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Precious Things Always Need to be Guarded and Protected

In the time between Christmas and New Year the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Read here Bishop Ralph's Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Bishop Ralph explores the messages behind the readings for this feast day. Messages, which are useful to carry with us in our family life throughout the year.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ

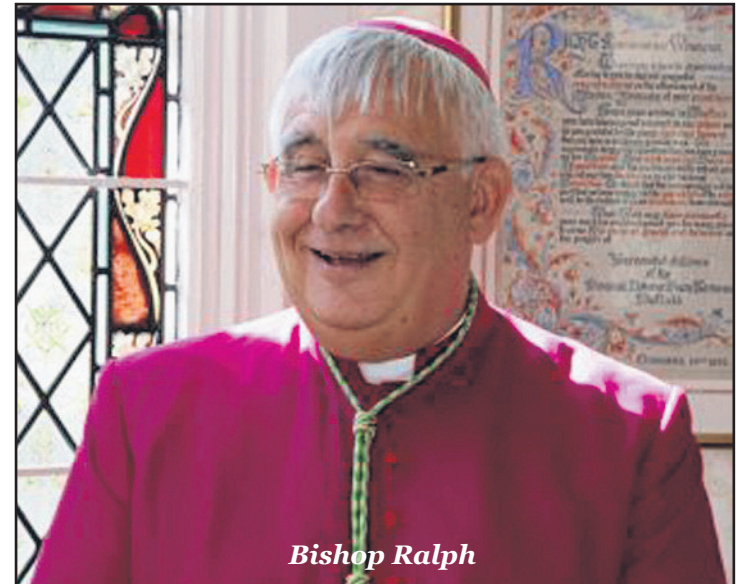
This time in between Christmas and the New Year is a precious time to be spent with family and friends, but especially family, both immediate and extended. While we celebrate the life of our own families and the bonds of love and affection that bind us together, the Church invites us to look to and celebrate the life of the newly formed family of Nazareth and see it as a model



for our own.

The three readings chosen for today's feast each speak to us of a different aspect of the family that we find in the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth and to which we aspire in our own family. The readings, as one commentator suggests, speak of the significance within the family of the devotion of the father (and indirectly the mother), the devotion of children to parents and the debt of mutual love.

In today's gospel we are reminded that the uniqueness of the Holy Family of Nazareth did not shield them from some of the struggles and dangers that are part of the human condition. In particular, Matthew's story which is not found anywhere else in the gospels, tells us that when Jesus was still a toddler, he and his parents, Mary and Joseph, had to flee from Nazareth to Egypt fearing for his safety. We cannot imagine what it must have been like for them to suddenly find themselves having to leave their home and flee to another country not knowing, when, if ever, it would be possible for them to return home in safety. The decision to flee, Matthew tells us, was at the instruction of an angel in a dream. The instructions are all about the child and his wellbeing and safety which are entrusted to Joseph. The angel doesn't hold back and could



Bishop Ralph

not be more direct:

"Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt and stay there until I tell you....."

We are not privy to any advice Joseph may, or may not, have been given on how he might support his family in a land he did not know. He just has to trust the angel's message. Later in the story only when it was considered safe for the family to return home and the child's safety was assured, Joseph is given further instructions:

"Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead."

The second reflection offered in the readings is that children owe their parents a debt of gratitude. This is beautifully and concretely stated in the first reading by its writer, Ben Sirach. There we are reminded that honour, respect, sympathy and kindness should be the attitudes of children towards their parents. The language of Sirach puts flesh, if you like, on the commandment of love and a reminder that the family is where love

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| 5 | Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, with Rev Mr John Biggins, Deacon at St William of York. For more details telephone: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 12 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome. |
| 11 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 25 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 12 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am- | 26 Hallam Ascent Group meet for Ash Wednesday soup and cheese lunch after noon Mass. Donations to Apostleship of the Sea. (See entry on 5 for more details). |

Prophetic Imagination

On **Saturday, 15 February** David McLoughlin, Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham will speak about ***What is the relationship between theology and everyday life?*** at Hinsley Hall, Diocese of Leeds Pastoral Centre, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. There will be lunch plus afternoon workshops, cost £55.

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It is Diocesan policy NOT to publish photographs of individual children accompanied by their name.

