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THANK YOU

ur whole Diocese and every parish within the Diocese hold a huge debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who faithfully and devotedly carry out ministries within their community.

One such person is Edna Daly who, for fifty two years, has provided the music at St Mary's, Penistone for the celebration of Masses, for funerals, weddings and many other services. Edna was the organist but also accompanied the parish music on a variety of musical instruments. After more than half a century of devotion to her role Edna recently retired.

Our photos show Fr Joseph Okeke and the parish community offering Edna their thanks. We, too, as a Diocese, thank Edna and all the many volunteers across the Diocese who support and enhance our parish communities as we work for the coming of God's Kingdom.



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- Deadline for articles for next 1 issue of the Hallam News.
- Hallam Ascent Group meet 8 at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for Christmas Celebrations. For Ascent **Members only.** For more details telephone: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com.
- Sheffield Branch Walsing 14 ham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.
- Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.
- 8 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome.
- **Sheffield Branch Walsing** ham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.

MOUNT MELLARY ABBEY AND SHRINE WATERFORD, IRELAND

St Mary's, Penistone have a 6 day Pilgrimage/Holiday with a Leger Holidays Silver Service coach departing Monday, 24 August, 2020. The main focus is the Cistercian Monastery where there will be a guided tour of the Abbey and grounds, as well as celebration of Mass with the Monks. Based in Enniscorthy,

there will be trips to Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny and a visit to Powerscourt Gardens, prior to spending an afternoon and overnight stay in Dublin.

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In April, 2019, All Saints Catholic High School proudly launched a Facebook Alumni group which has quickly grown to well over one thousand members consisting of ex pupils and teachers.

As a school, we are extremely proud of our leavers whether they left recently or 40 years ago. "Once you are a member of the All Saints family, then you are always a member of the All Saints family" and we love to hear about your memo-

ries and achievements and share photographs from your time at All Saints Catholic High School.

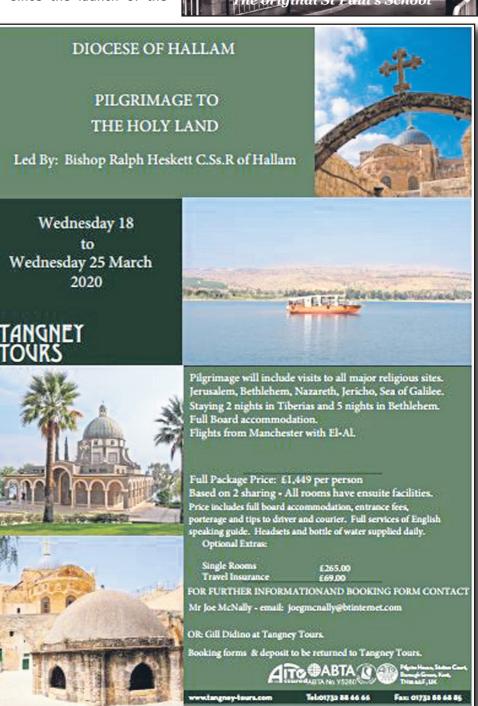
We believe that former students would also make excellent role models and could help broaden the horizons of our current students simply because they have attended the same school as them.

Since the launch of the

group we've already had a number of reguests for reunions in school, which we hope to hold in the not too distant future, once the group has grown sufficiently large enough.

If anyone would like to help us impassion our current students or simply keep in touch, they can complete an Expression of Interest form from the link on the Alumni page of the website: www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/alumni.





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Guidance in relation to Group Photos of Small Groups

Photos of small groups, for example of a family group celebrating with their parents a blessing for an anniversary, the Consent Form is to be signed by each person in the group, where it is possible that all the members of the group are either identified

or could be identified.

Guidance in relation to Large Groups/Crowds

Where the photo is of a large group and does not focus on an individual, for example a large group attending the Padley Pilgrimage or walking in a procession, the Data Protection Regulations do not apply. There is no need to provide privacy information to all individuals in the photo. If the focus was on an identified individual in the large group, they would need to give consent for the use of the photo for publication



Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission Recruitment of Chair

The Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission wishes to recruit a new independent Chair. This is a volunteer role for a lay person who will be committed to implementing "Towards a Culture of Safeguarding" and have current experience in safeguarding work with children and/or adults who may be at risk.

The successful applicant will not be part of the Diocesan hierarchy or management structure and will join the Commission at an exciting time in the development of safeguarding within the Catholic Church of England & Wales.

For details about the post and the recruitment process please contact Colette Hammill,
Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU

Tel: 0114 2566454 or mobile: 07909 117964 or go to the Safeguarding section of the website: www.hallam-diocese.com





Exciting news for Caritas Hallam in Chesterfield

His Grace the Duke of Devonshire and his fellow trustees of the Duke of Devonshire Charitable Trust, http://ddct.org.uk/ have given Caritas a generous grant of £3,000 to expand our capability for counselling in the Chesterfield deanery. Fr Adrian Tomlinson has been extremely supportive of this initiative, making a venue available for the counsellors, and within days people have been making use

of this service.

