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## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



**Fr Christopher Ainslie on the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood at the Cathedral Church of St Marie, Sheffield**

*The Ordination of Fr Christopher W Ainslie took place at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield on Saturday, 14 July - a beautiful setting for the gathering of Christopher's family, many priests and parishioners in the Diocese. Fr Ainslie was formally presented by Canon David Oakley to Bishop Ralph for his Consecration. We wish him God's help and every blessing in his priestly ministry.*

### Fr Chris Celebrates First Mass

On Sunday, 15 July at St William of York Church, Sheffield Fr Christopher Ainslie, newly ordained Hallam priest, celebrated his First Mass.

Fr Chris is from St William's Parish, where Mass was followed by a Parish lunch party and presentation in his honour.



We are keeping Fr Chris in our prayers as he takes up his first appointment in September as assistant priest at St Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster.

Pictured on the left, Fr Chris with his mother and grandmother after the Parish party.



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## WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

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| 1  | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> .                                                                                                   | Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.                                |
| 5  | Hallam Ascent Group's 15th Anniversary Day in Yorkshire. For more details telephone 0114 2306797, email ascent@jn.green.plus.com or visit hallamascent.weebly.com. | 12 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. |
| 11 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.                                                 | 25 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.                                |
| 12 | Chesterfield Bereavement                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                      |

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month



This month the diocesan rota for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is as follows:

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| 2  | English Martyrs, Mexborough.           |
| 9  | St Thomas of Canterbury, Kirk Sandall. |
| 16 | Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe.              |
| 23 | Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley.   |
| 30 | Blessed Trinity, Wickersley.           |

**The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham**  
**Solemn High Mass on Saturday, 15 September**  
**at 1.30pm**  
 at the Cathedral Church of Saint Anne,  
 Cookridge Street, Leeds, LS2 8BE  
**Preacher: The Revd Mgr Robert Mercer CR**  
 Everyone welcome  
 Further details: [www.ordinariate.org/sheffield](http://www.ordinariate.org/sheffield)



## Please join us for the World's Biggest Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Hallam Diocese

Saturday, 29 September, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Vincent's Hall, Pickmere Road, Sheffield, S10 1GY.

Coffee, Cakes, Tombola and Raffle and lots of good company raising money for a very worthwhile cause. Please bring a cake or buns if you can. Offers of items for the stalls would be greatly appreciated and can be collected.

Please ring Steve Foley on 07711 326212 for any further information.

## APOLOGY

In the article "How can we be a parish community without a resident priest?", in June's Hallam News, I referred to a parish meeting as a parish in council, "with no separate, secretive finance committee".

My wording implied that parish finance committees are by nature deliberately secretive, or exclusive. I

accept that, particularly where there is no parish council, or parish in council, finance committees are a necessary guide and safeguard for all involved in parish life and are generally open, working with the best interests of the parish at heart and will, on occasion, deal with confidential issues.

I sincerely apologise for any hurt, or offence that I may have caused.  
 Francesca Flynn

## De la Salle Association Rambling Club



Meet on Sunday, 16 September at 10.30am at Westbrook Drive, (off Chatsworth Road), Brookside, Chesterfield, S40 3PN, (grid ref 348708), for a 5 mile walk. It is a pleasant pastoral route across fields near Ashgate, Old Brampton, Linacre Woodland and Linacre Reservoirs. There is a gradual climb in some of the woodland and a few stiles. The leaders are Cath and Peter Smith, mobile: 07780 826288.

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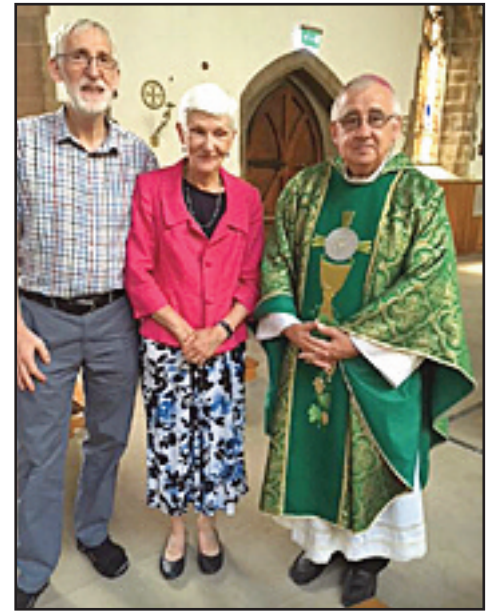
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## Mass in Thanksgiving for Marriage

