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## THE WORD OF THE LORD



### CELEBRATING, LIVING AND SHARING GOD'S WORD

2020 is the tenth anniversary of *VERBUM DOMINI*, Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on "The Word of the Lord", and the 1600th anniversary of ST JEROME's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and "The God Who Speaks."

Read Bishop Ralph's Pastoral Letter on this important and exciting initiative on page 3.



The Bible is not meant for a privileged few; Pope Francis tells us it belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognise themselves in its words."



St Jerome

"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (St Jerome)

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## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

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| 1  | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> .   | 13 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.                    |
| 6  | Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for a talk by Bernie Healy about School Chaplaincy. For more details telephone: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 13 | Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome. |
| 12 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.   | 26 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.   |

## ST JUDE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Holy Family School, Netherton Road, Worksop, S80 2SF  
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*Catherine Hand*

### 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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| 3  | Our Lady Queen of Heaven and St Oswald, Sheffield. |
| 10 | Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe.                    |
| 17 | St Patrick, Sheffield.                             |
| 24 | Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe.                          |

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## Ralph, Bishop of Hallam, Pastoral Letter Read at all Masses on the weekend of 28/29 September 2019 For the Year of the Word 2019/2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Tomorrow (Monday, 30 September) Cardinal Nichols will launch the Year of the Word, under the title "God who speaks". This is an initiative of the Bishops of England and Wales, to promote a deeper understanding of the Word of God in the Holy Scriptures to help us all to come to a more loving, more personal relationship with Christ who is God's living Word among us (John 1:1-18).

Tomorrow is the Feast of St Jerome (347-420) whose translation of the Hebrew and Greek of the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate – 'for the common people', was the bed-rock of the Western Church's knowledge of the sacred texts for many centuries. Sadly, as fewer people knew Latin the sacred Word became a closed book. The Second Vatican Council emphasised the need to renew interest in the Scriptures (*Dei Verbum* Chapter 6<sup>1</sup>); but for many the Bible remains a strange and scary work, that seems to have little relevance in our daily lives.

St Jerome eloquently stated that 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'. The reverse is also true: the more we know about the Scriptures the more we know Christ. In the sacred texts of the Jewish people which Jesus knew well and which we share with them, as in the books that form what we call the New Testament, we encounter Jesus. Guided by the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Church we are led to a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Throughout this Year of the Word, which begins in earnest on the 1st Sunday of Advent, the beginning of



the liturgical year, there will be many opportunities to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Bible. The key themes of the year are: celebrating, living and sharing God's Word.

Much is already happening in our parishes with Bible study groups, prayer groups, some pursuing *lectio divina* or other ways of engaging with the Scriptures. Our adult formation team provides regular opportunities for biblical study around the diocese. Let us aim to have in every parish a group devoted to reflecting on God's Word. No Mass should be celebrated without the Word being opened in a brief homily, (see Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini Part 2 - The Importance of the Homily*<sup>2</sup>).

Today's readings call us to act on behalf of the poor. Amos is known as the prophet of social justice. In the first reading he berates the wealthy who care only for themselves, as does the rich man in Jesus' parable, who eats sumptuously every day while the poor man is eaten by the street dogs. One dresses in expensive purple, the other is purple with bruises; Lazarus' name which means 'God helps', is known to the anonymous rich man and is known to God who delivers Lazarus to Paradise. We are very generous in helping the poor, at home

and overseas. For this I thank you. This clearly shows our love for our neighbour which is one of the hinges on which swings the Greatest Commandment. The other is love of God whom we encounter in the Word.

Notice in the Gospel-passage Abraham emphasises the need to know Moses and the prophets, shorthand for the Scriptures. There we see our hope for life with Christ in the Resurrection.

Christ is really present in His Word, opened and shared, as He is really present in the Eucharist, broken, poured and shared. We must revere the Word as we do the Blessed Sacrament (DV.#21).

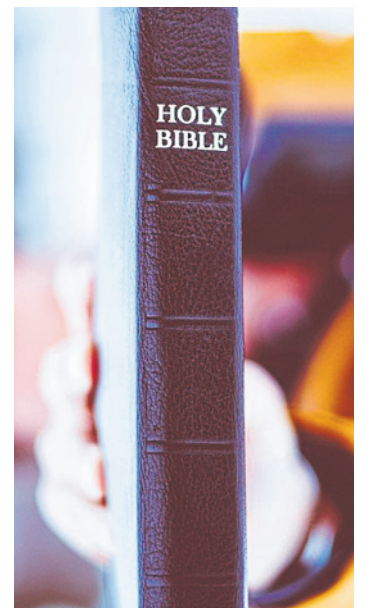
Dedicate yourselves to spending some time each day with the Lord in His Word, and take some of the opportunities offered in this Year of the Word.

Finally, I ask that of all of us who celebrate and try to live God's Word also share it – with each other and with those around us. I pray that this Year of the Word will be a chance for all of us to enter into a conversation with the God Who Speaks.

Yours sincerely in  
Christ, the Redeemer,  
+Ralph

<sup>1</sup> *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of Vatican II.

<sup>2</sup> *Verbum Domini*, The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church. Pope Benedict XVI, Alive Publishing, Stoke on Trent, 2010, 95.



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# World Day of the Poor

## 'The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever'

In his message for the third World Day of the Poor, celebrated on 17 November, Pope Francis reminds us that "the poor are not numbers, but people", to be assisted, accompanied, protected, defended and saved. He recalls that this is not possible without the humility of listening, the charism of the whole, the courage of renunciation. He reminds us that to "follow the way of charity, of humility and of listening means lending an ear to the little

ones", because God reveals himself through them. And he asks us not to look down on anyone from above. "You can only look down at a person from above," he insists, "in order to help them get up".

