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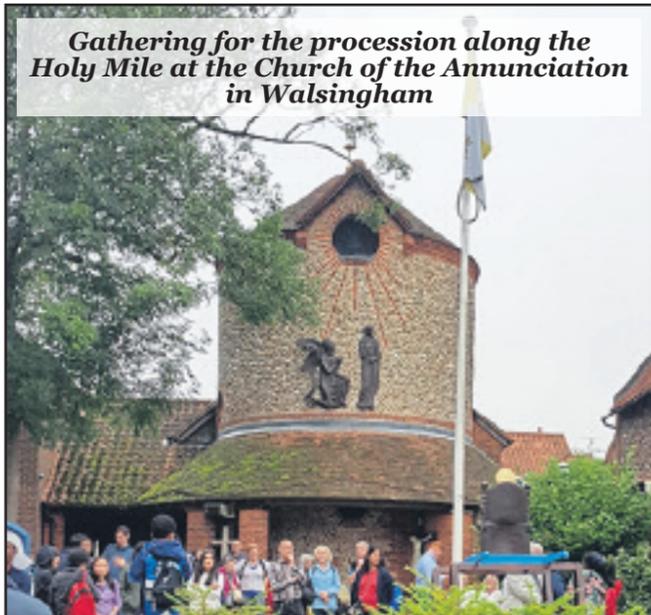


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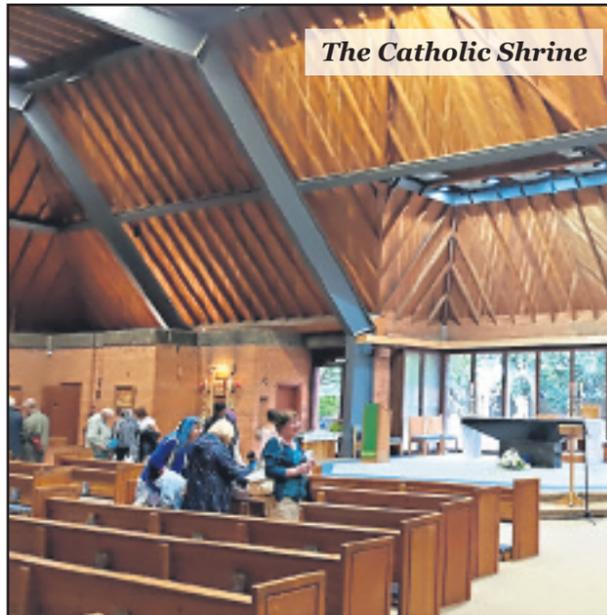
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Gathering for the procession along the Holy Mile at the Church of the Annunciation in Walsingham



The Catholic Shrine



The village of Little Walsingham

The Thirty Ninth Annual Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

On 27 July, around 150 intrepid, but slightly groggy-eyed, parishioners from the Hallam Diocese gathered at 07.30hrs at Sheffield Interchange for the yearly pilgrimage to Walsingham, writes St Marie's Cathedral reader, Stephen Dugdale. This particular Saturday was less than 48 hours after the UK sweltered in record-breaking temperatures (Sheffield recorded a modest 35.1C). Mercifully, the elements were much more bearable that day.

In 1061, according to the Walsingham legend, Saxon noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches, had a vision of the Virgin Mary in which she was instructed to build a replica of the house of the Holy Family in Nazareth in honour of the Annunciation.

As it was 20 years since my last pilgrimage (I was a regular visitor to Lourdes whilst undertaking a university placement in nearby Pau), I felt I was definitely in need of a day of prayer, plus reflection with friendly, like-minded individuals. Bookings for the pilgrimage quickly filled up apparently and extra coaches were hired. Unlike many lengthy trips which tend to properly start only when reaching the destination, our expert guide, Joseph Durham, got us into a lively mood early on with plenty of energetic singing, rosary and an Angelus. This guaranteed that we were ready for Walsingham, and Walsingham was prepared for 149 parishioners from the White Rose county and myself from the dark side of the Pennines.

Following a quick pit stop for refreshments in Lincolnshire and a few more songs, we reached our beautiful end point in North Norfolk around noon. The day was then our own with the only proviso that the coach would leave promptly at 16.45. Most of us decided to assemble in Friday Market for the daily procession along the Holy Mile to the shrine. Several female parishioners helped carry the deceptively heavy statue of the Virgin Mary to the shrine. With an initial hymn and one decade of the rosary, most of the convoy took place in silence to reflect upon the sacrifices made and to show reverence towards the Virgin Mary and our



faith. A handful of people completed the Holy Mile in bare feet. A lengthier procession is carried out annually on 8 September to commemorate the Feast of the Birth of Our Lady.

Once at the shrine, there was the opportunity to visit the Slipper Chapel which Pope Francis elevated to minor basilica status in 2015. It also featured in 2007 episode of How We Built Britain, with David Dimbleby. The Chapel of Reconciliation was another deeply prayerful venue.

Bishop Ralph celebrated Mass with our group, but everybody was welcome. Following the Mass, most of us used the time to fill up our bottles with holy water and buy any souvenirs (my weakness are fridge magnets). We had one eye on the clock, not wanting to miss our coach departure. However, let's be honest, I cannot think of a more stunning place to be stranded.

