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## SHEFFIELD DEANERY LOOKS FORWARD

As some will know, Sheffield is now a single deanery. In the Mass count taken in October, 2017 there were nearly 5000 people at Mass across the deanery, spread over forty Sunday Masses – plus one Mass at the Carmelite monastery at Kirk Edge, Hallam's powerhouse of prayer and peace, where the sisters pray daily for the diocese, (the Chapel at Kirk Edge is pictured on the right).

Priests are allowed to celebrate no more than three Sunday Masses, including the Saturday vigil, so forty Sunday Masses in Sheffield would soon be unsustainable. The first step in addressing this issue was to cluster some parishes together. Then, Bishop Ralph asked us to decrease the numbers of Masses in the clusters wherever practicable, with the changes to come into effect from Advent, 2018.

We have had three deanery-wide meetings of clergy and parish representatives to provide information about, and impetus to, the process of change.

Information on these meetings can be seen on a deanery web page: [sites.google.com/view/sheffield-deanery/](https://sites.google.com/view/sheffield-deanery/), along with three prayers for the diocese and deanery which people appreciated. Here is one of the prayers.

**Lord Jesus, look on us in love  
as we seek the way forward in  
our diocese.**

**Inspire us with your Spirit  
that we may approach the future  
with wisdom, discernment and  
generosity.**

**Make our hearts burn within us  
as we walk with you,  
that we may be renewed as  
communities of Good News.**

**We place our trust in you,  
who live and reign for ever and  
ever, Amen.**



Our final meeting collected impressions of the impact of the changes so far. The picture was varied. Some parishes felt the benefit from larger congregations at fewer Masses, but parishes were also dealing with the challenges of integrating new people and with people's pain over the loss of familiar arrangements. Another positive aspect mentioned was the possibility for being more effective through co-operation between parishes in a cluster. Of course, other parishes had seen little change.

As a result of the changes, the number of Sunday Masses is now thirty-three, and there is some scope for further reduction. Based on the October, 2017 numbers, this should now make the average attendance at a Sunday Mass in Sheffield a bit less than 150.

It is clear, from the number and the ages of our priests, that further change lies ahead across the diocese, so it is worth repeating words from one of the documents from the dean, Fr John Cooke, "We are a Eucharistic Church. Sunday Mass is the focal point of our identity; we know this. It is painful to look at a reduction in provision. But change, though sometimes painful, is also a gateway to renewal. The practical questions, 'What time will Mass be?' and 'Where will it be?' don't really get to the heart of the matter. We are called to be vibrant, life-giving gatherings at Sunday Mass, from which people go out wanting to be, in both action and word, the embodiment of the Good News of Jesus."

This fits in with Pope Francis' description of us all as being, by baptism, missionary disciples. Sunday Mass is the 'engine' of our missionary endeavour.

Deacon John Biggins  
St William of York

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## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> .   | 10 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.                    |
| 3 | Hallam Ascent Group meet for Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Cemetery Chapel, Rivelin Valley Road, Sheffield, S6 5GL, 2pm. For more details telephone 0114 2306797, email ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 10 | Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome. |
| 9 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.   | 23 | 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:



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| 7  | St Gerard, Thrybergh.           |
| 14 | <b>Palm Sunday</b>              |
| 21 | <b>Easter Sunday</b>            |
| 28 | The Annunciation, Chesterfield. |

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## The Book of Revelation

A Series of Illustrated Talks  
with Fr John Ryan

**HOLY ROOD CHURCH HALL, BARNSELY**  
**Thursday, 7-8.30pm**  
**4, 11 April**

**ST VINCENT'S CHURCH HALL, CROOKES, SHEFFIELD**

**Wednesday, 7-8.30pm**  
**1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May, 5 June**

**ST PETER-IN-CHAINS CHURCH HALL, DONCASTER**

**Thursday, 7-8.30pm**  
**2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May, 6 June**

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# Flame 2019

**O**n Saturday, 2 March, just around 150 people travelled to Wembley Arena for Flame 2019 – the biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales, attended by more than 8,500 people. This included 130 young people drawn from the High Schools in the Diocese, and the Sheffield University and Sheffield Hallam Chaplaincies.

