



Bishop's Column

Parliament is currently considering legalising assisted suicide through the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

As has been made clear earlier in this debate, as Catholics we have maintained a principled objection to this change in law recognising that every human life is sacred, coming as a gift of God and bearing a God-given dignity.

We are, therefore, clearly opposed to this bill in principle, elevating, as it does, the autonomy of the individual above all other considerations.

The passage of the bill through parliament will lead to a vote in late April on whether it progresses further. This will be a crucial moment, and I am asking your support in urging your MP to vote against this bill at that time.

There are serious reasons for doing so. It is a fundamental duty of every MP to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised, and which will bring about damaging consequences.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will fundamentally change many of the key relationships in our way of life: within the family, between doctor and patient, within the health service.

It is a Private Members' Bill which is long and complex and was published just days before MPs voted on it. The time for debate was minimal.

The committee examining the bill took only three days of evidence: not all voices were heard, and it comprises an undue number of supporters of the bill. In short, this is no way to legislate on such an important and morally complex issue.

Many vital questions remain unanswered. In contrast to the provisions of this bill, what is needed is first-class, compassionate palliative care at the end of our lives. This is already provided to many in our society but, tragically, is in short supply and underfunded.

It is a sad reflection of parliament's priorities that the House of Commons spent far more time debating the ban on fox hunting than it is spending debating bringing in assisted suicide.

I am sure that you will share these concerns. It is now clear that this measure is being rushed without proper scrutiny and without fundamental questions surrounding safeguards being answered. This is a deeply flawed bill with untold unintended consequences.

Every MP, and government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation from reaching the statute book. This, tragically, is what may happen.

So, I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner.

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In blessed hope,

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Bear Grylls tells sold-out Flame: 'You guys are unstoppable!'

Unstoppable! This was the message to more than 10,000 young Catholics, including groups from our diocese, at Flame 2025, a sold-out event organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed).

For the 150 young people from the Diocese of Middlesbrough and their school staff who accompanied them it was a wonderful day, despite the 5am start and late return.

The theme was conveyed through testimonies, dramas and talks that made for an engaging day for young people from across the UK and even beyond.

The vibrant event was permeated throughout with wonderful music by young artists who radiated their own faith.

Bear Grylls brought star power to the line-up of speakers. As a Christian who has overcome a broken back to climb Mount Everest, he was able to encourage the youth to see life as an adventure they can undertake with confidence.

Bear said: "Faith is in your heart, faith is in relationships, faith is a constant connection to the Almighty. I have many struggles, many doubts, but I know I am loved and held, and the light shines.

"Faith is part of the adventure. It's a journey... It's a backbone, a streak of steel, the presence of Jesus beside us in the highs and the lows. It's fire and life and water, all in one."

To a packed out and loud crowd, he added: "I hope you have an amazing rest of Flame. You guys are unstoppable!"

Flame's theme of "Unstoppable: Fan the flame of hope" echoed what Pope Francis calls us to be in this year of Jubilee: "Pilgrims of Hope."

Other speakers included Bryan Enriquez, a founding member of the popular prayer app, Hallow. He told the story of how the app came

to be through the work of a group of college friends.

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HOLY WEEK

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15th | Tuesday | Chrism Mass 12noon
16th | Wednesday | Mass 9:30am
17th | Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7pm
18th | Good Friday | The Lord's Passion 3pm
19th | The Easter Vigil | 9pm
20th | Easter Sunday | Mass 10am & 5pm

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16th | Wednesday | Mass 12noon
18th | Good Friday | The Lord's Passion 3pm
20th | Easter Sunday | Mass 11am

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NEWS

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It now partners with some of the biggest Catholic names in the US, including actor Mark Wahlberg and YouTube star Sister Miriam James. This year it was the number two trending app after ChatGPT.

In recounting their story, he told the crowd that without God it would not have been possible to achieve all that they did and overcome the setbacks.

He said: “It reminds me of Jesus’ words in John’s Gospel, ‘Courage, I have conquered the world’.”

Flame has been running since 2012 and is creating its own legacy.

The headline music artist for the day was Adenike, who was a participant in 2017 and remembers asking God, “Show me what you want for my life.”

Since then, she has been unstoppable, qualifying as a lawyer, getting to the final of The Voice and touring as Whitney Houston in the popular theatre show.

She sang her own songs and some Catholic favourites such as Ave Maria. Her faith shone through as she gave thanks for all that God was doing in her life.

The day included many other great speakers, including Isaac Harvey MBE, noted for his advocacy work for people with disabilities.

Yet despite the hype and excitement of the event, Flame always ends in the same reverential and powerful way with a short period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Everyone at Flame was given a copy of Bear Grylls’ book, *The Greatest Story Ever Told* – Photo © Mazur/cbcw.org.uk

Along with many bishops, Cardinal Vincent Nichols led those gathered in a few moments of prayerful recollection.

He reminded everyone: “Your name is written

on God’s heart and through baptism his name is written on yours. Let this time be a meeting of two hearts.”

We look forward to the next edition on March

6 2027.

Father Phil Cunah

BISHOP TERRY’S APRIL ENGAGEMENTS

- 6 Celebrates platinum wedding anniversary of John and Marie Marshall, Sacred Heart, Redcar. 9.30am
- 10-11 Attends Northern Church Leaders Retreat at Hinsley Hall, Leeds.
- 13 Celebrates Mass for the Solemnity of Palm Sunday at St Mary’s Cathedral. 10am
- 15 Celebrates the Mass of Christ at St Mary’s Cathedral. 12pm
- 17 Celebrates Mass for the Solemnity of the Lord’s Supper at St Mary’s Cathedral. 7pm
- 18 Celebrates the Service of the Lord’s Passion at St Mary’s Cathedral. 3pm
- 19 Celebrates the Vigil Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord at St Mary’s Cathedral. 9pm
- 20 Celebrates Mass during the day for the Resurrection of the Lord at St Mary’s Cathedral. 10am
- 27 Celebrates Mass for the Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship at St Mary’s Cathedral. 3pm

Students vow: ‘We’ll be back!’



Lizzie Guiver met up with her sister, Nell, during Flame

Going into it, I didn’t know what to expect, only having chosen to go after having it recommended to me by the lay chaplaincy leaders at St Mary’s.

To say I enjoyed myself is an understatement! The singers, the talks, the atmosphere was nothing like I expected, but it was fantastic.

It was fascinating to learn about other people’s experiences of Catholicism, my personal favourite being Bryan Enriquez talking about being a founding member of the Hallow app. It was also an amazing opportunity to interact with people from other dioceses.

My sister is a member of the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese as she goes to university at Durham. Spending time with her not only allowed me to catch up but also to meet her friends and interact with those outside my

own diocese, which I don’t get the chance to do often. It was an amazing day and I look forward to going again in the future.

Lizzie Guiver, sixth-form student at St Mary’s College, Hull

I am so glad I volunteered to go along to Flame and have the chance to experience this wonderful gathering at Wembley.

It was incredible to spend time with more than ten thousand young people who share the same interest in their faith.

Flame was a great opportunity to offer an unforgettable experience to our students, which hopefully boosted their self-confidence and inspired them about their future.

The students were great and they said that they enjoyed their time at Flame, dancing and singing and being part of the large crowd.

Angela Lees, from the staff at St Augustine’s in Scarborough

As the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, a deep sense of peace washed over me.

The dim lighting, the soft worship music and the presence of so many young people in prayer created an atmosphere filled with awe and reverence. In that moment,

I felt truly connected to God, not just in thought but in a profound, almost tangible way. It was as if all my worries and distractions faded away, leaving only his presence. I was reminded that no matter what struggles I face, Christ is always there, waiting for me with open arms. That experience strengthened my faith, renewing my desire to

seek God in my daily life. It was a moment of surrender, of love, and of overwhelming grace that I will carry in my heart forever. I am unstoppable!

Ella, Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough

Jesus said: “Where two or three gather in my name, there am I in your midst”.

More than 10,800 people gathered in His name at Flame and the presence of Jesus was tangible. For the children who are seeking God, for the children who have found God and for those trying their best to serve God, this event was a backbone to their faith.

In the very last talk we heard that “God believes in you.” We come from a strong Catholic background and these words really touched our hearts. We believe in God and God believes in us. Thank you, Flame, and thank you All Saints for giving me and my brother the chance to experience this beautiful moment. Thank you for making us unstoppable!

Shayini and Shayam, All Saints, York



Some of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust pupils who attended the event

Tributes paid after death of Father Peter Ryan, caring priest and advocate for disabled people

Warm tributes have been paid to Father Peter Ryan after his death at the age of 88.

