



Traditionally, May has always been dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. **Welcome Month of Mary** is one of the many Marian hymns that I used to sing as a child.

Many of those hymns would be deemed over-sentimental in our day and age, but they did foster a real devotion to Our Lady. I wonder how popular the Rosary is nowadays? Certainly, May, together with October, are the months of the Rosary and in the wake of the Dedication of Ukraine, Russia and the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary back in March, it is a very good prayer to offer for the woes of our world today.

Having entered fully into Easter time, and moving towards Ascension and Pentecost, the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit come to mind. Hence it is a wonderful time of the year to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I ask you to remember in your prayers those who will be receiving this sacrament over the next few months. It is a wonderful sacrament and the gifts that we are given are to set us up for life. Yet so often we do not use them to their full extent. Sometimes it is as if we are given a present by the Lord, but never bother to take it out of its box or unwrap it. Then we moan that the Lord is not giving us what we think we need, when he has already poured so many gifts into our lives, but we do not use them!

Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder in God's Presence

On the 21st of this month, we will have a get-together at the cathedral of all the parish, apostolic groups and school delegates together with their priests and chaplains as we consider how the synodal process has had an impact on our lives as individuals, as parishes and as the Church. At the time of writing this, we have had responses from 66% of our parishes, groups and schools. Statistically, that is a very high return indeed. And I have to comment on how mature and thoughtful the majority of submissions are, at least in my opinion. So, thank you to all who have worked so hard to bring this about. Jenny Sinclair, founder and director of Together for the Common Good, will be our main speaker, and the title of the day is "A Synod for the World". I look forward to being with many of you at this important event.

Then as May draws to a close, we will have our first "real" pilgrimage to Lourdes for three years. It will be a smaller and shorter experience but long hoped and prayed for. Please remember all the pilgrims in your prayers and be assured of our prayers for everyone in the diocese. Again, thanks are due to all those who work so hard to organise and plan so that things run smoothly. But a special thanks for keeping the spirit and morale going during these last couple of years.

Yours in blessed hope.

+ Liz

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Welcome return for monthly Fellowship Mass celebration

Catholic Fellowship Masses have resumed, and we're delighted to be visiting parishes across the northern area of the diocese.

Like others, we were forced to cancel our monthly masses during the pandemic due to the lockdown.

However, we were grateful to Monsignor Gerard Robinson for celebrating Mass at St Mary's Cathedral each month, which was able to be live-streamed on the diocesan YouTube channel.

We were delighted to be able to welcome people back to Mass each month from the start of the year.

To be fair, it was a quiet start – Canon Alan Sheridan welcomed us for our first visit to St Thérèse of Lisieux at Ingleby Barwick, but it was a little disappointing that after the increase in Covid cases, we didn't have many people attending or gathering afterwards.

February brought a brighter outlook and case numbers had settled by the time we visited St Alphonsus Church.

Father Peter Ryan celebrated Mass for the large congregation, and we enjoyed a warm welcome as always from the parishioners and were able to socialise in the hall after Mass. It felt like old times as we caught up with old friends and new.

March saw us visit the Sacred Heart in Redcar. It has certainly been a long time since we visited this parish, as we had regularly visited St Augustine's.



Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship invites you to join them at their monthly Mass

However, we received the same warm welcome we're used to in Redcar and enjoyed a lovely Mass celebrated by Canon Derek Turnham.

Afterwards, there was a chance to enjoy the hospitality of the parish and catch up with friends old and new.

We look forward to continuing our Masses

across this part of the diocese throughout the year.

Please look out for the venue and come and join us for this special celebration of Mass on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

Theresa Flaherty

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NEWS

New display showcases Bar Convent’s ‘True Cross’ relic

The Bar Convent in York is displaying its little-known True Cross relic along with new research and recently rediscovered documentation.

This documentation, along with new research, shows a likely explanation as to how the relic eventually arrived at the convent in 1792 and has enabled the convent to trace elements of the history of the relic, which have been a mystery since the 19th century.

The relic is encased in an ornate and beautiful reliquary case of silver gilt, precious stones and crystal from around 1867-70. It was specially designed by the eminent York architect, George Goldie.

Dr Hannah Thomas is the first layperson to look after the collections and to encourage research, along with archiving, documenting and digitising them so that they can be shared more widely with the public.

Dr Thomas said: “Established in 1686, the Bar Convent is the oldest living convent in England.

“On account of its position in post-Reformation England as one of the only religious establishments in the country, and a chief centre of Catholicism in the north of England, it was regarded as a suitable

repository for sacred items to be protected.

“This has resulted in a collection of fascinating historic Catholic objects.

“The collections have been incredible to work with. I have been very fortunate to discover some astonishing objects, the stories of how they have survived and of the people that have gone to great lengths to preserve them.

“Particularly interesting are the documents relating to the True Cross relic. The relic itself does not appear to be widely known beyond this religious community. It is clearly a significant piece that would certainly be of great interest to a wider audience.

“When researching the relic, however, there seemed to be lengths of time in its history that appeared to be lost, and previous research carried out in the 1860s was unable to ascertain how the relic had transferred from one family to another.

“Through this documentation, and thanks to modern technology, we have been able to piece together a likely, very complex, history of this True Cross relic.

“We are thrilled to be able to enrich our knowledge of this piece, which has been so well protected and admired for centuries. It is



Dr Hannah Thomas with the True Cross relic, which is now on permanent display at the Bar Convent in York

a centrepiece of our collections and remains an object of contemplation with both religious and historic significance.”

The reliquary is on public display in the Bar Convent exhibition, which also includes a rare 15th-century processional cross, a painting of Thomas More from the school of Holbein, vestments worn at the first “illegal” mass in the chapel and more.

Admission is £5 for adults and £2 for children or £10 for a family and with concessions available.

**BISHOP TERRY'S
MAY ENGAGEMENTS**

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Attends Bishops Plenary - Cardiff

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Celebrates Mass and Confirmations – Ampleforth

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Celebrates Mass and Confirmations – Ampleforth

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Attends Department for Social Justice Meeting in London

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Attends meeting of Bishop’s Council at Bishop’s House, Middlesbrough

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Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustee Board at St Aelred’s Hall, York

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Celebrates Confirmations in Central Deanery at St Wilfrid’s, York

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Attends the Diocesan Synod Day at St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough

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Attends the Celebration of Governance at Trinity Catholic College

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Celebrates Mass and Confirmations in Southern Deanery at St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Church, Hull

30 – June 3

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Oils blessed at moving Chrism Mass

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

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

In his homily, Bishop Terry spoke of the spectre of a war in Europe overshadowing a world that is only just beginning to emerge from a pandemic that has caused such

heartbreak for so many.

“Who will help us and rescue us from this terrible situation in which we find ourselves?” he asked. “To whom do we turn? To the one whose promise is never broken; to the one who speaks all truth to us; to the one who is with us until the end of the age – Jesus the Prince of Peace.

“We are all witnesses to this Good News. All those who are gathered here today and those who will gather throughout the world to renew the paschal mystery in their lives.