We are immensely

grateful to His Grace for the trust he has placed in us to work with him to support children and adults through our



counselling service in the Chesterfield area.

Bernie Ware, Assistant Director Caritas Hallam, said, "It is always an enormous blessing when people recognise the value of the work we put into local communities. We will work hard to ensure this money is well spent supporting those most at risk in these challenging times."

For a counselling appointment contact: Bernie Ware on 07980 406198, bware@hallam-diocese.com.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work as a counsellor working with children or adults across the whole of the Diocese. To begin with sessional hours are available.

Please contact Bernie Ware bware@hallam-diocese.com, 07980 406198, for an informal discussion.

Immaculate Conception Parish Fundraiser



Parishioners from local village areas close to Spinkhill have fundraised over £1000 to support communities around the world to access water and grow climate change-resistant crops to help feed their families.

Over the Harvest Fast Day weekend the parishioners held their usual parish collection and then added to it proceeds from their annual parish dinner. A dinner is organised to mark the anniversary of the church opening in 1846, almost 175 years ago. The event enables the community to come together to celebrate, and at the same time to raise much needed funds for CAFOD's annual Harvest appeal.

CAFOD is working with communities around the world to give them the tools to lift themselves out of poverty. This approach has already borne results in places like rural Uganda. With many communities having been devastated by drought, children would trek miles for water, risking their safety and hamper-

ing their chance to get an education. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales have helped to install solar-powered water pumps in rural vil-

Now everyone can collect water quickly and safely and focus on cultivating their crops, which will help create a sustainable source of income for the whole community.

CAFÓD's representative in the diocese of Hallam, Angela Powell, said, "From everyone at CAFOD, we would like to say a massive thank you to the community of Immaculate Conception for organising this brilliant event. Their compassion and generosity will help communities around the world to grow and prosper."

There is still time for others to donate to our Harvest Appeal - just visit www.cafod.org.uk/harvest or get in touch with us at the volunteer centre in Hallam Diocese, telephone 0114 2687817.



CARITAS NEWS

Working in Partnership on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Sheena Field of the Medaille Trust writes:

Pope Francis calls modern slavery and human trafficking 'an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime upon humanity.'

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On Tuesday, 15 October, a major Catholic conference took place in London on human trafficking and modern slavery. Representatives of the Catholic Church and other organisations met to share their work and ideas on how to combat modern slavery on both a national and local level by working in partnership. I was fortunate enough to be asked to attend this event on behalf of Caritas Hallam, along with Anne Peacey, representing our Hallam Justice and Peace Commission and the National Justice and Peace Network.

It was heartening to hear so many stories and experiences of religious groups and organisations involved in the fight against modern slavery. There were contributions from the Santa Marta Group (an international group set up by Pope Francis), CSAN, Jesuit Refugee Service UK, women@thewell, Bakhita House, the Medaille Trust and Caritas Salford.

Many of these are NJPN partner organisations.

Dr Philip McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer of CSAN, said, "Catholic dioceses, agencies and religious communities have been working for years to address this. In the UK alone, around 140,000 people are caught up in trafficking and modernday slavery at any one time. The task is large but the links the Church has are extensive and will grow further to address this work."

At the end of the day, Cardinal Vincent Nichols thanked everyone and said, "The conference holds a great deal of promise and we need to work together to create a non-competitive, deeply respectful, shared vision. We need to congratulate ourselves on what we have done and move onto the hard work ahead."

As we move on to the 'hard work ahead', the Hallam Justice and Peace Commission placed modern slavery and human trafficking as an item on the agenda for its November meeting.

If you would like to know more about this issue, or feel you could work in some way to help combat modern slavery and human trafficking, please contact me: s.field@medaille-trust.org.uk.



Launch of Carmel Care Friendship Lunches

Carmel Care are pleased to launch a new initiative aimed at bringing people of all ages together for friendship and support over a midday meal. The Carmel Friendship Lunch will take place on the last Monday of each month at Carmel Care Centre, 172 Dykes Road, Sheffield, S6 4GS, starting January, 2020.

The vision is to bring together people who may be feeling lonely or isolated, to help them to make new friends over a freshly prepared lunch with some live entertainment, which will be provided by younger members of the local Catholic school community.

Sue Tym from Caritas Diocese of Hallam said, "We hope to encourage an intergenerational opportunity for friendship and support. The fantastic facilities at Carmel Care Centre are ideal for a warm welcome for anyone who would like to stay in touch with others, become more socially active and to help avoid feelings of isolation and loneliness."



The first lunch will take place on Monday, 27 January at 12pm and the cost is £3.50 each. Places are limited so please book in advance.

To book your lunch telephone Carmel Care, 0114 2335727,
or for more information call Sue Tym on 0114 2566407.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: Twinnage

The SVP works to help those in need in a variety of ways. Its core business is through helping those locally in need through the parish conference. However, it is also very active helping those in need in other parts of the world. This is achieved through Twinnage.