Father Peter, who was born in Dublin and brought up in County Tipperary, Ireland, served the Diocese of Middlesbrough for 55 years after his ordination in 1960.

A much-loved figure throughout the Catholic community, he served parishes including the old St Mary's Cathedral, the Sacred Heart, Redcar, and St Hedda's, Egton Bridge, as well as one year at St Mary's, Hull.

But his name will always be linked with St Peter's, in South Bank, where he served as parish priest from 1978 to 1995 and was respected by Catholics and those of other faiths and none for his gentle, caring and deeply spiritual ministry.

He became chaplain to the Catholic Fellowship and a passionate advocate for disabled people of all ages, who he welcomed to share the sacraments at monthly Masses.

One long-time friend and fellow helper said: "He loved them and they adored him in return. The relationships he had were beautiful and some of the ones he treasured most in his life."

Father Peter was born on May 2 1936 and studied for the priesthood at St John's Seminary in Waterford, before his ordination on June 16 1960.

His first appointment after arriving in the Diocese of Middlesbrough was three years as curate in South Bank, then a busy, thriving

community, before he moved to Sacred Heart, Redcar.

In 1968, he was appointed curate to St Mary's, Hull, where he stayed for one year before returning to Sacred Heart, Redcar. In 1970, he was appointed curate to the old St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough, staying for eight years.

He then spent 17 years at St Peter's before being appointed parish priest at St Hedda's, Egton Bridge, which he served from 1995 to his retirement in 2011.

In 2020 Father Peter marked the diamond jubilee of his ordination. Although this was during the pandemic, more than 4,000 people viewed his jubilee Mass online.

Before the Mass, he was presented with cards, gifts and donations from his army of well-wishers and afterwards a small, socially distanced reception committee stood outside to applaud him as he left the church.

During the service, Father Peter told those watching at home: "There's a long list of blessings for which I want to give thanks, and number one on my list of thanks is to every single one of you."

"You have been wonderful to me, you have made my life worthwhile, and it's been a privilege to be part of your families, especially at times of sorrow or tragedy. It was marvellous to be able to help in some way."

"Then there were all the joyful occasions as well when you very generously included me. I

want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being who you are."

He also spoke about the importance of friendship, adding: "I've also shared friendship with groups of people and one that made a huge difference to my life was in 1971 when I was invited to be chaplain to the Fellowship."

"I couldn't believe what I was experiencing – this was friendship, love and humour of the very highest. That fellowship is still very strong after all these years and we still share friendship, love, humour and loyalty."

"I hope that when normality returns, we can all be face to face again. There's a long list of blessings for which I want to give thanks and number one on my list of thanks is to every single one of you."

Father Peter died in James Cook University Hospital on Thursday March 13. He had been in ill health for some time.

Monsignor Gerard Robinson said: "Throughout his ministry he was a great supporter of the Catholic Fellowship and would often go on holiday with the group."

"He was a very popular priest and a regular on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. Many have been inspired by his homilies and his deep empathy for others."

Canon John Lumley, who was baptised by Father Peter as a baby, said: "Father Peter faithfully served the people of South Bank in good times and bad for so many years, as



Father Peter Ryan enjoying an ice cream in Lourdes – Photo by Elaine McGeary

well as many other parishes, too. "He was a man who genuinely knew how to create, build and sustain communities of faith and love."

Father Peter will be received into St Mary's Cathedral on Monday April 7 at 7pm, ahead of his Requiem Mass at noon on Tuesday April 8. He will then be buried in Eston Cemetery.

The funeral will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Middlesbrough YouTube channel for those who can't attend the service in person.

Catenians help young people on their way

One of the Catenian Association's aims is to advance the interests and development of young Catholics and to assist them in the choice or pursuit of a career.

So when Bishop Terry wrote to Middlesbrough Catenians last spring asking if they could give financial assistance to local Catholic young people attending Flame 2025 at the OVO Arena Wembley, brothers of the circle willingly agreed.

Flame is the great bi-annual youth gathering organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) and is open to those aged 14 and over.

It's the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales and provides young people with the opportunity to join other young Catholics and enjoy modern, inspirational, faith-filled music, to hear motivational speakers and to share the faith and to spend time in prayer.

Middlesbrough Circle president Chris Rhodes and past president Paul Healy presented Bishop Terry with a cheque for £1,000 to help with transport costs.

Bishop Terry expressed his gratitude for their generosity towards our young people.



Middlesbrough Catenians' president Chris Rhodes presenting the cheque to Bishop Terry

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11.15am: Rosary, including Fatima prayers
Noon: Lunch (bring packed lunch)
1pm: Fatima film and talk
2.30pm: Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular
2.50pm: Holy Hour/Reconciliation, including Divine Mercy Chaplet
3.55pm: Benediction
4pm: Close

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SCHOOLS

'Happy and caring' school praised in impressive report

A "happy and caring" school with an ambitious curriculum that reflects the heritage of Middlesbrough has been praised by Ofsted.

Inspectors said staff at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School have excellent subject knowledge and use traditional stories, songs and nursery rhymes to help make lessons fun and memorable.

"St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a happy and caring community," the report says. "Relationships between staff and pupils are a strength. Pupils' behaviour is exceptional. Pupils have very positive attitudes towards learning and achieve well."

"Pupils blossom in their roles as young leaders and make a significant contribution to the school and the wider community."

"The school has an ambitious curriculum which celebrates the heritage of Middlesbrough. Staff are well trained in teaching phonics and there is a consistent

teaching approach throughout the school.

"Pupils' behaviour is impeccable. If any pupil struggles with their behaviour, staff take highly effective action to address this."

Executive headteacher Liz King said: "We are delighted that the caring, respectful and dedicated nature of our pupils has been recognised. Our pupils are extremely proud to serve the St Joseph's family and the wider community and I am extremely proud to serve them."

"The significant contribution they make allows them to blossom as leaders, grow in confidence and happiness, creating a harmonious school where every child belongs and all are welcome."

Hugh Hegarty, chief executive officer of Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust, which runs the school, added: "I want to congratulate all the fantastic staff for supporting pupils and parents at the school."



St Joseph's Catholic Primary in Middlesbrough has an ambitious curriculum that celebrates the town's heritage

Ofsted's praise for 'small school with a big heart'

"This is a small school with a big heart" – that was the welcome verdict after Ofsted's visit to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Loftus.

Inspectors were impressed with the school's "family-like" atmosphere that it said has been praised by parents and carers, pupils and staff alike.

"The school is determined to provide the best education and care for pupils," the report says. "The quality of care and support for children in the early years is excellent."

"Leaders have thought carefully about what children, including those in the 'Little Joey's' provision for two-year-olds, need to know and why. There is a consistent high-quality approach to teaching. Teachers have strong subject knowledge."

"The school prepares pupils for life beyond school extremely well. Pupils learn about potential future career opportunities. They benefit from strong pastoral care."

Executive headteacher Simon Geaves said: "What particularly pleases me is that the hard work and dedication of all pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors has clearly been both praised and recognised."

"The first line of the report states, 'This is a small school with a big heart'. We might be small in size, but we have big ambitions for all our children from the very youngest until they are ready for secondary school."

Ofsted praised "skilled support" from Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust (NPCAT), which runs the school, especially with maths, where pupils "achieve exceptionally well".

NPCAT assistant chief executive officer Nicky Jamalizadeh said: "I would just like to add a



Deputy headteacher Liz Wright and headteacher Simon Geaves with St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Loftus, pupils

heartfelt thank you to the staff, governors and most importantly the pupils and families, who all have contributed to the flourishing environment at St Joseph's."

Ofsted said St Joseph's had maintained the standard set in its last full inspection, when it was judged to be "outstanding".



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Doors open for young Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year is underway in St Cuthbert's Trust, with Doors of Hope open throughout our schools.

Wonderful work by our pupils can be found on displays in school throughout the trust, from Hull to Scarborough.

Ongoing charity projects, Laudato Si' and CAFOD groups working for the common good and the collaboration with the chaplaincy team are making for a great start as Pilgrims of Hope.

Katie Flood
 Director of Chaplaincy



The Jubilee of Hope Display at Endsleigh Holy Child Voluntary Catholic Academy in Hull

School where the pupils feel ‘part of a family’

A Middlesbrough school where children “feel part of a family” has been praised in its latest Ofsted report.

The inspector said staff, pupils and parents all play their part in creating a strong sense of community at St Augustine’s Catholic Primary School, Coulby Newham.

“Caring and inclusive school values are shared by leaders, staff and pupils alike. Pupils are happy and safe. Staff nurture pupils’ development well,” the report says.

“Pupils are polite and well-mannered. They set a good example to each other in their attitudes to learning. The school’s curriculum is highly ambitious. Pupils rise to these high expectations and do well.

