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SAFEGUARDING IN OUR DIOCESE



*Fr Peter McGuire
Clergy Adviser for Safeguarding*

The Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

These familiar words of scripture lie at the heart of the work of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission as it plays its part in ensuring children and vulnerable adults are safe within our community.

Within our Diocese of Hallam a growing team of people work hard to maintain and further develop a culture of safeguarding. The team which comprises of Lisa Markham, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Fr Peter McGuire, Clergy Adviser for Safeguarding, Jo Pearson, Safeguarding Administrator, Amanda Bramall, Database Assistant,

Jim Todd, Sessional Trainer, Emma Shaw, Website Assistant, now has a new member, Julie Howorth, Hurt by Abuse Support Facilitator, who shares her thoughts on her new role in this issue of The Hallam News.

The vast experience and diverse skills of the Safeguarding Commission in the Hallam Diocese, covering areas of medicine, the judiciary, social work, the police and education coupled with their hard work and commitment, helps our Diocese to be an example of best practice in the prevention of child abuse and responding to it. The work of the Commission has the vital support of all the volunteers who work in each of our parishes as Local Safeguarding Representatives. They provide a further means of ensuring that National Safeguarding guidelines are followed.



Pictured above: back l to r, Julie Howorth, Hurt by Abuse Support Facilitator, Emma Shaw, Website Assistant, Jim Todd, Sessional Trainer; front l to r, Jo Pearson, Safeguarding Administrator, Amanda Bramall, Database Assistant, Lisa Markham, Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

ON PAGE 9 JULIE HOWORTH TALKS ABOUT HER APPOINTMENT AND HER VISION FOR HER NEW ROLE



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What's on in December

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| 1 | Deadline for articles, etc for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 11 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. |
| 4 | Hallam Ascent meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm for a presentation of members' favourite prayers, poems or hymns. For further information please visit http://hallamascent.weebly.com/ or contact 0114 2306797 or 0114 2307768. | 13 | Lessons, Carols and Benediction followed by mulled wine and mince pies, 7.30pm, St Theresa's Church, Prince of Wales Road, Sheffield. Music from the Eckington Singers. |
| 7 | Christmas Dinner and Dance - 3 course dinner, live entertainment, bring your own drinks, 7pm, St Theresa's parish hall, Prince of Wales Road, Sheffield. Admission by ticket only, £15. Contact Anthony Fitzpatrick on 0114 2332801. | 14 | Latin Mass (1962 Rite) St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, 10am. |
| 10 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 17 | Shamrock Irish Band Christmas Party, 8.30pm, St Vincent's Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA. |
| 11 | Sheffield Bereavement Drop-in, 1.30-3.30pm, Cathedral House, Norfolk Street, Sheffield. | 22 | Christmas Carols and mince pies, 8pm, St Vincent's Club, Sheffield. |
| | | 24 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| | | 31 | New Year's Eve Party, 8pm, St Vincent's Club, Sheffield. Tickets £3. |

CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP SALE IN AID OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL FURNITURE STORE, SHEFFIELD

A table top sale will be held on Saturday, 7 December in the Houlden Hall, St Marie's Cathedral, 9am-3pm.

Anyone wishing to book a table, please telephone the 'store' on 0114 2703990 or Lynn on 07590317393 for more details. The cost of a table is £10.

We would also welcome any unwanted gifts for our tombola table.

CONSENT FORMS

In order to comply with National and Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines all photographs of children sent to the Hallam News for publication must be accompanied by the official Diocesan consent form.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month

This month the diocesan rota for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is as follows:

- 1 St Helen, Oldcotes.
- 8 St Peter in Chains, Doncaster.
- 15 St Teresa, Darton.
- 22 Mother of God and St Wilfrid, Sheffield.
- 29 St Patrick, Harworth.

Vespers and Benediction

Sunday, 1 December and every subsequent Sunday, 6pm at Blessed Trinity, Northfield Lane, Wickersley

Led by the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Sheffield and South Yorkshire

Irish Tea Dance

Mother of God Parish Centre
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Sheffield S7 1DX
1-3.30pm

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with live music/buffet

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Gerry, tel: 0114 2618788,
mobile 07544979686.

