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JANUARY 2019 No. 348 THE DOWRY OF MARY TRIDUUM

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday.

"A moment of great promise for the Church in this country and for our mission." Cardinal Vincent Nichols







The Dowry of Mary Tour came to St Marie's Cathedral on 22 November.

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WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

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- Deadline for articles for next 1 issue of the Hallam News.
- Hallam Ascent Group meet 2 at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for Members' Carols and Christmas Party. 9 For more details telephone 0114 2306797, email ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com.
- Sheffield Branch Walsing 8 ham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathe dral, Sheffield.
- **Chesterfield Bereavement** Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.
- Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome.
- Sheffield Branch Walsing 22 ham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathe dral, Sheffield.

The SVP Fundraising 'Rock n Roll Night' advertised in December's paper has been postponed to a later date, to be confirmed.

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, exploring paintings with a seasonal theme.

The next session takes place on Saturday, 5 January, 10.15am.

2019 Cursillo will take place at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre, (residential) Crich, Matlock, from Thursday evening, 4 April to Sunday, 7 April.

Contact Eileen Owens mobile: 07938 578942, or email austincorcoran@blueyonder.co.uk for more information.



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Further to the successful launch of Caritas Diocese of Hallam in May last year, a Consultancy Group was established. The Group met for the first time on 13 October at Wickersley.

The speaker who had been invited to give a presentation in developing support for refugees in various dioceses was unexpectedly unable to join us. Fr Shaun Smith stepped in and gave us a well-informed summary of a previous meeting which he had attended on the subject.

This was followed by Anne Peacey (Justice and Peace) giving an account of the Caritas Leadership Conference she had attended in Rome.

Sandra Asquith provided us with her experience of leading a group through 'Lifting the Lid' – six Bible studies exploring Jesus' response to people who are suffering in some way or in need of acceptance. There were further contributions from the floor relating to various projects.

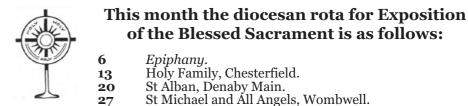
It was agreed that terms of reference need to be drafted for the Consultancy Group and that it will meet two or three times a year. It is planned to have an online and hard copy directory of all the social action projects in the Diocese. Links will be established with similar agencies. After a promising start to Caritas Diocese of Hallam, it is hoped that some meaningful development will result.

The Funeral Mass took place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Spinkhill, Derbyshire on 5 November for Robert Needham 'Bob' Mellors who died on 14 October, aged 86 years. He is the late husband of Angela Mellors,

a longstanding member of the Union of Catholic Mothers, a past Diocesan President and Treasurer of the Walsingham Committee. We offer Angela and her family our

sympathy and prayers.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month



of the Blessed Sacrament is as follows: Epiphany. Holy Family, Chesterfield.

St Alban, Denaby Main.

St Michael and All Angels, Wombwell.

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Pastoral Letter read at all Masses on the weekend of 24/25 November, Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ.

Happy feast day! Each year, today's feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's liturgical year and heralds the season of Advent. For many years now, today is also celebrated as National Youth Sunday.

As some of you may know, I spent the month of October in Rome along with cardinals, bishops, priests, religious men and women and youth from around the world for a synod/meeting on the theme: Youth, Faith and the Discernment of Vocation. The meeting or synod was two years in the preparation, gathering the voices of young people from around the world during that time including some young voices from the Hallam Diocese. Finally, a pre-synod youth meeting took place earlier this year and the production of a document that was our "steer" during the course of the meeting. I felt enormously privileged - if not exhausted at times! - to be part of the synod experience.

In particular, there were two highlights for me. Firstly, the presence of the Holy Father throughout the time of the synod. He was there to welcome us to the St Paul VI centre for each of the plenary sessions of the synod. During the many presentations he listened attentively to what was said. His own words throughout were few but wise. In all this, and more, he showed himself to be a true pastor.

The second highlight for me was to hear the stories from the particular Churches around the world and, especially, some truly inspirational stories of the personal love for Christ and commitment to the life of the church of some of the young in There were the different Churches. many such stories of the young witnessing to Christ and the giving of their lives: Sister Lita Castillo, a Dominican Sister of the Annunciation, aged 22, who died cruelly at the hands of intruders, Anwar Samaan aged 21 and his younger brother, Misho 17, both Salesian animators with a passion for the Salesian charism, who died in Syria, in 2015, after missiles hit their house and killed them and their mother. Or, Safia Al Abbia, a 24 year old Iraqi Coptic Christian pre-sent at the synod who told us that one Sunday leaving Mass he said goodbye to his friends and that he would see them the following week. He never did. They were killed by a car bomb planted outside the church.