Twinnage was initiated to bring justice to the developing world, putting the SVP's founder's words into action: "Justice is a fixed star which human societies try to follow from their uncertain orbits. It can be seen from different points of view, but Justice itself remains unchanged." (Blessed Frederic Ozanam)

What is Twinnage?

Twinnage is the mechanism through which SVP groups in developed countries provide support to SVP groups in developing countries. Twinnage involves mutual prayer support, correspondence and regular financial support. SVP groups in England and Wales can currently twin with SVP groups in India, Sudan, South Sudan, Grenada, Guyana and Romania.

As SVP groups here are made up of local members of the community, in developing countries this can mean that local groups do not have access to significant funding. Twinnage ensures that vital funding reaches even the poorest communities in countries where the SVP ex-

The financial support received by SVP groups in developing countries enables them to provide immediate emergency aid to those in need as well as financing longer term projects and schemes that make the local population self-sufficient, eg supplying bicycles, sewing machines, animals, or providing loans to start small business and digging wells to make communities sustainable.

As well as simple twinning between groups in participating nations, additional support can be provided in the form of financing for small projects (up to £1,000), student sponsorship and some larger projects, especially in the Sudan.

A further development has been the Disaster Fund, which is aimed at providing financial support to SVP groups living in disaster areas, who can then provide support to those in need in the local community, not just while the cameras are there, but in the longer term.

The History of SVP Twinnage

The SVP's commitment to person to person contact appeared to preclude developed countries helping those in need in developing countries until Pope John XXIII suggested a "twinnage programme", whereby SVP groups in different countries could support each other.

The International body of the St Vin-

cent de Paul Society matches developed countries with developing countries, ensuring that all countries that would benefit from twinning arrangements are able to do so. In England and Wales the SVP was first twinned with India, and over time additional twinning arrangements have been added in line with our capacity to give. Romania and South Sudan are the most recent twins.

The emphasis on mutual prayer support and correspondence as well as the regular financial support remains as important today as when the Twinnage programme was conceived. In 2015, Conferences in England and Wales were twinned with 1,792 Conferences overseas.

What does Twinnage Involve? Prayer: Prayer is the key aspect of any successful twinning. The Society's prayers include: "Grant your grace to our Holy Father the Pope, to all who help us with our work, to our twinned brothers and sisters... Lord hear us." The promise to pray for the twin sets twinnage apart from a secular exercise.

Correspondence: Although correspondence empowers a good relationship with a twin, ensuring a closer link, language and postal difficulties can make it difficult and we should never put our twins in danger from antagonistic political regimes. Nevertheless, correspondence (letters or emails) build relationships and should be exchanged at least three



times each year. In this way a true bond can be established.

Financial Support: The tangible evidence of our sharing is shown by our Financial Support. This helps our overseas SVP members to increase their efforts to overcome the poverty in their own communities. For legal reasons all monies are transferred through the National Twinnage Scheme and are never sent directly to local groups. Countries receiving the funds are asked to report on how the money is distributed and used.

If you would like to find out more about Twinnage or how to get involved with the SVP, please visit the SVP website at www.svp.org.uk or contact Lance Philpott, SVP Membership Development Officer for Hallam at lancep@svp.org.uk.

OCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KONOOR The SVP offering support in India

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Gerry Fleming celebrated their Wedding 50th Anniversary on 4 October, 2019. Mass was cele-brated for them in their parish church, St Mary's in Edlington. parish New priest, Fr Aubert Carvalho, presented them with a Papal Blessing from His Holiness Pope Francis which was gifted to them from our Children's Liturgy roup.

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Norma, Fr Aubert Carvalho and Gerry

Monsieur Claude's Great French Adventure By Julia Beacroft



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Monsieur Claude, the 'Beanie Baby' crab, is upset and worried. His family lives in France and he would dearly love to visit them because his mum hasn't been well. His owner, Jamie, is going on holiday to Paris but only two of Jamie's 'Beanie Babies' can go with him. And Monsieur Claude isn't chosen to be one of them... However, the rest of his 'Beanie Baby' friends devise a cunning plan to smuggle Monsieur Claude into Jamie's backpack! But disaster strikes at the airport when Monsieur Claude falls from the bag! Will he be rescued? Will he ever see his owner again? The little crab has a thrilling series of adventures along the way, but will he ever be re-united with his mum?

Age 6-8 years

St Alban's Parishioners Celebrate 125th Anniversary of the Founding of Their Parish

On the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, the parish of St Alban's, Denaby Main celebrated the one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary of its founding. Bishop Ralph was the chief celebrant at the Anniversary Mass, which was concelebrated by Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest, and Fr Bernard O'Brien.

During the early 1890s the Catholic Christian community in Denaby Main, Conisbrough, Mexborough and surrounding areas worshipped at St Peter in Chains Church, Doncaster or St Joseph's Church, Wath.

In January 1894 Fr Locke, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Wath, observed that there was a growing number of Catholic Christians who regularly attended Mass on Sunday from Denaby Main. He briefed Rt Rev William Gordon, Bishop of Leeds. Both agreed that a priest should be appointed to minister to their needs.