DIOCESAN MISSION AND UNITY EVENT

The Mission and Unity Committee is holding its Autumn Event at the Pastoral Centre on Saturday, 7 December, 10-30am to 12-30pm

Refreshments from 10am

The Speaker will be the Rt Revd Jack Nicholls, former Bishop of Sheffield, who will talk about "How Ecumenism has Changed in My Lifetime"

ALL ARE WELCOME to this enjoyable and stimulating occasion

CAFOD

ADVENT MASS just one world

The Rotherham Deanery CAFOD volunteers, together with the support of Fr Desmond Sexton, are hosting an Advent Mass at 12 noon on Saturday, 14 December at Blessed Trinity, Northfield Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 7LH. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the parish hall consisting of soup and mince pies.

All are very welcome and if you wish to stay for lunch, please inform the CAFOD Hallam Office, tel: 0114 2687817, email: hallam@cafod.org.uk.

*God of light, shine forth,
show us how to bring hope to others.
God of mercy, help us
to comfort your people and share in their joy.
God of hope, make us an Advent people,
preparing the way for life in all its fullness.
Amen*



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Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe

This year a Spanish Mass in honour of our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at St Marie's Cathedral on Saturday, 14 December at 4pm. The Mass will commemorate the apparition of the Virgin Mary.

The origins of our Lady of Guadalupe started when the Virgin Mary appeared in Mexico in 1531, to an indigenous peasant called Juan Diego. She appeared pregnant just a few days before Christmas. Our Lady asked Juan Diego to see the Bishop and tell him to build a temple in her honour. The Church accepted the veracity of Juan Diego's account when the image of the dark skinned Virgin appeared on Juan

Diego's cloak in the presence of the Bishop.

Since then, every year people throughout Latin America have honoured Our Lady of Guadalupe. In recent years the Lady of Guadalupe has become the patron saint of Unborn Children.

The Mass will be celebrated in Spanish and will take place at St Marie's Cathedral on Saturday 14 December at 4pm. Everybody is welcome.

After the Mass there will be a gathering in the parish rooms with stands of Latin American food for sale. And as a treat for the children there will be a piñata to be broken. Come and celebrate with us.

Hallam Charity Night 2014

The Hallam Charity Night has raised £30,000 for charity in the past six years.

The next Hallam Charity Night will take place at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road, Sheffield, on Saturday 14 June 2014. As in previous years this is expected to be a successful fundraising event. The organising committee now invite applications from Catholic charities working within

the Diocese who would wish to be considered to share the proceeds of the event.

Those wishing to apply should, before 1 January 2014, write to Mrs L Mason, Hon Secretary Hallam Charity Night, c/o The Presbytery, Our Lady and St Thomas Church, Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 7UD, setting out details of the project for which the application is made.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Hallam Diocesan Assembly Half-Day



A morning on Franciscan Spirituality

With the Franciscan Sisters of Renewal

9am for 9.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 25 January 2014
Blessed Trinity Church Hall
Northfield Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 2HF

Hallam Diocesan Assembly Spirituality Series 2014

Next year the Diocesan Assembly committee has organised a series of half days on different forms of spirituality. All the sessions will take place on Saturdays, 9am for 9.30am-12.30pm, at Blessed Trinity Church Hall, Northfield Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 2HF. The dates and details are:


25 January, Franciscan Spirituality with the Franciscan Sisters of Renewal.
22 February, Salesian Spirituality with Fr David O' Malley SDB, Rector of Savio House, Bollington.

31 May, Carmelite Spirituality with Fr Antony Lester O.Carm, Catholic Chaplain to the University of York.

12 July Benedictine Spirituality with one of the community from Ampleforth Abbey.

More details will be given later.

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National Recognition for St Marie's Primary School

St Marie's School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy, has received national recognition for the rate of improvement in their end of Key Stage 2 results. They have qualified as one of the 10% of schools in England for their improvement in the percentage of children achieving level 4 or above in English and Maths in the last three years. Every primary school in the country has been ranked according to how much progress they made in improving their results between 2009 and 2012. This award is only made to schools which have made continuous improvement over that time and some children are achieving standards normally only reached at secondary school.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said, "St Marie's School should be congratulated for their stunning achievement in improving their Key Stage 2 results. St Marie's School has proved itself to be one of the best schools in the country at improving outcomes for their children. There is plenty that other schools could learn from St Marie's School's success. These results are a testament to the commitment and hard work of the children, support staff, teachers and lead-

ers at St Marie's School and a testament to their belief in high expectations, good teaching and ambition for every young person."

Headteacher, Alan Dewhurst, said, "The award has come as a complete surprise. We've actually now improved our results for four years running – it seems the children relish the challenge. Each year I tell the pupils that last year's results were the best we've had – until this year, and they seem to rise to that."