“We are all anointed, we are all called, we all have to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, the truth of Jesus, the sure promises of Jesus which, despite the circumstances in which we find ourselves, is being fulfilled even as we listen.”

For the first time at the Chrism Mass, music was led by new music director Steven Maxson and included our diocesan choirs singing his own setting of Psalm 88, his predecessor Tim Harrison’s *A Parish Mass for Middlesbrough* and *O Redeemer*, by Venantius Fortunatus.



Bishop Terry receives the oils during the Chrism Mass – Photo by Dan Woodgate

CAFOD launches Fix the Food System campaign

One of the joys of my role is meeting so many inspirational people, such as Sister Anthonia, from Sierra Leone, who featured in our Lent story.

When I met her in 2013, she had a vision of providing a safe environment where expectant mothers could give birth and she has realised her dream for the benefit of what she called “my mothers”.

Then there’s Helen, who committed to walking 10 miles a day for 40 days as part of our Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge, which is remarkable for an 82-year-old.

She has been completely dedicated to it, even in terrible weather conditions saying, “The hungry can’t take a day off!” She completed it on Palm Sunday after recording 410 miles.

Individuals and parish communities have been organising different fundraisers and walks, tentatively bringing people together after the restrictions of the pandemic, and our schools have participated in Walking Against Hunger. But what has it all been for?

CAFOD originated in response to the hunger of babies in Dominica. Sixty years on, it’s hard to believe it is still prevalent in so many places around the world when there has been so much development.

Even though there’s enough food in the world to feed everyone, 800 million people are hungry, with 200 million children facing malnutrition.

Why? Because the way we organise our food system is broken. So this month we are launching our Fix the Food System campaign.

That doesn’t mean we have sidelined our climate work – we are still working on all the asks we made at COP26 last November. We will be taking the three COP asks forward with a new focus.

The way we grow, produce and transport food is responsible for around one-third of all global greenhouse gas emissions. Huge quantities of pesticides and fertilisers are made using fossil fuels.

Forests and rainforests are cut down or burned to make huge areas available for



CAFOD is campaigning to fix the world system

rearing cattle for meat and dairy or to grow soya to feed the animals we want to eat.

Since 1990, around 420 million hectares of forest have been destroyed. This is 17 times the size of the UK. Read more about it at

cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Food-8-things-you-didn-t-know.

Carol Cross
Community Participation Coordinator

Paul’s 835-kilometre fundraising trek



Paul Revill on one of his previous walks

Hull parishioner Paul Revill is tackling his fifth and longest camino yet to raise funds for CAFOD.

Paul, from St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, is walking the Camino del Norte, along the north coast of Spain.

He will start at Irun and aims to finish at Santiago de Compostella, a distance of 835 kilometres in total, and he hopes to raise as much money as possible for the Catholic aid charity.

Paul’s previous four caminos were all different routes. He completed one with his ten-year-old grandson, Eugene, and another with his wife, Mary, and 15-year-old grandson, Chama.

The longest camino he has completed before this one was 790 kilometres from St Jean du Pied to Compostella.

As well as the caminos, Paul has completed many walks in Europe, notably from Florence to Rome and from Palermo to Agrigento, so he is a seasoned walker who hopes to complete the walk in five to six weeks.

If you would like to donate in support of CAFOD, visit justgiving.com/Paul-REVILL8.

Chris Cuthill

Rose puts best foot forward to smash charity target

Intrepid Rose Cartledge has more than tripled her fundraising target after walking 262 kilometres for CAFOD’s Walk Against Hunger campaign.

The challenge was to walk five kilometres each day and complete 200 kilometres during Lent to support children in Sierra Leone, where around a quarter of children suffer from extreme malnutrition and many die in early infancy.

Rose, from St Aelred’s Parish, York, signed up to take on the challenge, starting her training in February and setting a target of £400.

“I was overcome by the great need to do something to help the children in rural deprived areas of Sierra Leone,” said Rose.

“A few clinics run by nuns help these families in communities that are so far away that many women have to walk miles to get help and save their young toddlers from dying. They need our help to survive, and the clinics need our help to continue delivering services to women and children.”

Rose set a challenge of walking five kilometres a day, and although she was daunted by the prospect at first, she soon got into her stride.

“I didn’t mind the cold, the true challenge was walking in the strong wind, rain, and in snow and hail showers,” she said.

“But this is a small sacrifice compared to the one thousands of women have to do every day in Africa to get help to save their starving children.”

Parishioners supported Rose by offering to walk with her on occasions or by sponsoring her, and she reported the distance she



CAFOD fundraiser Rose Cartledge

walked each day to members of the St Aelred’s What’s App group.

At the time of writing, she had raised an incredible £1,500.

“I would like to thank parishioners for their great generosity, love and support, and also for joining me on my walks,” she said.

“Thanks also to my husband, Brian, who accompanied me on many of my walks, and my friends and family for their support.

“Please remember these communities and the religious sisters in the clinics in your prayers. Their plight is a constant struggle in severe hardship to survive.”

If you would like to add your contribution, visit justgiving.com and search for “Rose Cartledge”.



More than 60 people from parishes throughout Hull enjoyed a quiz night at the Sacred Heart that raised £345 for CAFOD. The event was organised by Eileen France and Margaret Moxon and hosted by quizmaster Peter Nicholson.

Thanks to all our volunteers and supporters

We are so grateful to everyone for their amazing efforts during Lent and for responding to the needs of our local and global neighbours.

We’re particularly grateful for their generous response to our Ukraine appeal, enabling our Caritas partners to provide

shelter, food and safe spaces for families who have lost everything.

Please keep praying for a lasting peaceful solution to the crisis and an end to the hostilities and violence. There are prayer resources on our website for individuals and communities to use.

Would you like to work with us?

We have lots of opportunities for volunteers in our diocese, especially to help share our work in schools and parishes.

Many of our former volunteers go on to find jobs. If you have a few hours to spare, please get in touch by emailing ccross@cafod.org.uk or calling 07779 804253.

SCHOOLS

Special visitors help York schools celebrate Earth Day

An actor, scientist and arctic explorer joined schoolchildren throughout the York area as they celebrated Earth Day.

Catholic schools throughout the area marked the start of the day with a live, virtual call from Professor Peter Wadhams, who was credited with being one of the first scientists to show that the ice that once covered the Arctic Ocean was beginning to thin and shrink.

Later, Gordon Eastham, grounds and ecology manager at the University of York, inspired pupils at St Aelred's, York, to do more to protect hedgehogs.

The university has recently been awarded the British Hedgehog Preservation Society Gold Award for its work to improve biodiversity and care for hedgehogs.

Dr Bryce Stewart, a marine biologist from the university, helped St Wilfrid's, York, and St George's, York, children to care for the oceans.

Bex Lynch, who is studying for a Master's degree in international relations and climate change at Newcastle University, returned to her former school, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, York, to inspire the children to do

more to care for the environment.

Bruno the Beekeeper, from the York and District Beekeepers Association, encouraged St Benedict's, Ampleforth, children to understand the importance of insects.

