

NEWS FROM THE CLUSTER

A Monthly Newsletter for Blessed Nicholas Postgate - Redcar & Marske,
Our Lady of Lourdes - Saltburn, and St. Paulinus - Guisborough



Last year's Feast of St. Augustine! Join us for this year's Feast Day on Friday 28th August



Sacred Heart, Redcar



St. Augustines's, Redcar



St. Bede's, Marske



Our Lady of Lourdes, Saltburn



St. Paulinus, Guisborough

UNMERITED PRIVILEGE

A humble and sincere expression of "thanks and thank you" to everyone for your friendship, encouragement, compassion, hospitality, love and kind-heartedness whilst I have been with you. It's been a memorable, joyful and unforgettable experience and an unmerited privilege, serving across the cluster. It seems so short! How I wish I could stay longer with you while serving in the Diocese!

As a clergy and missionary, every experience in my journey helps me realise every day that a Priest is not his own, he has given up himself for Christ and his Church in readiness to go wherever the Gospel takes him to.

I am sincerely humbled by your deep-unwavering faith in Christ Jesus. Your commitment to the church in building God's kingdom across the Cluster, your support to clergy, your love for God and Blessed Virgin/Mother Mary is massive and the first of its kind I've witnessed in my few years of ministry as a Priest. The beautiful memories and friendships that have been made during this time will go with me and help shape my missionary journey for the better. My sincere apologies if I have offended or failed anyone in any way. I hope to learn and grow from any of my mistakes (experience) of any kind.

Special thanks to my hardworking Boss, Fr. Peter (Parish Priest), Fr. Ferdinand, Rev. Len and Rev. Tom. I feel it's a privilege and amazingly joyful to have shared and served with you all. May God continue to strengthen you all in his grace!

Looking at the month of August looks so good. It's packed with plenty of amazing activities to further enrich and strengthen our faith. This month we recall and celebrate the solemnity of Mary's Assumption into heaven and the feast of Christ's Transfiguration on the mountain.

As we surrender to Christ's supremacy, his grace continues to transform us to serve him better, Amen.

Shalom!

~ Fr. Philip

Fr. Philip will be returning to Nigeria on 17th August to take up a new assignment there.

POSTGATE RALLY

A coach load of parishioners descended on Ugthorpe on Sunday 12th July for the 52nd annual Postgate Rally! This open air Mass is held each year in honour of Yorkshire martyr Blessed Nicholas Postgate, who is also the patron of our parish in Redcar & Marske. So it's always wonderful to take so many parishioners along to this Diocesan event. It was a beautiful sunny day for it, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus, and the familiar face of Fr. Phil Cunnah was preaching. It was also a special occasion for Fr. Peter, as not only was it his birthday, but it was his last event as Diocesan MC, which he has now handed over to his successor Fr. Steven Leightell. After the Mass, our coach journeyed onto Whitby, for our annual fish & chips! Same time again next year?



SONGS FROM THE SHOWS

On Saturday 11th July, St. Paulinus Church hosted the Guisborough Choral Society, who performed their summer concert: 'Songs from the Shows'. This included a medley of songs from well loved musical theatre and the big screen, from *Singin' in the Rain* to *West Side Story*, via *Les Misérables* and *The Greatest Showman*. It made for a well-attended and very enjoyable afternoon! Thank you to everyone who helped organise the concert, to everyone who came along, and to the fantastic singers. We look forward to welcoming you back again soon!



ST. PAULINUS' BBQ

A big thank you to all who supported our barbecue on 5th July. The food was delicious and expertly barbecued, with plenty of donated salads and desserts. The threatened rain didn't spoil the fun and we raised £400 for parish funds. Thanks again for all the hard work behind the scenes.