“Parents are positive about the school, describing it, for example, as ‘a wonderful school where the children are nurtured and feel part of a family’.”

Headteacher Joanne Coe said everyone at the school is delighted St Augustine’s strong

sense of community was recognised throughout the report.

“The inspector really captured what is special about St Augustine’s,” she said. “It is so much more than a place of learning – it’s also a family.

“Everyone who is part of our school community wants our pupils to be happy, feel safe and thrive and because of them, they do.”

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust CEO Hugh Hegarty said the glowing report was well deserved.

He said: “Our fantastic leadership team are an embodiment of all our values as Jo and all the team continue to enhance the lives of all pupils.”

Chair of governors Don Lillistone added: “The governors are delighted that the Ofsted inspection report accurately reflects the high quality of education provided by St Augustine’s.”



Inspectors said St Augustine’s Catholic Primary in Coulby Newham has a consistent, high-quality approach to teaching

Hospital chaplain looks back on happy years

Kevin McBride relives his happy days as an SVP member and lay chaplain at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough...

James Cook University Hospital opened its doors in November 1981. It was built over two football pitches and a cricket pitch and was said to be the largest single-site hospital in Great Britain, with 1,046 beds.

I became involved with the St Vincent de Paul Hospital Conference when I was visiting my brother-in-law one evening in ward eight.

I met two members of the SVP, one of whom was Gerry Gerrity, who explained that the organisation had only been in the hospital for a short time.

Father Pat Smith had approached the hospital authorities to ask if they could visit patients of all faiths. They said they would be pleased to have the SVP involved and they could use the chapel meeting room.

James Cook became the only hospital in Great Britain to have its own SVP conference, with St Martin de Porres its patron saint.

Sister Dymphna asked Anglican head chaplain Philip Carrington if we could create a team of special ministers to provide Holy Communion and to support patients.

The idea gained support and 45 special ministers from parishes in the Middlesbrough area visited to give Holy Communion on a four-weekly rota, taking the hosts from the hospital chapel tabernacle.

Sister Dymphna was delighted and Catholic patients were happy to be able to receive Holy Communion, especially those who found themselves in hospital over a long period. Unfortunately, the special ministers could not visit patients during the pandemic.

When a regional, specialised Spinal Injuries Unit was opened at the hospital, it started receiving long-stay patients from all parts of the north of England. For many years this unit had been at Hexham, which meant a long journey for patients and visiting families, so it’s wonderful that James Cook now has these modern facilities.

The Holistic Care Centre, beside the Spinal Injuries Unit, provides support to those receiving chemotherapy or radiotherapy. This service is provided voluntarily by very special people and Teesside should be proud of them.

Bishop John Crowley also visited and would walk around various wards offering words of support to patients and staff, regardless of their faith. He would often refer to the

hospital as a huge parish and people were always pleased to see him.

At our monthly meetings it was always pleasing to hear chaplains of other faiths praise the Catholic special ministers, who they knew came in at weekends to distribute Holy Communion. The special ministers were also special people.

I met lots of wonderful people while carrying out my role, including the late Sister Margaret McNicholas from ward nine, the chest and lungs ward. She was much respected by her staff and patients and also looked after Catholic patients’ spiritual needs.

Christmas was always a special time for patients who could not be at home. Stockton Salvation Army Brass Band would come every

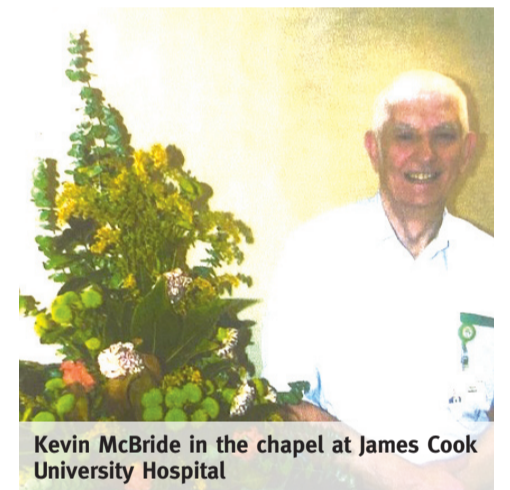
Christmas Eve, calling into different wards and playing carols. Schoolchildren and choirs would also sing in the atrium and always commented about the wonderful acoustics.

There was always a party in the chapel meeting room, with no alcohol served but plenty of soft drinks (not forgetting the lovely sandwiches and cakes!).

We moved to the Calderdale Valley, West Yorkshire, 14 years ago to be nearer family, but I’m still an avid reader of the *Catholic Voice*.

I would like to thank all the chaplains, priests, SVP members and special ministers of the Eucharist with whom I worked for over 27 years.

You left me with many happy memories and I still carry them with me today.



Kevin McBride in the chapel at James Cook University Hospital

Hospital wants to give new life to your unwanted electronic devices

A hospital trust is urging anyone with unwanted mobile phones, tablets or games consoles to donate them to help tackle digital poverty across the region.

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has partnered with furbd, part of Middlesbrough charity the Hope Foundation, to give maternity patients better access to their digital maternity records.

Every donated device will be carefully refurbished and redistributed to maternity patients facing digital exclusion, allowing them and their families to keep in touch with midwives, call advice lines, access maternity records and download NHS advice and support leaflets throughout their pregnancy.

Lead digital midwife Grace Murray said: "I am asking everyone to check to see if they have any unwanted devices that can be donated for this amazing cause.

“It is absolutely vital that our maternity patients have access to a mobile phone so they can access the support they need through every stage of their pregnancy.

“By working together with furbd, we can help to give more maternity patients across our region better access to their records and help them to access whatever they need at a click of a button.”

David Thomas, business development manager for furbd, added: “We are looking for any old devices you might have lying around, from an old smartphone to unused tablets or games consoles that can be redistributed to community groups and families for valuable social interaction.

“Even if the devices aren’t in a good condition, please don’t hesitate

to bring them along because we often find that we can use parts from one device to refurbish another.

“Every device really can make a difference to someone’s life.”

To donate devices, email grace.murray@nhs.net to arrange a suitable drop off time.



Grace Murray, lead digital midwife, with David Thomas, business development manager for furbd

NEWS

King and queen recognise volunteers' vital work

A charity that started its life at the former John Paul Centre in Middlesbrough welcomed King Charles and Queen Camilla during their visit to the town.

The king and queen spent an hour at the newly refurbished International Centre in Abingdon Road. Investing in People and Culture (IPC) now owns the centre, thanks to the support from the National Lottery and other trusts.

The building is for the use of all local and regional charities and is a great way of bringing everyone together.

The royal couple spent time talking to representatives from the different projects that work with IPC, including the Halo Project, Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland (TM&C), Feast of Fun, the Junction and the Resettlement Project for Overseas Doctors (REPOD), which supports refugee and asylum-seeking doctors to gain the qualifications necessary to work in the NHS.

King Charles spent time with nine of the doctors on the scheme, hearing their stories and meeting senior representatives of NHS trusts that are involved in the project.

The visit meant so much to refugees and asylum seekers supported by IPC and to our many volunteers who are vital for the services and projects we have established over the last 12 years.

The whole programme undertaken by the king and queen helped to showcase so much positive activity for the common good in a town that experiences so many social problems.

The Diocese of Middlesbrough has also supported TM&C and the Methodist Asylum Project (MAP), as well as IPC. This has made a real difference to vital projects across Tees Valley.

**Margaret and John Hinman
Investing in People and Culture**



King Charles chatting to a volunteer and Margaret Hinman, one of our Lourdes helpers, during his Middlesbrough visit

New concerns overshadow assisted dying debate

As the date for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill's third reading approaches, it is perhaps time for a few more thoughts on the subject, writes Our Lady and St Benedict's, Ampleforth, parishioner David Cragg-James.

Witnesses called by the committee selected by the bill's sponsor were predominately its supporters, the proportion of opponents present for the second reading was not, therefore, duplicated.

Major opposing experts were not selected to give evidence. The vaunted balance was clearly absent, as was transparency, despite previous assurances.

The nature of the evidence provided was in consequence loaded in favour, producing extreme views, advocating, for example, abandoning clauses stipulating final scrutiny of applicants for assisted suicide by senior judges – a better-than-nothing quasi-impartial safeguard.

The manner of eliciting evidence to be presented to the committee highlighted dangers of the bill for groups such as disabled people, who, although called, claim the call for evidence was unclear, the speed of the process being beyond their capacity to process in time.