With all passengers safely aboard for the 133 mile return journey, friendships continued to be forged. We also sang some more hymns and enjoyed a meaningful reflection by a guest speaker and night prayer.

With special thanks to Joseph Durham for helping to organise the trip and delivering the on-board entertainment.

I would strongly recommend anybody to go on the Annual Hallam Pilgrimage. Next year's Fortieth Celebration is likely to be even more popular. Details of this are on page 3.

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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD. | |
| 2 | Hallam Ascent Group outing to Beverley Minster. For more details telephone: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 9 | Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome. |
| 8 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 22 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 9 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ | | |

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us for the **World's Biggest Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Hallam Diocese on Saturday, 5 October, 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Vincent's Hall, Pickmere Road, Sheffield, S10 1GY.** Coffee, Cakes, Tombola and Raffle and lots of good company, raising money for a very worthwhile cause. Please bring a cake or buns if you can. Offers of items for the stalls would be greatly appreciated and can be collected or left at the Church Hall. Please ring Steve Foley on 07711 326 212 for any further information.



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Annual Safeguarding Event

Dementia Awareness Day

"Changing our minds about those whose minds have changed"

9.00 am – 4.00 pm, Saturday 12th October 2019
St. Vincent's Church, 40 Pickmere Road, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1GY

Mass 9.00am-9.45am at St. Vincent's Church
Coffee and Registration – 9.45am for 10.00am start

Your hosts:

- Bishop Ralph Heskett
- Charles Neal – Chair of Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission
- Colette Hammill – Safeguarding Co-ordinator
- Jo Pearson – Safeguarding Administrator
- Dr. Russell Brynes and Catherine Evans – Safeguarding Reps for St. Vincent's

Following on from last year's event on Mental Health Awareness the theme this year will focus on Dementia. The day will provide an overview of the types of dementia, early signs and symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, how to care/support those suffering with dementia and possible risk and prevention factors.

Our guest speakers for the day include:

- Paul Green – Carer Liaison Nurse – Sheffield Memory Service
- Rebecca Bool – Dementia Friends Trainer
- Dr. Adrian Treloar – Catholic Medical Association

The event is open to all Clergy, Safeguarding Representatives Parishioners and Volunteers

Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided

To book a place on the event and to help with catering requirements please contact Jo. Pearson on 0114 2566453 or by email: jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

We look forward to seeing you

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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| 6 | St Vincent, Sheffield. |
| 13 | St Mary, High Green. |
| 20 | Our Lady of Lourdes, Hackenthorpe. |
| 27 | St Theresa, Sheffield. |

CONSENT FORMS

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JX10 JESUS CAME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT ABLONDANTE! (JN X:10) STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS, JOIN US FOR THIS WEEKLY FESTIVAL OF WORSHIP, PRAISE AND HOPE OF THE KING WHO PROMISES LIFE.

SUNDAYS:
17:30 ADORATION, WORSHIP, CONFESSIONS
18:30 MASS
19:30 SOCIAL
ST MARIE'S CATHEDRAL

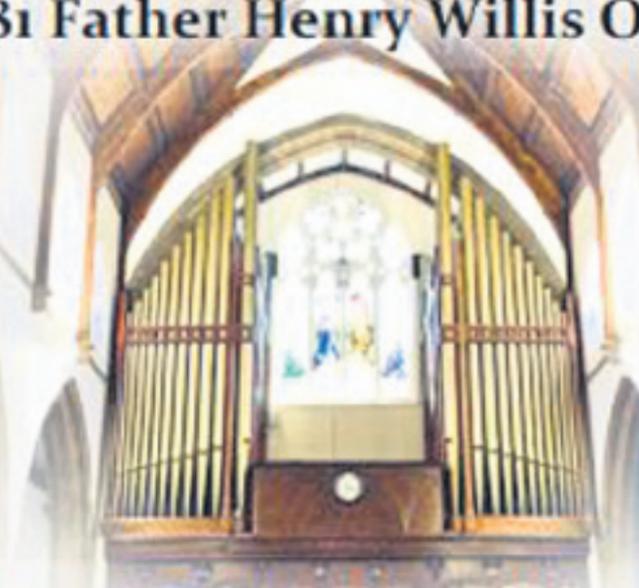
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HAIL BRIGHT CECILIA

The Inaugural Concert of the Restored 1881 Father Henry Willis Organ



Performed by Dr. Colin Walsh
Organist Laureate of Lincoln Cathedral
Friday 22nd November 2019, 7.00pm
Annunciation Catholic Church
Spencer Street, Chesterfield S40 4SD
see website for details: annunciationhollyfamily.org

Restoration made possible by funding from United Credits

The Maridon Bookshop Returns!



On Tuesday, 3 September the Maridon Bookshop was re-opened at its new town centre location on Wood Street in Doncaster. The launch of a new Maridon Bookshop has been long awaited, following the closure of the previous shop on Nether Hall Road in October 2018.

With its wide selection of books, cards, religious statues, jewellery and seasonal items, the Maridon serves customers of all faiths and none. It is both a shop and a meeting point in the heart of the community.

Photographs courtesy of Graham Warrender



Stained Glass Windows at St Bede's, Rotherham

On Saturday 12 October, at St Bede's Church, Rotherham, following the 9.30 Mass, Mgr John Ryan will give a presentation on the stained glass windows in the church.

