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## **HOMELESSNESS!**

Sheffield Church Action on Poverty was recently involved in an event that brought together local politicians, council and community leaders and charities to look at a key issue confronting the city.
Tim Renshaw, chief executive of the Sheffield

Cathedral Archer Project, the city centre-based charity which supports homeless people, spoke at Sheffield Church Action on Poverty's annual Civic Breakfast. Mr Renshaw told guests organisations helping homeless people need to develop new ways of assessing and providing for individual needs which recognise the person themselves holds the answer to escaping their current problems.

'We must see the person in front of us is the key, has the assets and ask ourselves how can we use that to help them find the strength to move forward. It is about involvement and creating a sense of belonging; getting us as a city to commit to using an evidence-based approach and seriously thinking differently about homelessness and the routes out

Mr Renshaw criticised those who claimed many of the homeless had "chosen" to be homeless, citing the experience of one homeless person he had met who had described being on the streets was "probably their best option at that time." Homelessness as the best of a set of bad options was "very different from 'choosing' to be on the streets," said Mr Renshaw, adding that there was a growing body of evidence that showed some form of trauma in earlier life had contributed to homelessness among as many as two thirds of those on the streets.

Trauma in earlier life is known to affect the development of an individual's body and brain and make people more susceptible to substance abuse, alcoholism and suffering diseases, including cancer. The trauma of becoming homeless re-enforced the affects of that earlier experience, increasing feelings of rejection by and isolation from society and increasing the things people felt they could no longer cope with, Mr Renshaw said.







Ben Keegan, chief executive of Roundabout, the charity that provides shelter, support and life skills for homeless young people, said the problem of young people sleeping rough in Sheffield is getting worse. And, he appealed for some-one to come forward willing to sell land in the Granville area for a new facility to house homeless under-25 year olds.

Roundabout had the funds to buy the land and an offer to build the house, but had not been able to find the land. Tracey Ford, from Sheffield City Coun-

cil's Drug, Alcohol and Domestic Abuse Team, spoke about Help Us Help, an organisation run by local charities, the city council, a residents group and other services.

Help Us Help encourages people to get involved in helping people who beg and sleep rough in Sheffield. Ms Ford praised the work that was going on with rough sleepers that often went un-no-

ticed by the public at large.
People could become disheartened if their offers of assistance were rejected

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### **WHAT'S ON IN MAY**

- Deadline for articles for next 1 issue of the Hallam News.
- Hallam Ascent Group meet 1 at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for a talk by Stephen Spooner, "Work in Africa". For more details tel: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com.
- Chesterfield Bereavement 8 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.
- Sheffield Branch Walsing 14 ham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathe dral, Sheffield.
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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:

- St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends.
- **12**
- St Mary, Edlington. St Joseph, Handsworth. 19
- Sacred Heart, Balby.

#### CONSENT FORMS

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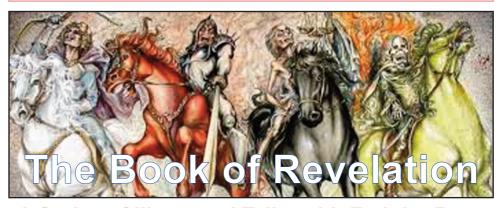


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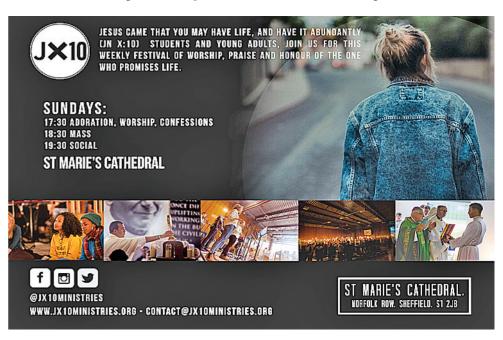
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## SHEFFIELD MAY DAY TREK

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2019

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For additional information and registration forms see the website. email: sheffieldmaydaytrek@gmail.com or phone Bridget on 0114 275 9828

May Day Trek, Monday, 6 May – the annual CAFOD/Christian Aid Fund Raising event. Choice of 6 or 12 mile routes from St Luke's, Lodge Moor, Sheffield. Details and registration at sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk. If you could help with Marshalling, Sponsoring or Walking please contact Angela Wood, 0114 255 8978 or awood@cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

**CAFOD's new Campaign on Climate Change 'Our Common Home'** calls us to care for our planet and care for the poor. What better way to celebrate the gifts of creation than walking through the beautiful Peak District and raising money for those most affected by climate change?

