlotte, Katie, Anna, Owen, Leo and Joe

SCHOOLS

Joy As School Celebrates 40th Anniversary

A wonderful day of celebration was enjoyed when the community of Our Lady and St Peter's School in Bridlington celebrated the 40th anniversary of its official opening.

The Sisters of Mercy took over an existing school in Bridlington Old Town from the Dominican Sisters in 1962 and originally called it St Mary's after the nearby former Augustinian priory of that name.

In 1977 a brand new school was built by the sisters, the parish of Our Lady and St Peter's and East Riding Council. It was officially opened by the then Bishop of Middlesbrough, Augustine Harris, in 1979.

Bishop Terry celebrated Mass in a marquee on the school field for pupils, priests, parents, parishioners, staff, former staff and guests from the diocese, as well as representatives from the Sisters of Mercy. The children sang, responded, proclaimed the readings and served Mass with enthusiasm and dignity.

Bishop Terry spoke from the heart when he emphasised the important history and role of Catholic education in Bridlington and the great need for all to support the Church's mission through its schools.

Afterwards there was a buffet lunch while pupils enjoyed a picnic and Morris dancing on the field. Displays of photographs and memorabilia in the school hall provided a fascinating topic of conversation.

The children also created two beautiful crosses from ceramic tiles showing badges and symbols connected to the school's history. Bishop Terry blessed the crosses and planted an oak tree sapling to commemorate the day.

The school has recently become part of the St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy Trust, a new phase in its ongoing story.



Anne Parr

Bishop Terry cuts the celebratory cake watched by eager pupils from Our Lady and St Peter's School in Bridlington

St Margaret's Missionaries Are Called To Serve



Some of the St Margaret Clitherow children in the garden at Madonna House

Missionaries from St Margaret Clitherow Primary School in South Bank have been learning how we all have a vocation and a call to serve God's children.

The missionaries have been living out their school prayer and letting their hands be Jesus' hands by offering prayer spaces, raising money for local charities and working within the local community.

Their missionary year ended by taking time out for a retreat day to be with God and focus on the vocation we all have.

Supported by the team at Madonna House in Robin Hood's Bay, they learnt how we are all called to stay close to the vine of God through service, which follows the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust's "Called to

Serve" theme.

The group were told that we can be called at any point in our lives to use our uniqueness to serve God. They also took part in a day of service to the community by washing cars, weeding and cutting down overgrown hedges.

Missionary lead Christopher Lovell said "It was joyous to see the children recognising people truly living out their call to serve and the children having the opportunity to serve themselves.

"They said they enjoyed the service most, as they liked seeing how they had helped others. They truly lived out their call to serve."



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

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NEWS

A Letter From Madonna House

Of Course!

For some reason, my heart keeps returning to a story one of my sisters in the community recently recounted. When she was tiny, her father would tuck her into bed and tell her a story.



The tale would spring from his imagination and was magical, and oh, how she looked forward to it. But every once in a while, her father would fall asleep in the middle of the telling. "What did you do?" I asked. "Well, wake him up, of course," was the reply. This little girl didn't have the insight that her father was working long and hard hours to provide for her and was exhausted. She had no doubt that *of course* he wanted to finish her story. And it was true – upon waking and seeing this sweet, expectant face, what else would he want?

Recently, on a beautiful sunny day, we all went rambling on the moors. Heading to the highest point, we were tired and hot and began to fantasise about ice cream! Up ahead was a solitary caravan and we joked, "Maybe that man has ice cream!" Suddenly an image popped in my mind of Joanne as a child, marching up to the owner and asking if he had ice cream for her. Could he possibly refuse? Of course, she didn't do so, but the image stuck.

Shortly after, we visited a priest who was beleaguered and suffering. Joanne had earlier confided that she needed to go to Confession and was considering asking him. Inwardly I thought, "Oh no – we need to minister to *him* today." But after the visit, she *knew* she could confidently make her request and, of course, it was his joy.

When I remarked on this pattern she confided, "I'm so little and helpless, God *has* to help me out, and so I ask him for everything – resolving a relationship problem, showing me the next step in my life, bringing someone with wisdom to help shed light on a situation, revealing truth to my heart. He has to come through for me!"

I couldn't help but remember the audacity of St Thérèse, the Little Flower, who would reach up to her Father, confident that *of course* he wanted to lift her above the arduous staircase that was too much for her and draw her to himself... *of course* he would supply all that she needed, because she had no strength of her own. She delighted in her littleness and need because her heavenly Father would provide everything.

How often do we strive with all our might to overcome an obstacle and fall exhausted and frustrated because we can't manage it? It's usually only at this point that we finally remember to ask God for *his* grace – and *of course* he wants to lavish it! Or how many times do we worry and fret about our unworthiness, instead of simply asking for forgiveness and mercy? How could God refuse anything to a heart trusting in his great love? *Of course* he wants to finish our story!

*Madonna House welcomes you to an open Mass celebrated by Monsignor Gerard Robinson on Tuesday November 19 at 2pm.

Cheryl Ann Smith

Big Boost For Choral Scholarships



Director of Music Tim Harrison – Photo by Chris Booth

Bishop Terry will preside at a special celebration of Vespers (evening prayer) at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday November 3 at 3pm, when the rafters will be raised with great music led by our cathedral choir and our wonderful diocesan choir. We hope you will join us.