"Extra challenges have been introduced into lessons, with maths being taught in a competitive but fun way. There's an emphasis on reading for enjoyment and excellent pieces of writing are often highlighted in assembly."

"There is also a strong partnership with parents," commented Mr Dewhurst. "They support our homework policies, read regularly with their children at home and they enjoy practicing maths and writing at home. We also have a very skilled staff who help every child achieve."

"St Marie's has a family atmosphere. It has only 245 children – with 32 in the Year 6 class – so no-one gets left behind."



Building for the Future at Mylnhurst



Mylnhurst Preparatory School in Sheffield has begun construction of a state of the art Early Years Centre which includes a new Nursery, Reception Class and Parent and Toddler Space.

Following demolition of the existing building over the Summer holiday, the School, working in partnership with local firm Jarvale Construction Ltd, is now seeing the new building take shape.

Headmaster, Chris Emmott, said, "Mylnhurst's success is rooted in our provision of an excellent education which is experienced in a truly outstanding setting. Our new 'state of the art' Early Years Centre will provide our Nursery and Reception children with the perfect start to their school journey."

"Registrations are already flooding in and we will showcase the new building in a series of open mornings scheduled for the spring term."

Sustainability is key to the design with many environmentally friendly aspects, foremost of which is an air source heat pump which will provide heating for the new development and significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the building.

Completion of the new Early Years development at Mylnhurst is due for Spring next year so pupils will be moving into their exciting new home in time for the Summer Term; a milestone achievement in a special year when the school celebrates its 80th Anniversary.

If you would like more information about the school, please email headmaster@mylnhurst.co.uk or call the school on 0114 2361411.

Pictured on the left, L-R Tony Lee, Director Jarvale Construction, Wayne Armitage, Site Foreman Jarvale, Mark Stevenson, Site Manager Jarvale and Chris Emmott, Headmaster, Mylnhurst with Reception children.



The new Early Years Centre at Mylnhurst School



LIFE Sheffield Shop Project

The charity LIFE provides practical support for pregnant women in difficult circumstances, who might feel pressurised into ending the pregnancy. It counsels those who have suffered the psychological trauma of abortion.

LIFE has opened several charity shops nationally. They have proved to be a great asset in both earning money which LIFE needs for its work and in raising public awareness of its existence.

LIFE Sheffield has been working hard towards opening a shop. The first important task is to raise money to cover set up costs, such as rent and shop equipment. The next vital step is to

acquire the right premises. These need to be in reasonable condition, with an affordable rent in an area with many people walking through and with parking access. Ideally it should be near other charity shops, as a lot of people actually go "charity shopping". Items for sale are being collected and a list of volunteers is building up.

If you can help by one off donations of money, regular giving, donating unwanted goods or volunteering in the future, or if you notice any potential premises, please contact Eileen Maher, ea.maher@btinternet.com, 0114 2796557, or Francesca Flynn, fmflynn@tiscali.co.uk, 0114 2686247.

The Work of the Family Focus Project

Let's Talk About Suicide

Did you know that around one thousand four hundred young people in the UK under the age of thirty-five take their own lives every year, and is the most common cause of death in young people in the UK.

PAPYRUS (prevention of young suicide) is a charity that is doing something about it.

There is now a free national helpline which offers confidential support and advice to young people who are not coping with life and those who are worried about them.

Hopeline link 08000684141

For more information about PAPYRUS or to make a donation to this life-saving work, visit www.papyrus-uk.org

Making It Stick

In September marriage presenters, including four of our Deacons, were fortunate to have Jane and Charles Perryman deliver a workshop about the glue of the emotional bond that holds intimate relationships together. Citing recent research, they explained that how well we are able to form and sustain romantic relationships in adulthood depends on how securely attached we became in our early infancy.

Our early experiences leave us with an internal view of how lovable we are and how trustworthy others are. This is reflected in the patterns of attachment we carry into adulthood. This is one of the key features that couples need to understand when things start to go wrong. Often they can see what happens on the surface; they can describe what each of them does when they get into an argument. What the most recent research in adult attachment helps us to understand is what is happening under the surface.

Those attending the workshop took part in discussion and thought provoking exercises prompting questions and the anticipation of using the learning in their marriage preparation ministry.

Jane and Charles have received a bursary from the Bishops' Conference to represent our Diocese at the International Colloquium on Marriage and Family Life at the Catholic University in Leuven, where they will present a paper.