## CAFOD NIGHT





On 16 March, St Joseph, Wath-upon-Dearne, raised the tremendous sum of £826.50 for CAFOD. Guests were treated to a fabulous pea and pie supper along with some suberb entertainment. Huge thanks go to anyone who contributed in any way to the success of this event.

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## **HOMELESSNESS!**



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by homeless people but it was important to keep trying as there could be a point in the future when the same individual would be ready to respond.

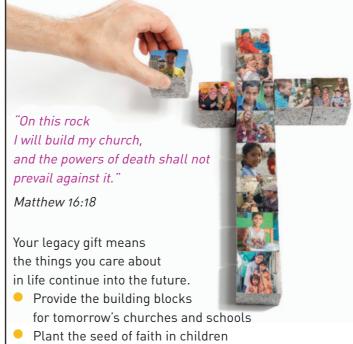
Robert Carrack spoke about the work of Chesterfield Night Shelter, which had brought together a number of churches to offer food and basic accommodation to homeless people between the start of December and the end of March, with financial backing from local authorities.

"A hundred guests have accessed the Shelter and we served over 1,000 meals. Of those guests, 23 have been housed by local services, eight moved in with friends and we believe a total of 65 have moved on to somewhere, instead of being on the streets," said Mr Carrack. A total of 170 volunteers and 10 staff provided the service which had not only helped rough sleepers but also others who, for one reason or other, had found themselves without a roof for the night.



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

In this second article on key people influential to the formation of the St Vincent de Paul Society we are looking at the life of St Louise de Marillac. Although she was born 242 years before Frederic Ozanam founded the Society, her relationship with St Vincent, their charitable work together and her legacy, it can be argued, have been significant in shaping the events of 1833.

Louise de Marillac was born on 12 August, 1591, into a noble family, probably in Paris. Louise's mother is unknown and her father was a widower at her birth. He remarried when she was 3 years old. At a young age she was sent to the care of the Dominicans at the royal monastery of Poissy where she was raised with other children. Her father died when she was 13 and her Uncle Michel became her Guardian. He worked in the court of Louis XIII and rose to become "keeper of the seals" in 1629.

When she was 15 she wanted to become a religious sister in an austere order, the Capuchins. The Priest director of the convent would not accept her due to her delicate health. Louise was extremely disappointed but accepted the decision. Later, she obeyed her family who presented her to Antoine Legras, a simple squire who was a secretary to the Queen. They married when Louise was 22 and within a year she had given birth to a son she named Michel.

Antoine died in December1625 after 3 years of ill health. Widowed, lacking financial means, Louise had to move. Vincent de Paul lived near her new home and became her spiritual director. Neither one was very enthusiastic about meeting the other, there were such differences between them. They got to know one another and Vincent helped Louise realise her vocation. He proposed that she visit the "Confraternities of Charity" to encourage the Ladies in their service of the poor.

Louise came out of herself and became aware of the realities lived by poor people. She discovered the difficulties the Ladies had in serving, how they found it difficult to do menial tasks themselves. She helped direct his Ladies of Charity



in their work of caring for the sick, the poor and the neglected.

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.

However, it was Louise that helped transform that vision into reality, so that by 1660 there were more than 40 Houses of the Daughters of Charity across France.

By the time of her death in Paris on 15 March, 1660 the Congregation had more than forty houses in France. Since then they have spread all over the world.

Louise was a wife, mother, teacher, nurse, social worker and co-founder of the Daughters of Charity. She was an organiser, a radical thinker who lived her life intensely and enthusiastically. She herself knew suffering and through a life of deep faith she was able to find and treasure Jesus Christ in the broken spirits and bodies of the destitute people she served.

She was canonised by Pope Pius XI in

Saint Louise was declared Patroness of Social Workers by Pope John XXIII in 1960. Her feast day is 15 March. She is also alleged to be one of the patron saint for disappointing children – ie all of us.



## Divine Renovation The identity and purpose of the Church

Last month the *Hallam News* reported on the Divine Renovation initiative. This is the second in a series of follow up articles.

Fr James Mallon's book, *Divine Renovation*, sets out a powerful challenge to all of us who call ourselves Christians. He begins by asking the question – why does the Church exist? Since Vatican II, each pope has given the same answer, "the mission of the Church is mission." The Church's identity is as a community of people who have a living relationship with a loving God, and are eager to share that love with those who do not know it for themselves.