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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.

Cost for coach, ferry, hotels, including breakfasts and evening meals, is £609 per person sharing.

More details from Brendan Lally, mobile: 07949 241108.



Bishop Ralph's Pastoral Letter for the Feast of the Holy Family

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is made concrete through the words, actions, gestures and attitudes to those closest to us.

The third aspect of family life expressed in the readings for today's feast is that of mutual love.

Paul writing to the Church at Colossae paints a word picture of what a truly Christian family should look like. The members should be compassionate, kind, gentle and patient. He exhorts them to bear with one another and forgive each

other. We all know that there is plenty of opportunity in the family to exercise both! And Paul's final point here is that the cord that holds all the different aspects of family life together is mutual

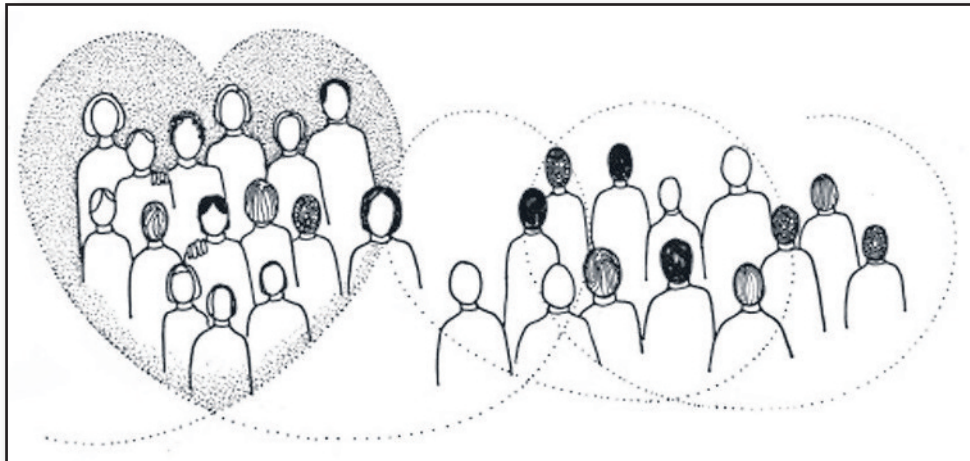
love.

"Over all these clothes, to hold them together and complete them, put on love."

In the story of the Holy Family of Nazareth God's plan was accomplished. This is true of every family. It is in the family that God's plan for us is worked out most of the time. Perhaps today is an opportunity to reflect on and acknowledge this simple truth. An invitation, too, for us to be more fully present to each other and for each other in the coming year.

Precious things always need to be guarded and protected.

+Ralph



Lily Window Display at St Joseph's, Retford



St Joseph's, Retford has established an annual event, a Christmas Lily Display in remembrance of deceased loved ones.

Parishioners and visitors to the church purchase a lily card, where they write the names of family and friends. The cards form part of a display over the Christmas period. The Christmas Masses are celebrated for all those people wish to pray for.

Monies raised from the initiative go towards the maintenance of the Church.

Our photograph shows the 2019 Display around the Church Window of St Joseph's.



Diocese of Hallam

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Celebration of Baptism

Ciaran and Emily McKinley recently celebrated the Baptism of their son, James Brendan McKinley, at St Marie's Cathedral. The celebrant of the Baptism was Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry, Northern Ireland, and the baby's great-uncle. James' Godmother was Sr Agnes Kilonsky and his Godfather was Donal McKinley.



Minnie Marks another Milestone ... 106 Not Out!

Minnie Liddle, former parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley, Doncaster celebrated her 106th birthday on 12 December.

She now lives in a care home close to her daughter across town and receives Holy Communion from the local parish, but is still well remembered in Our Lady's parish where she was an active member of the congregation for over 50 years, after moving to the area in 1964 from her native Sunderland. She is visited from time to time by parishioners and by Sister Lilly and Sister Anu of the Convent of the Daughters of St Francis de Sales, adjoining Our Lady's church.

On her birthday, in addition to family visits and phone calls, Minnie enjoyed visits from parishioners and the Sisters who were accompanied by Fr Sixtus Njoku CM, Parish Priest of Our Lady's, who was inspired by Minnie's vitality and independence of spirit.

