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DINNINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

St Joseph's, Dinnington recently opened their Community Garden. The idea for a garden followed the Centenary of the Parish being established. The creation of a new church car park had left the garden area neglected so a number of grants were obtained from various local communities and the work began.



Dobbies Garden Centre donated the flowers and shrubs and the parishioners helped to plant all the flowers. Tesco donated £1,000 towards landscaping, which provided a new wider path around the side of the church, and also a donation of food towards the open day.



The Community Garden has many features including disabled access, a remembrance bench to commemorate the miners of Dinnington, a statue to remember all unborn children, a garden bench with the names of all the priests who have served the parish of St Joseph's, an arbour seating area and a newly planted garden area. These different aspects of the Garden



serve to reflect the whole community. CTJM firm gave their labour free for the landscaping. The local council donated £2,000 for the granite bench and the bouncy castle on the opening day.



Sir Kevin Barron opened the new garden, at a celebration afternoon, and a total of £560 was raised. This enabled the parish to donate £140 to each of three charities, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, Rotherham Hospice and Lost Cord Dementia Charity.

The parishioners of St Joseph's hope to continue developments and to include an outside defibrillator for use by the village.

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WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

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| <p>1 Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i>.</p> <p>5 Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for an 'Advent get-together'. For more details telephone 0114 2306797, email ascent@jn.green.plus.com or visit hallamascent.weebly.com.</p> <p>11 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm</p> | <p>12 Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> <p>12 Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.</p> <p>12 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome.</p> |
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month



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

- 2 First Sunday of Advent. St Mary, Herringthorpe.
- 9 Blessed English Martyrs, Askern.
- 16 St Helen, Oldcotes.
- 23 Mother of God and St Wilfrid, Sheffield.
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CONSENT FORMS

In order to comply with National and Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines all photographs of children sent to the Hallam News for publication must be accompanied by the official Diocesan consent form. The form can be downloaded from the Hallam News website, www.hallamnews.com, from the contributing information at the bottom of the home page. It is Diocesan policy NOT to publish photographs of individual children accompanied by their name.

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),
 invite you to join us to *Celebrate Advent* in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
 Concluding with refreshments in the church hall and time to catch up with old friends and hopefully make new friends too.
 All are very welcome
 St Mary's, Bungalow Road, Doncaster, DN12 1DL
 For details contact 01709 868159 or gerandco@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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| <p>Holy Rood, Barnsley and Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough
 Christmas Eve: 4.30pm Carols at Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough
 5pm Mass at Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough
 6.30pm Carols at Holy Rood, Barnsley
 7pm Mass at Holy Rood
 Christmas Day
 7.30am Mass at Dawn with Lauds at Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough
 10am Mass at Holy Rood, Barnsley
 Boxing Day
 10am Mass at Holy Rood, Barnsley</p> <p>St Joseph's Dinnington and St Mary Magdalene, Maltby
 Christmas Eve St Joseph's Children's Mass 6pm
 Carols 11pm followed by Mass at 11.30pm
 Christmas Day 9.00am
 St Mary Magdalene, Maltby
 Christmas Eve 8pm
 Christmas Day 11am</p> <p>St Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster
 Monday, 24 December
 Family Vigil Mass, 6pm*
 Vigil Mass in Polish, 9.30pm
 Midnight Mass*
 (* There will be carol singing for 30 minutes prior to these Masses)
 Tuesday, 25 December
 Mass of The Nativity of the Lord, 8am, 10am, Mass in Polish, 1.15pm</p> <p>St Helen's, Oldcotes
 Christmas Morning, 9am and 11am</p> <p>Cathedral Church of St Marie
 Christmas Eve: 5.30pm (Vigil Mass)
 Christmas Day: Midnight (with carols beforehand from 11.30pm), 8.30am,</p> | <p>10.30am, 12.30pm, 6.30pm
 St Oswald's
 Christmas Eve: 6.30pm (with carols from 6pm)
 Christmas Day: 9.45am
 Holy Family
 Christmas Day: 11am</p> <p>Mother of God, Sheffield
 Christmas Eve
 Carols 11.30pm
 Midnight Mass at midnight
 Christmas Morning
 Mass 8.30am, 10am
 Christmas Week, 10am each morning
 Everybody welcome</p> <p>St Francis of Assisi, Sheffield
 Monday, 24 December
 Christmas Night Mass at 8pm
 Tuesday, 25 December
 Christmas Day Mass at 10am</p> <p>St Joseph, Handsworth and St Charles, Attercliffe
 24 December
 5pm at St Charles, Attercliffe
 8pm at St Joseph's, Handsworth
 25 December
 8.30am at St Charles, Attercliffe
 10am at St Joseph's, Handsworth</p> <p>St William of York, Sheffield
 Christmas Eve - 6.30pm and 10pm
 Christmas Day - 9.30am and 11.15am</p> <p>Immaculate Conception, Spinkhill
 24 December, Vigil Mass at 6.30 pm
 Midnight Mass at Midnight
 Christmas morning at 10am</p> <p>St Joseph and St Mary, Worksop
 9pm Christmas Night (Midnight Mass), St Joseph's
 11am Christmas Day, St Mary's</p> |
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 18:30 MASS
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Memorial Mass to Celebrate the Life of Derek Page