During the service the national organisation Friends of Cathedral Music (FCM) will present the cathedral choir with a cheque for £20,000 to support its programme of choral scholarships.

This exceptionally generous award is one of

only a handful of grants and is in recognition of the excellent musical education given to choristers and scholars at our cathedral.

Since the first cathedral scholarships were awarded two years ago to support the musical training of young people, the cathedral music department is proud to have seen its first scholars go on to study music at university and music college.

Former choral scholar Grace Oliver says: "I've loved being part of the choir. Being a scholar has allowed me to help others to develop their love for music, too. I have received lots

of support and guidance and I have been encouraged to develop my musical interests further, exploring teaching and conducting."

As a result of this generous FCM award, the cathedral now has additional scholarships available. We would love to hear from young people aged between 16 and 25 years who love singing. If this is you, let us support your learning journey.

For further information about our music or to join one of our choirs, email musicdept@rcdmidd.org.uk.

Tim Harrison, Director of Music



First Communion children presented Canon Pat with a framed photograph

Ruby Celebrations For Canon Pat

Parishioners from St Thérèse of Lisieux joined Bishop Terry and other priests for a Mass to help Canon Pat Hartnett celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

During Mass Canon Pat, who has since taken up a new post at All Saints in Thirsk, received a papal blessing and gifts from the parish.

Earlier, children from St Thérèse of Lisieux school who had made their First Holy Communion presented Canon Pat with gifts including a framed picture. It was a lovely celebration for our parish and school.

Irene Lewis

Working For Unity And Learning To Agree

Biblical scholar Father Henry Wansbrough visited Cleveland Newman Circle to give a talk that considered progress in relations between the Anglican and Roman Catholic



Father Henry Wansbrough

churches.

Father Henry, from Ampleforth, is the general editor of the Revised New Jerusalem Bible and also a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III).

His talk drew on his learning and experiences and his enthusiasm was infectious as he began by giving a historical context.

Following Henry VIII's break with Rome there were bloody executions and martyrs on both sides. John Fisher, Thomas More and John Houghton were among those executed as Catholics while William Tyndale and Thomas Cranmer were executed for opposing Rome.

However, the churches are currently exploring ways of attaining visible unity. ARCIC I was formed after Pope Paul VI's 1966 meeting with Archbishop Michael Ramsey. In 1982 they reported on Eucharistic doctrine,

ministry and ordination and church authority. In their agreements on the Eucharist they overcame such misunderstandings as no Anglicans believing in the real presence and Catholics thinking they can repeat Christ's sacrifice.

Regarding authority, they considered the place of the pope. There had been a fear of papal primacy, especially since Papal Infallibility was declared in 1870. But since Vatican II, the pope's role is changing, with the Church acknowledging that the people of God must work together. There is increased consultation – 40 bishops' conferences contributed to Laudato Si' – and lay ministries are developing.

In 1983, ARCIC II began, focusing on salvation, communion, teaching authority and the role of Mary. They agreed that Mary is the model of holiness and we pray with her, not to her.

ARCIC III started meetings on "The Church as communion, local and universal" in 2011. They recognise that all churches benefit from receptive ecumenism – learning by understanding the actual practices of other churches.

Father Henry explained that ARCIC has identified much common ground between the churches, although significant differences remain. This honest, open dialogue provides important steps towards unity, but only the Holy Spirit will say whether full communion is possible.

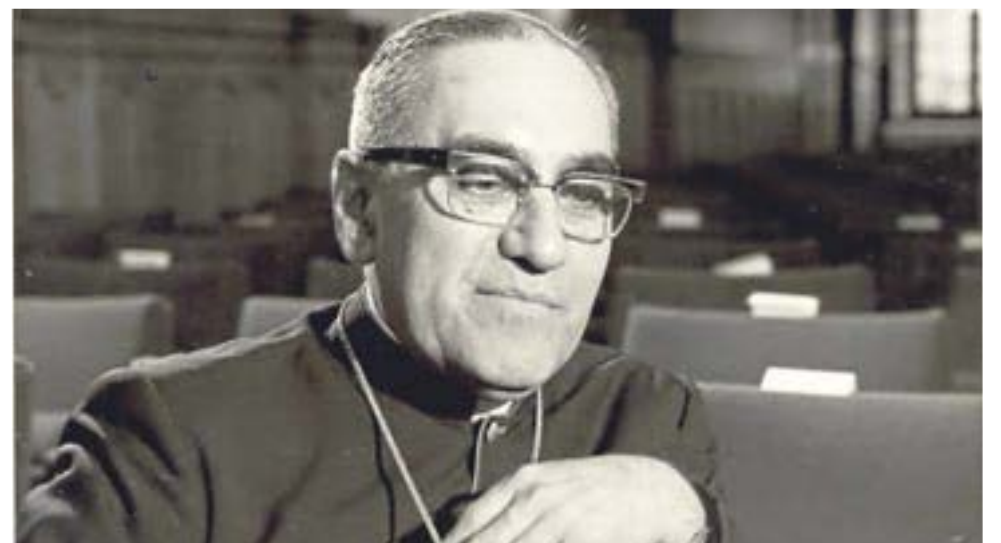
For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle, email lorraine.canning@icloud.com or phone Judith on 01642 814977. They hold six talks a year, usually on Wednesdays, at 7.45pm in St Mary's Cathedral Hall.