Facilitator Training for Parenting Programmes

If you haven't been on a parenting course yet, now is your chance. Representatives from six schools and Children's Centres attended a training day in Wickersley in skills to deliver parenting programmes. Look out for details of when they will lead parents through a seven or eight session course on their websites:

St Mary's Primary Schools, Chesterfield and High Green
Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe
St Patrick's, Sheffield Lane Top
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Diamond Wedding *100th Birthday Celebrations*



On 29 August Doris and Bernard McGough celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. The couple were married by Fr Mulverhill in the wooden church which eventually became the church hall (or hut as it was called). It rained all day!

Our photograph shows Doris and Bernard after the celebration of Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows, Mere Lane, Armthorpe. We send them our congratulations and prayers and best wishes for their future happiness.

CELEBRATIONS AT ST ALBAN'S



Anne and John Mannion and family proudly display their Papal Blessing after celebrating Mass on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary at St Alban's, Denaby Main, where they were married on 28 September, 1963. Pictured below are Debbie and Richard Baker following the baptism of Niall David by Parish Priest, Fr John Cooke on 20 October.



Ann Haslam from St Hugh's Parish in Newbold, Chesterfield, recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

As well as a family celebration at the Casa Hotel, Chesterfield, there were parish celebrations. Fr Craig Fitzpatrick, Parish Priest, presented her with a papal blessing to mark the occasion.

There was also a special Mass at the Eyre Chapel where Ann was presented with flowers from the local SVP. Ann took it all in her stride and said she wondered what she had done to deserve all the attention.



THE SHEFFIELD PREMIERE OF A WORK BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Andrew Henderson's Organ Recital at Our Lady of Beauchief and St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church on 19 October

Graham J Smith, treasurer of the Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund, reports on this exciting event

Those of us who attended the above event experienced a rare treat of music and song.

The first piece by Ralph Vaughan Williams was a Sheffield premiere. There followed well known prayers set to music with a tune known to all in the middle. A truly excellent performance. The full programme was as follows:

**Ralph Vaughan Williams –
March from 'Richard' II
(1872-1958), arr. AJPH –
Sheffield premiere**

**Leonce de Saint-Martin –
Salve Regina
(1886-1954) – 2nd mvt of
Symphonie Mariale**

**Arr. Preston Ware Orem –
Londonderry Air
(1865-1938)**

**Jean Titelouze –
Magnificat primi toni
(c1562-1633)**

**Johann Sebastian Bach –
Prelude and Fugue in Eb
(1685-1750) – "St Anne" (BWV552)**

Andrew will be known to some of you as he started his altar boy career in this church in the 1990's. He followed this by reading music at St John's Col-

lege Oxford and he is now Director of Music at King Edward VI School, Stratford-upon-Avon. In addition to teaching he has a varied singing and organ-playing career which includes recordings and broadcasts with Schola Cantorum of Oxford, Magdala and others. He currently sings with Birmingham Cathedral Choir, Ex Cathedra, and the Leicester-based a capella group Scarlet.

His debut CD as a conductor (he clearly is multi-talented) will shortly be released on Albion Records. A retiring collection was made for The Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund, the Trustees of which express their sincere thanks to Andrew.





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Special Blessing at St William's



The parish of St William of York in Sheffield held a service of blessing of animals on the Sunday following the feast of St Francis. The dogs, with one brave cat and two guinea pigs, were extremely well behaved and even seemed to enjoy hearing about St Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio!

ST THERESA'S RAISE FUNDS FOR HOSPITAL

On Saturday, 26 October a fundraising event was organised at St Theresa's parish, Sheffield in aid of Weston Park Hospital in Sheffield.

The event, which attracted guests from both of the Sheffield deaneries as well

as parishioners, consisted of a pie and pea supper as well as live musical entertainment from Adrian Paris. People had been extremely generous in donating prizes for the raffle and a total of £600 was raised on the night for this very worthwhile cause.



Live entertainment by Adrian Paris at St Theresa's fundraising event for Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield

A Taste of India in Penistone



St Mary's, Penistone SVP Conference recently organised an exotic night in Penistone!

Thirty six parishioners of St Mary's Church, Holy Rood Church, Barnsley and St John's Anglican Church, Deepcar enjoyed a three course meal at the

'Taste of India' in Penistone. A raffle was drawn which raised £210 for St Vincent de Paul funds. The monies raised will help with special Christmas projects for the homeless and St Mary's twin parish in India.



