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DEAR READER

Thank you for the huge response in sending articles in from around the Diocese. We have tried to include as many as possible. Please keep them coming!

The Hallam News is your paper, but it can only reflect your news if you send it

to us. So if you do have some parish news that would be of interest to people throughout the Diocese do let us know. We will try to include as much news as we possibly can.

This month there is a lot of information about the Synod which has now started

in the Hallam Diocese after the launch by Bishop Ralph last month. Everyone is encouraged to get involved and have their say, for the future of the Diocese and the wider Church. This is your opportunity to discern and share what you think and feel.



First Holy Communions in Barnsley

37 Children made their First Holy Communion at Holy Rood Church in Barnsley on 16th October. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Damian Humphries VF and it was a joyful celebration with a church full of the families and friends of the children.

A big thank you goes out to the parish team of Catechists (Josie Green, Kathleen Walley and Sharon Clarke) who prepared the children so well, under such challenging circumstances due to the pandemic. Everyone is most grateful for all their hard work and to Father Damian for overseeing everything. The parish is greatly blessed.



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Beginning the Synodal journey in Hallam; Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Synodality. That means, he wants the bishops to meet and to advise him about how we are getting on at being a synodal Church, journeying together, listening to each other, allowing room for the Holy Spirit in our lives and listening to the Holy Spirit prompting us as to the way the Church should go in the third millennium.

Begin with Prayer

So, Hallam Diocese joined the worldwide celebration of the launch of the Synod with a liturgy on 17 October, held at St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield. Everyone was invited, but particularly representatives from every parish and school, who were to take on the task of working with the people in their community to gather up responses to the Pope's two core questions for the Synod:

"How does this 'journeying together', which takes place on different levels - from the local level to the universal one - allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?"

Praying together, the work of the people

The liturgy to launch the Synodal process was a prayerful and exciting occasion. The Cathedral was beautifully shiny and clean and adorned with flowers. Bishop Ralph led the procession of the Book of the Gospel, followed by Christine Wood from parish carrying a icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, patroness of the Diocese, and the synod representatives from parishes, schools and groups from Barnsley to Doncaster, Chesterfield to Rotherham to Sheffield.

The first reading was dramatised by Valerie, Yvonne and Ian, readers and parishioners from St Marie's. See if you



Christin Wood, from St Mary's Penistone, and St Marie's seminarian Christian Nwakamma display an icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at the opening celebration for the Synod on Synodality in the Diocese of Hallam.

can spot the synodality in the story. It was from the Acts of the Apostles, (Acts 10), about Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, so not a Jew, nor a follower of Jesus, who lived a good respectable life. He one day had a visit from an angel, who told him to send to Joppa to find Peter and invite him to his house. Peter, meanwhile, was having his own vision, as he prayed, seeing something like a large sheet full of creatures of all different sorts, being lowered down from heaven. A voice told him to kill and eat. He replied, refusing, saying that he had never eaten anything profane or unclean. And the voice said, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' Peter subsequently puzzled about what this might mean, but understood it eventually as a message about inclusivity, about not rejecting others as profane or unclean. Which led him to agree to visit the house of Cornelius, a pagan.

Peter and Cornelius then had an 'encounter'; Cornelius and his household gathered and listened attentively while Peter gave testimony of his encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus. And while Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

The Synod opening liturgy continued with moving and powerful testimonies from people from around the Diocese; from the St Vincents Mission Hub, from the Slovak community, from Shalom Media and from different parishes. The stories from Irene, Lena, Rebecca, Mili, Albin, Stamo and Godfrey can be seen on the YouTube recording of the Liturgy which can be accessed via the Diocesan website. Rebecca (from the St Vincent's Mission Hub) and Lena (originally from Zimbabwe) spoke about how their faith had been strengthened through sharing it with

other young Christians. Irene spoke about how her faith had been renewed by a conversation with a young man as they walked together to Mass at a Mission station in Africa. Mili (from Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Chesterfield) spoke about the power of prayer in her own life when she was seriously ill, Albin, from St Patrick's, Godfrey from Holy Family and Stano from the Slovak Community all in Sheffield shared their own faith stories and encouraged all present to find opportunities to share their own faith stories.

Many people have since commented on how powerful these testimonies were in energising them to get engaged in the synodal process.