Patricia Egerton

St Oscar Romero Is Subject For Newman Talk

Former CAFOD director Julian Filochowski OBE will give a talk on the subject of "St Oscar Romero, bishop and martyr – he talked the talk and he walked the walk" at this month's Cleveland Newman Circle meeting.

Mr Filochowski is now chair of the Archbishop Romero Trust. The talk is in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough, on Wednesday November 27 at 7.45pm, with tea and coffee available from 7.30pm. All are welcome.



St Oscar Romero is the subject of the Cleveland Newman Circle's next talk

Ship Visitors Win Global Shipping Award

Teesport ship visitors from Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) have won a global award for the work they do supporting seafarers' pastoral needs and wellbeing.

They were presented with the Shoreside Team of the Year honour at the annual IHS Markit Safety at Sea Awards held during the London International Shipping Week.

Part of the Stella Maris' ship visiting team led by port chaplain Deacon Peter Barrigan, they saw off competition from global maritime companies, charities and organisations who gathered in London to pay tribute to extraordinary achievements in maritime safety and crew wellbeing.

"Our Stella Maris team in the diocese makes a huge difference to seafarers' lives," Peter said. "They've become trusted friends to many seafarers who arrive in the ports here." It is precisely this trust and friendship gained

by North Tees ship visitors Hugh and Mary Ward that resulted in Stella Maris assisting a seafarer whose wife had given birth to premature triplets in the Philippines.

The babies needed urgent medical help, but the family were unable to access free healthcare, which led to thousands of pounds being racked-up in hospital bills.

Hugh and Mary's intervention led to Stella Maris raising funds to pay off the family's outstanding debt. The triplets are now healthy toddlers and Hugh and Mary were asked to be their godparents.

"We are in constant contact with the family and every time we speak to them, they can't thank us and Stella Maris enough for being there in their time of need," Mary said.

To view a video of the work that Peter and the Teesport team do, search YouTube for "Stella Maris Teesport".



Port chaplain Deacon Peter Barrigan, centre, with host Colin Murray and Katie Higginbottom, head of ITF Seafarers' Trust

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NEWS

Trustees Wanted To Support Marriage Care's Work

Marriage Care is looking for volunteers to join its board of trustees so it can continue delivering vital relationship support services and marriage preparation courses for the Catholic community and beyond.

Expressions of interest from all candidates are welcome, but they are particularly keen to hear from individuals who have experience in income generation, IT and project management, marketing and social media, relationship counselling or training.

Chair of trustees Kit Dollard, who is from our diocese, said: "After 45 years in the military, then the city, followed by property and last of all the Church, I was looking to give back to society.

"Marriage Care specialises in marriage and relationships and promoting relationship skills and was just the vehicle I needed. On the way, I've learnt a few new skills, had a lot of fun, met some wonderful people and, as a frontline volunteer, I've had the privilege to meet couples in that first phase of love, as well as helping repair some broken relationships.

"Perhaps more importantly I have helped an organisation deliver its goals to more than 9,000 couples each year, with the help of 700 volunteers. For me, it's a reminder that in giving our time we always receive back more than we actually give and that for me is surprising, humbling and a

privilege."

Fellow trustee Dr Clare Watkins added: "It took me a bit by surprise when I was asked – I'm not a lawyer, accountant or senior manager, so at first I was worried I wouldn't have much to contribute. But it became clear quite quickly that this was an organisation that valued a variety of gifts and a range of voices in the decision-making processes.

"It's been joyful working with such committed and able people with skills I don't have, but all the time feeling what little things I do bring are valued.

"It's a great honour to be part of a board that serves such a large and remarkable group of volunteers who give of their time and their wisdom so generously."

As the largest faith-based provider of relationship support services in England and Wales, Marriage Care believes that relationship support is a matter of social justice.

It has been supporting couples for more than 70 years by providing low cost and accessible marriage preparation and relationship counselling services and is committed to sharing the joy of the Catholic understanding of marriage and relationships in all that it does.

Feedback from couples and individuals shows that 82% report a positive outcome from their counselling experience and 86% give a satisfaction rating of 80% or more for Marriage Care's services.



Chair of trustees Kit Dollard

For more information on how you could be involved, visit marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/trustee/ or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

Dame Anna Blessed As New Stanbrook Abbess

Bishop Terry presided at the abbatial blessing of Dame Anna Brennan OSB, the newly elected abbess of Stanbrook Abbey in Wass.

The blessing of an abbess, first recorded in the sixth century, has varied in form and expression over the centuries.

Nowadays, the rite is very simple. It takes place during the celebration of Mass in the presence of the faithful, to emphasise that the monastery, a community of the baptised, stands at the heart of the Church in its response of faith, love and praise.

In a powerful homily, Bishop Terry united the themes of the service the monastic superior should give, the self-emptying of Christ and the healing power of the cross.

Guests priestly, religious and lay, Anglican and Catholic, local and from far away, joined in the singing and afterwards shared a celebratory meal which, with the blessing of perfect weather, could be eaten both in the monastic refectory and outside in the enclosure garth.



Bishop Terry, Dame Anna and Jonathan Deacon, advisor and friend to the community and a papal Knight of Sylvester



Father Pat with two of the Holy Island pilgrims

Parishioners from Blessed Nicholas Postgate in Redcar were lucky to have Father Pat Smith, the retired parish priest of St Bede's, Marske, with us for our pilgrimage to Holy Island. Father Pat celebrated Mass in St Aidan's and after an enjoyable day, we visited Seahouses for fish and chips on the way home.