There will be an opportunity to purchase calendars and pictures of the windows. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.



St Bede's Church, Rotherham

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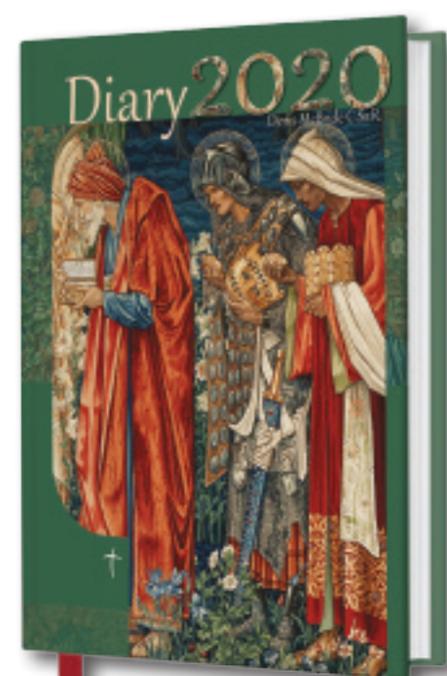
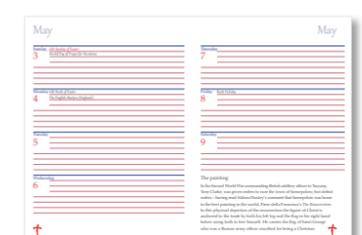
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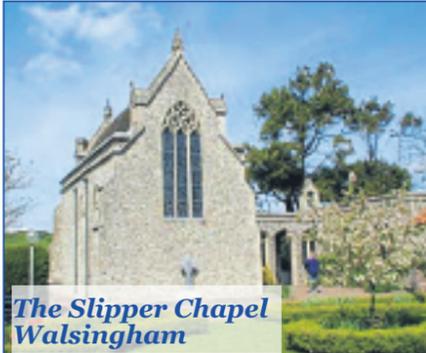
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PILGRIMAGE TO
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*The Slipper Chapel
Walsingham*

Fr Albert's Birthday



In the Summer, Fr Albert Savaille celebrated his 65th birthday. Fr Albert, who is Parish Priest of St Catherine and St Patrick Parishes, Sheffield, had a very busy birthday weekend. On the Saturday Fr Albert celebrated with the Jesus Youth Group and with parishioners from St Catherine's.



On the Sunday parishioners from St Patrick's shared homemade cakes, pastries and a Manchester United cake to continue the celebrations. Fr Albert also celebrated Mass at each of the parishes and visited sick parishioners in hospital. Ad Multos Annos.



Special 90th Birthday at Moorends

Hazel Dawson, parishioner of St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends, celebrated her 90th Birthday in style at the end of August.

Following morning Mass parishioners and Parish Priest, Fr Santosh Vazhappally, held a party for her with a special birthday cake. Other parishioners surprised Hazel with a 'make over' of her garden, planting a standard rose bush as a gift from the parish.

Hazel spent her early years in Birmingham and remembers clearly being evacuated to Derbyshire on 1st September, 1939 as a 10 year old schoolgirl as a pre-

caution as war was expected. Hazel's mother died before the war ended, so she found employment on reaching school leaving age and did not return to Birmingham. Hazel became a Catholic in 1954. She married in 1956 in Burton on Trent and moved to South Yorkshire with her husband and two children in the 1960s.

Hazel has been a member of the parish for over 50 years, assisting with bingo for 30 years and arranging flowers for many years. She was delighted to celebrate her birthday with her 'parish family' and grateful for their care and generosity.



80th Birthday Congratulations



Congratulations to Mrs Pauline Middleton on the occasion of her 80th Birthday. Pauline is a longstanding member of the Union of Catholic Mothers and is currently the Foundation President at St Vincent's in Sheffield.

Hallam Charity Night
Saturday, 5 October
 Double Tree by Hilton Hotel,
 Chesterfield Road, Sheffield

More details Mrs Elizabeth Mason,
 c/o The Presbytery,
 34 Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 7UD

Pilgrimage to Holy Land 2020
 18-25 March, 2020, cost £1449
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For more information contact
 Joe McNally, 0114 2364076,
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MOTHERS PRAYERS

Celebration of Confirmation for Barnsley Deanery

Mothers Prayers was formed to help mothers who wished to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they need.

A group was established in Mother of God Parish, Sheffield six years ago. Mothers meet in each other's homes every fortnight and follow a book of prayers provided by Mothers Prayers.

For more information visit

www.mothersprayers.org

Parish Contact: Susan Tym 0114 2553326, boogtym@gmail.com



Members of the Mothers Prayers Group Mother of God Parish



Bishop Ralph confirmed thirty candidates at Holy Rood Church, Barnsley. They are pictured here with Bishop Ralph, Father Damian, Father Peter and Father Declan.

Whirlow Spirituality Centre

Julian of Norwich Quiet Day
Wednesday, 23 October,
9.30am-3.30pm, cost £18

Julian of Norwich (1342-c1416) is known through her book about the spiritual life, *The Revelations of Divine Love*. She

was probably the first woman to write a book that has survived in English. She was an anchoress at a church in Norwich and was a spiritual counsellor, approached by many for advice. Her society was afflicted by plague, poverty and famine but her writing is full of hope and trust in Divine goodness.

