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## Hugh Finnigan Retires as Cathedral's Long Serving Organist

**Hugh Finnigan has turned the last page of the score after pulling out all the stops as organist and sometime choir master at the Cathedral Church of St Marie for almost 44 years.**

During that time he has played the organ, conducted the choir and had to rise to the challenge of combining both roles at key moments in the life of the Cathedral and Diocese of Hallam. Those moments have included the elevation of the church to Cathedral status in 1980, the Installations of three Bishops and the funeral of one - Gerald Moverley, in 1996.

They also include the Rededication of the Cathedral in 2012, following extensive renovation, services of thanksgiving for the Installation of two Catholic Lord Mayors - Frank Prince in 1986 and Roger Davison in 2005 - a Master Cutler - Tony Pedder in 2013 - and a Lord Lieutenant.

Hugh provided the musical direction when St Marie's was the venue for the BBC's 'Songs of Praise' programme and once delayed his own departure for a family holiday in France when the BBC asked to broadcast Midnight Mass from St Marie's on Christmas Eve.

He also recruited and conducted the choir when St Marie's staged a highly successful performance of Vaughan Williams' musical nativity play, 'The First

Nowell' as part of a Christmas pageant, organised by the late Sylvia Marsden. Within the Diocese, Hugh has contributed to the development of the Diocesan Choir and the BBC Radio Sheffield Choir's Christmas Carol Services, produced by John Grady.

But the pinnacle of his contribution to religious music for Hugh has been the composition of his Festival Mass and collaboration with St Marie's choir member Lynne Todd.

The Festival Mass has had a long gestation. "I started composing the Mass in 1992, but, when the new texts for the Missal were introduced, I had to make changes, particularly to the Gloria, the Sanctus and the Memorial Acclamations," says Hugh. "I had to create new tunes, melodies and texts."

The Mass was submitted to the Bishops' Conference in 2015 and, after some minor amendments, could now be approved for copywriting wider publication and distribution. However, as far as the Hallam Diocese is concerned, Hugh is making a gift of the Mass so that it can be used freely throughout the area. Hugh's work with Lynne Todd has resulted in the creation of new arrangements for a number of the psalms.

Hugh Finnigan's association with St Marie's began in 1975 when parish priest, Mgr Stephen Sullivan - who was also chair of governors at St Paul's - later to become All Saints' - School, where Hugh was teaching - asked him to "put the feelers out" for an organist for St Marie's. "As he left, Mgr Sullivan turned to me with that twinkle in his eye that he always had, and added: 'I'll give you a couple of days to think about it,'" commented Hugh.

The die was cast and that October, Hugh became St Marie's organist. Now in his 73rd year, Hugh's decision to retire after Easter Sunday has been prompted in part by the toll taken by his enthusiastic participation in amateur sport over the years. Meanwhile, a double hip replacement hasn't made sitting on the hard organ stool of St Marie's recently rebuilt, historic Lewis organ for an hour and a half any more comfortable.



Bishop Ralph and Cathedral Dean, Fr Christopher Posluszny have paid tribute to Hugh Finnigan. Bishop Ralph said, "Hugh has been a tireless servant over the last forty four years. He has contributed richly to the liturgical life of the Cathedral and Diocese, both as Cathedral Organist and Conductor of the Choir. He will be missed! However, it is good to know that he will not be becoming a stranger to the Cathedral."

Fr Chris added, "Hugh has been a visible and valuable part of the parish of St Marie and he has contributed his skills to the working of the parish and to its liturgy. Since the Diocese of Hallam was formed in 1980, and St Marie's became a Cathedral, Hugh has used his musical gifts in its numerous liturgical celebrations. I am immensely grateful to Hugh for all the time and effort he has put into his ministry over the last 44 years."

Read more about Hugh and his career and music on the *Hallam News* website, [www.hallamnews.com](http://www.hallamnews.com).



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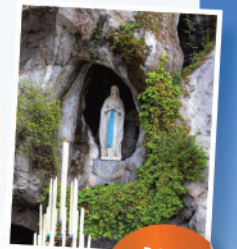
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# WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

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| <p>1 Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i>.</p> <p>5 Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for a talk by Fr Gus O'Reilly about 'The Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster'. For more details tel: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com.</p> <p>11 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> | <p>12 Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.</p> <p>12 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm.</p> <p>25 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> |
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### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month

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



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| 2  | Our Lady of Sorrows, Bamford.           |
| 9  | Pentecost Sunday.                       |
| 16 | Trinity Sunday.                         |
| 23 | Corpus Christi.                         |
| 30 | Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth. |

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JESUS CAME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY (JN X:10) STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS, JOIN US FOR THIS WEEKLY FESTIVAL OF WORSHIP, PRAISE AND HONOUR OF THE ONE WHO PROMISES LIFE.

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# Mrs Sheilagh Preston RIP

Mrs Sheilagh Preston died peacefully on 2 April, 2019, aged 81 years. She was the beloved wife of Jack for 59 years and the loving mother of Simon, Richard and Matthew, and Grandma of Simon, Jack, Charlie and Jasper.

Her requiem Mass took place on Wednesday, 24 April at the Church of the Mother of God in Sheffield.

Holy Mass was celebrated by Monsignor William Kilgannon, Parish Priest of Mother of God Church, together with Bishop Ralph and Rt Rev John Rawsthorne, Emeritus Bishop of Hallam. Also concelebrating were Fr Christopher Posluszny of the Cathedral Church of St Marie, Fr Geoffrey Bottoms now retired from Lancaster, where Sheilagh lived some years ago. The homily was given by the Rt Rev Terence Brain, Emeritus Bishop of Salford, who was a former chaplain to the Union of Catholic Mothers for several years.

Sheilagh will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and members of the Union of Catholic Mothers. She was an active member in her Parish and was a longstanding member of the UCM, having held Office at Diocesan and National levels, as well as having travelled to many countries with The World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation.

Sheilagh served on the Diocesan Finance Board



and was a Diocesan Trustee. She was also a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission. May God reward her for all her hard work. May she rest in peace.

## The Feast of Our Lady of Doncaster Tuesday, 4 June Bishop Ralph celebrates Mass at the Shrine at St Peter-in-Chains, Chequer Road, Doncaster, DN1 2AA

In recent times there has been much that is good taking place in and around our Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster.

Devotion to Our Lady of Doncaster has existed from ancient times. People travelled from great distances to visit Doncaster and pay homage to Our Blessed Lady.

Today in St Peter's Church there exists this hidden gem of Our Blessed Lady. In March a Retreat Day was held at the Shrine, (pictured below). This included a talk on the Shrine's history, given by Pauline Allen, Holy Mass was celebrated by the Parish Priest and Stations of the Cross were prayed in the Sacred Garden.