Peter Kavanagh, CEO of Harmony Energy, visited children at St Mary's and St Francis Xavier in Richmond to discuss his company's ambition to accelerate the change to a renewable energy system. Jan Selby, professor of politics and international relations at Sheffield University, brought an international perspective to the children at Sacred Heart School, Northallerton, including a discussion about the outcomes and next steps following the COP26 climate summit.

Pupils at St Joseph's, Pickering, welcomed Mike Potter, who has worked on the Pickering natural flood alleviation scheme for more than 16 years. His wealth of experience and local knowledge, backed up by his work with several universities, helped the children see solutions in action.

Alex Green, schools programme manager at climate charity, Ashden Trust and who leads the national schools' "Let's Go Zero" campaign, returned to St Augustine's, Scarborough, where he met Year 7 and 8



Children from St George's in Scarborough heard about protecting and preserving grey and common seals

students.

The Yorkshire Seal Group visited the children at St George's School, Scarborough, to discuss their passion for protecting and preserving grey and common seals.

A representative of Surfers Against Sewage, which leads the Plastic Free Schools' Award, visited St Peter's School in Scarborough to talk about his work, which has included rescuing a seal injured by ocean litter.

Dominic Sheffield, from Nestlé, told children at St John of Beverley how his company is working towards a more sustainable future.

Renata and Shannon from Octopus Energy joined children at St Mary's, Malton, to talk about clean energy and renewables and introduce their loveable mascot, Constantine.

Roger Parkinson BEM, a volunteer speaker for the Woodland Trust and chair of the Wakefield Tree Wardens, visited St Mary's,



Pearl and Phoebe were among the pupils from St Augustine's in Scarborough who wrote letters to the Minister of Education

Market Weighton, and at St Mary and St Joseph's, Pocklington, to talk about the importance of trees – and why he loves planting them!

Sophie Wilson, a marine biologist working for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, joined the children at Our Lady and St Peter, Bridlington, to pass on her passion for the seas and inspire them about the amazing world beneath the waves.



Green-fingered children from St John of Beverley



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Trust appoints chef to transform school dinners

If you thought school dinners were all turkey twizzlers and soggy semolina, think again!

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust pupils are set to benefit from the appointment of a new trust development chef who made his name working in Michelin-starred kitchens throughout the country.



In what's thought to be a first, Paul O'Hara has been appointed as NPCAT's new trust development chef

In what's thought to be a nationwide first, Paul O'Hara has joined the trust from the highly acclaimed five-star Rockliffe Hall Hotel in Hurworth, where he was executive chef at the Clubhouse restaurant.

It's fair to say that the day head of estates and facilities Matthew Laverick interviewed Paul for the job was not the worst day he's ever had at work.

"As part of the selection process, Paul was asked to come up with the kind of menu he would like to see being served in our schools," Matthew says. "Paul cooked risotto with parmesan crisp for us – and it was delicious!"

"Bringing him here is a real coup. Paul's already fitting in well with the team. He's approachable, flexible and calm under pressure."

One of Paul's jobs is to oversee the implementation of the trust-wide catering contract that was recently signed with partner Caterlink.

"His role will include making sure children are enjoying the food and that what's on offer is right for the demographic of the area," says Matthew. "He'll be looking at the numbers and uptake of school meals and raising quality and standards."

"Some trusts completely outsource their contracts but for me, any contract is only as good as it's managed. Paul will visit schools on a rolling basis and look at areas such as presentation, menu choice and the skills of the staff."

However, making sure our children have a healthy, tasty and nutritious choice of food is only the start of Paul's wide-ranging role.

"He will also provide added value across the trust and within the wider community as well," says Matthew.

"We plan to hold theme days across the trust, cooking development sessions and demonstrations, and he will also be working with the children."

Born in Trimdon, County Durham, Paul has more than 27

years of experience in the catering sector, mainly working with hotels and Michelin-star restaurants outside of London.

In 2006 he opened his own restaurant and pub, the Bridge Inn in Whorlton Village, which later won North-East Pub of the Year and AA Pub of the Year.

Now he's relishing his latest challenge – and he wants to use his skills and expertise to raise the quality and standards of catering across the world of education.

"I like to cater for children," he says. "I have a son and daughter and often ask them for suggestions of what they'd like to see on the menu."

Paul, whose other passion is teaching martial arts, has an enthusiasm for his work that's infectious.

"I don't see what I do as a job," he says. "I am being paid to do something I enjoy. I sometimes wonder what it would be like to be doing a job you don't like – it must be awful!"



One of Paul's creations



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NEWS

The Postgate Society needs your help

The Postgate Society can trace its origins back to the 1960s when Father David Quinlan, then parish priest at Egton Bridge, assembled papers for the cause for the canonisation of Nicholas Postgate.

Mildred Raw, then headmistress of St Hedda’s School, was a stalwart of the society in the 1970s.

Over the years, as well as supporting the Postgate Rally, the society has produced annual newsletters, had a video made of the life of the martyr, created a website and supplied half the parishes in the diocese with a framed portrait of Father Postgate (the rest will shortly also be getting theirs).

Thanks to the generosity of the late Lady Normanby, the society has erected memorial stones at the site of Father Postgate’s birth in Egton Bridge and at the hermitage where he once lived, as well as blue plaques at the site of the Mass House in Egton and at Red Barn in Littlebeck, where he was arrested.

We have produced various publications, notably a life of Nicholas Postgate by our current chairman Monica Ventress, as well as a Postgate Trail leaflet and a Postgate prayer card.

Over the last two and a half years, because of the covid pandemic, the society has necessarily been largely inactive. The committee met in April to try and take up the reins again.

Unfortunately, we find ourselves in some disarray – out of the eight committee members who were previously regular attenders, three have died and one has resigned.

The four of us who remain are all elderly and we believe it would be unrealistic to try to continue alone.

Therefore, we urgently need to recruit more people who can offer active help. We are particularly looking for help in maintaining our website.

During recent years, all committee meetings have been held in Ugthorpe, but there is now no reason why it could not sit elsewhere, to suit new members.

One idea that has been suggested is to use videoconferencing, such as Zoom, for meetings, which would make the committee open to anyone, anywhere in the diocese, and avoid the need for people to travel large distances.

If you have an interest in Blessed Nicholas Postgate and may be willing to offer such help, or if you simply want more information about what is involved, please contact me by emailing j.smallwood128@btintemet.com or calling 01642 298369.

David Smallwood



Bishop Terry blessing the blue plaque at the site of the Mass House in Egton – Photo by Joe Harrison

Religious gather for second synod day

More than 30 religious of the diocese gathered at Thicket Carmelite Monastery, York, for their second day of reflection and sharing in preparation for the Synod.

The Thicket community were joined by representatives from the Bar Convent, Ampleforth Abbey, Stanbrook Abbey, the Marist Fathers, the Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters, the Daughters of Divine Love and the Sisters of Mercy.

The discussions were chaired by Sister Ann Stafford CJ. Canon Jerry Twomey, the Episcopal Vicar for Religious, also took part in the day and celebrated Mass.

Deacon David Cross, who was present as an observer, generously offered to collate the

notes taken during the discussion and so include a contribution from religious in the synod response that will be sent from the diocese to Rome.