As our journey together unfolded it slowly became clear to us that a model

> for understanding the Church's mission towards our youth is the story of Jesus and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. You will recall that Jesus walks with the two disciples who had not understood the meaning of his story and are moving away from Jerusalem and the community. Jesus appears to them

and seems happy to walk in their company even though they are walking away from their community. He asks them questions and listens to their version of recent events to help recognise them what they are experiencing. Then, with love, he an-nounces the Word to them leading them to interpret in the light of the Scriptures the things that have happened to them in recent days. He takes up their invitation to stay with them. In listening

to him their hearts burn with love, their minds are opened and they recognise him in the breaking of bread. The disciples then choose themselves to continue their journey back to the community in Jerusalem and share their experience of their encounter with the risen Christ.

Our journey over the three and half weeks of the Synod reflected the journey of Jesus and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. "Jesus himself came up and walked by their side". (LK 24:15). The first part of our journey was to recognise and note the context in which young people around the world live out their lives, how they live their call to a life of faith and to be aware of their strengths and challenges. "And their eyes were opened." (LK 24:31). The second part of our journey was to interpret the information received from the Churches and come to some understanding of it in the light of the scriptures.



"They set out at that instant and re-turned to Jerusalem". (LK 24:33). On the final part of our journey, we gathered some of the choices to be made and the actions to be taken on return to our own particular Church to help us fulfil our mission to the young: that they will know themselves to be loved, valued and listened to.

Here in the Diocese of Hallam we have, in a way, anticipated what the synod is asking of us. Earlier in the year, the Trustees commissioned a review of the provision of Youth Ministry for 11-18 vear olds in the Diocese to help us plan for the future. I await the findings due soon. Also, it is hoped that the builders will begin work on the new MissionHub.

With these two new projects, we are putting out into the deep in our commitment to the Youth and Young Adults of the Diocese. We pray that they will bring in a great haul for the Lord! + Ralph



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"The visit of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to St Marie's Cathedral was warmly received by parishioners from all over the Hallam Diocese.'



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Moorends Service of Remembrance and Reflection



The 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War was marked at St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends. by a special Service of Reflection. Parishioners were joined by members of the local Anglican and Methodist churches. Music, readings and prayers were chosen to reflect the theme of hope for the future and commitment to peace.

Stories of soldiers from the area were used to illustrate the despair of families who still did not know of their loved one's fate at the time of the Armistice. or knew that their loved one would never return. A lament, 'Flowers of the Forest', was

played by piper Rebecca Holmes. Rebecca had played a lament at Thorne War Memorial at 6am on Remembrance Sunday, marking exactly 100 years since the Armistice was signed.

After the service parishioner, Tony Brookes gave a talk about his research which resulted in two Thorne soldiers having finally been commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 100 years after their deaths. Pictured above: Parish Priest, Fr

Santosh Vazhappally, with Rebecca Holmes and members of the congregation.

The Adoremus Conference held in Liverpool in September continues to impact on participants.

Read the experience of James, a student at All Saints Catholic

McAuley School Remembers

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we, as Catholics, remember those who have died; family and friends alike. It begins with All Saints on 1 November and continues with the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed (All Souls) on the 2nd.

It is also a time, established after the end of World War One, 100 years ago, when those who have died as a result of war and conflict are remembered.

At McAuley Catholic High School, Doncaster, this period marked a very special, significant and poignant time.

On 26 October, the very day the school and other Catholic schools celebrated Catholic Education in Doncaster, Fr John McNamee passed away. Fr Mc, as he was known to everyone in school, was a former diocesan Episcopal Vicar for Education, former Chair of Governors of St Joseph's, Rossington and McAuley too. Fr Mc will be remembered affectionately for his uncompromising support for us and, more especially, for our children. This was recognised when over 1000 children and staff lined Cantley lane and stood in silence, many making the sign of the cross as Fr Mc's cortege made its way to Rose Hill on 12 November. McAuley staff provided musical accompaniment, sixth form students read the intercessions and four sang beautifully during the Requiem Mass.

That same day we held two minutes silence at 11am, with a short service on both sites following the playing of the last post, completing our Armistice Commemorations during the week with services. At a special event on Friday all students experienced a presentation whilst sat in a remarkable poppy installation, featuring hundreds of paper poppies made by student and staff volunteers.

On 29 November a professional actor, Michael Mears, performed his challenging one man play, 'This Evil Thing', which tackled the question of conscience in war and addressing student questions afterwards.

The month of remembrance finished on the 30th with our annual Mass for Deceased Friends and Colleagues, which always includes the reading out of the names of those linked to our school community who have died. The month of November was truly memorable and will be long remembered.

John Rooney, Headteacher, McAuley Catholic High School

November Prayers for the Dead



High School, Sheffield, on our website: www.hallamnews.com.