Yvonne Bell

Seb Ready For New SVP Role

I am delighted to be starting my role as membership development officer for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) in the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

I am a 26-year-old Catholic (still very much a youth in the Church's eyes, with the demarcation finishing at 35!) with a mixed race and ecumenical background, my mum being a devout Polish Catholic and my dad a half-Indian convert to Anglicanism.

Last year, I finished my Master's degree in Eighteenth-Century Studies. I have long wished to devote myself to charitable work and the opportunity has arisen with this job.

We can learn a lot from the life and message of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, the French

lawyer who was the principal founder of the SVP. He started the society in 1833 with the aim of helping those in material and spiritual need, which in post-Revolutionary Paris was a considerable number.

Blessed Frédéric chose to redirect his energies towards helping the poor after he encountered resistance and hostility to his intellectual talks on the importance of the Church in society.

One person responded bluntly: "What is your Church doing now? What is she doing for the poor of Paris? Show us your works and we will believe in you!"

This sentiment and reaction to the Church still holds true for today's age. We need to

answer it by acting on our Christian virtue. We live in a world consumed by technology and materialism. Despite its riches, poverty still abounds in various forms.

In my role as membership development officer, I would like to strengthen and support SVP members and encourage new conferences (units of SVP members).

Alongside the support to existing members and conferences, I aim to offer an invitation to youth and young adults, as well as other parishioners, enabling them to fulfil their Gospel calling and offering them the opportunity to satisfy their hunger to do good works.

In this way we can strengthen and grow the



New SVP membership development officer Seb Sanyal

society in this diocese and so support more of our communities and in particular the vulnerable.

Seb Sanyal



Congratulations Father Bill And Betty

Father Bill East and his wife Betty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in style, beginning with a trip to London with family and friends. This was followed the next weekend by Mass at St Aelred's Church in York with Father Bill Serplus and the church community, where they were presented with a papal blessing, shown in our picture. There was then an open house celebration, which included a toast for recently ordained Father Francis Sutcliffe and his wife Barbara's on their 40th anniversary.

Vincentian Family Unites To Celebrate Feast

A large congregation gathered at St Charles Borromeo Church in Hull to celebrate the feast day of St Vincent de Paul.

Chief concelebrant Bishop Terry welcomed everyone to the Mass and was joined on the altar by brother priests and deacons.

The homily was given by national SVP chaplain Father Patrick Roche, who spoke about the life and spirituality of St Vincent and how it should inspire the work of the society today.

He also gave examples of current SVP work in the service of the poor. Members of the Junior SVP at St Mary's College and Mini Vinnies from our local primary schools

played a leading role in the liturgy, doing the readings and bidding prayers and the offertory procession.

It was especially pleasing to see parishioners from St Vincent's Parish and children from St Vincent's School present after their own celebrations.

After the Mass, there was a buffet lunch in the nearby Jubilee church. This year marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the SVP, so we hope St Vincent was looking down on us in a special way!

The celebration was prepared by the Daughters of Charity and Hull and District SVP.

Anne And Peter To Be Welcomed Into Church

Two very popular regulars on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be welcomed into the Catholic Church later this year.

Anne Carr and her son Peter, who have been part of our pilgrimage for many years, will take the next step on their journey of faith during the usual 10.30am Sunday morning Mass at St Francis Church, Middlesbrough, on December 15.

Light refreshments are being offered afterwards, so any friends who would like to join them for this very special celebration are asked to email Anne at annecarr26@gmail.com. We'll have more on Anne and Peter's story in a future edition of the *Voice*.



Anne and Peter Carr will be received into the Church on Sunday December 15



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NEWS



Luke McNicholas outside Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for the National Mass of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen

Altar Servers Gather For Archconfraternity Mass

Altar servers from the diocese were invited to the National Mass of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen, which for the first time was held outside London at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

We joined priests, deacons and altar servers from around the country to celebrate the life and service of St Stephen and listen to the Gospel and the calling of St Matthew, as well as renewing our commitment as altar servers.

We started early at St Mary's Cathedral before travelling to Ferrybridge services to pick up Father William Massie and friends from the Hull area.

Father Phil led us in the Rosary, focusing our minds and hearts on the joyful mysteries as we prayed, preparing us for the celebrations to come later in the day.

After navigating roadworks in the city, we split into parish groups and explored World Museum, discovering treasures and visiting their planetarium, aquarium and bug floor.

After a shared lunch we journeyed to the Metropolitan Cathedral, where we changed into our albs and joined priests, deacons, other altar servers and the main celebrant, Archbishop Emeritus of Liverpool Patrick Kelly, to celebrate Mass.

Archbishop Kelly started by asking the congregation to consider the call of God in all our lives and how we answer.

The altar servers responded by renewing their commitment to serve and try and be humble while serving and supporting the priests and all God's chosen people in their ministry.

The readings came from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel account of St Matthew's calling. We first heard how St Stephen was filled with grace, working miracles among the people, and ultimately about his stoning to death.

Archbishop Kelly used the calling of St Matthew to ask us all to consider where we are in our own faith journeys and about the importance of faith in our daily lives.

He said that all those who stood around St Stephen and stoned him have been forgotten, while the martyr's faith has led to communities, schools, guilds and other organisations being formed.