They were accompanied by around 20 adults – School Chaplains, staff and other volunteers, including Bishop Ralph, Fr Lee Marshall, Fr James Shekelton, and two sisters from the Daughters of Divine Charity in Chesterfield - Sr Linda and Sr Michaela.

This was the fourth Flame Congress but it was the first time all the various groups had joined together, travelling in three coaches, as one organised Hallam group with everyone easily identifiable in their Hallam Hoodies, including Bishop Ralph!

The theme of the day was "Significance". The inspiring speakers included Guvna B and Emma Borquaye, founder of a blog for teenage girls, [www.girlgotfaith.com](http://www.girlgotfaith.com), David Wells, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and a video message from Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche community. In different ways, the speakers invited us to recognise that each person's life is unique, and that we are exactly as God made us - we are special to God.



The Hallam Group at Flame 2019



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For many, the highlight was a talk by Robert Madu, an American pastor from Texas, who compared our lives to a race and encouraged us to, "Stay in our lane, and keep our eyes on Jesus", and to "Stay on our own mark, rather than other people's marks", warning against measuring self-esteem in Twitter and Instagram likes, or responses on Facebook and Snapchat; telling us "Comparison is the thief of joy; comparison is the cancer of contentment".

There was lively music and praise throughout the day, but the quiet stillness of the Arena during the period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude the event was one of the most powerful moments.

Before everyone got on their coaches to leave Wembley, Bishop Ralph thanked the School Chaplains for organising the day and thanked all the young people for taking part. He encouraged everyone to look out for further opportunities to continue the encounter back in the Diocese over the next few months.

## The Art of THE PASSION - The Passion in Art!

An Illustrated Talk with Katherine Hinzman

Sunday, 7 April at 3pm

Jubilee Hall  
behind Our Lady of Perpetual Help RC Church  
High Street Bentley, Doncaster, DN5 0AT

Discover the different approaches that artists down the ages have taken in depicting THE PASSION of Our Lord Jesus.  
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Katherine Hinzman graduated with a distinction in her Masters in the History of Art and Visual Culture from the University of Oxford. She is currently in the final year of her PhD at the University of York specialising in Art and Theology. Organiser of 'Catholicism and the Arts York', a seminar series, she regularly gives talks on religious art works and contributes commissioned reviews and articles to specialist art magazines, including the journal of the Pre-Raphaelite Society. There will be time for Questions and Discussion and light refreshments will be provided.

An excellent opportunity to begin to think about the passion and death of Jesus in advance of Palm Sunday and Holy week.

Admission Free All welcome!

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**Where is it?** On the A19, 2 miles from Doncaster town centre. Driving from Doncaster along the Selby Road, the church is opposite 'Heron Foods' on your right hand side. The church building (1950s) runs lengthways along the side of the road and there is a sign on the wall for the Jubilee Hall. The Hall is through the gate at the end of the church building. There is street parking nearby and a free public car park across the road, entrance behind 'Heron Foods'.



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The next session takes place on Saturday, 6 April, 10.15am.

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# DIVINE RENOVATION: BRINGING OUR PARISHES FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION

## A declining Church in this country?

Worried about declining numbers in your parish? Worried that the church seems to be shrinking in this country? Worried that many young people don't seem to continue in the practice of their faith? Worried about church closures? Fr James Mallon of St Benedict's Parish, Halifax, Nova Scotia threw out a challenge to us to change our way of thinking. Stop worrying and be converted to the Gospel. Be open to the working of the Holy Spirit, turn to Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and learn to respond to his Great Commission to, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you'.

## Reaching out to the suffering world around us

A group of us from the Hallam Diocese joined delegates from all over the country and from around the world at the Bethel Convention Centre in West Bromwich, including about 80 priests, 6 Bishops and 400 lay people, to hear Fr James Mallon and his team share with us their experiences of renewal through a radical change of focus in which leading people to a personal encounter with Christ and learning to look outwards can become the new focus for our parishes.