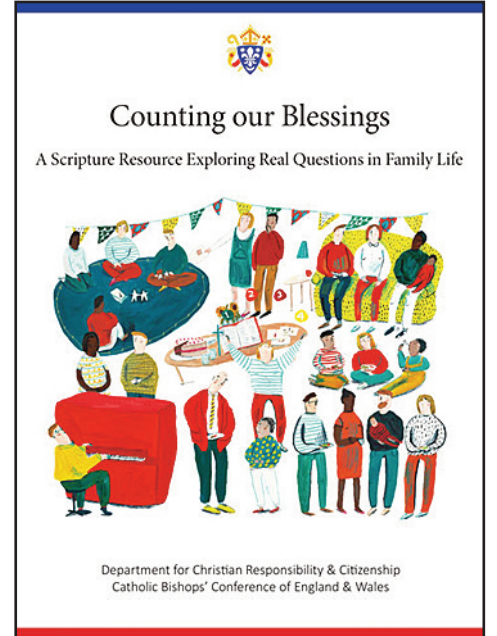
One hundred and fifty people attended a Mass in Thanksgiving for Marriage at the Cathedral on 7 July. Our recently updated Diocesan marriage preparation programme 'Preparing for a Lifetime Together' was presented to Bishop Ralph by Charles and Jane Perryman, and blessed by Bishop Ralph, (pictured on the right). Married couples were invited to renew their wedding day promises and couples who present the marriage preparation programme were blessed. Newly trained volunteer couple, Sam and Amy Sheridan-Garrity, who brought their four children, were presented with a certificate by Bishop Ralph signifying their commitment to this ministry, (pictured on the left).



## Marriage and Family Life Ministry Resources

'*Counting Our Blessings*' is a new scripture-based resource, to support parish and school communities as they accompany families on their faith journey. It has been produced by the Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Bishop Ralph has purchased a copy for each parish in Hallam. To obtain a copy for your parish contact [stym@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:stym@hallam-diocese.com). '*Seeking God Together*' is inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: *Amoris Laetitia* and encourages a Christ-like walking together with families on a journey in faith. It aims to help the parish reflect on and accompany the experience of marriage and family in light of the Church's vision, recognising that families and family life in all its rich dimensions are of vital significance to all the people of God.

The Companion builds on three decades of family and catechetical ministry in England and Wales, through projects to develop home-parish-school partnerships in living and sharing faith, building family-friendly parishes, and affirming home as a holy place.



The publication launch was on 23 August at the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin.

For more information visit [www.catholicfamily.org.uk](http://www.catholicfamily.org.uk).

### Free, Confidential Counselling Service for Men

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To arrange an appointment telephone Bernie Ware, 0114 2566408/07980406198. This is a free service – donations welcome

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS OBITUARIES

The Union of Catholic Mothers offer their prayers and sympathy to a number of long standing members whose husbands have died recently.

The deceased are:  
John Simms, 79 years, husband of Betty of Christ the King, Rossington  
John Martin, husband of Aileen also of Christ the King, Rossington  
Terry Hobson, husband of Pat of Holyrood, Barnsley  
May they rest in peace.

All the wives are longstanding members of the Union of Catholic Mothers. We offer them our sympathy and prayers.

### National Justice and Peace Conference Swanwick, 20-22 July

*'In the shelter of each other the people live'*



Hallam was well represented when fourteen adults and young people attended the 40th conference of the National Justice and Peace Network in Derbyshire where the theme was, 'In the shelter of each other the people live' and explored building a Church and a society with the marginalised, the excluded and the most vulnerable at its heart.

"Justice is not high enough up the political agenda" the Catholic Labour MP for Keighley told some two hundred delegates from around the UK. John Grogan singled out benefit sanctions as a key area for advocacy work, urging Justice and Peace activists to stay engaged with

poverty issues and "don't give up on democracy".

Beautiful liturgies, incorporating Justice, Peace and Ecology were led by the Marshall family of Chesterfield. On a hot Saturday afternoon forty five people set off on a 'Share the Journey' walk, led by Maria Elena Arana of CAFOD.

The conference was organised in partnership with Church Action on Poverty, Housing Justice, the Prison Advice and Care Trust and Apostleship of the Sea.

Videos of talks at: <https://www.facebook.com/njandpnetwork>

Full report available on the *Hallam News* website: [www.hallamnews.com](http://www.hallamnews.com).



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# PRIESTS' RETREAT



Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark, Kevin McDonald was retreat master for the Annual Hallam Priests' Retreat which was held at the Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall, near Crewe.

Pictured above left to right are Fr Santosh Vazhappally, Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Fr Albert Savaille and Mgr Aubert Carvalho. Pictured below, a group session during the retreat.



## St Mary's, Worksop SVP Tea Party



St Mary's SVP Conference is in its 40th year and will be celebrating its anniversary later in the year. This vibrant, enthusiastic and enduring group of volunteers have maintained a service to their community supported by their faith and a commitment to the SVP mission to – "seek out and find those in need, to help them in a spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where we can".