Fr Chris Posluszny and members of Our Lady Queen of Heaven and St Marie's parishes gathered by the Catholic Chapel at City Road Cemetery, Sheffield, before processing around the grounds.

They prayed the rosary as they processed, stopping at individual graves and placing lighted candles on them.

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Fr Shaun Smith's Tribute to Fr John McNamee

John McNamee and I were in the same year at Ushaw, throughout. from sixth form to philosophy and theology. He got on well with everyone, he was a good all-rounder at sports and we never had a cross word. He has been a great supporter of our college reunions, and his friendship has been valued by us all.

His room-mate for A levels tells the story of their frustration at losing swatting time for exams because of lights out at 10pm, so John installed a light in a wooden cabinet in the corner of their room, where they took it in turns to beat the system with some cramming after dark. I wonder if Bishop John would have still appointed him as his Vicar for Education if he had known of this transgression.....

At Ushaw we called him Jock on account of his Glasgow upbringing. The McNamee family moved from Scotland to Bradford in the 50's, and it was the Bishop of Leeds, George Patrick Dwyer, who accepted John for training for the priesthood. The family moved again to Manchester, and he was ordained at St Aidan's Wythenshawe, on 9 March, 1968, for the Leeds Diocese. He was sent as a curate to St Catherine's, Sheffield, St Peter's, Doncaster, St Joseph's, Keighley and The Annunciation, Chesterfield. In 1982 he was appointed parish priest at English Martyrs, Mexborough, and in 1988 to Christ the King here in Rossington, where he remained as parish priest until his retirement in 2015.

So together, we offer thanksgiving for his life with us. I am certain that his bishops, his parishioners, the diocesan finance board and education committee have appreciated his friendship, his conscientiousness, his integrity and his fidelity to his vocation. His close relationship with his sisters, Ann-Marie, Patricia and Eileen, and brother, Jim, has been a life-long family bond that has been a special strength for him and them

The Eucharist has been at the heart of Fr John's priesthood. The words "Take, bless, break, and give" make present the gift that Christ made to the Church. In a few minutes we will take the bread, bless it, break it and give it, the mystery of faith. And this speaks to us of Christ's life in union with ours - we too are taken, blessed, broken and given, for each other. John Mc-Namee was called into life, blessed in some ways, broken in other ways, and given to us to share the journey with us.

Today has been Armistice Day, a day of national and international remembrance and appreciation of service, courage, and humanity. The prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola that was offered in today's Armistice Day service in London reminds us of how John lived his life:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, To give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds. To toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do your will.

This verse from the poet, Roy Lessin is entitled "When a loved one goes home":

Once he saw through a glass darkly, now he sees his risen Lord. Once he fought through tests and trials,

now he stands in faith's reward. Once he had but partial knowledge,

now he knows as he is known. Once he walked a pilgrim's journey,

now his feet are safely home.

His illness was a trial for him. We hope that his family



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who supported him so well will be comforted by these few words of the mystic St John of the Cross And I saw the river over which every soul must pass, to reach the Kingdom of Heaven, and the name of that river was suffering

and I saw the boat which carries souls across the river, and the name of that boat was love.





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St Charles' 150th Year Celebrations

The October edition of the Hallam News carried news of the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the church of St Charles Borromeo. The article also carried an invitation to all past and present parish-ioners to join in the celebration of Mass on the Feast of St Charles, which is 4 November. Many people took up this invitation. Greg De Couto gives his ac-count of this special celebration.

St Charles has opened its doors to the Polish, Slovak and Eritrean communities of Sheffield. The Jesus Youth Organisation has made St Charles its national headquarters and they use the church daily. All of them celebrate the liturgies of the





Catholic Church in their own languages every week.

The special Feast Day Mass was celebrated by Bishop Ralph and the co-celebrants were Fr Christopher Posluszny, Fr Albert Savaille and Fr Stephen Ssekiwunga. The Mass was well attended, over 160 filled the pews. The Gospel was read in En-

glish, Slovak and Polish. A guest Eritrean priest also read the Gospel in Tigrinya. Benediction was celebrated after Mass. The Blessed Sacrament was processed around the local area before returning into church for the closing of the service.

Finally, a reception was held for everyone in the Hallam Pastoral Centre. Food from every community now using the church was in ample supply. Conversations of old school days and times in the parish were among several topics being discussed.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this day a success. We plan to do the same at the 200-year celebrations, so please make a note in your diaries.

There is a history board on display in the church. It contains many snippets and pictures of the days gone by. It will be on show for a while yet. Do please come along and have a look. If you have any information to add to it, be sure it will be welcome. When the display is eventually taken down all of it will be archived ready for the next big day.

SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL EVENT 2018

The Annual Safeguarding Event took place on Saturday, 10 November at St Mary's Catholic Primary School at High Green, Sheffield. The theme this year was mental health and the excellent feedback we have received confirms that, once again, the day was a huge success. Special thanks are given to Fr Andrew Browne for helping to organise one of our guest speakers and also to Alex Healy (Headteacher) for the use of the school facilities and for her invaluable support on the day.

We were very fortunate to have some excellent guest speakers who gave us very interesting and informative presentations, raising awareness on various topics such as mental health conditions, stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness, support networks available and the recovery mind set process.

The day commenced with a welcome from Colette Hammill and Fr Peter McGuire which was followed by Bob Levesley's talk on suicide prevention. Joe Charles from Sheffield MIND then gave an overview of mental health and mental illness, diagnoses, warning signs and symptoms, statistics and how to look after our own mental health and wellbeing

After lunch Baroness Hollins talked about the impact of abuse on mental health, focussing on mental health support for survivors of abuse, including those with learning disabilities. Baroness Hollins is the founder, Editor and 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. More information on the books and how to order can be accessed via www.booksbeyondwords.co.uk.

The day ended with a short workshop on Mindfulness by Laura Rendell from Hallam Caring Services. Laura is a gualified counsellor and psychotherapist and a trainer in Mindfulness, providing training to teachers and ancillary staff in schools. Laura uses mindfulness technique in her practice on a daily basis in order that clients are able to become more compassionate in their lives.

Bishop Ralph gave a closing speech and prayer at the end of the event. Slides from all presentations are available on request to Jo at the Safeguarding Office.



Beyond Words

Sheila Hollins Baroness shared the Beyond Words method of exploring experiences and feelings through pictures. Children and adults who can't read or who are emotionally upset may find that pictures reach them in ways that words can't. That's why there are no words in Books Beyond Words' picture stories. The books all tell a story, but they also let the reader tell their own story the one they see in the pictures. This can tell vou a lot about a person's inner world, their understanding of situations and what is important to them Sheila founded Beyond Words in 1989 when she was Professor of Psychiatry of Disability at St George's Hospital Medical School in London. At the time, she was looking for pictures to help people with learning disabilities to prepare, better understand and cope with difficult events and experiences in their lives. Books Beyond Words are the result of extensive research with people with learning disabilities and autism and have had a huge impact on these people's health and wellbe-

ing. The series comprises 57 books which cover topics including bereavement, abuse and trauma, criminal justice, physical and mental health, discrimination and much more.

The books are used in a range of one-to-one and group therapeutic and pastoral settings, and increasingly are being used to set up book clubs to provide a social hub.

In these clubs people with learning disabilities can relax, make friends and socialise with each other. Book clubs support social inclusion and community, something many people have been excluded from throughout their lives. Research has shown that community participation contributes to increased selfconfidence and well-being, gives people a voice and guards against harm, enables better mental and physical health, and safeguards against loneliness and harm. More information can be found on the Beyond Words website: www.booksbeyondwords.co.uk and on their channel: YouTube www.youtube.com/user/boo ksbevondwords.

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Celebrating 27 years of Fr Peter Cullen's **University Chaplaincy Ministry**

A celebration was held at Firth Hall, University of Sheffield, to give thanks for the 27 years of ministry that Fr Peter Cullen has given to the university chaplaincy from 1990 to 2017.

About 150 former members of the chaplaincy from the last 27 years gathered together, travelling from all parts of the country, some from overseas. We all came to give thanks for a chaplaincy and a chaplain who touched our lives so deeply. Many brought their families to join together in the celebrations. Mass was held in Firth

Hall with a buffet afterwards. It was fitting that the second reading came from Acts 2:44-47 which was our chaplaincy scripture passage. We prayed together, we shared together, and we broke bread together.

In his sermon Fr Pete said he saw the weekend as a celebration of chaplaincy as a whole and not a celebration of just his own ministry. He thanked all who were involved in the chaplaincy throughout the years and explained how al-



Fr Peter with his Certificate of Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis though as chaplain he led, it was really the students who ministered to each other in a spirit of generous giving. Fr Pete called us to look forward to the future and continue in this ministry of service to others. He recalled some of the great times at the chaplaincy and also some of the harder times where his ministry enabled him to help students in times of need. Fr Pete reminded us that although life has its ups and downs, Jesus always walks beside us. We pre-

sented Fr Pete with an apostolic blessing from Pope Francis and a commemorative tankard inscribed with our chaplaincy logo and scripture passage. The weekend was a great time to give thanks and remember our time at the chaplaincy and catch up with friends. Ålthough we are spread around the country, and the world, the bonds of friendship are still strong and the part chapand Fr laincy Pete's ministry played in guiding our own vocations and strengthening us in our faith is something to continue to give

thanks for.