As Catholics we are quite used to witnessing as individuals to our faith, whether at work, or to our neighbours in places of education or wherever. But few of us are really used to 'throwing open the doors' and welcoming people into our churches through a collective community effort. Fr James preached an inspirational sermon on the prodigal son, reminding us that the Father looked out every day for his son's homecoming, rushed out to meet him when he saw him in the distance and completely put aside the fact that the prodigal son's repentance was far from perfect – he thought he would get a better deal back home rather than feeding the pigs. Fr James challenged us to become 'like the Father' in our love and openness to the broken and suffering world around us. It's no longer good enough for us to focus inwards on maintaining our dwindling numbers.

## Becoming missionary disciples – and making more disciples. The Alpha Programme

So how on earth do we do this? The challenge seems to be so immense and we are well and truly out of our comfort zones with all of this. Fr James described how using the Alpha Programme, which was originally developed at Holy Trinity, Brompton in London, has brought about an amazing renewal and growth in his parish. People are encountering Christ in a deep and personal way, new people are being welcomed into the community, young people are being engaged with their faith and the parish is becoming used to a radical new missionary focus. The Alpha Programme is based on a few core principles:

- A radical commitment to prayer and an openness to the working of the Holy Spirit. Only through

the working of the Holy Spirit can people be brought to conversion and a meeting with the Lord. This is an opportunity for us to commit ourselves in our parishes to deep and faith filled prayer for all those hosting and attending the Alpha programme.

- The commitment of the whole parish community to a new spirit of welcome and hospitality. Providing a warm and open welcome with a cooked meal is an important part of the Alpha programme.

- A non-judgmental spirit, and freedom from any sense of 'pressure'. People are accepted 'where they are' and are free to attend all or part of the programme of 11 weeks that is offered.

- The building of a sense of community and friendship.

## This all sounds a bit un-Catholic – really?

Fr James reminded us that the call to evangelisation is at the heart of our Catholic faith. Not only does the call to evangelisation come from the Lord himself, but its importance has been reiterated by many popes, not least Saint John Paul II and Pope Francis.

*'A new sense of mission cannot be left to a small group of specialists but must involve the responsibility of all the members of the people of God. Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him.'* Redemptoris

Missio 1990, Saint John Paul II

*'I want a mess! I want the Church to go out into the streets! I want us to defend ourselves against all worldliness, opposition to progress, from that which is comfortable, from that which is clericalism, from all that which means being closed-up in ourselves. Parishes, schools, institutions are made in order to go out!'* Pope Francis at World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro

Fr James said that one of his least favourite quotes was the one said to come from St Francis, 'Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary use words.' Firstly, there is little evidence that St Francis ever said this, and secondly there is much evidence that St Francis did use words in preaching the Gospel – all the time. There is a danger that we can use this quotation as a big 'get out' from ever having to share our faith in an open way – with words!

## Want to find out more?

Most of us attending have read or are starting to read Fr James Mallon's inspirational, but highly challenging book *Divine Renovation* ISBN 978-1-62785-038-4. If you are up for a serious challenge, then give it a go. Also check out the website: <https://alpha.org/catholic-context/home>.

Richard Watts



The group from Hallam at the Divine Renovation Conference

## Changing lives - one voucher at a time

Ernest is a Polish graduate who lived in Sheffield for nine years, with regular employment and staying in his own accommodation. However, following an injury, he lost both his job and then his home, and for three years he had been sleeping rough, surviving by begging on the streets.

His life turned around when a passer-by gave Ernest a voucher for St Wilfrid's Centre entitling him to a shower, a hot meal and some warm clothes. On his first visit to the Centre he was welcomed by Agnes, one of the St Wilfrid's welfare workers, who is herself Polish. Ernest committed to working with St Wilfrid's support programme and, with Agnes's help, Ernest was able to find both work and secure accommodation. As Ernest says, "My life is back to normal now, I have somewhere to sleep, a phone, and a job. St Wilfrid's were extremely helpful, not only practically, but also emotionally and mentally."

The latest government statistics show a 19% increase in the number of people sleeping rough in the Yorkshire region over the last twelve months. Over the same period, St Wilfrid's has seen a 22% increase in self referrals (including rough sleepers).

St Wilfrid's Centre is holding its **Annual Sleep Out in the Centre's car park on Friday, 29 March** to help raise funds for its rough sleeper service that costs £15,000 a year to run. To find out more, visit [www.stwilfridscentre.org](http://www.stwilfridscentre.org) and follow the Sleep Out link on the home page.