A major part of their work in 2018 is getting out into the community, visiting those who are lonely and lacking the social interaction of regular visits from family or friends. SVP member, Nora Hayes said this is important as the 'poverty of loneliness' is something not many people think about. To support Nora's point, this country has the unwanted reputation of being the 'loneliness capital' of the world!

One of the many ways this SVP Conference encourages community spirit and

cohesion is to run a monthly tea party in the Parish Hall at St Mary's where those attending can "come and chat with old friends and make some new ones".

Founder members of the Conference, Margaret Allen, who is also the Conference's President, and Jean Kinnell, along with other members, help run this monthly event. Transport is provided to ferry their 'guests' and all the cakes are home baked. Whenever possible local schoolchildren attend to help out with serving and looking after those taking tea.

Like this Conference these monthly tea parties have been running for some time and the current members plan to keep doing so for many years to come. However, Margaret is very keen to encourage new members to join so they can continue the good work being done, so if anyone is interested they can contact her via St Mary's.

# Diamond Jubilee of a Popular Parish Priest

On Saturday, 19 July, 1958, as a young man of 25, Walter Anthony Burke was ordained to the priesthood at St Stephen's Church in Skipton.

To recognise the Diamond Jubilee of this event, the Mass of "Our Lady, Mother of the Church" was concelebrated in the same church on Saturday, 21 July this year, and was attended by Fr Burke's family, close friends and local parishioners.

Parish priest of St Stephen's, Mgr Andrew Summersgill, was the chief celebrant, assisted by Mgr Desmond Sexton, Fr Andrew Brown, Fr David Peters, Fr Alec Barras and of course Fr Burke, who was invited to say a few words at the end of Mass. In characteristic style, he recalled the 'glory days' of Ushaw Seminary and bemoaned the current shortage of priests, while acknowledging the sacrifices made by his parents, and many others, to send their sons to train for the priesthood. He also paid tribute to the influence of Mgr Tindall and his encouragement along the journey to ordination.

A jolly and informal buffet reception was held in the Easter Room in St Stephen's presbytery, where conversation and wine flowed in equal measure.

Fr Burke's priestly journey began in the Leeds diocese, with curacies in Yeadon and Bradford. After a year in London, he returned north and served in Doncaster before becoming parish priest in Rotherham (during which time the diocese of Hallam was formed), High Green, Chesterfield and finally Hathersage and Bamford, from where he retired.

He continues to enjoy a happy life of prayer, treasur-



ing, as he always has done, his devotion to the Rosary and the daily celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Fr Burke is pictured above with Mgr Summersgill at the end of his Jubilee Mass, and below with his sister, Norah, at the lunchtime reception.



## Patronal Feast Celebration at St Mary Magdalene, Maltby

With much relief that it was a dry and bright morning, St Mary Magdalene, Maltby parishioners gathered in the church's garden, on Sunday, 22 July for the annual celebration of their Patronal Feast.

The Mass, celebrated by Fr Andy Graydon, Parish Priest, was well attended, with standing room only by the time it began.

After the Mass, many then stayed on in the sunshine, to share a buffet lunch.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the occasion so special.



## Summer Concert at The Annunciation, Chesterfield

On Saturday, 7 July the Rose Choir and orchestra, featuring soprano soloists Jo Howland and Emily Morris, performed a spectacular programme of classical music at the Annunciation Church in Chesterfield and raised £185 for Mary's Meals. Fr Roy Panell gave a warm welcome speech before handing over the baton to conductor Jonathan Francis, from Chesterfield Studios. The orchestra was led by Emily Sharratt.

The concert opened with *Gloria*: Antonio Vivaldi's most famous choral piece – presenting the traditional Gloria from the Latin Mass in twelve varied cantata-like sections. This was followed by *Hayden's Waltz* – a stunning instrumental piece, written by Jonathan Francis as a gift to his eight-

month old son. The first half concluded with *Evening Prayer*, by Engelbert Humperdink (1854-1921) and *O Sanctissima*, written by Robert Prize-man and arranged by Jonathan Francis.

The orchestra opened the second half of the concert with *Canon in D* by Johann Pachelbel (arr J Francis), followed by the Rose Choir's uplifting rendition of *As Torrents in Summer*, by Edward Elgar and W A Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* – one of the most lyrical soprano solos the composer ever wrote. After a beautiful performance of *Badiniere*, from J S Bach's *Orchestral Suite No 2 in B Minor*, the concert concluded with *Song of Songs*, a captivating sequence by British composer Patrick Hawes.



The audience showed their enthusiastic appreciation at the end of the concert, with many asking if there would be further such events in the future. "It was a privilege to perform in such an inspirational setting," said conductor Jonathan Francis. "The acoustics really worked to our advantage." A retiring collection raised a

vital £185 for charity Mary's Meals. Local ambassador for the charity, Maria Volpone, said, "This will feed at least thirteen children for a whole school year. Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to our retiring collection." Photographs courtesy of Ian Boler Photography.