In August, 1894 Fr Thomas Kavanagh arrived in Denaby Main with the task of establishing a Catholic Church Mission to meet the spiritual, religious and pastoral needs of miners and their families, drawn mainly from the growing Irish community attracted by employment opportunities and housing.

Fr Kavanagh was born in Preston. He was ordained a priest in 1873. Before arriving in Denaby Main he had served in Australia for ten years. Denaby and Cadeby Collieries Company offered him the old school on Doncaster Road so that his mission could be established.

The first Mass was celebrated in the



house of John Carr on Doncaster Road, Denaby Main. Fr Thomas asked every working member of the congregation to contribute one shilling per week to build a church and a school. The colliery company offered Fr Thomas a cottage on the site of the present Salvation Army Citadel.

On 21 October, 1894, Rt Rev William Gordon, Bishop of Leeds, officially opened the Catholic Church Mission. During 1894 there were 11 baptisms.

When Canon Charles Leteux became Parish Priest at St Alban's Catholic Church in 1920, he invited parishioners



who had loved ones killed in World War I to commemorate them on a memorial plaque in the church.

On 11 November, 1922 Rt Rev Dr Joseph Cowgill, Bishop of Leeds, dedicated the memorial plaque in the Sacred Heart Chapel to the sacrifice of 46 men killed during World War I.

In November, 1945 Fr Francis Sole became Parish Priest at St Alban's Catholic Church, ten days after being demobbed from the Army. From 1939 to 1945 Captain Francis Sole was a Chaplain in Royal Artillery, serving mainly in the Middle East and North Africa. In 1946 he commissioned a new memorial plaque to the ten parishioners who were killed during World War II.

Early in 2019 research was carried out into our Fallen from World I and World II. It emerged that there were twelve service personnel who were omitted from our memorials. Their ultimate sacrifice was commemorated on a new memorial plaque dedicated to Those Who Gave Us Peace. Bishop Ralph blessed the plaque after the Anniversary Mass

The Words of Remembrance were said by parishioner, Warrant Officer James O'Neill, 24 Commando Engineer Regi-



ment, Corps of Royal Engineers, followed by the two minutes silence.

Wreaths were laid by Lady Neill, Deputy Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Cllr Paul Wray, Deputy Civic Mayor of Doncaster, Cllr Ian Pearson and Cllr Lani Ball, local elected members, and David Goldson, Chair of St Alban's Parish Council. Parishioners and other members of the community laid poppy crosses at the base of the altar to remember deceased members of their families who had served in the Armed Forces.

Finally, Bishop Ralph presented long service awards to parishioners who have served the parish community. Those presented with awards included: Graham Kirby, Patrick O'Neill, Catherine Reid, Patricia Kirby, Edith Wilkinson, Sandra King, Ann Maxwell, Norah Hanley, Mary Hurley, Elizabeth Rooney, Chloe King, Brian Nally, Patricia Granger, Catherine Douglas and Robert Keane.

After Mass refreshments were provided in St Alban's Catholic Club. A special anniversary cake was cut by Bishop Ralph and Lady Neill.

Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest, said, "Our patron saint, St Alban, welcomed

the stranger. Our parish was founded by a stranger among strangers. St Alban's has developed and thrived on the generosity and struggles of strangers. We have been left an inheritance based on the gospel message that is still vibrant and relevant today.

"Our Anniversary Mass on the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King gave thanks to God for Fr Thomas Kavanagh, our priests, sisters and people who have left us an amazing Christian legacy.

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"Our parish commemorated twelve servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice to give us peace and we also celebrated the contribution of parishioners who were volunteers and have enriched parish life over decades. We look to the future with confidence guided by Our Lord Jesus Christ the King and the power of the Holy Spirit."

The complete article about St Alban's Anniversary, including all the names of the Fallen, can be found on the Hallam News website: www.hallamnews.com along with more photographs.

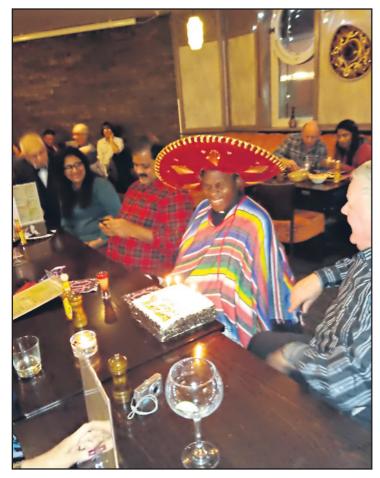


CONGRATULATIONS FR STEPHEN

Fr Stephen Ssekiwunga, Assistant Priest at St Marie's Cathedral, recently celebrated his fortieth birthday. The celebrations began at the Annual Party for the Cathedral Parish, which the Parish Pastoral Council hosted.

The Hallam African Community then organised a special celebration at the Sacred Heart, Hillsborough.

The triple celebrations concluded with a birthday meal, which Fr Stephen enjoyed with parishioners. He said he would never forget his birthday celebrations. Ad Multos Annos!



Remembrance Service at Moorends



Over eighty people attended a Service of Remembrance at St Joseph and St Nicholas parish on 17 November, 2019.