Mark McCabe

NEW DIRECTOR FOR ST WILFRID'S CENTRE

The Hallam News thanks Josie Brooks for all her work at St Wilfrid's over the last two years. We welcome Wayne Hoyle as the new Director and share his message with you.

"I feel extremely privileged to have taken over from Josie Brooks as the Director at St Wilfrid's. I've been here for over a month now and it's clear that she has worked very closely with staff, volunteers and clients to help prepare the centre for its next exciting phase of development.

"My journey, over the last 20 years or so, has included delivering education, in segregation, to high risk offenders in a category 'A' prison, managing early help and youth services within local authorities and leading on gangs and serious youth violence for Sheffield City Council. More recently, I have worked with a number of national charities to help them raise funding and develop support services in relation to homelessness, refugees, child sexual exploitation, mental health and criminal justice.

"Locally, the community and voluntary sector is facing an acute challenge as it becomes increasingly difficult to secure investment whilst working in an environment of growing inequality; people are presenting with increasingly complex problems, budget deficits and a lack of financial security. As demand for services is rising, the challenge is to enable us to continue what we do best - providing a place of refuge whilst helping people to build their confidence and skills.

"I believe that with a progressive and dynamic vision in place, St Wilfrid's is exceptionally well placed to take on this challenge. The sheer dedication of everybody associated with the centre is unparalleled and this includes the readers of Hallam News. I'm looking forward to harnessing this energy as we approach our 30th anniversary. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions." (wayne@stwilfridscentre.org)





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Fr Peter cuts his cake with the daughter of one of the former students of the Chaplaincy

St Charles Borromeo and Clustering

Many will be aware that St Charles has been under the administration of the Cathedral for the last few years. Under the strain of priest shortages in the Deanery the decision to merge with the parish of St Joseph's, Handsworth has been made. From 2 December, Fr Mark Mc-Manus became the new parish priest. Masses will still be held in each church, although the times have been slightly adjusted. Sunday Mass in St Charles will be at 8:30am and at St Joseph's at 10am. The change in times may have caused mixed emotions for several. The Bishop had to make some very hard decisions, we pray for him.

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RENEWING THE LITURGY

October the speaker was Tom O'Loughlin, Professor of Historical Theology at Nottingham University. Tom's major work is a book called "The Eucharist-its origins and modern understandings". It is a very tough read! More popular will be Tom's most recent book: "The Rites and

Wrongs of Liturgy: why good liturgy matters" which should be of interest to anyone who is interested in growing in their understanding of the principles and practice of liturgy.

Tom covered topics such as: When was the first Eucharist? Eucharistic space and What was distinctive in the way Jesus offered thanks to the Father? He gave us much to think about in taking forward not just our understanding of the liturgy, but insights to help in the celebration of the liturgy, especially of the Eucharist.

In his final session, Tom took us through an article he published in The Furrow in May 2015 called "Renewing the Liturgy—six simple steps".

Over the next few months Fr Peter McGuire will dip into this article.

The article begins: "Half a century after Vatican II it is easy to be sad that many of the great hopes of the Council have not



t the annual gathering of the priests of the Diocese last been realised, but that is small comfort for those who are anxious to see a renewal of the Church in their lifetime or a renewal in their community which seems stuck in the past, aging, with little energy, and embarrassed by scandal succeeding scandal. Others seek scapegoats: the Curia in Rome, bishops, the 'forces of reaction', lack of resources Indeed, there is

something in both these explanations: the full impact of any change in an organisation as diffuse as the Church can often take decades to work itself out, and the full consequences — such is the way of human action — take centuries. And, yes, there have been since the Council those who saw little need for it and who disliked its outcomes, and today such reactionaries are both well organised and very influential ...

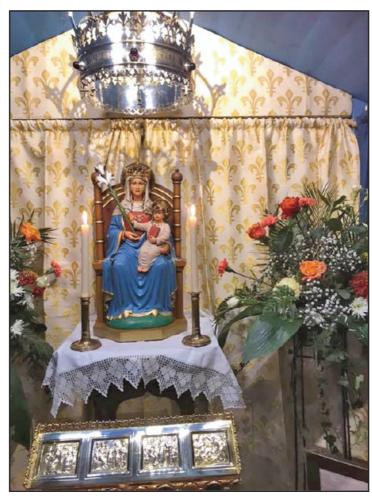
But are there simple steps that one can take right now which can help to embed in our own community Vatican II's new vision of the Church as the pilgrim People of God?"

The article then goes on to suggest Six Simple Steps which could go some way to achieving Vatican II's vision in our celebration of the Eucharist. We will follow these simple steps over the next few months.