The feast day of Our Lady of Doncaster is 4 June. On this day at 11am Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ralph.

Afterwards there will be light re-



freshments in the Parish Hall, and later in the day Benediction.

Everyone is welcome from across the diocese and beyond. Put this date in your diary.



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One Sheffield Many Cultures Youth Festival will be showcasing talent from schools across the city.

The One Sheffield Many Cultures free festival takes place from 11am to 3pm in Barkers Pool on Saturday, 15 June. The festival, which brings together young people from across Sheffield to celebrate the city's cultural diversity, is set to be the biggest and best yet.

A total of ten schools have already said they will perform at the event, which showcases song, dance and drama with short contributions from people

in the faith community, trade unions and multicultural campaigns.

One Sheffield Many Cultures spokesperson, Abdul Gooljar said, "We launched the festival to celebrate the contribution of our young people to our great multicultural city and it has been marvellous to see how it has grown.

"We hope that the number of people spending a few minutes or even longer to watch the performances will also increase as more families and individuals give their support to the youngsters taking part and celebrate the city's diversity."

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# Holy Week and Easter Celebrations Around the Diocese

**PASSION: Thoughts from Polly Witter,  
Lay Chaplain of McAuley Catholic High School**

You know it's a funny thing passion, we hear the word and think about what we are passionate about. A hobby, a person, a football team, our job perhaps. We spend so much time on finding our own passion yet how often do we stop and think about the passion that other people have for us? I often get asked, "Why do you do your job?" Perhaps this is as so many see it as different, something unusual, out of the "norm", or, they presume I'm a nun.

I never planned on being a school chaplain. In fact at the age of seventeen I was offered the opportunity to apply to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, something which I thought was my dream. Turns out that someone else's passion for me had a very different plan. Growing up in an Irish Catholic family church was something we just did on a Sunday not really knowing why, and certainly not asking the question why.

It was a Holy Week retreat for young people where I was told "Jesus died for me", a phrase I'd heard many times but yet at that point was so powerful I couldn't ignore it. These simple words enabled me to realise that there was something more to just going to church every week.

As we approach the end of our Lenten journey and begin Holy Week, we are given opportunity to look back over what we have done and reflect on the passion that Jesus has for each and every one of us. In a world that often seems so unforgiving we often forget the good news of the gospel in Jesus Christ. "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." (Luke 23:34)

It makes sense that the first word of Jesus from the cross is a word of forgiveness. That's the point of the cross, after all. Jesus is dying so that we might be forgiven for our sins, so that we might be reconciled to God for eternity. This is why even our problems, difficulties and even illnesses can become lighter, more bearable, when we unite them to the cross.

Jesus story didn't end with the cross. It was only through the cross that he rose from the dead. It is through the cross that we can also rise up and find meaning in our lives. One evening after a staff meeting, staff took part in the Stations of the Cross using the school site as the stations. In the last two days of term, our students have also been able to encounter this journey of Jesus in reflective liturgies prepared and led by the staff liturgy team and over 50 student volunteers against a moving backdrop of silhouette representations of the Way of the Cross.

Let's allow his generous sacrifice to move us as we begin Holy Week. Let's try to understand the greatness of his love for each one of us. He wants to help us in our lives but we have to let him in.

Let's try to understand the passion he has for each one of us and try to respond in our lives with the same generosity.

## *An Abundance of Blessings*

All Christians know the story of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection by heart. They know, as well, the incomparable blessing bestowed by those events, succinctly expressed in the words, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

**The first blessing is the gift of empathy.** As we read about and reflect on the events culminating in Christ's death on the cross, we experience with him the degradation, humiliation and pain he was subjected to and thereby become more sensitive first to the sufferings of those close to us, and then to the sufferings of the poor, the outcast, the abused and those denied their human dignity in this country and around the world. As a school community raising money for the Good Shepherd is central to this.

**The second blessing is appreciation of Christ's humility.** Reflecting on Christ's passion requires us to put aside our thoughts of self for a time and in those moments, no matter how brief, we can grasp the vast difference between Christ's example and the example recommended by our culture. This is best described when we marked the beginning of Lent and our Lenten Journey with simple Ash Wednesday services for every single member of our school community.

Fr James said Mass for us when the ashes were blessed. The message to the staff and the students in our services, not only that he was not giving anything up for Lent but that Lent is a time of

abundance; a time of plenty, a time when blessings are there for all.

That is certainly not the traditional way some people see Lent. When we give up something for Lent we can't help but tell people. "Sorry," we say, "I can't have chocolate/crisps/alcohol because I've given it up for Lent" (smug look).

So in Lent we can look outwards as well as inwards for the beauty and the blessings which surround us. We can see a blessing in the time for a spiritual Spring clean and we can then truly rejoice in the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

One of our delightful Y9 students was proud to show me that her ashes had stayed on her forehead until lunchtime. A great blessing to meet students like this.

In the same way we were blessed in abundance, as a senior team, to meet every Year 8 student as part of their option process. It was a real joy to have positive conversations with well-supported students who are clearly well brought up young people.

I was overwhelmed to help serve breakfast with Mr Smith last week to over 50 Y7 students who have just been brilliant this term.

Our Year 11 and Y10 students have both been put through the 'penance' of preliminary exams and we have been impressed by the very many positive ways they have conducted themselves.

Sixty students attended the very popular retreats to Savio House near Macclesfield; a unique and contemplative experience which no other secondary school in the Doncaster region offers. We expect that our students 'buy into' the whole McAuley package and, as such, we expect all students to attend our whole school Holy Week Liturgies.

John Rooney, Headteacher, McAuley Catholic High School





# Walsingham Association Half Day Retreat



Fr Ben Griffiths, Chaplain of the Leeds Branch of the Walsingham Association



Ann Rhodes, Chair of the Sheffield Branch of the Walsingham Association

On Saturday, 13 April, eighteen members and friends of the Sheffield branch of the Walsingham Association met with members of the Leeds branch for their annual half day of recollection.

After lunch at Murgatroyd's Fish Restaurant, we were welcomed at the Convent of Mercy in Yeadon, by the sisters and Father Ben Griffiths, the Leeds chaplain.

We began the afternoon by listening to the opening chorus of JS Bach's "St Matthew Passion". "Come ye daughters, share my mourning. See Him, the Bridegroom Christ. See Him, a spotless lamb. See His patient love." Fr Ben then spoke of Julian of Norwich's reflections on Our Lady's sufferings. The deeper was her love for her Son, the deeper her share in his sorrow and suffering.

We were given a copy of the Gradual Psalms (Psalms 119-133), also called the

Psalms of Ascent, or The Pilgrim Songs, recited by devout Jews on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, for the Passover feast. Our Lord and his disciples would have sung these as they journeyed along.

