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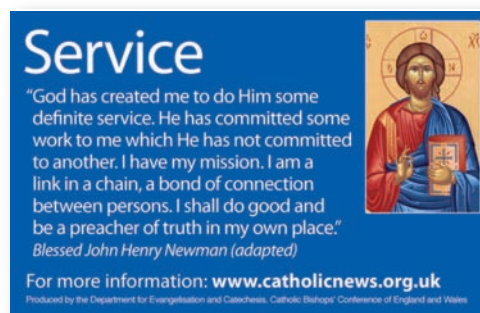
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Carry the Card

New Faith Card Prepared for Distribution



"Carry a Faith Card" says Catholic Mission Bishop.

A card to communicate that the carrier is a baptised Catholic is to be distributed nationally as an initiative of the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. One million cards will be made available to all dioceses as a reminder that all the baptised are invited to know and share their faith. The credit-card-size resource features on one side, a space for the owner to sign, a clear statement that the carrier is a Catholic and a list of six things that Catholics are called to do. There is also a sentence that reads: "In the event of an emergency, please call a Catholic priest." The other side of the card has a quote from the recently beatified Blessed John Henry Newman, focusing on the call to serve and affirming that everyone has a mission.

Bishop Kieran Conry (Arundel and Brighton), Chair of the Bishops' Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, said "We all carry a variety of cards in our purses and wallets

which reflect something of our identity and the things that are important to us. The faith card for Catholics aims to offer a daily reminder of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We can't summarise the whole of our faith in bullet points, but we hope that the card simply inspires people to do, read and learn more.

"The card is also designed to give Catholics confidence to share their faith - often people need help knowing what to say. Faith is a not a private matter. This is something that Pope Benedict reminded the Catholic community in his recent letter announcing a Year of Faith, beginning in October 2012. Carrying a faith card takes courage, it signals to others, every time you use your wallet or purse, that you believe in God, that your life has a purpose, that you are trying to love and serve your neighbour. We hope that Catholics will use it to witness to their faith. If someone asks a question about Catholicism, a starting point could be to show the card and to take it from there."

Bishop Terry Writes..... LENT

I am told that the word "Lent" comes from an Old English word "lenten" which is an early version of our modern word "lengthen". The lengthening referred to in this context is the hours of daylight as we move out of Winter into Spring. With the advent of electricity and then abundant street lighting, we can become detached from the natural cycle of the year and the changes in the seasons. With the increasing of the light, all that seemed dead begins to sprout and grow again. Where life was extinguished, life springs anew. It doesn't take much imagination to make the gospels come alive and to infuse the preaching of the message of repentance, forgiveness, redemption and resurrection with the hues of the passage from dark Winter to life-filled Spring as we witness it in this part of the world.

If during this Lent you have not noticed the light of the Sun of Justice, Jesus the Lord,

shining on you, it is not too late to get out there and turn the eyes of your soul towards Him. He is calling you now, this moment; for this is the favourable time, this is the day of salvation.



As the days lengthen and earth spends longer in the light of the sun, grant that we may spend longer in the light of Your presence, O Lord. And may those seeds of Your Word, long since buried in our hearts, grow, like all around us, into love for You and Your Holy People. Grant, O God, that his Lent may be a springtime for our lives in Christ. Amen.

+ *Lena Patrick*

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A Man Much Mis-Taken

Father Dominique Minskip writes about William Walker, a significant person in the history of the Diocese who has been twice misidentified.

There is a portrait in the possession of North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust labelled “Alderman T L Walker, 1841-1896”. The portrait is not of Alderman T L Walker. In Canon Robert Carson’s history of the Diocese, ‘The First 100 Years’, there is a letter attributed to “Canon Walker of York”. The letter is not from Canon Walker. In fact the sitter for the portrait and the writer of the letter is William Walker, solicitor, perhaps the most significant man in the history of the Catholic Church in Yorkshire in the second half of the nineteenth century.

My own contact with William Walker came through cataloguing work in the archives of the Diocese of Leeds, most specifically in the papers of Bishop Briggs and Bishop Cornthwaite. Letters between Walker and the bishops are frequent and cover many matters but especially land purchases. Equally, there is a lengthy run of correspondence between Walker and Provost Joseph Render, beginning in 1861, when the former is clearly acting as legal executor for Bishop Briggs’ estate. Often the correspondence is brief and to the point. What it testifies to is a man deeply concerned with the affairs of the Church in Yorkshire and clearly trusted and relied upon by its bishops.

Such a picture is confirmed by William Cobb in his ‘History of Grays of York’ (p 86). He describes Walker as “clearly the pioneer of Roman Catholic legal work in Yorkshire”. He notes the “many statutory minefields through which Walker had to find his way, relating to church schools, places of worship and...charitable status”. The purchase of land in particular involved delicate negotiations since many people refused to sell land for Catholic purposes or else agitated against such sale. Cobb identifies a case where Walker, of necessity, bought land at Shipley in his own name and sold it to the diocesan trustees three years later.

Cobb also writes of Walker being “beset by the division in 1878” of the Diocese of Beverley (covering the whole of Yorkshire) into the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough. We know that the geographical division of the old diocese as proposed by Bishop Cornthwaite and by Rome was strongly objected to by some of the Yorkshire Catholic gentry who had a different idea of what would constitute truly viable new dioceses. William Walker seems to have been consulted by both sides in the argument. Canon Carson’s history states that Charles Langdale, leader of the objectors, consulted with “Canon Walker of York” on the drawing up of an address or petition to Rome. However, the letter that he quotes from the “Canon” to Bishop Cornthwaite, dated 27th February 1879 and describing the meeting with Langdale, is clearly signed “W Walker” and is written from an address in York which is known to have been William Walker’s office from 1872 to 1885. The contents of the letter make plain Walker’s loyalty to the bishop since he had tried to dissuade Langdale from proceeding and had declined to add his own name to the petition.

That Walker’s signature should have been sought by Langdale indicates something of the solicitor’s social standing. This standing was high not just within the Catholic community but within the wider community. I knew few details of this until enlightened by Doctor Kath Webb of the Borthwick Institute in York who has researched the portrait belonging to the PCT. The portrait hangs in York’s main psychiatric hospital and it is in the minutes of the Committee of York Asylum for May 1896 that a resolution is found stating that in recognition of the services given by the Chairman, Mr William Walker, his portrait in oils be painted



Father Dominique Minskip pictured during the Mary Ward celebrations in York Minster.

and hung within the asylum as a “lasting record of the great improvements which have been effected under his direction and supervision”. The painting, by the York-trained artist Richard Jack, was completed by September of 1896 and hung in the Board Room at the time of Walker’s death in May 1897. Walker had, by then, been a governor of the York Asylum for over 30 years and its chairman for 11 years. But this was not his only contribution to civic life. His obituary lists him as a JP, councillor and alderman, Vice-President of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, Fellow of the Geological Society, Manager of York Savings Bank, Director of York Gas Company and Vice-Chairman of York Charity Trustees. William Cobb confirms that Walker was both Honorary Secretary and (twice) President of the Yorkshire Law Society. He also tells us that Walker was elected Lord Mayor of York in 1871 and served as Sheriff in 1874. In his politics Walker was a Liberal and Doctor Webb notes that he did his articles (from 1848 until his entry into independent practice in 1852 or 1853) with the firm of Leeman and Clark, its principal being George Leeman, York’s sometime Liberal MP who is commemorated by a statue close to York railway station.

William Walker must certainly have been a man of great drive and energy to have occupied so many roles and to have found acceptance among his peers even though differing from them in religion. My own researches suggest to me that

York as a city was far less prejudiced against Catholics than many other places, certainly by the second half of the nineteenth century. That, combined with Walker’s evident abilities, enabled him to thrive. It may, however, have been at the expense of affairs of the heart: he did not marry until in his late 40s. His bride, Emma Weatherley, was 23 years his junior. Her father, Joseph Weatherley, was a master builder responsible for the construction of St George’s and St Wilfrid’s churches in York. William will have seen Emma grow up since he and the Weatherleys lived just a few houses apart in the Clarence Street/Union Terrace area of York. A story reminiscent of Jane Austen’s Emma and Mr Knightley as Doctor Webb observes! After their marriage in 1866, they moved to 14 Bootham Terrace, still not too distant from William’s office in Lendal. Joshua Watkinson, who succeeded to Walker’s practice at his death, also worked from Lendal. He, too, had virtually exclusive charge of the diocese’s legal affairs until dying suddenly in 1935.

The only part of William Walker’s life which remains to be teased out is his early life. He does not appear to have been baptised in York, at least not as a Catholic. However, his origins are not so important to us as his very clear and very vital contribution to the Church’s cause in our Diocese in its formative days.

Newlands
Convent Reunion

A reunion of Newlands Convent girls who attended the school from 1956 to 1964 is planned for Sunday 3rd June at the Baltimore Hotel, Marton Road, Middlesbrough from 5.00 pm onwards. A meal will also be available from 7.00 pm at a cost of around £15.00. If you wish to attend, please contact Theresa Martin (nee Hartley) on 07530 815967.

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Rocking in the Aisles 2012 - are you ready to rock?!

You have had to wait a little longer than usual but Rocking in the Aisles is back! The annual show, which brings together priests and lay people from across the Diocese, usually takes place in January. This year, you need to keep 27th and 28th April free in your diary. Yet again we will be taking over Middlesbrough Theatre and faces both old and new will take to the stage to entertain and raise money, which will go to offset the costs of World Youth Day Rio 2013. After years of sterling work by the Middlesbrough Knights of St Columba, Rocking in the Aisles is this year being promoted by the Diocesan Youth Service. Spotlight Performing Arts will join Canon Gubbins and Fathers Keogh and Hartnett as the shy and retiring Chancey Brothers come out of retirement yet again! Father Paul Farrer will be putting the band back together one more time so that The Scratch Band can get you dancing along and many, many more faces will be on show to entertain you. Tickets priced £8.50 each with a Family Ticket (two adults and two children) available at £28.00. They are on sale from Middlesbrough Theatre Box Office, tel (01642) 815181, Mission House, tel (01642) 822056 and Chris Tillotson, tel (01642) 324043.

Christian Discipleship

SVP News

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a Catholic charity that tackles poverty and disadvantage by helping people in need. We help those who are often ignored or forgotten. In our Diocese, there are 42 parish SVP groups or Conferences doing this vital work.