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. Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Whirlow Grange Close, Sheffield, S11 9SY, 0114 2353704, events@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org.

REGIONAL GOLF COMPETITION SUCCESS



This year's Circle President of Barnsley Catenians, Pat Horbury, won the Catenian Province 3 Golf Competition at Knaresborough Golf Course, North Yorkshire, ahead of fellow Catenians from Circles from four Dioceses - Hallam, Nottinghamshire, Leeds and Middlesbrough.

Pat and his wife, Christine, are parishioners of St Teresa's Parish, Darton, Barnsley.

The picture above shows Pat on the right receiving the Cup from Province 3 Director this year, Tony Deighton, who is both a fellow parishioner and a first cousin!

The Catenian Association is a

Catholic lay organisation for men committed to their faith, their families, those in need and each other. Interested in joining the Barnsley Circle?

Make contact and come along as an observer with no obligation on your part to a future meeting - venue Shaw Lane Community Sports Association Centre, Shaw Lane, Dodsworth Road, Barnsley, S70 6HZ at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month followed by a meal, or browse our local website - barnsleycatenians.com or nationally - www.thecatenians.com - to see our aims and values and supporting information.

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019



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of

his
hand

Isaiah 49:16



From Sunday, 30 June to Friday, 5 July, 440 pilgrims took part in the 2019 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Ralph. This included around 200 travelling as part of the "Hallam Youth" section of the pilgrimage, from every High School in the Diocese.

Many pilgrims have commented that this was a very special pilgrimage.

At the Opening Mass on Sunday, every pilgrim received a bookmark on the theme of the year, "Blessed are the Poor", which helped us all focus on each day. Every pilgrim also received a wristband with "#LivingLourdes" and "Hallam" printed on it. This festival style wristband was a sign of unity – people of all ages and from each corner of the Diocese together on pilgrimage. It also served as a reminder to all of us that our

pilgrimage does not end on the last day – we must continue to live out what we experienced in Lourdes on our return home.

Some of the highlights of the week were the Grotto Mass on Monday morning, with the Diocese of Galway, the Reconciliation Service on Monday afternoon led by Fr Gus O'Reilly, and the very powerful Holy Hour on Tuesday evening, led by Fr Bernard O'Brien.

There were some new initiatives introduced for this year's pilgrimage which proved to be very successful. One was

to gather the entire pilgrimage up at the Lac de Lourdes on Tuesday afternoon, a glacial lake a short coach journey from the hotels. The purpose of this was entirely social, to help bond as a group, which is an important aspect of any pilgrimage. Phil Hall, who helped lead the music at our Masses and liturgies in Lourdes, sang some well-known favourites, and then a number of pilgrims took to the microphone to entertain us – ranging from some hugely talented Youth Helpers to some experienced singers in their late 80s. The af-

ternoon was a wonderful opportunity to relax, to mix, and to make and renew friendships.

Another new initiative was the Water Liturgy for the entire pilgrimage on Wednesday afternoon. Bishop John Rawsthorne reflected on the importance of water in our lives, both physically (for hydration, etc) and spiritually – through our Baptism. Recalling the instruction from Our Lady to St Bernadette, "Go and wash...at the Spring", each pilgrim had the opportunity to make a gesture with Lourdes water by washing their hands in a bowl, assisted by an adult Helper and two Youth Helpers.

As the pilgrimage started to draw to a close, on Thursday afternoon we had the opportunity during our Thanksgiving Liturgy to find the people who had made

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019



Next Year's Pilgrimage
 Our pilgrimage dates for 2020 are Sunday, 28 June to Friday, 3 July.

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a difference during our pilgrimage journey and say a short prayer of thanks. After that liturgy, our pilgrimage candle was lit opposite the Grotto for the intentions of the Diocese and pilgrims were invited to make their own private visit later that evening, or the next morning, to say a short prayer for our Diocese.

As we gathered for our Closing Mass on Friday, a large screen in St Bernadette's Church showed a short video that started out with names appearing on the screen, one by one. These gradually built up with the first name of

every pilgrim eventually appearing on the screen, to then reveal all our names... showing that we are held in the palm of God's hands, as we'd heard in our reading "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands" (Isaiah 49:16).

In his homily, Fr Lee Marshall encouraged all pilgrims to, "Dare to continue this journey of becoming yourself." Bringing together our reflections on the theme, where each of us had been asked to look at what "poverty" ... "a problem or difficulty" exists in our own lives, Fr Lee concluded by saying, "Don't accept your weakness – embrace it".



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"I'm so proud and happy that James is at Holy Family School, well done to all the brilliant staff who work so hard - thank you so much." Parent 2018

"Definitely my school of choice - you are doing a fantastic job - we're happy with one bite at a time." Parent 2018

"Tonight Zach has asked his Dad for algebra questions at 9pm. Why? Because he is loving his learning and his teacher is a legend. Thank you." Parent 2019

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Caritas News - the Deaf Community in Hallam

Stuart Hanlon, Director of Caritas-Diocese of Hallam, writes:

After many years of dedicated service to the Deaf Community in Hallam, Sr Clare Smith and Fr Don Stoker are retiring. All those who have benefitted from this service are grateful for the help they have been given.