## Chesterfield Wine Tasting Event for Mary's Meals

On Friday, 8 June a Cheese and Wine Tasting evening took place at Nonna's Italian restaurant in Chesterfield, raising vital funds for Mary's Meals.

Thirty-two guests enjoyed a vintage selection of Italian wines and sampled several cheeses, including Pecorino and Gorgonzola, along with Italian pasta chips and dips.



Maria Valpone, an ambassador for the charity, said, "It was great to see people enjoying themselves whilst supporting this incredible charity. Huge thanks to Nonna's for hosting the event and especially to Pasquale at Nonna's, who went out of his way to make everyone welcome. We raised £480 – enough to feed thirty-four children for a whole school year!"

Mary's Meals can make a lasting difference to the lives of children in some of the world's poorest countries. It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the work of Mary's Meals, sending a donation, or hosting a fundraising event in their parish can do so by visiting their website: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).



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# Lourdes 2018 as told by Alex Prior, Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage

More than 400 pilgrims from around the Diocese took part in the 2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 1 to 6 July. This included 115 young people from the 7 Diocesan High Schools, accompanied by over 30 staff and youth leaders, together with 70 volunteer helpers (Doctors, Nurses and Male and Female Helpers) and the Assisted Pilgrims who are at the heart of the pilgrimage.

The Pilgrimage was led by Bishop Ralph, and Bishop Emeritus John Rawsthorne joined the pilgrimage too, together with 10 priests from around the Diocese.

Two charter flights took pilgrims directly to Lourdes on Sunday, 1 July,

where pilgrims joined the Youth who had travelled out on 3 coaches.

On Sunday evening we celebrated our Opening Mass with Blessing of the Helpers. On Monday morning we celebrated the Grotto Mass with the Diocese of Galway. Our Penitential Service was also on Monday and then in the evening we took part in the Torchlight Procession.

Our Mass with Anointing of the Sick was celebrated on Tuesday morning, and then Holy Hour was held on Tuesday evening. Pilgrims attended the International Mass on Wednesday and we took part in the Blessed Sacrament Procession on Wednesday afternoon. In the



*"An inspirational journey of love"*

evening we enjoyed a social evening hosted by Hallam Youth.

The young people of the Hallam Diocese play a major part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Some of the Liturgies were live streamed into our Diocesan schools.

This year Hallam Youth stayed an extra night and so on Thursday we were able to use the full day. On Thursday morning we focused on Water and its significance in Lourdes, and a reminder of our own Baptism. During that Mass Bishop Ralph washed the feet of 12 pilgrims – each representing a different role within the Pilgrimage. We prayed Stations of the Cross on Thursday afternoon and then joined together on Thursday

evening for our Closing Liturgy, which was very powerful and included a short video showing some of the memories of the week.

During that Liturgy we were invited to make a gesture with Lourdes water. The Youth/Helper made the Sign of the Cross on the palms of the hands of the Assisted Pilgrim they had accompanied during the week – and then the Assisted Pilgrim did the same to the Youth/Helper.

On Friday morning we celebrated our final Mass together at 9am, leaving time for us all to say our farewells before lunch and the journey home.



*"People valued and appreciated my child"*



*"Lourdes is the best experience of my life and has changed the way I look at things"*



Read the separate accounts of three pilgrims on our website, [www.hallamnews.com](http://www.hallamnews.com). A mother of a child with Down's Syndrome, a student and someone whose children had each visited Lourdes as a Diocesan Youth helper and decided "it was time to see for myself" ~ each tell of their experience of Lourdes.



Our 2019 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Sunday, 30 June to Friday, 5 July. Booking Forms will be available towards the end of the year but you can register interest by emailing [hallamlourdespilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:hallamlourdespilgrimage@gmail.com) or telephoning 01302 247910.

## Archbishop of Barcelona Visits Sheffield

Cardinal Juan Jose Omella, Archbishop of Barcelona, came to Sheffield, together with fifteen priests, as part of his visit to the Northern Province. He is pictured with Bishop Ralph after the celebration of Mass at St Marie's Cathedral.



# ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



*Neil Bailey and John Bell (left) were ordained into the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, 9 June at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield and are pictured above with Bishop Ralph. May God bless each of them in their ministry. Photograph courtesy of Graham Warrender*

## One Sheffield Many Cultures

The photograph below shows the head of St Marie's School, John Fernandes, receiving the £100 first prize and certificate for the school's outstanding performance at the One Sheffield Many Cultures Festival held in June in Barkers Pool Sheffield.

The presentation was made by the chair of One Sheffield Many Cultures, Abdool Gooljar, the President of Sheffield's Islamic Society of Britain. It took place on 11

July, the day of the World Cup semi-final, hence the footballing theme of the face painted pupils and the sports attire of the head-teacher!