The 2010 Equality Act, which endeavours to ensure such minority groups are not disadvantaged, applies to government bills but not private members bills such as this. The British Geriatrics Society and a domestic abuse charity were not selected to give evidence. The Royal College of Psychiatrists

was not initially called, although this was rectified after protests.

Witness selection seems skewed: of the nine lawyers called, none were against the legislation. It is unlikely the proposed safeguards will protect the vulnerable and that "slippery slope" – the gradual loosening of protections – seems all the more probable. Is this the most robust scrutiny promised?

Sensibly, witnesses were sought from jurisdictions with experience of assisted suicide or euthanasia legislation. However, those selected were in favour of the legislation proposed.

Evidence from countries where it might be argued that abuses were especially rife and that the slippery slope was most obvious was excluded.

Canada, where experience poses major problems for the bill's proponents, together with Belgium and the Low Countries, was not granted a voice.

Quebec holds the unfortunate record for those receiving medical assistance in dying – 7.3% of deaths in 2023-2024.

Previously cited in support of legislation, Canada has given way to a new favourite, Oregon, where the criteria for the prescription of lethal drugs have expanded and the number of assisted deaths has doubled since 2000.

Between 2023 and 2024 the number of deaths due to assisted suicide increased by 32%. Both the residency requirements

and the "cooling off" protections have been relaxed.

The number of patients choosing to die in this way has increased by an annual average of 16%. "Being a burden" is cited as the main reason for so opting by 44% in 2022.

Arthritis and anorexia nervosa figure as ailments which might qualify for assisted suicide.

Fewer than 1% of Oregon doctors will prescribe lethal injection. In 2022 one doctor was responsible for more than a third of prescriptions.

Data is missing, documentation destroyed and the assessment process for depression is not monitored (see "Lessons from Oregon" in The Tablet of February 15 by retired palliative care consultant Claud Regnard).

Denial of evidence such as the above, of bias in the selection of committee members and those called or not called to present evidence has already undermined public confidence in the possibility of legislation which will protect us from abuse or error.

The treatment of this bill is out of kilter with the gravity of the changes proposed. We must urge our MPs to vote against this bill in the third reading.

"Care is costing the country too much. I am a burden on society. I have a duty to die." So runs an all-too-likely thought process of one in a vulnerable state.

A Letter From Madonna House – Holy Week and Christ's victory

Holy Week has always been a special time for me. It comes as the climax of Lent, redoubling the intensity of the season as the liturgy swings into the last moments of our Lord's earthly life and ushers in the great season of Easter.



For me, Holy Week is both intense and exciting. It begins with Palm Sunday, when we hear of Christ triumphantly entering Jerusalem and the crowds crying "Hosanna", followed by the Passion narrative, where the same crowds shout "Crucify him". Although I used to be confused by this abrupt shift, I came to realise the deeper significance, in that Christ's true glory and power is expressed not in human praise, but in his love for us and his obedience to his father's will.

This sets the tone for the rest of the week. Monday through to Wednesday, we hear from Isaiah's prophecies about Christ, the servant of God and of Christ's preparations for the Passover Feast.

Holy Thursday, the day of the institution of the Eucharist, is a special day to celebrate the priesthood.

On this day, we at Madonna House honour all our priests with a festive meal we call "the Supper of the Lamb".

Afterwards, at Mass, a priest washes the feet of some of the people to mark the instruction of our Lord to serve and love one another as he has.

A period of Adoration follows Mass, where we keep watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, remembering his invitation to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38).

On Good Friday, we remember Christ's Passion on the Cross, his death and burial. Our house in Robin Hood's Bay usually has a packed schedule for this day as we take part in the Churches Together Witness Walk in the morning and attend the Good Friday liturgy at the parish in Whitby in the afternoon.

We often have a Byzantine service in the evening called "The Burial of Christ". This service involves long prayers, lots of singing and incense.

A cloth depicting Christ in the tomb is processed around the chapel, accompanied by singing. At the end of the service, we

each walk under the cloth image of Christ's burial, ducking below it while blowing out our candles, symbolically entering the tomb with Christ.

On Holy Saturday, I'm filled with anticipation of Easter in all its victorious joy and glory while also experiencing the silence of the tomb interiorly.

At Madonna House we read an Ancient Homily from the Office of Readings before Lauds. It's a powerful homily depicting Christ meeting Adam and those in Hades, proclaiming his victory over sin and death and the restoration of all humanity to God.

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

I hope this Holy Week will be for all of us a powerful journey to the risen Christ, which leads us to proclaim, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling on death by death, and on those in the tomb, lavishing life!"

Mathieu Dacquay

Cook Islanders inspire global Day of Prayer gatherings

Parishioners from English Martyrs, York, joined members of Southlands Methodist Church and St Clement's and St Chad on the Knavesmire Anglican Churches to celebrate World Day of Prayer.

This year the service was written by the Christian Women of the Cook Islands and had the theme "I made you wonderful", based on Psalm 139.

Our service was hosted and led by members of St Chad's, with music provided by a flautist and a pianist. Hymns included Bernadette Farrell's wonderful O God, You Search Me and You Know Me, also based on Psalm 139.

The church was decorated with colourful flowers and examples of the tropical fruits that grow in the Cook Islands, including pineapples, coconuts and papaya, as well as a canoe representing the importance of the sea and fishing to the islanders.

As people arrived for the service they were welcomed by All Saints Lower School students, who handed out service booklets and sprigs of fresh flowers, as symbols of the Cook Islands.

Students from the school have taken part in our services for the last 10 years and we are delighted to have their contribution.

In addition to their welcoming role, this year one read the words of Mii, a young girl from the Cook Islands and others collected the offerings and placed them on the altar.

They enjoyed taking part in the service, one commenting on how she enjoyed greeting people because everyone was so friendly.

Judith Smeaton



Pupils from All Saints, York, took part in a World Day of Prayer service in the city – photo by Elaine Wright

How wonderful it was to participate in the wave of prayer encircling the globe on World Day of Prayer (WDP).

It was particularly moving to see our churches united ecumenically, intergenerational and diverse.

The participation of students and the loan of the incredibly special handmade canoe from Yarm School contributed to this memorable occasion. The Cook Islands were the first to produce the canoe as a form of transport.

To feel the wave of prayer reaching out and embracing those from global to local, here at St Mary and St Romuald Church, Yarm, was powerful.

Our thanks are forwarded to the women of the Cook Islands for preparing such a beautiful service.

We keep them in our prayers throughout the year, along with others in need.

Margaret Clark

Celebration marks canonisation of first millennial saint

"To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life." These are the words of Carlo Acutis, a special young man born in London, who died at the age of just 15.

Young Carlo lived such a beautiful life that on Sunday April 27, Pope Francis will declare him St Carlo Acutis.

The first millennial saint, Carlo was known for his care for the poor in Milan where he helped to acquire sleeping bags for the homeless and serve food for those in need.

He had an extraordinary devotion to the Eucharist and loved spending time in prayer before the tabernacle.

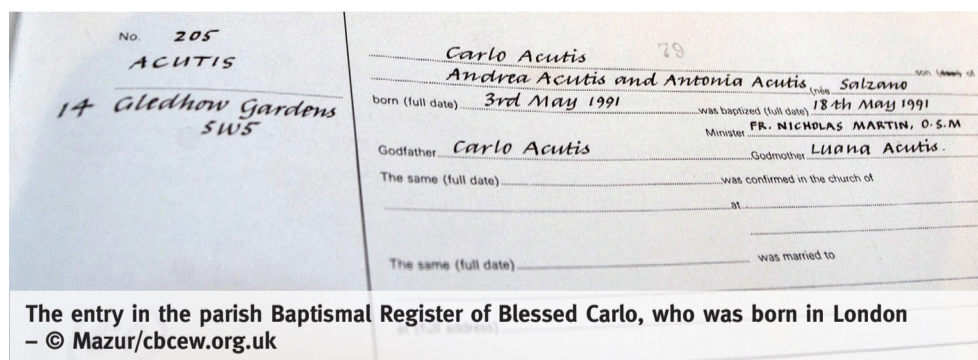
He surprised his parents when at a young age, he would ask to go in and pray whenever they passed a church.

He said of adoration: "When we face the sun we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints."

Born in 1992, Carlo was familiar with the technological revolution and loved to play on his computer but would limit himself to an hour a week to ensure he didn't become addicted.

He used his computer skills to create a website telling people about the history of Eucharistic miracles. It can easily be found by searching online.

Today, his exhibitions travel around the world



The entry in the parish Baptismal Register of Blessed Carlo, who was born in London – © Mazur/cbcw.org.uk

in a printed form to parishes and communities highlighting the extraordinary gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

His canonisation is a powerful moment for the whole church because here is a young person our youth can relate to and see in a human way.

