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The new Dowry Painting of Our Lady of Walsingham by Amanda de Pulford which will visit every Catholic parish in England



On the fifth Sunday in Lent, the Church invites everyone to make a personal act of dedication of our country to Mary. In doing so we repeat the dedication made in 1381 by Richard 11 of England, who promised this land and its people as the Dowry of Mary.

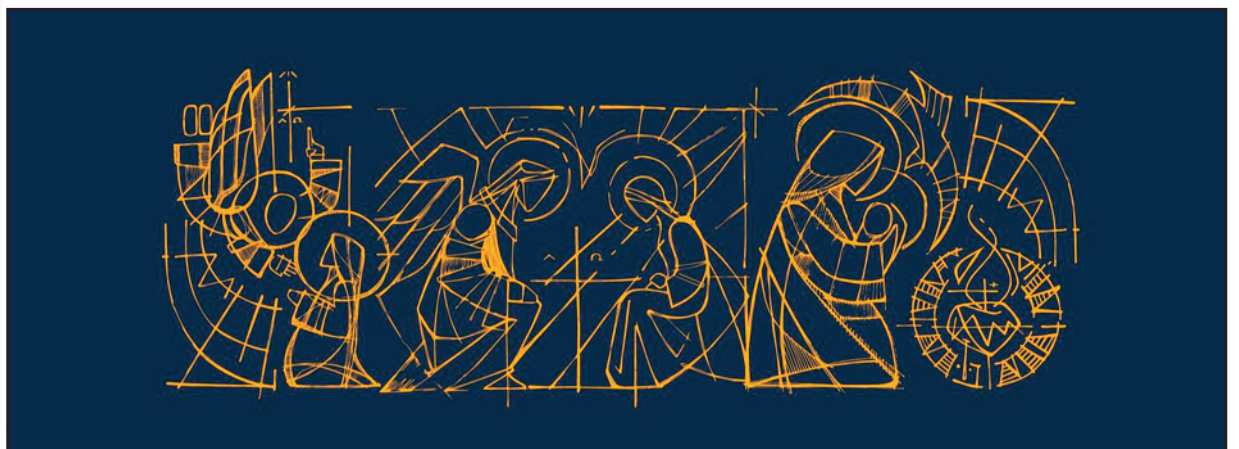
The idea of England as the Dowry of Mary is rich in history but perhaps not a term used much in contemporary language.

It is fitting that this opportunity for Re-dedication comes at the end of Lent, a time when we especially try to get closer to Jesus. Mary will always lead us to her Son. She will take us to Him so that He can show us His love and mercy.

Bishop Ralph, along with many priests in the

parishes of Hallam, will be making the Re-dedication. Churches, chapels, homes, schools, hospitals and prisons will all be praying together.

Walsingham and its Holy House of Nazareth is the link to this ancient devotion of the people of England to the Mother of God. Mgr John Armitage, Rector of the Walsingham Shrine, said that it was, "a truly blessed day, when the Holy Father blessed the new Dowry Painting in Rome. The painting, which will visit every Catholic parish in England, was then taken to the tomb of St Gregory the Great, the Pope who sent St Augustine to evangelise the people of England. Before his tomb we prayed for his intercession to strengthen our faith to continue this mission to the people of England."



On the occasion of the Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary we are invited to unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call. As a community we come together in prayer by renewing the vows of dedication made to Mary by our ancestors.

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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD. |
| 1 | Hallam Ascent Group meet for Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Chapel, Rivelin, 2pm. For more details telephone: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 8 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, with live music and refreshments, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All are welcome. |
| 8 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/ coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation | 28 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY TO DELIA FOX

Congratulations to Mrs Delia Fox on the occasion of her 80th Birthday on 2nd

April. Delia is a longstanding member of the Union of Catholic Mothers and has held the posts of Diocesan President and Secretary for the Diocese of Hallam.

Doncaster Deanery travel to the Chrism Mass St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield Wednesday, 8 April

The Chrism Mass is one of the most solemn and important liturgies of the liturgical year and sees the gathering of the entire Diocese, Bishop, Priests, Deacons and lay faithful. It is the occasion when the Bishop blesses the holy oils and the Priests and Deacons renew their promises to serve God and his people.

A coach will depart St Peter in Chains at 9am on Wednesday, 8 April for those who wish to attend the Chrism Mass. Departing 1.45pm to return from Sheffield. Cost £9.

Closing date for booking 21 March. Please contact Marian Johnson for booking or further details on 07990588083 or 01302 265025.



In the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 699, Jesus promised: "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened."

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2020 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

To receive those special graces – "the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" ... in other words, a complete renewal of baptismal grace in our hearts – all we need to do is to receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday, with trust in our Lord's great mercy.

Confessions 2pm, Veneration and Holy Mass will be at 3pm:

Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill Nr Sheffield, Derbyshire, S21 3YL

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Christ the King, Rossington

Holy Thursday 8.00pm
Good Friday 3.00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8.00pm
Easter Sunday 9.00am

Stations of the Cross and Veneration 7.00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7.45pm
Easter Sunday 10.00am

St Charles

Easter Sunday at 8.30am

St Paul's, Cantley

Holy Thursday 8.00pm
Good Friday 3.00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8.00pm
Easter Sunday 10.30am

St William of York, Sheffield

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm
Watching until midnight
Good Friday Morning Prayer 10.00am, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 2.30pm, Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
Holy Saturday Morning Prayer 10.00am, Easter Vigil 8.15pm
Easter Sunday Easter Day Mass 9.30am

St Francis of Assisi

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8.00pm
Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection 11.00am

St Joseph's, Handsworth, with St Charles, Attercliffe

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm
Good Friday The Passion of The Lord 3.00pm

Immaculate Conception, Spinkhill

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm
Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8.00 pm (time tbc)
Easter Sunday Mass 10.00am

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Forty Years Serving the Parish

BLESSED NICHOLAS GARLICK



A significant milestone is reached in the St Wilfrid and Mother of God parish this year. Members of St Wilfrid and Mother of God Credit Union have just held their 39th annual general meeting (AGM) and are proud to celebrate their achievements. The Credit Union has been providing financial help to people of the parish of St Wilfrid and Mother of God, centred on Abbeydale Road in Sheffield, for 40 years. It started life as a Savings Club in 1980 after Mgr Kilgannon and three parishioners visited a Credit Union in St Columba's parish, Bradford.