Through their history, the people of God have needed to be reminded of their true identity over and over again. In the time of Isaiah, the Jewish people in exile had become inward-looking. God's message to them was, "I will give you as a light *to the nations*, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). When Jesus rode into Jerusalem he saw how the temple had been misused. He threw out the money changers and reminded the people, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for *all the nations*" (Mark 11:17).

In our time we too have become inward-looking, and we have forgotten the great commission at the end of Matthew's gospel to, "go make disciples of *all the nations*, baptise them and teach them." (Matthew 28:19).

So whose responsibility is it to introduce others to a relationship with Jesus and his love for them? Most people find it hard to think of themselves as missionaries. Surely that is for the few with a special calling? The message of *Divine Renovation* is that everyone who is baptised is called to be life-long learner, learning to walk Jesus' way, to hunger for truth, and to seek to live his life. That discipleship is what equips us to meet the universal call to mission, and our mission field is all around us – family, friends, neighbours, those we work with. Mission is bringing others to a personal encounter with Jesus who offers the gifts of God's grace and mercy. We don't find it hard to share our enthusiasm for our favourite TV programme, music, movie star or sport team, so why does it seem so uncomfortable to share our good news about a loving God?

Pope Benedict met with Latin American bishops at the pilgrimage site of Aparecida in Brazil in 2007. He commissioned a study of why Latin American Catholics left the Catholic Church to join other traditions, and this showed what those people had to go elsewhere to find. They looked for a personal encounter with Jesus that changed their lives. They looked for communities where people could feel accepted, valued and included. They looked for biblical learning which is not just head knowledge but feeds their spiritual growth. Finally, they looked for a missionary commitment to bring those on the edge home to the family of God. These findings ring true for our country too. Our big challenge is to make our parishes places where all are welcome and all can grow into ever deeper encounters with a loving God.

#### Hildegard of Bingen Quiet Day Thursday, 9 May, 9.30am-3.30pm Cost £18, bring your own lunch

Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Whirlow Grange Close, Sheffield, S11 9SY, tel: 0114 235 3704 email: admin@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org

Hildegard of Bingen was a woman ahead of her time in countless ways and she continues to speak challenging truths into a 21st century context. Hildegard was a skilled writer, scientist, environmentalist, spiritual leader, musician and more. She was also a mystic, famous for receiving striking visions from the Holy Spirit.

The Quiet Day will open up her life and story as a resource for participants to incorporate into their own prayerful reflection and spiritual journey.

Booking is required, contact details above.



## **EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY**

## Hearts 4 Uganda

During the May half term holiday, Kate Kelly, Head Teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Hillsborough, will be travelling to the town of Masaka, in Uganda, to take part in a week of charity work, culminating in running a marathon on Saturday, 1 June.

Working in a Catholic school, we put Christ at the centre of everything we do, by integrating Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In so doing, one of the many messages we share with the children is the need to promote the common good of society. This is very much at the heart of Kate's reasons for going to Uganda.

Whilst in Uganda, Kate will be staying in a town called Masaka, which lies 23km south of the equator. Some of the activities she will be involved with include:

- Helping to organise a sports morning for 200 local children, many of whom are disabled or have been orphaned due to Aids and HIV ravishing the country.
- Learning about how they up-cycle plastics and helping out with a recycling project.
- Spending time at the Masaka Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, a project which supports disabled youths make a living through simple crafts.
- Spending a day with a chosen charity, working on a specific project.
- Running with the Masaka running club every morning, ending the week by running a marathon (in 30C heat!) with the other volunteers from around the world, and hundreds of locals.

For her charity, Kate has chosen to support Kakunyu Parent's Support Association who work to support disabled children in the area. Discrimination and lack of care for the disabled in Uganda is at a heart-breaking level. The severe lack of knowledge or awareness means that people with disabilities are very often not given any opportunities to succeed at all.

Kakunyu Parent's Support Association cares for and educates 31 boarding disabled students, and many more day students, from the surrounding community.



Sadly, the discrimination of the disabled is so high in Uganda that the 31 disabled children that attend the school have all but been abandoned and are now the sole responsibility of Kakunyu Parents Support Association. This is a huge undertaking, especially with the limited resources the school has. The biggest challenge they face is how to adequately feed all the pupils, who continue to grow in number every term, as the Association's works means more children are dropped at the site every term.