Photos of Carlo show his modern dress, big smile and wavy black hair. This is an image of a saint that we're not used to and a great sign of God's work in the world.

There are many ways to find out more about Carlo, including searching online or visiting the website carloacutis.uk.

The Catholic Truth Society has a simple publication called Five Steps to Being a Saint.

At the parish of St Paulinus in Guisborough, an exhibition and celebration of St Carlo will be held in May.

Anna Johnstone from UK Miracles will speak on the life of Carlo and the gift of the Eucharist.

A friend of the Acutis family, she will bring with her a relic of Carlo. Look out for more details online. All are welcome.

Wednesday May 7, 6pm: Introduction to the exhibition by Anna Johnstone, followed by prayer and testimony.

Thursday May 8, 12-4pm: Church opens for visits to the exhibition and prayer, before evening programme begins at 6pm.

Father Phil Cunnah

NEWS IN BRIEF

Would you like to share your wartime memories?

In May we will mark the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Would you or anyone you know anyone like to share your wartime experiences for a special feature in next month's *Voice*? If so, please send them to catholicvoice@rcdmidd.org.uk as soon as possible.

Leeds venue for Catholic history conference

The Catholic Record Society's 67th annual conference will be held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, and online from July 14 to 16. The society was established in 1904 for the study and preservation of Catholic history in Britain and Ireland and of the British and Irish Catholic diaspora worldwide. The society supports scholarship through the dissemination of its record series, monograph series and research grants and produces the journal *British Catholic History*, which is published by Cambridge University Press. For more details, including the conference programme, visit crs.org.uk/conferences.

Week of work experience on offer

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from June 22 to 27 in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the office throughout the week are covered. Applications close on April 20. Contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk.

New rector and spiritual director for Beda

Father Marcus Holden, from the Archdiocese of Southwark, has been appointed rector of the Pontifical Beda College in Rome, while Diocese of Leeds priest Father Steven Billington has been appointed spiritual director. The Beda is a seminary, under the guidance of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, that provides formation for the priesthood for both dioceses and religious congregations for English-speaking men aged over 30. They will take up their appointments in September in preparation for the new academic year.

Aleppo bishop: We need a reunited Syria

The Apostolic Vicar of Aleppo, Bishop Hanna Jallouf OFM, says Syria must be reunited and the international community must contribute to peace efforts after a recent explosion of mass violence against remnants of the former Assad regime left more than 1,300 people dead and forced a mass displacement of Alawite civilians. The Alawites are the second-largest religious group in Syria after Sunni Muslims. The Assad-led state recruited heavily from the Alawite community for its army and security apparatus.

Holy Week Mass Times

Ampleforth Abbey
St Laurence's Abbey Church

Maundy Thursday
8.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday
9pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday
10am Mass of Easter Sunday

Ampleforth
Our Lady & St Benedict

Holy Thursday
7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday
9pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday
10am Mass of Easter Sunday

Lealholm, Egton Bridge, Ugthorpe
Our Lady, Lealholm St Hedda, Egton Bridge St Anne, Ugthorpe

Palm Sunday
6.30pm (Saturday) Vigil - Lealholm
9.30am Mass - Egton Bridge
11.00am Mass - Ugthorpe

Holy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper and watch until 9.00pm - Ugthorpe

Good Friday
9.00am Stations of the Cross - Lealholm
10.00am Stations of the Cross - Egton Bridge
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion - Ugthorpe

Holy Saturday
7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass - Lealholm

Easter Day
9.30am Mass - Egton Bridge
11.00am Mass - Ugthorpe

Cottingham
Holy Cross

Holy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
10am & 7pm Stations of the Cross
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
9pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday
10am Easter Day Mass

Ingleby Barwick & Yarm
St Therese of Lisieux and St Mary & St Romuald

Palm Sunday
Vigil 5.30pm St Thérèse, 9.30am St Mary and St Romuald and 11am St Thérèse
Holy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (both parishes)
Good Friday
12 noon Stations of the Cross (St Therese only)
3pm Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord (both parishes)
Easter Saturday
Vigil 9pm (both parishes)
Easter Sunday
9.30am St Mary & St Romuald Yarm
11am St Therese Ingleby

Hull
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST PETER CHANEL, with Hull University Catholic Chaplaincy Cottingham Road

HOLY THURSDAY 17th April
7:30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April
8:45am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
3pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 19th April
8:45am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
7pm EASTER VIGIL – FIRST MASS OF EASTER
10.30pm Polish Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April
10am EASTER MASS
6.30pm EVENING MASS

Middlesbrough
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

Saint Gabriel's Church for Sacred Triduum Maundy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday
3pm The Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday
9pm The Easter Vigil

Corpus Christi Church for Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass of the Day of Resurrection

Saint Gabriel's Church for Easter Sunday
11am Mass of the Day of Resurrection
(Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated at the following Sunday's Masses)
[website - ourladybro.org](http://www.ourladybro.org)

Teesville

St. Andrew's Palm Sunday
Mass 9.30am

Monday of Holy Week
Mass 6.30pm

Tuesday of Holy Week
Mass 9.00am

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 9.00pm.

Good Friday
Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord 3.00pm

Easter Sunday
Mass 9.30am

St. Anne's Eston Palm Sunday
Mass 11.00am

Wednesday of Holy Week
Mass 10.00am

Easter Sunday Mass
11.00am
Details of the Easter Vigil will be on the Newsletter for Palm Sunday

The York Oratory

PALM SUNDAY - 13th April
Saturday 5pm: Vigil Mass
8.30am: Low Mass
9.30am: Mass at St Joseph's
10am: Procession & Sung English Mass
12 noon: Procession & Sung Latin Mass
4pm: Vespers & Benediction

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

14th, 15th, 16th April
8.15am: Latin Low Mass
12.10pm: English Low Mass
Weds, 9.15am: Mass at St Joseph's

WEDNESDAY 16th April
7pm: Tenebrae

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 17th April

Confessions 11.30am - 12.30pm
6pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper until 12: Watching at the Altar of Repose
11.45pm: Compline

GOOD FRIDAY - 18th April
Confessions 11.30am - 12.30pm
9am: Matins & Lauds
11am: Children's Stations of the Cross
12 noon: Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's
3pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
6pm: Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY - 19th April
Confessions 12 noon - 4pm
9am: Matins & Lauds
9pm: The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - 20th April
8.30am: Low Mass
9.30am: Mass at St Joseph's
10.30am: Sung English Mass
12 noon: Sung Latin Mass
4pm: Vespers & Benediction

Wishing all our readers a Holy and Happy Easter from all at CathCom and the Diocese of Middlesbrough

How Jubilee Year can unleash the power of hope

We are now well into the Year of Jubilee. It's tempting in our busy world and with our busy lives to just let it happen around us, but that would be to miss a key moment in the life of faith and a vital moment for our world.

The phrase "May you live in interesting times" is not known as a blessing, but rather quite the opposite. We hold on to hope precisely because we live in interesting times.

The Jubilee logo shows the pilgrim Church together holding to the cross of Christ, which is also an anchor.

Hope is a gift from God, but like many of God's gifts, it needs to be put into practice. We are given hope and we are called, especially in this Jubilee Year, to be tangible signs of hope for others. And in doing this, our own hope can grow.

At the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), we see many tangible acts of hope and witness the difference they make.

In the Bible a Jubilee occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth and land being restored to the landless.

It was a time for justice, for tackling many of the problems that kept people in slavery or poverty and damaged the land. Our world today faces many of the same problems.

But what can I do?

When we act together, we can do more than we might know. Perhaps you can take a moment now to reflect on what God might be calling you to this Jubilee Year.

Maybe God is asking you to take more time to pray, make a pilgrimage or take the chance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Maybe God is asking you to be a tangible sign of hope for others.

Could you recommit to our global family this Jubilee year by pledging a monthly gift? Could you join us in tackling the causes of poverty? Could you add your prayers to ours or volunteer with us?

Thousands of people have joined in the Big Lent Walk – making a difference with every step. Maybe you could take on a challenge event like the London Marathon or do your own fundraising with a cake sale or something else you enjoy?

When we commit to be a sign of hope we are refusing to give up. When we work together, open to the Holy Spirit, the world can be transformed.

So let us turn to God in this special Jubilee Year. Let us be signs of hope for others and, as Pope Francis wrote, "May the power of hope fill our days" (Hope Does Not Disappoint, #25).

To join CAFOD in this Jubilee Year, visit cafod.org.uk/jubilee or email me at rblaylock@cafod.org.uk.