Archbishop Kelly said Jesus sees our hearts and will always ask us to be the people we are called to be, no matter how much we are criticised, just as St Matthew and Jesus were by the Pharisees.

He finished by saying that following Jesus isn't always easy and asking us to focus on the love he has for us during difficult times and not to take easy options.

After changing back into our travel clothes we gathered in the cathedral, where Father Phil led us again in the Rosary before we boarded the coach home, continuing our prayers during the journey.

Archbishop Kelly asked us to always appreciate those who help, teach and support us, particularly family, priests and friends. Without the adults who travelled with us we couldn't have experienced such a special day. Special thanks to Father Phil – we all were extremely grateful for all his organisation and hard work.

Luke McNicholas

From the Archives



50 Years Ago

(Part of a letter from the Anglican Church Commissioners to Bishop McClean regarding St Leonard's Church, New Malton)

"Since the announcement in the press that this church was to be transferred to the Roman Catholics, the Commissioners have received letters indicating disapproval of this course, and it seems certain that when the draft scheme is formally issued, representations will be made which will have to be considered by the Commissioners. One of the reasons given for objection is that the church is to be given without payment. It is not unlikely that the author of this objection is unaware of the large amount which it will be necessary to spend on the repair of the tower.

In dealing with the proposed transfer of redundant churches to the Roman Catholics, in other parts of the country, it has been the practice to ask them to place a Notice Board in a prominent position outside the church indicating that it is a 'Roman Catholic' church in order that there may be no misunderstanding."

100 Years Ago

(From Hull Catholic Magazine, November 9 1919)

The Orphan Girls' Home in Wright Street, were invited to spend the day at Mr and Mrs Robinson's at Nuthill. The previous day had not been very promising – real Hull Fair weather – but Wednesday proved fine and warm, and so the children and Sisters to the number of 40 or more boarded the Marfleet express train, and were met by Mr Robinson's wagonette, and safely conveyed to the scene of their revelry.

After a good dinner the event of the day was free entrance into the Orchard, and liberty to gather all the apples and pears they could find. One young and enterprising lady had provided herself with a bag the size of a pillowcase and bore it home in triumph. Certain reverend gentlemen were found up the trees knocking down apples and stately Canons, on the safer ground below, found long poles and joined in the onslaught on the apple trees.

The fruit that was left was not worth looking for after the destroying army had gone. Many thanks from the children and Sisters were given to their kind host and hostess for the lavish hospitality they bestowed on their Orphan guests.

David Smallwood

Hello, Goodbye To Canon Jerry

Canon Jerry Twomey was presented with a beautiful Children of the World stole by the children of All Saints Parish, Thirsk, at his leaving Mass. Afterwards there was a buffet in the town hall, giving parishioners the chance

to thank him for his wonderful ministry over the last five years and wish him well in his new appointment to St George's in York.

Mary Ireland



Canon Jerry Twomey wearing his stole as he says farewell to All Saints, Thirsk, and with Deacon Antonio Romano during his first Mass at his new parish, St George's, York – second picture by Lars Karlsson

Paul O'Connor, Master of Ceremonies at St George's, York, presents Canon Alan Sheridan with a cheque, card and a picture of his new television gift at his leaving Mass.

Afterwards there was a buffet celebration as parishioners said a warm farewell to Canon Alan, who has now returned to his former parish of St Thérèse, Ingleby Barwick

– Photo by Lars Karlsson



NEWS

Curia Staff Visit Robin Hood's Bay For Team Building

Staff from the Curial Office enjoyed a rare opportunity to get together recently for a team building event at Robin Hood's Bay.

Fourteen of the staff were welcomed by Cheryl Ann, Joanne and Father Brian at Madonna House, where they got to learn more about the community, both in the UK and around the world. The hospitality was charming and the talks engaging. It was nice to be able to put faces to names and learn more about life at Madonna House.

Team building sessions designed to test communication

skills proved to be both interesting and fun. One of the tasks was a quiz compiled of little known facts about each person, so everybody came away knowing their colleagues a little better.

There was a small tour of Madonna House and some time to explore the village after lunch in the autumn sunshine.

Everybody who attended definitely benefitted from both the day itself and, of course, the sea air.

Sarah Holmes



Curial Office staff at Madonna House

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

1	1972	Rev George Empson	Dumfries
2	1939	Rev Patrick Buckley	Hull
2	1944	Rev Geoffrey B Cremer	York
6	2002	Rev Seamus Brennan	Newry
7	2014	Rev Norman Jacobson	Hull
9	1927	Rev Benventus Guy	Masham
9	1955	Very Rev Canon Patrick Nerney	South Bank
10	1936	Rev David O'Connor	Staithe
12	1995	Rt Rev Mgr Philip Purcell	Tipperary
13	2006	Rev Eamon P Carson	Whitby
13	2012	Very Rev Canon Louis J Collingwood	Middlesbrough
17	1983	Very Rev Canon Austin Pippet	Hull
19	1893	Rev Thomas Smith	Beverley
22	1955	Most Rev Archbishop Thomas Shine, second Bishop of Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough
22	1999	Rev John Bury	Scorton
22	2005	Rev Arthur Dutton	Marske-by-the-Sea
23	2008	Rev James Purcell	Emly
25	1881	Rev Maurice Trant	Thirsk
25	1990	Rev John Aldridge	Middlesbrough
26	1938	Rev John Conlon	Yarm
27	1973	Rev David O'Donnell	Staithe
27	1987	Canon Patrick Loughran	Middlesbrough
29	1989	Rev James Johnston	Halifax
30	1958	Very Rev Canon Denis Luddy	Thornaby