Relaunch of SVP 'Friends'
'Thank you. You made me feel like I have a family again.' Jim's health had deteriorated and made it difficult for him to leave the house. The SVP now help with shopping, cleaning the house and taking Jim to church and bingo every week. Jim is grateful to the SVP for bringing him genuine friends after so many years alone.
'I loved my holiday with my sisters'. Abigail and her sisters

went on an SVP children's holiday while Rita, a single mother with no family support, recovered from an operation in hospital. Rita was extremely grateful and said she would have been lost without the help of the SVP.

The SVP Needs You
The SVP needs your support. From just £2.00 a month you can become a 'Friend' to the ignored or forgotten. Your support will help the SVP carry out its vital work and reach out to more people in need. In return, you will get regular updates on our work and an opportunity to attend some of our fundraising events as a special guest. To become an SVP Friend, please contact 020 7407 4644 or info@svp.org.uk or Mike Walmsley on (01904) 791289.

New Conference at Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough
A new Conference is about to be launched in Sacred Heart parish in Middlesbrough. We already have four members with more interested. If you would like to join or find out more, please contact Peter Loughlin on (01642) 819505.

SVP Charity shops
We hope to open one (possibly two) shops and a furniture store in the Middlesbrough area in the near future. Watch this space as we will need volunteers to help set up and run them.

Mike Walmsley,
Diocesan President

CAFOD in the Diocese of Middlesbrough

More than 30 CAFOD Middlesbrough supporters travelled to London to join in the celebration of CAFOD's 50th Anniversary Mass.

There were more than 2,500 people gathered in Westminster Cathedral drawn from all areas of England and Wales and beyond. Archbishop of Westminster, Right Reverend Vincent Nichols, concelebrated the Mass with a number of bishops and numerous clergy. The proceedings started with a procession of images of people associated with CAFOD from Jacqueline Stuyt, one of the founding mothers of CAFOD and one of the four ladies who organised the very first Fast Day collection in 1960, followed by other people who have been helped by CAFOD over the years and ending with a young girl, who had recently been on an overseas visit with CAFOD - the face of the future. Bishop John Arnold, who has recently taken over as Chair of CAFOD, gave a wonderful homily, looking back at CAFOD over the years and addressing some of the challenges we are facing today. Below is an extract from the full homily which can be read in full via our blog site: <http://cafodmiddlesbrough.wordpress.com>

"Well, I wonder what Jacquie Stuyt, Elspeth Orchard, Evelyn White and Nora Warmington would make of this gathering in the Cathedral today? They were, of course, the four ladies who - in 1958 - began to organise the first Family Fast Day, which took place in 1960. It exceeded all expectations, so much so that in 1962, the bishops of England and Wales used their project as the foundation for the new Catholic Fund for Overseas Development - CAFOD - which was brought to life in 1962 at the meeting of the bishops in Rome, at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. These ladies were members of The National Board of Catholic Women, Catholic Women's League, Union of Catholic Mothers and World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations.

My first thought was they would be delighted and astonished. But, a second thought was they might not be

that surprised at all. After all, here were four rather feisty and determined ladies who knew what initiative was and had an eye for innovation. They committed their own considerable energies to the project and gathered others to help them. They might well have expected us to apply the same amount of energy and imagination in its ongoing development. While they might not have foreseen the direction of all this growth, they would have expected new ideas and initiatives.

This is made possible because of such generous contributions coming, for the most part, but by no means exclusively, from the Catholic community, allowing for projects with partners in local groups and communities, for some of the poorest and most disenfranchised people in the world, in projects established with partners in 46 countries in 'The Global South'.

And, of course, our whole understanding of 'charity' and 'giving' has changed. I remember, so clearly, as a young child at school, that we gave our pocket money, perhaps not always as cheerfully and generously as I would like to remember, to 'The Missions'. We understood that this was to provide food and medicine for the poorest people, usually to Africa. This, of course, is a vital first step. In times of humanitarian disaster, people must have food to survive and medicines to protect them from illnesses that ravage famine areas. But real development, we now understand, goes much further. It lies in allowing people their innate dignity and well-being. It means allowing people to create their own sustainable livelihoods; giving people a voice so that governments may be called to account for their policies and their actions, both in their domestic and foreign affairs, and allowing for the exposure of what can be the ruthless pillaging of natural resources by multi-nationals with no thought of benefit for the people of a region - so often the root causes of poverty. To promote development, CAFOD has to develop its own expertise in so many of these areas such

as, Livelihoods, Healthcare, HIV/AIDS, food and nutrition, Advocacy, the Environment and Climate Change. It has been my privilege in my five years as a Trustee of CAFOD, to see its work with partners, making a difference." There is a more in-depth write up on the Carmelite's website, courtesy of Johan Bergström-Allen!

Thirst for Change
Students from the University of York and York St John University are supporting CAFOD's Thirst for Change campaign by holding card signing events on their campuses and a stall in York City Centre on 4th March from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm. The campaign ends on 1st May and if you haven't already done so, please sign the petition on our website and make sure your voice is heard! www.cafod.org.uk/thirst

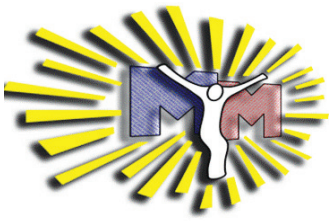
CAFOD 50th Anniversary - Day of Reflection: 15th September 2012 with Bishop John Crowley
With the generous agreement of our own Bishop Draine, we are planning a day of reflection on the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II, which is also in its 50th jubilee year too. Bishop Crowley has kindly agreed to give the Keynote Address on the day. Time and venue to be confirmed - watch this space!

Endings and new beginnings...
In April, we welcome David Cross back to the role of Diocesan Manager and I will resume the duties of Diocesan Officer, which sadly means we will also be saying goodbye to Thandiwe Revill, who has been fulfilling the role during our respective secondments. I wish to thank Thandiwe for her work and support over the past ten months and wish her well for the future. Thank you for the kindness and welcome she has received during this time. I would also like to express my thanks to everyone who has supported me in my work for CAFOD throughout the Diocese during the last year.

Carol Cross, CAFOD Diocesan Manager



Middlesbrough CAFOD Supporters at Westminster.



MYMission

Pope Benedict is Praying for MYMission!

Pope Benedict XVI has heard of MYMission and is praying for us all thanks to the good people of St Bede's Parish, Marske-by-the-Sea. Parishioners came together at Marske Leisure Centre on Saturday 21st January to raise funds to help the Mission Team. There was, of course, a raffle and so one of the organisers, Dawn Fearnley, decided to write to His Holiness asking him to donate a raffle prize!

Here is the reply she received:

I am writing in reply to the letter which you addressed to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. The sentiments which motivated your request are appreciated; however it is not the Holy Father's practice to become directly involved in initiatives of the kind you suggest. At the same time I have the honour to convey His Holiness' prayerful good wishes for your efforts and the work of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Youth Mission Team. He sends his blessing to you all.

Yours sincerely
Monsignor Peter B Wells

So THANK YOU Dawn and all of the other helpers. The night raised £500.00 for MYMission. Dom Finn of MYMission said "We are so grateful for the money raised to sustain the work of the team but more importantly, the sentiment that was behind it. We feel very privileged to work with the young people of our Diocese and we really value our work but it means so much when others recognise that value. The support and encouragement we received at the fundraiser was overwhelming and we are eternally grateful!"

Monsignor Gerry Dasey and Parishioners fundraising.



Mission Completed for Ten Grand Fundraisers



Father Paul Farrer is flanked by Youth Mission Team members Dominique Finn and Richard McGuire plus coast-to-coast cyclists, from left, Phil Carey, Ste Hodgson, Jamie Brown and Phil Luke.

A group of saddle-sore cyclists have raised £6,000 through a 180 mile coast-to-coast bike ride - despite admitting that none of them knew how to repair a puncture or fix a chain! The six strong Teesside group travelled from Cumbria's Walney Island on the west coast to Whitby on the east coast in just two and a half days as part of a fundraising push that also included two golf days and a dinner. And their efforts resulted in them presenting a cheque for £10,000 to the Youth Mission Team. The group are all members of the Catenian Association, which is dedicated to providing Catholic men and their families with friendship, social activities

and support.

Phil Carey, President of the Middlesbrough Catenians, made the Youth Mission Team his chosen charity and was delighted to hit his £10,000 target, thanks to the support of his fellow fundraisers. But he admitted that the gruelling bike ride had not always gone completely to plan due to what he called "technical issues". "None of us knew how to fix a puncture, mend a broken chain or adjust gears or brakes" Phil revealed. "In fact, there was a long debate about which one of us would bring our Dad along to be the mechanic! There were long days in the saddle, but it was great fun, there was a

great sense of camaraderie and it was for a cause we all believed in."

Others taking part in the coast-to-coast bike ride included Simon Carey, Phil Luke, Ste Hodgson, Mike Kavanagh, Gary Smith and Jamie Brown, with Paul Healey driving a support bus, kindly loaned by Victoria's Bathrooms. The fundraising effort was inspired by a talk by Father Paul Farrer and after receiving the £10,000 cheque at the Catenians' annual dinner at the Riverside Stadium, Father Paul admitted to being "overwhelmed" to receive such an amount.

"I'm full of admiration for their efforts and

very grateful. Phil had told me that he had chosen the Youth Mission as his charity and casually told me that the Catenians would make a commitment to raise a serious amount of money. £10,000 helps pay for two of our volunteer team members for a year, so it is a massive boost for us."

More than 20,000 young people in schools and parishes have benefited so far from the work of the Youth Mission Team, whose Gospel teachings are delivered in a dynamic and creative style. The coast-to-coast bike ride was topped up by golf days at Rockliffe Hall and Teesside Golf Club, together with a dinner at McCoys at the Tontine.



Shining Like Stars!

A Teacher's Perspective

St Pius X Catholic Primary in Park End recently hosted a mission 'Shine Like Stars' and Bernadette Rizzi-Allan, the school's Deputy Head, reflects on an event that will live long in the memory of pupils and staff alike.

It would be no exaggeration to describe the visit to our school of the Diocesan Youth Mission Team as one of the most enjoyable, enriching and spiritual events in St Pius X's recent history. The Mission Team led three days of liturgy, celebration, prayer and praise that I hope and pray more schools will open their arms to in the months and years ahead.

At first, our children were a little in awe - overwhelmed, even - by the Mission Team's enthusiasm, commitment and genuine joy. By the end of the first morning, however, all the children, from nursery up to year six, were captivated. I proudly believe St Pius X to be a wonderful school with fantastic staff, who work hard - sometimes in very difficult circumstances - to make sure the pupils can be the best they can be in their life ahead. Our school vision matched perfectly to the Mission Team's own theme that encouraged the children to "shine like stars".

