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## MISSION HUB

Adoramus was the National Eucharist Pilgrimage and Congress initiated by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and held on the first weekend in September.

The purpose of the Congress was to recognise the centrality of the Eucharist in our life and also to offer people an experience of strength and solidarity in their willingness to put God first in their lives.

One grateful pilgrim to the Congress detailed her experience and it is available to read on the Hallam News website, [www.hallamnews.com](http://www.hallamnews.com).

Eucharist and Mission are intrinsically linked. At the end of every Eucharist, for example, we are dismissed with these or similar words:

“Go forth. The Mass is ended.”

Our Diocese is just embarking on an exciting Mission. Read the full story on page 4.



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## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

1	Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> .	14	Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.
7	Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, with Deacon Stephen Parker. For more details telephone 0114 2306797, email ascent@jn.green.plus.com or visit hallamascent.weebly.com.	14	Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome.
13	Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.	27	Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month

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



4	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doncaster.
11	St Vincent, Sheffield.
18	St Joseph, Retford.
25	St Patrick, Sheffield.

### DE LA SALLE ASSOCIATION RAMBLING CLUB

Meet at 10.30am on Sunday, 18 November for this circular walk between Pleasley Pit Visitor Centre and Teversal Visitor Centre.

This is a very flat, 5 mile walk along disused railway tracks which should appeal to all members.

There are cafes and toilets at both Visitor Centres.

The meeting point is Pleasley Visitor Centre, NG19 7PH, (off the A617 between M1 junction 29 and Mansfield).

The leader is Ted Bennett, tel: 01246 852964, mobile: 07831 293356.

## Twentieth Century Art in Hallam Churches

Do you know of any 20th century work of art in your church?

If you do, please would you let me know. I am compiling a list for the diocese.

Of especial interest are works by named artists. I know about such major works as the Reyntiens window in St Marie's; the set of Brangwyn lithographs of the Stations at Stainforth and the Sykes' *Christ on the Cross* at Worksop, plus another 40-odd or so artists and their work; but I suspect there are more.

I also need dates and information for several of those I already know about, such as the figure of *St Joseph* at Worksop and the *Stations* at Harworth, all, it would seem, carved in coal. So please provide dates and medium, where you can, as well as artists' names and location.

Information can be emailed to pauld.walker@icloud.com or sent to Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU, for the attention of Dr Paul Walker, Diocesan Historic Churches Committee.

### PHILIP GLYNN ~ does this name ring any bells with you?

Does anyone have any information on Philip Glynn or his ancestors? Philip was resident in the Irish area of Hawley Croft, Sheffield in the mid-19th century. He left Eire in 1830.

If this name rings any bells with you, Douglas Elwell would love to hear from you.

Information may be sent to the Hallam News, Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU.

### Celebrate Advent at St Mary's, Edlington

On Tuesday, 4 December at 7pm

St Mary's Church, Edlington,

in conjunction with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal (from Leeds),

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## SAVE THE DATE ... SAVE THE DATE THE ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING EVENT

Saturday, 10 November, 9.30am-4pm at  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Pack Horse Lane,  
Sheffield, S35 3HY

Following on from World Mental Health Day on 10 October, the theme of this year's annual safeguarding event is mental health. The day will focus on raising awareness of mental health conditions, the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness, the support available and the recovery mind set process.

The guest speakers for the day are:

- Simon Francis from the charity MIND Sheffield. A former senior policy adviser for Government work on mental health and employment strategies, Simon has published widely on mental health and inclusion and has led on several national strategies. He has been training independently for 10 years, training over 10,000 people.

- Baroness Sheila Hollins, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry of Disability at St George's Hospital Medical School, University of London and a Consultant Psychiatrist. Baroness Hollins is a past President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the British Medical Association.

Baroness Hollins currently sits in the House of Lords and is founding Editor, Author and Executive Chair of Books Beyond Words. Whether supporting somebody with a learning disability or communication difficulty, Beyond Words provides books and training to empower and support people who find pictures easier to understand than words.

Baroness Hollins is also a family carer for her son who has a learning disability.

- Laura Rendell: working for Hallam Caring Services, Laura is a qualified counsellor and psychotherapist and a trainer in Mindfulness workshops. Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of your thoughts, feelings and surrounding environments and being compassionate with yourself.

Mindfulness practice is about observation without criticism; and the ability to disengage from incapacitating worry and detrimental or self-defeating negative thinking.

Laura will end the day with a short workshop on Mindfulness followed by a closing speech from Bishop Ralph.

The day will be open to Clergy, Safeguarding Representatives and all Volunteers/Parishioners.

If you would like to reserve a place on the event please contact Jo Pearson on 0114 2566453 or by email [jpearson@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jpearson@hallam-diocese.com).