Clergy: Fr. Philip Osuagwu, Fr. Ferdinand Obiano, Deacon Len Collings, Deacon Tom Rolfe

ORGAN UPDATE

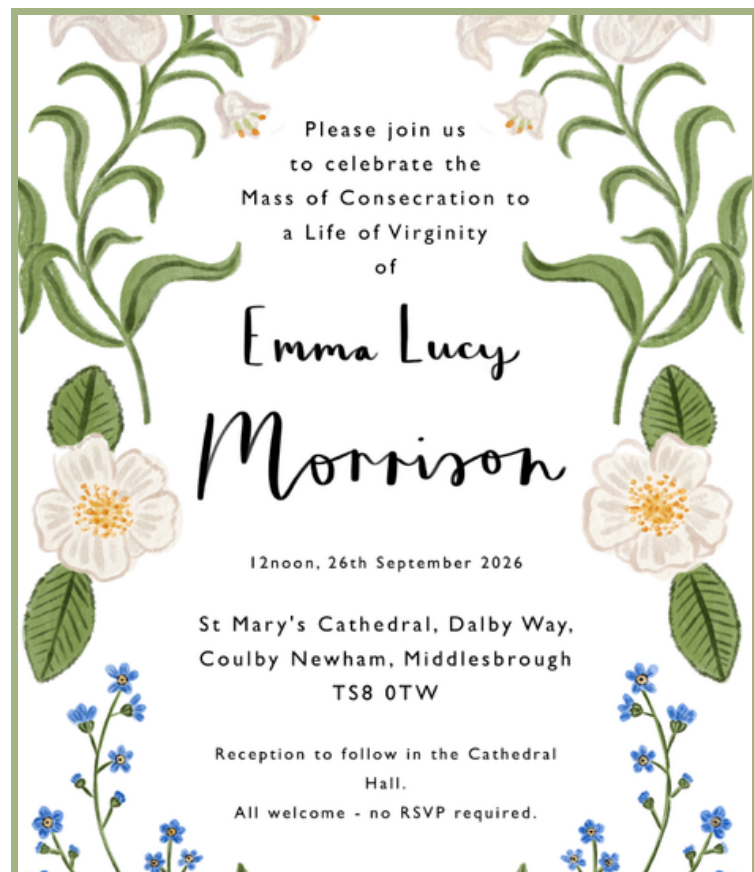
The Jules Anneessans Organ Restoration has been progressing nicely over at Sacred Heart Church. Recently the restorers have been back on site to clean the organ pipes - all 1048 of them! These pipes haven't been cleaned since they were installed 103 years ago, so you can imagine the muck... Hidden in the pipes was a scrap of newspaper from 1925, and a couple of the original porcelain stop labels! The last week of July also saw the start of the reinstallation of the console, which houses the keys, stops, and pedals. This is a long job as it includes reattaching the leather puffers which control each note. There's 894 of them... All being well, this should be completed in August. *This project is made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players!*



The inner organ workings



I hope they know where they all go...



SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

The cakes were baked and the teacups were set as Blessed Nicholas Postgate parish prepared for their annual BIG Summer Coffee Morning! This year we had the pleasure of hosting choirs from St. Benedict's and St. Bede's Primary Schools, who came along to entertain us with some superb singing, before tucking into some delicious scones, corned beef pies, quiches, sausage rolls, and a multitude of cakes.



There was also the opportunity to do a spot of shopping for jewellery, bric-a-brac, jigsaws, books, and home-made preserves, and to try your luck at the *Mystery* tombola. It was a great morning, which raised an amazing £750 for parish funds. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event!



GOLDEN COUPLE

Congratulations to Sue & Norman at St. Bede's who celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary last month! They received a special blessing from Fr. Ferdinand for their 50 years of marriage, along with a lovely bunch of flowers presented by Deacon Tom. We hope you had a wonderful anniversary!



CONGRATS TO CAROLE

Congratulations to Redcar parishioner Carole Bennett whom Bishop Marcus has appointed as the new head handmaid for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage!

We wish Carole the best of luck in her new role. Planning for Lourdes 2027 starts now!