The Diocese wishes to maintain and develop this service and are compiling a list of people who are willing to sign at occasional Masses for the Deaf and prepare children for the sacraments. Older people with hearing impairment may also welcome this support.

Signers for Masses need an induction in sacramental sign language. I have spoken to Fr Fletcher, National Chaplain for the Deaf Community, who is willing to deliver this training.

If you are lay or religious and would like to be involved in this ministry please contact Sue Tym, caritas@hallam-diocese.com.

Mary Longden took this photograph of Sr Clare and Fr Don to mark their retirement.



Sheffield Pilgrimage Highlights

Initiatives Aimed at Fighting Poverty

A series of faith-based initiatives, located in the Heeley district of Sheffield and aiming to reduce the effects of poverty in the city, will be the focus for this year's annual pilgrimage, organised by Sheffield Church Action on Poverty.

The event takes place on Saturday, 12 October and starts at 9.30am at Highfield Methodist Church, Sharrow.

The three mile circular walk which has, in the past, been held in various parts of the city, is designed to raise awareness and understanding of how poverty is affecting people in Sheffield and the initiatives being taken by groups spanning different faiths.

For the first time in its history, the Pilgrimage will visit the Medina Mosque on Wolseley Road to hear about initiatives run by the Muslim community.

The Pilgrimage will end at St Wilfrid's Centre, which provides support for homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded adults in Sheffield, and opened St Wilfrid's Place in 2017, creating 20 self-contained apartments for adults with a history of homelessness.

At St Wilfrid's participants will also hear from Paul Blomfield MP whose Sheffield Central constituency includes many of the locations the Pilgrimage will visit.



HEATING OUR COMMON HOME!

Angela Wood brings us up to date on CAFOD's recent work on HEATING OUR COMMON HOME.

The sun shone warmly as CAFOD supporters, along with members of Christian Aid and Sheffield Wildlife Trust, met with Louise Haigh MP for Sheffield Heeley to discuss the actions needed to urgently address the problems of Climate Change.

This hard-working MP was knowledgeable about the issues and shared links and advice to help with campaigning at local, national and international levels, as well as committing to keep raising the issues herself, whenever possible amidst Brexit.



We talked about the fact that aid money should not be used to support fossil fuel projects. Instead of lifting people out of poverty, this aid money is burdening poorer nations with outdated technology which will only make the climate crisis worse. Instead, it should go towards local renewable energy projects that we know benefit the poorest communities. You may like to tweet or write via MPs to Mr Alok Sharma, the Minister for the Department for International Development with these concerns. Louise also spoke of the need to safeguard the 0.7% GDP that funds the Overseas Aid budget and ensure this is not subverted for the UK's self-interests. Members of Parliament need letters from us to show them that we care about these issues! If you are interested in writing to your MP about this and other issues, please consider becoming an MP Correspondent with CAFOD.

We also need to make changes in our own lives to better care for creation. Despite the UK's commitment to the Paris Agreement targets to minimise temperature rises to 1.5°C, if some private companies continue unchanged, they alone could exceed the agreed levels of carbon emissions. 80% of fossil fuels need to stay in the ground if climate targets are to be met. As a group we discussed what Pension Fund managers are doing about this. Current investment returns rely on the expectations that these reserves will be tapped, and the oil/gas sold. How will investors be compensated if this becomes legally impossible? What are their plans to move to growth assets in low carbon infrastructure? Following our meeting we have decided to write to our pension fund managers to query investments held in companies promoting fossil fuels.

Closer to home we are going to look at how we source and use our own domestic energy. We were pleased to see that recently the Bishops have signed a contract to supply renewable energy to over 4000 UK Catholic churches and schools.

Join in responding to Pope Francis' call to Care for Creation by making changes in your home too by switching your energy supplier to a green energy provider – as well as remembering to switch things off when not needed!

If you've not done so already, have a Creation Celebration Mass in your parish. There are plenty of resources to help at www.cafod.org.uk. Share food, ideas, films and fun to encourage each other to take more steps forward together to care for our common home.

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Other stops on the Pilgrimage will include Heeley Christ Church, Heeley City Farm and St Vincent's Furniture Store.

- Heeley Christ Church has launched a not for profit community café called 'Café Care' as "a place of acceptance and equality" which provides friendship and a non-judgemental listening ear.

- Heeley City Farm has been running a programme to support children who might otherwise be hungry in the school holidays.

- St Vincent's Furniture Store collects unwanted and unused items of furniture and redistributes them to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged people of Sheffield. It is an initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which aims to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need.

Participation in the pilgrimage is free and open to any one willing to be informed, challenged and changed by what they see and hear.

Pilgrims are advised to wear suitable shoes and to bring raingear, drinking water, sandwiches for the lunch break and their own first aid equipment.

Sheffield Church Action on Poverty, part of the national ecumenical Christian social justice charity, is committed to tackling poverty in the UK.

If you would like more information or to take part in the pilgrimage, please contact Bob Rae, e-mail: bob.rae@stmariecathedral.org or tel: 07710 116701.

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EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

St Mary's, Chesterfield Mini Sparkle Walk



School Governors play a vital role in the life of our schools across the Diocese. One such Governor was Glynn Davidson, who was a Governor at St Mary's Primary School, Chesterfield for many years.