During his audience with delegates of the Caritas Internationalis General Assembly on 27 May, 2019, the Pope called for serious action in this regard. He urged us to live our mission with a style of poverty, gratuitousness and humility. He insisted that we cannot live charity without having interpersonal relationships with the poor: living with and for the poor. He invited us to cultivate a personal encounter with Christ, in order to meet him in the poor (see Matthew 25).

Resources to celebrate the third World Day of the Poor in parishes, produced by Caritas Social Action Network can be found at <http://www.csan.org.uk/worldday-ofthepoor/>

The full content of Pope Francis' message can be found at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html>

From Hallam Justice and Peace Commission






**"The hope of the poor will not perish for ever"**

(Ps 9:19)

*An invitation from Hallam Justice and Peace Commission to meet together to consider our response to the message of Pope Francis in preparation for the World Day for the Poor*

## SATURDAY 9 November 2019

9.30 am – 2.15pm

St Wilfrid's Centre, 524 Queen's Road, Sheffield S2 4DT

**All are welcome**

This will be a reflective day. We will be looking at issues of poverty in Hallam as well as an overview of the national picture.

*Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own lunch*

## Hallam Diocese Directory of Social Action

"... there can be little doubt that in pretty much every field of social action, from education to health to social care, the Catholic Church is the largest and most significant non-state organisation in the world". Professor David Paton 2017

Does this come as a surprise to you? How is this reflected in Hallam? Caritas-Diocese of Hallam is in the process of compiling a Directory of Social Action to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Diocese in 2020. The Directory will be a record, parish by parish, of how Catholic people are involved in work to help others.

A representative will be nominated in each parish and asked to provide two pieces of information on a simple form. Firstly, we would like to know what groups or organisations exist within your parish to help others. Secondly, what outside groups or organisations with the aim of social action, whether Catholic or non-Catholic, have support from members of the parish.

In this way we hope to record every field of endeavour with which the Catholic population of this area is involved. We will compile a list of all these organisations, great or small, and describe what they do, how they may be contacted and how people can become involved or help in any way.

If you have in mind starting any such group in your parish you will be able to make contact with those already involved in a similar group somewhere else. We believe that when you



**Mike Murphy speaks about the new Directory of Social Action at the recent Caritas-Diocese of Hallam event (see page 5)**

see what is actually happening in our Diocese you will have a new confidence in the mission of the Church and how, in Hallam, we try to respond to the second great commandment of loving our neighbour as ourselves.

Please look out for the person collecting this information in your parish and pass on to them as much information about what is happening within the parish and how members of the parish are involved in charitable work outside the parish. If in doubt about a particular organisation just include it on the form and we will consider whether or not it should be included.

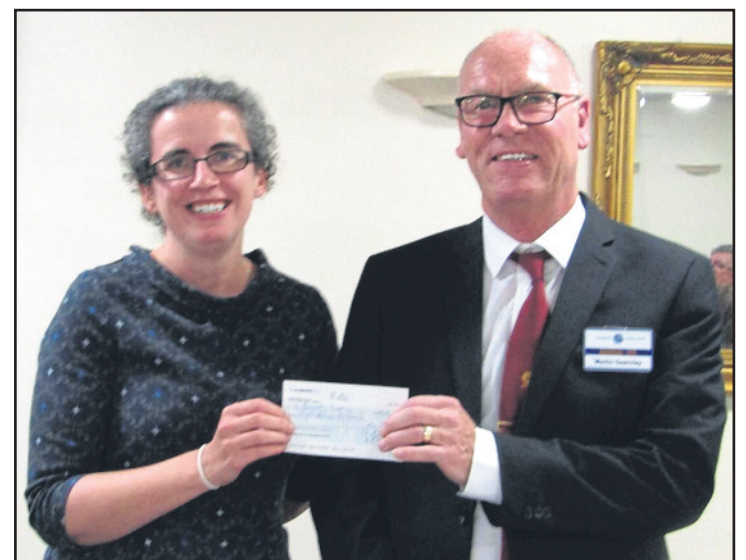
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## CATENIAN SUPPORT FOR BARNESLEY HOSPICE

Martin Dearnley, past Catenian Barnsley Circle President, recently presented Dr Clare Farrington of Barnsley Hospice with a cheque for £800.

Dr Clare is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish, Hillsborough and is part of the medical team at the Hospice. Her husband, Louis, is a Catenian Brother of the Barnsley Circle.

The Circle meets on the second Monday of the month at Shaw Lane Sports Club, Dodworth Road, Barnsley, at 7.30pm and new Circle members are always welcome ([website barnsleycatenians.com](http://www.barnsleycatenians.com)).



**Martin Dearnley presents the cheque for Barnsley Hospice to Dr Clare Farrington**

Weekly and monthly free events planned at Whirlow Spirituality Centre - 'Space to be', 'Space to reflect', 'Praying without words'.

Simple quiet days and days of retreat can also be organised by contacting the Centre.

Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Whirlow Grange Close, Sheffield, S11 9SY, 0114 2353704, [events@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org](mailto:events@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org).



# United in Love, with a Common Purpose!



Our Hallam Pastoral Centre has often been the venue for many significant gatherings but surely none more significant or inspirational than on Saturday, 28 September, the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. A participant describes the day.

Thanks to Sue Tym and Stuart Hanlon of our own Caritas Hallam, friends from around the diocese gathered to consider our response to migrants and refugees amongst us and those beyond our shores. We experienced a most inspirational, moving and hugely challenging day!

The key note speaker was Sean Ryan MBE, Caritas National Coordinator for Community Sponsorship of Refugees. Sean, a parishioner at St Monica's parish in Salford Diocese, had led the parish team who welcomed the first Syrian family to be resettled in the UK by a parish under the Government's Community Sponsorship scheme.