The visits brought great joy to Minnie and the day will live long in the memory of all concerned.



Catenians Support the Apostleship of the Sea

On a recent visit to Immingham Docks, Martin Dearnley, the Past President of Barnsley Catenian Circle, presented a cheque for £800 to the National Director of the Apostleship of the Sea.

The charity, which was one of two Martin nominated for his Presidential Year, supports seafarers worldwide. The Apostleship of the Sea provides practical help and advice to sailors and crew when they visit ports. There is a Chaplaincy based in the major port of Immingham.

Martin was joined on his visit by the Secretary of the Wakefield Catenian

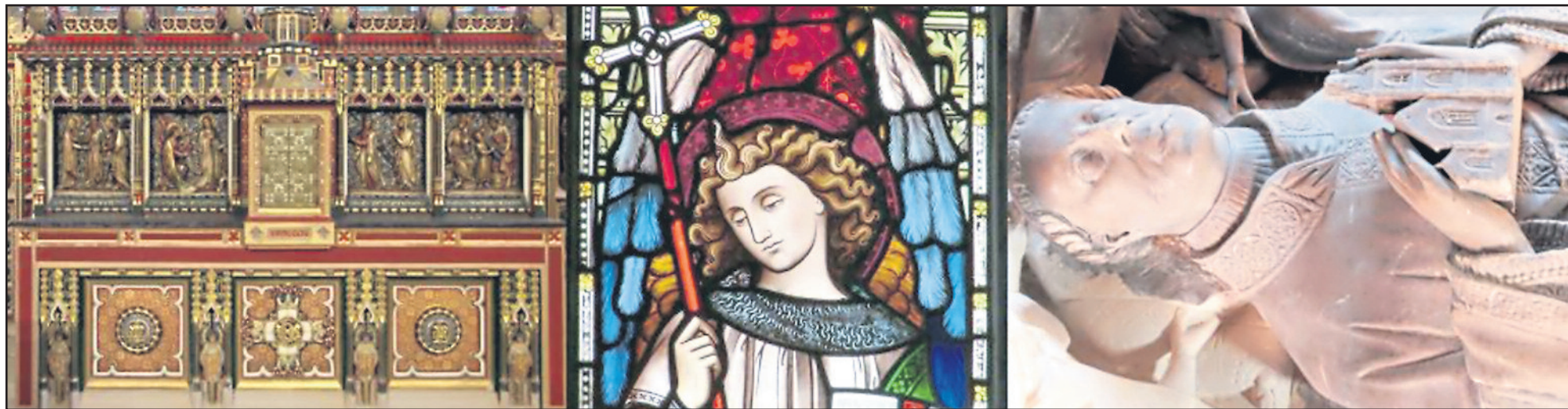
Circle, his brother-in-law, Phil Kitson. Phil delivered packages containing toiletries and other basic items to members of the ships' crews.

Wakefield Catenian Brothers and their families donated the parcels' contents in response to the Apostleship of the Sea's Annual Shoebox Appeal.

Our photograph shows left to right, Bryony Watson and Steven Willows, Port Chaplains with the Apostleship of the Sea, Martin Foley, National Director, Phil Kitson, Wakefield Catenians and Martin Dearnley, Barnsley Catenians.



COME AND SEE ~ CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MARIE



The disciples once said to Jesus, "Where do you live?" He replied, "Come and see!" No more is recorded about *what* they found as the message of the gospel is about *who* they found: a simple invitation leading to a life-changing experience.

Visiting the Cathedral Church of St Marie is not quite in the same league but it is guaranteed to provide some surprises (writes Gerry Burke, one of the volunteer guides). The story of the Cathedral places it at the heart of Catholicism in England. It was opened as a parish church in 1850, the middle of the century which saw the gradual emergence of the Catholic Church into public life and then its phenomenal growth due to population expansion and substantial immigration. This is reflected in the building:

- the capturing of a link with the ancient faith in its neo-Gothic design and the precious alabaster images dating from pre-Reformation times;
- the stained-glass windows with stories to tell about the history of salvation and the history of our diocese;

- the number of times the place has been taken apart inside and put back together again, proving it's not a museum but a place for people and their life of faith.

And where else in the country can you find (it is said) nearly two hundred images of angels? Or the body of a priest once trundled through the streets in dead of night?