Derek was the first Headteacher of St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School, Sheffield. He led the school for many years. Derek helped to build a school community which was inclusive, welcoming and nurturing. The school continues to grow and thrive on those principles today.

Derek was loved and respected by many and everyone is welcome to join in the celebration of his Memorial Mass.

Time: 12 Noon
 Date: Saturday, 15 December
 Church: Our Lady and St Thomas Church, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 7UD

FR JOHN McNAMEE RIP

John McNamee was born in Glasgow on 22 February, 1943. He studied at Ushaw College from 1960 to 1968.

On 6 March, 1968 he was ordained to the priesthood at St Aidan's, Wythenshawe, Manchester.

Fr McNamee began his ministry as a curate at St Catherine's in Sheffield. He also served as a curate at St Peter's in Doncaster, St Joseph's, Keighley and The Annunciation, Chesterfield. In 1982 he was ap-

pointed as Parish Priest at English Martyrs, Mexborough.

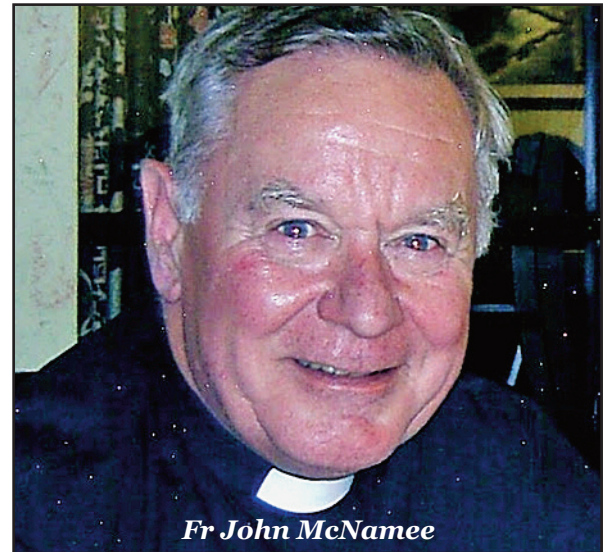
Six years later he became the Parish Priest at Christ the King, Rossington. He served the community of Christ the King for twenty seven years.

He was also Episcopal Vicar for Education and the Chairman of the Schools' Commission.

Fr McNamee retired on 1 August, 2015.

He died on 26 October, 2018.

May He Rest in Peace.



Fr John McNamee

27184 Private Wolstenholme, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry



As the Hallam News goes to press, the whole country is commemorating the end of World War One. Peter Wolstenholme, a parishioner of St Joseph's in Handsworth, looks back on the life and service of his father, Private WRJ Wolstenholme.

William Reginald Joseph Wolstenholme of St Vincent's Parish, Sheffield, enlisted in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI) on 31 January, 1916 and was posted to Pontefract. He was then posted to the Somme on 2 February, 1916 as 27184 Private Wolstenholme, KOYLI 9th Battalion, D company, starting over two years active service on the Somme.

He said conditions on the Somme were horrendous, often waist deep in liquid mud having to bury the dead in the walls of the trench due to heavy German gunfire. They would advance, take German positions then under counter attack fall back, many times finding themselves back in their original trenches.