Whilst in Uganda, Kate will be helping her charity build a large horticultural garden on their two-acre plot of land and plan an incredible food forest, which will not only supply the school with crops throughout the year, but can generate enough for sale in the local market of Kinoni. This will then guarantee food security for this most vulnerable group of individuals.

As the mother of a severely disabled daughter, this Association is very close to Kate's heart, hence her fundraising page is called 'Hearts 4 Uganda'. She is certain this will be a life-changing experience.

Kate is pictured above with the fourteen members of her 'United 4 Uganda' fundraising team at school. With the help of these wonderful children, and the support of Sacred Heart community, her friends and family, Kate is hoping to raise at least £2,000 for her charity.

For more information, please visit Kate's fundraising page at https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/hearts4uganda. Any donation will be gratefully received, no matter how large or small because, for these children, every penny really does count.



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## FAREWELL TO FR MARTIN AT ST THOMAS MORE'S



Sheffield said a fond farewell to Fr Martin Trask on Saturday, 2 March, after 18 and a half years as Parish Priest, as he moved on to new parishes in Rotherham.

Fr Martin arrived at St Thomas More's in the Autumn of 2000, succeeding Fr Bernard Bedford.
At his final weekend Mass, Fr Martin was pre-

sented with flowers and cards from the Children's Liturgy groups, as well as a plaque commemorating his time at St Thomas More's, a watch and a cash gift from the congregation.

Thank you Fr Martin for all your help during your time at St Thomas More's and best wishes as you move onto your new parishes.

Photographs courtesy of Frank Carr







As Fr Martin left St Thomas More he was welcomed into the parishes of St Joseph, Wath-upon-Dearne and St Joseph, Rawmarsh.





## CAFOD Night at St Joseph, Wath-upon-Dearne









### **Union of Catholic Mothers AGM in the Hallam Diocese**

On 9 February, 2019 Bishop Ralph welcomed to the Hallam Diocese Mrs Margaret McDonald, UCM National President and Mrs Margaret Kerbey, National Treasurer, both from the Liverpool Diocese.

Mrs McDonald is pictured below left, with the newly elected Hallam Diocesan President, Mrs Angela Mellors. The secretarial post was filled by Mrs Sheila

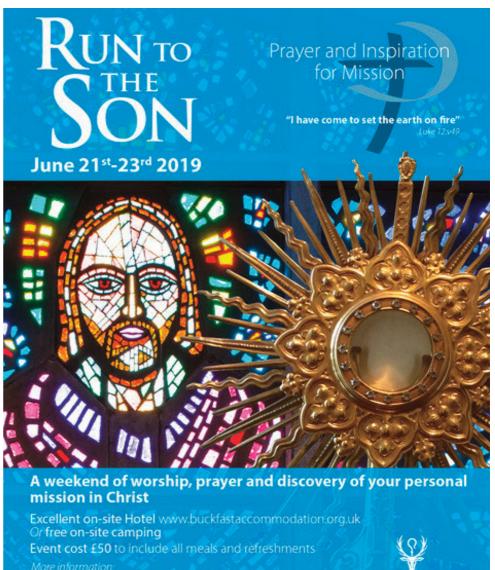
Godley and the Treasurer, Mrs Marie West.

The other post holders in our Diocese are Media, Mrs Dorothy Anderson, Study Days, Mrs Angela Higginson and Welfare, Mrs Marie Harvey.

This year's annual general meeting closed with the celebration of Mass in the Chapel at the Hallam Pastoral Cen-



**Congratulations** to Mrs Freda Parker on the occasion of her 90th birthday on 25 May. Freda is a long-standing member of the Union of Catholic Mothers, having served as a past Foundation Secretary in the Parish of St Joseph at Staveley.



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People and Places: it's funny how things turn out

At a period of immense sadness in her life, Jude was determined to keep doing the hobbies she had shared with her husband of 33 years. So it was that a chance meeting, during a canoeing lesson, led to her travelling to Nepal with a small charity called Nepal Schools Trust. Now, 5 years on, she has just returned from her annual 6 week visit, and she came to the women's group at Mother of God Parish, Sheffield to talk about it.