After a break, the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass followed a meditation on the Seven Dolours of Our Lady, with us reciting the Litany of Our Lady of Sorrows. There was much for us to contemplate.

We again heard Bach's Passion, with its measured tread of the music. Fr Ben recommended that we think of this, whilst reciting the psalms during Holy Week, as we ourselves followed Jesus on his way to Calvary.

"A Man who was completely innocent offered Himself as a sacrifice, for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act." (Mahatma Gandhi 1869-1948)

Pat Smith

## Blessed Sacrament, Athersley Celebrate the Resurrection



Beautiful flower displays celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord at Blessed Sacrament, Athersley



Members and friends of the Sheffield Branch of the Walsingham Association gather at the Convent of Mercy, Yeadon for their annual half day of recollection

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A prayer group may be started with only two mothers. Members meet every week and obey the strict rule of confidentiality.

During the meetings a mother may share her worries without the fear of anything being repeated outside of the meeting. The other mothers support her in her prayer and she will feel supported by thousands of mothers around the world who are also part of Mothers' Prayers. There is a booklet of prayers to follow, but time is also allowed for spontaneous prayer.

For the past five years a group of mothers from Mother of God, Sheffield has met fortnightly in each other's homes. Many blessings have been received and prayers answered as they have come together with a renewed confidence in the Lord's goodness and grace. For more information visit:

[www.mothersprayers.org](http://www.mothersprayers.org) or contact [stym@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:stym@hallam-diocese.com).

## Mass in Celebration of Marriage

Saturday, 13 July

12.30pm

St Marie's Cathedral  
Celebrant Bishop Ralph

*Save the Date*

If you are engaged to be married, newly married, married, celebrating a silver, gold or diamond wedding anniversary, or preparing couples for marriage, Bishop Ralph invites you and your family to a Mass to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of marriage.

## First Holy Communion Preparation

After a session on Reconciliation the parents of the first communicants at Mother of God, Sheffield, were given an Amoris Cube.

The foam cube comes in a flat pack. Families

roll the cube, read the message and then think and talk about it. It has six messages from Pope Francis' letter *Amoris Laetitia* (Joy of Love).



Participants at the First Holy Communion preparation at Mother of God with parish priest, Mgr William Kilgannon

## Facing up to Climate Change

A teenager whose family is active in the Justice and Peace movement has won the writing section of the Columban Young Journalists Competition in Britain, 'The Challenge of Climate Change', with her article 'Facing up to Climate Change'.

Fifteen year-old Anna Joy Marshall of St Mary's Catholic High School in Chesterfield said, "This competition has made me think about different ways of voicing my concerns about the environment." She added that, "What we are doing is unsustainable and the only chance we have to change is now."

She wrote in her article, "**Climate change highlights the issues of injustice just as much as it destroys natural habitats and wildlife – maybe even more so. Climate change cannot be a separate issue to social justice because it is both a cause and result of social injustice. People are affected all around the world. So often, the people it affects are the marginalised and the poorest ...**

"... Critical thinking is a key that can help us challenge ourselves and others. It could be the first step to us resolving the issue of climate change. It is more important than ever in the world today. Yet combatting climate change is not something we have to face alone. I believe action and spirituality sit together. I was in a workshop by a Columban Missionary and he said, "Prayer and action work together." Spirituality is like the roots of a tree and action is the leaves inspired by God."

Judge Jo Siedlecka of Independent Catholic News described Anna's article as "an excellent piece – packed with in-

formation, good references to Catholic Social Teaching on climate change and good references to personal experience".

Judge Nick Benson of The Universe was impressed that Anna and her sister "feel so strongly about social justice that they held a social action day for young people with two workshops focusing on climate change and care for creation", saying in her article "there is a hunger in young people for doing good things". John Vidal, former environment editor at the Guardian, described it as "well-argued and researched, with a strong religious perspective".

The competition 'The Challenge of Climate Change' was run by the Missionary Society of St Columba and open to young people 15-18 years old. Two separate strands were held – one for students in Britain and the other for students in Ireland.

The objective was to encourage students to use their journalistic writing and mobile skills to look at a topical issue which is relevant to Catholic Social Teaching and resonates with Columban mission.

A formal presentation will be made to the British winners of the 2019 competition at the lobby of parliament on Climate Change in London on 26 June. Anna's winning article can be read in full at <https://columbans.co.uk/facing-up-to-climate-change-by-anna-joy-marshall>.



# PRUNING THE VINE

Fr Craig Fitzpatrick, Assistant Priest of St Jude's Parish, Worksop and Oldcotes, Judicial Vicar and Chancellor of the Diocese, shares with us thoughts on 'Pruning the Vine'.

At the Mass of Chrism this year, the Bishop noted in his homily that sometimes we, as Christians, are called to walk closer to the Cross than we would like. He went on to say that, perhaps, this past year has been such a time. As a Diocese, we are now at a stage when difficult decisions have to be made to ensure that the Church in Hallam remains faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Our Lord. The important phrase here is, 'have to be made.' The Bishop hasn't shouldered the burden of reorganising Diocesan structures simply to be awkward and antagonise people. He's done so because we all have to deal with a very real and urgent problem: a diminishing number of both Diocesan clergy and Catholic laity in Hallam.

In the halcyon days of the 20th century, following the Restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy in 1850, we witnessed a burgeoning of Catholic practice in England. New churches were built and priests were recruited from abroad to deal with the increased demand for the riches of the Church. However, we now have to deal with the reversal of that historical reawakening. A lot of our churches in the Diocese are emptying, for a variety of reasons, and the number of priests that can be deployed by the Bishop has fallen. Yet the increased number of church buildings has remained quite stable. The blessing and curse of this situation is that many parish communities, which have shown their faith and strength over the years, are now facing the need for a new expression of that same faith and strength.

The needs of the world have changed, and this is what the Church has always addressed; the needs – but not the demand – of the world. It is tempting to want to remain in the same position, because we find security there. It was a willingness to change and take risks that

prompted previous generations, our parents and grandparents, to provide for a developing Catholic population in this country.

The seminary which I attended, St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, closed its doors as a seminary, after over 200 years, in 2011. I like to think that the first people who would have insisted on its closure, once it stopped serving the Church's mission, would have been the very people who risked violent persecution to build it. They did not risk their security so that things could stay the same, but because they saw a need and wanted to answer Christ's call. The first parishes I was assigned to after my studies in Rome, St Hugh of Lincoln in Chesterfield and St Joseph's in Staveley, tell a similar story. Both were built by the industry and vision of previous generations of Catholics who recognised a need. The doors of both are now closed. The strength of character of the parishioners there was a source of untold blessings for me, and will stay with me forever.