St Wilfrid's vouchers enable people living rough to access a shower, a hot meal and warm clothes. If you would like some vouchers to distribute, please call the Centre on 0114 255 5720 or email [info@stwilfridscentre.org](mailto:info@stwilfridscentre.org).

## DIVINE RENOVATION: The first in a series of articles about the book which focuses on renewal in our parish communities.

*Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission* - Fr James Mallon

This is a powerful and very readable book written by a priest from Canada, and several of us from Saint William of York Parish, Sheffield, went to a conference in West Bromwich which was based on the book. We heard him preach on new ways of understanding the decline of the churches in the West by bringing the parable of the prodigal son to life for our times.

This is a profound story of a father who had two sons. One was faithful and obeyed his father year after year. He brought up his family to take care of his father's estate and fulfilled all his obligations as a son. His younger brother was different – he wasted everything his father gave him and walked away from his family obligations. Which of the two deserved the father's celebration banquet? We know what Jesus taught, but how many of us secretly sympathise with the gripes of the dutiful son who complained of unfairness?

The father loved both equally, not because of their practises but because they were both his offspring. The wasteful son delighted his father because he came to beg forgiveness. The dutiful son griped at what he felt was his father's unfairness. Now let's look at our parishes. Being good Catholics, we fulfil our personal obligations to go to Mass, give our time and our

money, bring our children through Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Surely we deserve the father's praise, haven't we done enough?

Look around your parish and into your heart. Does our Father look more favourably on those who never miss Mass on a holy day of obligation and dutifully make sure that their children are brought up as 'good Catholics'? The message of the parable (and Fr Mallon's book) is that none of us buys the Father's love by doing our duty as Catholics. We have his love as a free gift because he chooses to give it to his children. Our response should be to hold out empty hands to embrace him and join in his joy.

Fr Mallon goes on to show how destructive it is to the life of a local church if it focuses on maintenance – the dutiful son obeyed his father but from a cold heart that could not welcome back his wayward brother. Instead, our parishes should share the loving heart of the father and be looking out in mission to welcome home those who have squandered the father's gifts, as well as those who have never heard of his love.

In future articles we will look in depth at chapters from Fr Mallon's book, as he diagnoses the problems of our churches and teaches us how we can renew them through sharing the love of God in mission.

Paul Jackson



# RENEWING THE LITURGY

## Six Simple Steps: 5 and 6

At the annual gathering of the priests of the Diocese last October the speaker was Tom O'Loughlin, Professor of Historical Theology at Nottingham University. Tom gave the priests of the Diocese Six Simple Steps which could go some way to achieving Vatican II's vision in our celebration of the Eucharist. This month we take a look at steps 5 and 6.

### Step 5: Stand at the Table

"One of the obvious changes in the reformed liturgy was that 'the priest no longer had his back to the people.' Altars were 'pulled out' or a new one built behind which the president stood – and the change was understood in terms of visibility. Now what he did could be seen rather like a science teacher's demonstration bench." But it could also be seen as "a podium for the presider along with all the other furniture in the 'performance area of a church building'. But the change was really to draw out that the Eucharist takes place at a table, which can be interpreted as our altar. This is the Lord's table around which we are bidden by the Lord and which anticipates the heavenly table.

"In terms of a vision of the Church, to be gathered round about it serves to emphasise that we are all called into intimacy with the Lord and all called to ministry of one sort or another. Priesthood is a matter of presiding among the baptised, not

providing a priestly service on behalf of the baptised. We have but one priest, the Christ, and we are sisters and brothers. If we reject clericalism, notions of a priestly elite, then the way we gather for the Eucharist must reflect this. ... We regularly hear of being called to share in the Lord's table ... this must have physical liturgical expression if (a) we believe it and (b) believe that the liturgy is sacramental.

"Steps 2, 4 and 5 taken together express a completely different way of being Church, and a radically different way of understanding our relationships with the Church – in effect a Church of mutual service. By contrast, continuing with the opposite practices perpetuates the vision of a Church of distinctions and levels" as if the vision of Vatican II is to be ignored.