Wearing practical, but beautifully colourful, Nepalese clothes, Jude explained how she set about finding out what help was needed in the village of Devchuli in the plains area, far from the tourist trail. She described the history and geography of this tiny country nestling below the Himalayas with a mostly Hindu population. Jude's photographs and slides gave great insights into daily life in the village, highlighting the hard work and community spirit of the people. The villagers have simple homes with only what they need to live ... their carbon footprint is almost nil. The fertile terrain means that people eat what they grow; rice, lentils and buffalo milk are staples.

Community is everything and, when the earthquake struck in 2015, everyone helped and gave food and shelter to neighbours until they could rebuild their shattered homes.

90% of children attend primary school and, although they are expected to pay, families who cannot afford to are helped out by their community. With a Nepali alphabet of 48 characters (!!), and 2 languages to learn (Nepali and English), children had little time or resources for play and class-





rooms were bleak and bare. Nepal Schools Trust has helped provide tables and desks, using local resources and labour, books and fun interactive learning tools. With her background in Education, Charities and Development, Jude leads

workshops for primary teachers and actually teaches in the classrooms herself. She funds her visits entirely herself, paying a family for her accommodation, so that every penny she raises through sales, concerts and talks, goes directly to the charity, with no admin costs and no 'middle man'. The villagers reciprocate with great kindness and appreciation.

Primary education is even more important than you might think because, due to the demands of life in rural Nepal, attendance at secondary school is very much lower.

Jude looks forward to continuing her work so, if any organisation in the Diocese would like a truly inspirational speaker, please email her on judewarrender@gmail.com because ... it's funny how things turn out, sometimes,

## Living Theology Study Weekend at York, 2019

Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis says that 'in-Lterreligious dialogue is a necessary condition for peace in the world'. He reminds us that with the Jews 'we believe in the one God who acts in history, and we accept his revealed word'. He says that the followers of Islam, 'profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us on the last day'.

Overall Pope Francis encourages us 'to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of

the other'.
There will be a Study Weekend entitled 'Children of Abraham - interfaith topics', 13-14 July at the Bar Convent in York. In this hospitable oasis we shall learn

more about Islam and Judaism from eminently well

qualified speakers. It is a rich programme with informative talks, lively discussion, prayer and companionship. All are most welcome to attend!

The weekend is in the Jesuitinspired 'Living Theology' series, and this year is jointly sponsored by The Newman Association. There are courses from Fr Damian Howard SJ, an expert on ristian-Muslim God, who will judge humanity relations, and Student Rabbi course on John Henry New-

'from the inside and the outside'. Dr Geoffrey Turner will speak on the Psalms, prayers for both church and synagogue, and Ms Frances Smith will give a talk on Islamic architecture in Spain, from a time and place when there was more harmonious co-existence between the faiths. In addition - and especially relevant because of his imminent canonisation

from Anglican to Catholic.

The cost for the weekend, including lunches and refreshments, is £70 (students £35). For anyone who cannot come for the whole weekend, attendance for just one of the days is half the price. Booking is essential.

For full details, and the booking form, please visit www.jesuit.org.uk/living-theology-york-2019, e-maii: tpj.egerton@virgin.net or

phone Patricia on 01642-645732.

There is accommodation available in the Bar Convent Guest House (rates vary). However accommodation must be booked separately. If you are considering staying for the weekend, please book early on 01904-643238, and quote 'Living

Theology Weekend'.



Gabriel Webber, eager to man from Dr George Herring, share knowledge of Judaism focusing on his transition

### Please Pray for the Canonisation of Blessed John Anne (Amias) and Blessed Robert Dalby

#### Martyred on 15 March, 1589 at York, Beatified 15 December, 1929 by Pope Pius XI

The fifteenth of March is celebrated in the Diocese of Hallam as a Feast Day to honour Blessed John Anne [Amias] who was martyred for the Faith on that day in 1589 at York. He died under the alias of John Amias, a name created to protect his family during the persecution of the Reformation.

Before joining the priesthood, he married a Wakefield woman and worked as a cloth merchant until his wife's death. Making sound financial provision for his two children, he went overseas to study for the priesthood. On arrival in Paris, he wrote to John Talbot, the Squire of Salebury in Lancashire, a long letter signed "Jo Amyas for so am I named at Parise". This letter fell into the Government's hands and is held in the Public Records Office. Later he wrote to a friend in London. This letter says that an answer must be addressed to "Jo Amyas for so they have my name, otherwise it will not come to my hand..." So, his true name was not Amyas. This letter is also in the Record Office.