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rie, recently presented the awards at
St Wilfrid's Centre. Twenty-three
clients received certificates for achieve-

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It was a great atmosphere within the
Centre and clients told of their appre-
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was the first qualification they have
received in their lives. The afternoon
concluded with a disco which had the
place rocking and again goes to show
that 'There's only one St Wilfrid's Cen-
tre!'

High Sheriff's Lunch

A glowing reception hosted by the High
Sheriff of South Yorkshire, Lady Sykes,
was recently held for over 100
guests to celebrate this year's charita-
ble success in South Yorkshire.

The event, organised by South York-
shire Community Foundation, wel-
comed guest speaker, philanthropist
and previous Channel 4 Secret Million-
aire Simrin Choudhrie.

Simrin who is a patron of St Wilfrid's
Centre for the homeless and vulnera-
ble, Sheffield, travelled up from Lon-
don for the event and was interviewed
about her life and philanthropy by St
Wilfrid's Director, Kevin Bradley.

Other speakers at the event were the
Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, Member
of Parliament for Sheffield Brightside
and Hillsborough and Professor Elena
Rodriguez-Falcon of the University of
Sheffield.

Pictured on the right, left to right:
High Sheriff, Lady Sykes, Chairman of
South Yorkshire Community Founda-
tion, Jonathan Hunt, Professor Elena
Rodriguez-Falcon, Mrs Simrin
Choudhrie, Director of St Wilfrid's
Centre, Kevin Bradley and Chief Exe-
cutive of South Yorkshire Community
Foundation, Ruth Willis.



SAFEGUARDING IN OUR DIOCESE

Julie Howorth, Hurt by Abuse Support Facilitator, writes about her new role with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team

"When I was asked to write a piece for Hallam News, I spent a long time thinking about what I would like to say, and it seemed that a good place to start would be by saying 'hello' and telling you a little about myself. My name is Julie Howorth and I have just taken up post as the Hurt by Abuse Support Facilitator within the Safeguarding Team. When I first became aware of this post I knew that it was something that I would very much like to be involved in for two reasons. The first reason being that after qualifying as a counsellor in 2004, I spent 7 years working with survivors of childhood sexual abuse in Rape Crisis centres in Doncaster and Sheffield. Most of this work was with women survivors, but at Doncaster I also worked with men. During these years I worked with some wonderful counsellors, who supported me when I needed it and taught me a great deal. I also had the privilege to work alongside many men and women who had sought out counselling to help them heal the deep wounds left by the traumatic experiences of their childhoods. They all told stories of pain and betrayal, their stories were all unique and they all inspired me with their courage and determination; their courage to speak the unspeakable and face the memories that had been closely guarded for many years, and their determination to reclaim their lives and build a new future for themselves and those they cared for. Many came with only a fragile sense of hope, having been let down so many times before, and this only made their determination all the more remarkable. Many had been rejected by friends or family, who either could not bear to hear or believe what they had suffered, or who could not bear the pain of knowing that someone they loved or respected was capable of inflicting such pain on a child. Sexual abuse can have a deep and enduring, detrimental effect on children's lives; and because it is so often hidden in secrecy and shame, its impact is often misunderstood, which can lead to children being blamed or pathologised for the ways in which they survive their abuse. Something which became clear to me over time was the powerful difference that family and community can make to an individual's recovery. When a child or adult discloses abuse and is met with belief, support and love, there is tremendous potential for healing. Something else which became clear to me is the role that all of us can play, in either helping to maintain the secrecy and shame, or in helping to create a community in which children and adults can reach out for help, with the confidence that they will be received with compassion. Talking about sexual abuse can be challenging. It brings us into contact with powerful taboos and has the po-



Offering help, support and advice

tential to change the way that we see and experience our world, sometimes threatening our most cherished relationships and deeply held beliefs. We only need to look at the wider social context to see how difficult this is. Recent events have given us an insight into how we respond as individuals and as communities. When well known and much-loved public figures or members of our own communities have been accused our first reaction might be to refuse to believe such a thing possible, everything inside us screams "No, it can't be true" and from this position we can only blame the victims and seek comfort in the idea that they must be lying. Sexual abuse is shrouded in myths and stereotypes about the types of people that abuse, or the communities where it is more likely to happen, or perhaps even that only certain kinds of children are abused. While these myths can help us to feel safer in the world, and give us a sense of control over our own children's safety, they are at the end of the day myths, they do a great disservice to the many children who have suffered and act to isolate them and increase their suffering. What is required of us is courage; the courage to accept the painful reality rather than the comfortable myth. The reality is that sexual abuse is far more prevalent than previously believed, it happens across all communities and it can happen to anyone, and perhaps most difficult of all is the knowledge that perpetrators of abuse come from all sections of society and are just as likely to be highly respected members of our community as not. My second reason for wanting to take up this post is that I was brought up within the Catholic Church. The person that I am today, the values that I hold and my attitudes towards others, all have their roots in my Catholic upbringing. I therefore watched and no-

ticed the events of recent years with a mixture of feelings. The disclosures of abuse within the Catholic community have been shocking and difficult to hear, but perhaps what has been even more difficult has been the knowledge of how these disclosures have been met and how those who have suffered have been treated.