Bob Lyons was one of those three parishioners and is now the treasurer. He commented, "We started operating as a Credit Union in 1981, and since then, we have given out over 1,800 loans worth over £1,300,000. In addition, we have paid out over £60,000 in dividends."

Irvin Peacock, the Credit Union Chair said, "The Credit Union is entirely owned and run by its members and is registered with UK financial authorities. The management committee are all unpaid volunteers. Members put money into savings (shares) with the Credit Union which then earns annual dividend as agreed by members at the AGM. This money is then available as loans to members as and when needed. Our members have used loans for many varied reasons including household goods, for example fridges and washing machines. They have used the Credit Union to pay off more expensive loans and to

reduce dependence on credit. The Credit Union has helped people to buy cars, to start businesses and pay holiday expenses, including pilgrimages.

"Loans are available at 3/4% per month on a decreasing balance, and it is difficult for anybody to get a small loan at that rate. Indeed, many people – especially people with low credit ratings – pay much, much more to loan sharks.

"The Credit Union now has 210 members who have around £230,000 in shares. New members are continually joining the Credit



Irvin Peacock (left) and Bob Lyons

Union and, with an active and engaged management committee, we are confident that we will continue to provide financial support to Mother of God parishioners into the future."

If you want to know more about Credit Unions, ring Bob on 0114 236 9334 or look up St Wilfrid and Mother of God Credit Union on Facebook.

In the second of the series looking at the four holy men to whom the Diocese prays for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, this month we look at the life of Nicholas Garlick.

Nicholas was born in 1555 at Dailing, about one mile west of Glossop. He matriculated from Gloucester Hall and became a school teacher in Tideswell. In 1581 he went to Rheims to study for the priesthood. He was ordained and sent to minister in England. A few years later he was deported back to the college in Rheims. Two days after arriving in Rheims he was on his way back to England.

In England Catholics and especially Catholic priests were hunted down because their loyalty to the throne of England was suspect.



Padley Chapel

On the night of 11-12 July Nicholas was caught at Padley, the home of the famous recusant family, the FitzHerberts and he was found guilty of high treason and was sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. In Derby the sentence was carried out on 24 July, 1588. He was killed for his commitment and his loyalty to his Catholic faith.

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St Mary's, Penistone have a six day Pilgrimage/Holiday with a Leger Holidays Silver Service coach departing Monday, 24 August, 2020. The main focus is Mount Mellary Abbey, the Cistercian Monastery where there will be a guided tour, 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. Cost for coach, ferry, hotels, including breakfasts and evening meals, is £609 per person sharing. For more information about the trip please contact Brendan Lally, mobile: 07949 241108.

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To make matters easy for those taking photos to be published in the Hallam News and/or on the Website or Yearbook, we have prepared a Consent Form which is available in the Hallam News, on the Hallam News website, on the Diocesan website. Please complete the Consent Form whenever a photo is taken that might be published and submit it together with the photo to the Hallam News.

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.

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Ministry to the Deaf

Following the retirement of Sr Clare Smith and Fr Don Stoker, Caritas agreed to oversee this service and consider any appropriate development. A meeting took place on Saturday, 18 February, attended by a couple of 'signers' and interested parties.

It was decided to invite Fr Paul Fletcher, Director of the National Service for the Deaf, to speak to an Open Meeting to advise on:

- 1 Recruitment of 'signers'
- 2 A course for 'sacramental' signing

3 Frequency of Masses for the deaf and hard of hearing

4 An overview of the national service in dioceses

Joe McNally generously offered to chair future meetings in the short term. All present were appreciative of the initiative from Caritas to review the current situation and host any future meetings. Development will rest on the availability of resources, especially qualified sign language specialist.

Please look out for the date of the Open Meeting in the Hallam News and parish bulletins.

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 for individuals or groups by contacting the Centre. Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Whirlow Grange Close, Sheffield, S11 9SY, 0114 2353704, events@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org.

Padley Housing Mark the Retirement of Long Serving Warden

Padley Housing recently said goodbye to the resident warden in their largest sheltered scheme at Ludlam House, Berners Road, Arbourthorne. Mrs Doreen Batty had been the resident warden since 1992, giving almost 28 years of care to Ludlam tenants and their families.

Padley Housing marked the occasion with a presentation to Mrs Batty to express its thanks for the exemplary service she has given to the Association. Doreen has always put the needs of the residents first and has constantly out-performed her job description in all aspects and the Committee of Padley Housing was very sorry to see her leave.

The good news for Ludlam House residents is that Doreen's daughter, Charlotte, will be taking over from her mother. Charlotte has been involved at Ludlam House as the cleaner and stand-in warden for almost as long as her mother, and both the Committee and the residents are delighted to welcome her as permanent warden. The only change is that Charlotte will not be resident at Ludlam House, but will work there for five full days every week, with City Wide Care taking over the monitoring of the residents in evenings and at weekends. Padley has also employed a permanent cleaner, whose mother has also worked for Padley in the past, to take over clean-



Right to left: Paul Digby, Charlotte Batty, Doreen Batty and Paul McMahon

ing duties and to cover the warden's job when Charlotte is on holiday. Padley is delighted to have this continuity of staff, and is pleased to keep the friendly, family atmosphere at Ludlam House which

has been such a feature of Doreen's time there.