All this, and much more, is revealed during the organised tours which are easily booked through the Cathedral office. Since the refurbishment and re-opening of the Cathedral in 2012 there has been a great interest by various groups in visiting St Marie's. Most of these have been from other Christian churches or secular organisations rather than Catholic parishes or societies.

The volunteer guides would really like to be able to welcome more people from the parishes of the diocese. They are keen to encourage all sorts of groups, for example:

- A complete parish coach trip
- A parish UCM or similar parish society
- An ecumenical group from several local churches

- A small group of friends (maybe on a shopping or sightseeing trip)

- Other local societies to which a parishioner might belong

- Combinations of all the above!

The guides are happy to welcome any number from two to twenty (or even a few more).



Cathedral Guides Gerard Burke and Kevin Exell

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Mrs Betty Rogowski (pictured on the right) died on 4 November at the age of 95. She was a founder member of the Union of Catholic Mothers in the parish of Christ the King, Rossington.

Mrs Nellie Lawson died on 12 December. She was a devout member of the Union of Catholic Mothers for over 40 years and a Foundation President in the Parish of St Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster. Her funeral took place on Monday, 6 January at St Peter-in-Chains.

Our condolences to the families and friends of both Betty and Nellie. May they rest in peace.



CAFOD Seek Passionate People to Help Nurture Lasting Change



When you volunteer with love to help people in need, your practical and compassionate actions can make all the difference to them. At CAFOD we currently have volunteering opportunities in our school and parish teams based in the Diocese of Hallam. If you'd like to inspire young people to play their role in bringing about a world where all people, communities and the environment can flourish, or support other volunteers to organise fundraising and campaigning events in parish communities, we'd love to hear from you.

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FAMILY FAST DAY 2020

Friday, 6 March



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The Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry



The loved and venerated statue of Our Lady of Walsingham has been visiting every Catholic Cathedral, including St Marie's, Sheffield in October, 2018. Our Lady came with the mission to pray for the re-evangelisation and conversion of England.

Cardinal Nichols has described the Dowry Tour visitations as "a moment of great promise for the Church in England and for our mission". This momentous Dowry Tour ends in Westminster Cathedral, 19-21 March, 2020.

On 29 March, 2020 the Rededication of England will present the personal gift of the faith of the people of England to the Mother of God and seek her prayers, loving

care and protection for our country. The Rededication is a simple but powerful commitment to seek the will of God in our lives.

The promotion of the Dowry is there to help us to pass on to the next generation this ancient and profound trust in the Mother of God as she calls us today "to do whatever he tells you".

Led by the Bishops' Conference we call on Our Lady to guide and protect England in the years to come.

Joseph Durham



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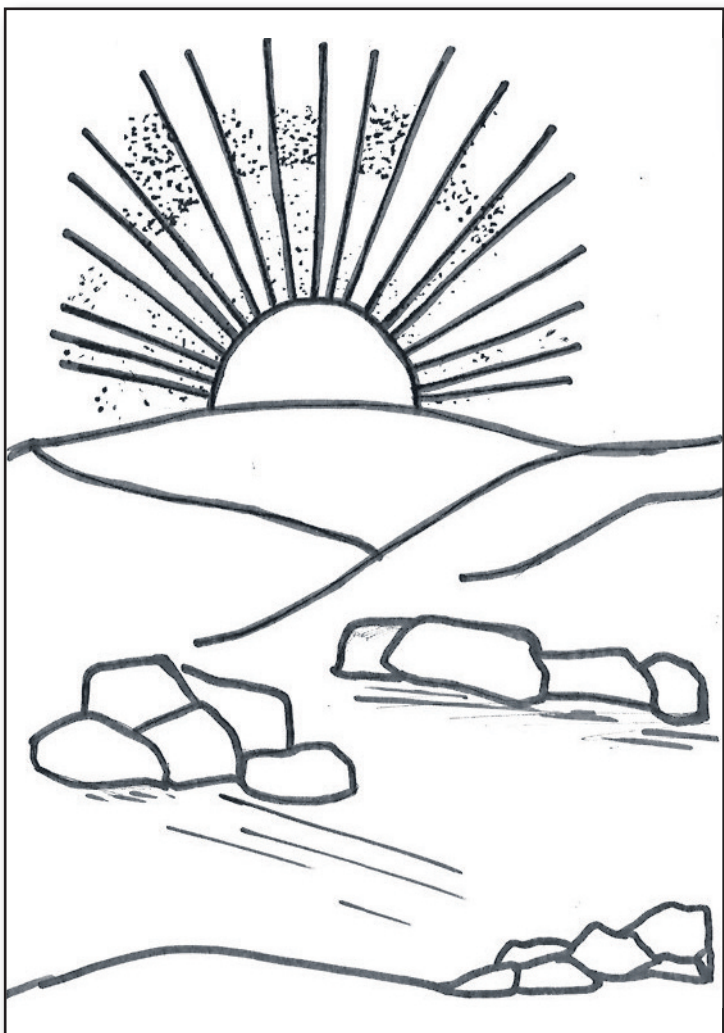
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Welcome to the Children's Page about Lent