We were all entranced by the commitment to the Catholic faith and the wonderful way individual members of the Mission Team conveyed Gospel values. Our own work in class helped to reinforce what our inspiring visitors were teaching the children. Being so young, members of the Mission Team provided wonderful role models. Positive male role models can sometimes be lacking in so many young pupils' lives. Spontaneous and genuine, our children readily identified with the "teenagers" who led the mission.

The finale of a three day visit was a celebration Mass, something the children could not wait to attend. We were thrilled to be joined by parents and carers, who had no doubt heard tales of our school's magical visitors on the children's return home on the previous two evenings. The impact Father Paul and his young team made on the school is perhaps best summed up by children playing in the home corner of our Reception Class. Where their role play would normally revolve around doctors, policemen, nurses and firemen, we now watched each of them spontaneously play the roles of their new inspiration, the Mission Team. A week earlier, few of us had known what to expect from the Mission Team's visit. What we got was unexpected, special and uplifting. Oh ... and the best weekly attendance figures the school has ever had!

Raffle Raises over £13,500

A Grand Raffle organised by Middlesbrough Catenians in the run up to their Annual Dinner on 20th January 2012 raised over £13,500 for MYMission. The prize winners were as follows:

1st Prize: John Lagan of Sacred Heart Parish, Northallerton

2nd Prize: Mike Tonks of St Augustine's Parish, Redcar

3rd Prize: Mary Durant of St Joseph's Parish, Middlesbrough

Watch this space for more information about this great achievement in future editions of *Catholic Voice*.



Resourcing Youth Ministry - I Am Confirmed

As many of the young people in our Diocese are now embarking upon their preparations for Confirmation, the recommended resource for catechists, 'I Am Confirmed', has become a very popular resource across the whole of the United Kingdom. Prepared by Canon John Lumley, Father Paul Farrer and Laura Cutler, the course is now on its third reprint with significant orders having been sent to almost every diocese in England and Wales. Initially intended simply to help catechists of our own Diocese in their work with young people going through the sacraments of initiation, orders have now topped the 4,000 mark.

Father Paul Farrer said "There is a great temptation, when preparing young people for Confirmation, to use the opportunity to try to teach them everything we think they ought to know. However, Confirmation is simply an important step along the way of our journey in Faith. It is not the end of anything and there is no finished product. In fact, what we hope is that we prepare young people to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament and then take the next step, and the next and the next." For more information about the 'I Am Confirmed' resource, check out www.iamconfirmed.co.uk

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Godly Play Training.

Resourcing Youth Ministry - Godly Play

Reflecting the fact that MYMission now represents the whole of the Diocesan Youth Service, the team has begun to offer some opportunities for training and ongoing support for others engaged in youth ministry across the Diocese. ‘Godly Play’ is a great resource which allows very young children to access Sacred Scripture and make it their own. Heather Black of the Trinity Centre in North Ormesby is an accredited trainer for Godly Play UK. Heather led two days in January for 40 catechists and teachers who gathered from all over the Diocese and beyond. The days were very well received and allowed people to see a fairly new initiative which can be used in both school and parish settings with powerful effect. For more information on Godly Play, check out www.godlyplay.org.uk Please keep in touch with <http://mymission.org.uk> for more events in the ‘Resourcing Youth Ministry’ series.

Lourdes Youth Video

MYMission have prepared a video to help young people prepare for their pilgrimage to Lourdes. The video provides a background of the Lourdes story and gives an insight to the work of our young people in Lourdes. It includes interviews with Bishop Terry and some of the young people and VIPs who made the pilgrimage last year. Lasting about five minutes, the short film allows people to see how important the annual Lourdes Pilgrimage is to the people who join it and what an important part of the work of the Diocese it is. A much longer video highlighting the work of others on the pilgrimage is in production. The video can be found on our YouTube Channel, The MYMission or <http://youtu.be/MB5KpWtSLkO> and also our website <http://mymission.org.uk>



MYMission interview Boro stars ahead of Flame Congress

Stars of Middlesbrough FC are the latest names to back Flame, the National Youth Congress, which takes place at Wembley Arena on Saturday 24th March.

Asked about what part faith had played in his life, Boro boss Tony Mowbray revealed that sport and faith came together in a most dramatic way for him. Whilst a player at Celtic, he met and married a young Catholic girl: “She was the youngest of nine and I was bowled over by the closeness and love of that family. I married that young girl and we were only together for a year when she died of breast cancer. Faith became very important to me at that time and it remains a part of my life now. It is always there, giving me strength when I need it most.”

First Team Coach, Mark Proctor, said “I really became aware of how important my faith was to me as a young player. It got me through some very tough times. I am a practising Catholic and as I get older, my faith is more and more important. I am so grateful to my parents for passing the faith on to me.” Boro’s leading goalscorer, Marvin Emnes, himself a Catholic, said “I pray every day. It is very important to me. I believe it helps me to be a better person and a better player.” The interviews have taken place to help preparations for the National Youth Congress, which ties the Papal visit of 2010 with the 2012 Olympics.

Check out the videos: <http://youtu.be/FpYXGGhjBco> and <http://youtu.be/Azs4kznGwEM>

If you are interested in attending Flame, contact Dom Finn on (01642) 822056 or e-mail domfinn@mymission.org.uk

IGNITE!

Prayer Experiences for Confirmation Candidates

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

29 MARCH
Prayer and Art

26 APRIL
Prayer from Around the World

10 MAY
Meditation

24 MAY
Praying with Mary

IGNITE - Prayer to help young people prepare for Confirmation

Ignite is a series of prayer sessions aimed at young people who are preparing for their Confirmation to accompany the preparation they are undergoing in their own parishes. MYMission will be offering six unique opportunities for young people to explore and develop their prayer life. These will be in the form of hour long sessions, held on Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm at St Thomas More Church, Beechwood, Middlesbrough.

- 15th March - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 29th March - Prayer using Art
- 26th April - Prayer from Around the World
- 10th May - Meditation
- 24th May - Pray with Mary

We invite parish confirmation groups to join us for as many of the sessions as they would like to. MYMission cannot act in loco parentis on these occasions and young people must be accompanied by the appropriate number of responsible adults.

1st March - Personal Prayer and Pizza!

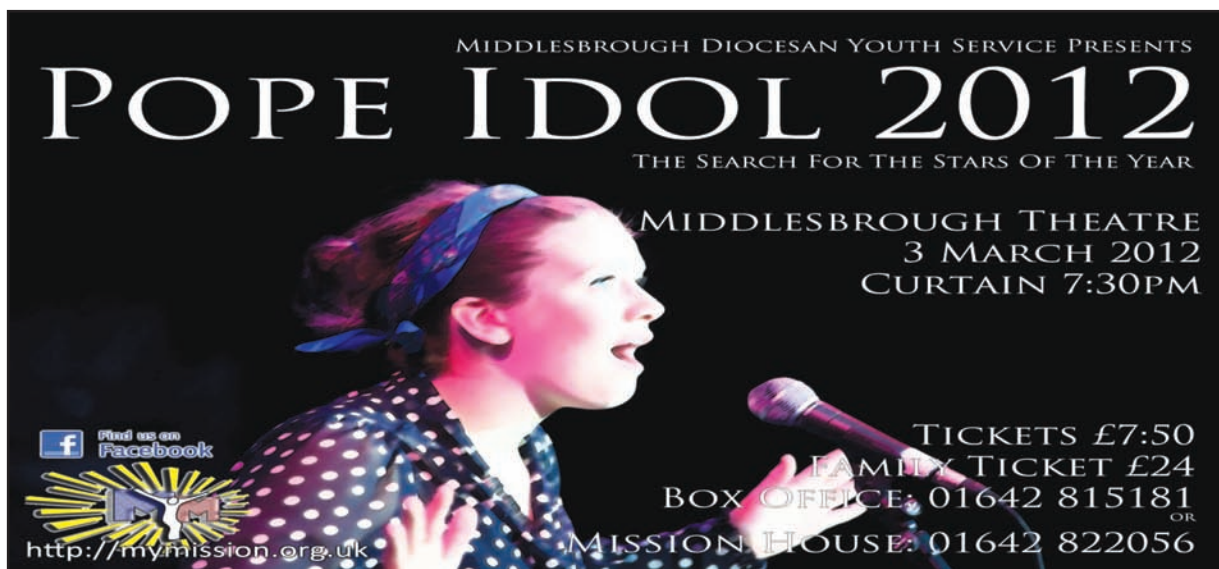


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Liz Jayasuriya, 22, from Middlesbrough, who is in her third year of a Theology Degree at Leeds University and spends her free time as a non resident member of the team, reflects on her part in MYMission.

When the Mission Team formed a year ago, I was greatly intrigued by what they had to offer the Diocesan Youth Service. After attending a handful of sessions and events, I soon became quite fond of the work they were doing, and wanted to involve myself more with the team. At first, my involvement was simply in attending services, or helping out with odd jobs here and there. As the months went by, it became clear to me that I wanted to take a more formal role as part of the Mission Team. This year, I am not only pleased, but proud and honoured to be more involved with the team, particularly after witnessing for the first time one of their school missions, at Marton Manor Primary School. It was there that I came to see just how special and important the Mission Team’s work and message is. Seeing delight in the eyes of both pupils and staff at Marton Manor demonstrated the impact MYMission has on everyone who encounters them, myself included. This year keeps getting more and more exciting as I get more involved, not only with the team, but with others in the Diocese, and with God.



Pope Idol 2012 takes place on 3rd March at Middlesbrough Theatre. The annual youth talent show is set to be another great night! Acts from all over the Diocese gather together and give of their best, using their God-given talents to entertain us all. Diocesan Youth Chaplain, Father Paul Farrer, said "Pope Idol is great fun. It allows our young people to come together simply to enjoy themselves. There are loads of talented young people out there and it is great to give some of

them a chance to perform in public. Please come along to the theatre and cheer them on if you can - I can promise it will be a great night!" Past winners include Jess Robinson, who went on to star in BBC's 'Over the Rainbow' show, and Jonny Rees and Andrew Gardner. Jonny now works alongside Tim Harrison co-ordinating Music Ministry in the Diocese and will act as one of the judges for this year's Pope Idol.