There will also now be an opportunity to increase the number of good quality flats in Ludlam House by converting the warden's three bedroom flat and an adjacent studio flat into a two bedroom flat and a one bed flat. The conversion will be relatively simple and work should start after the Easter break.

Padley Housing Association is run by a committee of private individuals who

meet quarterly to take decisions about the lettings, welfare and maintenance of the properties. They are advised by an independent accountant and property manager.

To find out how to join the Management Committee or to enquire how to become a tenant of Padley Housing Association please contact Hunters, 208 Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1TG, telephone: 0114 2666626 or email: sheffieldcrookeslettings@hunters.com.

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There's No Place Like Carmel

Students from All Saints Catholic High School recently reviewed their very successful Christmas 2019 Initiative. Twenty people shared a special Christmas Lunch and they each received a box of gifts. All Saints Chaplaincy Coordinator, Bernie Healy, explained that this idea brought great pleasure to the recipients. Our photos show volunteers, Paul and Alan, preparing the food and guests opening and enjoying their presents.



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Another Great Year for the Cantley Neighbourhood Centre

The Neighbourhood Centre at Cantley opened in June, 2014 and has just held the Annual General Meeting for 2019. The chair of the Steering Group, Fr Bernard O'Brien, informed the meeting that the Centre continues to exceed expectations, reaching out to the community and providing a warm and friendly place where every effort is made to assist and support anyone in need.

To date the Centre has welcomed approximately 44,000 visitors and has had the support of 89 wonderful Volunteers who have generously given their time to support the Centre.

Mrs Angela Fox, the Neighbourhood Centre Manager, informed the meeting of the year's activities and noted that the "Come and See" signage above the door attracted approximately 9,500 visits by members of the community during 2019. Magnificent support is provided by the current team of 35 Volunteers. The Centre works in conjunction with the Stronger Families Team, Leger Homes, Doncaster Wellbeing and local ward councillors in order to ensure that the correct support is provided for those in need and trained Citizen Advice representatives are present on site one day per week. The advisors deal with a wide range of problems but the most common are in relation to benefits payments. Family problems, consumer rights and legal disputes are also dealt with on a regular basis.

During 2019 the Neighbourhood Centre registered with Fairshare, an organisation which links supermarkets to local charities. Volunteers collect food from local branches of Tesco and Asda and take it to the Neighbourhood Centre. The food is offered for free or for a small donation to anyone who visits the Centre. It is clear that this is much needed as approximately 30 households are benefiting from this every week. The Centre is also authorised to issue food vouchers on behalf of the Trussel Trust. Eight vouchers were issued during the year and the Centre also provided emergency food aid to ten families.

Over the Christmas period the Neighbourhood Centre distributed 20 hampers to families in need. These contained food, personal hygiene products and other essential items. This was made possible by the generous donations received from the local community and members of St Paul's Parish.

Part of the Centre's ethos is to try and understand the needs of the community and put in place support to address those needs. Volunteers in the Centre understand that loneliness and isolation are significant issues for many in the local community. Therefore, in addition to providing a friendly place to meet, the Centre also arranged a day trip to Scarborough and a very popular fashion show, cum pantomime, for visitors to enjoy. Both events were very well supported, and attendees are now keen to sign up for similar activities in 2020.

The Centre has earned a very positive

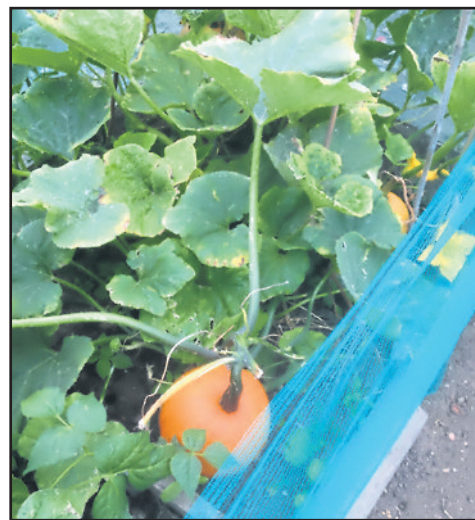
reputation, both locally and in other parts of the town, and has become a point of contact for many organisations, including the Central Stronger Communities Team. During the year the Centre responded to request to provide school uniforms to 20 families in need, some of those from the refugee community. Other schools were provided with essential equipment to support both pupils and teachers. Local libraries have also benefited from significant donations of books and craft materials to support their work.

With the needs of the more energetic



and outdoor types in mind, the Neighbourhood Centre acquired a Community Allotment in 2015 and it is still thriving! The allotment is run entirely by Volunteers. During the year 5 families have been involved and it has proved again to be a great source of fresh vegetables and salad items in the summer season. Boxes of fresh vegetables are brought to the Centre and are made available for anyone wants them. The allotment has become a meeting place as well as providing the opportunity to enjoy fresh air and exercise.

The Centre reaches out to all sections of



the community and is very pleased with the expansion of the Cantley and Bessacarr "Strollers Group" which is now in its fourth year. Every week, during term time and weather permitting, Mary Sayer, one of the Volunteers, and her husband, Peter lead a walking group on planned walks around the area. As well as the obvious benefits of fresh air and exercise the "Strollers" now look on it as a social event. Long may it continue!