It was recognised that “walking together” on this synodal journey is just as important as any outcome. Therefore, the suggestion arose that the religious of the diocese should continue to meet occasionally as a group, for sharing and mutual support.

This was greeted enthusiastically by all and it is hoped that the next gathering will take place at Ampleforth in the autumn, at the kind invitation of Abbot Robert.

Sister Thérèse Wilkinson OCD



Religious gather at Thicket Carmelite Monastery in York

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RETREATS

Book now for Holy Island pilgrimage

After a two-year break due to the pandemic, Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) will be holding their Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer in Holy Island, Lindisfarne, on Saturday June 4. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Paul

Mason, Stella Maris bishop promoter for England and Wales. The day will start at noon with the now traditional Celtic prayers, which this year will take place on the green, and conclude with concelebrated Mass in the Church of St Mary

the Virgin at 3pm. Stella Maris invites all parish groups, families and individuals in the diocese to join the pilgrimage to pray for seafarers, fishers and all involved in the charity's ministry. Please note that the Saturday safe crossing

times are between 9.10am and 5.05pm. For more information, please contact Stella Maris regional chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Deacon Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).



A previous Stella Maris pilgrimage to Holy Island



Christian Life in a new world: A Preached Retreat with Fr Donald Senior

The experience of the past three years – the pandemic, the effects of climate change, raging political and social conflicts – have brought profound change to our world. It is time Pope Francis has noted, to set out as pilgrims on a new and life-giving journey. The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles provided direction to the early Christian community as it, too, entered a new time a new place. This retreat will draw on this biblical wellspring to reflect on discipleship the possibilities of Christian discipleship now.

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A Day for those who have suffered bereavement or loss

The first of two days to be led by Chris Smith. Chris has been involved with the training and coordination of the Ministry of Consolation, a bereavement service for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It will be a day for people who have experienced bereavement or other significant loss and give them an opportunity to be heard, to share with others who have had a similar experience and to find hope and consolation as they adjust to a "new normal"

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UKRAINE

Catholic charity moves to help those suffering in Ukraine

Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) supports the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

While their work throughout the world has continued in recent months, they have made a special effort to support those suffering in Ukraine at this time. Here is some of the work they have been doing...

Fresh £1m wave of aid announced

ACN has revealed a second big injection of help totalling more than £1m for Ukrainians hit by the war.

More than £570,000 will go to support Church projects helping those who fled their homes – with a further £169,000 in the pipeline.

Additionally, more than £484,000 in Mass stipends will provide vital support for priests ministering to refugees.

ACN's Ukraine projects coordinator Magda Kaczmarek – who is in the country – said this second phase will shore up the Church's crucial emergency efforts.

Ms Kaczmarek said: "Many donations are reaching the bordering countries, but there is now a need for vehicles to transport the goods to those who need them in the country, often in locations that have been heavily damaged or are still under threat."

Monks backed as they care for refugees

Six monasteries sheltering hundreds of refugees in western Ukraine are to receive a vital injection of aid.

ACN has approved a new emergency aid package of more than £57,000 to allow the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Basilian monks to continue helping those who fled the fighting.

The new ACN aid for the six houses of the Basilian Order of St Josaphat is in addition to more than £1m supporting priests and religious across Ukraine helping those suffering because of the war.

The Basilian's provincial house in Briukhovychi, near Lviv, is caring for 150 women and children, who are allowed to stay in the monastery for as long as they need to.



A family being cared for at the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Monastery, Buchach – Photo © ACN

Katie returns to Whitby for Ukraine concert

Award-winning singer-songwriter Katie Doherty will bring her band The Navigators to the Coliseum, Whitby, for a special concert in aid of Ukraine on Friday June 24.

The concert has been organised by St Hilda's Parish and follows Katie's highly successful visit to the town in 2019.

Since then the band have played live sessions on both BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 3, toured nationally and appeared at Cambridge Folk Festival, Cheltenham Festival and Manchester Folk Festival, among others.

The concert will be part of their tour to launch their new album FLOW and exclusive pre-release copies will be on sale in Whitby ahead of its release on July 29.

Teesside-born Katie has also toured with Kathryn Tickell, Kate and Anna McGarrigle and Ray Davies, but some of her earliest memories are as part of our Lourdes pilgrimage.

"Growing up on Teesside my musical memories are made up of Vin Garbutt playing at my school and listening to my older brother and sister playing in the Lourdes music group," says Katie. "It was my dream to follow in their footsteps."

"Then the Wildcats of Kilkenny kept me dancing in my teenage years. Fast forward a few years and my husband and I were blessed to be married by Father Pat Keogh at

the Lady Chapel in Osmotherley and I am always delighted to be able to return to my homeland to play music.

"I know I can count on the audience to be in good voice."

The event is ticket-only, with just 90 places available. Tickets are £10 and are available from the church on 01947 602476.



Katie Doherty and The Navigators with Father Pat Keogh



A sister with a refugee family being cared for in Lviv, Ukraine – Photo © ACN

Lifeline for convents in Lviv

Sisters in Ukraine have received vital support as they help some of the country's more than six million refugees.

ACN has announced a new emergency aid package of almost £60,000 supporting Roman Catholic women's orders tending to refugees in Lviv Archdiocese.

Sister Tobiasza, of the Congregation of St Joseph, told ACN the community has opened the doors of their Lviv convent to care for those forced from their homes by the war – most of whom are women and children.

She said: "There are people sleeping in every corner of the monastery, both in beds and on mattresses on the floor."

"They are very grateful for the opportunity to wash, eat hot meals and get some rest. Some spent several days in basements or in air-raid shelters."

Sacraments go on despite the war

A missionary priest from Brazil, who has refused to leave his Ukrainian flock, is sheltering 30 refugees in his parish as the bombs continue to fall on Kyiv.

Father Lucas Perozzi, who has been in Ukraine since 2004, told ACN why he had received the refugees into his church.

He said: "In this time of war, the people couldn't remain in their own houses and were spending their nights in bunkers and in underground stations. It was terrible, because these places are cold, dirty, and the atmosphere is very dark."

"They were scared, terrified. Those who came to stay with us can now sleep through the night, in a peaceful atmosphere, despite the war. There is brotherly solidarity here, people help each other out."

Father Lucas said the war hadn't stopped people receiving the sacraments.

He said: "Yesterday we had a wedding, and we're having another one today. People come to confession as well."

"Even amid the war, we can see that God is love. He continues to love each and every one of us without limits".



Father Lucas Perozzi saying Mass – Photo © ACN

Apollo Choir comes to St Mary's Cathedral

The Teesside Apollo Male Voice Choir will get back to doing what it does best – entertaining with its singing and raising charitable funds – in a special Concert for Ukraine at St Mary's Cathedral.

Like many choirs, the Apollo has been enduring an enforced rest period during the pandemic. Now the choir is back in full voice and looking for audiences to entertain while raising funds for charitable causes.

The Apollo was founded in 1887 and is now in its 135th year. It was established to raise funds to support a bereaved Welsh family whose father was tragically killed in an accident at the ironworks in Middlesbrough.