World Youth Day 2013 Rio

We are in the early stages of planning for the meeting with the Holy Father and young people from all over the world in Rio in 2013. This pilgrimage will be open to young people of 18 years and over. We anticipate taking quite a small group for what we expect to be both a hugely challenging and greatly rewarding pilgrimage. Anyone interested in the trip should contact Father Paul at frpaul@mymission.org.uk or by calling (01642) 814564. Some basic details about travel arrangements and cost will be available soon so please keep your eye on the Voice and also the MYMission website - <http://mymission.org.uk>

World Youth Day at Home 2013

As Rio is so far away and financial and safety considerations will restrict the numbers of pilgrims we are able to take, MYMission, YMT of Hexham and Newcastle and In Reality of Hallam are exploring the possibility of offering a WYD experience at home. The idea is to offer a five day experience which would involve our own catechesis and programme of prayer which would run at the same time as the events in Rio. We would, of course, use satellite TV and big screens to link to the large Papal events in Rio. This is an exciting possibility which would allow young people from across the north of England to come together and celebrate World Youth Day together. More details as they emerge!

World Youth Day London 2016?

It is most likely that the next World Youth Day after Rio will be in Poland in 2016. However, there are some involved in youth ministry across the country who have started a Facebook campaign trying to rally support for a bid from the UK. Could we really host World Youth Day in 2016? Millions of young people from all over the world arriving in our dioceses to spend time with us, share faith and see how we live as the Church here. It is a daunting prospect. It is an exciting prospect.

There is a very valid train of thought which says that we are, on the whole, dealing with very limited resources for youth ministry in every diocese and they would be best put to use at a local level encouraging and facilitating parish based catechesis and formation of young people. This train of thought would have it that large events are a distraction and are beyond us anyway. And yet there may never be a better time. The Papal Visit of 2010 left a great legacy, particularly because of the way in which Pope Benedict spoke to young people. The upcoming Flame Congress and, in a very unique way, the 2012 Olympics are coming together to provide a great groundswell of hope and expectation. These next years could be a great time for renewal and re-invigoration of youth ministry in the Church.

There is an interesting debate to be had about the amount of effort which must go into such large events. However, it is clear that the large events of recent years have been a great success. Yes, they do stretch our limited resources but they are a great example of the Church in action, they are a great example of the Church at witness, they are a great example of the Church evangelising. Each diocesan bishop is responsible for youth ministry in his own diocese. He appoints officers, gives vision and makes policy as he sees fit - all to benefit the young people in his care. In this, he relies to a great extent on parish structures and the leadership and example of the lay faithful, both young and old.

The Ecclesial Movements are increasingly active and attractive to young people and they too can provide much that benefits the young people of the Church. But the rub is this: everyone involved in youth ministry in the Church, regardless of position or status, has only done half a job if we simply look after those that are already part of the Church. Of course, we have a responsibility to walk with them as they explore their faith and come to an ever deeper understanding of the freedom that faith in Jesus Christ brings. But we are all called to take greater action, to bear witness and to evangelise. This is one of the key responsibilities of those who are baptised

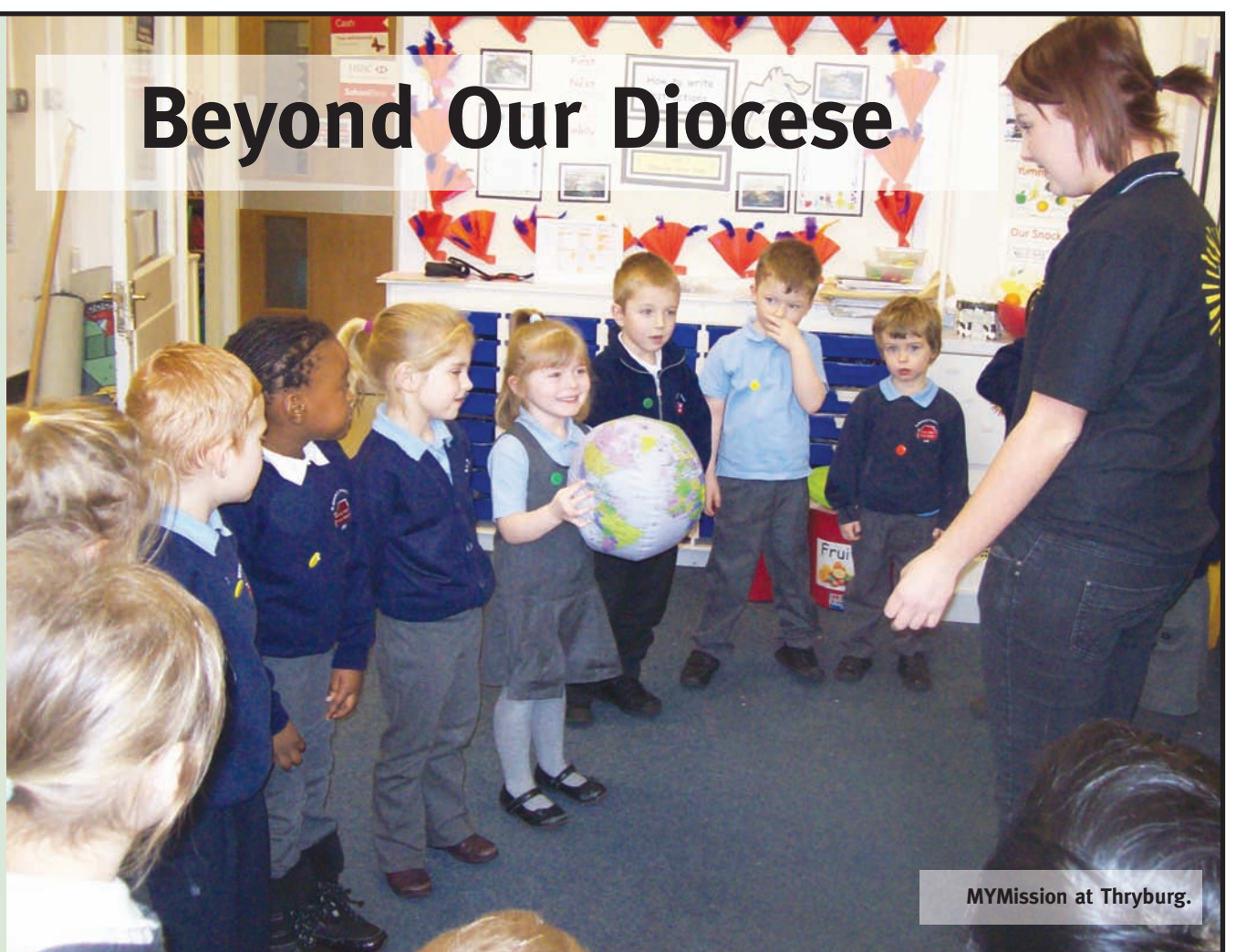
and confirmed. And the Church asks us to do this by empowering young people to minister to their peers. This is a tall order; every young person is different, so no single approach can pull it off. No one diocesan youth service has the answer, nor does any one particular ecclesial movement. Any relatively small parish initiative will not succeed completely nor will any single large event. Only when the Church acts together do we stand a chance. The right needs the left, the traditionalists need the progressives, the clergy need the laity and vice versa, and vice versa, and vice versa. And the magical thing about World Youth Day is that it does bring every aspect of the Church together, we do celebrate together, we do make a huge difference to the faith lives of thousands of young people - together!

World Youth Day has happened all over Europe. At some point, the UK must stand up and be counted. It doesn't really matter if it is 2016 or some other future date. And hosting it doesn't necessarily mean that other youth work will suffer. On the contrary, it will give us all focus, it will renew our vision, it will draw us together and remind us all that we are part of something much bigger - the Universal Church.

St Gerard's Catholic Primary School, Thryburg, Rotherham welcomed the MYMission Team in the first week of February. This is the second time that the team has ventured outside of the Diocese and we owe much to our colleagues of the In Reality Youth Ministry Team in the Hallam Diocese.

This mission represented the tenth time that the team have shared the 'Shine Like Stars' theme with primary children. Each time we deliver a mission in school, we have a unique and new experience. This mission was no exception, it was our first without Father Paul. The response from the children and staff at St Gerard's was overwhelming. Everyone was filled with enthusiasm and openness to what we had to say. The grace of God is overwhelming in these circumstances - the Good News is a powerful gift which enriches the lives of all who engage with it.

Deborah enjoyed every moment of the mission. She said "Wake up and shake up proved very popular, with some of the best dancing we have ever seen! One of my highlights was telling the Godly Play Creation Story using the seven cards class one had made. We became time travellers and astronauts, as we discovered who loves us and how well we can work together as one family. The St Gerard's community is shining, lighting up the skies of South Yorkshire and beyond!" As always, the mission would not have been a success without the support and welcome given by the staff at the school. We would like to say a big thank you to you all, and to Father Des Sexton who celebrated Mass with us in Father Paul's absence.



Beyond Our Diocese

MYMission at Thryburg.

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The New Translation of the Roman Missal

Father Neil McNicholas offers his thoughts on the New Translation of the Roman Missal so far....

Generally I'm a firm believer in the old maxim that if it ain't broke don't fix it, so why were changes made to the text of the Mass that all but proponents of the Latin Mass have been happily using for the past 40 years? Well, it would appear that the enthusiasm with which the English text had been produced had resulted in a translation that was a little too loose for Rome's liking. (I can't help wondering whether God was as unhappy with the language of the Mass as Rome was, but that's a whole other story.) Not being aware of this, it therefore came as something of a surprise to most people in the pews to discover that a new English translation of the Roman Missal had been produced, the use of which would be mandatory from the start of Advent last year.

One of the aims of the new translation was to recover some of the richness of the language of the Mass that it was felt had been lost through the use of everyday English in the translation we had been using. By definition the word "everyday" infers the sort of English people commonly use and so anything more formal than that is going to seem unusual and "heavy". There is also the fact that the way English is spoken and understood varies throughout the English-speaking world and yet we now have to use the same text. Although the new translation isn't "olde worlde" or "Shakespearean" as such, neither is it the way we normally speak. It tends to be quite poetic and sentences can be long and involved, meaning that the punctuation becomes very important in understanding what is being said. Consequently, a lot more preparation is required on the part of the priest in order to make the prayers of the Mass intelligible.

Speaking for myself, and now some five months into the process, by and large it is becoming a much more comfortable, much more relaxed, experience.

The sometimes complex text of the various Eucharistic Prayers is becoming more familiar and I am getting a little more comfortable with the character and style of the language. Indeed it is quite a noticeable change moving from the English of the Missal to that of the Lectionary readings (which are the same as before) - not quite bilingual, but sometimes not far off!

One of the more obvious ways in which I am aware that I am becoming more used to the new text is that my eyes are not glued to the Missal quite as firmly as in the beginning. Another indicator is not only becoming more comfortable with the language, but being particularly struck by certain words and phrases in the new translation and it's some of these that I wanted to mention.