The music, directed by Robert Webb, provided a suitable tone of joy and supplication; the Litany of Saints was a prayerful chant, including the names of all the Saints of the Diocese as their support for the synod was invoked.

The liturgy continued with those gathered in the Cathedral and online praying the Lord's prayer in their own language. It concluded with representatives from groups and parishes processing out of the Cathedral, blessed by Bishop Ralph, carrying a candle to take back to be lit during the synodal conversations that will take place in the coming months.

Thus, the beginning of this Diocesan phase of the Synod was firmly grounded in prayer under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray that we might continue to be open to the Holy Spirit as we participate in synodal conversations in our local groups, with the help of each other.

Around the Diocese

Walk with "Little Amal"

At the end of July, "Little Amal", a 3.5 metre-tall puppet



representing all displaced and refugee children, set out on a 5000 mile trek from close to the Syria/Turkey border, across Europe, with the final destination of Manchester. During her trek across Europe highlighting the plight of refugees, she was welcomed at the Vatican by Pope Francis. Little Amal reached Sheffield on Friday 29th October. Starting at 3.00pm at Victoria Quays, she was greeted by local communities and then moved to Tudor Square where she will found messages of welcome and heard a Brass Band playing all the city's favourite songs.

Gift of Marriage Service

A service to celebrate the Gift of Marriage



was held at St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield on Sunday 31st October. Those who are engaged to be married, newly married, married, celebrating a wedding anniversary or preparing couples for marriage attended the celebratory Mass with Bishop Ralph.

Lay Carmel Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

Sheffield lay Carmel celebrated her diamond Jubilee on 9 Oct with a Mass at St Marie's Cathedral.



The group were joined by members of the parish & the Doncaster Discalced Secular Carmelites. Celebrating the liturgy was the celebrant Fr Harrigan whose stirring Carmelite themed homily did much to enhance the celebration. As did the singing of the antiphon Flos Carmeli.

The diamond jubilee celebration continued with a celebratory lunch and a renewal of our dedication to our Lady of Mt Carmel. Plus a renewed commitment to place our Carmelite charism at the service of the local church in Hallam.

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A young person from the Diocese spoke about his difficulty in finding other people who share his beliefs and values.



Listening, hearing differences and hearing pain

Since 17 October, many representatives, schools and parishes have been busy trying to understand what they are being called to do. It is perhaps important to point out that there isn't just one way of 'doing synod'. The important factors are prayer, listening and discernment. This may be through formal synod listening groups, survey questionnaires, single line words on a postcard left at the end of the pew, social gatherings, informal encounters.

trees and shopping and the SVP, during the difficulties of the past months of Covid and the restrictions on our lives. Another person became sad as they reflected on the idea of belonging, eventually saying they had always felt on the outside of the groups that feel able to gather for church activities. This reminded me that the listening is not problem-focused; it is a thoughtful, reflection on the journeying together, joys and sorrows.

We are learning about this process together, including listening to each other about how the process could unfold. Which will be different for different situations and contexts. What may seem obvious to one person may be incomprehensible to someone else.

Some examples already encountered: I have heard sadness from some that they can't feel hope in the process, that their long experience of not being listened to is unlikely to change. I have also heard some expressions of tremendous excitement and optimism at seeing something so radical and new emerging in their parish.

There have been stories of deep appreciation and warmth for the pastoral ministry of their parish priest, the community, the telephone

One person indicated they felt the process should only be concerned with the synod, and social justice issues had no place in discussions. Another felt social justice as at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching, needed to be included in the discussions, not as an abstract concept but as part of reflecting on how we live our Catholic values. We will hear much that is different, challenging and that we haven't heard before. Remembering that we are talking with and listening to a beloved child of God may help us with those differences. We are only beginning the conscious listening process. There is much to discover, and many ways that the Holy Spirit will find to speak to us if we are open to listening. You are encouraged to keep a synod journal, to keep a record of what you are hearing, to reflect on, to pray on, to discern on.



Looking to the Diocese of the future

Whatever happens to the 10 pages which Bishop Ralph brings to the Bishop's Conference as the contribution from the Hallam Diocese, we are urged by Pope Francis to take seriously what we learn in

the process of journeying through the synod together. If we are wise, (and one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is wisdom), this can be a time of renewal, change and new life in the Catholic Church in Hallam.