"Be England Thy Dowry" The Dowry of Mary Tour Comes to St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield

"Share my joy that my Son has redeemed you." Mary's words at Walsingham have inspired Mgr John Armitage, rector of the RC National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, and his team, to make the "Dowry of Mary" tour to every Catholic cathedral in the country by 2020, when the Bishops will rededicate England as Mary's Dowry.

From Thursday, 22 to Saturday, 24 November the tour visited the Cathedral of St Marie, Sheffield. The historic statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the National Shrine's Slipper Chapel was set up, surrounded by a small replica of a house, in St Joseph's Chapel. A copy of this statue is kept in the Parish Room in St Marie's. An exhibition around the cathedral told the story of Walsingham from the 11th century to the present



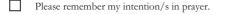
day. There was a prayerful, joyful atmosphere. Masses and prayers and devotions to Our Lady continued throughout the visit.

On the first evening Mgr Armitage talked about Walsingham and about the historic title of England as Mary's Dowry. Numerous churches in England are dedicated to Mary. The word "dowry" usually means a sum of money, or goods brought by a wife to a marriage. Another meaning is that it is something set apart by a husband for his wife. Thus, England is "set apart" and dedicated to Mary. Consequently, this country is the only one that includes the "Hail Mary" in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Many dowry paintings exist, including the famous Wilton diptych, in the National Portrait Gallery, which shows Richard II, his patron St John the Baptist, St Ed ward the Confessor and the martyr St Edmund. Richard kneels before the Virgin and Child, as he dedicates England to her, as her dowry. The rededication will not give England to Mary. It is already hers. Rather, it will be a dedication of our faith.

In 1061, Our Lady appeared to Richeldis de Faverches and asked her to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth, in Walsingham. The Norfolk village, "England's Nazareth", became a popular place of pilgrimage, until the dissolution of the monasteries. Pilgrimages resumed in the 1930s and the village is again a centre of Christian devotion. It has a strong ecumenical spirit, with Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican shrines.

The Walsingham Association encourages devotion to Our Lady and promotes the Shrine. The Sheffield branch is very active. We make an annual pilgrimage to Walsingham on a Marian feast. Please join us for our fundraising light lunches, in St Marie's Parish Room, after the 12.45pm Mass, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of most months. All are welcome to become members. Those who cannot be active can help by their prayers. Contact Francesca Flynn, on 0114 2686247, francesca@fmflynn.plus.com.

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The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in St Joseph's Chapel



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Society of St Vincent de Paul – Why we do it

Following on from our series about the history of the SVP. Lance Philpott, Membership Development Officer for the Diocese of Hallam, now explains "Why we do it."

The reason why members of the SVP volunteer to 'meet need wherever it may be found' can be identified in the spirituality the society fosters and engenders. Frederic Ozanam embraced the values of St Vincent because of the special way he worked with those in need. St Vincent's qualities underpin all the

society's aims encouraging us to show simplicity, humility, gentleness, selflessness and commitment.

These Vincentian values guide us to show our love and respect to those we work with, deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and support each other in all we do. With this foundation we can:

- · seek out and find those who need our help
- serve all cheerfully
- · respect the dignity of the individual
- be non-judgemental
- seek justice
- be generous with our time and our possessions

How does Vincentian Spirituality affect me?

Committing as a volunteer means offering one's service. Being called to serve means we must be able to reflect on the example shown to us by St Vincent de Paul and try to put his values into practice in our daily life. Sometimes this is not easy as 'we are all human' but practice does help us get it right, as does training.





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However, we must never lose sight of the power of God at work in our lives and the grace or help he gives us enables us to be successful in what we do.

The SVP is a spiritual society. This means our work does not "spring from ourselves alone" but from our relationship with God and the teachings and sacrifices of his son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Being a Vincentian we accept the need to work together as members of the Society and the Body of Christ. As members of a Conference, we can grow individually and collectively

when we meet in Vincentian fellowship and conduct our meetings in accordance with The Rule and Internal Statutes. Living out these values and working together we are able to *turn concern into action*.

In more practical terms, when asked why they do it, current volunteers have offered the following:

'Lonely and need are two words that stood out for me. I wanted to do something to help those alone and in need.'

'I felt moved by the appeal to give some thing to those who might need my help.' 'I've got the time and I wanted to do something worthwhile in my parish.'

> 'It's the right thing to do. I want to make a difference to others' lives.'

'I was looking for a way to offer my services to others and the SVP presented itself as an ideal opportunity to do this.'

This is just an example of the reasons SVP volunteers in Hallam give for why they cheerfully offer their time to put their faith into action.

If you are interested in finding out more about the SVP or setting up a conference in your parish, please contact Lance Philpott, SVP Membership Development Officer for the diocese of Hallam at Lancep@svp.org.uk.