After Chesterfield I was assigned to St Helen's, Oldcotes, and St Patrick's, Harworth. St Patrick's has now closed, because of falling numbers and the poor condition of the building. It recently merged with the neighbouring parish in Worksop, along with St Helen's. The example of the parishioners of St Patrick's after its closure has truly been special. Now firmly a part of the new parish of St Jude, I think I used to embarrass them by singing their praises but they really did show such a wonderful example of how to engage and embrace change, even though they would rather have not.

This is, of course, not to say that change does not cause great anxiety and upset. As a parish priest in all these places, I have been there with my brothers and sisters and seen their worlds turned upside down.



Though people might not always think so, I know Bishop Ralph stands with the priests and people of the Diocese, and keenly feels their anguish and their anger. But he is there with us, leading us through what is often a dark path. And as a successor of the Apostles, he knows that is what he is called to do. So he will bear our complaints, our grumbling, and yes, even our anger, because he seeks to respond to his vocation from the Lord. If he didn't, I think he would have left us shortly after being appointed to Hallam.

Our Lord gives us the example of sometimes having to prune the vine so that it will bear more fruit. We live in a time when the vine of the Church has to be pruned, and that is traumatic. Yet this has been done many times over the centuries, and often more severely. The other aspect of Our Lord's teaching about the vine is that apart from Him we can do nothing. As branches of the vine we are dependent on Him for life. And as a Church we are called to grow together. This is the reason why we should share our gifts with each other, because change will affect us all sooner or later but we don't need to face it alone.

So even though change has come to us, let us not be afraid of it and run away. Let us embrace it, like our parents, grandparents, and earlier forebears. Let us show the World that the Church is still there to respond to its needs, though not its desires. Let us be united as Catholics, so that we will bear abundant fruit that will last.

## Day of Renewal for St Alban's

Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest of St Alban's, Denaby Main, invited parishioners to take part in a Day of Renewal and Prayer. This was to be a great opportunity to refresh and revitalise the parish community.

Fr Desmond explained, "It will be the first of many as we seek to enhance our spiritual growth on our parish journey to seek a closer relationship with God."

The day was organised by Fr Desmond supported by Christian Fitzgerald and Shannon Duffy. The theme of the retreat was "Walk with Me". Fr David Cain, Parish Priest of St Alban's, Derby, was the keynote speaker. Participants ended the day with the celebration of Mass.

St Alban's Parish, Denaby Main, is indebted to the staff of the Briars Retreat Centre who made them very welcome

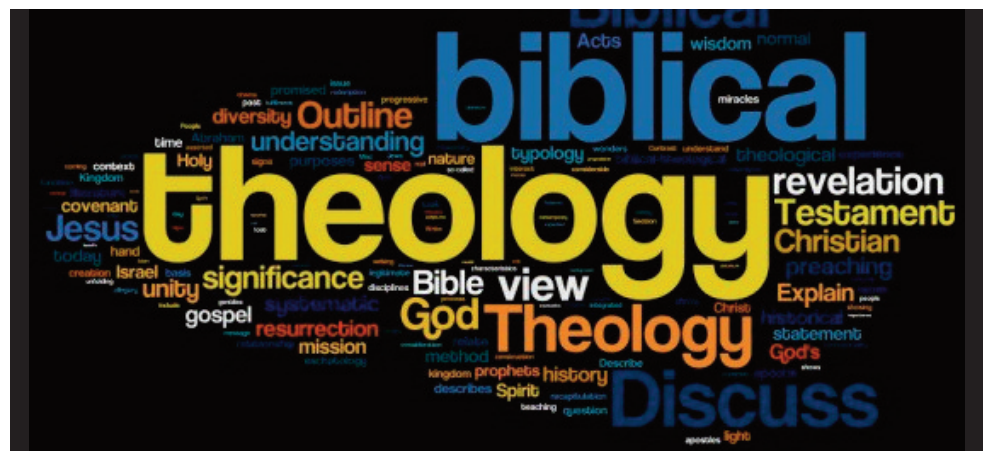


and played their part in making the day a great success.

Pictured above, Fr Desmond Edozie (left) with Fr David Cain.

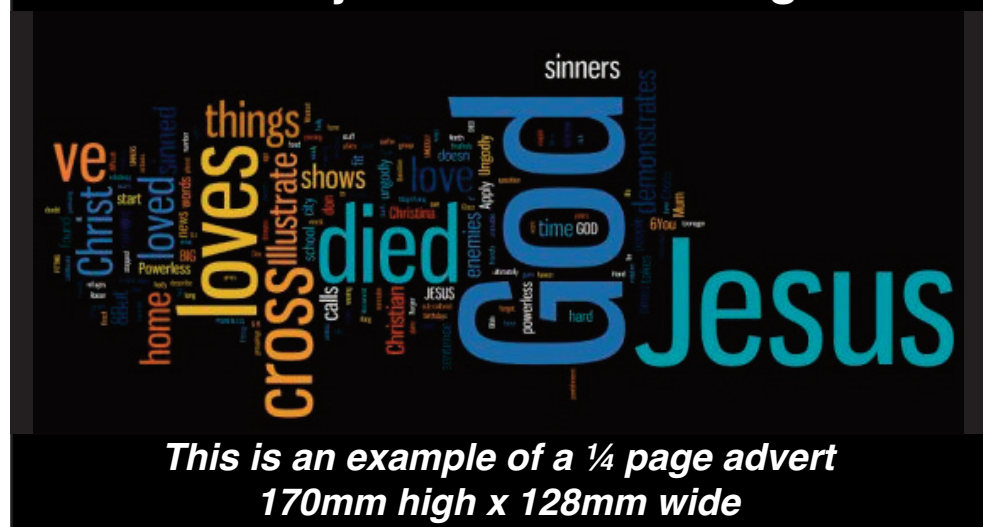


The group from Denaby Main with Fr Desmond Edozie and staff from Briars Retreat Centre



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**Saint Vincent de Paul Society: Blessed Rosalie Rendu**

This month we continue our series on key people involved in the development of the SVP with the first of two articles on Blessed Rosalie Rendu.

Over a century and a half apart, Blessed Rosalie Rendu and St Vincent are inextricably linked. It was her influence that persuaded Blessed Frederic Ozanam to adopt St Vincent as the patron of his new society. Yet there is so much more to the life and works of this remarkable woman.

Jeanne Marie Rendu was born 9 September, 1786 in the Jura Mountains. Jeanne Marie was three years old when the Revolution broke out in France. From 1790 the Rendu family home became a refuge for those priests who refused to accept the civil Constitution. The penalty for this was torture and sometimes death. It was in this atmosphere of solid faith, always exposed to the dangers of denunciation, that Jeanne Marie was educated. This exceptional environment forged her character.