Colour in our picture of the desert

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent This year Lent begins on 26 February

The season of Lent is like the time of 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. He spent this time alone, fasting and in prayer. During his time there, Jesus was tempted to choose a different way to God's way but he resisted this.

Have a look around your church and see what changes may have occurred. You might see the altar cloths and hangings have changed to purple and there are no flowers around. Later in Lent some pictures or statues might have been covered up. In your school, your RE table might be purple too.

During Lent Christians prepare themselves for the great festival of Easter. It is a time to stop, think and try to do better in the future. Christians remember Jesus' total self-giving by either choosing to **give up something** during Lent or choosing to **do something extra**.

Have you chosen to give up something or to do something extra during Lent?

Turning over a New Leaf

For this activity, you will need the shape of a leaf. On one side get your child to write or draw something that they want to be sorry for.

When they have finished, turn the leaf over. By saying sorry to God, we turn over a new leaf!

On the other side of the leaf, get your child to draw or write something good that they can do during Lent. Ideas could be trying not to argue with their sisters or brothers, or being a good friend.

By turning over a new leaf we put behind us any bad things and promise to do good things.

Sorry Prayer

In this prayer, we say sorry for the times that we have gone against what God wants.

O MY GOD,
I AM VERY SORRY
FOR THE THINGS I
HAVE DONE WRONG.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME
AND HELP ME.

Wonder

I wonder ...

I wonder how you like to help others?

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I wonder how Jesus helped people?

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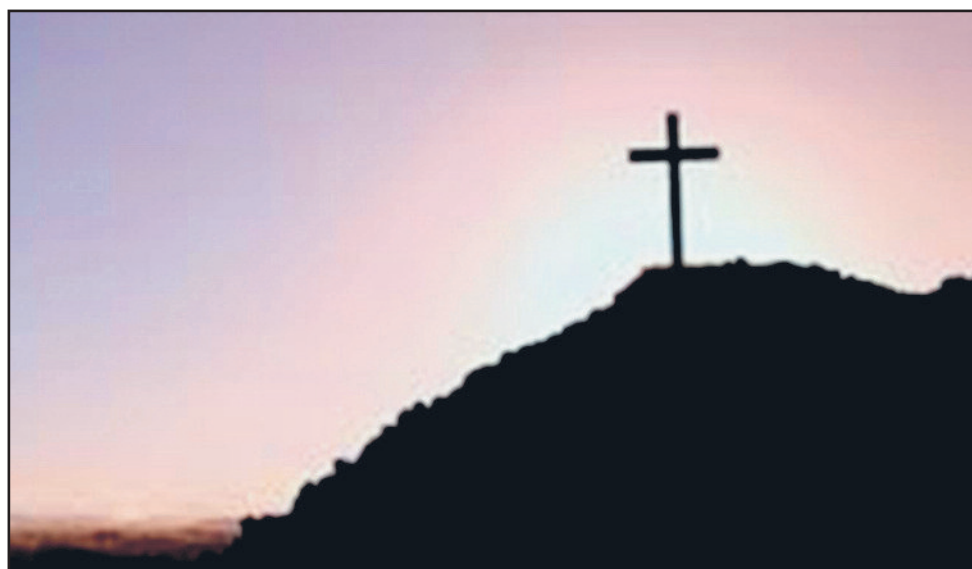
I wonder how you can make a difference in the world?