Relatives of members of the parish who had died during the last three years were invited to attend and were joined by many others who had lost loved ones. Over one hundred names had been placed on the parish 'memory tree'. Those attending were invited to light a candle as the names of loved ones were read out.

It was the first time that the parish had arranged

such an event. Parish Priest, Fr Santosh Vazhappally, said, "We are delighted that so many people came to remember their loved ones. We will hold the event each year in future. Those who attended found it a very spiritual, moving event. My thanks go to Greg Ryan for the wonderful music and to Tony Brookes for organising the liturgy."

Our photograph shows Fr Santosh and Deacon Ernesto Robertson with a few of those who attended by the 'memory tree'.

Heavenly Hampers for Cavendish Cancer Care



Tomen of Mother of God Parish, Sheffield, (W@MOG) were asked by one of their number to raise money for the Cavendish Cancer Care Centre, which supports people coping with the impact of diagnosis and illness. So at one of our meetings, we all brought contributions for a Chocolate Lovers' hamper, a Ladies' Pamper hamper and a Just for Men hamper, to add to the prizes in their Christmas Draw. In the end we had enough for four hampers, choc-a-block with fabulous goodies.

Jonny Cole, fundraising Manager for Cavendish Cancer Care, invited us along to the Centre and showed us around, informing us about the wonderful work that goes on, thanks to a dedicated, highly skilled team. As the photo shows, our trip to the Centre took place on a surprisingly beautiful sunny day which was highly appropriate because the Centre, on Wilkinson Street in Sheffield, brightens the lives of all who use it. Support and understanding is literally just a phone call away.

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Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory

St Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster, celebrated yet another successful pilgrimage to holy sites connected with the Shrine and Our Lady's Garden in Doncaster.

The Shrine Guardians, led by Pauline Allan, organised a two day pilgrimage to St Albans, Aylesford Priory and the Shrine of St Jude in Faversham. On our way, Fr Darren Reid led pilgrims in fifteen decades of the Rosary, with the fourth set completed on arrival at The Friars.

The first stop was the beautiful town and Cathedral of St Albans. Little is known of the early churches built over Alban's grave. The Shrine of St Alban was the reason for the Abbey's foundation and the town that grew up around it. The only English pope, Adrian IV, was born locally and granted special privileges to the Abbey, enhancing its reputation and power. The Cathedral is

very much a living church and we enjoyed a fascinating tour led by an expert

cathedral guide.

After lunch it was on to Aylesford Priory itself which was the base for the next two days of the pilgrimage. The Friars is home to a small community of Carmelite Friars, who first came here in 1242. We pilgrims enjoyed the breath-taking grounds and stunning medieval buildings, enjoying walks in the Peace Garden and reciting the Rosary with Fr Darren in Rosary Way. We were welcomed by the Carmelite Brothers and invited to share in their daily prayers and services. The Carmelites strive to be a praying community and we were privileged to be welcomed into this community, albeit for a short time.

On the second, and last day of our pilgrimage, Fr Brendan O'Grady welcomed us to the National Shrine of Saint Jude, located in an annex to the parish church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Faversham. The development of Faversham into a centre of devotion to St. Jude arose out of the work of the Carmelite Press. The Press was founded in 1938 to print materials sent out to clients who, by their donations, supported the work of the Carmelite friars. As pilgrims, we were invited to pray at the Shrine itself and leave petitions to St Jude. Benediction followed, after which we were able to venerate one of the Shrine's three relics of St Jude. We paused for a welcome cuppa and group photos (see below) outside were taken before the pilgrims started their journey homewards. Many felt that the visit to the shrine of St Jude was the highlight of the pilgrimage and found it to be a very moving experience.

Many thanks to Pauline Allan and Fr Darren for organising and leading a wonderful and devotional pilgrimage.



The Door of Entry to God's Dwelling Place is Prayer Weekend Retreat at the Dowry House, Walsingham

I travelled to Walsingham for a weekend retreat led by Fr Matthew Blake OCD. Entitled "The Door of Entry to God's Dwelling Place is Prayer", it was based on 16th century Spanish mystic, St Teresa of Avila's book, "The Interior Castle".

Fr Matt gave five talks. Written at the request of her spiritual director and of the Canon of Toledo, the book compensated for the loss of Teresa's life story, which had been retained by the Spanish Inquisition. She was 62, and had suffered physical and psychological (but not spiritual) breakdown. She offers neither prayer techniques, nor theories, but sets out her personal experiences. Prayer interested her from an early age, but she found it difficult throughout life.

The prayer journey to and fro through these rooms to the seventh does not make us inward looking; rather Christ shines out drawing us to him. Teresa judges progress in prayer not by spiritual comforts received, but by how someone changes and relates to others. The first "room" is where prayer leads to self knowledge. For Teresa, maintaining that one cannot pray shows lack of humility and of neighbourly love. In the second room change begins, leading to the third where we meet a crisis as great as that of the rich young man who seeks eternal life. The fourth, halfway, room brings the spiritual beginnings of love without self interest. The fifth room is where Teresa believes true Christianity begins. Whereas in the third room we met Christ on our terms, here we meet him on his terms, saying, "Yes," to love of neighbour. The sixth room is one of great joy, but also pain, where it can seem as though God is absent: that "dark night of the soul" experienced by Sts John of the Cross, Thérèse of Lisieux and Teresa of Calcutta. Nevertheless, this leads to Teresa's seventh room, where she has a profound sense of the Trinity.