Sean shared details of this superb scheme which allows Catholic parishes and community groups to welcome, house and support refugee families looking to rebuild their lives in the UK. "This ground breaking scheme allows us to answer the call of Pope Francis to welcome refugees as friends, neighbours and valued members of our communities. Over 190 refugees have now been supported by this scheme with over a third of this number to Catholic parishes. We have immense experience, excellent relationships with the Home Office Team and will be delighted to help you here in Hallam."

Sean was followed by a series of short uplifting and inspiring presentations beginning with Lilian Hollidge's account of her two visits as a volunteer to the vast Moria Refugee Centre on Lesbos Island Greece, 'home' for some of the most vulnerable refugees in Europe. Lilian spoke from the heart with tales of this camp built for 2,000 which now houses over 12,000 refugees! 450 new arrivals had to be turned away just last week.

Lilian's harrowing yet hopeful tale was followed by Anne Peacey, who strongly argued the need for prophetic Justice and Peace groups co-existing with Caritas in all dioceses. Angela Powell, our Diocesan CAFOD Coordinator spoke powerfully of the way CAFOD and CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) were committed to collaborating and working together to have the greatest impact possible to serve the poor and promote charity and justice throughout the world.

Mike Baldwin, a parishioner at Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth, along with Lilian, painted an exciting picture of a typical session of the Doncaster Conversation Club. Here several hundred asylum seekers and refugees are welcomed and supported in the most incredible ways. Using only words, we were presented with a kaleidoscopic vision of the Club and the amazing support it gives to some of the most vulnerable human beings in South Yorkshire.

The inspirational tales and images rolled on as Mike Murphy, Trustee of the diocese, directed us in the need for a clear understanding of the huge number and amazing range and quality of social action projects currently taking place across the diocese. All present acknowledged the value of his work in creating a directory of this provision, one which could be electronically easily accessible enabling cross parish and cross agency collaboration; meeting the needs of the vulnerable in our midst. This huge project will hopefully be completed and launched in time for the 40th anniversary of our diocese.

Our morning was completed by Sean Ryan returning to front a most powerful, evocative and moving video, creating the haunting sound of his recorder reflecting



**Sean Ryan receives the Community Sponsorship Pioneer Award (Citizens UK) presented by two refugee children resettled under the scheme**

the disturbing images. But hope shines eternal as the tragic scenes of struggling refugees slowly transitioned to show im-

ages of happy refugee families welcomed, protected, affirmed and integrated into parish communities around the country. Sean delighted those gathered as the recorder was changed for a tambourine and his voice sang out with joy and praise!

In thanking Sean and all present for such an important morning Bishop Ralph encouraged each of us to continue to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable within our communities in cooperation, in collaboration and in prayer. His final words summed up our morning so well: "Continue to Do it; Continue to Pray it; Continue to Live it".



**Sean plays his recorder to accompany the evocative video**



**Above: Stuart Hanlon, Director of Caritas-Diocese of Hallam thanks everyone for participating in the inspirational day. Left: Frank McDermott, Chair of the Advisory Group for Caritas-Diocese of Hallam, led a reflection during the event.**

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# Bene Merenti Judith Bower

Judith Bower was recently presented with the Bene Merenti Medal. As part of the Service the following Commendation was read.

The Bene Merenti Medal is awarded to members of the clergy and laity for long and exceptional service to the Catholic Church. The title Bene Merenti says it all - the Medal is awarded only to a well deserving person. That well deserving person is Mrs Judith Bower and the medal is awarded to her for sixty years devoted service to her parish.

She has been a parishioner at St Catherine's, in Pitsmoor, practically all her life. During that time she has been immersed in the life and work of the parish and in supporting its community.

Sixty years ago a newly qualified Miss Angenotti was appointed to St Catherine's School as a primary teacher. She stayed in the school and retired as its Headteacher. She is and has always been immensely proud of the school and of the parish.

As a teacher and Headteacher she was actively involved in the preparation of children for First Holy Communion. She retained that responsibility following her retirement and still today undertakes that task. In that regard it is known that many a child and family have good reason to appreciate her personal generosity as she provided 'communion clothes' for them. She is God-mother to a great many children in the parish.

As Headteacher of the parish primary school Judith has overseen more than one generation's education. She now continues to engage with the parents and grandparents of children at the school. She is able to offer help and often practical support to those who are struggling academically. Her extensive parish contacts and networks enable her to support bereaved families and it is noted that she attends nearly



every parish funeral. She regularly visits sick parishioners in hospital, where she also undertakes work as a volunteer.

Over the years Judith has served the Parish on its Council, as a Eucharistic Minister and in organising pilgrimages to Walsingham. She was for some years active in the Union of Catholic Mothers.

As well as parish activities Judith co-ordinates Retired Catholic Teachers; organising their annual Mass and in between times she ensures that those who are in need of support are not forgotten. She maintains contact with her former staff and is, even today, watchful for their welfare.

Hers is the kind of generous and fulsome giving that caused a previous Parish Priest to call Judith, 'The Mother of the Parish'. She remains steadfast in her support for the parish and for the Church.

She is a remarkable woman and she has done so much more for others than I am able to include here. It is with delight that I tell you that Pope Francis has accepted Bishop Ralph's recommendation and awarded Judith the Bene Merenti Medal for her long and exceptional service to her parish and the wider community. Photographs: Judith is pictured above with family and friends after receiving the Bene Merenti Medal, and on the left with Bishop Ralph, Fr Shaun Smith and Joe and Philomena McNally.



**The Bene Merenti Medal  
awarded to Judith Bower**

## St Helen, Oldcotes Celebrates 150th Anniversary

On Saturday, 21 September Bishop Ralph and Fr Craig Fitzpatrick celebrated Mass with parishioners at St Helen's Church, Oldcotes to commemorate 150 years of worship at the church.