Previously, the prayers over the gifts simply said "through your goodness we have this bread/wine to offer" whereas, by including one simple word "received", the new text is much more explicit in inviting us to acknowledge the source of the gifts: "through your goodness we have *received* the bread/wine we offer you". We don't just have bread and wine to offer, but we have them because we have first received them. It also reminds us of the exchanges that are central to our celebration: that God has given us food and drink; we offer them back to him in thanksgiving; and he then returns them to us consecrated to the Body and Blood of his Son which we are to receive in communion. It may only seem a minor point, but in the new text the first part of the prayer, which is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for his gifts, is distinguished by a colon from the statement that follows: "fruit of the earth/vine and work of human hands, it will become the bread of life/our spiritual drink" (which is actually how I used to like to pray the old version, though there was no colon - the words of praise and

then the statement of faith in the change that will take place).

In Eucharistic Prayer I (perhaps the prayer that priests are struggling with the most in terms of the wording and sentence structure) we pray for "all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith". It replaced the earlier wording "for all who hold and teach the catholic faith that comes to us from the apostles". The new wording - "holding to the truth" and "hand(ing) on the faith" - seem to have more of an impact. It not only acknowledges the often difficult task of evangelisation going on throughout the world, but it's an encouragement to us if we ever find ourselves in situations where we are tempted to compromise our faith principles or even our witness to our faith, to remember and acknowledge the example of those who have held to the truth of the faith, or who have handed on the faith to us.

There has been so much discussion about the use of the word "dewfall" in Eucharistic Prayer II. In this country, we are much more likely to refer simply to dew rather than dewfall, however it is scriptural and the new translation very deliberately seeks to reintroduce scripture references into its prayers. This particular reference takes us back to the plight of the Israelites in the wilderness, pleading to God for food (Ex 16 v11-15). What he caused to happen was that each morning, dew would settle on the ground and, when it lifted again, it would leave behind a coating of manna as food - quite literally their "bread of life". Once we are aware of the scriptural reference then the symbolism becomes clearer as the priest extends his hands over the gifts and prays that the Holy Spirit will come down upon the bread and wine, a spiritual dewfall as it were, resulting in something will be there afterwards that wasn't there before - the bread of life.

In Eucharistic Prayer II we pray "giving thanks that you (God) have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you". Here we have an Old Testament scriptural reference to Moses (and the priests of the old covenant who came after him) who were permitted by God to enter the Tent of Meeting (or, later, the tabernacle of the Temple), and into his presence, to carry out their priestly ministry. This was a very joyous privilege given the fear of the people that if anyone looked on the face of God they would die. But here were those who, at God's invitation, could come into his presence - and live. It is with that same joy and confidence that we come into God's presence (acknowledging that reality in faith), and worthily so at his invitation, to minister to him through our service at Mass.

Even more profoundly, Eucharistic Prayer III refers to "this family whom you (God) have summoned before you". We shouldn't be at Mass just because we have made the effort. We should be there because no less is required of us. We should be there because God asked us to be. We have been summoned by God into his presence, but as the Third Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs reminds us, we are "gathered by his love". His love is that we should be there; our love is that we should want to be. There should be no need for a law of obligation, just the law of love.

Also in Eucharistic Prayer III, we pray to Our Lady and the Saints "on whose constant intercession (in God's presence) we reply for unfailing help". It reminds us of something that is sadly all too often a thing of the past and that is the patronage of the saints. Our own patron saints after whom, hopefully, we were named at baptism and at confirmation are our primary patrons to whom we should have particular devotion - our parish patron too.



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There may also be other saints to whom we have particular devotion. Ultimately, of course, it is God's help and grace that we receive through the prayers and patronage of the saints.

When the Mass moves on to the Communion Rite, we used to have three different introductions to the Lord's Prayer whereas we now only have one. That said, it is an all-encompassing invitation: "At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say..." It reminds us that it was Jesus himself who gave us the prayer, teaching his disciples that this was how they (and we) should pray (Mt 6 v7-15 and Lk 11 v1-4). It also reminds us that, compared to Old Testament times when people didn't even dare speak God's name, as a result of our adoption as brothers and sisters of Jesus we can now call God by the familiar name of "Abba" - meaning daddy or papa (Rom 8 v14-16). In and of ourselves we wouldn't dare, but as brothers and sisters of Christ, that's how intimate our relationship is with God now.

Following the blessing at the end of Mass, we now have four forms of dismissal - there used to be three. "Go in peace" and "Go forth, the Mass is ended" are okay but they don't quite have the same impact as the other two that specifically remind us of our Christian mission: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" and, better still, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord

by your life" - which is as close an echo as you're going to get to my preferred option in the old text: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord". It sends us out in the peace of Christ, but it also reminds us of our baptismal commission, to come down off the mountain and to live out, in witness to our faith, the communion we have celebrated.

And finally, a few general points:

- The word "oblation" is used quite often in the new text and means something specifically presented or offered to God. So, therefore, ours isn't just any offering, but is something sacred and special.
- There is a constant reference in the Eucharistic prayers to "the Body and Blood of Christ", "the one Bread and one Chalice" - the emphasis being on best practice of receiving both as the more complete sign of the sacrament. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, para 1390)
- The reference in Eucharistic Prayer II (and elsewhere) to our being "coheirs to eternal life" - rather than, as in the old text, asking that we may be made worthy to share eternal life, suggests a little more positively that the inheritance of eternal life is already waiting to be claimed. What it suggests is that through the merits of Our Lord's death and resurrection, it ought to be easier to gain that inheritance than to lose it and so, in the



nicest possible sense, it is ours for the embracing rather than the earning. More encouraging, perhaps.

- There are also references throughout the new text to being united in our worship, a unity of worship, being the one body of Christ, and so on. It reminds us that the Mass is a communal celebration which invites our full participation along with our brothers and sisters in Christ. It isn't just about me and God; it isn't "my" Mass; we can't just come into church, do our own isolated thing, and leave again - that would be a contradiction. By

definition the Eucharist is something we do literally *in communion* with others - and not just in our local faith community, or even our country, but as members of the wider universal church, the one body of Christ.

As you too become increasingly familiar with the new translation, hopefully these and other aspects of the text will become part of the "fix" we didn't realise it needed. Perhaps it wasn't so much "broke" as just needing a little work here and there to keep things ticking along.

Candlemas Celebration

All the photographs on this page were taken during a Candlemas Celebration in St Mary's Cathedral.

On Thursday 2nd February, around 500 pupils and teachers from Middlesbrough primary schools attended a Candlemas Service at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough. At this beautiful Liturgy, the children, who include several members of the Cathedral Boys and Girls Choirs, raised the roof with their singing of the songs they had been studying this term. Highlights included the singing of the newly composed 'Middlesbrough Gloria' and, with a flame taken from the Paschal Candle, watching the children as they passed the

light from Christingle to Christingle whilst singing 'This little light of mine'. The service was led by Canon Gerard Robinson and the music directed by the Diocesan Director of Music, Timothy Craig Harrison.

All the schools at the Candlemas Celebration are involved in the Diocesan Liturgical Music for Schools Project, which is run by Tim Harrison. This pilot project, which is funded by the schools themselves, brings weekly expert tuition in

Music and Liturgy to the children as well as guidance for teachers and has proven to be hugely successful. The intention is to be able to offer this service to primary schools throughout the Diocese. If you would like to discuss the possibility of your school taking part in this thriving and vital project, please contact the Director of Music.

Tim Harrison and Les Clark

Holy Land! Holy Places! Holy People!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to The Holy Land: 4th-11th March 2013

As mentioned in last month’s ‘Voice’, I invite you to come with us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus, pray in places where the Lord himself stood and join thousands of people who have made this great pilgrim journey. Our itinerary is as follows:

DAY ONE - MONDAY 4TH MARCH

We will depart from Manchester airport on our flight to Tel Aviv, arriving late afternoon/early evening. After clearing immigration and customs, we will meet our guide and bus and will be taken to our hotel in Tiberias for our evening meal and overnight.

DAY TWO - TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

We will begin our first day of pilgrimage with Mass on the shore of the lake of Galilee where Jesus shared breakfast with his disciples after his resurrection. After spending some time here, we then visit the site of the feeding of the five thousand. We will then visit the town of Capernaum, central to the ministry of Jesus in this area; after which, we will enjoy a boat ride across the lake and then stop for lunch at a local Arab restaurant. After lunch, we will drive to the north and visit Caesarea Phillipi, we then return to the river Jordan where we will call at the Baptismal centre (Yerdinet) where we can reach the water and renew our baptismal vows. We then return to our hotel for our evening meal and our overnight accommodation.

DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

After breakfast, we travel to Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle. Then we travel on to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, built over the traditional site of the house of Mary. We will then tour Nazareth, visiting the site of Joseph’s workshop and the synagogue where

Jesus preached. We will call at Mary’s well, now in a beautiful Orthodox church, and then break for lunch. After lunch, we will travel to Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the transfiguration; after a taxi ride to the top of the mountain, we will visit the church and enjoy the spectacular views. We return to our hotel for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

DAY FOUR - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

After breakfast, we will visit the church built over the site of Jacob’s well, where Jesus met with the Samaritan woman, and then continue our tour to the city of Jericho. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of the Good Shepherd and then have a tour of the city along with the opportunity to see the mountain where Jesus spent his fast of 40 days and nights. After our tour, we will stop at the Temptation Restaurant for lunch and shopping. After lunch, we will leave for the Dead Sea where the brave can enjoy a swim and the faint-hearted can enjoy an ice cream! Then we will travel to our hotel in Bethlehem for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

DAY FIVE - FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

After breakfast, we visit the Church of the Nativity where we will celebrate Mass. Then we will walk to Bethlehem University to visit the campus, meet the students and staff and see how the Church is contributing to the hopes for education and peace in the region. After lunch, we call at the Holy Family Creche (Orphanage) to learn of the work done here

by Sister Sophie and her team. Then we will go to the Shepherd’s fields, here there will be the opportunity to visit a local co-operative souvenir shop; nearly 70 families make and sell their work here. We return to our hotel for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

DAY SIX - SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

After breakfast, the coach will take us for a full day walking tour of Jerusalem. We will visit the Mount of Olives, starting at the Church of the Our Father and then re-tracing the steps of Jesus on the first Palm Sunday, we will walk down to the Church of Dominus Flevit (the Lord wept) where we will celebrate Mass and enjoy the panoramic view over the Old City. Then we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations, visit the cave of betrayal and the “tomb of the virgin”. We will break for lunch and then will visit Mount Zion, seeing the Upper Room, the tomb of King David and the site of the Dormition of Our Lady. We will finish the day with a visit to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the site of Caiaphas’ house. The coach will meet us and take us back to Bethlehem for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

DAY SEVEN - SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

After breakfast, we will travel to celebrate Sunday Mass with the community in one of the local villages. After Mass, we will have coffee with the parishioners and the opportunity to meet with the priest and families of the parish. There will be the



chance to explore the parish and then enjoy lunch. After lunch, we will visit the church of St Anne built near the pool of Bethesda and then we will follow the way of the cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will tour the church and then walk through the souk to Jaffa gate, return to our hotel for packing, and in the evening have a splendid meal in a local Bedouin restaurant.