## Fr Tom Durkin RIP

Fr Thomas Michael Durkin was born on 13 May, 1943. He studied for the priesthood at the Beda College in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood at St Mary's, Halifax, in 1974.

Fr Durkin was a curate at Holy Rood, Barnsley and Mother of God, Sheffield. During this time, he was also the Director of Vocations.

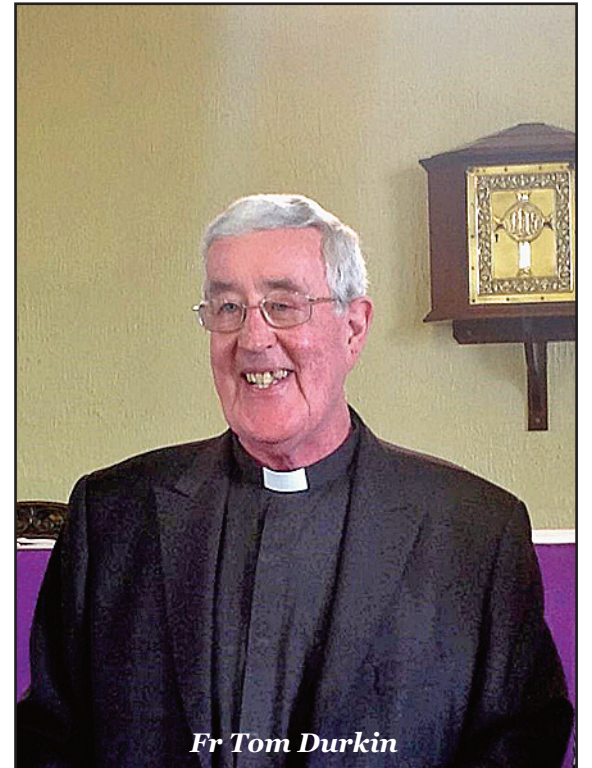
In March, 1984, he was appointed as Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth.

He also served as Parish Priest in Hoyland, Rotherham and Darton.

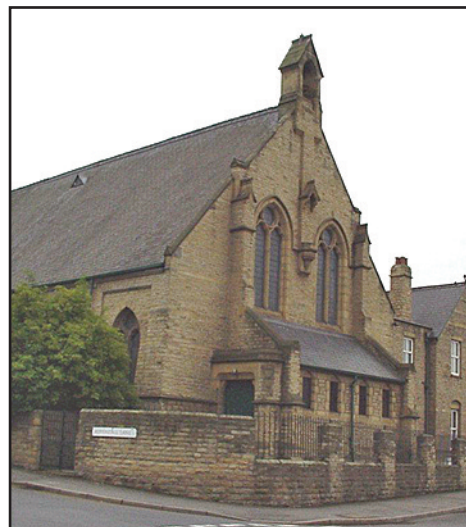
In June, 2017, Fr Durkin retired. His death occurred on 8 September, 2018.

On Thursday, 20 September, his body was received into the Church of St Mary's, Halifax, where he had been ordained, and his Requiem Mass was celebrated there at noon the following day.

May he rest in peace.



Fr Tom Durkin



### St Charles Borromeo Parish Celebrate 150 years

This year St Charles Borromeo Parish, Sheffield are marking the 150th anniversary of the building of the church with a year full of celebration.

The parish celebrate St Charles' Feast Day every year but this year, on Sunday, 4 November, all past and present parishioners are invited to a special Mass at 3pm. After Mass there will be refreshments and a chance to reminisce.

If anybody has stories or pictures relating to St Charles' history, please either drop them in or email them to [hallam-borromeo@gmail.com](mailto:hallam-borromeo@gmail.com).



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Thursday evening 4 April to Sunday, 7 April at  
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or [austincorcoran@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:austincorcoran@blueyonder.co.uk).



# MISSION HUB ~ *The History*

Work will begin this November renovating and transforming the now derelict 1863 Victorian school building at St Vincent's, Solly Street, Sheffield, into an exciting new mission for the Diocese of Hallam.

The Mission Hub will seek out the 'de-churched' and 'un-churched' from the current generation of young adults. The de-churched are those who have lost sight of Christ, even though they may have been introduced to him in our families and schools, but for whatever reason are forgetting about him now.

The un-churched are the vast majority to whom the name of Jesus means little or nothing. We will reach out to 18-35 year olds, including students, young adults and young families.

Thanks to the generosity of the parish of St Vincent's by the time we launch this mission in September, 2019 we will have renovated premises at the heart of Sheffield's new student development area. We hope that the Mission Hub will serve as a lifeboat in this new, vibrant part of Sheffield and will seek out a lost generation of young adults and students who

live in our midst. It will be a place of welcome and hospitality in which all young adults can feel that they belong.

The entrance to the Hub is therefore a Café, serving delicious coffee, music and offering a great vibe. It is a flexible space that seats 40 but can be opened up to seat up to 100 for 'open mic' evenings of relaxing with friends from all Christian denominations and none. The café is a place of welcome, unity, evangelisation and fun.