Runners-up were the Romano Jilo Dance Group and the Arabic Language Community School.

Congratulations to all schools who participated with performances to celebrate diversity in Sheffield, including All Saints, Notre Dame, and Sacred Heart, Hillsborough.



## Congratulations and Happy Retirement

On Friday, 20 July, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Maltby said 'Goodbye' to Catherine McLaughlin, who has served at the school for over thirty years as Deputy Headteacher and then as Headteacher.

During the end of year Leavers' Mass, the Parish thanked Catherine for her dedicated and outstanding leadership and guidance she has given to children too numerous to count in their education and well-being throughout those years. Finally, she was wished a well-deserved, long and happy retirement.

In recognition of everything she has done for the school, Catherine recently also received the 'Teacher/Youth Leader of the Year' Award from Maltby Town Council.

## Cursillo Weekend for 2019

Dates: Thursday evening 4 April to Sunday, 7 April

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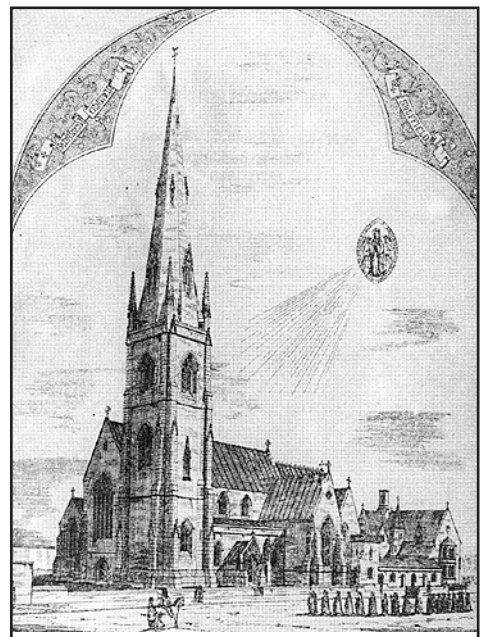
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**History of the St Vincent de Paul Society in England and Wales - Chapter 3**

Founded in this country in 1844, the SVP was very quickly into its stride in trying to provide practical assistance to those in need. We saw in the 'chapter' how the SVP helped combat the massive health and hygiene problems faced by the poor. This next instalment looks at how the SVP promoted the Catholic faith through supporting church attendance and education.

**Concern for the instruction in the faith of Catholic children**

Catholics were very much in a minority, and therefore were easy prey to religious prejudice. They found themselves in much less of a minority after the great Irish influx, which began principally in the year 1847. By 1851, the population of England and Wales was 18million, of which 1million were Catholics.



St Marie's Church, Sheffield

St Marie's (originally St Mary's) in Norfolk Row, Sheffield was opened in 1850 and attracted newly emancipated (1829) Catholics in their thousands, including the Irish poor immigrants from The Crofts. Their treatment by today's values was unbelievable. Their obvious poverty and shabby condition generated open hostility and resentment from their fellow Catholics from the more prosperous parts of the parish who came to worship. A form of segregation was introduced to keep people separate. This societal attitude from the time is indicative of the way the poor were perceived and treated. It permeated across all forms of life where those less fortunate were denied any form of advancement, improvement

or betterment. For us today an obvious factor for success in life is education but this was something that, for virtually all of the poor, was unavailable. It is no surprise then that when we look back at the treatment of Catholics, we can now understand why much of the earliest SVP work was concerned with Catholic education.

There were no Government grants for any school buildings – Catholic or non-Catholic – before 1833. Until then, only voluntary organisations provided school places.

In 1851, there were still 3.5million children, of all religions, not attending school. Education, not yet compulsory, had to be privately financed. The concern shown by the SVP in efforts to educate the poor was following in the footsteps of St Vincent de Paul himself, who had always stressed this as one of the two major works of his priests and the Daughters of Charity.

SVP brothers went into some schools to instruct children in their religion, but, most often, they tried to ensure that Catholic children were placed in a position where they could be taught by others. This did not simply mean actually putting children into schools. It was normally more a case of giving gifts of clothes to children who would otherwise have been unfit even to leave the house. One Sunderland SVP report stated that £17 – a huge sum at the time – had been collected to provide clothing for around 70 children to enable them to attend school.

In some instances, the SVP founded schools. In Bristol, they opened an evening school. Numerous cases are recorded of catechism lessons being given.

In 1866, Cardinal Manning said that Catholic schools in London could accommodate only about half of the Catholic poor in that City. In 1874, an evening school in Camberwell, supported by the SVP, paid for the services of a certificated master, who received a weekly salary. In 1879, the SVP opened an evening school in Sheffield, where over a thousand attendances were recorded for the 3

nights per week it was in use during 10 months of its first year.