When I place this alongside the many stories of abuse that I have heard over the years, I see similarities and differences. Themes of power, control and the negating of a child's autonomy and personhood run through all of these experiences, alongside others such as betrayal and projected shame. In every instance of abuse, be it in the family, a school, a children's home, a faith community; there is an abuser who has decided to abuse, a person who is vulnerable and a system which has somehow not managed to prevent or protect. What is different is how this manifests itself and herein lays the challenge.

Can we continue to develop the way we identify those unique aspects of our community that may make it a safer place for abusers than for victims? Can we continue to put in place an ever more rigorous set of procedures that diminishes the opportunities for abuse and provides a plan for action? Can we find the courage to speak openly about abuse and to speak up when it is needed? Can we develop an environment where those hurt by abuse feel able to speak out, in the safe knowledge that they will be received with understanding and compassion? As I take up this post at Hallam, I wonder how things will be. I know that a great deal of work has been done already and I hope that I will find my small part to play in the challenge that lies ahead. I look forward to meeting some of you in the future and I step into this role with a strong sense of hope."



Two new members of the Safeguarding Team, left Jo Pearson, Safeguarding Administrator and right, Emma Shaw, Website Assistant

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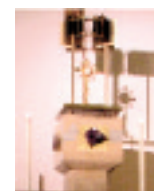
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Nano Nagle Declared Venerable



At the end of October the Presentation Sisters around the world and all those involved with them were celebrating the official announcement of the declaration of the Order's founder, Nano Nagle, as Venerable. This announcement brings the Canonisation of Nano Nagle one step closer as it is the second of four stages in the Canonisation Process. Head of the Congregation Leadership Team for the Presentation Sisters, Mary Deane, said, "We are de-

lighted with the news. By proclaiming Nano Nagle as venerable, the Universal Church has recognised Nano as a woman of faith, hope and heroic virtue whose vision and work transformed the lives of so many. For our Sisters, Associates and Friends of Nano throughout the world, Nano has been and continues to be a source of inspiration and challenge as we respond to the needs of today in fidelity to the Gospel and in the spirit of Nano."

A celebratory Mass to mark the announcement will take place in Cork and a series of smaller events will take place across Ireland and in Presentation Congregation areas across the world to mark the occasion.

Nano Nagle was born Honora Nagle in Ballygriffin in Cork in 1718, a turbulent time in Irish history due to the Penal Laws. The Nagle family was a wealthy Catholic family and Nano had the benefit of a European education and privileged lifestyle. She devoted her life to God and to working with people on the margins of society. Nano Nagle is one of the great pioneers of Catholic education in Ireland.

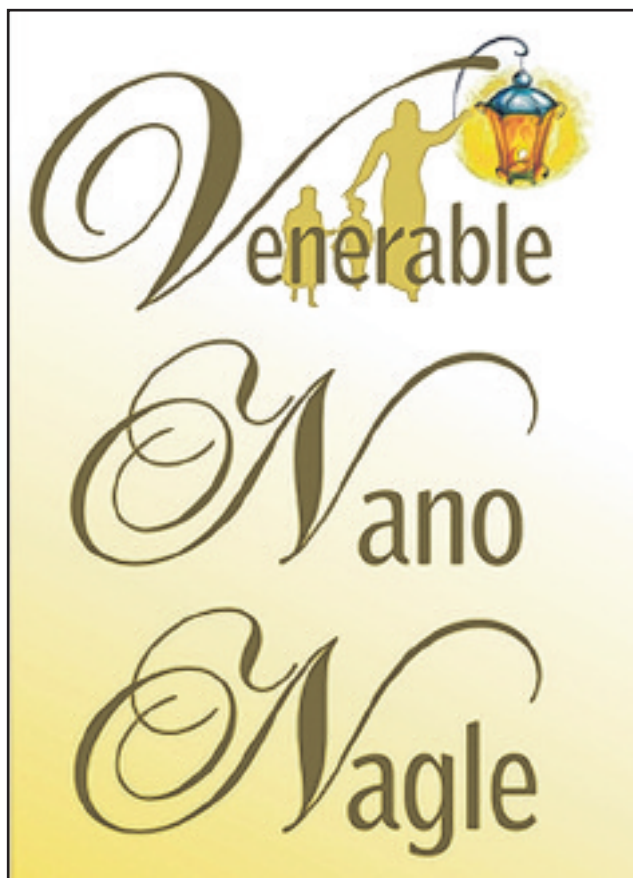
Her mission of educating the poor began in a 'little school' in Cove Lane in Cork in 1754. In setting up schools in defiance of the established colonial order she sided with those made poor and challenged the institutional injustice that perpetuated marginalisation and poverty. Nano responded to the needs of her time and developed an educational curriculum suitable to the individual capabilities of her students. Hers was a global vision as in 1769 she wrote to a friend, "For I can assure you my schools are beginning to be of service to a great many parts of the world – this is a place of such trade – they heard of, and my views are not for one object alone. If I could be of service in saving souls in any part of the globe I would be willing to do all in my power."