Beyond the café are two flexible break-out spaces leading to the student chaplaincy, complete with a kitchen, where our students can meet, eat, study and relax.

The Mission Hub is also a space for deep prayer and encounter with the Lord. Once you move beyond the ground floor spaces designed for welcome and hospitality, you will walk up the stairs and discover a small oratory for quiet prayer. It is our deep desire that Jesus will soon be adored and consoled in the Blessed Sacrament around

the clock, day and night in this room. The heart and soul of the entire building is the large 'upper room' chapel that seats about 220 people for Mass, with impressive lighting, audio and media. This space is flexible, enabling other forms of praise and worship outside of Mass.

For the Hub to be a true Mission it is not sufficient to be a place of refuge, welcome and prayer. We must seek to intentionally raise up a new generation of missionary disciples and leaders to serve in our diocese and beyond. To assist in this we are studying and learning the techniques and methods of some of our Christian brothers and sisters from other denominations who are already achieving this with great success. We are also forming a team of volunteers both locally and nationally, made up of young adults who have discovered this mission and want to be part of it. So if you are a young adult, or know anyone who might want to find out more, please get in touch at [contact@jx10ministries.org](mailto:contact@jx10ministries.org). Most of all, please cover this exciting and challenging mission with lots and lots of prayer!



*The Mission Hub*

## Em and Sammy's Story

Two weeks ago we moved from Suffolk to Sheffield. Sammy left his job after six years in the British Army and I, Em, left my job as a physiotherapist. We have been married for four years and are in our late twenties.

Why have we moved to Sheffield?

Was it a new job? Family? Friends?

None of these are the reason!

In fact we know hardly anyone and don't have jobs yet! The reason we have come is to be

a part of Mission Hub.

We believe Mission Hub will be a place that will be a home for all, that will nurture and mentor people and, as a consequence, will encourage them to boldly live out their faith! We desire to see the Church filled with young adults who radically love Jesus and we pray that Mission Hub will be a place where we see this in action.

Having learnt so much from other denominations about starting new churches, we are very excited that the Catholic Church are now following suit! As an ecumenical couple, we pray that Mission Hub will work alongside other churches in Sheffield to impact the local community and bring unity across Christ's Church.

We are excited about this new venture and all that God has in store!



*Em and Sammy Leakey*

## The Solly Street Story

The site on Solly Street, including the old school building which will become the new Mission Hub, has great historical significance for the people of St Vincent's parish – many of whom were baptised or married in the church and attended the school before it closed in the 1990s.

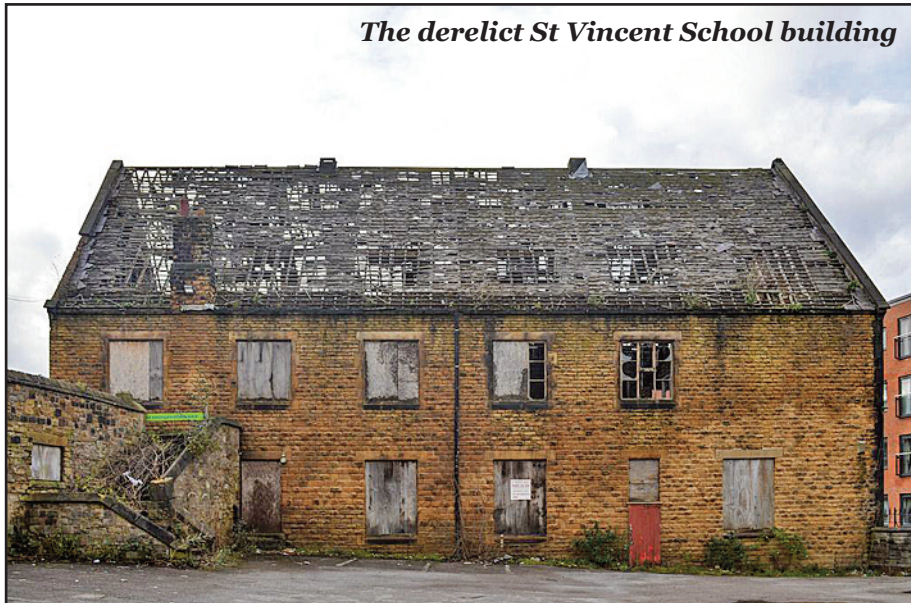
In fact, the parish's association with the site dates back to 1851 when a plot of land was purchased there for £700 to provide a Catholic school-chapel for the area. The building was completed in July, 1853 and put under the charge of the Vincentians.

The Sheffield Blitz in 1940 resulted in the destruction of the original 1853 chapel, although the newer part of the church from 1911 escaped serious damage. However, after the war the whole area was badly damaged and the church lost much of its congregation. In 1996 it closed as a place of worship, and the Vincentian Fathers then left Sheffield altogether in April, 1997.