Father Norman Jacobson, who died November 7 2014 after a long illness borne with courage and strength

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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

- 1** Attends Rector's Meeting at Oscott College All day
- 3** Attends vespers and presentation for Friends of Cathedral Music at St Mary's Cathedral 3.30pm
- 5** Attends meeting of the Cathedral Chapter at St Mary's Cathedral 11am
Attends meeting of Council of Priests at St Mary's Cathedral 1pm
- 6** Visit to St Francis Xavier School in Richmond 9.30am
- 10** Attends annual Remembrance Service and Parade at Middlesbrough Cenotaph 10.30am
- 12** Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11am
- 14** Attends Royal Gun Salute at Fulford Barracks, York 10.15am
- 15** Celebrates Mass for Commissioning of New Inspectors at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3pm
- 16** World Day of the Poor event at Middlesbrough Cathedral 11am
- 19-20** Ampleforth Covenant
- 23** Celebrates Mass for Union of Catholic Mothers Anniversary at St Aelred's, York Noon
- 24-28** Attends Bishop's Plenary Meeting at Hinsley Hall
- 28** Attends Musical Oratorio at St Wilfrid's York 6pm

1 Fri
Events and articles for the November Voice are due by today
7pm Solemn Mass for All Saints (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

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

3 Sun
10am Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral
11am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Grace (18 North End, Osmotherley Village, DL6 3BB) (first Sunday)
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3.30pm Solemn Vespers (Cathedral and Diocesan Choirs) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

5 Tues
12.45pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room
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

6 Wed
10.30am Midday Prayer/Wednesday Word/Prayer Intention for January 'Those persecuted for their faith' followed by refreshments
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Choir) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

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

10 Sun
10am Solemn Mass for Remembrance Sunday (Cathedral Choir) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
12 noon Sung Latin Mass at 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
4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

12
12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull. Amanda Smith – 'National Westminster Bank' (avoiding scams)
7pm-8.15pm Christian Meditation Group, St Andrew's, Teesville. Contact terry-doyle@live.co.uk

13 Wed
2pm The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets Music for the Mind 2019, St Mary's Cathedral Hall. All welcome, particularly those with dementia, their carrs, families and friends
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies Schola) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
7.30pm Hull Circle of the Catenian Association meet at Lazaat Hotel, Woodhill Way, Cottingham, HU16 5SX. Contact Bernard Swift (01482) 348272 for details
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

16 Sat
11.30am Centering (Contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact Canon Lumley jl@rcdmidd.org.uk
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Michael Coyne), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB

17 Sun
10am Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Alphonsus, North Ormesby
4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

18 Mon
10.15am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley Church (10 am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
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7pm for 7.30pm York Newman Circle at the Bar Convent: Father Colum Kelly, Regional Port Chaplain, Apostleship of the Sea "90% of Everything"

19 Tues
2pm Open Mass at Madonna House, Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay YO22 4TQ celebrated by Mgr Gerard Robinson, followed by a talk by Mgr Gerard.
7pm-8.15pm Christian Meditation Group, St Andrew's, Teesville. Contact terry-doyle@live.co.uk

20 Wed
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Low voices Schola) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
7pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel Church, Cottingham Road

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

23 Sat
12 noon Middlesbrough Diocese Union of Catholic Mothers will celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Bishop Terence Patrick Draine will celebrate Mass at St Aelred's Church, York YO31 oPN followed by a celebratory lunch in the Parish Centre

24 Sun
10am Family Mass (Cathedral Choir and Junior Choristers) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
4.15pm Solemn Vespers (Cathedral Consort) at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
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25 Mon
10.15am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley Church (10 am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com

NEWS

Biography Charts The Changing Face Of Much-Loved Father Tony

A new biography of much-loved Diocese of Middlesbrough priest Father Tony Storey is now on sale.

Storey: *A Priest For His Time* is the work of historian Peter Roebuck CBE, who was an undergraduate and PhD student during Father Tony's time as University of Hull chaplain.

The book traces the origins and nature of the many strands of Father Tony's personality and charts the key influences that combined to inform his ministry.

Peter is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Ulster and lives in Cumbria with his wife, Fiona.

Storey: *A Priest For His Time* (pp xii+258, 30 illustrations) is priced £15 plus £4 P&P and is only available from the publisher Bookcase, 19 Castle Street, Carlisle CA3 8SY, bookcasecarlisle@aol.com, 01228 544560.

These photographs, provided by Marian Hall, show Father Tony as a young priest and then enjoying a picnic later in life, with his familiar sideburns now visible.



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NEWS

Act Of Kindness Raises The Spirits



Francis with children at the feeding centre

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

A family arrived from a village 30 miles away on foot. They had carried their son, Fidèle, aged 11, and who'd just had measles, to our second centre.

I took them to our nearby Catholic hospital and we started to do the paperwork to get him admitted. His dad held him on his lap, wrapped in a faded printed cloth. His skin was pale and his body cool. As they placed a thermometer under his arm, I held my hand under his nose to see if he was still breathing – it was hard to tell. Consultation with a nurse followed and then blood and other tests. They decided to admit him and give a blood transfusion.