SVP Conferences continued to help with provision of clothes and the payment of school fees (these would not be abolished until 1892).

A report for 1881, from Manchester, shows that brothers paid school fees for one third of all pupils in the area. If they had not done so, Catholic children would have attended a local "free" school or "Board" school, with no access to a Catholic education.

North Shields brothers taught in Sunday schools. They also helped with religious instruction for:

- Catholic boys on the Training Ship 'Wellesley'
- Care for young prisoners
- Helping adults to attend Mass – and providing clothes for this purpose.

Many brothers used to accompany Catholic inmates of workhouses to Mass. If they had not done so, Catholics would have been unable to attend. Even so, despite such offers by accompanying brothers, permission seems to have been refused more often than it was granted.

In the late 1860s there was more religious freedom. Cardinal Manning succeeded in obtaining legislation to allow Catholic children in workhouses to be brought up as Catholics. Separate places of worship were also provided for Catholics, who were allowed more free access to their own clergy.



Clothes also were provided to combat some of the issues faced by poor Catholics who missed Mass. There were numerous examples of parish priests saying a very early Sunday Mass specifically for people who refused to appear out-of-doors later on a Sunday because they had no "proper" clothes.

Because of the attitude typically exhibited by the well-to-do parishioners of St Marie's and churches up and down the country, many poor folk felt too embarrassed to attend church with their (so-called) betters! This is among the reasons why one SVP work was the setting-up of "wardrobes" to supply clothing to the needy.

In the following 'chapter' we will look at how the SVP broadened its range of support and services to those in need and one might be forgiven for thinking it could be a template for the welfare state!

*If you are enjoying this series of 'chapters' and would like to find out more about the SVP or are interested in joining, please contact Lance Philpott – SVP Membership Development Officer for Hallam Diocese at lancep@svp.org.uk.*



**Certificated masters would run school classes to provide 'basic' education - funding for this was provided by the SVP**



# MORE PEOPLE SHARE THE JOURNEY



On a glorious sunny Sunday, 1 July, an intrepid group of eighteen people from St Joseph's, Moorends, St Nicholas, Thorne and our sister parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth, set off to walk the three miles (there and back again), to St Nicholas in Thorne.

Walking helps talking and we shared many stories along the way. Following the excellent instructions in the CAFOD booklet, we heard and reflected on the stories of five people, all refugees for different reasons - war, persecution, poverty and natural disasters.

A very poignant link with war was the remembrance by one of our young men. His friend, a young soldier called Lee Davidson, had been killed in Afghanistan. So many refugees flee that war torn region but the terrible impact of war is felt by families here, too.

Quite a cavalcade of us moved along the route; with one family spurring us all on with a daughter pushing her father in a wheelchair, her mother pushing the little granddaughter in the buggy and the rest of us trying to keep up.

The cheerful welcome from the vicar, Rev David Green, as we reached St Nicholas church hall was much appreciated, as were the drinks and refreshments provided for us. This generous cooperation was the hallmark of the day.

Our new parish priest, Fr Santosh caused great amusement to passers-by as he marched along under the shade of his colourful umbrella.

On the return journey we recalled the witness of Lilian, from Stainforth, who had recently been to the Greek island of Lesbos, to oversee delivery of much needed sleeping bags and clothing, all collected in her parish. Huge numbers

of refugees, crossing from Turkey, have landed on the shores of Lesbos - tired, hungry, desperate and afraid. Many, as we know, did not make it, but lost their lives at sea. Lilian helped prepare food, huge vats of vegetable stew, and distribute this to the families, who had no facilities for cooking. Her experience involved shock at the conditions in the camp, deep admiration for the volunteers who were trying to help and immense wonder at the gratitude and appreciation from the refugees themselves, and the resilience of the children, especially, who sought to help their elderly relatives.

Back in Thorne we signed the cards to send to our Prime Minister, to urge her to find a just, global solution, along with the UN and other world leaders, to the migrant and refugee crisis.

On this second walk around the world - the first target of 24,900 miles was reached on 20 June - we added fifty five miles!

One lady summed up our walk by remarking that it had been a genuinely spiritual experience. All being well, it is hoped to organise other walks to increase the total. Look out for announcements!



## Exciting New Outreach Initiative at St Marie's Cathedral

The St Marie's Parish Pastoral Council launched an initiative for donations of bottled water for the homeless on the streets of Sheffield city centre as record summer temperatures peaked.

This venture in support of Ben's Centre, Sheffield was wholeheartedly supported by parishioners and visitors alike who placed donations of bottled water in the boxes in the foyer of the cathedral.

Water is a very basic essential for every human being. The Parish Pastoral Council felt it was particularly important in the hot weather we were experiencing to meet the need of the most vulnerable and distribute through the good offices by Ben's Centre outreach workers to the homeless in our city.