Nano's words proved to be prophetic as her efforts led to the introduction of a network of schools across Ireland and the world. She founded the congregation later known as the Presentation Sisters on Christmas Eve 1775, the culmination of 20 years of a life of devotion to the cause of improving the cir-



cumstances of others. She died in Cork in 1784 and is buried in the grounds of South Presentation Convent in Cork city in a location which has become a place of prayer and pilgrimage in her honour.

To this day Presentation Sisters and friends of Nano remain committed to working with those most in need through a broad range of ministries. Those ministries include spirituality and faith development, lifelong learning and innovation, social finance, social inclusion and outreach, human rights and justice, ecology and sustainable living and healthcare projects.



ITALIANS COMMEMORATED

On Thursday, 19th September, the blessing of a plaque, inscribed with Italian family names, took place at St Vincent's Church in Solly Street, Sheffield.

This was followed by a celebration with light refreshment in the nearby CMS Rooms. The event was held to recognise the important role this area played for many Italian immigrants. The plaque was unveiled by Doctor Valeria Passetti, the Italian Vice Consul and was blessed by Fr Paddy Walsh, Parish Priest of Saint Vincents. Despite the downpour, spirits were high and many of the descendants of the Italian families came and celebrated this very special day. This plaque and commemoration are the result of the hard work of one or two individuals who set up a website called the 'West Bar Italians'. This website was about an area in Sheffield that became home to many families of Italian immi-

grants in the 1830s. By the late 1800s the small community that had formed became known as 'Little Italy'.

On the launch of this website a local Italian restaurant hosted the meeting of a handful of people, who had never met before. These Italian descendants met on the strength of a few emails. They were from all over the country, with just one thing in common..... they were all descendants of the West Bar Italians. People arrived as strangers and left as friends. Some even found distant relatives that they had never met before.

The organisers say, "If you would like to know more your Italian ancestors and this ever growing community of friends and family please visit the website www.west-bar-italians.co.uk. Who knows maybe we can help you to trace your family history?"



L to R, Len Fechatti, Dr Valeria Passetti, Julie Fawcett

St Marie's Organ Restoration

The organisers of the development of St Marie's Cathedral bring us news of their ongoing work.

Those of you who have visited St Marie's recently will have noticed all the work we have done, which has created a welcoming and beautiful spiritual and cultural centre for the 21st century and respects, enhances and highlights its long history.

The next stage of this project will be to conserve and restore more of the Cathedral's important historic furnishings, to make St Marie's even more of a special place and to enable people to appreciate and learn from them.

The largest part of this work will be to restore and reinstate the high quality, rare and unaltered Lewis organ, dating from 1875. The organ is a very fine musical instrument with a high quality ornate casing. Its reinstatement will enormously enrich the Cathedral's service music, provide an inspiring teaching instrument and make the Cathedral a central element in Sheffield's cultural life.

The project will also include the conservation and exhibition of a remarkable set of fifteenth century Nottingham Alabaster panels, depicting

scenes from the life of Mary and the Passion, which were rediscovered recently. These not only tell religious stories but also encapsulate the whole history of Catholicism, especially in this country.

Other conservation will include work to the intricately decorated tiles throughout the Cathedral to restore them to their condition in the 1850s and to update them to record more of the priests and other people who have served St Marie's.