I started walking back to our centre to get the money for the blood donor, but they called me back before I'd left the compound.

"He's already dead," said Nurse Germain. My heart sank. They'd walked such a distance in search of help – but too late.

"Perhaps he was already dead when he arrived," added Germain.

The morning sun beat down on me as I collected some money to help the family get home. When I got back to the hospital they'd already set off. Germain took me on his motorbike a little way along the rough dirt track to catch them up and I was able to give them the money that would help get

them back to their village. "Is it worth it?" I thought. "To give people hope like that? They've come all this way and little Fidèle has died.

I tried to think instead of the countless children who had recovered and then I felt a bit better. Then came news that my own dad had died. I went back to England.

Before the day of my dad's funeral, I was at Sunday Mass at St Gabriel's parish. One of the parishioners told me about an eleven-year-old girl who'd sold her toys to raise money for our malnutrition centres. What a lovely thing to do! Here's part of what I wrote to her in a thank you card.

"By selling your toys to raise money for this work, you have not only helped these children to survive, but you've also shown everybody a fantastic example of social responsibility. I know that everyone is very proud of your actions – you thought about others instead of yourself. Well done – and thank you from all the team."

It raised my spirits, tremendously. A child of eleven had died, but another eleven-year-old was ready with an act of love towards children she'd never met. For me, it makes it all worthwhile.

•Francis returned to the Congo on October 23. You can follow him on Facebook. Donate via PayPal (type [PayPal.me/FHannaway](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.paypal.me/FHannaway) into your browser), or internet banking: Pay: Francis Hannaway, Ref: Congo, sort code: 40-33-01, account: 01172115.



Margaret Mizen speaking to Trinity students – Photo by Stuart Boulton Photography

Jimmy's Parents Spread Message Of Forgiveness

The parents of Jimmy Mizen – who hit the headlines by calling for compassion rather than revenge after their son's murder – came to Teesside to spread their message of forgiveness to hundreds of students at four Catholic schools.

Altar boy Jimmy was killed in a bakery near his home in Lee, south-east London, in May 2018, when a local youth hurled a glass dish at him, severing vital blood vessels in his neck. It was the day after his 16th birthday.

His parents, Barry and Margaret, prompted a wave of admiration and sympathy throughout the nation because of the dignity they showed in TV news interviews the day after Jimmy's tragic death.

They have since set up a charity to promote forgiveness, peace and hope and help build safer communities and were both awarded the MBE in 2014.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust invited them to meet pupils and speak at its four secondary schools, Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough, the Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary, Redcar, St Patrick's Catholic College, Thornaby, and St Peter's Catholic College, South Bank.

Margaret said many of the young people have been in tears after hearing what they had to say.

"They were beautiful," she said. "When we were talking there was absolute silence, you could have heard a pin drop. They listened intently and almost every child leaving the hall gave me a cuddle and was crying. It was so touching.

"It's not just coming and hearing a sad story, it's about challenging young people to be the change-makers and peacemakers, to make this a better world and to use their voices.

"I know the trust is working incredibly hard to help these young people and if we have played a tiny, tiny part in that, then thank you God. I hope some of them take on board what we've been saying."

Recalling the day Jimmy was killed, Barry says: "I had a shoe mender's shop and Jimmy was my Saturday help. But I gave him

the day off because it had been his birthday, otherwise he'd have been working with me.

"Jimmy could get on with anybody and it was a privilege to be his mum and dad. It's also an honour to share the story. However, there's got to be a purpose behind it and what we're trying to get across is how our faith underpins everything we've done.

"We talked about our pain of losing Jimmy but we're also trying to speak about how we manage the pain these young people might have in life – and unfortunately, we all suffer pain.

"Forgiveness is about self-interest. I need to forgive and that means not wanting to do to others what they have done to me. Our talks have a huge impact and so long as we've got the strength, we'll keep doing it."

"Jimmy was just a beautiful boy, who was 6ft 4ins when he was killed, a gentle giant, the boy who sparkled," added Margaret. "He had a beautiful nature and was very popular with a smile for everyone.

"We knew from the moment Jimmy was born that there was something different about him and we used to laugh about it as a family. I believe that's because he had God in him.

"After Jimmy died, God gave us a voice we never knew we had and it's important for us to use that voice for our young people."

"There are some challenging issues here, as in all areas, and we can see how tough it can be for people," said Barry.

"The young people we've met are wonderful, charming young people who listen. There's an eagerness and hunger to do something and I'd like to think our visit has helped them think about what they're going to do.

"I feel greatly encouraged by the work of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust and what we've seen in the schools we've visited. There's great hope here."

As well as their school visits, the couple also spoke at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough. To find out more about their work, visit forjimmy.org.

Environment Corner

For this month's Environment Corner, we would like to draw attention to the release of a new film commissioned by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, entitled *Global Caring*.

It works as a standalone or companion volume to the previous film, *Global Healing*. Recognising the increased interest in this vital work, particularly among young people, the bishops hope the film will assist in developing that essential, practical and spiritual response we all need to make to the challenge of caring for our common home.

Global Caring is a free, downloadable resource with online leaders' notes, posters, discussion questions and a trailer. It is ideal for parishes, schools and individuals and would be particularly appropriate for the season of advent. It can be downloaded from ourcommonhome.co.uk.