In 2019 the Neighbourhood Centre held two Fashion Shows to help raise money for HCPT 101 Group. Both events were well supported and very enjoyable. With donations, a magnificent sum of £1,260 was raised. Our young, and young at heart, were very entertaining as well as being good models.

As stated in Fr Bernard's opening remarks, the Neighbourhood Centre continues



to exceed expectations and this has been reflected in the fact that other organisations have visited the Centre during the year in order to learn from its experience. The Centre Manager has provided advice on how we established the Centre from the germ of an idea to the reality of what we provide to date.

In summary, the work of the Centre is varied and can range from providing a friendly location for a cup of tea and chat to responding to specific needs such as the provision of emergency food and

clothing for families in need. Whatever the problem, the Centre endeavours to provide a solution either directly or by engaging the help of others.

The meeting was followed by a "Thank You Meal" for Volunteers and their guests which was organised by parishioners of St Paul's, Cantley.

Further information about the Neighbourhood Centre is available on Yourlife Doncaster, on Facebook and St Paul's Parish Website (Social Action).



CENTENARY CELEBRATION!

A correspondent shares the great news of a hundredth birthday in the Diocese.

On 25 January the oldest parishioner of St Joseph's, Moorends, Mrs Matilda Cunliffe, was one hundred! Tilly, as she is known, is much loved, admired and respected both in St Joseph's and at Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth, parishes which she has attended since moving to Doncaster, from Barnsley. Tilly's daughter, Pat, made a delicious birthday cake, enjoyed by all, so that the parish could share in the celebration.

Born in Shafton, near Barnsley, Tilly grew up in a loving family, with her parents Jack and Sarah Cunningham, her brother, John and two sisters Margaret and Mary. Always keen on learning, Tilly trained to be a teacher at Leeds Beckett College, which, due to the bombing of the city in the Second World War, was transferred to Scarborough. After qualifying, Tilly's career began at Cudworth Girls School teaching Mathematics, followed by various posts in other schools until she became Head Teacher in 1964, in Grimethorpe, in what was then Springvale First School, where she remained until her retirement in 1982. A dynamic and popular Head, Tilly loved teaching and inspired many changes in her school for the benefit of her pupils, staff and the wider community.

With her husband, Douglas, whom she married in 1944, and their two children

John and Pat, Tilly spent many happy holidays travelling and caravanning, especially in Scotland where they met many people who became lifelong friends.

Throughout her life, Tilly has had a passion for learning and in retirement became adept in using a computer, on which she wrote many articles, among them 'The History of Yorkshire'. She enjoys reading on her Kindle and Facetime family and friends. Her skills also extend to knitting and crochet, which she has employed in making Christmas and Easter decorations to sell and raise funds for one of her favourite charities, CAFOD.

Her Catholic faith has been the bedrock of her life and informs all she does. Charities she has most generously supported are the RNLI, the Red Cross, the British Legion Poppy Appeal among many others.

After Doug's death in 2013, Tilly's own health sadly deteriorated and in recent times she has stayed at home but is visited by many friends, who can only marvel at her speed in doing puzzles and answering questions on University Challenge. Her happy and positive outlook on life have meant her zest for life and learning remain undimmed.

At her birthday celebration in the local village hall, family, friends and neighbours gathered to wish her well and admire the card from the Queen. Tilly, typically, was amused to receive one



from the DWP! At Tilly's own request, in lieu of gifts, those who wished could donate to her two chosen charities, CAFOD and the RNLI. To her delight,

Tilly received a personal and sincere letter of thanks from CAFOD for the donation, which she greatly appreciated.

Braving the Elements ...



Intrepid members of St Marie's Walking Group braved the elements to complete a five mile hike from Whirlow to Norton. They climbed 500ft through Ladies Spring Wood, a piece of Ancient Woodland, before visiting the remains of the medieval monastic Beauchief Abbey, founded around 1175 by Robert FitzRanulph, Lord of the Manors of Alfreton and Norton and now an Anglican Church.

The Group also visited Graves Park Animal Farm, seeing the farm's most recent addition, a baby llama barely three days old. The walk was concluded by visiting St James the Great Church in Norton, believed once to have been the site of a Saxon church and with evidence of parts of the current church dating back to 1180.

70 Years Together



Congratulations to Beryl and Ernest (Larry) Whitehead, who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on 17 February.

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Mission Together in Schools in Hallam Diocese

Inspired by a dedicated and experienced team of volunteers who visit primary schools in the Diocese, pupils in Hallam have supported Missio's children's branch, Mission Together, for many years. Through their prayers and fundraising pupils care for children living in poverty overseas and help support Missio's projects that protect and care for children's spiritual and physical well-being; offering children safety, health-care, education, and hope for the future. In this way, children in Hallam are living out Mission Together's motto: 'Children helping children'.

Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission. It ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work with global communities that are most in need in the poorest areas of the world, regardless of their background or belief. Whatever missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it - whether it is a motorbike for a priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together or vaccinations to protect vulnerable children.

To mark The Year of the Word 'The God who Speaks' - an initiative of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales - Mission Together has developed Lent resources that highlight Jesus' words and actions in Scripture and how, through them, he reveals God's love for us all. By drawing on Jesus' example, children, no matter how young or small, can respond to Jesus' call to mission, so that everyone - everywhere, might know that we are all brothers and sisters under a loving God.

This year's Lent Liturgies provide a template to support primary school teachers in leading collective worship and incorporate pupil-led dramas for the six Sun-



day Gospel readings. Missio's Key Stage3/4 Lent reflections also invite students to delve deeper into key seasonal scriptures to help them to grow in faith, explore the events leading up to Christ's death and resurrection, and understand his revelation as the Son of God.