A new parish church for St Vincent's was opened in Crookes in 2001, but the parish continued to own the land on Solly Street and operated a commercial car park there. However, by 2015, both the church and the old school building were in a very derelict state and the costs of maintaining the site were soaring.

The situation came to a head when the Council insisted that considerable sums of money needed to be spent on re-roofing the old school building. The parish could simply have sold the whole site, but decided instead to retain the old school building and sell the rest of the site, using the money raised to renovate the old school building for use by the parish.

*The derelict St Vincent School building*



This was agreed, but the parish still had a problem – how could we feasibly run a community centre with very limited resources? We put together a proposal for how it might work, but it was going to be a massive challenge ... until in stepped Fr Lee Marshall with his plans for a Mission Hub for young people and families! Providence really was playing a hand.

Fr Lee presented his vision to the St Vincent's parish finance committee and we were all excited to see what he had in mind. Finally, after many meetings and prayers, the rest of the site was sold for student accomoda-

-tion and the parish agreed to use a portion of the funds raised to help fund the transformation of the old school building into a state-of-the-art Mission Hub, to be run by the chaplaincy but still owned by the parish.

And so from next year, 23 years after the closure of the original St Vincent's Church, Mass will once again be celebrated regularly on Solly Street – not in the old church but in the beautifully refurbished old school building.

As a parish we are delighted to have played our part in this new and exciting development, which we feel sure is an answer to our prayers. The future of the Catholic presence on Solly Street is bright. *Dominic Baster*



# 'Many Nations, One Parish'

As part of its aim to become a more welcoming and inclusive parish, St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends held a 'Many Nations, One Parish' Event on the afternoon of 9 September.

Members of the parish family were invited to bring food representative of their country for all to share. Over seventy parishioners attended.

Parish Priest, Fr Santosh, who hails from Kerala, India, cooked chicken curry and dhal and Deacon Ernesto had prepared a Venezuelan bean dish.

There was a wide variety of food from Poland, Sri Lanka and the Philippines, including golabki, curries,

spring rolls and egg tart. More local dishes included Shepherd's pie and Irish Colcannon.

There were ball games for the children and a bagatelle challenge was popular with adults and children alike. A quiz encouraged parishioners to ask each other about their 'home countries'.

Organiser, Tony Brookes said, "This is the best attended event we have had in many years and it has united our parish family. The range of food to share was amazing. Everyone has gone home very full and happy. We are already planning to repeat the event."



Fr Santosh pictured with World Map

# Heritage Open Days at St Marie's Cathedral



Over two weekends many people came to St Marie's Cathedral to take part in the Heritage Open Days.

They enjoyed listening to both the Female Gregorian Choir and the Male Gregorian Choir, and an organ recital on the newly refurbished Lewis organ. They also had the opportunity to experience tours of the Cathedral and workshops for families. It was altogether a splendid event.

Our photograph shows Eileen Maher demonstrating a flower arrangement as part of the activities. (Photograph courtesy of Tricia Hall)

# COLIN COMPLETES GREAT NORTH RUN FOR LOCAL CHARITY



Colin Taylor (on the right) presents his cheque to Shiloh Centre Manager, Steve Wylie

Colin Taylor, a parishioner at the Immaculate Conception Church in Rotherham, recently completed the Great North Run to raise funds for the Rotherham based homeless charity, Shiloh, and raised £600 in sponsorship.

Colin, who also helps as a volunteer, said, "This is a fantastic charity that does so much good for those people in our community who are in desperate need. I am so pleased that I can contribute in a small way both as volunteer and by raising funds for them. To raise £600 was more than I expected and I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me."

Steve Wylie, the manager at Shiloh, said, "We survive thanks to the support of our volunteers and we appreciate everything they do. We are also always on the lookout for more support. If you think you may be able to help, please get in touch."

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## *English Martyrs, Mexborough*

Parishioners of English Martyrs, Mexborough, including Fr O Connor, enjoying the sunshine as they respond to Pope Francis' request to "Share the Journey" of walking in solidarity with thousands of refugees worldwide. The group totalled 32 miles of walking. Well done everyone!



## *Doncaster Deanery*



Parishioners, Ministers of Doncaster Deanery, together with refugees and their families, also became involved in the "Share the Journey" initiative, when they walked in Elmfield Park, which neighbours St Peter-in-Chains Church, Doncaster. Volunteers walked alongside refugees, chatting, listening and supporting. About seventy people participated in the walk. Together their walking totalled more than one hundred and thirty miles. They rounded off their walking by sharing refreshments together.





# 'All for God, for the Poor and for our Congregation!'

On Saturday, 25 August, Sr Anna Yeo and Sr Mary Gonçalves of the Daughters of Divine Charity made their First Profession at The Annunciation Church in Chesterfield.