In the days following the Terror life resumed its normality. Jeanne Marie went to the Ursuline Sisters in Gex, staying two years in this boarding school. Whilst there she discovered the hospital where the Daughters of Charity cared for the sick. She had only one desire, to go and join them. God's call, which she had sensed for many years, made itself clear: she would become a Daughter of Charity.

In 1802, Armande Jacquinet, from the village of Lancrans, confided to her friend that she was preparing to leave for Paris to enter the Company of the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul. Jeanne Marie leaped at the opportunity and begged her mother to allow her to leave. Madame Rendu, happy, but very emotional at her daughter's vocation, consented to her request.

On 25 May, 1802, Jeanne Marie arrived at the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Paris. She was nearly 17 years old! The thirst for action, devotion and service that burned within Jeanne Marie could not have found a better place to be quenched than this district of Paris.

At the time, it was the most impoverished district of the quickly expanding capital: poverty in all its forms, psychological and spiritual. There disease, unhealthy slums and destitution were the daily lot of the people who were trying to survive.



Blessed Rosalie Rendu

Jeanne Marie, who received the name Sr Rosalie, made her "apprenticeship" accompanying Sisters visiting the sick and the poor. Between times, she taught catechism and reading to little girls accepted at the free school. In 1815 Sr Rosalie became Superior of the Community.

All her qualities of devotedness, natural authority, humility, compassion and her organisational abilities would be revealed. "Her poor," as she would call them, became more and more numerous during this troubled time. She sent her Sisters into all the hidden recesses of St Médard Parish in order to bring supplies, clothing, care and a comforting word.

To assist all the suffering and without resources, Sr Rosalie opened a free clinic, a pharmacy, a school, an orphanage, a child care centre, a youth club for young workers and a home for the elderly. Soon a whole network of charitable services would be established to counter poverty.

**Sr Rosalie helping those in need**

Her example encouraged her Sisters. She often told them, "Be a milestone where all those who are tired have the right to lay down their load." She was so simple, and lived so poorly, as to let the presence of God shine through her.

Her faith, solid as a rock and clear as a spring, revealed Jesus Christ in all circumstances. She daily experienced this conviction of St Vincent, "You will go and visit the poor ten times a day, and ten times a day you will find God there ... you go into their poor homes, but you find God there."

Superiors sent her postulants and young Sisters to be formed. They put in her house, for a period of time, Sisters who were somewhat difficult or fragile. To one of her Sisters in crisis, she gave this advice one day, which is the secret of her life, "If you want someone to love you, you must be the first to love; and if you have nothing to give, give yourself."

Her reputation quickly grew in the capital and also beyond. Sr Rosalie knew how to surround herself with many efficient and dedicated collaborators. The donations flowed in quickly as the rich were unable to resist this persuasive woman. Even the former royalty did not forget her in their generosity. The Ladies of Charity helped in the home visits. Bishops, priests, the Ambassador of Spain, Donoso Cortéz, Carlo X, General Cavaignac and the most distinguished men of state and culture, even the Emperor Napoleon III, with his wife, were often seen in her parlour. Students of law, medicine, science, technology, engineering, teacher training and all the other important schools came seeking from Sr Rosalie information and recommendations. Or, before performing a good work, they asked her at which door they should knock.

It was only to be a matter of time before a young Frederic Ozanam and his friends were asking Sr Rosalie for help!

The second instalment of this story will appear in next month's edition.

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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2020**

Bishop Ralph plans to lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land early next year. The Pilgrimage will depart from Manchester to Tel Aviv on 18 March and will return on 25 March 2020.

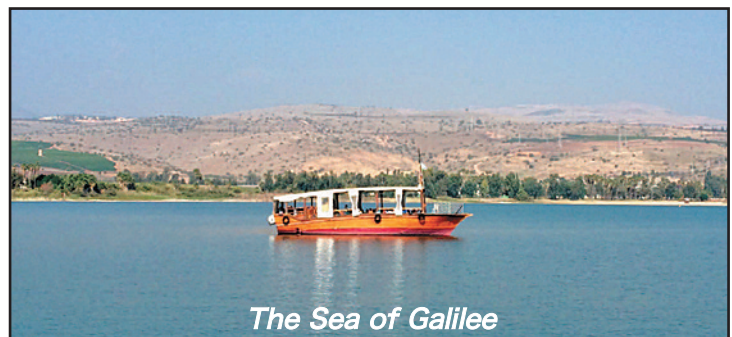
The Pilgrims will spend two nights in Jerusalem, 3 nights in Bethlehem and 2 nights in Tiberias. The pilgrimage will follow closely the footsteps of the Master and will include visits to the Basilica of the Nativity, the Shepherds Fields, the Pools of Bethesda, St Anne's Church, the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (and the new Edicule), the Mount of Olives, Dominus Flavit and the Garden of Gethsemane. We would also hope

to visit and share Masses with local Christians. Pilgrims will have daily Mass and we hope to again be able to arrange Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

There is full board accommodation throughout the pilgrimage. The all-inclusive cost of the above is £1449 per person sharing. (There is an additional single room supplement).

For those considering travelling early booking is advised to avoid surcharges.

Visiting the Holy Land is more than a personal Pilgrimage. Your presence there gives hope, comfort and support to our Brothers and Sisters who suffer daily for their faith. Do consider joining the Pilgrimage.



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"The church is called to be always the open house of the Father. ... No closed doors! No closed doors!" Pope Francis, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

Those wishing to have further information with regard to the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, or those who wish to travel as pilgrims, should contact the organiser, Joe McNally, by e-mail: [joegmcnally@btinternet.com](mailto:joegmcnally@btinternet.com) or by telephone: 0114 236 4076 or mobile: 07891 072858.



# Ecumenical Lenten Course

A parishioner of Blessed William Richardson Catholic Church, Kiveton Park, shares with the *Hallam News* an experience of an Ecumenical Lenten Course.

Working effectively in mission in our communities, encouraging one another in our Gospel work for the Kingdom - Wales Parish Church, Wales Methodist Church, Harthill Church of England, Blessed William Richardson Catholic Church, Kiveton Park and Thorpe Salvin Church of England.

WHAT a blessed time we had when five local churches joined together in the first week of Lent! This first Lenten Ecumenical session took place at Blessed William Richardson Church as 51 participants gathered in friendship to explore and grapple with the Beatitudes.

This was a wonderful evening as people from all traditions chatted, laughed and listened to each other. In areas such as Kiveton and Wales, congregations are now coming together to strengthen their witness to the local community and celebrate their ecumenical relationships. This course offered an opportunity for local congregations to meet to share a common life, witness and mission. Each of the different churches hosted one session providing a bespoke opportunity to truly work in partnership with other Christian churches.