### Step 6: The Prayer of the Faithful

"The oldest debate in Christian liturgy relates to the tension between fixed formulae and spontaneous

prayer. ..." The history of our liturgy sees set eucharistic formulae emerging in the early communities but we also have statements about prayer being uttered by the president "as best he can". ... "At the Reformation, Catholics virtually eliminated any role for spontaneous prayer in the official liturgy." By the time of Vatican II (1962-65) many "had recognised the need for both familiar forms and for spontaneous expression, and so there is a place for this in the reformed rite: the Prayer [note the singular] of the Faithful. However, often in practice it has become a scripted set of intentions. ... The Prayer of the Faithful is an expression of the priesthood of the baptised and their ability, in Christ, to stand in the presence of the Father and ask for their own needs and those of all the communities to which they belong. But this vision of the Church, if taken seriously, needs to find practical expression in the Church's faithful using their voices for their needs. ... "The liturgy should be a place where we can express our needs, as Church and not merely as a collection of individuals; and where we become aware of who we are both



before one another and before God as the Church. And if people fear that people will have 'shared prayer' rather than intercession or that the prayer will be addressed to Christ rather than to the Father – then this is surely a matter of catechesis, and, in any case, such prayers will not be much worse than some of the composed examples in use now, or that other blot on the landscape: omitting the Prayer altogether or replacing it with some novena prayers."

Prof Tom O'Loughlin concludes that "these six steps are all within the scope of every community that meets for the Eucharist; all are within the law as it stands ... If we believe that the liturgy is a school of theology and that lex orandi (how we pray) establishes the lex credendi (how we believe), then these simple steps may go further towards embedding the vision of Church that was proclaimed in Vatican II than spectacular events in the Curia in Rome or canon law."



## Congratulations



Many congratulations to Mrs Sheila Godley on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Sheila has served the Union of Catholic Mothers well both as Diocesan President and Secretary, and also as National Media Officer and Vice President.

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# SAFE COMFORTABLE FLATS FOR THE ELDERLY WITH PADLEY HOUSING

Padley Housing is a Charitable Housing Association which was set up in the early 1960s by a group of Catholic businessmen in Sheffield. The original aim of Padley Housing was to help families to buy their own homes, but in the early 1970s, Padley decided to move into providing safe, comfortable, affordable flats for the elderly.

In 1974, with funding from the Housing Corporation, Padley built Ludlam House, a large sheltered scheme at Arbourthorne with 34 flats and studios for retired people. At that time, studio flats were very popular with the elderly, but during the 1990s, flats became more popular and studios became harder to let. In 2004, Padley extended Ludlam House and converted 10 of the studio flats into one bedroomed self contained flats. More recently, they also provided three two bedroom flats in Ludlam House by combining adjacent studios into larger flats with a spare bedroom. As a result of Padley's improvements, Ludlam House now has 7 studios, 21 one bedroom flats and 3 two bedroom flats. Ludlam House also has a resident warden, alarm call scheme connected to City Wide Alarms, lift, laundry, communal lounge and television room.

In the late 1980s, Sheffield Catholic Women's League

joined with Padley Housing, and brought St Anne's, a large detached house in Broomhill into Padley's portfolio. St Anne's at that time comprised 15 bedsits with shared bathrooms, but it was fully modernised and refurbished in 1997 to provide 10 self contained one bedroom flats in the main building and 3 further flats in the annexe at the rear of the house. All are double glazed and centrally heated, with a communal meeting room, alarm call system and shared rear garden and car park.

In 1991, Padley developed and built Newman House on St Lawrence Road, Tinsley, which comprises ten self contained one bedroom flats with communal gardens and alarm call system.

Also in 1991, Padley carried out a conversion of Copplesstones, a large detached house near the Hallamshire hospital to provide 5 modern double glazed, centrally heated one bedroom flats with shared garden and alarm call system.

The purpose of Padley Housing Association is to provide safe, affordable, comfortable accommodation for retired people, and to maintain and improve its housing stock to meet the changing needs of its tenants.

Padley Housing Association is run by a volunteer Committee of private individuals who meet quarterly to take decisions about the lettings, welfare and maintenance of the properties. They are advised by an independent accountant and property manager.