St Helen's Church was built in the Gothic Revival style in 1868 at the expense of Edward Chaloner, a Liverpool timber merchant. Edward was a Catholic philanthropist and a benefactor of numerous Catholic building projects in Liverpool, including the schools of St Oswald and St Vincent de Paul. St Helen's was built using the designs of S J Nicholl of London, and built by J Athon of Doncaster.

The foundation stone was laid on 15 September, 1868 and the church, seating 120, opened in 1869, followed by the rectory in 1870. The dedication to St Helen was chosen by Edward Chaloner in memory of his daughter, Helen Mary, who had died in 1864. In 1871, the church and rectory were conveyed to the trustees of the Diocese of Nottingham, together with an endowment of £100 per annum to support a priest. In May, 1980 St Helen's became part of the newly formed Diocese of Hallam.

Edward Chaloner who purchased Harmeston Grange, along with large parts of Oldcotes village, around 1835 died on 12 February, 1874 and is buried at St Oswald's Church, Old Swan, Liverpool. His youngest daughter, Katherine Flora, had married John Gerard Riddell in 1863 and they lived at Harmeston Grange, which they extended and modified into the present Harmeston Hall. The Riddell family have continued their connection to St Helen's to the present day and their family vault is in the crypt of the church.

In the grounds of the church there are the remains of a Roman villa, discovered during the work to lay the foundations for the church. These include a tessellated pavement representing Theseus in the Cretan labyrinth. The villa was covered over but it is believed the site contains more extensive remains than have been previously discovered.

The celebration Mass was a sung Mass commissioned and written by James



Williams, specifically for St Helen's and first premiered in September, 2018 to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone. James accompanied and conducted the four part choir of professional singers, which included a previous member of St Helen's congregation. Following Mass Bishop Ralph joined Fr Craig and parishioners for refreshments in the 'Challener Room' where there were also items relating to the history of the church on display, including the original registers of marriage and baptism, currently on loan from Sheffield Archives, and also an ebony and ivory crucifix on permanent loan from the Riddell family.

As part of recent restructuring within the Diocese, St Helen's Church is now in the Parish of St Jude along with St Joseph's and also St Mary's, Worksop, which originally served the mission at St Helen's when it was established in 1868.



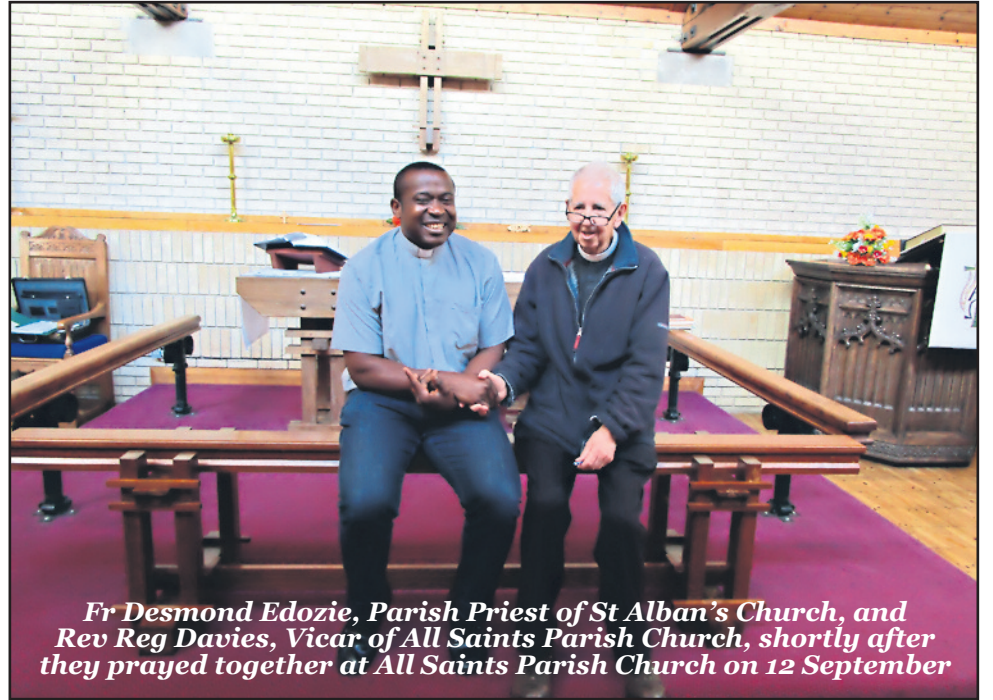
# St Alban's Celebrate with All Saints, Denaby

On 12 September Rev Reg Davies, Vicar of All Saints Parish Church, Denaby Main celebrated his Golden Jubilee as Vicar. Many parishioners from St Alban's Church attended a Golden Jubilee Holy Communion Service at the parish church. Before the service Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest of St Alban's, presented Rev Reg with a petition of congratulations and thanks signed by over 120 parishioners.

*'Fr Desmond, Parish Priest, and parishioners from St Alban's Catholic Church wish to congratulate Rev Reg Davies on his Golden Jubilee as Vicar of All Saints Parish Church, Denaby Main. We acknowledge your commitment and dedication to the people of Denaby Main, Old Denaby and Conisbrough through your ministry and in particular your support for the priests, sisters and parishioners of St Alban's Parish during the past fifty years.'*

*'As a mark of our respect and appreciation, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St Alban's Church for your intentions. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.'*

On 28 September Rev Reg Davies's Golden Jubilee Mass was celebrated at St Alban's Church. The celebrants were Fr Desmond Edozie and Fr Romanus Ozuomba.



*Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest of St Alban's Church, and Rev Reg Davies, Vicar of All Saints Parish Church, shortly after they prayed together at All Saints Parish Church on 12 September*



*Rev Reg Davies and Mgr Donal Bambury outside All Saints Parish Church after the first Mass was celebrated in Denaby and Cadeby Miners Memorial Chapel on 29 May, 1989. Working as a team, they were the religious and spiritual leaders in Denaby Main for over twenty years.*

The service was very well attended, with members of the Davies family, parishioners and Church Wardens from All Saints Parish Church joining parishioners from St Alban's Church.

Fr Desmond Edozie said, "For the past thirty years Mass has been celebrated in the Denaby and Cadeby Miners Memorial Chapel at All Saint's Parish Church on the Spring Bank Holiday. This tradition was initiated jointly by Mgr Donal Bambury and Rev Reg Davies. We have always been made very welcome.

"Many families in our parish have valued the support, the care, the prayers and the humanity shown by Rev Reg when they faced difficult challenges, ill health or bereavement.

"Our Mass celebrated this important anniversary in the life of Christians locally and as a parish we expressed our sincere thanks to Rev Reg Davies for his support and commitment."



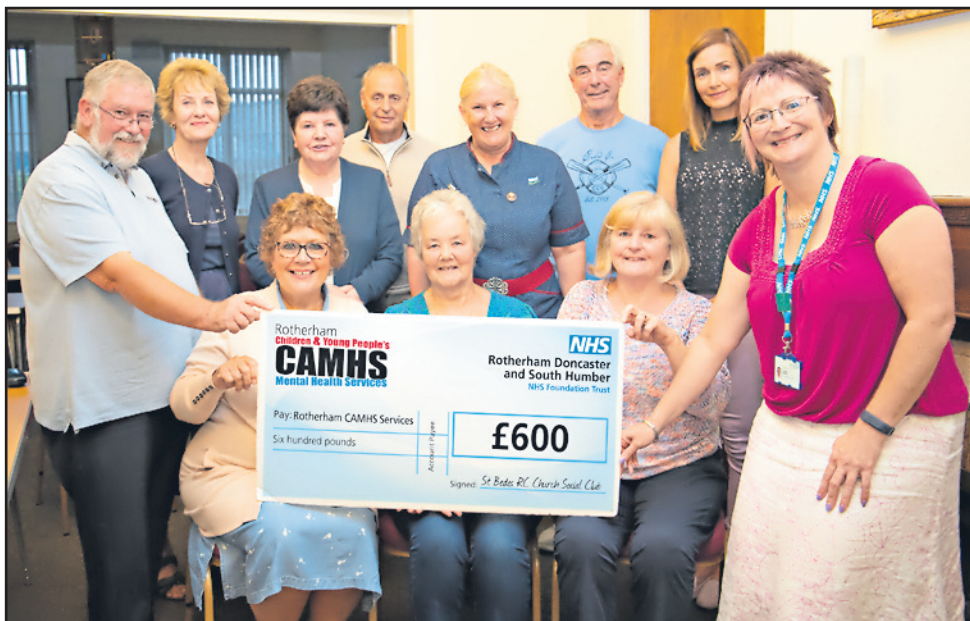
*After the Golden Jubilee Mass on 28 September Fr Romanus Ozuomba, Ailsa Davies, Rev Reg Davies and Fr Desmond Edozie*

## ST BEDE'S, ROTHERHAM DONATE TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Members of St Bede's Parish Social Committee handed over a cheque to staff from Rotherham's Children and Young People's Mental Health Service, known as CAMHS.

Barbara Murray, the Manager of CAMHS, said it was a fantastic donation and would be a great help to the young people.

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**The 21st Annual Bishop's Walk Takes to the Hills**

*Madeleine Thomas, from the staff of St Wilfrid's, reports on the events of this anniversary walk*

St Wilfrid's Centre was immensely privileged to be joined by both Bishop Ralph and Emeritus Bishop John for the 21st Bishop's Walk on 21 September. The group of walkers drawn from our community included Barlborough Hall School, All Saints Catholic High School, Notre Dame Catholic High School, St Marie's Catholic Primary School, Fr Chris Posluszny, St Marie's Cathedral, Centre staff, clients, volunteers and long term supporters.

Ranging in age from 10 years old, up to mid-80s (we can't possibly say who), the group of 25 walkers enjoyed a stunning full day of walking in the Peak District, starting and completing the 21km route at St Michael the Archangel Church, Hathersage.

The 'Indian Summer' heat did take its toll on some of the party; Molly, Bishop Ralph's dog refused to walk after the morning coffee stop and took to the Centre's minibus for a lift to the lunch stop in Hope. Another member was overcome by the heat but appreciated the support and camaraderie of fellow walkers. Buoyed up on jelly babies and willing helpers to carry her bag, we are delighted to report she completed the challenge.

Bishop John described the walk as 'a glorious day in every way.'

A special mention is extended to Fr Don Stoker, a long-

time supporter of the Centre, who was unable to join the party on the day but truly showed his dedication as he undertook and completed the route the week before. He said, "I want to congratulate you for the lovely route, I thought I knew the Hope Valley pretty well but the views from the footpaths along the Derwent were magnificent."

We would like to thank everyone who has generously supported the Bishop's Walk and helped raise funds for St Wilfrid's Centre. The money raised will go directly to fund our Rough Sleeper Service. Part of our Welfare Team's work is to provide immediate welfare support for Rough Sleepers (food, showers and access to laundry facilities) and longer term one to one tailored support, signposting clients to the relevant social support agencies, accommodation and employment. Recently the Welfare Team were able to recommend and secure a rough sleeper, Simon\* employment in a local café. This together with on-going support from the Centre has enabled him to get back on his feet and break the cycle of sleeping on the streets. Please help us continue working with people like Simon and donate: via [www.stwilfrids-centre.org](http://www.stwilfrids-centre.org) or via Just Giving.