Tea and hot cross buns welcomed visitors as they arrived, and a wonderful warm atmosphere soon pervaded as new friendships were quickly established. This first session was led by Maine Hobart and focussed on an introduction to the sessions. The programme followed the publication 'Life Attitudes' and is a five-session course based on the Beatitudes.

The opening question asked, 'What makes you happy?' The laughter of children, family and friends, flowers, sunshine,



grandchildren and good food figured highly; even Sheffield United made the shortlist! Two local Ministers read the Beatitudes as the group carefully and critically reflected on their true meaning.

Frantic discussion then followed as each group was challenged to answer four questions; What strikes you most? What puzzles you most? What gives you most hope? What do the Beatitudes leave you wanting to do?

The biggest challenge of the evening was inviting each group to write a slogan that sums up the message of the Beatitudes in a snappy way. Several suggestions were shared, and a final vote took place with the most popular being, **'You can't beat the Beatitudes for the right attitude for life!'**

Each of the following sessions looked at the Beatitudes as a whole and invited the groups to take an overview of the eight sayings. Each session opened with the course prayer which was shared collaboratively. We then specifically focused on two Beatitudes and finally there was time for summary and reflection. A range of interactive activities and many ideas for prayer and meditation encouraged participants to actively engage in the sessions. The group explored the meaning of the Beatitudes and soon realised how difficult it is to understand them. They can seem to be so other-worldly and unattainable and almost impossible to practise in real life.

This is the true church of the 21st century, small churches working in partnership to bring the word of Jesus alive through word and action.



## Annual Study Conference

It was the turn of the Hallam Diocese to host the Annual Study Conference for the Union of Catholic Mothers. This year it was held at the Hayes Centre.

The Conference was led by Rt Rev Alan Williams of the Brentwood Diocese. The theme of the Conference was "Gaudete et Exultate", the Holy Father's exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world.

A most enjoyable evening of entertainment was provided by the Crows' Feet Folk Group from the Hope Valley.



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Participants in this book group will watch videos by Rohr and his team that explore the text. Each of the four evenings will cater for anyone interested in the book who is keen to discuss it with others.

The sessions will be led by John Stride. They will be of most benefit to those who can find and read a copy of the book in advance and it is recommended to attend the full series if you can.




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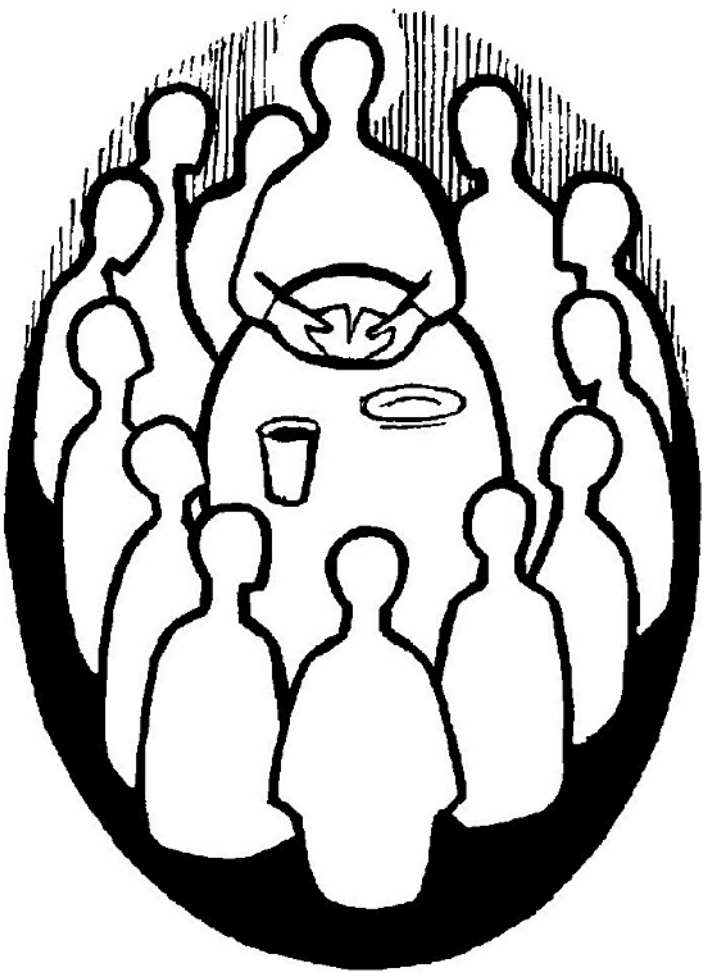

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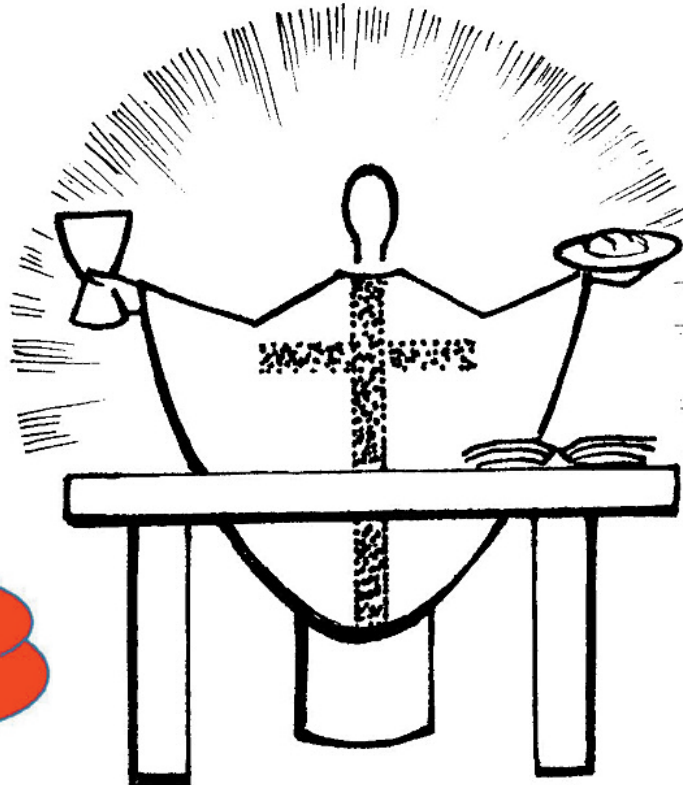


"Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you".

Do you know what Corpus Christi means? 'Corpus' means 'body', and 'Christi' means 'of Christ' in Latin, which was the language used in the Catholic church for many years.