This outreach initiative however does not stop with the demise of summer's hot weather. Watch this space for an outreach initiative to help the homeless to be launched in Advent 2018 for the winter months which have their own special needs.

## The Gospel of Mark A Dramatic Retelling

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# Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

Welcome to our page and our theme for this month - Belonging.

You may be starting school for the first time or beginning at a new or different school. You may be starting a new group, such as Brownies or Cubs or maybe a sports group. You might even be furthering your love of God by being Confirmed or thinking about making your First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. All of us also belong to our own family groups where we work, play and eat together.

The Gospels for the readings in September all feature our theme of Belonging. Mark's Gospel follows Jesus and his disciples as they go about the activities in a similar way that we do in our lives. God invites us to belong to his family in Baptism and then as we grow in his love, we share him in our Mass in the most special way that we can.

Think about what it means to you to be part of God's family and the special privilege that this gives you? Think about how you can welcome new friends to Mass? Think about those who are great in God's kingdom and how they willingly serve others. Mark's Gospel, chapter 9 verse 37 says, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

## WONDER!

I Wonder ...

I wonder what you like best about being in God's family?

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I wonder what is difficult about being in a family?

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I wonder where you feel most close to God in Mass today?

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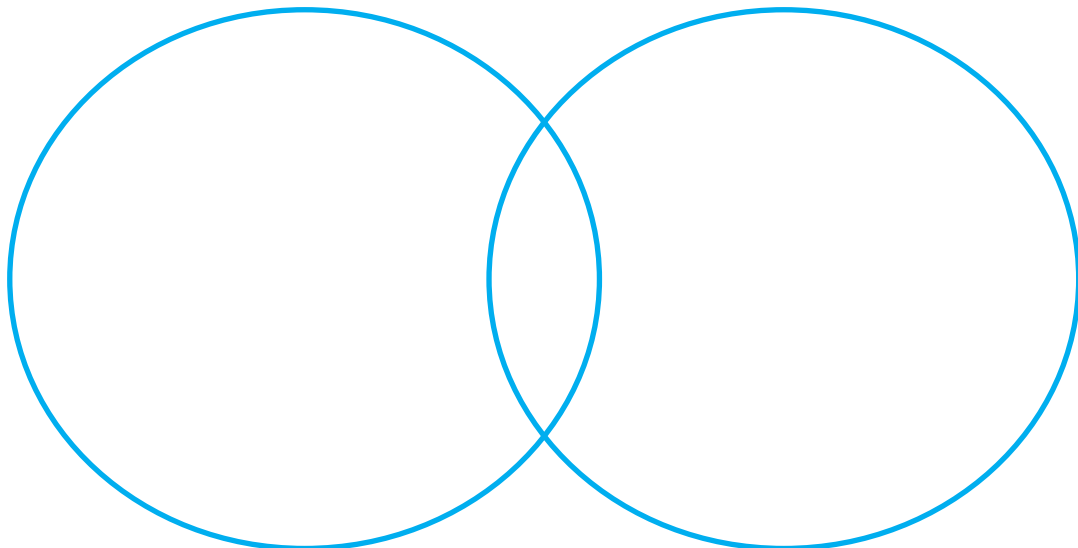
The following story is all about a son who left his family taking his money with him. When he had spent this money, he returned to his family and they were very pleased to see him.



**Activity:** Write down or draw the names of two groups that you are a member of in the circles below. Think of and write down the names of the people who you see in

those groups. Are there any who are in both groups?

You may need an adult to help you with this activity.

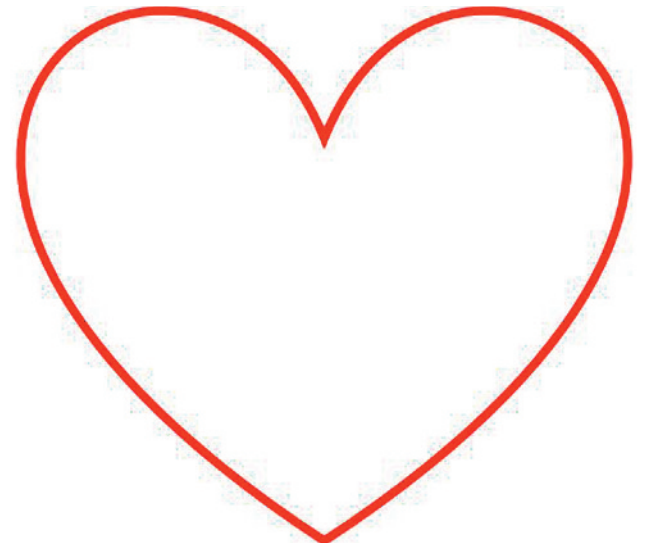


Colour in our picture of belonging to God

Can you find the story of the Prodigal Son in chapter 15 of St Luke's Gospel? If not, get a grown up to find it for you and read the story together.