Occasionally two privates were ordered to "Go over the top" at night, one with Mills bombs (hand grenades), the other with a rifle. They crossed No Man's Land, one lobbed grenades into the German trenches, the other covering with his rifle. One night Private Wolstenholme had Mills bombs in one pouch and his steel glasses case in the other pouch. His companion said he had a premonition and asked Private Wolstenholme to swap the pouch contents over. He did and, as he stepped over the lip of the trench, his chest pouch was hit by a German sniper bullet that embedded in his glasses case, saving his life.

On 18 September, 1918, Private Wolstenholme was recommended for Gallantry in the field during a German counter attack.

Private Wolstenholme returned to England and married Elizabeth Theresa Metcalf (our Mom) at St Vincent of Pauls, White Croft, Sheffield on 28 October, 1918. Sunday, 28 October, 2018 was the centenary of their wedding.

They lived in Hawley Street before moving to the new Manor Estate, where they attended Mass in an old army hut on The Manor Fields. St Theresa's School opened in 1929. Mass was celebrated in the school hall until St Theresa's Church was opened in 1938.

William Wolstenholme was a member of the SVP. Also each Saturday he collected a large bundle of Catholic papers from the Repository on Norfolk Row, to be sold at the back of church after each Mass. He was awarded the Benemerenti medal for services to the church in 1958.



Spectacle case with embedded bullet

Following Demob in 1919 he was employed by Sheffield Education Committee as a Child Attendance Officer, better known in Sheffield as "School Bobbies". When the Manor Estate was built he covered all schools there including St Theresa's.

He attended St Theresa's until his death on 25 January, 1979. I, Peter Wolstenholme, am the sixth of their seven children.



Private WRJ Wolstenholme marries Elizabeth Theresa Metcalf in 1918



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St Wilfrid's Goes from Strength to Strength



St Wilfrid's Place

St Wilfrid's Place - a new residential support service

After a long period of research and fundraising, St Wilfrid's Place was opened in 2017, with twenty self-contained flats providing supported living for vulnerable adults for up to two years. All twenty units have now been allocated, and two tenants have already made the transition to living independently.

Mark When, from Great Places Housing Group, has been leading the staff team since the launch. He commented, "It has been a real privilege to work with our tenants over the last twelve months, helping them to develop their confidence and skills and to prepare for independent living."

Over the last 28 years, St Wilfrid's Day Centre has helped thousands of people, providing a safe space for vulnerable adults in Sheffield to come and participate in a range of social activities, building confidence and learning new skills.

For many of those visiting the Centre, homelessness was either an imminent threat or a daily reality and, although the day centre provided crucial support, the trustees at St Wilfrid's felt that more could be done.

Supporting St Wilfrid's

We are very grateful to all the wonderful individuals and companies who financially support our work.

If you are not already a supporter, could we ask you to consider making a donation to help fund St Wilfrid's Centre's work with vulnerable adults.

For more information please visit <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/donate>.

A Client's Story

Julie (not her real name) was abused as a child, and the impact of the abuse was increased when her family did not believe her account of what had happened. Julie subsequently developed mental health issues, particularly depression, which made it harder for her to socialise with others.

Attending St Wilfrid's has enabled Julie to gain confidence in making friendships. She now participates fully in the centre's activities and trips, where she feels safe and she "can cope much better with everything".

Walking for St Wilfrid's

The annual Bishop's Walk is a key highlight of the St Wilfrid's calendar. In September, supporters, clients and staff joined Bishop Ralph to walk twelve miles in the Peak District and raised £10,000 for the Centre.

This year we were thrilled to be joined by teachers and pupils from many of our local Catholic schools.



St Wilfrid's annual Bishop's Walk 2018

Carol Concert

We are holding our first ever Carol Concert, featuring community choir BeVox at

St Marie's Cathedral on Thursday, 20 December.

We would love to see you there and you can book tickets via <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/events>.

Celebrating St Wilfrid's Volunteers

St Wilfrid's Centre was founded by volunteers and around twenty volunteers support the centre each day. Volunteers contribute a staggering 1,000+ hours a month. In recognition of their work, our volunteer team has recently been short-listed for Voluntary Action Sheffield's 'Make a Difference' award.