NEW EMAIL SYSTEM

You may have noticed over the last month that the email newsletters look a little bit different. We recently swapped to a new software called ChurchSuite, which has provided a more efficient and organised system for sending the weekly newsletters, allowing more flexibility, including sending out this edition of the Cluster News digitally for the first time! It's built by church users, for church users, and will enable us to communicate more effectively in the future. It has many other features, including the opportunity for you to log into ChurchSuite yourself, and in the next few months we'll be doing a parish census so you can update your contact details directly through this system. Saving Heather an awful lot of typing! We'll let you know how to do this in due course. In the meantime, we hope you like the new look emails, and hopefully everyone is receiving them each Friday.



WHAT'S ON

Events around the parishes

AUGUST

Fri
7th

Feast of Blessed Nicholas Postgate - To celebrate the feast of Blessed Nicholas - patron of our Redcar & Marske Churches - we'll be having a coffee morning after Sacred Heart's 9:30am Mass. All welcome!



Sun
9th

Fr. Philip's Leaving BBQ - All parishioners from across the Cluster are invited to a BBQ in Sacred Heart Church's garden, to celebrate Fr. Philip's time with us. We'd love to have as many people as possible with us to celebrate! From 4pm onwards, with food starting around 5pm. Tea/coffee/squash will be available, but feel free to bring your own alcoholic/other drinks. So we can gauge numbers for catering, please use the sign-up sheets in each church.



Leaving Gift - There will be a limited number of envelopes available for donations to his leaving gift from the Cluster. These can be added to the collection baskets. We'll also be having a second collection next weekend 8/9th August. All donations MUST be with us by 16th August. You can also donate via the card machine using the leaving gift button.

Sun
16th

Assumption Pilgrimage - Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley (DL6 3AP). Rosary at 2:30pm, open-air Mass at 3pm. Please bring suitable clothing, footwear, and a picnic! If you're interested in attending please contact the parish office, as a coach may be provided if there is enough interest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEACON LEN

Thurs
20th

Many happy returns to Deacon Len on his birthday! Thank you for all you do to serve our Cluster community. Wishing you a wonderful day!

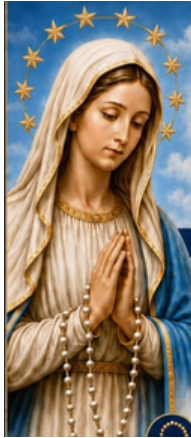
Fri
28th

Feast of St. Augustine - To celebrate the patronal feast day of our Redcar church, join us for an evening Mass at 7pm followed by drinks and nibbles in the garden. All welcome!



Sat
22nd

4th Annual Middlesbrough Rosary Rally - Meet at the Middlesbrough Cenotaph in Albert Park at 10:45am for a procession to Southfield Road where we'll pray the Joyful Mysteries and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Then back to the Cenotaph for around 12 noon, followed by a communal picnic in Albert Park. Please bring your own refreshments. For more info, please contact Ben 07867 472979 or Terry 07549 068226



SAVE THE DATES!

12th
Sept

"Behold the Man": A Celebration of Faith Through Poetry & Melody - 2:30-4:30pm. Our Lady of Lourdes Church is proud to host a celebration of faith through poetry and melody. Poems will be read from Djenane Watkins new book "Behold the Man". We have a limited number of tickets available at £10 each. They must be purchased in advance from Paul Pegden on 07913 238098. Admission includes a signed copy of the book and light refreshments. All proceeds to church funds. *This event is supported by Churches Together Saltburn.*

19th
Sept

Inspirational/Ministers Day - 9:20am-3pm, The Spa, Scarborough. Everyone commissioned as a minister or reader is expected to attend at least one study day each year. Sign-up sheets available in each church. The cost of the day is £40 p/p, which will be paid by the parish, and includes beverages and lunch. There will also be a coach organised, with pick-ups in Redcar and Saltburn. Details to follow. Donations welcome towards the cost of the day and/or coach.

26th
Sept

Emma Morrison's Consecration to the Life of Virginity - 12 noon, St. Mary's Cathedral, with refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome! Coach details available soon.



BEDE'S BRUNCH

Thanks to everyone who came along this year! We hope you've enjoyed the sessions. We're taking a break now for the Summer, but we'll be back in September for some more fun, faith, and friendship. See you all then!

~Deacon Tom