Questions for discussion:

1. How many sons were there?
2. What did the second son do with his money?
3. When he had no food, where did the second son get his food from?
4. What did the father do when the second son had returned?
5. How did the first son feel when the second son came back?
6. What can we learn from this story? (You will need an adult to help you talk about this message).



We are all called to follow GOD and by following his example we show others his love. Can you think of any ways that people answer that invitation today? Some ideas to get you started are: helping others, being kind. Then, write them in the heart and decorate it.



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*Rebecca*

Rebecca Molyneux  
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# Icon Writing Group St Paul's, Cantley

In the creation of a religious icon, the drawing technique is like that of calligraphy. The word "grapho" in Greek means "to write". A creator of an icon is known as an *iconographer*: someone who *writes* rather than paints the icon. The art of writing an icon requires a special style that is not a naturalistic representation of life. It is visual theology - or the Holy Scripture in pictures. Icons are not art in the general sense but a process of prayer.

For the past nine years, a group of parishioners from St Paul's RC Church in Cantley, Doncaster have been meeting regularly to write religious icons. The group was first established after David, Trish and Deacon Bill had attended an icon-writing course at Turvey Abbey in Bedfordshire, led by Benedictine Nun, Sister Esther (who happens to be the current President of the British Association of Iconographers).

David, Trish and Bill maintained their interest in writing icons after returning home from the course. They continued to work together and were joined by Angela, who had attended a later course led by Sister Esther at Turvey.

Pope Benedict had proclaimed June 2008 to June 2009 to be the Jubilee Year of St Paul. As St Paul is their Parish Patron Saint, they decided that it would be appropriate to write an icon of the Apostle Paul and present it to the Parish. They were supported in this endeavour by Fr Bernard O'Brien, Parish Priest.

The group worked hard, writing the icon from scratch. This involves meticulously preparing the board with several layers of gesso, a traditional mix of rabbit-skin glue binder, chalk and white pigment, then hand-mixing the traditional, fast-drying, permanent painting medium known as egg tempera, which consists of coloured organic pigments mixed with egg yolk, which acts as a water-soluble, glutinous binder medium. The icon of St Paul now hangs in the entrance porch of the St Paul's Church.

The group of icon writers continued to meet to create new icons. As time went on, other parishioners began expressing an interest in joining the group. Trish offered to support regular meetings at



her home, to help the newcomers and encourage the established group members to share some of their experience and expertise.

George, Lisa, Annette, Gill, Bernie and Jamie joined the group. Getting to grips with the processes and working in a completely new medium was difficult for the new members but, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the first icons were completed.

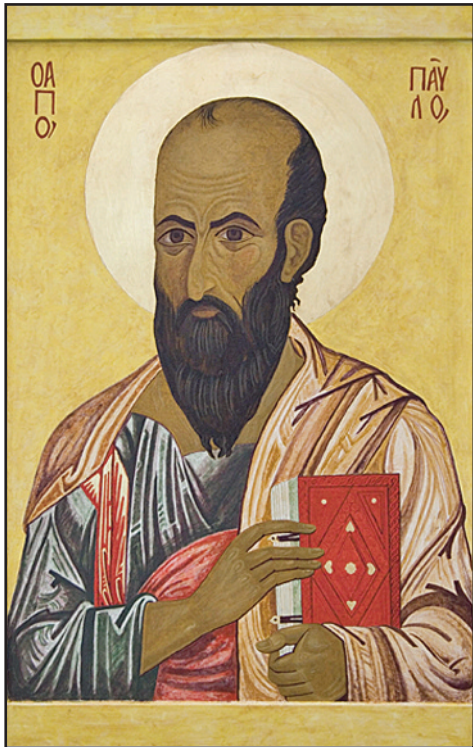
After the new members had completed the first icon of their own choice, it was agreed that all members of the group would concentrate on each writing an icon of Archangel Michael, so that they could work through all the various stages together and learn from the process.

The group members have since gone on to create other icons of their own choice. When icons were completed, they were brought to the church to be blessed by Fr Bernard. The blessing of the icons was undertaken most recently immediately after Mass on the Patronal feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

The icon-writing group continues to meet weekly on Thursday mornings at Trish's home. They continue to learn and to support each other in their work, and the meetings serve both a social and a devotional purpose for them all. Some of the original members are not able to attend regularly because of other calls on their time but they remain supportive and in touch. Other members of the parish who are interested in joining in this work are always welcome.

Pictured above, the group of Iconographers after having their icons blessed after Mass on the feast of St Peter and St Paul by Fr Bernard O'Brien; left to right, Deacon Chris, Gill, Annette, Bernie, Angela, Trish and Fr Bernard.

On the left, the icon of St Paul, which now hangs in the entrance vestibule of St Paul's Church.



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