In June we hosted a celebration to recognise all our volunteers, (pictured left) and to give awards to those who, this year, had reached landmarks of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years.



History of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in England and Wales - Part 5

As a new century dawned the Society of St Vincent de Paul continued with its mission to actively seek out those in need and offer practical assistance and support in whatever way it could. The Society had shown from its inception its ability to respond to demands and needs of the time and this was to continue throughout the next century.

THE SVP IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY Concern for Youth

Whilst the 20th century had many tumultuous events, the SVP maintained a focus on supporting those younger members of society who were in danger of falling away from or losing their faith. This was demonstrated in work involving youth clubs, scouts, religious instruction and Mass attendance. The year 1918 itself is described as one of very great significance for the SVP in its 'spiritual and corporal care of youth'. A report records 382 Conferences of which 68 were operating youth and men's clubs, 27 instructing in Sunday Schools and Catechism Classes, 19 running boy-scout troops, 12 boys' brigades and 2 cadet corps.

In Preston, one brother registered attendances at Mass of 30 boys and also taught in Sunday School; ten brothers managed a guild of 250 men and 360 boys, including 3 children partially maintained in orphanages.

In Hebburn, St Aloysius's Conference numbered 26 brothers. During 1918, they completed 1,249 visits to working boys in their own home, so as to ensure attendance at monthly Communion. There was a guild of 150 boys and a boys' brigade of 50. The inmates of Monkton "Imbecile Home" were taken to Mass each Sunday.

The editor of *The Universe*, Brother Archibald Dunn, wrote about such young boys being of an age which was the most critical period of life: "When a boy leaves the protection of home and school and is exposed to the demoralising influence of other boys of his own age who have no religion and no moral training"

The attention paid by the SVP to the education and spiritual development of youth was especially appreciated by a Belgian bishop, who thanked Brothers for having looked after 350 of his refugees stranded here during the First World War. A "continued Catholic education had been ensured and six of the boys were then studying for the



St Vincent de Paul

priesthood".

Unemployment increases poverty but recruitment flourishes to meet the need

Although it might seem that the 1914-18 War was the most worrying time at the beginning of the 20th Century, unemployment was a much more prolonged problem and gave much work to the SVP. The period between 1914 and 1918 was, in fact, the only period during the first 30 years of the century when employment could be guaranteed, because most men were fighting at the front in France.

Archbishop Bourne of Westminster said that, of all the associations he knew, the SVP was the one best adapted to deal with the needs of the poor during the years of widespread unemployment.

Despite the devastating loss of brothers during the First War, the increased help needed for the unemployed nevertheless helped to stimulate recruitment to unprecedented levels:

"In 1905, the number of Conferences had just passed the 200-mark and we had just fewer than 3,000 brothers. During the worst years of unemployment, leading up to 1925/6, and despite a loss of one-fifth during the War, SVP members actually more than doubled so that, by 1925, membership was 6,500."

MODERN TIMES

Following the Second World War, our society has witnessed huge changes in terms of social reform with the development of the Welfare State, the birth of the NHS, educational reform and a political commitment to look after people "from the cradle to the grave". The responsibilities assumed by the State towards the poor have increased dramatically and whilst the principle is laudable and it has been a successful approach for many people over the last 60 years, there are still those who need help. The SVP has continued to develop to respond to help those in need as society has modernised and changed and has undergone significant changes in the way it operates, constantly evolving to ensure it stays true to its mission, values and history.

With so much social support being offered by the state, the work of the SVP has now moved towards more focused, community based activities through the efforts of the parish conferences, which in modern times are the beating heart of the society. Today's volunteers work together as a team actively seeking out those in need in their community and addressing the perennial issues of poverty, loneliness and illness, as well as supporting people with and in their faith.

Equality a long time coming

Throughout this history reference is made to 'brothers' with no mention of female involvement. The SVP was founded in the mid-19th century at a time when females' status and rights in society were seen as secondary to men and it was unthinkable for women to be involved in the work 'only men could do'!

Until 1963 women were organised separately throughout the world as the 'Women's Society of St Vincent de Paul', with headquarters in Bologna, Italy. It was founded in 1856 to render charitable aid to the afflicted in matters which men could not handle, such as the care of widows, orphan girls and mothers with small families. After a trial period the women's Society was amalgamated with the men's Society in

1967 and now admits both men and women with equal responsibility. Membership is approximately 50/50 male-female. Today, the SVP's current National President is Helen O'Shea, appointed this year.