Former Headteacher, Marian Bolton, said of Glynn, "Physically he was a great bear of a man. We all knew him, however, as a gentle giant, who was concerned for the well being of each of us, staff and pupil. He brought his professional skills into school too and ensured the standard of health and safety in our school was outstanding."

Glynn died in Ashgate Hospice, Chesterfield in 2016. He is still very fondly remembered by the

school community. Year 3 and their teacher, Cheryl Linacre, chose Ashgate Hospice as their class charity for 2018-2019.

Each year the Hospice holds a Markovitz Sparkle Night Walk. Not wanting their age or bedtimes to stop them from missing out on the fun of The Sparkle Night Walk, the school decided to hold their own event. A Mini Sparkle Walk was held in The Queen's Park, Chesterfield.

Each child was supported by friends and family members. The children used the first lap of the walk to remember Glynn, then reflected on their own family members and loved ones they had lost.

They then hopped, skipped, jumped and did the Conga around the park and had great fun. Pupils then went to school for a sleepover. Each child received a certificate and a medal from Ashgate Hospice.

Mrs Linacre told the Hallam News, "The children were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the whole event. They raised an amazing £2,000, which will go to the fund set up by Lesley Davidson, Glynn's wife."

The children's efforts helped Mrs Davidson's fund to reach a staggering £16,323 to help the work of The Ashgate Hospice. Well done everyone! R.I.P. Glynn

Divine Renovation Building Community

This is the sixth article summarising an important book by Father James Mallon, and his experience of renovating and renewing his parish can help us too.

Look around you at the next Mass and ask yourself how many you recognise, and of those people how many you know by name. Many of our churches are little more than a gathering of isolated and anonymous individuals under the same roof for an hour. Yet for Catholics, faith should not be just a private matter practised by individuals. At the Eucharist we meet Jesus together, and church is our family and should be a place where we are known and loved.

Father James describes many ways of building this kind of community. One of them is by enrolling in an Alpha programme which involves a weekly meal, a talk on Christian basics and discussion in a group. This is a powerful way of creating a sense of welcoming, being together and belonging for those who take part. Once people feel that they are accepted and that they belong, then they are much more likely to stay around within the church.

In Alpha, the moment when team members pray over the guests is a profoundly important element of the whole experience. This is a time when many people find relief, peace and healing. Prayer partners can bring this same experience to the Mass. At the start of Mass, the priest can invite people to partner with someone (preferably someone they do not know) and to pray for that person by name during the Mass. Praying for those around us by name builds a sense of community, where we look out for each other. Another means of building community is through prayer ministry after Mass, involving a team of trained people available after each Mass to pray with those who may need prayer. Prayers does not need to be long or eloquent – God doesn't only answer the prayers of those with theology degrees.

What do we expect of members of our parish? For many



churches, the message often seems to be – you are welcome to be a member of our parish, but we don't expect you to do anything, give anything, or even show up if you don't want to. But Jesus was never like that. He welcomed all sorts of people (including the outcasts of society) whether it was convenient or not, but then he challenged them to follow him down the road of discipleship. He expected God to work in and through them, and we should too. Parishes that aim to build a loving community full of growing disciples may not achieve all its goals, but a parish that does not aim to do that will surely fail to grow and thrive.

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Harvest - Thanksgiving

Do you ever think about the food you eat, and where it comes from? Discuss with your family about all the people who may have been involved in getting the food you eat in front of you and where it comes from.

How good are you at remembering to say 'Thank you' for what you have eaten? Around this time each year, we give thanks for the harvest that we have received. Many people, such as farmers, people who sell food and people who prepare our food, use their God-given skills to enable us to eat well.

As we thank God for our harvest we remember too all those children who have little or no food to eat.



Welcome to the Children's Page



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I Wonder

I wonder what your favourite food is and where it comes from?

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I wonder what your favourite celebration meal is?

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I wonder how God's family eats together?

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'Baptised and Sent': Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019

World Mission Sunday - the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission - will happen on **20 October** this year. And this year, it is running alongside another exciting global event!

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has declared October 2019 to be a special month of prayer and action, to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church.

The Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter, *Maximum Illud*, which Pope Francis describes as 'a milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work'. And a century later, the call to *missio ad gentes* is as urgent as ever. This is an incredible opportunity for all of us to reflect on and pray for the Church's mission, and for the whole Church to fully realise that in our rapidly changing world the Gospel is needed now more than ever!

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And in the Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019, Missio will be here to help individuals, schools, organisations, dioceses, parishes, communities, orders and congregations in England and Wales to get behind this worldwide Church initiative.

Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National



Director, says, "All of us who believe in Jesus Christ as Son of God and Saviour received our faith from God through those missionaries, who long ago left their homes and families to share their faith with those in foreign lands. Their sharing usually took place in the context of serving those in need, especially the poor and oppressed, thus demonstrating the character and power of God's love in our world."

"I have seen the fruit of that work in many countries in Africa and Asia, where there is a host of young and dynamic Catholic communities committed to following Jesus Christ. Yet we must not make the mistake of assuming that mission abroad has no place in our modern world."

"The Holy Father challenges us to be in a permanent state of mission, for 'each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love' (Message for World Mission Sunday, 2019)."

"I hope that this month will help us all to look back in thanksgiving for all that has been achieved by the missionary work of the Church and look forward with hope to a future when all peoples will know the saving and liberating love of Jesus Christ."