On this very special Saturday morning the congregation, including family and friends of Sr Anna and Sr Mary, raised their voices for the opening hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*. The Liturgy of the Word, was followed by the Rite of the First Profession as both sisters were called by their name and stepped forward to state their desires. Parish Priest, Fr Adrian Tomlinson gave the homily, then Sr Anna and Sr Mary knelt before the Provincial Superior to read the Formula of Profession and receive the symbols of their consecration to God and the Congregation:

A ring, the sign of fidelity to Christ  
The veil, the sign of a bride of Christ  
The emblem, the sign of the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Charity  
The Constitutions of the Congregation, that they may express in their vocation  
A Garland of flowers, a sign of the crown of glory

The rest of the sisters sang *Magnificat* while the newly professed sisters changed the white veils of the novitiate for black veils – after wearing the white veils for two years during their novitiate. Prayers of the faithful were offered, followed by the Offertory Hymn: *Take my hands*. Then the Liturgy of the Eucharist took place. The hymn, *Jesus Christ, You are my life*, was sung to conclude the Mass.

A reception was held with celebration cakes in the Annunciation Parish Centre afterwards. Sr Anna and Sr Mary have become much loved faces in the parish community in Chesterfield over the past 2 years, and many



came to share the celebration and congratulate them as they begin the next stage of their religious vocation in Norfolk.

The Daughters of Divine Charity ("FDC", from the Latin, *Filiae Divinae Caritatis*) also celebrate their 150th anniversary this year. Founded by Mother Franciska Lechner in Vienna on 21 November, 1868, the order is now blessed with over a thousand sisters presently making God's love visible in the world. They have sisters in ten provinces in more than twenty countries.

In England, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Province have been serving God for one hundred and four years. Their main apostolate has been in education. At present, there is a school in Swaffham, a nursery in Chesterfield and a small care home in Hunstanton. In the parishes where their convents are situated, many of the sisters are Eucharistic ministers. They visit the sick, elderly and prepare children for Holy Communion and Confirmation. They also organise retreats in schools and universities. Their motto is 'All for God, for the Poor and for our Congregation!'

"Over the years," said Novice Mistress, Sr Linda Pergegaj, "we have been blessed with new vocations. From today, we will have four junior sisters, one novice and two new candidates. Through the intercession of our Foundress, Our Blessed Drina Martyrs and all our deceased sisters, we pray through God's merciful providence for more new vocations. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and to pray for more new vocations that God may have labourers for his harvest."



## SVP PARTY



Our Lady and St Thomas St Vincent de Paul Conference, Meadowhead, Sheffield, held a party for over sixty senior parishioners from local churches in the S8 area. The event was held at the De La Salle Club rooms.

Our photograph above shows invited guests enjoying the occasion on a sunny Saturday afternoon.



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Interviews: Week commencing Monday 28 January 2019



# St Theresa's Annual Reunion

Former pupils who left St Theresa's Roman Catholic School, Prince of Wales Road, Manor Estate, Sheffield between 1951 and 1953 held their 16th Annual Reunion at the Noah's Ark, Intake, Sheffield on Saturday, 29 September.

Every one of the sixteen annual reunions has enjoyed bright sunny weather. Anyone interested in the 2019 reunion should telephone Bernard Dowling, 0114 2510416. Photograph by Peter Wolstenholme, St Theresa's pupil 1940-1947.



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## Writer's Cramp?

After completing his sixth book about St Marie's cathedral, Deacon Bill Burleigh is taking a rest from writing.

The complete set of books comprises the big Guide Book full of great photos by parishioner, Bob Rae, a book about the seven rare medieval alabaster panels displayed at St Marie's, a book of devotional reflections based on the many ways in which Our Lady is portrayed in the cathedral's stone and stained glass and the three history books about Catholicism in Sheffield and in the parish of St Marie from 1549 until 1980.

Bill's history books have been featured recently in The Universe, Yorkshire Post and Sheffield's Star newspaper. "The story of the injustices towards Catholics in and around Sheffield following the Reformation right up to Victorian times has been a discovery for many people," said Deacon Bill. "The struggles of poor Catholics in Victorian times, the contributions of key Catholics to the well-being of the growing city of Sheffield, the stories of the 67 parishioners who fell in World War One and the amazing story of the saving of the stained glass during World War Two are told in Parts Two and Three. The history draws to a close with the background to the formation of the Diocese of Hallam that was finally achieved in 1980."



"Through the six years of preparing the books, I have been helped in layout and design by Goerge Dawn at Mensa Printers, specialists in small jobs for churches. All six books are available and on sale at St Marie's."