A challenge for the Society today
The early history of the SVP shows how radical the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society was in those days. Our work has changed very much today, and one reason for this is a change in the Lay Apostolate. Earlier times saw the SVP as the dominant and, in some respects, the only Lay Organisation in the Church. Nowadays there are many more, doing a variety of different works, which is an encouraging development.

The challenges are, however, as great as at any time in the past 174 years. Have we lost the radical approach to need? Are there lessons for us in the energy and ingenuity expended by our predecessors for the welfare and faith of young people? Are we still as keen to encourage lapsed Catholics to return to the practice of the faith? Is there still a need for us to distribute Catholic literature? Are we doing enough for the unemployed?

The answer is that it is up to every one of us to do the best we can. Given a generosity of spirit, the Society will respond to need as it has always done, with a renewed vigour, with the help of Blessed Frédéric and with the Holy Spirit teaching us that our work never springs from ourselves alone.



Helen O'Shea
SVP National President

If you have enjoyed this series of articles and would like to find out more about the SVP, please contact Lance Philpott – Membership Development Officer for the Diocese of Hallam – at Lance@svp.org.uk.

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Laura Rendell, one of the winning team, has gained a Professional Diploma in Counselling and Psychotherapy. Professor Colin Feltham (Patron of Academy SPACE) presented her with her certificate at the graduation ceremony, (pictured below).



Forty Plus Years Lourdes Pilgrimages



Parishioners of St Ann, Deepcar and St Mary's, Penistone have been travelling to Lourdes on an annual pilgrimage for over forty years. They hope to continue doing so for many more years to come!

CARMEL CARE HOLIDAY

The annual holiday in Hornsea was once again a huge success. In September, ten people set out from Carmel for their four night break at the Convent of Mercy. Good food, company and weather were enjoyed by all, (pictured right and below).



Carmel Care Kitchen Bon Appetit!



On 30 October Bishop Ralph made his annual visitation to Carmel. This was an extra special occasion as he was invited to bless and dedicate the long awaited refurbished kitchen. Carmel is indebted to the many individuals and groups who have given their money, time and skills so generously over the last three years to bring this about. Particular thanks go to Places 'for

People' and Moores Kitchens for providing the units and fitting them free of charge.

Sixty people, including volunteers, benefactors and service users, enjoyed a thanksgiving liturgy followed by a delicious buffet lunch, (pictured above and left; more pictures on the *Hallam News* website, www.hallamnews.com).



Advent Service

Led by Fr John Cooke
Dean of the Sheffield Deanery
Kirk Edge Monastery
Bradfield, Sheffield, S6 6LJ
Sunday, 2 December
2.30-3.30pm



Church Action on Poverty Meeting on Universal Credit

The roll out of Universal Credit and its potential impact on people facing poverty in Sheffield will be the focus of an open meeting organised by Sheffield Church Action on Poverty.

Fears have been rising that hundreds of Sheffields could be pushed over the breadline, leaving city food banks struggling to meet demand, following the introduction of the new Government benefit system that replaces six existing benefits for people without work or on low pay, with a single monthly payment.

Against that background, the local branch of the national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, committed to tackling poverty in the UK, has invited Liz Cook, the new chief executive of Citizens Advice Sheffield, to speak about Universal Credit and other issues facing her organisation.

The meeting will take place at the Sheffield Jesus Centre,
93 Broomspring Lane, S10, at 7pm on Tuesday, 4 December.

All are welcome.

Please contact Briony Broome,
email: briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk
to register your interest.

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36 Church Lane, Dore, Sheffield S17 3GS
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Mrs Barbara Chadbourne
email: bdchadbourne@googlemail.com

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Interviews: Week commencing Monday 28 January 2019

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The Pax Christi Peace Icon in Hallam

On Saturday, 27 October Hallam Justice and Peace Commission hosted the Icon dedicated to Pax Christi International in recognition of Pax Christi's work for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East.

This sacred painting was made in the Monastery of St John in the Desert, near

Jerusalem, and gifted to Pax Christi International in 1999.