My own grandfather, Thomas McTiernan, was a labourer in a Middlesbrough ironworks who also tragically died at the age of 35 in 1937, 20 years before I was born.

Throughout its illustrious history, the Apollo

has existed to raise funds for charitable causes and the current crisis in Ukraine has inspired the choir to hold a concert at the cathedral to help raise much-needed funds for aid.

The choir continued through the thick and thin of two World Wars with an unbroken record until Covid made it impossible and too dangerous to perform. Hopefully, Covid is now less of a threat and once more we can tread the boards and entertain.

More details will follow in June's Voice. It is hoped to have appearances from guest choirs and soloists including younger generations who also wish to have their voices heard in support of Ukraine. Please mark the date on your calendar so you can be there, have a great evening and help the cause.

The Concert for Ukraine takes place at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday June 17.

Peter McTiernan

A month to focus on work and vocations

The month of May has many saints' days, but I want to focus on two Sundays in particular because I think they are linked.

The Third Sunday of Easter (May 1) is designated as a Day of Prayer for Human Work, followed by the Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 8), which is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Our vocation and our work are often very closely linked and if they are not, then maybe they ought to be.

Although our work should provide us with the means to pay our way, it should never solely be just for ourselves, but for the benefit of others, too, often referred to as the Common Good.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis tells us, "We were created with a vocation to work ... Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment" (128).

Work is about more than making a profit, earning a living and having a career. Many people's jobs can seem mundane, with few opportunities for development and fulfilment.

For others, being in work can be a daily struggle to make ends meet as some people juggle two or three jobs to make up a liveable wage.

Many more cannot find employment and are consigned to barely surviving on inadequate state help. This is all set to grow worse with the current cost-of-living increases. Many think these increases have somehow fallen from the sky and are unavoidable, due to the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine – not to mention the impact of Brexit!

Contentious though this may be to some, these increases are really because of decisions made by those in power and authority in certain parts of the globe, whose choices seem to come down to making sure they benefit from every economic eventuality and opportunity and continue to increase their wealth and power.

One doesn't need to be a Christian to feel that the current situation is wrong. It has long been the Church's message that everyone who needs to work has a right to work. We are made by a creative God who shares his creativity with each one of us, endowing us with skills and talents that we sometimes refer to as "Charisms".

Successive popes have said work should be the avenue for people to lead a truly human life: increasing our awareness of our true dignity, of being made in the image and likeness of our creator, having adequate food, clothing and shelter, the right to choose a state of life and to found a family, the right to education, to employment (see *Gaudium et Spes*).

At times it seems we have lost sight of this. Maybe we can remind ourselves on Sunday May 1.

This brings me to World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All of us will have faced the dilemma of "What am I going to be when I grow up?" We're lucky – or unlucky, depending on one's viewpoint – if we make the right decision the first time around.

As parents, we've all asked our teenage daughters or sons what they would like to do when they leave school, college or university.

When I was young, the choice was very limited, either heavy engineering or the construction industry. The choice is not so straightforward for young people today.

I wonder, though, if one of our sons said he wanted to be a priest, or if our son or daughter said they felt a calling to live as part of a religious community, what our reaction would be?

Maybe this isn't even the right question. Maybe more pertinent questions should be, how do we support our children in choosing such a vocation? What do we need to develop to help them even begin thinking that the calling to a vocation as a priest or religious might be something they would like to consider, pray about or talk about with

others? What is it about our present world that makes a vocation to the priesthood and religious life look so unattractive? Do we as Catholics think them unattractive options?

Travelling around the diocese with Bishop Terry, visiting parishes where, when their current parish priest steps down from pastoral ministry, Bishop Terry will be unable to provide a resident priest, has shown me the difficulties we are facing.

One priest recalled an experience that led him to begin thinking about a vocation to the priesthood. He shared how the example he had witnessed in the activities and spirituality of another priest had encouraged him to begin to pray and reflect on whether he had a priestly vocation. The rest is history. This priest has been in his ministry for 25 years.

As a husband, father, grandparent, permanent deacon and adult formation coordinator, I'm probably not the right person to write about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But I can and very much want to be affirming of our priests, religious and deacons, too. None are perfect and all, without exception, realise that. One priest said to me "We are not superhumans. We have our shortcomings just like everyone else."

They are all committed to their vocation, giving their best and striving to be good examples. All will tell you their vocation is fulfilling and that they accompany people from birth to the end of life.

Each stage is different for each person and is filled with blessings and difficulties. Every priest or deacon I know will tell you just how privileged they are to be with people at these times.

Like many of you, I have been privileged to have had the support of many priests. I have always found them generous with their time, compassionate in times of difficulty, affirming when I have had tough decisions to make, comforting in times of bereavement and supportive of my family and my vocation to the diaconate.

It's not a bad thing to thank our clergy, our religious sisters and brothers and deacons, and to thank our contemplative sisters and brothers, along with the lay faithful, who continue to keep our clergy in their prayers and offer them support and friendship.

Our diocese currently has no men in formation for the priesthood. We have three men in the propaedeutic year (year of discernment) of the permanent diaconate, which is good news, and we pray that their vocations will continue to form.

It takes around seven years to train a man for the priesthood and four years for the permanent diaconate, so these are no quick fixes.

Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or religious life? Canon Alan Sheridan, our diocesan director of vocations, would speak to any



Adult formation coordinator Deacon David Cross

man who is beginning to pray and think about such a vocation. His contact details are on the diocesan website.

Let's continue to pray for vocations and let's remember all our clergy on May 8.

**Deacon David Cross
Adult Formation Coordinator**

Taking the work of St Vincent into our schools and colleges

Our Young Vincentians programmes take our Vincentian ethos into schools, colleges, youth hubs, universities and parishes, inspiring young people to give their time to volunteer and sow the seeds for a lifetime of service.

All over England and Wales, children, young people and young adults are taking up the invitation to join the Vincentian family and turn their concern into real action, whether in Mini Vinnies (for seven-to-11-year-olds), Youth SVP (for 11-18-year-olds) and SVP1833 (for 18-35-year-olds).

These groups and the energy they bring are

hugely important to the greater work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Most of our primary schools and four of our secondary schools, along with York University, have groups of various ages.

Others are beginning as they open up after the pandemic. Their enthusiasm is a beacon of hope for us all.

For more information about any of these groups or other ways you can help, please email me at FrancesG@svp.org.uk.

**Frances Gilchrist
Middlesbrough President SVP**



NEWS

Missio prepares to celebrate founder’s beatification

The Pope’s charity for world mission is looking forward to celebrating the beatification of one of its founders in France.

Venerable Pauline Jaricot will be beatified in Lyon on May 22, which will be a day of prayer and celebration for the global Missio family and the whole Church.

Born in 1799, Pauline was a remarkable laywoman with great faith. Through her resolution and strong beliefs, she founded Missio’s Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) when she was just 23 years.

The England and Wales branch of the APF was formed in 1825 and Pauline’s legacy continues here today through the Red Box scheme, which is a partnership between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Pauline had a passion for helping to support missionaries around the world. She believed that if we all give a little and pray a little, we can share God’s love throughout the world.