On 25 March, 1581 he was ordained to Priesthood by the Bishop of Chalons in the church of St Mary in Rheims. He returned to England the same year. He retained the name Amyas and commenced his missionary activities until he was apprehended at Melling in Lancashire, with a fellow priest, Robert Dalby, on Palm Sunday, 1589. They were taken to York Castle for trial.

At the trial a criminal called Bramley saw a great round light hanging over their heads, and he was so moved by their speeches to the judge, that he repented his former life and asked to be made a Catholic, and died with them. The judge taunted "Amias" with being a bankrupt. The martyr replied, "Not so, I am a gentleman by birth of an ancient house and when I gave up my trade I was able to live with the best." And he called upon the Queen Elizabeth's Attorney to confirm this, which Martin Birkhead, the chief prosecutor for the Crown,

did. He also, was a Wakefield man.

The next day, having said Mass, with Richard Dalby, they were drawn on the one hurdle (a type of sledge) to the Knavesmire, York, where they prostrated themselves in prayer. According to historical records\* one 20 year old witness to the execution said, "They were led like lambs to the slaughter." He described how Blessed John kissed the gallows, then lifted his hands to heaven forgiving all who had procured his death.

His body was then cut down, dismembered and disembowelled, and his organs were cast in a fire. His head was impaled on a stick. According to the same young man, a woman pushed through the crowd and fell on her knees, her eyes raised to heaven. The witness said, "She declared an extraordinary motion and affection of soul." She was taken away, whether to prison no one could say.

The Anne family moved to Burghwallis in 1617. In 1942 Burghwallis Hall was purchased by the Diocese of Leeds and came into the care of the Diocese of Hallam in the early 1990's. One member of the family survives and lives in the Diocese.

The Centenary of the Beatification is in 2029. The hope is held by many that it would be the moment of Canonisation. Contact was made with The Congregation for the Causes of Saints in January, 2018. The reply was comforting and optimistic but reiterated that one miracle, obtained through the intercession of each one, is necessary for their Canonisation. Please seek their intercession.

\*Fr Greene SJ, MS Challoner (quoting Dr Champney, an eyewitness) Morris, Stanton, Gillow, Pollen and Newdigate. John Carmel Heenan, Bishop of Leeds (1954), Wakefield Express

In the picture below it is believed the third figure on the right is Blessed John Anne.



#### De La Salle Association Rambling Club

De La Salle Association Rambling Club have organised a five mile walk on Sunday. 5 May.

Meet at 10.30am at the car park behind Staffa Health Centre in Holmwood, S42 5RB, (a couple of miles from M1 junction 39 on A6175). The route is via Five Pits Trail to Broomridding Wood to see bluebells and return via Lower Pilsley to Five Pits Trail.

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



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#### A Prayer to the Virgin Mary

This is a prayer that is never known to fail, a prayer for a very special intention, in your most needed time, so this is not your everyday prayer.

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh star of the sea, help me show herein, you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth!

I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in this necessity (say your intention). There are none that can withstand your power, oh show me herein that you are my Mother.

Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. Holy Mother, I place this course in your hand (Say this portion of the prayer three times).

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, in all instances of my life you are with me. I want, in this short prayer, to thank you for all things, as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

After the prayer, recite nine Hail Mary's and you can also include the "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, Pray for us."

Recite this prayer for three consecutive days and on the last day after you pray, publish it and your intention will be guaranteed.

## Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

Will you be making your First Holy Communion in May or June? You may have already made it or perhaps you will be making it next year.

Communion is the sharing of the body and blood of Jesus in the same way as Jesus shared himself with his special friends at the Last Supper on the night before Jesus died on the cross. Jesus took some bread and blessed it saying, "Take this all of you and eat it ..." And he took some wine and blessed it saying, "Take this all of you and drink from it ..." Jesus has told us to do this too.

In our Mass, we are invited to share in this meal in **Holy Communion**. During the Mass, the priest asks God to change the bread and wine that is brought to the altar into the body and blood of Jesus. We know that this happens during the **Eucharistic Prayer**. You could listen carefully to this Prayer when you are next at Mass.

When people come forward to receive Communion they are all offered Communion in "both kinds". This means that Jesus is offered to us all as bread and wine in the same way that Jesus gave himself to his special friends at the Last Supper. If you do not yet share Communion, you can still go forward and receive a blessing from the priest or minister.

The first time you receive the body and blood of Jesus is a very special time. You will be further along your journey with Jesus and you will then be able to receive him in Communion every time you celebrate Mass.