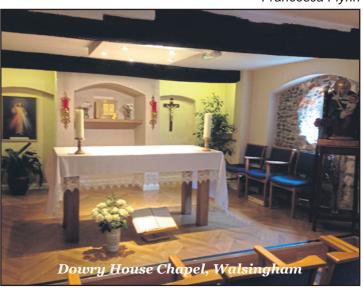
Despite being a discalced Carmelite, Teresa led an active life and insists that prayer must fit with one's situation and responsibilities; done amidst the "pots and pans". She sees the greatest act of charity as teaching someone to pray.

The retreat was held at the 15th century Dowry House, run

by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. This mediaeval house (formerly the Sue Ryder place) opened two years ago, proving popular with people seeking rest and spiritual rejuvenation. It is situated on High Street, opposite the 12th century Augustinian Priory, which used it to house pilgrims. It has bedrooms which are mainly ensuite, a sitting room, a conference room and the Julian Library with 3,000 books. There is a kitchen and dining room, although we ate in the Pilgrim Bureau. Outside are peaceful gardens, a small car park and a cloister leading to the lovely chapel, where we joined in the community's offices and meditations. Daily Mass was at midday.

A varied programme runs throughout the year, including preached and individually guided retreats and courses such as the recent Icon Writing Week. I left for home remembering Teresa's words, "Sola Dios basta": "God alone suffices".

Francesca Flynn

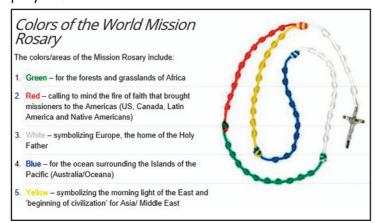


EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY St Thomas More School's Extraordinary Month of Mission

At St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. Sheffield, we had such an exciting month celebrating and reflecting on the Extraordinary Month of Mission.

We kicked-off with a collective worship assembly, which highlighted the activities and reflections for the Extraordinary Month of Mission. This focussed on how the Extraordinary Month of Mission is an initiative of Pope Francis. We also shared the Extraordinary Month of Mission's aims, which were to encourage all members of our Catholic community to recognise themselves as missionary disciples, working and praying together to share God's love with everyone, everywhere. We also shared all of the information to our parents within our weekly newsletter.

Each class displayed the Extraordinary Month of Mission calendar, which consisted of the daily reflections and messages. This was read every day in each class as a time for reflection, prayer and collective worship. During this time, each class also prayed the daily Extraordinary Month of Mission prayer for children.



For one of the projects, all classes created a part of the Mission Rosary for a whole school display, which was showcased during our parents evening. The children were informed how the Mission Rosary fits in with the Extraordinary Month of Mission initiatives and what each section of the Mission Rosary represented. Then each class was given a section of the rosary and were given instructions on how they could design and create their theme within a circle template that would form a bead on the rosary. Then our Mission Rosary was put together for our whole school display.



RE homework was also sent out in order to get parents/carers involved in the Extraordinary Month of Mission. The homework allowed for the children to design and create some artwork for the whole school display linked to the Extraordinary Month of Mission project. The children were asked to become artists and create a poster representing the theme 'Our Mission: To Share God's Love with the Whole World'. Two winners from each class were added on whole school display. These children also received certificates and a holding cross as an RE prize in our weekly celebration assembly.

Lastly, we finished off our celebrations and reflections by holding an end of month final reflection in each class. We had such an incredible month focussing on this wonderful initiative of Pope Francis.

Mrs Jessica Lord, RE Co-ordinator and class teacher



Christ the King Celebrations at Deepcar



St Ann's Church, Deepcar celebrated the Feast of Christ the King in style, making crowns for both young and old alike. Following Mass everyone had refreshments and fun in the parish hall.

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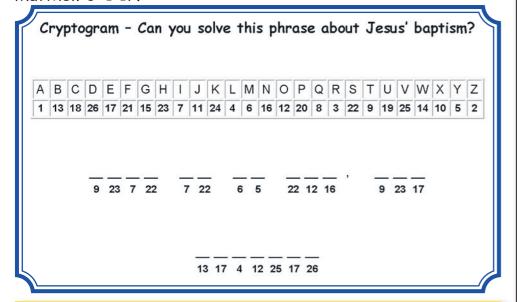


Welcome to the Children's Page about the Baptism of Jesus

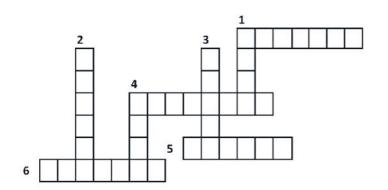
This month, we think about a very important event in Jesus' life here on earth; the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

John was the cousin of Jesus (he was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah), but he was also a preacher, a teacher. He was sent to tell the people, who had done wrong, to repent. When we repent we turn back to try to live the way we should. We admit that we have made bad choices, say sorry, and ask for God's forgiveness.