Pauline was declared Venerable, meaning it was recognised that she lived a virtuous life, by Pope John XXIII in 1963. This was an important initial step towards being canonised.

Beatification is the second major stage. For this step, a miracle through the candidate’s intercession must be recognised.

In Pauline’s case, this happened in May 2012. A three-year-old girl named Mayline, from Lyon, choked on food and suffocated. Unable to resuscitate her, doctors said she was “brain dead” and would die in the next few weeks.

Upon hearing the news, pupils and parents of Mayline’s school decided to ask for Pauline Jaricot’s intercession by praying a novena for Mayline’s recovery. At the same time, as Mayline lay in a coma hooked up to a feeding tube and respiratory machines, her parents had begun looking for a child-sized coffin.

Soon afterwards the doctors were surprised to confirm that Mayline’s condition had changed – indeed, she was coming back to life. Mayline was released from the hospital in December, fully healed.



Doctors have been unable to explain the change in her health. Mayline’s parents are convinced of the intervention of Pauline Jaricot. A diocesan enquiry occurred in 2019, where a medical board validated the miracle of healing, and the theological commission certified the intervention of Pauline Jaricot in the full recovery of little Mayline.

Mayline’s miracle has led to Pauline Jaricot’s beatification. For the final step, canonisation, a second miracle will need to be recognised.

Because Pauline Jaricot is such an important figure in the global Missio family, celebrations, masses and events will be happening around the world to mark her beatification, which coincides with the 200th anniversary of the APF.

In England and Wales, Missio will be holding special Masses throughout the year. You can find more details at missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/

Missio is filled with joy at this special event, which recognises a woman who has shown us that small and simple initiatives, which bring people together in prayer and faith, really can change the world.

As the Pope’s official charity for world mission, Missio enables Catholics to live out the call received at baptism, to share God’s



Pauline Jaricot, who is one of Missio’s founders

love across the world.
You can find more details of Pauline’s life, and download resources to celebrate this

wonderful occasion with your parish, school or community at missio.org.uk/Pauline.

A Letter From Madonna House – The strike of a match

The strike of a match, and sin is forgiven and redemption offered. This was an image that came to me on retreat this year, and it continues to inspire me with hope.

I had been given the story of Peter’s denials to ponder. To tell you the truth, I thought I



had exhausted this reading when on retreat during my mid-life crisis. A few months earlier, when I turned 40, I had asked God for a special word for this milestone and was puzzled when he gave me Peter’s denials.

However, within a couple of months, I seemed to have lost my faith in God’s love and was even considering leaving my vocation.

On that retreat, when I read of Jesus warning Peter of his imminent denials, I suddenly understood. Jesus forgave Peter even before Peter turned away in fear, and he also commissioned him to strengthen his brothers as soon as he recovered from this shock.

He had done the same for me. He forgave me even before I turned from him. I found myself with Peter, remembering Jesus’ words, and I too wept for my weakness, and also in gratitude for his forgiveness, and his trust of me with a new ministry.

This year, I focused on the look that Jesus gave Peter after his third denial. I had always seen this as a look of forgiveness,

but this time I saw something else: a pleading. What was that about? Jesus knew the other disciples were afraid and hiding and now leaderless, and he was silently pleading with Peter to remember that he was commissioned to strengthen his brothers, to already be their leader, to bolster their spirits with his presence.

I had always thought of Peter cowering in shame until the Risen Lord came to them, but now I saw something different: impetuous Peter would have run to be with Jesus on the cross, but Jesus needed him to strengthen the others instead. John was allowed to stand with Our Lady, but Peter was being sent to his brothers. And Peter hastened to go where Jesus asked.

That’s where the match came in. I saw Peter’s guilt and shame being lit by the fire of Jesus’ love and mercy, and immediately transformed into light for others. The sin was consumed instantly in loving forgiveness, and redemption offered as lasting gift.

God wastes nothing, even sin. Nothing stops his mercy. Jesus hardly looked at Peter’s sin;

it was already wiped away before he committed it! And the pain of his betrayal was transformed into compassion for others, and zeal in proclaiming the Resurrection of Christ.

I then thought of my greatest sin and with a shock, I could see that not only did Jesus forgive me immediately, but he had long ago transformed it into compassion for the weakness of others. He had increased my love through his forgiveness and given me a ministry to the very people I had hurt.

All these years, I suffered periodic bouts of remorse for my sin, and all along, Jesus had been using it for the good. My original repentance was healthy and life-giving, but my later remorse was useless and completely unnecessary.

So perhaps when we find ourselves struggling to accept our sinfulness and to believe in God’s absolute forgiveness, we might light a match, watch the fire consume the tip, and then ask to see where God is using us to be light for others.

Cheryl Ann Smith

Easter egg raffle raises cracking total for parish

Canon Alan Sheridan is pictured with Layla and Jeremy, who helped with an Easter egg raffle to raise funds for the Parish of St Thérèse of Lisieux in Ingleby Barwick.

A total of £338 was raised and Canon Alan drew the winning tickets in the raffle, which was organised by Mrs Williams.

Parishioners are now looking forward to their celebration of the Queen's jubilee to raise further funds.

The event proved so popular that it has been moved to a local school to accommodate everyone who wants to go.



Please remember in your prayers the following clergy from our diocese whose anniversaries are this month. They are listed here along with their final resting place.

1	1994	Rev John Eaves-Tinsley	Middlesbrough
1	2007	Rev Anthony J F Storey	Hull
2	1889	Rev John Leadbetter	Hedon
2	1911	Very Rev Canon Thomas Holland	Yarm
2	1986	Rev Francis Hyland	Everingham
3	1912	Rev William McNaughton	Beverley
5	1892	Very Rev Canon John Doud	South Bank
6	1917	Very Rev Canon Charles Wood	Hull
6	1978	Rt Rev Mgr Provost Michael O'Sullivan	Redcar
10	1943	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Jules Claus	Middlesbrough
12	1992	Rev Joseph McDonagh	Middlesbrough
14	1963	Rev Michael Nerney	Dormanstown
14	1970	Rt Rev Mgr William Brunner	Hull
15	1970	Rev Basil McCretton	Scorton
15	1972	Rev Joseph Beasty	Dormanstown
17	1979	Rev Patrick Breen	Ulshaw Bridge
19	1978	Rev Martin Vasey	Marske
19	1998	Rev Alfred Dodds MHM	Freshfields
20	1982	Rev Patrick O'Rourke	Sleights
22	1940	Rev Louis Tils	Northallerton
22	1994	Rev Michael Lynam	Middlesbrough
23	1955	Very Rev Canon John Chadwick	Saltburn
25	1882	Rev Robert Gibson	Ulshaw Bridge
27	1886	Rev Thomas Danson	Howden

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3 Tuesday

10am Christian Meditation Group meets online. Further information from Terry Doyle at [emailing terry-doyle@live.co.uk](mailto:terry-doyle@live.co.uk).

7pm Knights of St Columba Council 29 meets at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, beginning with Mass at 7pm in the cathedral chapel.