Formation Sessions Timetable

Over the next few months, it is hoped there will be opportunities for anyone who is interested to attend group seminars on such things as:

1. Synods and Synodality: the origins and direction of the post Vatican II Church
2. Prayer-Listening-Discernment
3. How to be a synod group facilitator
4. How to be a synod group member
5. "Innovations in Engagement - Implications for the Church" on how to reach out to those who

- might not be involved in the Church
6. "Let us Dream" - A series of dream work sessions to help us to understand and remember our dreams for the future Church
 7. Ignatian Discernment in Everyday Life
- Timetable for these meetings will be on the Diocesan website, in the Hallam News and information will be sent to all parishes for the parish newsletter.

DID YOU THINK LEPROSY WAS A THING OF THE PAST?



Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have all been learning to live with the fear and anxiety caused by a virus that we cannot see - one which has had

devastating consequences for people in almost every country of the world.

Just as Covid-19 has become the 'plague' of our times,

leprosy has been the scourge of poverty-stricken communities across the globe for thousands of years. No one knew how it was transmitted and there was no known cure.

Even a few decades ago, more than five million people every year were still suffering severe disability and their lives were being destroyed physically, emotionally and socially because they were too late to receive an accurate diagnosis and effective treatment.

But leprosy is curable

Since multi-drug therapy has been available, around 16 million people have been cured of the disease. Yet more than 200,000 new cases of leprosy are still being reported to the World Health Organization (WHO) every year – and this doesn't include all those that are going undetected in isolated communities where people have little or no access to healthcare.

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Painting the 'Holy Eucharist'

Jonathan Mason is a parishioner at The Annunciation Church in Chesterfield and a Catholic artist. He writes about one of his paintings.



"I have at last finished the painting of the 'Holy Eucharist'. This painting was originally going to be called 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness', but as I proceeded with the painting I was persuaded by my prayers and meditations that it would serve God more if it drew one's undivided attention to the Holy Eucharist. The very object which we hunger and thirst for as there is only one righteous one and that is Jesus the Christ.



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promoting care and social action

Following the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, the Albert Gubay Charitable Trust, working with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, made £27,000 available to Caritas in Hallam to offer help for people suffering from food poverty as a result of the pandemic.



On 18 July, 2020 Dominic Jenkinson was ordained to the priesthood at St Marie's Cathedral.

Refugee Day



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 shooed the children away.

Mission Together in Schools in Hallam



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

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 wellbeing; offering children safety, healthcare, education, and hope for the future. In this way, children in Hallam are living out Mission Together's motto: 'Children helping children'.

Pope Francis stood underneath a canopy as he spoke to an empty St. Peter's Square



During the Urbi and Orbi prayer, Pope Francis stood underneath a canopy as he spoke to an empty St. Peter's Square.

The Pope likened the coronavirus pandemic to an "unexpected, turbulent storm" that brings us on "the same boat."

He also expressed gratitude for the "ordinary people ... who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines" – doctors, nurses, grocery store workers and cleaners, among other essential employees working at the frontline of the pandemic.

St Mary's Shows Appreciation of the NHS



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.

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- 10.30 INTRODUCTORY TALK ON PRAYER
- 11.00: COFFEE/TEA
- 11.30: MEDITATIVE PRAYER
- 13.00: BUFFET LUNCH, COURTESY OF PARISH
- 14.00: TALK ON RECONCILIATION, THE SACRAMENT OF JOY
- 14.30: ADORATION/ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE
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Scripture Focus

By Fr Jeremy Corley



Falling Leaves and Living Hope

In 1844, Thomas Hood wrote a poem about his experience of November. It begins by describing the fog of Victorian London: "No sun - no moon! No morn - no noon - No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day - No sky - no earthly view."

The poem ends on the same gloomy note: "No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease, No comfortable feel in any member - No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, - November!"

At least for us the severe winter fogs may have gone, but November is still the month when we see the leaves falling from the trees. Nature prepares for the dead of winter, when everything seems lifeless and still. This month can be a time of reflection for us when the dark evenings encourage us to gather our memories.

For Catholics, November is the traditionally the month when we remember the dead and pray for them. The month begins with All Saints Day, when we recall great figures from our past and ponder on the call to imitate them.

Then we have All Souls Day, when we remember the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved. We give thanks for all the good we have received from them, and we pray that they may be safe now in God's hands.