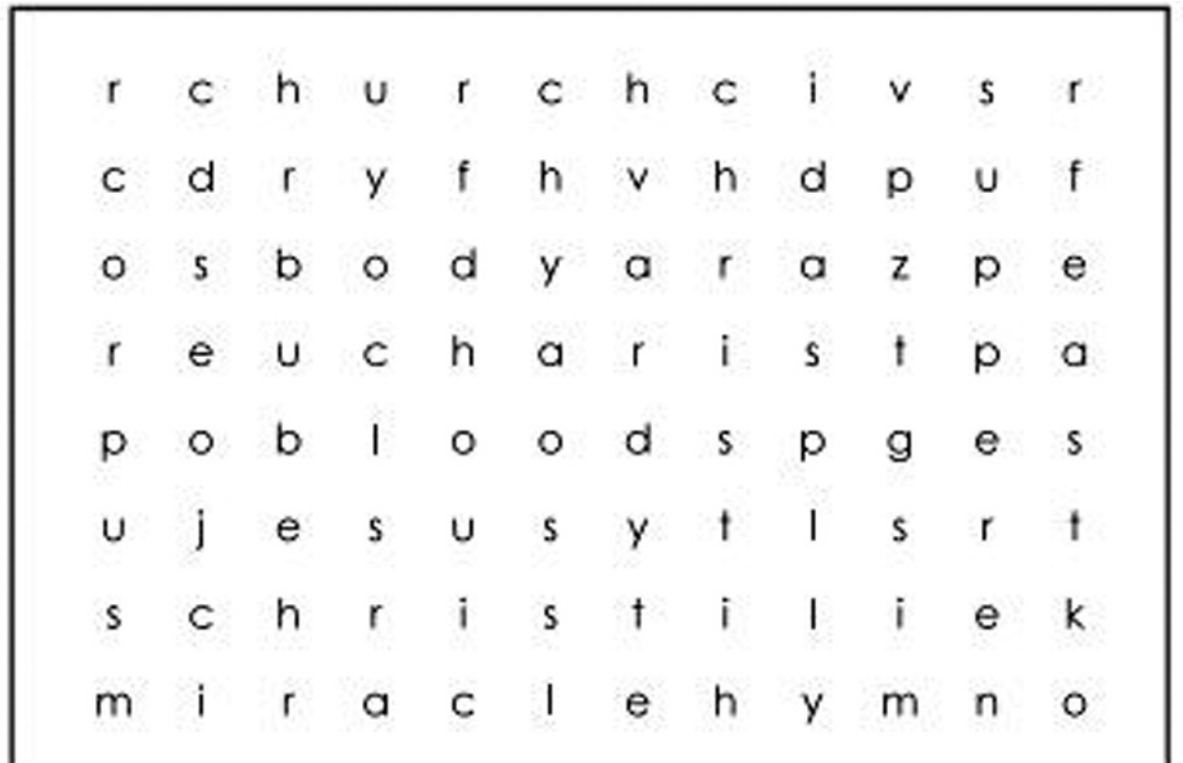
Corpus Christi is celebrated on the second Sunday after the feast of Pentecost and today it is called the feast of **The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord**. This makes this Sunday Mass an extra special day for us to thank Jesus for giving himself to us in this way.

In some countries it is a holiday. Some churches might also be celebrating it with a procession through their town centre. What will you be doing to celebrate this very special day?



**WONDER**

## Word Search for Corpus Christi



Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → and ↓.

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body  
christ  
christi  
church

corpus  
eucharist  
feast  
hymn  
jesus

miracle  
supper

I wonder ...

I wonder what you like about Jesus giving himself to us as bread and wine?

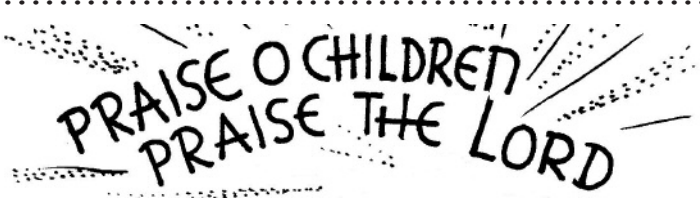
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I wonder what is most important about the Body and Blood of Jesus?

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I wonder where you feel close to the Body and Blood of Jesus in the church today?

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# Everyone's a Winner! Celebrating Success

At St Wilfrid's Centre we run a wide range of classes and activity sessions to support clients in developing their interests and skills. Over the last 12 months our clients have done some brilliant work in areas as diverse as pottery, painting, poetry, photography and woodwork, and we wanted to make sure that their commitment and efforts were recognised.

On 20 March, we invited over 30 clients to attend an 'Afternoon of Celebration' with their friends and families. Councillor Tony Downing, the Deputy Lord Mayor, presented each client with a certificate at the event and clients' work was on display around the Centre.

Dominic Maloney is the member of staff who leads on the Personal Development Programme. He commented, "This is a really important day for our clients, being able to reflect on what they have done over the year and show their families and friends their achievements. It really helps develop a sense of self-worth and independence."

One of the clients receiving a certificate was Laura, who attends the computer skills and sewing classes at the Centre, and she has really noticed the impact of the classes on her social life and general sense of wellbeing. "I love coming here and meeting friends, everyone is lovely and it is like a big family."

Clients who attend activities at the Centre don't just learn practical skills. Katie Deedes,



Sheffield Half Marathon

a volunteer who runs the Centre's pottery classes, makes the point that, "During our sessions, clients get the chance to develop a range of other skills such as observation, planning and problem solving, and this is all done in a calm, therapeutic environment."

The 'Afternoon of Celebration' was a really memorable event, enjoyed by all those who attended. We will leave the last word with Councillor Downing, "You should all be really proud of yourselves."

Madeleine Thomas



The Sleep Out

### And thank you for your generosity!

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported and sponsored friends and family who took part in our 2019 Sleep Out and participated in the Sheffield Half Marathon. Both events were a great success and raised £7,000 and £2,700 respectively for the Centre's work.



Afternoon of Celebration

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# Hallam Charity Night

Hallam Charity Night held in the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road, Sheffield on 29 September, 2018, was again a splendid event enjoyed by all who attended.

Over £5000 was raised on the night for the benefit of the St Vincent De Paul Furniture Store - to help the homeless into homes in Sheffield; the Makeni Trust - to provide blood screening kits for a hospital in Sierra Leone; Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust - to provide permanent Day Care facilities for the elderly poor and hospice provision in Bethlehem; the Medaille Trust - to support the victims of human trafficking.

The Prize Draw £1000 first prize was won by Mr Bryan McGurk of Morpeth, Northumbria. The second prize, a holiday for a week in a chalet in Austria was won by Mrs Elizabeth Maltby of Sheffield. The third prize of £250 was won by Ms Claire Clay of St Mary's Catholic High School, Chesterfield.