Copplesstones



Ludlam House



St Anne's



Newman House

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## St Vincent's experiences the best of times ... and the worst of times (especially the jokes!)

On 15 and 16 February, St Vincent's Panto Players gave three performances of that well-known traditional pantomime A Tale of Two Cities, at St Vincent's Church, Crookes, Sheffield. Charles Dickens would surely have been turning in his grave. Indeed the famous author made a few appearances during the show, making clear his displeasure with what the scriptwriters had done to his novel - his 'Great Expectations' were severely dashed, and his experience could be described as 'Hard Times'. However, what does Mr Dickens know about pantomime?!

The script did certainly draw on the original tale, with the action taking place across two cities. It also featured French revolutionaries and aristocrats, and a case of mistaken identity was central to the plot (such as it was!) However, as is usual for St Vincent's

pantomime, the script and cast played fast and loose with the source material. The two cities in question were Sheffield and Paris, rather than London and Paris.

Mayhem ensued, there was a visit to Crookes market, the botanical creatures sang a song, an audience member received the traditional custard pie, and it all ended happily ever after. Some notable appearances included Doctor Who, Chewbacca, and Gregg Wallace from Masterchef (none of whom featured in Mr Dickens' final manuscript, though we suspect they appeared in earlier drafts). Moreover, the script was "laced" with shoe-related puns, some of which were easier to spot than others.

The 'Charlie Gardiner Award' for loyal service to the pantomime, created in honour of a former parish priest, went this year to Matthew Robertson and Amy Robertson.



This was the thirtieth St Vincent's pantomime. It is a great social occasion, bringing the parish together, allowing some parishioners to display their hidden talents, and raising money for charity. Just over £1700 was raised this year,

which will be split between the St Justin Society (the group in the parish that supports individuals and projects in developing countries) and St Wilfrid's Centre.





# EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

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How many New Year's Resolutions remain intact I wonder? In reality we probably don't take many of them too seriously ... being fitter, changing diet, modifying 'bad' habits ... so not keeping to them is hardly going to have earth shattering consequences. Some resolutions we make are, however, far more significant.

After listening to Y11 concerns

about needing more information about the next steps for them, we held a Revision event dedicated to exam preparation and tips for time management. Following this well over 200 parents attended an evening outlining how they can support their children over the coming months. The resolution of the parents was really heartening. Every

Y11 has also had an individual interview with senior members of staff to help them make the next step with over 70% expressing a desire to stay on at McAuley.

The resolutions that the students themselves make to prepare for their exams requires self-discipline and support. We have vowed to support all these students and especially by mentoring nearly 40 of them.

On 27 January we remembered the Holocaust. It was that day in history in 1945 when Auschwitz was liberated by Russian troops. Assemblies that week focussed on the experiences of a young man, Arek Hersch, a survivor who was able to build a new life, aged 16, in this country, settling in Leeds.

Students from all year groups were asked to commit to playing their part in guarding against prejudice and intolerance in all its forms, as well as

## Resolve

being wary of the messages that some world leaders give out. Students were asked to never forget the lessons of the past and remember the victims of hate. Everyone at McAuley is clear. Our commitment is to keep them safe from harm, free from bullying and intimidation.

Schools are expected to play their part in guarding against radicalisation extremism, promoting British values. At McAuley every member of our school community is in no doubt what values we stand for, hold dear and promote. They are undoubtedly the values that this beautiful and sometimes troubled country hold dear too.

This month saw the launch of our mission to seek and develop a Student Leadership Team. Students had to seek nominations and they have now produced manifestos on how they can move McAuley, their school, closer to its professed, student-made vision based upon our school's dearly held values. These are, of course, the unshakeable values of the Gospel.

This is the promise that we make to parents and children when they join our school. The values of the Gospel, the non-negotiable core principles which come from the Holy Word, will always be our guide. That is our resolution this year and always.

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### Parishioners get their Teeth into Fair Trade

Parishioners of Mother of God Church, Sheffield generously supported and enjoyed Fairtrade Fortnight, 24 February to 10 March.

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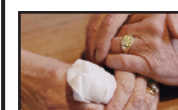
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# EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

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## Belonging

The way good Catholic schools continue on the path of improvement is through a combination of factors which will create an irresistible culture of greatness with our students feeling that they belong here.