A few days later, around the anniversary of the ending of the First World War, we also keep Remembrance Sunday, when we recall the victims of the two world wars and subsequent conflicts. On that day we also pray for peace, so that ongoing conflicts may be resolved by negotiation rather than weapons.

In November, when we see a cemetery, or when we think of those who have gone before us, it is natural to remember the past, with its blessings and its struggles. But as followers of Christ, we also look forward in the hope of being reunited in heaven with the faithful departed.

We believe that Christ came to this earth to save us by sharing our life, right to the point of dying. But on the third day he rose again, and he has returned to his heavenly Father to prepare eternal places for each of us believers.

The apostle Paul outlines the significance of the resurrection (First Corinthians 15): "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith has been in vain." Our whole faith centres on this hope of resurrection, based on Jesus' own ris-

ing again.

St Paul adds: "If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins." Jesus' death and resurrection offers us forgiveness of past sins and the offer of new life. As Catholics, we also pray for forgiveness of the sins of those who have gone before us.

Without the resurrection, those who have died believing in Christ have just perished. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, to prepare a place in heaven for all those believe in him.

In the month of November, we can think back to the events of Holy Week—Christ dying to redeem us and rising to open up for us the gates of heaven. As we remember our departed loved ones this month, we pray that they may enjoy peace and happiness in the loving hands of God.

Pandemic boosts community spirit, but leaves physical and mental scars

Local Catholics were among 20 members of various churches across Sheffield who took part in the annual Sheffield Church Action on Poverty Pilgrimage to raise awareness and understanding of how poverty is affecting people in different parts of the city. This year, the organisation, which is part of the national ecumenical Christian social justice charity committed to tackling poverty in the UK, staged a three mile circular walk, focusing on the Darnall district of Sheffield.

People attending the Pilgrimage heard about the challenges to mental, physical and financial well-being in Darnall posed by the Covid pandemic and lockdown, the various initiatives trying to overcome those problems and the challenges they had faced. They also heard from local Councillor Zahira Naz about the particular problems facing families from ethnic minorities in Darnall, who had faced unfair accusations of failing to isolate and self-distance during the pandemic.

Councillor Naz said the reality was that many ethnic minority families had several generations living in the same household. Vulnerable grandparents shared houses

with family members working in occupations, including the health services, where they could be exposed to Covid as well as grand children who were still going to school. To make matters worse, many families traditionally had one bread winner and for those working in shops, takeaways, restaurants, taxi firms and a number of other occupations, there was often no financial support.

Councillor Naz spoke of efforts she was involved with to source food, and in particular Asian food, for people in financial difficulty, which expanded into providing activity packs to keep children amused and toiletries when they were in short supply. She said the one good thing to come out of the experience was the community cohesion it created. "The community came together - churches, mosques, local organisations - and between us we formed relationships," said Councillor Naz. "None of us could have done this by ourselves, but between us with that passion to support people in our communities to make sure nobody went hungry brought us all together."

Pilgrims heard about the work of the Church of Christ, including its role as a

'Partner Hub' for Food Works, the Sheffield-based social enterprise that collects surplus food that would otherwise go to landfill. The not-for-profit organisation distributes the food it collects in boxes and as cooked meals for the vulnerable, the lonely and care workers who haven't time to cook and started producing frozen food during the lockdowns.

They also heard about the work of the Living Waters Food Bank and the Church of England and Church Army Attercliffe and Darnall Centre of Mission. The Rev Gina Kalsi and her husband Kinder, a captain in the Church Army, arrived to lead the Mission at the start of the first Covid lockdown. Tackling food poverty and isolation became one of their major activities as they found a number of socially distanced ways to connect with the community. When a local bakery offered them its unsold fresh bread and



Pilgrims about to set off on the 2021 Church Action on Poverty annual Pilgrimage from the Church of Christ, Darnall, Sheffield.

cakes, they began delivering it to local people in need.

Gina Kalsi says once social distancing eased the time needed for deliveries went from one hour to a full afternoon as people, desperate for human contact, invited them in for a chat. What started as a chat rapidly turned into ad-hoc support sessions as people started asking them for help, including with completing forms.

Pilgrims also visited the Darnall Allotment Project and Impact Living that provides supported living for 25 vulnerable young people in Darnall.

Cathedral Donors' Descendants visit St Marie's

Descendants of two families that played a key role in the creation of St Marie's have visited the Cathedral in recent months.