Mindful that not all Catholic children are able to attend Catholic primary schools, this year Mission Together offers a parish Lent calendar to mirror the

annual one provided for schools. This encourages families to take part in the Year of the Word and to celebrate the seasonal feast days and traditions of the Church, including the Lenten saints' days and Friday Stations of the Cross.

Mission Together's family calendar can be found at missiontogether.org.uk/our-work-in-the-uk/parish-resources. Its primary school materials are available to download from missiontogether.org.uk/lent and Missio's secondary school resources can be downloaded at missio.org.uk/lent. Any or all these resources may be useful for the important last days of Lent. Resources are free but schools and parishes are encouraged to fundraise to support Missio's children's projects overseas.

If you would like to know more about Missio's work; are interested in volunteering for Mission Together in Hallam Diocese, or just want to know about Missio's red box scheme, please contact Missio's Diocesan Director, Deacon John Bell at jcgb55@hotmail.com or 07425173312.

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REFUGEE DAY

The children from the Holy Family School, Stainforth recently visited their local Catholic Parish Church, Our Lady of The Assumption. There they experienced faith in action, exploring the issues faced by asylum seekers and refugees around the world. They did this by engaging in role play, by taking part in a discussion session and by watching a short video.

The children were divided into family groups. Within these groups they had to quickly build shelters because a huge storm was coming. Their only resources were sticks, plastic, string, tape and a few weights. As they completed their difficult task, fierce security guards came shouting in a language they did not understand and smashed the shelters and shoed the children away.

In their groups the children discussed what had happened and how they felt during the different experiences. They all agreed that a refugee's life is very hard. They also did not realise just how many refugees there are across the world.

Towards the end of the day, the children watched a video about bread making and sharing in the Moria Detention Centre on the Greek island of Lesbos. Then they sampled freshly baked pitta bread with a variety of toppings.

The day proved to be a very different experience for the children. An experience that made them realise that the Church is not just a building but a community of challenge, hard work, sharing love and care for others as Jesus showed us.

Volunteers (L to R) Peter Davison, Colette Murphy (Diocese of Shrewsbury), Maureen Cunningham, Ann Barry, Caroline Jones, Ann Dunphy

Grand Re-opening of the St Peter-in-Chains Church Hall with Bishop Ralph

Bishop Ralph recently braved the stormy conditions in Doncaster to celebrate Holy Mass at St Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster and officially open and bless the newly renovated Church Hall.

After celebrating Mass, Bishop Ralph blessed the hall and cut the ribbon to symbolise it was officially open! The renovations, which have been long-awaited, included new flooring, a new kitchen and updated décor. A number of very active church and community groups are looking forward to utilising the refurbished facilities.

The renovation has not been without its problems, being hampered by electrical faults and delivery delays. Fittingly, however, the Church Hall was ready in time to host the ever successful Christmas Day Homeless café run by Churches Together.

It is hoped that the St Peter-in-Chains community will now be able to host a wide range of catechist and social events over the coming months.



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Faith and Light Celebrate Candlemas

On Saturday, 1 February members of Maltby Faith and Light Community hosted the Candlemas Celebration for the Midlands and South Yorkshire Region. Community members from West Bridgford and Hallamshire joined Maltby at St Mary Magdalene Church for a liturgy full of candles and plenty of singing, including the much-loved Community Song, before sharing a buffet in the nearby Salvation Army Hall.

Faith and Light is a Christian organisation for people with learning difficulties, their families and friends. People are formed into communities that meet, usually monthly, for friendship, worship and celebration. If you are within reach of Maltby and would like to know more or come and see what we do, please email: alisonrenshaw@gmail.com and you'd be very welcome to join us.

A School Where Kindness is a Way of Life

Lucy Saxton, Headteacher of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Primary School, Armthorpe is clear that, if kindness and valuing people is at the heart of all we do, children and staff flourish. She is therefore delighted by the school's recent OFSTED report.

OFSTED have found that kindness, respect and hard work are a way of life at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School in Armthorpe, Doncaster.

Inspected in January, HMI and OFSTED Inspectors have judged the school to be 'GOOD' in all areas. Inspectors especially praised the "caring and supportive atmosphere where every pupil and every member of staff is valued". Inspectors found that children were incredibly well behaved. One pupil told Inspectors, "We don't judge people here. Being kind is the most important thing of all."

While the school is rooted in kindness, Inspectors reported that leaders have a strong desire for all pupils to achieve well, that pupils love learning and are achieving well. The report states that pupils behave exceptionally well and

support each other to be successful. They also value the well-being afternoon which supports mental health.

Headteacher, Lucy Saxton said, "It is a real privilege for me to lead such a wonderful staff and school community. I'm so very pleased that HMI and OFSTED have recognised the kindness, values, hard work and love that are at the heart of our school."

Three years ago the school was judged to be inadequate but parents have strongly supported the school since then and social media has been busy as news of the report was shared. The school's twitter feed has been extensive.

One parent's tweet states, "Thrilled that OFSTED recognise what we see every day, that for the staff at Our Lady's teaching is a true vocation, children are loved and valued. Huge congratulations".