Missio invites everyone to get involved in the Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019, joining our sisters and brothers around the world in faith and renewal. Find out more at missio.org.uk/emm and see how you can get involved - personally and as a community - in this special celebration of mission. You can find out more about World Mission Sunday at missio.org.uk/wms.



YOUNG VINCENTIANS

The SVP was established in Paris in 1833 by Blessed Fredric Ozanam. It came to this country in 1844 and has over 1,000 adult conferences in England and Wales. The mission of the SVP inspired by Christ's message to love your neighbour is for individuals and families who might be 'in need' to have hope, dignity, worth, well-being and peace of mind.

Young Vincentians can be involved with this mission, operating across 3 different **apostolates** in the diocese, developing their faith and putting this faith into action through service to the marginalised, vulnerable and disadvantaged in society. Hallam Diocese boasts a number of youth groups in our schools and parishes who carry out excellent work in their local community.

voluntary work in their school, parish or local community, whilst developing their faith and spirituality. Meetings are centred on prayer, planning and discussion which are equally as important as the activities undertaken.

B-Attitudes (14 - 18 years) is the next stage for young Vincentians. Named after the Beatitudes, this group's focus is to better develop the sense of what it is like to live as a disciple despite the pressures surrounding them in life. 'Learn', 'live' and 'love' are the 3 key principles guiding B-Attituders. At this age empathy is evident and these oldest of the 'young Vincentians' can get involved in championing social justice as well as undertaking many charitable works and events. Having completed



Mini Vinnies (7 - 11 years) are based in primary schools and meet regularly. They gather together to pray, think about ways to help others and organise activities to this effect. Baking cakes for local care homes, singing Christmas Carols to the elderly people, bringing an end to bullying in classrooms, making cards for people and helping teachers tidy up after classes are just some of the things Mini Vinnies get up to. This is usually the start of their Vincentian journey for life. **Youth SVP (11 - 14 years)** is the next step following Mini Vinnies and members work in secondary school, meeting regularly. Members gather to pray, talk and reflect on those in need around them and think of ways to help. This usually happens in the parish setting, with young Vincentians working in groups or teams. Typical activities would include

their young Vincentian through primary and secondary school, as young adults they can continue their SVP journey either with a parish conference or at university through the **1833** organisation.

We are blessed in the Diocese to have a number of Mini Vinnie groups established in our primary schools and in most of our secondary schools there are Youth SVP and B-Attitude groups. These could not run without the help and dedication of committed adult leaders, willing and able to give up their time, for which the SVP in the Hallam Diocese is very grateful.

If you would like to find out more about the Young Vincentian movement for any of the 3 apostolates please contact Lance Philpott, Membership Development Officer for the Hallam Diocese - lancep@svp.org.uk.



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Revisiting Moria Detention Centre

Lilian Hollidge, a parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Stainforth, has previously given the *Hallam News* an account of the Moria Detention Centre in Mytilini, Lesvos Island, Greece.

This month Lilian gives us the background to her voluntary work.

The organisation which welcomed me into their long term mission is The Sultana Foundation, who focus on the most vulnerable refugees who are women and children. The Sultana Foundation were the first to establish a Women Only safe space outside the Moria Refugee Camp in Lesvos in October, 2017.

Thousands of refugees continue to arrive in Greece every month. Many of these refugees arrive after suffering years of war and strife in Syria and other countries, looking for safety and sanctuary.

On arrival, a large majority of these refugees, including vulnerable women and children, are placed in overcrowded, insanitary camps, fed sub-standard food lacking nutrition and given inadequate shelter. The Sultana Foundation focuses on identifying the most vulnerable women and children via their network of contacts in Lesvos and assists refugee women by providing food and some of their basic needs.

Recognising the recent history of just some of the vulnerable refugees in Lesvos, dissatisfied with the media support of just one specific Detention Centre and anx-

ious to learn whether there were any positive changes to their situations, I returned to Moria for just two weeks. I hoped to carry on as The Sultana Foundation had begun to support vulnerable women and children, not to make massive steps of change but to continue to support and to assist in developing their projects. The following steps were not taken lightly nor in humour; my approach in no way lessens vulnerable women and children's plight.

Passing alongside Moria Centre daily, with its broken fencing, I saw mobile toilets, large outside sinks and running tap water, used for washing clothes, for personal hygiene and for filling water containers for cooking, drinking and washing utensils. Visibly there seemed to be something

missing though. It took a while to register – the enormous multi-bunk "Marquee" that previously housed African refugees had disappeared. Replacing it there were smaller 2 family tents provided by UNHCR charity. These were sited closer to the front of the entrance area.

There were other volunteer agencies servicing the many communities in and around Moria, trying to make a difference for the refugees, new and long term; for example the "START" organisation who would entertain and play with the many children on an open area at the entrance to the Detention Centre and the adjoining "Tent City" – enjoying



The Moria Detention Centre, Lesvos



Lilian helps with baking the bread

games, music, craft and painting paper and fabric, as well as singing and making music together.

'Medecins Sans Frontiere' support refugees with medical needs when needed (and also made a welcome cup of tea to be shared with us and with others at the end of the afternoon) in the high temperatures of the early summer.