This year's Hallam Charity Night Dinner and Dance is at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road.

Sheffield on **Saturday, 5 October**. Again we hope to be able to help charities at home and abroad. Over the past ten years the Diocesan Charity Night has donated over £65,000 to charities in the Diocese and elsewhere.

The Organising Committee invite applications from charities who would wish to benefit from the proceeds of the evening. The application letter, addressed to the below named, should set out details of the applicant and the purpose for which the donation is being sought together with how it is intended the money will be spent.

Applications/donations to: Mrs Elizabeth Mason, Honorary Secretary, c/o The Presbytery, 34 Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 7UD. **The closing date for applications is 10 June.**

The organising Committee is happy to receive donations and prizes in support of the event.

**Reserve the date in your diary and come and make the event a huge success.**



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'The National Shrine of Our Lady'

Led By: **RT.Rev.Ralph Heskett.C.S.s.R**  
**Bishop of Hallam**

Procession Starts 2.15pm from Friday Market  
Vigil Mass - 4.00pm

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Cost of fare, which includes a Pilgrimage Programme

Adults £18, students £12



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**

- 1 Lovely lass from the outset left key within to visit (4,2)
- 4 'Fake place'? That's low even for a disgusting rag to get involved (6)
- 9 Biblical site to trumpet about? (7)
- 10 It's up to peacekeepers to prepare the ground, mostly (5)
- 11 State of 22 that's randomly taken on board (7)
- 12 Circumference defined using retro heavy trigonometry (5)
- 13 Tom and Jerry: no act amused better! (3,3,5)
- 18 Philistine's suit tailor only partially fits (5)
- 20 Sailor, an Irishman, is announced as David's third mate (7)
- 22 Some stars like Lugosi lost heart with support in the end (5)
- 23 Mary's boy is in your school (3,4)
- 24 With London band regularly coming back, golf around Home Counties fits in, it's true (6)
- 25 Idiot's admitted to changing due to being married (6)

**CRYPTIC Down**

- 1 Dupe a king to entrap a knave (6)
- 2 Saul's daughter married bachelor, about to retire (5)
- 3 Tic Arab gets, uncommon where the camels come from (7)
- 5 Fleeced, stomach's upset with number taken in (5)
- 6 One that works to make Greek god the brightest star in the firmament (7)
- 7 Oracle ushered back Greek character (6)
- 8 Couple in the Bible fiddle a good man out of three grand (3,3,5)
- 14 Riviera resort's against elite contracting (7)
- 15 Greek's letter to explore parts of volcano, Micronesian

section (7)

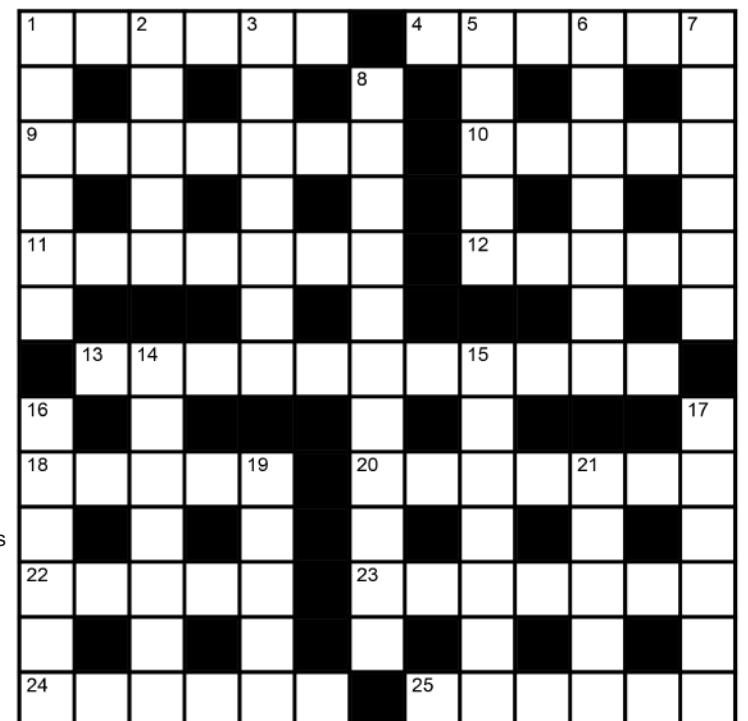
- 16 Place Amalekites burned in Zion, including killing Levites and Gideon's leaders (6)
- 17 Ran around, sure getting whipped (6)
- 19 Fancy motorway trip's a long time coming (5)
- 21 One huge hold on ship, they say (5)

**QUICK Across**

- 1 Obtain: pop in (4,2)
- 4 Heavenly dwelling of the Norse gods (6)
- 9 Strategic oasis town near the Dead Sea taken by Joshua (7)
- 10 As far as time allows (5)
- 11 Africa's oldest republic (1847) (7)
- 12 Belt put around a horse to secure a saddle (5)
- 13 Game of battle or other contests where first one side, then the other, has the upper hand (3,3,5)
- 18 Philistine who stood by David against Absalom... (5)
- 20 ...and David's third wife (7)
- 22 Seventh sign of the zodiac (5)
- 23 Another designation for the Blessed Virgin Mary (3,4)
- 24 One of several narratives of the life of Christ, and the principles laid down therein (6)
- 25 ----- Reformed Church: merger of the Congregationalists and English Presbyterian Churches in 1972 (6)

**QUICK Down**

- 1 Coax, persuade (6)
- 2 Saul's elder daughter who married Adriel (5)
- 3 Ancient Central Asian land which gave its name to the



two-humped camel (7)

- 5 Conned: shocked (5)
- 6 Important star in Scorpius (7)
- 7 Oracle site in Asia Minor (6)
- 8 In Revelation two nations under the dominion of Satan (3,3,5)
- 14 French Riviera resort, originally a Greek port (7)
- 15 15th letter of the Greek alphabet (7)
- 16 Place Achish of Gath gave to David to live (6)
- 17 Scourged; excoriated (6)
- 19 Persona: idol (5)
- 21 Hold, stop (nautical/archaic) (5)

**SOLUTION**

Across: 1 Come by, 4 Asgard, 9 Jericho, 10 Until, 11 Liberia, 12 Girth, 13 Cat And Mouse, 18 Itai, 22 Libra, 23 Our Lady, 24 Gospel, 25 United. Down: 1 Calote, 2 Bactra, 3 Bactra, 5 Sting, 6 Antares, 7 Delphi, 8 Gog and Magog, 14 Antibes, 15 Omicron, 16 Ziklag, 17 Flayed, 19 Image, 21 Avast.