What are these interdependent elements, many of which are already underway, which will create this culture? We are working on five main areas.

1. An appreciation of the power of emotional, academic, social factors, growth mind-set and resilience and ways in which we involve and empower families as facilitators of students engagement; a genuine home-school partnership model which opens up all our facilities to support this as well as regularly taking 'readings' about what we do and how we do it. Supporting in meeting those basic needs helping students to be 'school ready'.

2. The significance of the curriculum in its broadest sense but also in its narrowest sense too, curriculum construction from Y7 to Y13 paying attention to why and how we are teaching what we teach, assessment and instruction, academic engaged time versus lost learning time, the use of (Solo) Bloom's taxonomy and a greater understanding of cognition to maximise this and the impact this has on lesson construction involving students as co-learners in the use of supportive technologies, including the importance of reading and vocabulary.

3. The importance of relationships at all levels. The understanding that for things to get better we may need to alter the way we operate with an insistence on the way we speak to our young people giving them greater responsibility and a say in the future of the school.

Elections to McAuley's first Student Leadership Team this month resulted in ten young people from Y7 to Y11 taking an important leadership role in school.

On the day they were elected I told them, "JFK said 'in your hands more than mine will rest the success or failure of what we are trying to achieve'. What we are trying to achieve was made real by the words in your vision statement. And so my co-learners and my co-leaders – ask not what your school can do for you but ask what you can do for your school.

Ask Jesus what he wants from you as you have all been called to put yourself into this very worthwhile process. Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave. You have not hidden your gifts and your talents. You have shown that you have not been scared to dream of great things.

The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love. My dear young people – your energy, your freshness, your energy, your commitment to this school are your greatest strengths – God expects great things of you and your generosity. The generosity of the time you have given to this. This school is waiting to be shaped and it's more malleable, shapeable than you might think. I want to see all of our students be involved, engaged and to belong."

4. The necessary re-alignment of roles, resources, systems and structures (many of which have already taken place and continue to do so) to enable this to happen, including the system to recognise and reward student achievement and absolute clarity and consistency about our standards and routines in the way we deal with misbehaviours, the structure and timings of the school day.

5. We will continue to develop a methodology, a programme and staff training with the aim of maximising the number of students who positively engage in being responsible for their own learning and sense of belonging to our school allowing them to be actively involved in every aspect of the life McAuley, becoming super-motivated young people with the active support and involvement of their parents and carers.



## The People Behind the Society of St Vincent de Paul

Born into a family of poor farmers in 1581 he was not the eldest so not destined to inherit anything. He was, however, clever, ambitious, a gifted communicator and organiser and a natural leader and motivator and these attributes were to stand him in good stead in later life.

To ensure 3 meals a day he had a brief training for the priesthood and was ordained a priest at 19 – seeing his ordination as a stepping stone to a more comfortable life.

Working in his parish along the southern French coast he was frequently out on the water. With piracy prevalent in the region Vincent was captured at sea and forced to act as a galley slave for 2 years. Vincent engineered his escape by befriending his galley captain and persuading him to let him go.

On his return he became a parish priest at Clichy; then in 1613 he was selected to serve the powerful de Gondi family, as tutor to their children. He stayed with the family for about 12 years and acted as chaplain to the peasants on the estates. It was during this time that he realised what his life's work was.

It was whilst ministering to a sick child of one of the estate workers that Vincent began to realise his mission. He saw with great clarity the abysmal living conditions, deprivation and abject poverty in which people existed and resolved to do something about it.

Vincent was driven by his faith to take action, being inspired by the works of Jesus. He saw each person as Jesus and treated them with the utmost respect and dignity, believing that any service offered must be done well to meet the needs of the individual and was a mutual exchange which enhanced the giver and the receiver.

Using his leadership, motivation and communicative talents he set out to gain support from those in power to help the poor. He persuaded the aristocracy to provide finance and resources to enable him to set up systems to improve the spiritual support for the poor through missions; to help to develop levels of literacy with the poor; to oversee the largest estate

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**The Hallam News has recently carried a number of articles about the SVP, which have been well received. People have appreciated getting to know more about the work of the SVP and also their history. Over the next four months the paper will feature a series of articles focusing on the key people responsible for the establishment and development of the SVP. We begin this month with St Vincent.**

St Vincent had nothing to do with the foundation of the Society formed 173 years after his death. The original members chose St Vincent as their patron because he devoted much of his life to helping the poor in rural France, and he had become known as "The apostle of the poor."