4 Wednesday

5.30pm Vespers and Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

6 Friday

Events, articles and photographs for June's Voice are due by today.

7 Saturday

11am Catholic Women are invited to share an hour of feminine communion including mediation, via Zoom. Text Barbara on 07796 1177004 with your mobile number and email address so she can add you to the WhatsApp group.

7pm The Union of Catholic Mothers and National Board for Catholic Women have organised a family quiz in aid of women's empowerment in Lebanon. To register, visit eventbrite.co.uk and search "UCM/NBCW Easter Quiz for CAFOD".

9 Monday

9.45–10.25am Beverley Christian Meditation Group meets online. Further information from Christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com.

2–3.30pm Music for the Mind, for people who

enjoy singing and connecting memories, St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Tea, cake and biscuits followed by fun. You can also join in on the Diocese of Middlesbrough YouTube page. For details call 01642 710179.

10 Tuesday

10am Christian Meditation Group meets online. Further information from Terry Doyle at [emailing terry-doyle@live.co.uk](mailto:terry-doyle@live.co.uk).

12.45pm for 1pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Kingston Square, Hull. All welcome, call 01482 446565 for details.

11 Wednesday

5.30pm Vespers and Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

7.30pm Cleveland Newman Circle Talk, St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough. All welcome.

12 Thursday

7.45pm Middlesbrough Catenians meet at Middlesbrough Cricket Club. Meetings are currently taking place via Zoom.

14 Saturday

11am The UCM is hosting a Study Day on The Gospel of St Matthew at St Aelred's Parish Centre, Fifth Avenue, York. Lunch provided, £5 per head. All welcome. Contact sarahannsheels@gmail.com, tel 07855288851.

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Summer school looks at building synodal communities

A residential summer school will explore how liturgy and music can help us respond to the Pope's call to build synodal communities in our parishes.

Organised by the Society of St Gregory, the event – which takes place from August 3 to 6 – includes talks, workshops, liturgies, music, shared meals and social time.

Invited speakers include Bishop Peter Brignall, Dr Sue Price from the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Maria Hall from the Pontifical University of Maynooth, Bob Hurd and Deacon Peter Tibke from the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

The venue is Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Ditchingham, Norfolk. For further details and to book, visit ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2022/ or email summerschool@ssg.org.uk. There are reduced rates for bookings before May 1 and bursaries are available.



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New book raises funds for Kolkata street children

Teesside author Celine Alexander-Brown has published her second book, *Eyes of the Heart*.

With the lens of her camera and her heart, she aimed to capture the inner beauty of the people in the slums and on the streets of Kolkata.

All donations for the book will be sent to the Hope Foundation for Street Children, which was founded by Maureen Forrest in 1999 to raise awareness and funds for street children and vulnerable communities.

The charity rescues thousands of children from the city's streets and slums, helping to improve their quality of life and giving them a better future.

Funding more than 60 projects, including schools, an orphanage and a hospital, the Hope Foundation for Street Children reaches out to the most forgotten and vulnerable.

Celine's first book, *Restless Waters*, included poems, prayers and reflections to comfort people in times of need and bring a deeper awareness of God's love and providence.

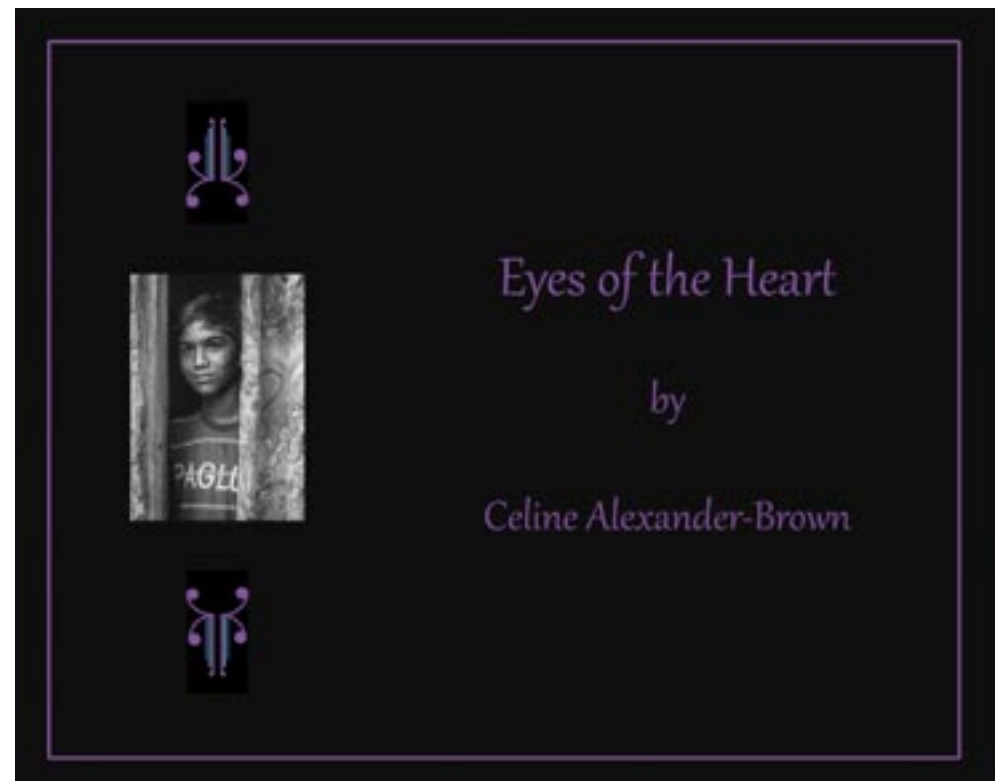
It raised funds for two charities close to Celine's heart, the Host Apostolate and Interplast UK.

Copies of the new book are available from the St Mary's Cathedral shop, Middlesbrough, where cash donations can be paid.

You can also donate by PayPal via eyesoftheheart18@gmail.com.

To place an order, email eyesoftheheart18@gmail.com, giving your name and address and the number of copies required.

For more details about the Hope Foundation for Street Children, visit thehopefoundation.org.uk.



Parishioners at St Clare's in Brookfield, Middlesbrough, raised £600 for CAFOD by holding soup lunches and an Easter egg raffle

Martin celebrates 90th birthday in style

Congratulations to Martin Deacy, a parishioner of St Clare's, Middlesbrough, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

Martin was born in County Mayo, on the west coast of Ireland, and moved to Middlesbrough in 1953.

He attended the old St Mary's Cathedral in Sussex Street, eventually becoming a special minister of the word at Sunday Mass, a role he continues to perform here at St Clare's.

He was given a blessing by Father Xavier Santhiyagu, who is new to our community, and was so pleased with this event as he had never witnessed anything similar during his years in the priesthood.

Theresa Davies presented him with a card signed by all the parishioners, along with a gift voucher and flowers for his dear wife, Peggy. This was in appreciation for all the work done by Martin over the years.



Martin Deacy with Father Xavier Santhiyagu

Ann Stones

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LOURDES

Join us in Lourdes as services are live-streamed

We have arranged to live-stream some services from Lourdes, to enable those who are not able to travel with us this year to share in our pilgrimage.