Rachel Blaylock
CAFOD Diocesan Coordinator



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NEWS

Rare medieval scroll discovered at Bar Convent

An unassuming box in the archives at York's Bar Convent has yielded the unique discovery of an illuminated medieval scroll known as an Arma Christi, featuring the prayer poem O Vernicle.

The discovery is one of the best-preserved examples ever found. Until now, only ten copies were known to have survived. They were handmade in the 14th and 15th centuries by skilled artisans.

Few medieval devotional items survived the Reformation in the 1540s and the outlawing of Catholicism some decades later under Elizabeth I, and the Bar Convent Arma Christi is thought to be one of the last examples ever made, dating from around 1475.

The ten known scrolls have been subject to academic and ecclesiastical scrutiny for many decades, sharing a unique insight into religious iconography and devotional practices.

However, the Bar Convent Arma Christi may turn conventional thinking on its head, as the responses, written in red, show this scroll was probably used in communal worship and private prayer.

The scroll was discovered by special collections manager Dr Hannah Thomas as she catalogued the Bar Convent's collection. In its rolled format, the unassuming document is just six inches wide with the roll a couple of inches in diameter, but when she unfurled the scroll, she realised this was rare and unusual.

She said: "This is an illuminated script, with hand-drawn figures and beautiful calligraphy – it is a medieval work of art in its own right.

"However, where it differs from the other examples is this is not merely an illustrated



Dr Hannah Thomas with the Bar Convent Arma Christi.

poem or prayer created for private contemplation, but featuring response texts suggesting it was used by groups or families as they gathered together for prayers in the home."

As one of the few Catholic religious orders founded in England after the Reformation, precious objects and documents were often given to the Bar Convent sisters, now known as the Congregation of Jesus, for safekeeping. Practicing the Catholic faith was an act of treason from 1581 onwards.

Many of these treasures have been on public display in the Bar Convent Living Heritage

Centre, but cataloguing their archives has only started in recent years. There are no records of when this Arma Christi passed into the order's care.

The existence of the scroll has been kept under wraps until now and the full manuscript will not be revealed until it becomes the centrepiece of a major new exhibition at the Bar Convent Living Heritage Centre opening on Saturday April 5.

"There will be huge excitement about this discovery, but given that it has remained hidden for over 500 years, we know people won't have minded waiting a few more weeks

before we share this magnificent scroll with the world," says superior Sister Ann Stafford.

"We also have exciting plans for another world-first: the prayers and devotional material on the scroll will feature in a special Mass in our Chapel.

"We're delighted that a representative from the Archbishop of York will join us, along with local dignitaries and faith representatives. We hope to livestream the service so the world can share in its discovery."

For more information or to book tickets for the exhibition's opening, visit barconvent.co.uk.

Approaching the mystery of the Trinity

A large audience gathered for Karen Kilby's Cleveland Newman Circle talk on "The Blessed Trinity, mystery and the search for understanding".

Karen is Bede Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University and was a very welcome return visitor.

Despite a childhood memory of a nun saying it was wrong to ask questions about faith matters, Karen, supported by German theologian Karl Rahner's teaching, grew to learn that faith does not require the sacrifice of the intellect. Searching for understanding is totally justifiable.

Karen noted that the mystery of the Blessed Trinity ("One God, but Three Persons") is a core belief of all Christians, yet it cannot be proved directly in any simple way from

Scripture.

She discussed the struggles in the early Church to "work out" ideas of the Blessed Trinity. At the Council of Nicaea (325 CE) debates about the nature of God were heated. The relationship between the Father and the Son was their focus: were they equal or was Jesus subordinate to the Father (as the Arians proposed)? This controversy lasted more than 50 years, but eventually the Arian heresy was defeated.

Our Nicene Creed contains the agreed conclusion: "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God ... consubstantial with the Father."

But this does not solve the problem. We cannot understand the mystery. The doctrine of the Trinity does not arise from philosophy –

thinking about God – but rather from the Holy Spirit inspiring people how to worship both one God and his son, Jesus.

Different ways of considering the Blessed Trinity arose in the 20th century. Rather than acknowledging one God, with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit co-equal, another German theologian, Jürgen Moltmann, and others started with a collective of three, bound by mutual, self-giving love.

This interrelated fellowship of Divine Life is so intense that the Trinity is one. The idea of this perfect society can inform an understanding of human societies.

Illustrations of the Trinity include a shamrock's leaves or the identity-with-difference between ice, water and steam, but all models fall abysmally short.

Karen concluded with a challenging concept: maybe the reason we cannot know God is not because he is transcendent, so far beyond us, but rather because he is so close to us.

We are always totally involved with God: breathing the Spirit, living with the Son and moving towards the Father. We can approach the mystery. God is with us in all the mess and muddle of life.

For further information about the programme of the Cleveland Newman Circle, email p.egerton123@gmail.com or call 01642 645732.

The next talk is "Voices from the margins: the Synod and hope for the future" by Terry Doyle at 7.45pm on Wednesday April 30 in St Mary's Cathedral hall. All are welcome.

Patricia Egerton

Poetry and Prayer: What's the connection?

St Peter's, Scarborough, parishioner Andrew Carter introduces a new series of reflections looking at the close links between poetry and prayer...

One of the notable things about Pope Francis' writing is the frequency with which he refers to poetry and uses poetic techniques himself, making points with earthy and sometimes startling images.

Reading his encyclicals and exhortations can give one the sort of excitement that arises from immersion in a good poem, not generally the reaction to utterances from the magisterium! Lamenting the slow death of the Amazon River in Querida Amazonía, the Holy Father quotes from numerous poets of

the region, as if analytical prose just isn't enough for his message's urgency.

This South American Pope recognises that only the wholeness of poetry (idea, imagination, feeling) is adequate for the task.

I counted 18 references to poets – Spanish, French, German, even English – in Hope, his autobiography, giving us the poetry soundtrack to his life.

It's good as Catholics to explore this different imaginative territory from time to time. There has long been a relationship between poetry and prayer, especially contemplation (think of the great Spanish

poet and mystic, St John of the Cross), and English poetry is especially rich in examples. It's not a fashionable idea, but a survey of English poems over the last 1,000 years would show that we are indeed a spiritual nation!

Over the next few editions of the *Voice*, I will explore some examples, from the early Middle Ages through to our own time. Next month, a small poetic miracle from the 13th century, just four lines long.

What is it that poetry does that can help us to pray? Les Murray, the great Australian Catholic poet, writes that in the intensity of poetic experience, "The poem is dancing us

to its rhythm, even as we sit, apparently still, reading it. It is, discreetly, borrowing our body to embody itself."

Rhythm, repetition, image, sound, all "incarnate" the idea and emotion, which can't be expressed any other way, and lives through the reader.

Murray writes in one of his poems that "God is the poetry caught in any religion/caught, not imprisoned."

In an age of media overload, a poem can open us again in reflection to the Spirit (which can never be imprisoned), drawing our attention in new ways to the world and to God.

Talk, praise and worship at charismatic renewal day

A day of reconciliation and healing organised by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service (CHARIS) will take place at St Paulinus Church in Guisborough on Saturday April 26.

The event will include a talk, praise and worship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration and prayer ministry. In 2018 Pope Francis instituted CHARIS as a single service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal throughout the Church. The Holy Father entrusted CHARIS with a mission to share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone, to serve the unity of the body of Christ and to serve the poor and those in greatest need, physical and/or spiritual. In 2020, CHARIS England and Wales appointed coordinators for each diocese who were called to form a service team to establish the CHARIS mission in the life of the Church.

Middlesbrough Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion serving the vision of CHARIS was formed and held a day of retreat and prayer at Madonna House in Robin Hood's Bay, supported by the community there, and held its launch event at English Martyrs Church in York.

Ros Powell, A Catholic evangelist and speaker, gave us a powerful testimony, inspirational talk and shared the baptism in the Holy Spirit with those who had not already received it.

The afternoon consisted of a healing session during which many physical healings were noted to have taken place.

Our second event was a day of reconciliation and healing at St Vincent's Church in Hull, with the theme "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption".

We were privileged to have Brother John Bosco from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to lead us in praise and worship and

Father Richard Nwagwu from St Vincent's gave a talk about the mercy of God before an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Eucharistic adoration accompanied by worship music and a powerful and beautiful time of prayer ministry for healing followed.

The day culminated in Mass led by Canon Grant, who gave a wonderful homily about the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church.

Our third event was a day of evangelisation and healing at St Paulinus Church in Guisborough, where we were blessed to have renowned evangelist and speaker Derek Williams lead us in a day of prayer, encouragement and healing.

Our events also encourage participants to bring any inspiration they received to their own parishes by getting involved in running the Gift (Life in the Spirit) or Alpha courses or

simply being a point of contact with us. I would like to encourage those who have not yet attended one of our events to come to St Paulinus. Lunch is provided and a collection will be taken to cover expenses.