Next year, the Bishop's Walk will be returning but it will be looking a little different, so watch this space!

\* Name has been changed to protect our client's identity.



Bishop's Walk 2019

**Slow and Steady for the 'St Wilfrid's Tortoise'**

It's very rare that St Wilfrid's likens its staff to an animal but Helen Lowry, Centre Office Manager, took to the streets of Sheffield on 22 September for the Sheffield 10K 2019. This was the day after she had organised and completed walking the 21km Bishop's Walk AND she did this run with a tortoise shell strapped to her back.

Says Helen, "I knew that I wasn't going to break any records, so just getting around the course was enough for me. Completing 31km in less than 24 hours was a tough challenge, so I thought that at least I'd put a smile on people's faces being a bright yellow tortoise. I'm relieved to report that I didn't quite come last. It was knowing that I was raising money for such a brilliant cause that kept me going to the finish line."

Well done Helen from everyone here at St Wilfrid's Centre, no hares on you!



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# ST THERESA'S ANNUAL REUNION

Pictured below are former pupils who left St Theresa's Roman Catholic School, Prince of Wales Road, Manor Estate, Sheffield between 1951 and 1953, who held their 17th Annual Reunion at the Noah's Ark, Intake, Sheffield on Saturday, 28 September. Every one of the previous sixteen reunions have enjoyed bright sunny weather but heavy showers this year resulted in

an indoor photograph. Any former pupils interested in the 2020 Reunion should telephone Bernard Dowling, 0114 2310416. Photograph by Peter Wolstenholme, St Theresa's pupil 1940 - 1947.



## UCM 80th Birthday Celebrations

Recently four members of the Union of Catholic Mothers of St Vincent's Parish, Sheffield marked their eightieth birthday with the celebration of Mass followed by a party. The Foundation President, Pauline Middleton, Past President Tina Leadley, Past Treasurer Maureen Kirk and long-time member, Wyn Mara enjoyed a delicious cake as they celebrated their birthdays.



## Sheffield Lay Carmel Elections



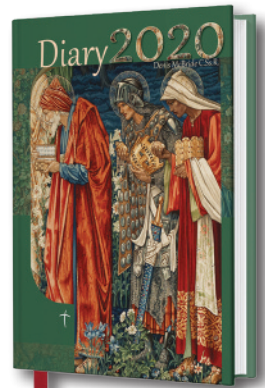
Sheffield Lay Carmel held elections at their September meeting, which the National Moderator for the Third Order of Carmel, Rosie Bradshaw, attended. As usual the meeting began with Mass celebrated by Fr Christopher Ainslie in the Day Chapel of Mother of God Church, followed by the scheduled elections for a new Council for a 3 year term. These elections had been delayed to allow for reflection and discernment for members for the renewal and commitment of their journey in Carmel in the choice of a new council. In the event a unanimous decision was reached. Simon Godsell was elected leader, along with Stephen Marlow and Joseph Durham as Councillors for Sheffield Lay Carmel. The election of this new council has given Sheffield Lay Carmel a fresh impetus as the Carmelite Charisms of prayer, community and service are renewed as they are once again passed to a new council to guide and lead Lay Carmel locally in the service of the Church.

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## Revisiting Moria Detention Centre: part 2

Last month Lilian Hollidge explained the background to the Moria Foundation Detention Centre. This month Lillian shares some details of what her volunteering sessions involve.

I was met at the airport by Volunteer, Fatos. The Sultana Foundation had arranged for me to share her traditional old Greek home in Mytilini Port for 2 weeks.

I was volunteering with the Sultana Foundation, along with other volunteers and refugees preparing vegetables and cooking hot, nutritional meals for women and children from the Moria Detention centre. We also collected and sorted through clothing donations ready to share with our visitors from the Moria Detention Centre.

Shafique Azam drove us to the Moria site and up past the enclosed Detention Centre, into the olive groves on the hillside - to an area named 'Tent City'. We left the car and walked across the very dry, rocky terrain clustered with newly fruiting olive trees - 32 degrees in the sun - amid brown grasses and 'structures' covered in tarpaulin or fabric.

We had purchased, from the warehouse next door to the site, quantities of yeast, flour, salt and oil, which we then shared between 5 teams of 2 refugee women from different countries with one common goal; to prepare and bake as

much fresh bread - Roti, Khubz and Nan - as they could in tandoors under the ground, designed by Azam and constructed by a skilful refugee. These would then be shared with other registered women with 3 or more children but no husband.

These 10 bakers bake approximately 50 breads each day - sharing 25 with their own families and the other 25 are shared with other registered women with 3 or more children living on their own, throughout the Moria Detention Centre and the "Tent City" areas.

R and F, both refugees, living in the olive groves area, had been assisting Azam to meet with registered women and children in a lay-by on the periphery of Moria, prior to and during Ramadan, to help families to stay healthy during the long hours of fasting.

Every day refugees join a 'Food Line' provided by the Moria Centre Management to receive some basic cooked food. Usually, people congregate and chat in the lengthy queues of up to 50 degrees for about 2 hours, waiting their turns in the extremely hot summer months, or the bitterly cold winter months. Men who have a family will collect the food for themselves and their families. Women without a husband must wait in the line with their children. Conditions are very difficult.

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In Poland and France, flowers are taken to the graves of people who have died. In Portugal, children receive gifts of cakes, sweets and nuts, by going door to door.

The following day, **All Soul's Day**, is when we remember those who have died and are continuing their journey to heaven.

November is often thought of as the month of remembrance and 11 November is **Remembrance Day**, when we remember those who have died in wars.

Can you remember what flower we use to remember those who have died in wars?