Justice & Peace Commission



NPCAT lay lead chaplain Angela O'Brien with Trinity College students Melissa Foster, Hope Rehbohm, Colleen Insurya, Olivia Rodney, Nathan Mau Mau, Paris Sheraton, Francis O'Neill, Barry and Margaret Mizen and Father Phil Cunnah – Photo by Stuart Boulton Photography

LOURDES



Julian



Zoe



Mary J



Antonia



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Jessica

Students' Reflections On A 'Breathtaking' Pilgrimage

Young people from St Mary's College, Hull, have kindly sent us their reflections after taking part in our Pilgrimage to Lourdes earlier this year...

For me, Lourdes was an unforgettable experience. It made me feel very lucky to have been able to be a part of it. Everything about this trip was amazing, but one time I especially enjoyed was when we all got to sing and dance to our own favourite songs together.

This was when we all became closer and friendships were either made or strengthened. It was definitely my favourite time of the week. I also enjoyed helping the supported pilgrims, whose smiles and happiness made my day. They were all very eager to spend some time with us.

However, the religious part of all this was also extremely enjoyable and helpful. During those four days I definitely felt more relaxed than usual, which was good because an inside peace allowed me to gather my thoughts and focus them on God a little bit more.

However, after hearing the story of St Bernadette, I felt even more connected to Mary and Jesus. And the best part of all of this is that I got to spend all this time with my friends.

Antonia, year 9

Lourdes was breathtaking. I met so many people and made lots of friendships. Would go again. 10/10

Julian, year 10

I loved my time there, mainly due to being surrounded by the VIPs who tell you you're making a difference to the world.

I am so grateful for the leaders who helped us come here for such an experience of self-reflection.

Jessica, year 8

It was everything I expected and more. It has helped me to refocus my faith as well as making new friends along the way.

The spiritual high is unbelievable – I cannot wait to do it all again!

Jodie, year 11

2019 was my first year as a handmaid and third time in Lourdes overall. It still gives me the same feeling as the first time.

It is so amazing you can't describe Lourdes in its full glory to anyone, it's just so perfect.

Mary J, year 13

I have been filled with such hope and love. It's amazing to see so many people all in unity with the same belief.

I'll never forget the feeling of walking through the gates to the domain. I'm so thankful for this opportunity and I will never forget it. I hope to go again soon.

Zoe, year 11

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Devoted And Caring Nun Who Loved Prison Ministry

Sister Nora Callaghan was born in Liverpool almost 88 years ago, the youngest of four children of Joseph and Teresa Callaghan.

Nora often spoke about her childhood with great love – her mother’s affection and wisdom and her father’s dry wit seemed to have left an abiding impression on her. Her family meant an awful lot to Nora, as the many photos of them in her room testified.

After secondary school at Broughton Hall in Liverpool with the Mercy Sisters, Nora and her great friend, Florence Dobson – later Sister Mary Felicity – went to train as teachers at Endsleigh College, Hull, in 1950, with Nora returning to Liverpool after qualification to teach in St Bernard’s, Toxteth. A reference from the headteacher speaks of Nora’s teaching abilities and her gift for engaging the children in activities.

In 1953, Nora responded to God’s call to become a Sister of Mercy and entered Endsleigh Convent, and was known as Sister Mary Raymund. She continued to teach infants in the famous “Dem” school and at St Patrick’s East Hull – she would often say how much she enjoyed teaching the children in St Pat’s in the 1950s when life was hard for people in that part of the city following the decimation inflicted on it during the war.

Nora’s artistic talents were further nurtured in the 1950s at the College of Art in London and the Northern College of Music, Manchester, and she gained distinctions in the teaching of piano and voice. She put these gifts to good use when she joined the staff at the Endsleigh Teacher Training College, where she taught music for nearly 16 years.

Nora was involved in the many theatrical and musical productions for which the college was famous. When Endsleigh closed in 1976, she became head of music at St Mary’s Secondary school under headteacher Sister Imelda Dent.

It was at this time she was asked by Bishop McClean to found St Anthony’s parish with Father Seamus Kilbane and she served in the parish for many years before moving to Howden in 1994. St Anthony’s always held a special place in her heart, so it was fitting that her requiem Mass should be held there.

Prison ministry had featured strongly in Nora’s life since the early 1960s when she joined the chaplaincy team at HMP Hull. This continued in her later life at HMP Wolds, where she was chaplain in the 1990s – she said frequently how much she enjoyed her prison work.

Moving to Howden, which was nearer to the

prison, with Sister Hilda Mary, the two became active members of Sacred Heart Parish and were much missed when Howden closed in 2010.

Nora and Hilda then moved to Southcoates Lane Community, Hull, which became a community with care in 2015. Nora’s health deteriorated rapidly after a fall in August and she died very peacefully on September 29.

The above is a list of facts about Nora, the bare bones of a full and varied life in the service of God. But they only give a small flake of the essence of Nora, what made her the unique and unforgettable person she was honest, forthright on occasion, but

capable, too, of great warmth, kindness and generosity.

The remarkable peace with which she approached what she knew would be her final days was very moving to the sisters who had known her many years. Nora had an image of God which was one of great mercy – she knew her faults and acknowledged them, but trusted in God’s love and forgiveness. We thank God for her life and pray for her that she is now at peace, reunited with all those she loved in life.

Sister Bernie Roche



Sister Nora Callaghan

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