If you would like to know more about CHARIS or the work of Middlesbrough CDSC team, please join our mailing list to be notified of future events, join one of our charismatic prayer groups in York, Hull and Driffield, sign up for our mailing list or to talk about the possibility of a Gift course in your parish.

Contact me on 07932420809 or email cdscmiddlesbrough@gmail.com.

Sharon Daniel
Co-ordinator

Saints' relics venerated during cathedral visit

The sacred relics of St Columba of Iona, St Andrew the Apostle and St Margaret of Scotland were venerated during a visit to St Mary's Cathedral organised by the Knights of St Columba.

The relics were displayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and made available for viewing and veneration after all weekday Masses before being moved to the main cathedral for veneration after Sunday morning Mass.

Council 29 chaplain Canon Paul Farrer also celebrated Mass with brothers ahead of their monthly meeting.

Our picture shows knights Roland Connelly, Laurie Haley, Phil Gardner, Tony Kirk, Grand Knight Keith Tillotson, Canon Paul, Joe Harrison, Victor Dowd, Dominic Jones, Tony Walton, George Metcalfe, Kevin Twyman and Chris Lyth.



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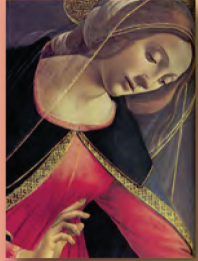
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Out & About

1 Tuesday

10am Coffee at the Cathedral. Tea, coffee and treats every Tuesday after 9.30am Mass. A warm welcome and friendly atmosphere. Make new friends and enjoy some fellowship. Those who are alone especially welcome.

10am Christian Meditation Group meets online. Further information from Terry Doyle terry-doyle@live.co.uk. This takes place every Tuesday.

7pm Mass for Knights of St Columba Council 29, followed by a meeting at St Mary's Cathedral.

2 Wednesday

5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral. Join us every Wednesday for a time of prayer and quiet reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

4 Friday

Events, articles and photographs for the May edition of the *Voice* are due by this day.

1pm Lenten course at St Mary's Cathedral: "We dare to hope".

5 Saturday

11am Catholic women are invited to share an hour of feminine communion including meditation, via Zoom. Text Barbara on 07796 117704 with your mobile number and email address so she can add you to the WhatsApp group, or email catholicwomenmdl@gmail.com for Zoom link.

4pm Come and Sing Handel's Messiah at St Mary's Cathedral. Rehearsal from 4-6pm with performance at 7.30pm. Further details at middlesbroughcathedral/whatson.

6pm Mass in Italian in the Father Kelly Room, Our Lady's, Acomb, York, followed by refreshments. All welcome.

7 Monday

9.45am-10.25am Beverley Christian Meditation Group meets online. Further information from christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com. This takes place every Monday.

7pm Catholic charismatic prayer group meets on first Monday each month at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. For more information, contact Sharon on cdscsmiddlesbrough@gmail.com or 07932 420809.

8 Tuesday

12.45pm Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Kingston Square, Hull. Gather at 12.45pm, lunch at 1pm. All ladies in the Hull and East Riding area welcome. Call 01482 446565 or email jayne.wilson24@ymail.com.

11 Friday

7pm for 7.30pm Hull Catenians Annual Dinner Dance at Lazaat Hotel, Cottingham. Further information from drcseka@gmail.com.

12 Saturday

7.30pm Irish Dance with Sally Glennon at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact John Brown 07871 958412.

13 Sunday

3pm Mass for LGBT+ community, family and friends at the Chapel of the Bar Convent. Doors open from 2.30pm.

14 Monday

2pm Music for the Mind, dementia-friendly communal singing, an hour of fun and music for people living with dementia, their friends and carers at St Mary's Cathedral. Trish McLean provides an hour of music and fun

every second Monday of the month. All welcome.

15 Tuesday

Noon Mass of Chrism at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham. All welcome.

16 Wednesday

7pm The Hull Circle of the Catenian Association will hold its AGM and monthly meeting at Lazaat Hotel in Cottingham. The meeting will be followed by a buffet style meal. If interested, please email Charles Cseh at hullcirclesecretary@gmail.com.

26 Saturday

11am-5pm Day of Reconciliation and Renewal at St Paulinus Church, Guisborough.

Noon LGBT+ social gathering at the Bar Convent, York, All welcome.

27 Sunday

All day Divine Mercy Sunday Day of Prayer at St Aelred's, Tang Hall, York. Eucharist Adoration at 11.30am, confessions from around 1pm. Holy Hour of Great Mercy at 3pm followed by blessing and veneration of the Divine Mercy image, Diary of St Maria Faustina readings, Chaplet of Mercy, individual consecration to the Divine Mercy (with lighting of candles), Eucharist procession and benediction. All welcome, refreshments served afterwards.

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Mary's Cathedral with Bishop Terry.

30 Wednesday

7.30pm for 7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle meets at St Mary's Cathedral Hall. Talk by Terry Doyle, "Voices from the margins: the Synod and hope for the future".

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O Jesus, Who has said, all that you ask the Father in My Name, He will grant you through the intercession of Mary, The Most Holy Mother.

I humbly and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name that my prayer be granted. (make request).

Oh Jesus who had said, "Heaven and Earth shall pass but my word shall not pass", through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother I feel confident that my prayer will be granted. (make request).

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Bishop Terry welcomed for weekend parish visit

Our Lady of Lourdes in Hessele was delighted to welcome Bishop Terry for a weekend parish visit.

On Saturday Bishop Terry took time to visit the sick and housebound and met representatives of various parish groups, as well as children preparing for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation during a special recitation of the Rosary.

On Sunday he greeted parishioners as he celebrated both morning Masses.

This was followed by a buffet in the parish hall, with food from India, Nigeria, the Philippines and more.

Parishioners also took this opportunity to present Bishop Terry with a gift and a cake to celebrate the golden jubilee of his ordination, which takes place later this year.

- Preparations are continuing for a very special Mass of thanksgiving for Bishop Terry's golden ordination jubilee and the diamond ordination jubilee of our Bishop Emeritus, John Crowley. The Mass, at St Mary's Cathedral at noon on Saturday July 26, will be followed by a reception. Bishop Terry said: "This celebration is an opportunity to give thanks to God for his abundant blessings over the years and to pray for the continued flourishing of our diocese."



Bishop Terry with the cake from parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele



Bishop Terry with altar servers

Spring Event will raise funds to combat poverty

Please join us for our CAUSE Spring Event at Middlesbrough Golf Club, Brass Castle Lane on the afternoon of Saturday May 10.

The event includes carvery and cake, raffle, bottle surprise and live music.

The need for funds is greater than ever. We not only provide food hampers during school holidays for families in real need, but now there is an increasing demand for beds and bedding.

We are also looking for sponsors, individuals or companies who would be willing to provide finance to fund our event. Donations of any kind are very much appreciated. Every little helps!

Tickets are £20 from cause-foundation.org.uk.

Morita Metcalfe



CAUSE founder Pat McBride during the latest Christmas hamper distribution operation

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NEWS

As we continue to pray for the Holy Father's recovery, Carole Vint sent in these fantastic photographs she took during a visit to Italy in 2015. "Pope Francis held a special service before going to the USA," she explained. "The Swiss Guard operated like airport security but as I was in a wheelchair I was put among the nuns, hence the wonderful photos."



Joyous gathering for Father Joseph's silver celebration

A large congregation gathered at St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull to celebrate the silver jubilee of our parish priest, Father Joseph Pinakkattu.

Father Joseph concelebrated the 10am Mass with priests from the Marist community, Father Noel Wynn, Father Gerard Burns and Father Damian Diouf. Father Peter Corcoran and Brother Ivan Vodopivec were also present. After Mass, Deacon Bob Shakesby led the

tributes to Father Joseph and presented him with gifts from the parish, including a framed blessing from Pope Francis.

Father Joseph then cut the fabulous cake made by Evelyn Hutton. He also thanked parishioners for being there and for all their hard work to organise the celebration.

It was a joyous occasion for Father Joseph and the parish.

Chris Cuthill



St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Hull celebrate Father Joseph Pinakkattu's silver jubilee

The housekeeper's tale

In the 1960s, three young ladies from Catholic families, one from Whitby and two from Ugthorpe, travelled to Middlesbrough to take up the position of housekeepers to three priests in three parishes.

One of them was Lucy White, who died recently and whose Requiem Mass was led by Father Roger Guiver at St Anne's, Ugthorpe.

Lucy came from a large farming family in Ugthorpe and it's the White's farm field where the Postgate Rally is held in alternate years, together with Egton Bridge.