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Guidance for Parents/Carers

If you have access to a computer try:
www.cafod.org.uk or www.missiontogether.org.uk.

On these websites, there are Lenten calendars for you to download and print off. These calendars provide focus for the family on their Lenten journey, with daily prayers and activities.



Quiet Zone: During Lent, we can think about the time that Jesus spent in the desert by being quiet and alone. Here is a simple activity that you can do at home.

Create a special space for your child/children, where they can each be quiet for a while. Let them be quiet for a short time, but don't be over ambitious! Five minutes is a long time to sit quietly. Let them have some quiet music and a picture to look at or a story to think about to focus their thoughts. Suggest they listen to their own thoughts and ideas. This can help them to become aware of their own "internal" voice.

This activity can be repeated many times throughout the Lenten season.

EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

'STOP WAITING - WE NEED YOU TO ACT NOW'

Young people from Hallam Diocese challenge world leaders and newly elected MPs on climate change

As world leaders met at the UN climate summit in Madrid, fifty young people gathered in Sheffield on 9 December, and urged them, 'Don't let climate change threaten our future'. It's a message they want the new clutch of MPs to hear loud and clear.

The 'Care for Creation Day' was organised by Anna and Eleanor Marshall (aged 16 and 14 respectively) from Chesterfield. It was supported by St Mary's Catholic High School, Chesterfield, Notre Dame Catholic High School, Sheffield, All Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield, The McAuley Catholic High School, Doncaster, St Pius X Catholic High School, Wath-upon-Deane, St Bernard's Catholic High School, Rotherham, Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England School, Barnsley in the Diocese of Hallam, and attended by Bishop Ralph. The conference gave 11 - 14 year olds a rare opportunity to speak for themselves about the crisis facing them - and, as one young person

put it, to 'rewrite the future'.

The students found solidarity with others experiencing flooding and extreme weather. In a live videolink, Joana in the Philippines gave a sobering account of how she survived Typhoon Haiyan in 2013 but lost her closest relatives as a storm surge swept inland. The young people in Sheffield joined with

Joana and her fellow survivors in pleading with those in power to force cuts in global emissions, over 70 percent of which can be traced to just 100 corporations.

Summing up the views expressed by all the young people taking part, Anna and Eleanor said, "Climate change threatens our future - and yet politicians

and leaders are just watching it happening. It's ruining our beautiful Earth, and not just for us - several of our young people today said they want their children to enjoy good lives too. We are saying to our new MPs, it's now or never. The clock is still ticking, you can be sure that we're not going to let this matter drop."



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

- 6 Lewis maybe one sub-editor here? (5,8)
- 8 Limit is reached during daytime temperatures (4)
- 9 Incomplete article Scotsman's written about reversing vehicle is Greek to some (8)
- 10 Tabitha Stewart's bag both see making a comeback (6)
- 11 Speed embraced by the Big Apple's young beauties (6)
- 13 Laurel planted among the first and last acacia here in old Kazakh capital (6)
- 15 Systematic way brickie's mate faced frontage (6)
- 16 Time to attack revised Authorized Version with Dean visit angrily axed (4,4)
- 18 Ananias, for instance, reviewed protest (4)
- 19 End up in trouble in minestrone country? (4,2,3,4)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Banquo's fee he settled, being an anonymous royal (5,2,5)
- 2 Brussels and US security people follow directions to a synod site (8)
- 3 Sea goddess both sides in Troy write articles about (6)
- 4 Snapping off edges of chocolate bar, not looking at first for Uranus' moon (6)
- 5 Element of mining company that's putting last first (4)
- 7 One appearing in Philipians a prudish poet found dissolute (12)
- 12 Padded part of a short book on Braid (8)