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Marriage **Preparation**

Marriage and Family Life Project arranges a weekend course for engaged couples each year in Hallam. The weekend is delivered by trained volunteer couples from the Marriage Encounter movement

Ten couples (seven from Hallam) attended the course which took place in November at the Pastoral Centre.

Marriage Care





Charles and Jane Perryman recently retired from Marriage Care.

Charles was a counsellor for twenty-nine years and trained counsellors for eighteen years. He was Chair of Marriage Care for five years.

Jane was a counsellor for sixteen years and trained counsellors for ten years. Jane managed the Sheffield Marriage Care office at St Wilfrid's Centre for twenty five years. She was also employed as a development offi-

cer for Marriage Care for nine years.



Pictured on the left, left to right, Bishop Ralph, Jane and Charles Perryman as Mark Molden presents the couple with their certificates.



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Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

This month, we are finding out all about prayer and praying. As followers of Jesus, we know that prayer is important because it brings us closer to God. It is like spending time with our friends as we get to know them better. We get to know God better when we spend time listening and talking to him.

When do you pray? Where do you pray? Jesus spent a lot of time praying - sometimes on his own and sometimes with friends or crowds of people. What was important to Jesus was that prayer brought him closer to

God his Father in heaven. One day, the disciples (Jesus' special friends) asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus taught them what we call **The Lord's Prayer**, and this can be found in the Gospels of both **Matthew** (chapter 6: 9-13) and **Luke** (11: 1-4).

We often say this prayer when we pray together. We can pray in church, at home and in school. In fact we can pray anywhere! And we can say anything to God, but it is good to pray **The Lord's Prayer** too. Do you know the words already?

We will look at what the words mean and help you to understand them better.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name This sentence means that we are talking to God and that he is very special to us.





I Wonder ...

Which part of the Lord's Prayer you like the best?

How you feel when you pray?

How God feels when you pray?

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven Christians believe that God's Kingdom is a place where there is peace and love. One day, Christians hope that earth will also be a place of love and peace too.

Give us this day our daily bread This means that God cares about us all in every part of our lives.



And forgive us our sins, as

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen Making a bad choice is a temptation and through prayer, we ask that God helps us to make the right choice. We also ask that God protects us from evil.

We say Amen

who trespass against us Christians believe that by Jesus dying on the cross all our sins are forgiven, but we must also remember that if anyone hurts us in any way, that we must forgive them. Did you remember to say sorry to God when you made a bad choice?

Ideas for the Lord's Prayer adapted from RE:quest website



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EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

All Saints Year 6 **Open Morning**

On Saturday, 22 September All Saints Catholic High School held their annual Open Morning for Year 6 pupils and parents.

As usual, it was a busy and successful event with over 600 visitors. Pupils from All Saints acted as guides for prospective parents and pupils, guiding them around the site to view the variety of exciting activities on offer.

Not surprisingly, the muffins that Year 7 baked proved very popular!

Hello to the **All Saints Prefects!**

This term at All Saints we have launched our new prefect team to support the day to day running of the school.

The team consists of students from Year 11, 12 and 13 who will be supporting school events, developing their leadership opportunities and working with our younger students to develop their skills.







Use the clues to solve the puzzle: the solution is below

QUICK Across

7 Christian scholar; saint and Doctor of the Church (347-420) (6)

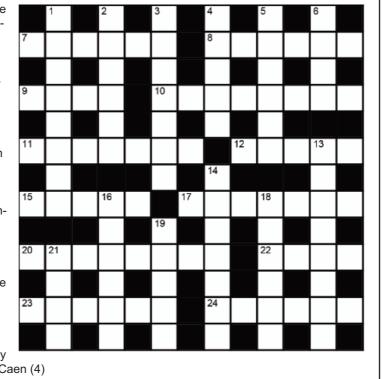
8 In OT the name often used for the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea (6)

9 Main part or body of a church (4) 10 Man in whose house the Ark was temporarily stored (8)

11/12 Composer whose Requiem in C minor was played at his more famous brother's funeral in 1809 (7,5) 15 Bish? (2,3)

1315 and 1090 BC (variant spelling) (7) 20 Nadia ------: multiple Olympic champion, 1976-80 (8) (4)

Romans besieged the Jews for a year in 72-73 AD (6) 6 Spanish fizz (4) 13 First words of a medieval 4 hymn describing the Last Judgment (4,4) 14 Chinese communists, acolytes of the thoughts published in the 'Little Red Book' (7)16 Highly poisonous snake family which in-





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17 Any of twelve Egyptian kings between 22 One of the two main branches of Islam

23 Consecrate (6)

24 God's instruction on moral, social and spiritual behaviour laid out in the Pentateuch (3.3)

QUICK Down

1 Receive a boon; raise the spirits (3,1,4) 2 Eleventh son of Jacob (6) 3 Former name of the holy Hindu city, Varanasi, on the Ganges (either spelling) (7)4 'Vulgate' language of 7 (5)