The live-streamed services are...

Tuesday May 31

2.30pm: Mass from the St Bernadette Centre

Thursday May 2

8.30am: Mass from the Grotto

11am: Service of Anointing from the St Bernadette's Centre

2.30pm: Thanksgiving Service from the St Bernadette's Centre

These are French timings, UK time will be one hour earlier.

The Grotto Mass will be on Lourdes TV, which can be accessed via YouTube.

Links for the other services will be shared nearer the date.

We'll also be sharing daily updates throughout the pilgrimage on our Lourdes Facebook page.

The plane from Teesside is now full. If you still want to travel as part of our pilgrimage, contact Tangneys on 01732 886666

or via the contact form at tangney-tours.com/contact and they will do their best to make alternative arrangements for you.

There is also a waiting list for our Teesside flight in case there are any cancellations.

If anyone would like petitions to be taken to the Grotto, please send them to the Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough TS5 6QT, marking your envelope Lourdes Petitions.

They will be taken unopened, so please do not put any donations in the envelope.

Please pray for our pilgrimage – and join us online!

As we approach our pilgrimage journey, it's all very different this year.

There is no shopping, no packing box after box for our stay in the Accueil and no appeal for baking.

Instead, we would appeal for your prayers for the success of our return to Lourdes after the difficult years of the pandemic.

So many are not able to travel with us this year, but you will be there in spirit and I hope you will be able to join in with the streamed services and Rosaries and keep in touch through our Facebook page.

Our role as handmaids will be different this year, as we won't have any of our domestic duties.

But we will have a wonderful opportunity – alongside our doctors, nurses, brancs and young people from Trinity Catholic College, St Peter's Catholic College, Sacred Heart Catholic Secondary School and St Patrick's Catholic College – to share quality time with our supported pilgrims and with each other, both in prayer and our social activities, something I think we have all missed. Take care.

Chris Tillotson
Head Handmaid



Bishop Terry celebrating Mass in the Rosary Basilica – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes

Environment Corner

Raising our voices about climate change

Three primary schools – St Patrick's and Christ the King in Thornaby and St Thérèse of Lisieux in Ingleby Barwick – held a day to consider how they can “raise their voices” to campaign for more action on climate change.

I was invited to be part of the day, which was in response to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and to take questions from Year 5 pupils across all three schools. It is very evident that these children care deeply about their environment and their questions were sharp and challenging.

Above all, they were looking for ways to make themselves heard both in their community and more widely.

There is, indeed, an increasing need for us all to raise our voices. Despite the very clear and regular warnings from many quarters, and especially the reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), there are major changes that need to be instigated by the government.

The government has made historic climate promises in the past year but has been too slow to follow these with delivery.

The latest report from the IPCC maintains that the world can avoid the worst consequences of climate change but only by making “immediate and deep emissions reductions” and by doing more to suck carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

The cost of technologies needed to avert climate disaster, such as wind, solar and batteries, has fallen by up to 85 per cent since 2010.

As I write this, a courageous campaigner, Angus Rose, has been sitting on hunger strike outside parliament since March 14.

He is asking Greg Hands, the minister with responsibility for climate change, to arrange a briefing for all MPs by the chief scientist, Sir Patrick Vallance, setting out the reality we are all facing and inviting them to respond more urgently.

It was this briefing that initially convinced the prime minister of the urgent peril the world faces.

We could also “raise our voices” and write to our MPs in support of Mr Rose and insist on action to match the ambitious promises that were made.

Barbara Hungin



Welcome to Malton!

Father Tim Bywater has welcomed new members of Malton's Filipino community to the Parish of St Leonard and St Mary's.

They have moved to the area to work in the Karro Foods Bacon Factory and were brought to the church as part of their induction process.

They were able to find the times of services and other events and have been welcomed to Sunday Mass by members of Malton's existing Filipino community.

From the Archives



40 Years Ago

(From May 1982 Catholic Voice)

Later this year, the priests and people of St Aelred's York will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their parish being formed.

By the 1930s, the City of York had expanded very considerably to the east, to include the ancient village of Heworth, and the newly planned council estate of Tang Hall. So, St Aelred's Parish was formed from part of both St Wilfrid's and St George's Parishes. Mass was celebrated in Flaxman Avenue Pavilion for some time before a new Catholic school was built on Fifth Avenue, and in 1932, the first St Aelred's Church (now the Parish Hall) was built. In 1956 our present, much larger, church was built.

100 Years Ago

(From May 1922 Hull Catholic Magazine)

St Vincent's Notes: There is nothing of a startling nature to report from this parish – only the usual routine – for Holy Week and Easter Services, which were well attended. Our Correspondent being “full up” cannot find time this month to compile his usual notes.

David Smallwood

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Margaret Merrison has been awarded the benemerenti medal after giving almost 40 years of exceptional service to Hull Housebound Group. The presentation, which had been delayed because of the pandemic, was made by Canon John Loughlin.

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UKRAINE

World unites for Ukraine and Russia consecration

On the day Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Bishop Terry united in prayer with bishops and priests throughout the world.

The consecration was pronounced by the Pope in St Peter’s Basilica on the afternoon of Friday March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Earlier, Bishop Terry had recited the consecration prayer during midday Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral.

In the apparition in Fatima on July 13 1917, Our Lady had asked for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, stating that if this request were not granted, Russia would spread “its errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecution of the Church”.

“The good,” she added, “will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be destroyed.”

Pope Francis said: “This act of consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace.”

Since the Fatima apparitions, there have been various acts of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On October 31 1942, Pope Pius XII consecrated the whole world, and on July 7 1952 he consecrated the peoples of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the apostolic letter *Sacro vergente anno*.

On November 21 1964, Pope St Paul VI renewed the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart in the presence of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope St John Paul II composed a prayer for what he called an Act of Entrustment to be celebrated in the Basilica of St Mary Major on June 7 1981, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

In June 2000, the Holy See revealed the third part of the secret of Fatima.

The then-Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, pointed out that Sister Lucia, in a letter of 1989, had personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our Lady wanted: “Yes, it was done,” wrote the visionary, “just as Our Lady had asked, on March 25 1984.”

Cardinal Vincent Nichols joined in the consecration at a service in Westminster Cathedral attended by the apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Gugerotti, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Fiona Bruce MP, representing the government and representatives from fellow Christian churches.

Cardinal Nichols invited everyone to join him in prayer, adding: “Let the prayer of each one of us be a prayer for peace in our broken and troubled world.”

Bishops across Ukraine enthusiastically welcomed the consecration.

Bishop Pavlo Honcharuk of Kharkiv-Zaporiyia told Aid to the Church in Need: “I would like to share with you my joy over the initiative of Pope Francis to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

Catholic communities have organised various prayers ahead of the consecration – and Bishop Honcharuk asked people around the world to pray the Rosary for Mary’s intercession that there might be an end to the conflict.



Bishop Pavlo Honcharuk of Kharkiv-Zaporiyia – Photo © ACN

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