There are lots of different activities for you this month. You may need the help of a grown-up for some, but others you should manage on your own.

# Welcome to the Children's Page



## Colour in our picture of the Saints

Can you research the life of a saint and prepare a newspaper front page about them? Choose one event from the life of your saint for the headline. Make the main story about that event. Don't forget to give your newspaper a name!

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**Adult Led Litany:** In your home, with your child pray to the saints. Find pictures of saints and put them near you as a focus point. These pictures could be your family's patron saint, your parish's saint, your country's saint, your name saint.

Begin the litany with the adult saying aloud: Saint \_\_\_\_\_ pray for us! With each saint's name, repeat this sentence, inviting your child to respond with you: Pray for us!

End the litany experience by singing with your child "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In."



I Wonder ... ..

I wonder how we remember someone who has died?

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I wonder what we can do if we feel sad or alone?

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I wonder how the Saints knew what choices to make in their lives?

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**Guidance for Parents/Carers:**

You can research the lives of Saints on the internet, or your parish may have some books for you to borrow.

Alternatively, you can buy the following:

- The Children's Book of Saints by Louis M Savary
- The Book of Saints (Loyola Kids) by Amy Welborn

Read selections from books on the lives of the saints to your child. Talk about the lives of saints and their characteristics.



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## Welcome Liturgy for New Class at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

A new class of children was welcomed to St Mary's Catholic Primary School in High Green this September with a heart-warming liturgy.

The readings focused on how each child is special to God and to us. The school community prayed for the children and their families.



Each child was presented with a beautifully illustrated card to represent the start of their new journey of love, faith and growth within St Mary's School. They were formally welcomed into the school community by Headteacher, Alex Healy, and given a rousing round of applause by the rest of the school community.

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## BISHOP RALPH VISITS HAPPY HANDS PRE-SCHOOL AND ST ANN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The community of Happy Hands Pre-School and St Ann's welcomed Bishop Ralph and sent the *Hallam News* their account of this special event.

At Happy Hands the children, staff and parents welcomed Bishop Ralph enthusiastically, showing him around our Ofsted rated "outstanding" nursery. It was his first time visiting Happy Hands and St Ann's School where there was lots to see and talk about.

The Bishop was extremely interested in the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and all the associated activities we are involved with: - from holding coffee and chat sessions for parents; fundraising for the nursery and other groups; participating in the Valley Music Festival alongside ensuring that the children are learning through play and having lots of fun at Happy Hands.

The children liked the Bishop's warm and sensitive manner and he engaged with their questions, particularly about their interest in his dog Molly. The Bishop will bring Molly on his next visit to Happy Hands.

A Mum of three talked with the Bishop about the wonderful welcoming experiences she encountered when joining the church community. This had a big part in the family choosing Happy Hands and St Ann's school for their children.

At St Ann's School Bishop Ralph met with all the children, visiting each classroom where they excitedly and enthusiastically demonstrated all that they had been up to this year. Bishop Ralph was able to share some of what he does in his role as Bishop and the children, in their inimitable way, asked the Bishop a range of searching questions!



At midday Bishop Ralph joined the children for lunch in the school hall. At the end of his visit, Bishop Ralph commented on the excellent behaviour, attitudes and participation demonstrated by the children at St Ann's.

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On a practical level the Furniture Store collects and then distributes recycled furniture and household items to vulnerable individuals and families in crisis. It only accepts referrals from registered agencies, many of which are voluntary and charitable organisations.

For a snapshot of the work carried out the following statistics tell their own story for 2018:

The store made 915 deliveries across the city of Sheffield which equated to 6385 household items and helped benefit 1990 people.

The store also recycled a huge 130 tonnes of household furniture.

A key point to note about the furniture store is that it is self-financing – reliant on grants and the generosity of sponsors and donors. In addition, whilst there are a few necessary paid posts, the input from volunteers, which was 5678 hours last year, enables the store to run cost-effectively.

The SVP Furniture Store exemplifies the social conscience that motivated Frederic. Today its

beneficiaries include people who suffer from physical and domestic abuse, are statutory homeless, experiencing financial hardship, as well as those discharged from care but need support in reintegrating into society.

The impact of the work of the Furniture Store goes far beyond practical provision. It is the catalyst for an improvement in people's lives. Having those household items that most of us take for granted has enabled many to benefit from improved mental health, relieve stress, improve confidence and in many cases rebuild their lives. The knock-on effects mean people getting back into work, relieving the pressure on the NHS and the referring agencies and supporting happier family units.

By recycling household items the Furniture Store is also having a positive effect on the environment through reducing landfill and ensuring goods are redirected for continued use.

The Furniture Store is an important element of the work of the SVP in Hallam. It is a facility that really does follow the mission to make a difference to people's lives. As the Furniture Store manager, Mike Healy says, "Our impact is more than just delivering furniture!"

If you think you can make a donation of furniture or household items or are interested in volunteering, please contact the store on 0114 270 3990 or, if you would like to find out more about the SVP in Hallam, please email Lance Philpott – SVP Membership Development Officer for Hallam on lancep@svp.org.uk.

## Bishop Ralph plans to lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, departing from Manchester on 18 March and returning from Tel Aviv on 25 March, 2020.

The pilgrimage will follow closely the footsteps of the Master and will include visits to; Capernaum, The Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, Basilica of the Nativity, The Shepherds Fields, The Pools of Bethesda, St Anne's Church, the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre (and the new Edicule), Mount of Olives, Dominus Flavit and the Garden of Gethsemane.

Pilgrims will celebrate daily Mass, including Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We aim to visit parishes and share Masses with local Christians.

The accommodation throughout the pilgrimage is full board. The all-inclusive cost of the pilgrimage is £1449 per person sharing, (there is an additional single room supplement). There are no additional charges.