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# Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

This month we are looking at the events in **Holy Week** starting with **Palm Sunday** or **Passion Sunday**.

We also hear about the **Last Supper** and Jesus washing the feet of his friends. We also hear about Jesus in the **Garden of Gethsemane**, when he prayed to his Father. He was then arrested by the Temple guards and taken to the High Priests for questioning, before being given over to the Romans to crucify on **Good Friday**.

Finally, we hear on **Easter Sunday**, that Jesus has **risen** from the dead. Alleluia!



**Jesus Enters Jerusalem**



## Easter Prayer (From Cafod website)

Risen Christ, we praise you and give  
you thanks for your glory as we  
celebrate your resurrection today.  
Fill our hearts with your love,  
so that we too may renew  
the face of the earth.

Amen.

There are many more Easter prayers  
featured on the CAFOD website  
([www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)).

## Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

In the space below, draw your own  
picture of the tomb and the people  
who visited it, Mary Magdalene and  
Peter. They arrived very early in the  
morning on the day that Jesus rose  
from the dead.

Jesus is risen - Alleluia!



High Priest



Pontius Pilate



**Wonder**

**Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday,  
Good Friday, Easter Sunday**

**I wonder which day you like the best?**

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**I wonder if we can miss any of the  
days and still have all we need to  
understand Holy Week?**

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**I wonder on which day you feel  
closest to Jesus?**

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Jesus entered Jerusalem so that he and his  
friends could celebrate the feast of the  
Passover. Most people were excited to see  
Jesus and celebrated by waving palms  
and calling his name.

Listen to the Gospel on Palm Sunday and then  
draw your own picture in the space above.

Try to use some words that you hear  
in the Gospel today in your picture.

The Gospel for Palm Sunday is Luke 19: 28-40.



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## A leprosy-free world is now within sight

Just a few decades ago, more than five million

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## Early detection can stop leprosy in its tracks

Leprosy is curable and in 1995 the World Health Organisation made multi-drug treatments freely available to help fight it. Since then, millions of people have been cured of the disease. New cases

of leprosy tend to be concentrated in isolated communities where people are still living in dire poverty and have little or no access to healthcare. If leprosy is to be stamped out for good, your support is needed to train local healthcare workers who can reach out to these communities. By supporting early detection and treatment - before the disease takes hold - you can help to prevent untold suffering.

**If, in this season of Lent, you are able to send a donation of £30, you will help us support ongoing health initiatives, such as the hospital ship run by Dr Tony Lopez Gonzalez.**

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rife, so they can monitor people for early symptoms and provide prompt medication.

## Help to beat leprosy for good

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# The People Behind the Society of St Vincent de Paul

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in Paris to provide the 17th century version of a foodbank; to provide refuges for the homeless and orphaned; to establish charities that would help better the conditions for the sick, elderly, prisoners and galley slaves. The last was obviously close to Vincent's heart and he is reputed to have raised sufficient money to free 4,000 slaves.

In providing for the poor he used his organisational skills to bring together a "charity" of ladies, who would look after the sick and poor in their parish. One of the 'ladies' was Louise de Marillac, herself dedicated to helping improve the conditions and lives of the poor.

Together on 29 November, 1633, they founded the Company of the Daughters of Charity, and thereafter the care and

training of the Sisters became Louise's life work. Vincent and Louise worked together as a team. Vincent provided the original vision of service of the poor, a vision shaped by the love of Jesus Christ. We will learn more about the life and works of St Louise de Marillac in the next instalment.

Vincent's influence was spreading and he was being recognised for his abilities to influence and improve the training of priests. The Archbishop of Paris asked him to train diocesan seminarians and St Lazare became one of the great focuses of spiritual renewal in France.

Vincent carried on his work well into his later life, dying in 1660. He was canonised in 1737 and declared 'the patron saint of charitable works'.



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