DAY EIGHT - MONDAY 11TH MARCH

After breakfast, we leave the hotel and visit the town of Ain Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. Here we will celebrate Mass before driving on to Abu Gosh, the site of Emmaus. After visiting the 12th century Crusader church, we will drive to the convent of Our Lady to enjoy the views back to Jerusalem and to have our final lunch. We will then make our way to the airport, where we will catch the evening flight to Manchester.

The cost of our pilgrimage is £1,200.00 and this is a considered expense during these difficult financial times. At this stage, a deposit of £300.00 is required to be paid before the end of April 2012 and the remainder towards the end of the year, which gives an extended period to save the balance, perhaps putting a little away each month. Your parish priest has the details, a poster and some application forms. If you require any more information, contact Kath Gallagher (kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk or tel [01642] 850505 ext 258). **We are suggesting that applications are taken on a first come, first served basis, as we hope to take at least one coach and then, if there are enough pilgrims, a second.**

Very Reverend Canon Gerard Robinson
Episcopal Vicar for Spirituality and Worship



Diocesan Forum for Church Musicians

The newly launched Forum for Church Musicians got off to a cracking start. The topics raised covered a very broad spectrum, ranging from musical issues relating to the new translation to matters of copyright. There was an excellent turnout from parishes in the Northern, Central and Southern deaneries with between 30 and 50 people, both priests and musicians, attending these lively meetings and engaging in some fascinating and helpful debate. Sadly, numbers at the meeting for the Coastal deanery did not match those in the rest of the Diocese, and reported a much smaller attendance.

The Forum for Church Musicians is a vital part of our programme of formation, and is for everyone who is involved in any way with parish music - all singers, instrumentalists, music leaders and priests. If you are in any way involved in the music in your church, don’t let your parish miss out! Whether your church is struggling to get going musically or has a well-established and rich tradition of liturgical music, these sessions are not to be missed. When we work as a team, bringing together all our parish musicians, we can hope to ensure the healthy future of music in all the churches of the Diocese.

Our thanks to all of you who joined us. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting in your area:

Central Deanery - Our Lady, Acomb
Saturday 3rd March, 10.00 am - 12 noon
(Group Leaders - Sue and Patrick Black)

Northern Deanery - St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough
Saturday 28th April, 10.00 am - 12 noon
(Group Leaders - Tim Harrison and Dr Graeme Drewery)

Southern Deanery - to be arranged
(Group Leader - Gabrielle Awre)

Coastal Deanery - to be arranged
(Group Leader - Martin Richardson)

Social at St Thomas More, Middlesbrough

The Christmas social at St Thomas More's was a huge success. Entertainment included Janie St John and the Thornaby Spice Girls who did a fantastic take on the group the 'Village People' with their hit YMCA. There was laughter and dancing all evening with guests asking "when can we have another night like this". Father Pat Keogh was delighted with the support from surrounding parishes too, and wishes to thank everyone involved for organising and supporting this event.

Terry Gallagher



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Evangelisation

Farewell and Welcome

The Very Reverend Canon John Lumley, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation, writes about comings and goings in the Schools Service Team of the Diocese.

Farewell..... This month, the current Director of Schools, John Tat, leaves the Diocese to begin his retirement. In the time he has been with us, John has travelled many thousands of miles, visiting schools, colleges, local authorities (LA) and governing bodies. He has rapidly helped re-establish our Diocesan Education Service and laid solid foundations with the creation of a Strategic Plan and Professional Development Plan in particular. He has been energetic in responding to the Home School Transport issue, and in developing a Diocesan response to Academies. Added to all this is the often hidden work that goes on, especially with schools facing particular opportunities, challenges and difficulties - working with Headteachers, Chairs of Governors, various LA representatives, as well as attending national Catholic Education Service events and other meetings. I could go on, and I'm sure that colleagues will have their own items to add to this list. The job of Director of Schools can often be very demanding in terms of time and energy. John has risen to the challenge and made a huge and positive impact - together with his colleagues in the Diocesan Education Team - on the life and mission of our family of schools. So a huge thank you to John and every good wish

for the future. John's "swan song" will be as one of our invited speakers at the Study Day on Academies arranged later this month for Clergy, Headteachers and Chairs of Governors.

.....and welcome. We are very happy to have appointed Maggie Tansley as our ***Principal Schools Officer*** to work for us from the end of February until 31st August 2012. Maggie will continue to work on many of the projects spearheaded by John Tat, including Academies, Home School Transport, liaising with LAs, and so on. Maggie comes to us with a proven track record of administration in Local Authorities (having recently retired from York LA) and I am delighted that she is able to continue the work for the Schools Service for the next few months. We have invited Maggie to work for us on a four day a week basis. Her background is Local Authority rather than schools *per se*, so a "fire fighting team" will be established whom Maggie can liaise with to work with schools - and headteachers in particular - in addressing the unforeseen bread and butter school issues which crop up from time to time and about which heads and chairs of governors may need advice and support from experienced

education practitioners. That "fire fighting team", we hope, will consist of one secondary headteacher (or deputy head) plus two primary heads who will be able to support schools facing "coalface" issues which arise in unexpectedly. The panel who interviewed Maggie (made up of two serving heads of outstanding schools, two trustees and members of the education team, including John Tat) were clear that this is a workable way of ensuring that we continue to provide for our family of schools with a continuity of service in this critical interim period. So you are warmly welcome Maggie!

New Director of Schools from September 2012
I have decided, with the support of the Diocesan Consultative Forum, on a timetable and process for proceeding to advertise, interview and appoint a permanent Director of Schools to start work in September 2012. This is a crucial post - and given that the next few years will be a time of transition for so many of our Diocesan schools, it is essential that we get the right person for the job. It would be good if this intention could be kept as a regular item in your personal, parish and school prayers, please!

Lifelong Learning

When I was teaching at a local college, we had a cartoon pinned to the wall in our staff room. It showed a very disgruntled looking man complaining to his colleague - "Don't get me wrong," he was saying. "I'm all in favour of lifelong learning. It's just the thought of doing all the lifelong homework that gets me down!"

I'm not a big fan of doing lifelong homework myself but I also know that to be a follower of Jesus also means accepting the challenge of lifelong learning.

At the end of St Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells his apostles to make "disciples" of all nations and, of course, the word "disciple" means a "learner" or an "apprentice". We also know that Jesus himself was often called "Rabbi" or "Teacher" and that he called upon all of us to come to him and to learn from him.

That learning surely has to be life long, for which of us can claim to have learned all that there is to know about the wonder of God?

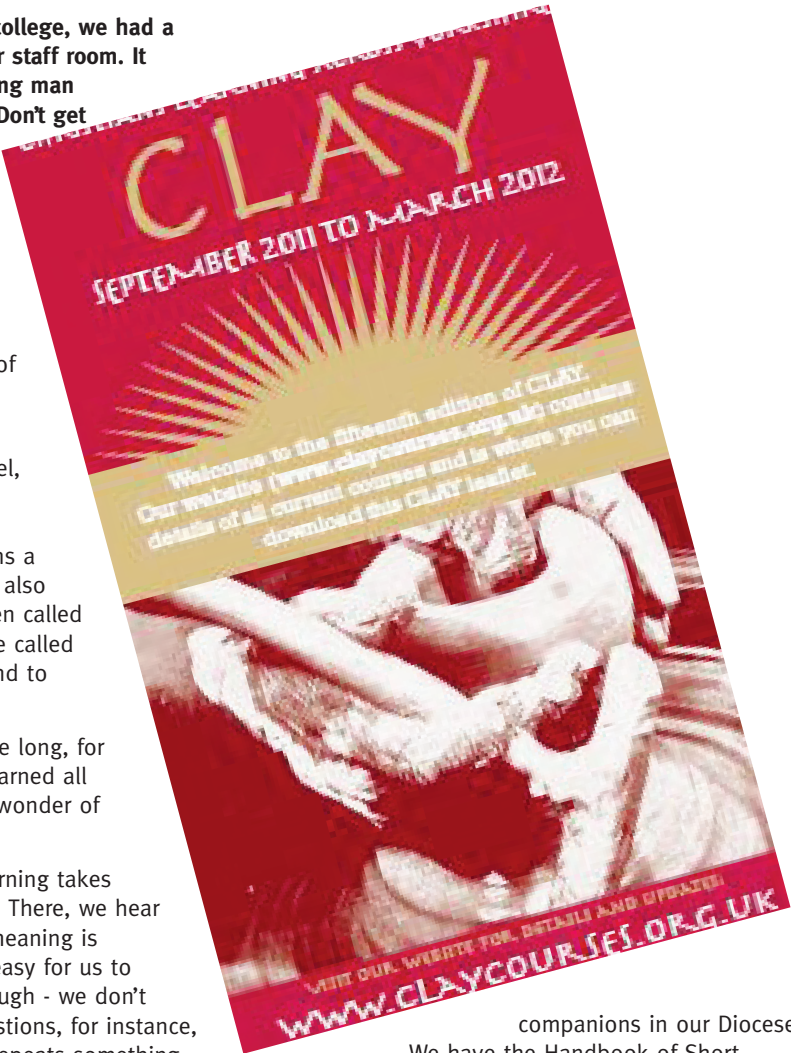
The place where most of our learning takes place each week is in the liturgy. There, we hear God's Word proclaimed and its meaning is unfolded for us. It's not always easy for us to make that learning our own, though - we don't really get the chance to ask questions, for instance, or to request that the preacher repeats something that we may have missed the first time. There are times when the Sunday homily might spark our interest without satisfying our need to know more.

Of course, we can always find excellent reading material on a whole range of topics related to our faith. Many of us, though, might have the same reaction as the Ethiopian official in the Acts of the Apostles - when the deacon Philip saw him sitting in his chariot he was reading from the prophet Isaiah.

"Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked him.

"Well, how could I," answered the Ethiopian, "unless someone guides me?" He then invited Philip to come up and sit with him - sometimes, perhaps, it would be good for us to have a companion to sit with us to help in our learning too.

There are many opportunities to find such



companions in our Diocese. We have the Handbook of Short Courses, covering a whole range of topics on Scripture, Church teaching and pastoral care.