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.

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**CRYPTIC Across**

- 1 European language that's not totally suitable (6)
- 4 Israelite divisions baptiser created without Father's backing (6)
- 9 Kind of 11 gets to look arch here in New York (7)
- 10 Laugh head off reading alternative Welsh writer (5)
- 11 Long term work on the Metropolitan, maybe (5)
- 12 Levi's boy is among Rangers honourees (7)
- 13 One in the habit of going to a particular London station (11)
- 18 Native American, a Margaret Mitchell character, Pennsylvania allowed in (7)
- 20 Bye, say, after painting flipping divorcee (5)
- 22 Attempt to resign from work to expose Pakistani water feature (5)
- 23 Spats as Tiger scratched (7)
- 24 Variant doctrine being something inadmissible in court, advocate's opening is dismissed (6)
- 25 Swift is one in pursuit of a name for the mountain man (6)

**CRYPTIC Down**

- 1 Judge's key changes make a Benjaminite town (6)
- 2 Ransack Winchester, for one (5)
- 3 Bend a month in the Sorbonne to absorb old speech (7)
- 5 One of eight, the one that boasts, his head's gone (5)
- 6 Prussian's oddly uncharitable seeing poor Anita depart (7)
- 7 Inscrutable Egyptian's wrecked ship and an indefinite number get cross (6)
- 8 Solomon's greatest hit, this book? (4,2,5)
- 14 Hero's love is torn between Adele and Erica (7)
- 15 Russian secret policeman's at home about one – that's

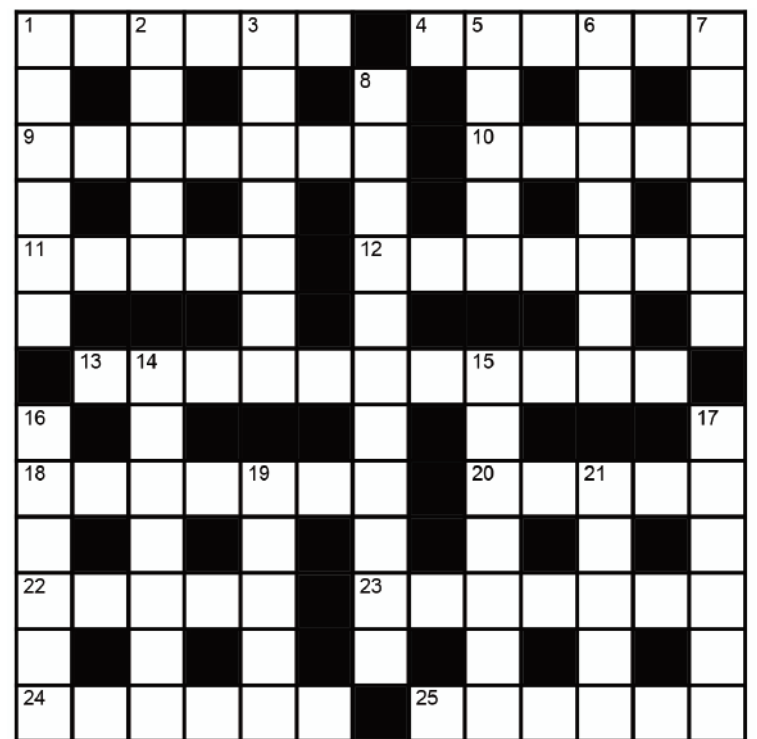
- out of Lisbon (7)
- 16 European city, home to 17 and his flock (6)
- 17 Needs no round to be showing below average scores to get a clerical job (6)
- 19 Fool, over a very large port, Paul steered away from (5)
- 21 Motif of the egoist? (5)

**QUICK Across**

- 1 Teutonic (broadly) (6)
- 4 Twelve divisions of Israelites, from the sons of Jacob (6)
- 9 City of New York state, on the shores of Lake Erie (7)
- 10 Novelists Evelyn or Auberon? (5)
- 11 Musical piece accompanying a stage drama or comedy (5)
- 12 Eldest son of Levi (7)
- 13 RC clergy in the mantle of the Dominican order (11)
- 18 Uto-Aztec American of the Great Plains (7)
- 20 Additional; surplus (5)
- 22 Major river of Pakistan (5)
- 23 Cloth or leather overshoes or leggings (7)
- 24 Formal denial or doubt of any defined doctrine of the RC Church (6)
- 25 Ecuadorean (broadly), for example (6)

**QUICK Down**

- 1 Town where the Tabernacle was kept and where Solomon worshipped (6)
- 2 Weapon with a long barrel which features spiralling grooves for accuracy (5)
- 3 Language presumed spoken by Christ (7)
- 5 Oarsman or woman (5)



- 6 Prussian general, Britain's ally at Waterloo (7)
- 7 Statue with the body of a lion and the head of a man (6)
- 8 OT book, alternative title in some Bibles being 'Canticles' (4,2,5)
- 14 Lover of the priestess Hero in Greek myth (7)
- 15 Peninsula of south-west Europe (7)
- 16 Local church community (6)
- 17 Beneficed member of the clergy (6)
- 19 Port of Mysia visited by Paul (5)
- 21 Topic: melody (5)

**SOLUTION**

**Across:** 1 German, 4 Tribes, 9 Buffalo, 10 Waugh, 11 Opera, 12 Gershon, 13 Blackbriars, 18 Arapaho, 20 Extra, 22 Indus, 23 Gaiters, 24 Heresy, 25 Andean.

**Down:** 1 Gilbeon, 2 Rifle, 3 Aramat, 5 Rower, 6 Blucher, 7 Sphinx, 8 Song of Songs, 14 Leander, 15 Iberian, 16 Parish, 17 Parson, 19 Assos, 21 Theme.