John told the people that he would baptise them with water so that they could wash away their sins. John didn't want to baptise Jesus, as he had never done anything wrong, but Jesus knew that this was part of God's plan for him. The Baptism of Jesus reminds us that we, like Jesus, can be children of God. You can read more on the baptism of Jesus in the Bible; Matthew 3: 1-17.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ON JOHN THE BAPTIST



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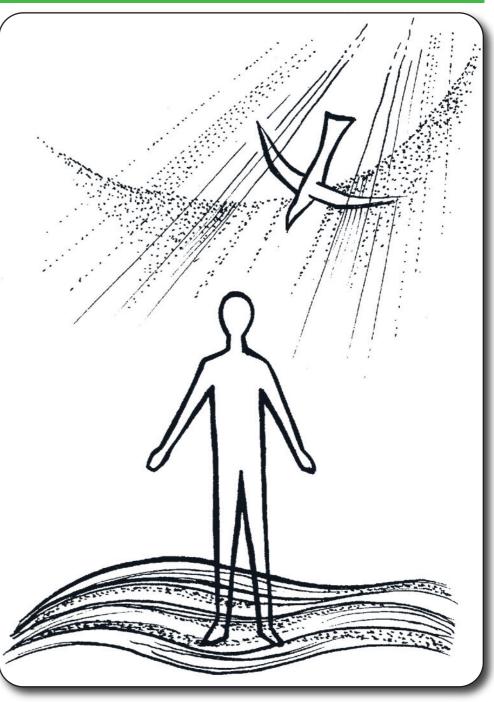
- 1.To make ready ahead of time
- 4. Not having any curves or bends
- 5. A dry, barren region with only a few plants
- 6. To admit your sins to God

DOWN

- 1. A trail made for travelling on foot
- 2. The river where John baptised people
- 3. What people use for speaking
- 4. Actions that break God's Law

Voice	Prepare	Sins	Straight
Jordan	Desert	Path	Confess





Colour in our picture of the Baptism of Jesus



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A Tiger Came to Church

At Masses on 16 and 17 November, parishoners of Sheffield's Mother of God church celebrated Creation.

Mindful of Pope Francis's encouragement to do so, we selected specific readings and prayers to focus on appreciating the amazing world we inhabit, recognising it as God's gift to us and expressing our sorrow for our inadequate stewardship. In our bidding prayers we remembered Paulo Paulino Guajajara, a 26 year old Brazilian husband and father, shot and killed on 1 November in an ambush, while trying, non-violently,to prevent illegal logging and the destruction of his Amazon Rainforest home. A photo of this inimitably courageous Forest Guardian was displayed.

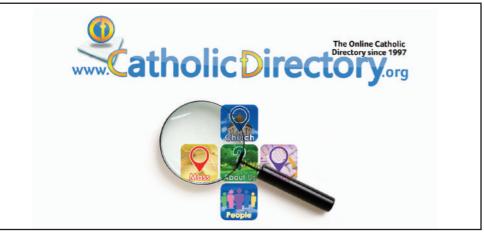
Year 3 children from St Wilfrid's school

provided beautifully coloured birds and fish to be taken up at each offertory procession, which also included a globe, soil and seeds, plants and a host of wildlife in the form of cuddly toys. These included tigers, whales, monkeys, giraffe and a polar bear among others. Everything was laid at the altar, on African cloths whose designs symbolised the earth and the seas. After the 10 o'clock Mass, homemade vegetable soup was available for all to share, with a Climate Information display, a quiz, a creation focussed 'Grace before Meals' and prayer cards to take away.

It is hoped to follow this up with a Creation and Climate event in the New Year, so watch this space. Who knows, perhaps the tiger will come again too.



* If any other parish is interested to know how the Creation Mass was put together and would like to organise one of their own, please contact Rita at mcmanusra@yahoo.co.uk or look on the CAFOD website: Cafod.org.uk/climate.



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St Mary's Goes Red!



On Wednesday, 27 November, 2019, St Mary's Catholic Primary School in High Green, Sheffield marked #RedWednesday by wearing red.

Aid to the Church in Need is a Catholic charity that helps Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. They have a special day each year called Red Wednesday when supporters wear red and light up buildings in red to remind people to pray. The children and staff wore red to school that day as a reminder to pray for Christians around the world who are suffering persecution.







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Autumn Luncheon with St Gerard-St Mary SVP EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY



On Friday, 1 November, 2019, the St Gerard's - St Mary's St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

group held their first Autumn Luncheon.

Around thirty members of the local community gathered at The Tabard pub to enjoy a two course lunch together. This was an event which aimed to get people together, who might otherwise have spent the day alone. Everyone received a raffle ticket and after lunch the winners were announced! The lunch was a great success and the group plan to hold more in the future.