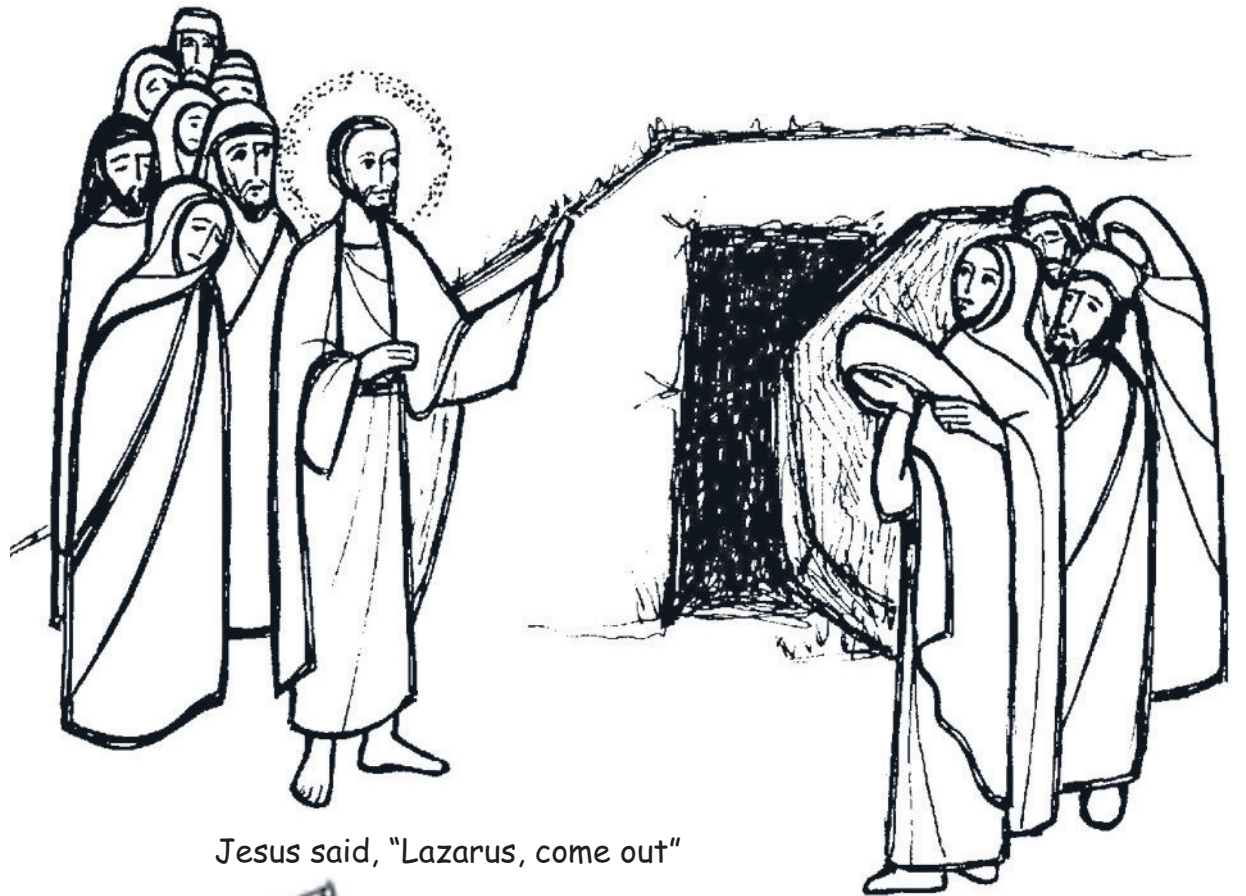
Another parent tweeted, "Never doubted it! You're an amazing head with an amazing team of staff! Our kids are happy, well taught, loved and nurtured by the school family."

Welcome to the Children's Page about Holy Week and Easter

Last month our Children's Page looked at stories written by Matthew. On the fifth Sunday in Lent we read a story written by John. The story is the raising of Lazarus. On the right is a picture for you to colour in.



Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a path of palms



Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out"



Jesus carries the cross



Jesus dies on the cross



The Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples

We then move into the very important celebration of Holy Week. Holy week ends with the great celebration of Easter when we remember that Jesus rose from the dead.



Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane



SVP Mini Vinnies at St Marie's School

St Marie's Catholic Primary School in Sheffield is celebrating the start of a new Mini Vinnie group. The Mini Vinnies are part of the Youth apostolate of the SVP aimed at children between 7 and 11 years of age. Mini Vinnies gather together to pray, think about ways to help others and organise activities to this effect. The group was formed in December and had its commissioning ceremony in January.

The group needs certain positions of responsibility - chair, secretary, treasurer, just like an adult SVP conference - and at St Marie's they were randomly selected and got to choose which role to take. In addition they have pupils taking the lead on communication, fund raising and ideas.

To date the group has turned their concerns into actions quite organically. Just before Christmas the Mini Vinnies sang at a local care home. The group decided it would be lovely to bring Christmas cards for the residents with them. Pete Delamere, a member of the adult conference at St Vincent's, also visited the group and told them about a lady he knew who would really benefit from a card. They decided to send a card for her

too. After returning from the home, the children were able to talk fondly of their visit, having noticed the joy from those they had given cards to and felt they should contact the home. One child (on the communications team) went home and typed a letter to the home, saying they'd love to come and sing again.

With the commissioning ceremony a success, (pictured below), the Mini Vinnies at St Marie's are looking forward to being active in 2020. They have mentioned a litter pick and the Ideas Committee is working on other potential activities.

The Mini Vinnies require guidance and support from adults and St Marie's is blessed in having 3 key figures; 2 members of staff, Bernie Twomey and Katie Healy, as well as Pete Delamere who is a regular in school helping out in a range of ways.

The Mini Vinnies bring an added dimension to what a pupil might experience at school and certainly offer opportunities to promote their faith, for example through building community and parish links and cross-generational opportunities. It looks like being an exciting year for the Mini Vinnies in 2020.

Trio of 'Firsts' for St Marie's Bells



Bell ringers achieved a trio of 'firsts' at the Cathedral Church of St Marie when they rang a Quarter Peal on the Cathedral's bells in February.