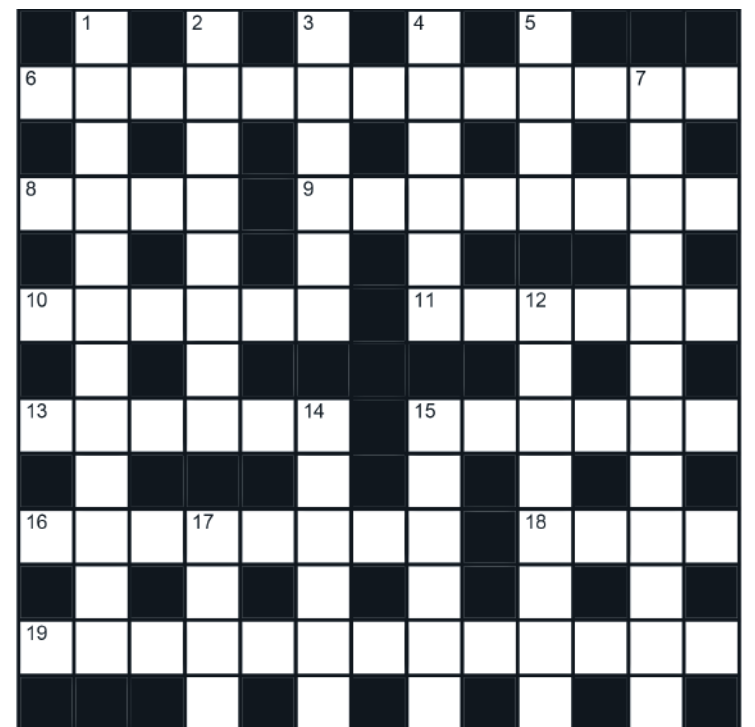
- 14 Dresses up for a sailors party before going to sea (6)
- 15 Spoil, almost, yon Bethany woman (6)
- 17 Bookie's prices are quirky close to Classics (4)

QUICK Across

- 6 Archipelago which forms part of Scotland's Western Isles (5,8)
- 8 Measure; dispense (4)
- 9 One from an ancient country now swallowed up by Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria (8)
- 10 Alternative name for Tabitha in the NT, a woman famous for her good works (6)
- 11 ----- and Shepherds: song by Purcell and others (6)
- 13 Kazakhstan capital's former name, changed to Nur-Sultan in 2019 (6)
- 15 Modus operandi (6)
- 16 Exact time (eg for launching an attack) (4,4)
- 18 Balustrade; racetrack fence (4)
- 19 Find oneself in difficulties (4,2,3,4)

QUICK Down

- 1 Unnamed ruler of an African or Arabian country who visited Solomon (5,2,5)
- 2 Seaport from which Paul and Barnabas left with John Mark for their first missionary journey (8)
- 3 Geological ocean and a Saturn moon, both named after a Titan daughter of Uranus and Gaia (6)



- 4 Fairy king in medieval and Renaissance literature (6)
- 5 Element, a component of brass (4)
- 7 Apostle sent by Paul along with his letter to the Philipians (12)
- 12 Palliasse (8)
- 14 Prettifies; trims (6)
- 15 Friend of Mary whose brother Jesus restored to life (6)
- 17 Likelihood of something occurring rather than not occurring (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 6 Outer Hebrides, 8 Mete, 9 Thracian, 10 Dorcas, 11 Nymphs, 13 Astara, 15 Method, 16 Zero hour, 18 Rail, 19 Land in the soup. **Down:** 1 Queen of Sheba, 2 Seleucia, 3 Theys, 4 Oberon, 5 Zinc, 7 Epaphroditus, 12 Mattress, 14 Adorns, 15 Martha, 17 Odds.

Culture, symbolism and the Bible - a session for potential and existing Readers and others



Wells and marriages, honour and insult, broken barriers and the importance of purity laws - just a few examples of the connections that emphasise the cultural divide between the Holy Land of Biblical times and our world today.

How should we interpret those differences and how can that help to deepen our understanding of the Word of God and how Readers should proclaim it?

Those will be among the key questions under the spotlight at a special meeting during the Year of the Word initiative, aimed at existing and potential Readers, but also open to anyone from the Diocese.

Mgr John Ryan will be the principal speaker at the event, which takes place on Saturday, 15 February in the Houlden Hall, beside St Marie's Cathedral, starting at 9.30am and ending with an opportunity to take part in a practical session, using the Cathedral's sound system following Mass at 12.30pm.

If you would like more information or to attend please contact Bob Rae, from the St Marie's Readers' Team, e-mail: bob.rae@stmariecathedral.org or tel: 07710 116701.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

At the end of the celebration of Mass throughout the Diocese, parishes pray together for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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