Six members of the Beauvoisin family came from the south of England to visit the cathedral, while Chris Bradshaw and his son, Mark - descendants of the Frith family - came all the way from Canada to see the monuments to their families in the Cathedral.

Both families came as part of separate projects to research their family histories.

The Beauvoisins and the Friths were among Catholics who worshiped at St Marie's predecessor, known as the 'New Chapel', built in 1816 on land on Norfolk Row, between Fargate and Norfolk Street.

Both families can claim connections with John Curr one of three leading local Catholics who acquired the land where the cathedral now stands from the Duke of Norfolk in the early 1800s.

Louis Armand Beauvoisin was born in the French region of Normandy in 1786 and moved to Sheffield, where he married Mary Ann, one of John Curr's daughters, in the same year that Napoleon Bonaparte died in St Helena.

It was their son, Henry D'Argenson Beauvoisin, and his wife, Mary, who donated the statue of the Virgin and Child which is the centrepiece of the shrine on the east wall of St Marie's North Transept.

Henry, an iron and steel merchant, was among the contributors to the monument to Fr Charles Pratt, the priest who led the

drive to build St Marie's, which stands in the Sanctuary.

His wife donated moire fabric to be made into priests' vestments for the cathedral's opening in 1850 and the two also made donations towards the furnishing of St Marie's Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

One of their many children, Joseph Austin Beauvoisin, went on to become secretary of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Sheffield.

The lives of William and Alice Frith, meanwhile, as commemorated in the stained glass window depicting St Edward the Confessor and St Hilda of Whitby to the left of St Marie's South Door.

The window was paid for by their children, among them Sarah, the wife of St Marie's architect, Matthew Ellison Hadfield, whose images can be found in the Great East Window.

William and Alice's tombstone can be found on the exterior of the cathedral's east wall, having been among a number removed from the New Chapel's church yard when the Cathedral was built.

Their eldest son, William Henry, gave £15 - around £2,000 in today's money - towards Fr Pratt's monument, while another son, Edward, contributed to the fund set up to buy St Marie's peal of eight bronze bells in 1874.



Chris Bradshaw (left) and his son, Mark, with the Firth window dedicated to their ancestors.

Picture: Bob Rae

One of the Frith children married the sister of Henry Taylor Bulmer, the catholic artist who designed St Marie's original Rood Screen, Rood Cross and Sanctuary Roof, with its angels, celebrating Mass.

Bulmer donated the window depicting the Virgin and the Holy Roman Emperor, St Henry, above St Marie's North Door and, following his death in 1857, his sister gave the cathedral a reliquary which he owned and is now in its large Sacristy.



Reliquary owned by Henry Taylor Bulmer, given to the Cathedral by his sister, Mrs Frith.

Picture: Bob Rae



The statue at the heart of the Madonna and Child Shrine, carved from limewood by the Austrian sculptor Johan Petz (1818-1880).

Picture: Margaret O'Malley

Left: St Marie's Sanctuary Rood Screen and Cross, designed by Henry Taylor Bulmer. Composite reconstruction shows the Screen and Cross as it would have been prior to re-ordering in 1971.

Reconstruction: Bob Rae



Members of the Beauvoisin family, pictured in front of St Marie's Madonna and Child Shrine, whose central statue was donated by one of their forebears.

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Harvest Festival

What is a Harvest Festival?

Each Autumn, lots of the food that is grown is ready to be picked or collected. This is called the harvest.

The Harvest Festival is to celebrate the harvest. We celebrate all the food that has been grown in fields, gardens, allotments and plant pots.

It is also a chance to thank God for the food we have and to think about those people who do not have food.

Why do we celebrate it?

Harvest Festivals have been celebrated for thousands of years. For many of us, we feel a long way away from food being grown in a field. We might not live near fields or even if we do - we probably buy a lot of our food from supermarkets.

But supermarkets aren't magic! The food doesn't appear from nowhere. It all relies on crops that are grown and collected at harvest time.

In the past, if it was a bad harvest and there was not enough food - you would have gone hungry. Many people in the world still go hungry because they don't have enough food.

Enough Apples?

If your teacher had enough apples for every person in the class to have one each, how would you feel if some people had 2 and some had half an apple?

Would that be fair???

If we had enough apples for everyone in the world to have 1 each, some parts of the world would get more than others. Have a look at the map.

Do you think that's fair???