It was the first Quarter Peal rung at the Cathedral since the 1960s and enabled a member of a band drawn from the congregation - Bob Rae - to qualify as a full member of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (YACR). Bob's wife, Maggie O'Malley, qualified last year after ringing a Quarter Peal at St John's, Ranmoor, the Anglican church close to Notre Dame High School in Sheffield, where she went to school.

St Marie's six-strong band of ringers has recently been joined by five new ringers, four of whom have started to learn to ring following an appeal to the congregation.

Bob Rae said, "We still need more people to become trainee bell ringers at St Marie's if we are to establish a sustainable band and would love it if people from other churches in the Diocese came along to our taster sessions to see if bell ringing is for them."

"There are only 50 Roman Catholic churches out of the 7,000 churches with bells designed for change ringing, so it is really important that we keep St Marie's bells ringing."

Bell ringing is about technique, rather than strength or size. You don't need any musical training and age isn't a limit either. You can learn to ring when you are younger than 14 or older than 60.

Anyone interested in visiting St Marie's Bell Tower and finding out about what is involved in ringing the bells at St Marie's should get in touch with Bob Rae - e-mail: bob.rae@stmariecathedral.org or telephone: 07710 116701.

To see St Marie's bells ringing, visit: <https://goo.gl/yu1WCQ>

To be continued next month



Use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution.

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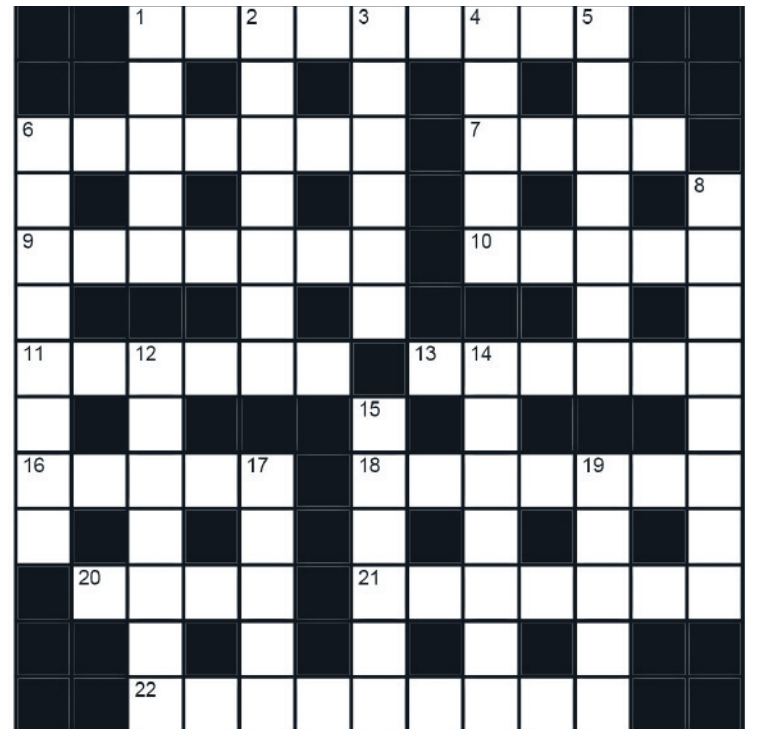
- 1 Those from Asia Minor with Charlie murdered Sicilian (9)
- 6 One tribe's adopted son, the first from Seleucia to become king in Parthia (7)
- 7 Gold's next after dropping half off by Sword Beach river (4)
- 9 Peter Nally's intrinsically indestructible (7)
- 10 Repeated theme brings staleness to essence of duet (5)
- 11 He foresaw, in dividing bread, hard time to return (6)
- 13 Elegant lieutenant to ex-England manager's not quite English (6)
- 16 Cripples saint, and blacksmiths? (5)
- 18 For St Peter's he wrote an unfinished dirge, retro-style, following everyone else (7)
- 20 Mildew found in the US, and many an

ancientplace in North Wales (4)

- 21 Card needed to enter a hospital in Gadite town (7)
- 22 Mad Seneca's angry being representative of yrian city (9)

QUICK Down

- 1 Indian division English players head (5)
- 2 Part of old Italy for Santa to drop in on a number (7)
- 3 Cellist's a class apart (6)
- 4 Cool American? Idiot's totally revolting (5)
- 5 Raised roads, for example, in an African country (7)
- 6 Mate of Daniel's gone funny after lying in (8)
- 8 Wicked heathenism divided saint shortly abandoned (8)
- 12 What road engineer has to inform carmaker? (7)
- 14 Almost rude and extremely trite book of verse (7)



- 15 About to 'allez', as they say, landing in France (6)
- 17 Very bad place sees Norman bishop entering extremes of sadism (5)
- 19 Gill's going to order round (5)

SOLUTION

12 Telford, 14 Vulgate, 15 Calais, 16 Giles, 17 Sodom, 18 Mold, 19 Globe, 20 Mold, 21 Figue, 22 Lucania, 3 Casals, 4 Aloof, 5 Senegal, 6 Abednego, 8 Nehemiah, 9 Eternal, 10 Lucania, 11 Nathan, 12 Telford, 13 Svelte, 14 Vulgate, 15 Calais, 16 Giles, 17 Sodom, 18 Mold, 19 Globe, 20 Mold, 21 Figue, 22 Lucania

CATHOLIC CATALYST FOR ECUMENICAL CREATIVITY ...

A member of the United Reformed Church in Wales, South Yorkshire shares news of exciting developments of Churches working Together within the Diocese of Hallam.