One of the main ways the SVP help in the community is by visiting lonely or isolated people, but we heavily rely on referrals from others to let us know where the need is. We hope our next luncheon will be bigger and better, reaching more people who would benefit.



Mansions of Glory

John Rooney, Headteacher of McAuley Catholic High School, Doncaster writes: Our distinctive Catholic nature as a Catholic school is emphasised by the language we use. Language and the way we describe what we do cements the culture of the school. One of the ways that we will be doing this is by using references to the Pope's message to youth in Christus Vivit; Christ is Alive.

As a document it emphasises the challenges facing young people in particular; these manifest themselves every day in our school. Part of our response to underlining our role in developing young people and ourselves is through our pastoral system and the relationships that underpin it.

In developing our important sense of identity even further, as well as building even

stronger community bonds, we turned to the research.

Green (2006) stated, "Houses reflect the school's diversity, encompassing students of various races, ethnicities, ages, and academic abilities. Teachers and staff members are assigned to houses to encourage stronger relationships between adults and students. These social houses have the potential to lessen student anxiety and reduce insecurities. At the same time, engaging in house activities can harness and enhance some of the more positive attributes of early adolescence, such as students' burgeoning idealism and interest in the world." (p. 65)

At McAuley we don't have 'Houses' because they are too small for what we want

to do. They aren't grand enough to properly showcase the beauty and talent of our interior lives.

So we have decided on Mansions instead, each with their own focus and sacred word. So 7A becomes 7 Anointed and so on including the sixth form. You can see the titles on the illustration. (Read more online at www.hallamnews.com)





You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution.

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

CRYPTIC Across

- Judge disheartened Vatican scholar (6)
- Jordan valley where a local chap finds a leader among Hittites (6)
- Part of the church is in a Dublin avenue (4)
- Jack has a nasty turn at home earlier he's put in charge of the Ark (8)
- 11/12 Chilean had my workings: he's a composer of masses (7,5)
- Bishop shortly is to run against boy or not (2,3) 15
- Flock's built-in bearings are leading one along the 17
- Female's first out: instead is about to spin on ice, being a gymnastic type (8)
- Muslim one imprisoned Persian leader contracted (4) 22
- To infuse divine grace, nation must change (6) 23
- Biblical canon police popularized? (3,3) 24

CRYPTIC Down

- Receive a boost after a hitch? (3,1,4)
- 2 Carreras, with Egyptian leader seen in the wings, is one that worked there (6)
- 3 Old Hindu city almost turned to a god of war (7)
- 4 Language of the masses, or the elite? (5)
- 5 Jews are besieged here, which is through Christmas, a danger (6)
- Bubbly Spanish-American states? (4) 6
- Gershwin passes on English bit of the Requiem (4,4) 13
- Communists at summit, many angry over 14 international support Tibetans seek (7)
- Serpent turned a little girl white (6) 16
- 18 Religious celebration oriental found pointless (6)
- Paul's epistles, perhaps, as sent today? (5) 19

Gold's next, after dropping half off by Sword Beach's river (4)

QUICK Across

- Christian scholar; saint and Doctor of the Church (347-420) (6)
- In OT the name often used for the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea (6)
- Main part or body of a church (4)
- Man in whose house the Ark was temporarily 10 stored (8)
- 11/12 Composer whose Requiem in C minor was played at his more famous brother's funeral in 1809 (7,5)
- Bish? (2,3)
- 17 Any of twelve Egyptian kings between 1315 and 1090 BC (variant spelling) (7)
- 20 Nadia ----: multiple Olympic champion, 1976-80
- 22 One of the two main branches of Islam (4)
- 23 Consecrate (6)
- 24 God's instruction on moral, social and spiritual behaviour laid out in the Pentateuch (3,3)

- Receive a boon; raise the spirits (3,1,4)
- Eleventh son of Jacob (6)
- Former name of the holy Hindu city, Varanasi, on the 3 Ganges (either spelling) (7)
- 'Vulgate' language of 7 (5)
- 5 Ancient mountaintop fortress where the Romans besieged the Jews for a year in 72-73 AD (6)
- 6 Spanish fizz (4)
- First words of a medieval 4 hymn describing the Last 13

- - Juagment (4,4)
 - Chinese communists, acolytes of the thoughts published in the 'Little Red Book' (7)
 - Highly poisonous snake family which includes the cobra (6)
 - Oldest and most important Christian feast (6) 18
 - Passages from the Bible and other religious works 19 used as subjects of sermons (5)
 - River of Normandy which flows through Caen (4)

SOLUTION

19 Texts, 21 Orne

6 Cava, 13 Dies Irae, 14 Maoists, 16 Elapid, 18 Easter, liff, 2 Joseph, 3 Benares/Benaras, 4 Latin, 5 Masada, Comaneci, 22 Shia, 23 Anoint, 24 The Law. Down: 1 Get a 11/12 Michael Haydn, 15 Rt Rev, 17 Rameses, 20 Across: 7 Jerome, 8 Arabah, 9 Nave, 10 Abinadab,