'Refugee with Refugee' volunteers were constructing an Adventure Playground – with climbing walls, swings, climbing frames, monkey bars, slides etc, to provide some distractions and entertainment for the children, amongst the bright, colourful stones interspersed amongst the dry soil, rocks, withering grasses and olive trees.

I spent some mornings exploring the narrow, steep streets of Mytilini harbour town. Sometimes knowing exactly where I was going and other times walking for what seemed miles admiring the beautiful architecture and cafes as well as spotting some places of worship – a beautiful domed Cathedral; an unused Mosque and a small Church which made me smile! Thousands of miles of travel and I had stumbled across Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church- I'd found home again!

Next month the *Hallam News* will carry further details of the work that Lilian became involved in during her time supporting the Moria Detention Centre.



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 Cases I select at random for the book (12)
- 8 Concentrated exchange of Russian using little American money? (7)
- 9 Widespread looting at first during search (5)
- 10 Nets second following corner (5)
- 11 Stay in bed to read Punch, perhaps (3,4)
- 12 Obtain a new piano sound, but there's no intro to give one a clue (4,2,7)
- 15 Japanese massage some Muslims, and after time, American's back (7)
- 17 Up to now more than one's being abominable (5)
- 19 Hand needs week to bring on puppy (5)
- 20 Still, it is the road back after stagnation (7)
- 21 Decision at pontoon bridge: maybe it's one too far? (5,2,5)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 What cohesion? Everyone's different (4,2,3,3)
- 2 Georgia's study, majoring in dance (5)
- 3 Money nearly stretches to the Orient in subscription which covers two continents (7)
- 4 Carol's nice dull bijou building (2,5,6)
- 5 Lost cat after a little way, following fish (5)
- 6 See Jeff Endicott's lodging in address out east (7)
- 7 Scanned to get rub, something that's good for blocked pipes (12)

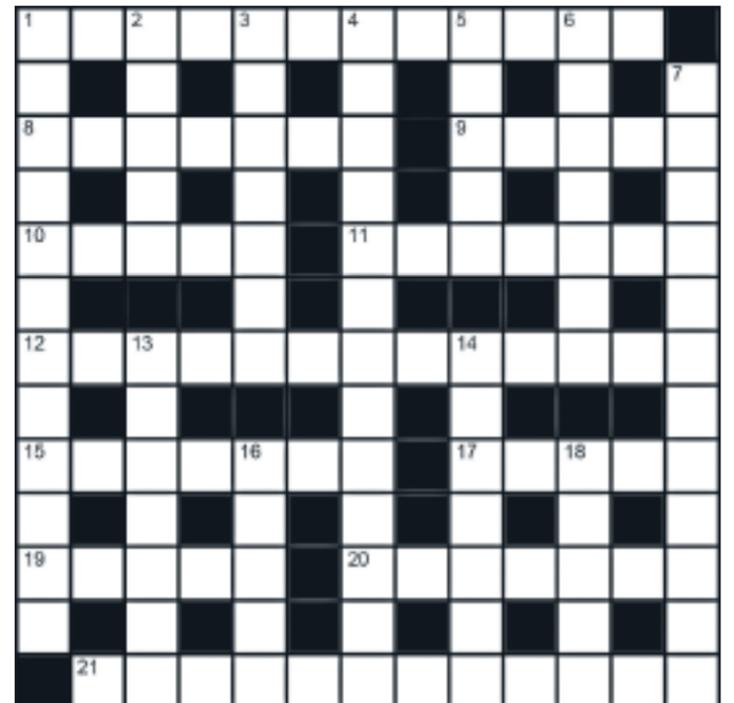
- 13 Virginia, one at home being the most self-important (7)
- 14 Critical point for resort in Florida (3,4)
- 16 Subject of river stems from a line on a map (5)
- 18 Sounding impatient but no good leaving when all are playing together (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 One of the OT's Wisdom Books (12)
- 8 Focused (7)
- 9 Weapon (5)
- 10 Ensnares (5)
- 11 Don't get up early from bed (3,4)
- 12 Get wind of something; suspect (4,2,7)
- 15 Japanese form of acupuncture (7)
- 17 Legends of the Himalayas (5)
- 19 Cub; pup (5)
- 20 Sloth; passivity (7)
- 21 Dilemma in pontoon to hold what you have or gamble by taking another card (5,2,5)

QUICK Down

- 1 Saying that everyone has a right to have different preferences (4,2,3,3)
- 2 Latin American dance with dancers in single file (5)
- 3 Unbroken landmass from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific (7)



- 4 Christmas song anglicized as Good Christian Men, Rejoice (2,5,6)
- 5 Alley cat, for example (5)
- 6 Title of respect from the Ottoman Empire (7)
- 7 Chesty cough medicine (12)
- 13 Most conceited (7)
- 14 Resort at the southernmost tip of Florida (3,4)
- 16 Subject matter (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Ecclesiastes, 8 Centred, 9 Rifle, 10 Traps, 11 Lay into, 12 Have an inkling, 15 Shatusu, 17 Yetis, 19 Whelp, 20 Inertia, 21 Stick or twist. **Down:** 1 Each to his own, 2 Conga, 3 Eurasia, 4 In Dulci Jubilo, 5 Stray, 6 Effendi, 7 Decongestant, 13 Vainest, 14 Key West, 16 Topic, 18 Tutti.