The Icon represents Christ as the source of reconciliation, liberation and peace.

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The day began with a brief introduction highlighting the importance of icons in both the Eastern Christian and Orthodox traditions.

During the morning we spent time reflecting on the images on the icon and listening to the stories of those depicted, focusing on the need for forgiveness and reconciliation within all human relationships, recognising that it is only through the pursuit of truth and justice that healing and peace-making becomes possible. The use of simple repetitive chants contributed greatly to the contemplative atmosphere.

The stories we heard were indeed challenging including: those martyred for their beliefs, others killed for refusing to take up arms, saintly men and women who offered their lives to prayer and good works, those on the margins who heard and then proclaimed the message of Jesus, brothers who were reconciled and those who were people of great faith.

The lunch time proved useful for networking between those involved with justice and peace activities in parishes and deaneries.

The afternoon began by praying together the prayer from the icon of peace cards. We were then invited to gather in small groups, using stories from the icon as a stimulus to reflect on how, as people of faith, we can see possibilities for peace making and reconciliation - in ourselves, in our Church, in our society and in our world.



Each group was asked to identify and note a sign of hope. These were displayed (pictured below) at a short liturgy and blessing which brought the meaningful, yet challenging, day to a close.



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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)
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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



Susan Smith, Head Teacher at St Pius X Catholic High School, Wath, says that Well-Being and Mental Health is at the top of all our agendas in the school. Sixteen members of staff completed the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 2 day training course which was delivered by

Juliett Barrott, an accredited MHFA England trainer and counsellor with Hallam Caring Services, assisted by Marsha

Allen Dawson.

Susan added, "I appreciate the time that staff gave in order to complete this valuable training which has provided us with further resources to support our students and colleagues. Thanks also to Juliett and Marsha for giving their time so generously."

For more information please contact Juliett Barrott on 0751 278 6422.

Celebration of Catholic Education in the Doncaster Deanery

A celebration of Catholic education in the Family of Catholic schools in the Doncaster deanery took place at the CAST Theatre in Doncaster on a joint INSET day on Friday, 26 October.

The event was organised by the Catholic headteachers from the eleven primary schools: Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe, St Peter's, Sandy Lane, St Frances Xavier, Balby, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Intake, St Mary's, Edlington, Holy Family, Stainforth, St Joseph's, Retford, St Patrick's, Bircotes, St Joseph and St Theresa, Woodlands, All Saints, Rossington, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley and The McAuley Catholic High School, Cantley.

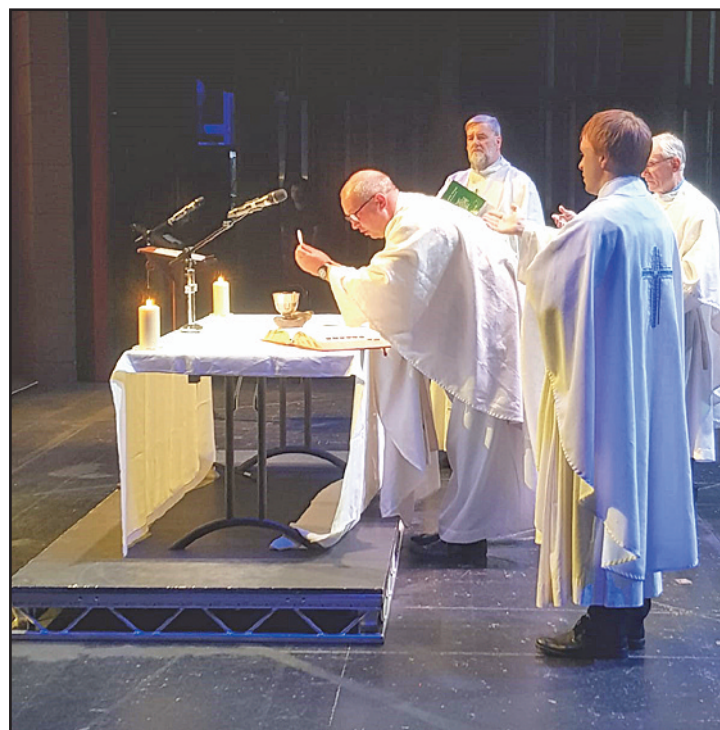
"We really felt that we wanted to celebrate the uniqueness of our schools and to stand up and make a statement about what we stand for," said headteacher of The McAuley Catholic High School, John Rooney.