The world produces enough food to feed everyone, yet, about 800 million people suffer from hunger. That is one in nine people.

On World Food Day, October 16th, let's remember and pray for those 800 million people who are hungry.

Harvest around the World



UK

Wheat being harvested in a field with a combine harvester - making it easier to grow more crops. Wheat is ground into flour to make bread, cakes and many other things.



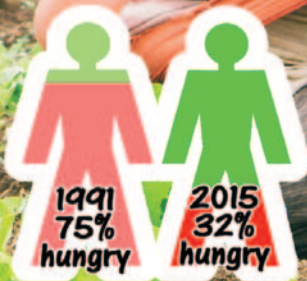
Thailand

Rice being picked by hand in fields that have to be full of water for the rice to grow, called paddy fields.

The food we eat each day celebrates God's harvest all over the world. It celebrates God's diversity - and we are lucky enough to share in that!

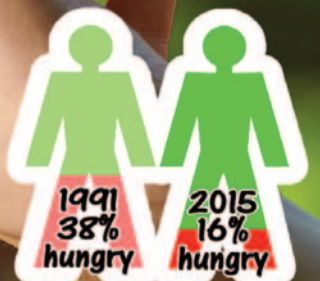
However, not everyone around the world is able to share this great gift. Many people go hungry every day. Imagine how you would feel if you hadn't eaten anything today. Pretty bad huh? But imagine if you knew tomorrow was going to be the same - and you have no way out.

The best way to say thanks to God for everything He gives us is to help those who have nothing.



Ethiopia

Lettuce being grown in a field and harvested by a woman carrying her baby on her back - this is very common around the world.



Bolivia

This is how chocolate starts off - it is made from Cocoa which grows in these pods and are harvested by hand.

Prayer Corner

Denis Blackledge SJ

ON THE MOVE

Loving Lord,
whatever else you are,
you are a God who is on the move.
There are so many signs of life,
movement, freshness, newness.
What a wonderful gift it is
to belong to a pilgrim people
led by a Pilgrim God!

Loving Lord,
you are the Still Mover.
always source and resource,
the still point,
the gentle centring factor,
the provider of balm and calm.
Always egging us all on
to greater things, to more,
to better love and service
of you and our sisters and brothers.

Loving Lord,
you are our Good News.
you are constantly making the first move,
and that move is always towards us,
graciously inviting us to tag along
and throw in our lot with you
as friends and followers.
Your first move is always
a drawing closer to each one of us,
but never as a threat.
Trouble is, so often we misread
your motives.

Loving Lord,
as the first mover,
you are also the giver of motive-power.
You are the one who gives us
what makes us tick.
You are the gentle pressure-to-goodness
that underpins and gives sense to our lives.
You give us the power
to feel our way to you,

because you are always coming
to meet-and-greet each one of us.

Loving Lord,
as we look back on this past year
and look forward to a new year
we can rest and remember gratefully
and notice all those ways
in which you have moved us along
closer to you and to one another,
sometimes in spite of ourselves.
And we can look forward eagerly
to your moving us on a little more.

Loving Lord,
keep us always aware
that you are with us
every step of our pilgrim way.
Keep us all moving closer
to you and to one another.

Amen.

Taken to heart the message from Pope Francis to 'Live Simply'



The parishioners of St Joseph's Dinnington have taken to heart the message from Pope Francis to 'Live Simply' and have embarked on a year of events and activities to rise to this challenge.

The programme, which runs for a year, was launched in Masses at St Joseph's and Blessed William Richardson, Kiveton, by the programme co-ordinator, Chris Parrott, with an impassioned talk in which the programme for the year was outlined. Beginning gently in October with a call to get closer to nature, parishioners visited an ancient local beauty spot, Anston Stones and enjoyed a guided tour of the Botanic Gardens in Sheffield.

Parishioners also volunteered at the local St Joseph's School to clear an area of

woodland that is to be developed into an outdoor classroom for the children. December parishioners will be involved in hedge planting to encourage wildlife on the site of the former Dinnington Colliery. Following this gentle beginning, subsequent months will bring new sets of increasingly more challenging events and activities, for example we will try to lower our carbon footprint, eat less meat and dairy products, use less plastic and walk to church. We will journey with Pope Francis to raise awareness of the issues that are affecting our world and adapt our lives to living more simply to fulfil God's call for us to be good stewards of this wonderful planet He has blessed us with.

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