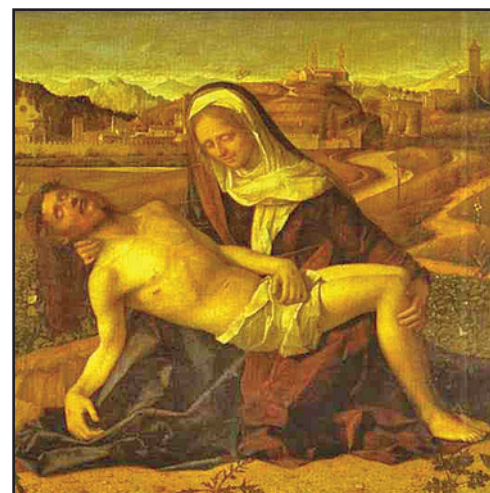
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## St Joseph, Retford First Holy Communion



During the summer sixteen candidates made their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's, Retford. Mass was concelebrated by Parish Priest, Fr John Nwadike and Fr John Windle. After Mass the celebration continued with a get-together with family and friends in the parish hall.

## Prayer and Reflection Around Famous Works of Art



Deacon Bill Burleigh is leading a series of Saturday mornings at the Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU, providing an opportunity for prayer and reflection based on famous artworks. The four Saturdays will explore paintings with seasonal themes. The dates are:

- 1 December:** Exploring Advent Themes in Art (10.15am coffee - 12 noon)
- 5 January:** The meaning of Christmas expressed in Art (10.15am - 12 noon)
- 6 April:** The Descent from the Cross in Art (10.15am - 12 noon)
- 4 May:** Easter themes in Christian Art (10.15am - 12 noon)



## History of the St Vincent de Paul Society in England and Wales

As the 19th century progressed the St Vincent de Paul Society grew and developed its capacity to offer support to those in need in an increasingly broad range of ways. This next 'chapter' sets out examples of how the SVP worked to promote the spiritual, social and moral standards of those in need.

### Providing safe homes for young people working away from home

In many early SVP reports we read the work "patronage". This is sometimes described as "patronage of delinquent, orphan and working youths in need of moral, social and financial tutelage".

The Patronage Committee stated as one of its aims: "to shield the children of the poor from corruption when they first go to work, and to instil spiritual values by means of advice and help".

When children needed to work away from home this Patronage Committee found suitable homes for them. Visits were arranged to these youths from among SVP brothers specially appointed by Conference Presidents. Each boy was placed under the individual supervision of a particular brother.

Patronage 'Guilds' were established, through which monthly Communion was assured. It must be remembered that such Guilds were originally created for boys of "essentially good character". They were sometimes called "school-room" or "intern" patronages. If boys were of "doubtful character", it was arranged for them to receive frequent and "friendly" visits!

In another Manchester report covering these years, we read a very sad description of SVP funding a "Home for Friendless Young Men" and a Refuge for Destitute Workmen".

"St Vincent's Home for Destitute Boys" was founded in Hammersmith in 1859. In 1873, this became one of the very first Catholic Rescue Society homes.

### A notable example of employment and education for boys

Another striking title from these early days is the "Catholic Shoe Black Brigade". Once again, a look at the conditions of child-employment will help us to understand its purpose. In 1847 an Act had limited the work of children in coal-mines by stating that any children between the ages of 9 and 18 could do no more than 9 hours work per day. This regulation was generally disregarded and never really became practice for a further 30 years.

The Catholic Shoe Black Brigade was founded by SVP Conferences in London during the early 1850s. First of all, it ensured employment to about 50 children. It also safeguarded against the loss of their faith. The scheme was approved by the London police, who allocated 50 separate pitches to boys between 9 and 13.



The Shoe Black Brigade

According to the SVP annual report, these children were the "poorest of the poor, many from parents who were a harmful influence or who had rejected them since birth".

A schoolroom was organised for these boys, where they learned the 3-Rs and received religious instruction, leading to First Confession and First Holy Communion.