The celebration was entitled 'Call to Serve' and each element of the event explored this and asked participants to reflect on why they do what they do in our schools asking, "Why are YOU here at this moment? At this time? Why did YOU choose to work in the school YOU work in? Why have YOU been Called to Serve in our family of Catholic schools?"

Over 50 children from all the schools kicked off the day with a spectacular opening song and dance piece 'This is Me' which was met with thunderous approval from the 400 members of the audience, which included teaching and support staff as well as parents and Governors.

The first key note speaker was Fr David O'Malley who delivered a beautiful and witty presentation which focussed on the 'Call to Serve' young people. Fr David is a man with a wealth of experience of working with young people both as a chaplain in a school setting and as a Youth leader in a retreat house.

He has written numerous books and pamphlets on chaplaincy and working with youth, including *Trust:*



the road about Faith and discernment after formal education.

Steve Murray then took to the stage otherwise known as 'The Mime Guy' where human theatre meets the Gospel, which was delivered in a fresh, unique and inspirational style combining mime and preaching. Steve's message was a deeply personal and extremely moving testimony about his journey of faith and how he has been called to serve.

After lunch there was a fantastic video montage from all the schools which underlined the diversity and their unique nature highlighting the kaleidoscope of colour in our family of schools and to celebrate the richness of the children of the families we serve.

In the most fitting way the CAST Theatre was then transformed into church as Mass was celebrated by Fr Darren and concelebrated by Fr Chris, Fr Bernard and Fr David O'Malley.

The celebration of the Eucharist is, of course, the way that our schools truly show their uniqueness amongst other schools in the country.

The full report by John Rooney may be seen on the Hallam News website: www.hallamnews.com.

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Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

We are now in the season of Advent and the beginning of the Church's year. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the "beloved son" of God, the chosen one that God said he would send us. Your church might be dressed in the colour purple which is a symbol of waiting. *Who are we waiting for?* You might have an Advent Wreath in church which helps us along our journey towards Christmas.

The Gospel readings from the four Sundays in Advent this year are from the book of Luke. In these readings, Luke tells us that we must get ready for the coming of Jesus. We should try to prepare our hearts so that Jesus can enter our lives.

In the second and third Sunday Gospels, Luke tells us of another person who was sent to prepare people for the coming of the Messiah. This person was John the Baptist and he is the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. We hear about Elizabeth in the fourth Sunday Gospel, when Mary goes to visit her and spend some time with her (she was Mary's cousin) before she gave birth to Jesus.

How are you getting ready in Advent to receive Jesus into your life?



John the Baptist

I Wonder ...

I wonder what you enjoy in Advent?

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I wonder what is important in Advent?

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I wonder what you can do to be ready to meet the Christ child at Christmas?

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Make your own Advent Candle



To make your own Advent candle, that is like the picture, you will need a tall brightly coloured candle. On it mark 24 short lines from top to bottom. Then, each day, light the candle and find a few minutes to spend with your family to say a few prayers as you journey through Advent.

FUN QUIZ:

Can you remember how Christmas is described in the Bible?

Does the Bible say that:

- Jesus was born on 25 December? Yes/No
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem? Yes/No
- Jesus was born in a stable? Yes/No
- A donkey and a cow were there? Yes/No
- Jesus was laid in a manger? Yes/No
- The angels appeared at night to the shepherds? Yes/No
- The first people who saw Jesus were the shepherds? Yes/No
- Kings came to visit Jesus? Yes/No
- The wise men were called Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior? Yes/No
- The wise men came in January? Yes/No
- The wise men gave gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? Yes/No

A Request

The Children's Liturgy page has been a regular feature of the Hallam News for over a year and our hard-working team who design the page would like to hear your, and your children's, reactions to its content.

We have devised a short survey which is available on the Hallam News website which you can access if you click <https://hallamnews.com> and then go to the tab marked Children's Liturgy. You will find a link to the survey at the bottom of the page and it should take no more than five minutes to complete. Our team will be very grateful for your responses.



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Rebecca

Rebecca Molyneux
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