Cryptogram: this phrase is taken from the Bible and is closely linked with our theme

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## Thoughts and Prayers

Jesus will soon be coming to you in Holy Communion for the first time. Write down some things that you would like to say thank you for.





## WONDER

Wonder ...

I wonder what you like the most when you receive Communion or a Blessing?

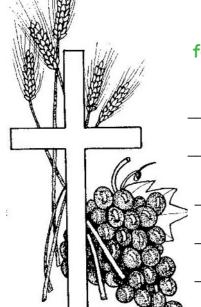
I wonder what the most important thing is when you receive Communion or a Blessing?

I wonder when you feel close to Jesus in Mass?

Parent/Carer Information
Here are some Bible readings/
stories that support this month's
theme of Communion
John 6: 49-51, 53-57
Matthew 26: 26-30

Luke 22: 19 Mark 14: 22

The story of St Dominic Savio; specifically his communion promises



## **EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY**All Saints' Team Victorious in Subsea UK's STEM Challenge

A team of pupils from All Saints' Catholic High School, Sheffield have been crowned champions of the Subsea UK 2019 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Challenge, which saw five teams from across the UK compete to design an underwater vehicle to collect plastic from the sea.

The STEM challenge, led and organised by Subsea UK, saw more than 50 teams of secondary school students compete in regional heats to earn their place in the final in Aberdeen.



The team had to research the environmental benefits to using robots to collect materials that cause pollution in the ocean and near to islands to conserve both the marine and wildlife and their habitats. They also had to complete a presentation to the other groups and explain what all of the different sensors were used for, how they conducted testing and overcame issues as well as taking into account the environmental effects of pollution.

In February Readers from St Marie's Cathedral, together with people from other churches around the Diocese, attended a very informative and supportive Readers' Event.

The morning session was led by Mgr John Ryan, who asked the question, "What impact should the authors and editors of the Biblical books, their perspectives and cultural backgrounds have on our understanding and proclamation of the Word of God?"

The complete transcript of Mgr Ryan's talk is available on the Diocesan Website, https://hallam-diocese.com/Departments/AdultFormation/Resources.

#### **Art Talks - Last in Series**

Deacon Bill Burleigh presents his last exploration of paintings with a seasonal theme with 'Easter Themes in Christian Art' on Saturday, 4 May, at the Hallam Pastoral Centre, Sheffield, 10.15am-12 noon. This is an opportunity for reflection and prayer based on famous artworks. All are very welcome.











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#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday, 27 July, 2019

The annual Hallam Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage is now in its 39th year, and this year providentially falls on the feast day of Our Mother of Perpetual Succour, Patroness of the Hallam Diocese.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham has been a pious tradition since the 10th century when the shrine was established. It has been very much part of Catholic life in England for over 1000 years to the present day, with its essential message as England's Nazareth and the Shrine of the Incarnation.

Led by Bishop Ralph the Hallam Walsingham Pilgrimage has been a key feature since the creation of the Hallam Diocese. The Pilgrimage on 27 July is in part a response to the recent visit to St Marie's, as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham.

The visit invited us to meditate on the missionary role of Our Lady of Walsing-

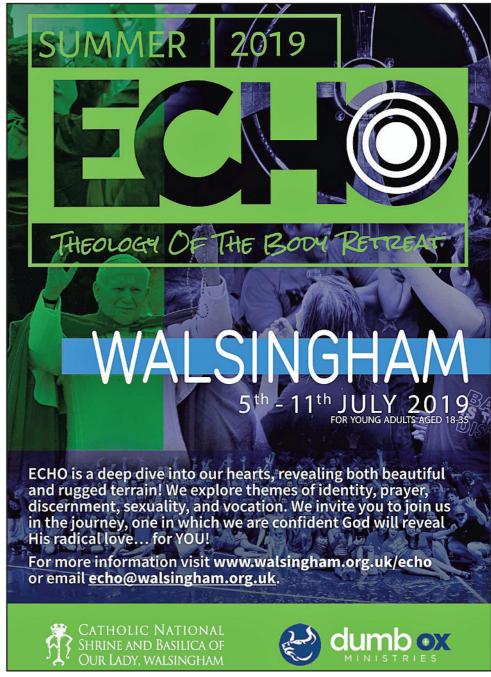
ham for the re-evangelisation and conversion of England, Mary's Dowry. The maternal solicitude and love that one keenly felt on the visit greatly helped towards the re-dedication of England on 25 March, 2020 as Mary's Dowry.