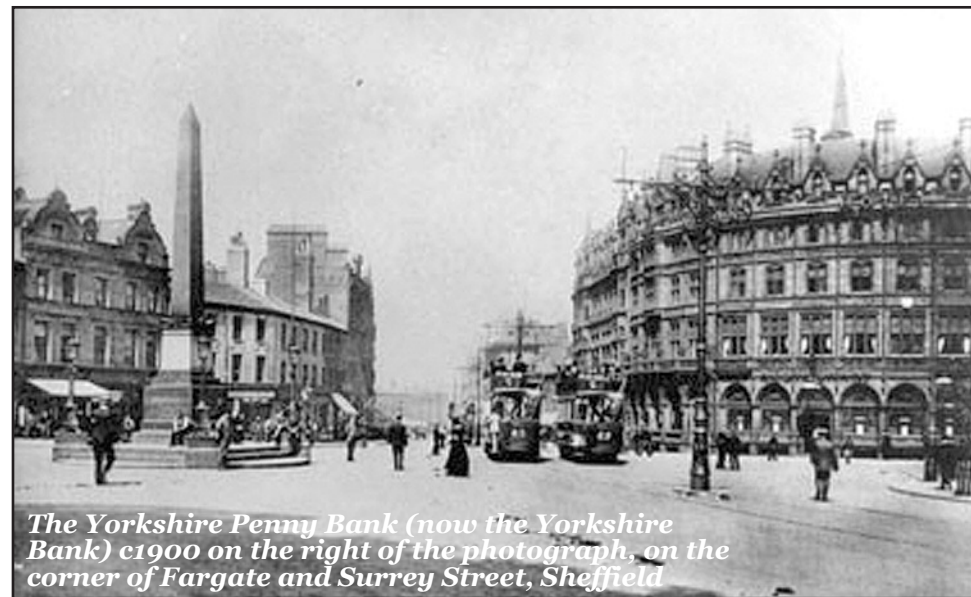
### Concern to provide employment

One of Frédéric Ozanam's first works was to secure employment for orphans in the printing works owned by the founder President, Emmanuel Bailly, editor of the Tribune Catholique. This approach to providing employment was replicated in England by the sponsorship of orphans.

An Orphan Patronage Committee was established as a special work for the English SVP in 1850. At first, this looked after 50 orphans who had mostly been taken from places officially called "asylums", run by religious orders with either partial or full SVP support. Some orphans were taken from Poor Law Guardians. Brothers paid four shillings (20p) per week for each orphan but received an allowance equivalent to 7½p from the Poor Law Guardians for each orphan taken away from Union Workhouses.

### Providing Catholic literature

Frédéric Ozanam had helped to organise lending libraries in both Paris and Lyon. The one in Lyon admitted both workmen and soldiers, many of whom had previously confronted each other during riots, on opposite sides of the bar-



The Yorkshire Penny Bank (now the Yorkshire Bank) c1900 on the right of the photograph, on the corner of Fargate and Surrey Street, Sheffield

ricades. Such an admirable expression of Christian charity, witnessed in the library, was further helped when facilities were extended to include a Workers' leisure centre, to which soldiers were also admitted.

Following this example, the SVP in Bristol founded a lending library in 1849. Five hundred volumes were collected and there were 54 subscribers to the library.

The SVP also helped to found *The Universe*, when Cardinal Wiseman asked Brothers to produce a cheap newspaper accessible to the poor "through which the truth could be told about war being waged against the Church in Italy by Victor Emmanuel, Cavour and Garibaldi". In 1860, the "penny" *Universe* went on sale, with Brother Archibald Dunn as editor. Its foreign correspondent was George Wigley, the former member of Frédéric Ozanam's Conference in Paris, who had done so much in bringing the Society to England. *The Universe* received much co-operation from the French 'Univers Religieux' and its editor, Louis Veuillot. It was this French 'Univers' for which Ozanam had often written.

At about the same time the 'Clifton Tracts' were being published by Brothers in Bristol. These were the first such printed pamphlets since the Reformation. They can be seen as a forerunner

of the Catholic Truth Society begun later in the century. The purpose of the 'Clifton Tracts' was to tell the truth about Catholic beliefs and practices, and also about the history of the Church.

### Concern for the bereaved

Funeral attendance is still one of the SVP's regular works, but its origins lay in more than simply praying for souls and comforting the bereaved. Before 1880, the date of the Burial Amendment Act, cemeteries were owned almost entirely by the Church of England. No Catholic priest was allowed to officiate. When a Catholic died, the burial service was recited at the deceased's home, often by SVP brothers. The coffin was then taken to the cemetery, where the Anglican service was read.

From Jarrow in the North-East came a report of 1882, "Brothers make it a practice to attend funerals of the poor, and they have been able to suppress drunkenness at wakes by reciting the Rosary".

### Temperance

At about the time of the Jarrow report, we learn of brothers in nearby Felling "helping the clergy of the mission in promoting temperance".

### Helping with food and warmth

A report from Hull in 1876 said that during that year brothers distributed among the poor of their parish 132 stones of potatoes, 45 stones of flour, 8½ stones of oatmeal, 80 pounds of sugar, 53 pounds of meat, 22 pounds of bread and various amounts of butter, tea, milk, rice, boots, clothing and carts of coal. 40 cart-loads of coke were delivered during 1878.

### Setting up a Bank

In 1872, the Sheffield SVP Conference opened a new branch of the Yorkshire Penny Bank. The modern equivalent is, perhaps, helping to set up a Credit Union.

### Concern for marriage and family life

In Birmingham numerous cases were noted of brothers helping to legalise common-law "marriages". This was one of the early works which Ozanam and other founder-members had undertaken in Paris during the 1830s and, taking their lead from Birmingham, was taken up enthusiastically by conferences around the country.