We also have courses from CLAY - Christians Learning Across Yorkshire. This is an ecumenical partnership that seeks to promote the kind of lifelong learning and discipleship that should be the hallmark of a vibrant Christian community.

This month sees the launch of CLAY's most recent brochure. Your Parish Priest and the Adult Formation contact in each parish have further information on both the Short Courses Handbook and the CLAY courses.

Alternatively, you can ring the Department for Adult Formation on (01642) 850505 to find out more - and then the amount of homework that you do is entirely up to yourself!

Reverend Vincent Purcell, Adult Formation Advisor

Catholic Primary Schools Cup Football Tournament 2012

The sixteenth annual football tournament for primary schools in the Diocese is to be held at St Aelred's RC VA Primary School and the neighbouring Burnholme Community College, York on Saturday 19th May. All schools have been sent, by e-mail, an invitation to enter teams in both the boys and girls competitions. The tournament will include all of the normal features; Official referees, Fair Play Trophies, the Mike McCullagh Memorial Cup for Excellence, the Best Banner Competition, the Most Original Pennant Award, and Spot Prizes as well as a wealth of football. Winners and Runners up will receive trophies and as usual all participating children will receive a commemorative medal. If schools have not for any reason received the invitation to enter or require any further information, please contact the undersigned immediately. The closing date for entries is Friday 23rd March 2012.

Tony McAvoy, Tournament Co-ordinator
Mob: 0771 392 4504





Mission Colours at St Joseph's School.

St Joseph's Primary School, Pickering

On Friday 27th January, we asked our children to come to school dressed in as many of the Mission colours as possible. Red, blue, green, yellow and white. A donation of 50p was requested to wear non-uniform on this day. We also held a multi-coloured cake stall with cakes, buns and biscuits on sale. This was our final fundraiser to raise money for Mission Together, and their project to build classrooms in Malawi. Our total was £260.00 which had been raised through the Mission Together collection boxes which were sent home with every pupil and the money collected at our KS1 and KS2 Christmas Productions. We were hoping to reach £300.00 which we have certainly done, and we will be presenting a cheque to a representative from Mission Together when this can be arranged.

Lisa Brown, Headteacher

Rite of Welcome

On Sunday 29th January, the Rite of Welcome was celebrated at St Wilfrid's Church, York. Four adults and two children took a significant step on their journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. They are all looking forward to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent and to full initiation at the Easter Vigil.




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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR MARCH 2012

1-8 Visitation of Venerable English College and Beda College, Rome

10/11 Parish Visitation – Sacred Heart, Hornsea

10 Celebrates Vigil Mass 6 pm

11 Celebrates Mass 9.30 am

13 Council of Priests – Cathedral 2 pm

14 Attends Half Day Study on Working with Mental Health Issues – Burn Hall 12.30 pm

17/18 Parish Visitation – SS Peter & Paul, Leyburn/SS Mary & Joseph, Bedale

17 Celebrates Mass – Ss Peter & Paul, Leyburn 9.45 am

18 Celebrates Mass – SS Simon & Jude, Ulshaw Bridge 8.30 am

18 Celebrates Mass – SS Mary & Joseph, Bedale 11.15 am

20 Bishop’s Council – Curial Office 11 am

21 Parish Visitation – Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough

22 Attends Education Study Day – York Racecourse

23 Diocesan Trustee Board 10.30 am

24 Preside at Mass for Pilgrimage in honour of St Margaret Clitherow – St Wilfrid’s, York 1.30 pm

24/25 Parish Visitation – Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough

25 Celebrates Mass 9.30 am

25 Celebrates Mass 6.30 pm

29/30 Northern Church Leaders Retreat – Hinsley Hall

1 Thursday
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm The Pastoral Support Group for people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Catherine Marshall, Tel: (01642) 877936 for venue and other details
1.45 pm - 4.15 pm ‘Journalling’ with John Knowles at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm ‘Ignite: Personal Prayer and Pizza!’ - prayer session to help young people prepare for Confirmation at St Thomas More Church, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact MYMission, Tel: (01642) 822056 for further details

2 Friday
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the April issue of Voice must be received by today
12.10 pm The ASCENT Group at The John Paul Centre, Grange Road, Middlesbrough meet after Mass at 1.15 pm, coffee bar available. New Members welcome. Contact: Clive Dean, Tel: (01642) 821421
2.00 pm ‘Let Justice Prevail’ - Women’s World Day of Prayer, prepared by Christian women of Malaysia. York Central Service at St Olaves C of E Church, Marygate, York with speaker Nan Saeki
7.00 pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details
7.30 pm English Martyrs/Our Lady’s Lent course at Our Lady’s, Cornlands Road, Acomb, York. Contact: Gus Bishop, Tel: (01904) 705766 for further details

3 Saturday
10.00 am - 12 noon Diocesan Forum for Church Musicians in the Central Deanery at Our Lady, Acomb, York. Contact: Tim Harrison, Tel: (01642) 597750 for further details
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary’s Church, Wycliffe (nr Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 205630 for further details
10.30 am - 1.00 pm The Middlesbrough Diocesan Women’s Commission present a talk by Rev Sharon Whittington about her work as Chaplain for St Leonard’s Hospice in York at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. The meeting is open to all (including men) and is ecumenical
2.00 pm Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first

Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture, and continue in prayer to the 3.30 pm Mass. All welcome.
Contact: Patricia Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for details
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm First Saturday Rosary Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details
7.30 pm Pope Idol 2012 at Middlesbrough Theatre. Tickets priced £7.50 per person, £24.00 Family available from the Theatre Box Office, Tel: (01642) 815181, Fr Paul Farrer, Tel: (01642) 814564 or the Mission House, Tel: (01642) 822056

4 Sunday
11.15 am Ampleforth Renewal Community: Postgate Room and Crypt, Ampleforth Abbey. Meet 1st Sunday of each month, except August. Start 11.15 am Praise and Worship, Breaking the Word, Lunch, Guest Speaker, Bookshop, Exposition, Reconciliation, Workshop, 3.10 pm Healing, 3.45 pm Mass, 5.00 pm Departure. All enquiries welcome. Contact: Paul McCraith, Tel: (01429) 272116
6.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass at the Church of St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough

5 Monday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ‘Relationships Human and Divine - When God goes missing’ with Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

7 Wednesday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ‘Sword of Sorrow - Who is my mother?’ with Sr Louise CJ at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
6.30 pm The Secular Order of St Francis meet every first Wednesday of the month at the Poor Clare Convent of St Lawrence, Lawrence Street, York. Contact: Mr J P Lafferty M SFO, Tel: (01904) 796799 for further details
7.30 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at the Knights Club, Southfield Road, Middlesbrough

9 Friday
2.00 pm Scarborough Medjugorje Prayer Group. Contact Joan Salt, Tel: (01723) 363321 for further details including venue
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in the small chapel at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details
7.30 pm English Martyrs/Our Lady’s Lent course at Our Lady’s, Cornlands Road, Acomb, York. Contact: Gus Bishop, Tel: (01904) 705766 for further details
7.30 pm Medjugorje Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, Talk, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details

9 - 11 Friday - Sunday
‘Time to Reflect: what is education anyway?’ - Retreat for lecturers at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. Contact: Sr Margaret Atkins, Tel: (01539) 532288 or E-mail: margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk for further details

10 Saturday
10.15 am ‘Comparing Spiritualities: The Franciscans (Rev Rowan Williams)’ - York Carmelite Spirituality Group at The Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters, 110 Lawrence Street, York. Eucharist (optional) at 9.30 am precedes the event which commences at 10.15 am and concludes at 1.00 pm with a ström-Allen, and share lunch. Contact: Mr Johan Bergström-Allen, Tel: (01904) 411521 for further details

11 Sunday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Diocesan Choir rehearsal at Our Lady, Acomb, York. New members welcome. Contact: Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or E-mail: kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details
4.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass at the Church of the English Martyrs, Dalton Terrace, York
6.00 pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph’s Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact: Fr Pat Keogh, Tel: (01642) 818203 for further details
6.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass at the Church of St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough

12 Monday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ‘Relationships Human and Divine - In God’s own landscape’ with Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

7.30 pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Nan Saeki, Tel: (01904) 783621 for further details

12 - 15 Monday - Thursday
‘Getting in touch with God 1’ led by Fr Matthew Burns. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

13 Tuesday
12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women’s Luncheon Club meet at the Portland Hotel, Paragon Street, Hull when Dr Philip Crispin will speak about ‘Holy Week in Malaga’
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ASCENT Group, York meet at Our Lady’s Parish Centre
8.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

14 Wednesday
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele meet after the Morning Mass
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
2.30 pm Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

15 Thursday
9.00 am - 12 noon Back Care Group - Line dancing - at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm ‘Ignite: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament’ - prayer session to help young people prepare for Confirmation at St Thomas More Church, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact MYMission, Tel: (01642) 822056 for further details

16 Friday
7.30 pm English Martyrs/Our Lady’s Lent course at Our Lady’s, Cornlands Road, Acomb, York. Contact: Gus Bishop, Tel: (01904) 705766 for further details

17 Saturday
10.00 am - 3.30 pm ‘Julian in her Medieval Context’ with Santha Bhattacharji at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Irish Dance (Sean Kelly) at the Erimus Club, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227. Admission by ticket only
7.30 pm - 10.30 pm Irish Association meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

18 Sunday
3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Joseph’s, Stokesley
6.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass at the Church of St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough

19 Monday
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm The York Newman Circle Lecture ‘The Camino’ will be given by John Tweddle at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

20 Tuesday
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm HENS Hull and East Riding New Stitchers meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

21 Wednesday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ‘Sword of Sorrow - Standing at the Cross’ with Sr Louise CJ at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
7.30 pm for 7.45 pm The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Dr Patricia Egerton entitled ‘til death us do part... reflections on Marriage, Christian Marriage and “living together”...’ at St Bernadette’s, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough. Coffee from 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome
8.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph’s RC Church, West Hull

22 Thursday
9.30 am - 3.45 pm ‘Called to the Big Society’ at Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds, LS1 6DG. Churches Regional Commission regional event to consider where the Big Society came from, what has happened to it and where it is going?; how the Big Society fits with a theology of the Common Good; what regional inequalities we will encounter in the context of the Big Society. To book, go to <http://calledtothebigsociety.eventbrite.com> or contact: Wendy or Moira, Tel: 0113 245 4700

23 Friday
7.30 pm English Martyrs/Our Lady's Lent course at Our Lady's, Cornlands Road, Acomb, York. Contact: Gus Bishop, Tel: (01904) 705766 for further details