Relationships between Wales Kiveton Methodist Church and their Anglican sisters and brothers at Wales Parish Church have been good for many years. Methodists join the Anglicans for Ash Wednesday worship and the quarterly 'Cluster Communion Service' and now take their turn at hosting this, as the United Service for the parishes of Wales, Harthill and Thorpe Salvin.

In the Summer, church and chapel took turns at hosting a Songs of Praise, preceded by a barbecue. On Remembrance Sunday church and chapel members fill the parish church to capacity for the community's Act of Remembrance. In the afternoon they gather again for Holy Communion with Prayers for Peace at the Methodist church. To coordinate and develop the opportunities for united worship a group was formed to bring together vicar and wardens, minister and stewards and the meetings not only covered business but fostered growing relationships of trust and friendship.

In 2017 the invitation to share in the Songs of Praise service was extended to the members of Blessed William Richardson Roman Catholic Church at Kiveton Park. Roman Catholics came in strong numbers and their attendance and participation in the service prompted the suggestion that they send representatives to the quarterly Anglican/Methodist ecumenical group. The energy, vision, openness and commitment embodied in the two Roman Catholics who joined the group have served as a catalyst for deepened friendship and ecumenical endeavour. Most notably, it was our Roman Catholic friends who in 2019 suggested an ecumenical Lent Course, commending the material for study and offering to launch the course and lead the first session. The remaining four sessions were hosted by the other four congregations (who, by now, also sent representatives to the Ecumenical Group). The response was amazing – both in terms of turnout (between 30-50 at each session) and openness to sharing and talking about faith, using the material in *Life Attitudes* (a five session course on the Beatitudes).

At the first session our Roman Catholic friends taught us the hymn, *Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest* by Robert Dufford. The hymn was so well received that it was sung in each of the subsequent four sessions. Our Anglican and Roman Catholic friends also came to our 150th Church Anniversary service and sang it. When Blessed William Richardson took its turn to host the

popular Songs of Praise service a representative of each congregation was asked to contribute something to the service that illustrated the chosen theme of listening to God. The testimonies that it prompted – from all three traditions – were inspiring. Delicious soup and cake were served before the worship and the church was set out in café style for both refreshments and worship. (Some Methodists and Anglicans had their first experience of "café church" thanks to our Roman Catholic friends!)

No persuasion was needed when it was suggested that a Lent Course be arranged for 2020. This year's course



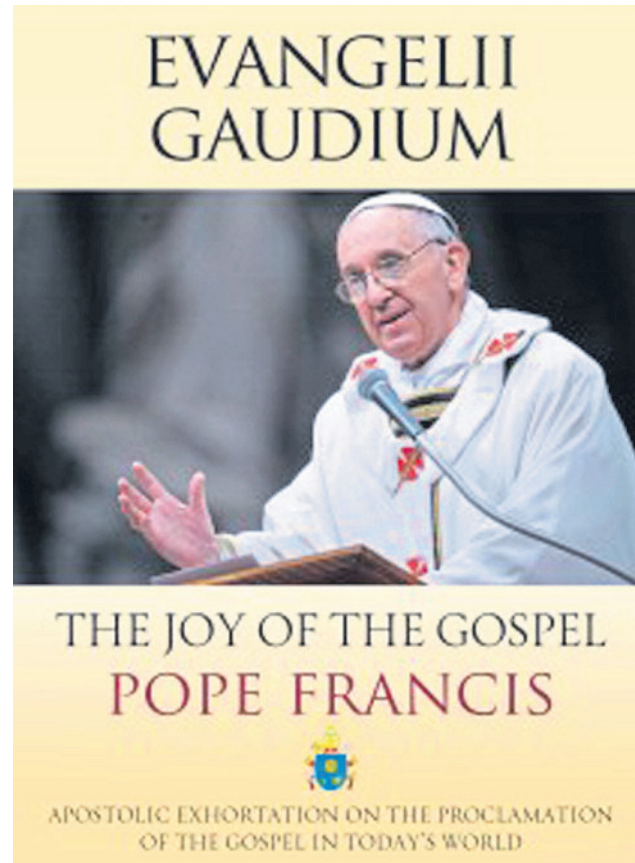
Widely recognised as offering wisdom and vision for all Christians in a culture that is often hostile to the church, *Evangelii Gaudium* offers a positive and realistic approach to sharing faith in the modern world. Each of the five churches will take their turn to host and lead the sessions.

Roman Catholics now share fully in our two Remembrance Sunday services. In Advent, hosted by Harthill Parish Church, we were treated to a beautiful devotional Advent Service, led by our Roman Catholic friends (who supported the service in large numbers). As attendances at the chapel's Carol and Christingle services had been disappointing the decision was made at Church Meeting to combine the two, preceding the worship by the opportunity to make Christingles and share festive refreshments. We extended the invitation to our Roman Catholic friends to join us (as we were aware they don't have a carol service) and inspired by their hospitality earlier in the year it was unanimously agreed, "Let's do it like the Catholics did" (aka café style). Blessed William Richardson members came in strong numbers and the Catholic carol, *Come, come, come to the manger* was included in the service. For some of our visitors they had never experienced a Christingle service before.

Further joint initiatives include taking packets of wild flower seeds, accompanied by a leaflet from the five churches, to the primary schools in the three communities as a challenge to encourage bees and care for creation; and a trail of the five churches, pausing for prayer and refreshment in each.

Ecumenism is alive and flourishing and is bringing such joy to our five churches. And it is worth adding ... there are actually four denominations involved as the minister at Wales Chapel, Revd Geoffrey Clarke, is a United Reformed Church minister!

Geoffrey Clarke



is using the book, *The Joy of the Gospel* by Paula Gooder, based on Pope Francis' reflections on mission and evangelism, published as *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Monsieur Claude's Great French Adventure

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