This article has given a flavour of the diverse and important work of the SVP as it developed to fulfil its mission in the socio-political context of the 19th century.

Next month the fifth and final instalment will trace the SVP through the 20th century and up to the present day, looking at it in its current form and considering its future.

If you have enjoyed reading these articles on the history of the SVP and are interested in finding out more, or even joining, please contact Lance Philpott, SVP Membership Development Officer for the Diocese of Hallam at lancep@svp.org.uk.

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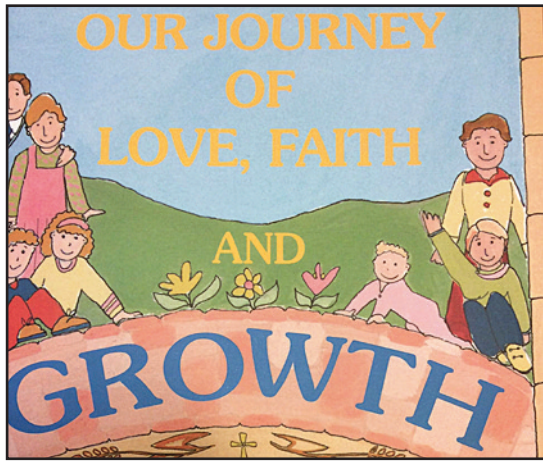


# EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

## Welcome Liturgy at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

A new class of children were welcomed to St Mary's Catholic Primary School in High Green this September with a heart-warming liturgy. The readings focussed on the fact that we are each made by God and special to God. The school community prayed for the children and their families.

Each child was presented with a beautifully illustrated card to represent the start of their new journey of love, faith and growth within St Mary's School. They were formally welcomed into the school community by headteacher, Alex Healy, and given a rousing round of applause by the rest of the school community.



## Bishop Ralph Opens New Foundation Stage Unit at Holy Family School



Bishop Ralph recently visited the Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Worksop to open their new Foundation Stage Unit.

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**Day 3. The Krimml Waterfalls and the Pinzgaubahn.** Our excursion today, takes us by coach to Krimml in the Hohe Tauern National Park, the second largest wildlife preserve in Europe and home to the glorious Krimml Waterfalls, the largest waterfalls in Austria and thought to be the highest in Europe. After some time here, we transfer to Mittersil for a journey on the wonderful narrowgauge Pinzgauer

Lokalbahn Railway which treks to Zell am See, offering marvellous views across the forests below.

**Day 4. The Grossglockner High Alpine Road.** Today sees us visit the Hohe Tauern National Park and journey along the superb Grossglockner High Alpine Road. Regarded as one of the world's finest roads, this section provides us with unparalleled views across the stunning valleys and mountains, crowned by the ancient and magnificent Grossglockner, Austria's tallest mountain. We stop at the pretty town of Heiligenblut on our way.

**Days 5-6. The Passion Play.** Leaving Zell am See today, we travel by rail to Oberammergau where we check into our hotel, in or around the Ammergau region.

Day 6 features the highlight of our tour: the magnificent Oberammergau Passion Play. Divided into two halves, this behemoth of a production showcases the final days of Jesus Christ's life, chronicling his Passion in a performance which features over 2,000 villagers as both cast, crew and members of the live choir and orchestra. It is only performed once every ten years, making it an event of huge importance.

**Days 7-8. Return home via Cologne.** Bidding Oberammergau a fond farewell today, we travel by rail through Germany to Munich, and then on to Cologne where we stay overnight. The following day on Day 8, we continue to Brussels where we transfer to the Eurostar service to London. Here our tour comes to an end.



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# River Don Walking Pilgrimage for Mary's Meals

On Saturday, 28 July a determined group of adults from across the Hallam Diocese completed a ten-mile sponsored walking pilgrimage alongside parts of the River Don and nearby canals in aid of the charity Mary's Meals.

The mixed group, including parishioners from Edlington and Balby, St Thomas of Canterbury and Our Lady Queen of Peace (plus Misty the dog), set off bright and early from Barnby Dun at Doncaster. After crossing the aqueduct over the River Don they walked through the village to the public footpath along the river into Stainforth. From this furthest point, they traced their footsteps back to South Bramwith and crossed onto the canal locks, then the aqueduct, before

following the River Don back to Barnby Dun, totalling 7.6 miles.

After a spot of lunch, they walked a further three miles in the opposite direction to St Oswald's Church on the canal bank in Kirk Sandall.

Pilgrim, Pete Marshall said, "The fabulous sunny weather had unfortunately broken that weekend – but our guardian angels found us a four hour window between the raindrops, making perfect walking conditions."

Fellow pilgrim, Fr Kieran Fletcher expressed gratitude to all those who took part and their generous sponsors. "A fantastic sum of £2,650 was raised for Mary's Meals: enough to feed 190 school children for a whole year. This made it all worth all the effort!"



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