18 Oldest and most important Christian feast (6) 19 Passages from the Bible and other religious works used as subjects of sermons (5) 21 River of Normandy which flows through Caen (4)

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cludes the cobra (6)

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16 Elapid, 18 Easter, 19 Texts, 21 Orne. 2 Joseph, 3 Benares/Benaras, 4 Latin, 5 Masada, 6 Cava, 13 Dies Irae, 14 Maoists, 17 Rameses, 20 Comaneci, 22 Shia, 23 Anoint, 24 The Law. Down: 1 Get a lift, Across: 7 Jerome, 8 Arabah, 9 Nave, 10 Abinadab, 11/12 Michael Haydn, 15 Rt Rev,

5 Ancient mountaintop fortress where the

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Stephanie Beech, former parishioner at St Vincent's parish in Crookes, Sheffield, is running the London Marathon in April, 2019 for Jesuit Missions. For the last year she has been working for the London based charity as their Communications Officer and recently travelled to Guyana, where she visited some of the projects that they support.

Jesuit Missions is the International Development of-fice for the Jesuits in Britain. For over 50 years it has supported vulnerable communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America. I recently had the opportunity to travel to Guyana, a small country on the north coast of South America where the Jesuits have been active for over 150 years.

Guyana has a small population of 775, 000 people, despite being a similar size geographically to the UK. Ninety percent of the population live in the coastal region and consider themselves part of the Caribbean, while the remaining ten percent live in the Amazon basin which covers over seventy five percent of the country and characterises an indigenous Amerindian culture.

Although English is the national language of Guyana, many of the people who live in the Amazonia





region have their own indigenous languages such as Makushi and Wapishiana. Despite this, Guyanese education is completely taught in English, meaning that many children from this area have an immediate disadvantage when they begin school, having very little or no previous knowledge of the English language. Jesuit Missions is supporting a Quality Education Bilingual Programme which is currently being piloted in three schools. This programme encourages chil-dren to learn in Wapishiana simultaneously alongside English when they begin school. It is part of a campaign to preserve the local indigenous Amerindian culture which works closely with the protection of the Amazon.

Pope Francis states that, "The Amazon is a region with rich biodiversity; it is multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious. It is a mirror of all humanity which in defence of life, requires structural and personal changes by all human beings, by nations and by the church." The culture of the indigenous people in Guyana, and their way of living in communion with nature, have never been as threatened than at present as large corporations try to take advantage of the resources and minerals found in the Amazon region, as well as the forced expansion of urban areas.

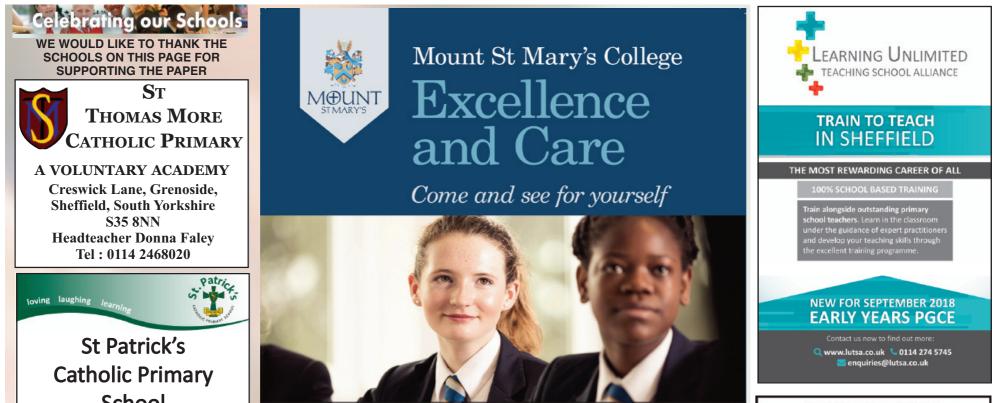
In response to this, the Pope has called all the Bishops of the Amazon together for a Pan-Amazonian synod in Rome in October, 2019 which is entitled New paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology'. This is an opportunity for the Church to readdress and respond to some of the environmental injustices which are occurring across the Pan-Amazonian region.

Jesuit Missions also responds to emergency disasters such as the Kerala floods that affected over one million people in South India in August 2018. This is something that is very close to my heart after spending six months living and working in Kerala three years ago.

I decided to run the London Marathon for Jesuit Missions after having witnessed first-hand the work that Jesuit Missions is doing in Guyana. As a runner, the London Marathon has always been on my bucket list so I am very excited to have this opportunity to take part in April. I wanted to take on this challenge to raise money for something that is close to me and that I know can make a difference.

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