24 Saturday
 'Flame' - National Youth Congress 2012 at Wembley Arena, London. Cost £55.00. Contact Dom Finn of the MYMission Team, Tel: (01642) 822056 or E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details

24 Saturday
1.30 pm Pilgrimage in Honour of St Margaret Clitherow. Solemn Traditional Mass in the presence of His Lordship, Bishop Terence Drainey, at St Wilfrid's Church, York followed by procession to the Church of the English Martyrs for Benediction and Devotions
7.45 pm The Stamford Bridge Singers, directed by Michael Wiles, perform Sir John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' in St Helen's Church, Ainderby Steeple, near Northallerton. Tickets priced £6.00 available from Derek Sharpe, the Church Warden, Tel: (01609) 771031

25 Sunday
 April issue of Catholic Voice available
4.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass at the Church of the English Martyrs, Dalton Terrace, York
6.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass at the Church of St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough
6.30 pm Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough

26 Monday
1.30 pm Solemnity of The Annunciation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley.
 1.30 pm: Rosary, 2.00 pm: Holy Mass.
 Refreshments afterwards. Contact: Very Rev Dom Damian Humphries, Tel: (01609) 883308 for further details

28 Wednesday
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm ME and CFS Self-Help Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

29 Thursday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Victorian Afternoon Tea with the Sisters at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Cost £5.00 per person. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm 'Ignite: Prayer using Art' - prayer session to help young people prepare for Confirmation at St Thomas More Church, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact MYMission, Tel: (01642) 822056 for further details
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Margaret Jones, Tel: (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

30 Friday
7.30 pm English Martyrs/Our Lady's Lent course at Our Lady's, Cornlands Road, Acomb, York. Contact: Gus Bishop, Tel: (01904) 705766 for further details

30 - 1 Friday - Sunday
 'John at Easter' led by Fr Henry Wansbrough. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

31 Saturday
10.30 am - 4.00 pm York Carmelite Spirituality Group: Quiet Day at Thicket Carmelite Monastery, Thorganby, nr York. Very Rev Keith Jones, Dean of York Minster, will lead a day of reflection entitled 'The Way God Loves Us'. Please bring a picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Places limited, cost £10.00 per person. Please send your cheque to C J Holland, 5 The Rowans, Skelton, York, YO30 1YX. Contact: Jo Holland, Tel: (01904) 470519 for further details. For directions, visit www.carmelite.org/thicket

Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Contact: Tim Harrison, Tel: (01642) 597750 for further details

19 May: Sixteenth Annual Catholic Primary Schools Cup Football Tournament at St Aelred's RC VA Primary School and the neighbouring Burnholme Community College, York. Closing date for entries - Friday 23rd March 2012. Contact: Tony McAvoy, Tournament Co-ordinator, Tel: 0771 392 4504 for further details

26 May: 11.00 am - 5.30 pm, 'Open House' Celebration to mark the 25th Anniversary of St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York. Further details will be available in due course

3 June: 5.00 pm, Reunion of Newlands Convent girls who attended the school from 1956 to 1964 at the Baltimore Hotel, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Optional meal available from 7.00 pm, cost £15.00. Contact: Theresa Martin (nee Hartley), Tel: 07530 815967 for further details

10-17 June: 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 in Dublin. Contact: Canon Michael Loughlin, Diocesan contact for the Eucharistic Congress, Tel: (01482) 329100 for further details

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Tuesdays		
1.30 pm	Padre Pio Prayer Group	
7.30 pm	Ballroom Dancing Group	
Wednesdays		
2.00 pm	Prayer for the City	

FIRST WEEK OF APRIL:

1 Sunday
11.15 am Ampleforth Renewal Community: Postgate Room and Crypt, Ampleforth Abbey. Meet 1st Sunday of each month, except August. Start 11.15 am Praise and Worship, Breaking the Word, Lunch, Guest Speaker, Bookshop, Exposition, Reconciliation, Workshop, 3.10 pm Healing, 3.45 pm Mass, 5.00 pm Departure. All enquiries welcome. Contact: Paul McCraith, Tel: (01429) 272116

4 Wednesday
6.30 pm The Secular Order of St Francis meet every first Wednesday of the month at the Poor Clare Convent of St Lawrence, Lawrence Street, York. Contact: Mr J P Lafferty M SFO, Tel: (01904) 796799 for further details
7.30 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at the Knights Club, Southfield Road, Middlesbrough

5 Thursday
 Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the May issue of Voice must be received by today
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm The Pastoral Support Group for people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Catherine Marshall, Tel: (01642) 877936 for venue and other details

5 - 9 Thursday - Monday
 'Easter Triduum Retreat' - join the Ampleforth Community for Easter Conferences and the celebration of the Triduum liturgies. Early booking is recommended. There is no fixed charge for the Triduum Retreat. Donations are welcome. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Karate
Sundays
 6.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Group

The Pastoral Centre is in Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details.

MADONNA HOUSE PASTORAL CENTRE
 The Madonna House Community welcomes anyone to join us for the following hours of prayer:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm for Adoration and Vespers or a Rosary for the priests of the Diocese.

Enquiries welcome to join us for a cup of tea, our monthly Mass or the monthly ecumenical prayer meeting for Christian unity.


The Pastoral Centre is in Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire. Contact: Tel: (01947) 880169 for information, a visit or a cup of tea.

ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE		
Mondays		
7.30 pm	City Prayer Group	
Tuesday		
10.30 am - 12.30 pm	Meister Eckhart Reading Group	
7.30 pm - 8.45 pm	Ignatian Prayer Group (6, 20 March)	
Wednesdays		
8.00 pm	WCCM Christian Meditation (14, 28 March)	

The Pastoral Centre is in Blossom Street, York. Contact: Tel: (01904) 464900 or e-mail: admin@stbedes.org.uk

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by Friday 2nd March 2012 for the April 2012 issue and Thursday 5th April 2012 for the May 2012 issue.

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Date of Draw - 6th February 2012		
£100	Winning No	36
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME - ASK FOR DETAILS		
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Golden Knight

Michael Campbell of Middlesbrough Council 29 of the Knights of St Columba seen pictured with Canon Gerard Robinson, Council Chaplain, who presented him with his Golden Jubilee Medal during the February 2012 meeting. Also pictured is the Deputy Grand Knight, John Buckton.

Newman Circle

The Cleveland Newman Circle invites you to join us at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough on Wednesday 21st March 2012

- 7.30pm
- Coffee
- 7.45pm
- A talk by Dr Patricia Egerton:
'til death us do part ...
- reflections on Marriage, Christian Marriage, and "living together" ...

Do join us! You are most welcome!

Called to the Big Society

Thursday 22nd March 2012
9.30 am - 3.45 pm

Leeds Church Institute,
20 New Market Street, Leeds, LS1 6DG

Mr Andrew Stunell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government
'Whither the Big Society'

Dr Patrick Riordan SJ, Lecturer in Political Philosophy at Heythrop College
"The Big Society and the Christian Concept of the Common Good"

Prof Peter Wells, Director, Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research at Sheffield Hallam University
"The Big Society in Yorkshire and the Humber: Regional Disparities"

A regional event to consider:
Where the Big Society came from, what has happened to it and where it is going?
How the Big Society fits with a theology of the Common Good?
What regional inequalities we will encounter in the context of the Big Society?

Cost £10.00 (lunch provided)
Cheques payable to Leeds Church Institute or order online <http://calledtothebigsociety2012.eventbrite.com>

Register with Wendy or Moira on 0113 245 4700
general@leedschurchinstitute.org

Previously arranged for 4th November 2011 - please note new date.

St Margaret Clitherow

St Margaret Clitherow is loved and venerated by Catholics nationwide. She is widely admired by people in other Christian traditions. In her home city of York she is widely recognised as one of the most important people to have lived in the city and this is reflected in tourist books about York. She is featured in the promotional film shown in the Yorkshire Museum.



St Margaret has been a beacon of ecumenism in her native city. This probably began in 1986, the 400th anniversary of her death when a service was held in York Minster. It was attended by 13 Catholic bishops and the then Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Basil Hume and also the Archbishop of York, John Habgood, who preached the sermon. Catholics have been welcomed over the years to celebrate Mass in the Minster and it continues to this day.

The Shrine of St Margaret Clitherow is located in The Shambles, one of the oldest streets in Europe. A plaque has been erected on Ouse Bridge in 2008, near the site where she was executed for harbouring priests. Bishop Terry Draine played a major part in this unveiling ceremony. In 2010, an ecumenical service was held in St Martin le Grand Anglican Church, Coney Street, to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as this was the place of her baptism.

The Knights of St Columba Council 95 (York) feel that there should be a street named after St Margaret in her home town. To this end they have circulated petitions to most catholic churches in York and several Anglican churches are also taking part. It is intended to present this petition to the new Lord Mayor in May of this year. It is hoped that the new street will be on a housing development or possibly an unnamed river walk. If your church would like a copy of the petition, please e-mail John Rayne Davis on dijohnv@aol.com or tel (01904) 706867.

Diocese of Middlesbrough Trustee Vicariate for Evangelisation Adult Formation/ Evangelisation Advisor

The Diocese is seeking to appoint an appropriately qualified person with relevant experience to the full time post of Adult Formation/Evangelisation Advisor.

The postholder – qualified to degree level or above – will have gospel vision, energy and an ability to communicate effectively with the priests and people of the Diocese. He/she will be a committed Catholic and will have the skills to build on the work of the outgoing Adult Formation Advisor as well as develop the newly created evangelisation dimension of the post.

The successful candidate will work within the Vicariate for Evangelisation, under the oversight of the Episcopal Vicar, and will work collaboratively with other groups in that Vicariate, guided by *Bearing Much Fruit*, the Diocesan Strategic Plan for Adult Formation and Evangelisation. The successful applicant will work with both clergy and laity, with small and large groups or whole parishes, and will have the ability to deliver current catechetical commitments as well as develop new, imaginative initiatives, particularly in the field of evangelisation.

The post will be based in the Diocesan Curial Office in Middlesbrough. However, as a significant part of the work will be with parish communities, the Advisor will need to travel throughout the Diocese and be prepared to work some evenings and weekends, as required.

Salary Range £32,000-£33,500, dependent on relevant experience and qualifications. The appointment will be for five years initially and there will be an opportunity to participate in the Diocesan pension scheme.

As the post is composed of two discrete dimensions, there is the opportunity for a job share arrangement.

Further details and application form can be obtained by contacting:
Dr J Whiston, Diocese of Middlesbrough, Curial Office,
50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT.
Tel: (01642) 850505.

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