As 27 July is the penultimate Hallam Pilgrimage to Walsingham before the rededication and, for many, a last opportunity to pilgrimage to Walsingham, I am mindful of Thomas Arundle, 14th century Archbishop of Canterbury, who wrote, "That we being the servants of her special inheritance and her own dowry ought to surpass others in fervour of our praises and devotions."

May the Walsingham Pilgrimage on 27 July bring many blessings and remind us that we are not passive bystanders but are instrumental by our prayers, supplications and dedication for reclaiming of England as Our Lady's Dowry.

Joseph Durham





Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 5-12 October, cost £579. For more information please contact Pete Marshall, mobile: 07807 955836, email: petesuemarshall@googlemail.com.



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.

So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure,
use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution.

Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove
the solution

#### CRYPTIC Across

- 5 Recipient of Paul's letter that destabilized rich nation (10)
- 8 Philosopher's utter pretentiousness (4)
- 9 Aaron's wife is with the priest, the scoundrel son of 4?(8)
- 10 Principal faction of the IRA, given time (7)
- 11 Trifle with this 3 character, for instance (4)
- 13 Church composer means little in Wales (4)
- 15 A royal seal about to be given to a body of water (4,3)
- 18 Forebear little boy getting to popular jelly first (8)
- 19 Celtic language after humankind multiplied (4) 20 Hot stews among diverse spread in period before the
- **CRYPTIC Down**

fast (10)

- 1 Don's place eats up mucho euros, tovarich! (6)
- 2 Thiamin's oily, but there's no resistance in New Orleans (3,4)
- 3 Elevated inner area of Athens? (5)
- 4 Descendant of 18's church is held in one taken-over bar (6)
- 6 Petra they made eat bananas mushed up (10)
- 7 Where Paul landed in Crete markets line the harbour (4,6)
- 12 One idiot's introduced in attempt to make a trio (7)

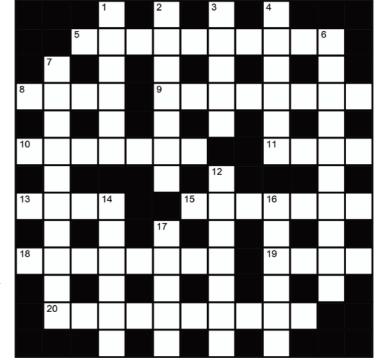
- 14 Jeremiah is sick, without yours truly, on return flight from Mecca (6)
- 16 3 character's father's contracted to follow the Lord(6)
- 17 I love in old Italy being on Venice's banks, being awake (5)

#### **QUICK Across**

- 5 Order of architecture: amateur sportsman (10)
- 8 Influential German idealist philosopher (1724-1804) (4)
- 9 Wife of Aaron (8)
- 10 Dignitary presiding over a cathedral or college church (7)
- 11 Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet (4)
- 13 Family of German (Protestant) church composers (4)
- 15 Lake of Central Asia now only a quarter of the area it was in 1960 (4,3)
- 18 Youngest son of Jacob (8)
- 19 British language officially extinct in 1974 (4)
- 20 Season immediately preceding Lent (10)

#### **QUICK Down**

- 1 ----- on-Don: Russian city, centre for the resurgence of Cossack nationalism (6)
- 2 Nickname for New Orleans (3,4)
- 3 Of or concerning the Greek region which encompasses



Athens (5)

- 4 Father of Sheba who rebelled against David (6)
- 6 Biblical people whose capital was Petra in modern Jordan (10)
- 7 Port in Crete where Paul docked on his way to Rome (4,6)
- 12 In Christianity the union which makes up one Godhead(7)14 Flight of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622,
- beginning the Muslim era (variant spelling) (6)
- 16 Eleventh letter of the Greek alphabet (6)
- 17 Stir up, affect (archaic); remove (legal) (5)

#### **SOLUTION**

Across: 5 Corinthian, 8 Kant, 9 Elisheba, 10 Provost, 11 lota, 13 Bach, 15 Aral Sea, 18 Benjamin, 19 Manx, 20 Shrovetide. Down: 1 Rostov, 2 Big Easy, 3 Attic, 4 Bichri, 6 Nabataeans, 7 Fair Havens, 12 Trinity, 14 Hejira, 16 Lambda, 17 Amove.