The other two young ladies were Mary Hewison from Whitby and Cecilia Gallon from Ugthorpe.

Mary was with Father Joe Brennan, who oversaw the building of St Anne's Church, Eston, which was opened on March 25 1971 by Bishop John Gerard McClean, who dedicated the church and the vestments.

Mary went there a fortnight before to make preparations for Father Joe, including hanging the curtains.

Cecilia went to St Andrew's, Teesville, with Canon Patrick O'Hara. Lucy was at St Peter's, South Bank, with Canon Bluett as parish priest and Father Peter Ryan as the curate. Father Peter later became the parish priest at Egton Bridge, the village now remembered for being the birthplace of Blessed Nicholas Postgate.

The three Eston, Teesville and South Bank parishes are now combined into one, which is



Lucy White, who has died at the age of 88

known as St Andrew's, Teesville.

Teresa Gallon and Mary and Catherine White also worked as priests' housekeepers.

Mary White was initially a housekeeper near Hull but by 1970 was housekeeper to Father Michael McCarthy at Scorton. When he died, she retired to Ugthorpe.

The housekeepers were nicknamed "woolybacks" by the priests because of the rural parts of the diocese they came from, well known for the wandering sheep.

They rarely had a day off but sometimes managed to do so on the priests' day off on a Monday, when the priests played golf.

I believe these three and any other priests' housekeepers should be recognised and acknowledged by the present Catholics of our diocese and their deaths printed in the Voice in the same way as those of priests.

Annette Moss, wife of the late Deacon David, on behalf of Mary Hodgson

Tickets on sale for cathedral's spring-summer music season

The St Mary's Cathedral spring-summer 2025 season is now well underway and continues until June, with some hugely enjoyable entertainment in store.

Treats for music lovers include the world-famous classical ensemble Brodsky Quartet returning to the town where they were formed for a show on Friday May 16.

The quartet has performed over 3,500 concerts on the major stages of the world and have released more than 70 recordings.

The Cathedral Series of concerts by St Mary's own choir and musicians continues on Saturday April 5 with a Come & Sing recital of Handel's Messiah, and the Band of the Royal Yorkshire Regiment will perform on Saturday May 3.

Simon & Garfunkel Through the Years, considered one of the world's greatest tribute shows, conclude the season with a performance on Friday June 20.

The return of the popular Rocking in the Aisles show, featuring talented performers from all over the diocese, is on Friday September 26.

Tickets for all the above concerts are on sale now from Ticket Source at ticketsource.co.uk/middlesbroughcathedral or call the box office on 0333 666 3366.

Environment Corner – How big is your environmental footprint?

Have you ever calculated your personal environmental footprint? This can be both interesting and a fun thing to do. It can also be revealing.

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When receiving your score on completion of the questionnaire, there are a series of sections to encourage any changes in lifestyle that may be appropriate. There may be actions you have never thought of before.

In this Jubilee year, the first theme is Care of Creation and we are invited to embrace God's vision of a world transformed, healed and restored, where all on Earth live in harmony with God and right relationship

with each other. It is a wonderful picture.

Pope Francis often refers to the importance of small changes that we can all make to play our part in this.

His encyclical *Laudato Si'* has its 10th anniversary in May. He has helped us all to discover a more profound connection and commitment to caring for our common home.

The jubilee encourages thoughts of pilgrimage and of journey towards hope.

Included in the first section prayer is: "Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other."

• You can find the World Wildlife Fund tool at footprint.wwf.org.uk

Barbara Hungin

Trinity formation evening is last chance for training

Attendance at one of our formation sessions is a mandatory requirement to be able to work in Lourdes.

Any helpers who did not attend our Formation Day must attend the Formation Evening at Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough, if they are planning to come to Lourdes this year. The event is on Tuesday May 6, registration

from 5.30pm, prompt start at 6pm. Finger buffet provided. Finish around 10pm.

Book using the Eventbrite online registration system – no need to print tickets. Please note, the cut off time for registration is seven days before the event. Visit eventbrite.co.uk and type “Lourdes” and “Middlesbrough” into the two search boxes.

More dates for your diaries

All In, All Out Social: Saturday April 5 at St Francis Social Club, Middlesbrough: The night will include games, entertainment, a raffle and a luxury hot and cold buffet, including dessert. Tickets £12, with raffle and games prizes included. Please book by Thursday March 27 at the latest so we can organise buffet numbers.

Lourdes Race Night: Saturday May 10 at St Francis Social Club, Middlesbrough. Doors open at 7pm, first race 7.30pm. Tickets £5,

including pie and peas. Race and horse sponsors needed.

To book tickets for both events, please email John Brown at john.brown160@ntlworld.com or text 07871 958412. Vegetarians are asked to let us know when they book to enable us to arrange catering.

York area pre-pilgrimage Mass: Saturday May 17 at 3pm, English Martyrs, York.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Saturday May 24 to Friday May 31.

Bishop to celebrate Mass during York pilgrimage

Bishop Terry will celebrate Mass during Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need’s retreat in York this summer.

The pilgrimage, York and the North: Heartland of Faith and Hope, will reflect on why more than 50 Yorkshire men and women such as St Margaret Clitherow, St John Fisher and Blessed Nicholas Postgate were prepared to die for our faith and how their sacrifices paved the way for the survival of faith now.

It will be led by Father Dominic Robinson SJ, the pilgrimage team and historian Suze Mathews and will include personal devotions, the Rosary, Benediction and daily Mass, including the celebration by Bishop Terry at York Oratory on Wednesday July 23 at 9.30am.

The pilgrimage is from Monday July 21 to Saturday 26. For more information or to book, email Bridget Teasdale at bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org.

Lourdes rally highlights essential role of pilgrimage

Father Clifford Gavina spoke about the central role pilgrimage plays in the life of the Church and our personal lives in his homily at Hull’s annual Lourdes Rally.

After the Mass, everyone went into Sacred Heart parish hall where stalls had been set up by members of the Hull Lourdes Committee and St Mary’s College students who are going to Lourdes with the diocese this year.

This very enjoyable event raised £760. In addition, Helen Hart, president of the Hull and East Riding Irish Association, presented a cheque for £1,050 to Micki Coyle, chair of the Hull Lourdes Committee.

The association adopted Lourdes as its charity for the year and its members have been generous in their support.

Chris Cuthill



Helen Hart presents a cheque for Hull Lourdes Sick Fund to Micki Coyle

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Storey Lecture focuses on the Option for the Poor

Professor Ian Linden is the speaker at this year's Anthony Storey Memorial Peace and Justice Lecture, organised by the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission.

Professor Linden, who is visiting professor at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill, and a past director of the Catholic Institute for International Relations, will speak on the "History and Spirituality of the Option for the Poor".

He has also been an adviser on Europe and Justice and Peace issues to the Department of International Affairs of the Catholic Bishops' Conference and was appointed to the Order of St Michael and St George in the 2000 New Year Honours for his human rights work.

Professor Linden chairs a new charity in Beirut for Syrian refugees and Lebanese children in danger of dropping out, partnering with CARITAS Lebanon.

His latest book, Global Catholicism, was published by Hurst in 2009. Ian welcomes the opportunity to reclaim the Option for the Poor, which he feels is neglected, rarely mentioned and often misunderstood.

We have again decided to arrange the lecture on Zoom and are repeating last year's timing of a weekday evening.

To register for the lecture, which takes place at 7pm on Thursday May 8, please email bhungin@yahoo.co.uk.



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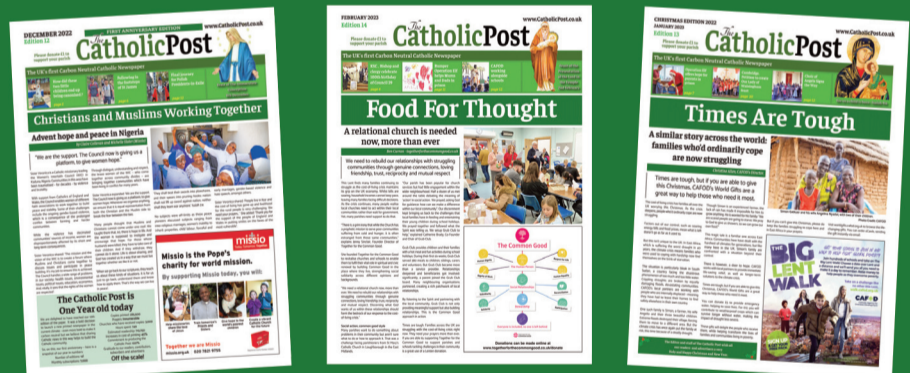
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