All these elements will be presented and interpreted, so that everyone using or visiting St Marie's will have the opportunity to learn about the heritage of the Cathedral and gain spiritual, cultural and artistic understandings, enriching their knowledge of Sheffield and its people.

Thanks to a Heritage Lottery Fund grant we have been able to commission conservators and other specialists to produce a series of reports which will allow us to undertake the necessary fundraising to allow us to complete the work needed at St Marie's.

If you would like to share your thoughts about the restoration project, you can do so online via St Marie's website (stmariecathedral.org) or via comment cards at the Cathedral itself.



CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY RAISES £600 FOR FURNITURE STORE

A fundraising evening sponsored by the Catholic Men's Society was held on 18 October at the Catholic Men's Society Club rooms on Solly Street, Sheffield. £560 was raised on the night. With donations from supporters unable to come, £600 was given to the Sheffield St Vincent de Paul Furniture Store towards a new van to help them provide their vital service helping the 'homeless' in Sheffield. Over 120 members and supporters thoroughly enjoyed the event. The evening started with the Francis Cassidy Irish Dancers followed by a pie n' pea supper. The 'Cadillacs' Rock n' roll band played out a most enjoyable fundraising evening.

Mount St Mary College Pupils Honour the Fallen

More than 140 uniformed cadets from Mount St Mary's College, near Sheffield, joined fellow pupils for a Remembrance Service in the college's Memorial Chapel on Monday 11 November.

The Remembrance Day service followed a weekend of activities honouring fallen service personnel. Mount St Mary's College student, Alistair McNulty, was one of a select few to represent the RAF section of the Combined Cadet Force at the esteemed Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall in London. The Cadet Sergeant carried the Combined Cadet Force banner as part of the televised commemorations watched by the Royal Family and the millions of BBC 1 viewers on Saturday 9 November. The Festival featured an impressive line-up including James Blunt, Katie Melua, Poppy Girls and Band of the Royal Marines. Mount St Mary's cadets also took part in a parade on Remembrance Sunday at Hathersage in Derbyshire.

Monday's Remembrance Service at the college was held in the very Chapel that was built at the school after the First World War to recognise former pupils who had fought for their country. Wreaths were placed on the altar by Combined Cadet Force Officers Lieutenant Colonel Glyn Powell and Flight Lieutenant Karen Gamble before a short service. Cadet Lance Corporal Joanne Beach performed the Last Post before 12 army cadets, 12 RAF cadets and officers marched the short distance through the college grounds to the village cenotaph. Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph and crosses placed on the four military graves in the village. Combined Cadet Force Contingent Commander Lieutenant Colonel Glyn Powell said, "Mount St Mary's College is very proud to be taking part in the commemoration of all those who fought in past wars. We are delighted that Alistair was selected to represent our Combined Cadet Force at the Festival of Remembrance. It is a huge honour."

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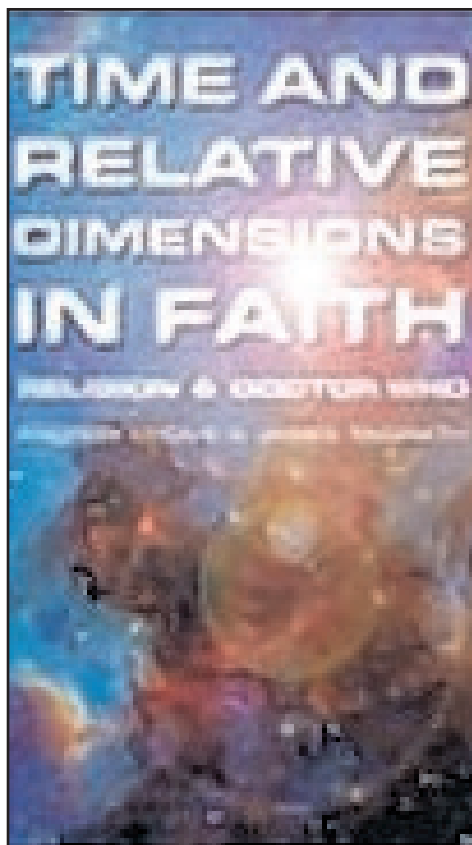
Book Reviews

Religion and Dr Who

Time and Relative Dimensions in Faith: Religion & Doctor Who, a forthcoming new book from Darton Longman & Todd, examines in depth for the first time, the interaction between religion and Doctor Who over its 50 year lifespan, considering both religious themes on the show and the way in which religious organisations have made use of the programme. A collection of essays written in a scholarly yet accessible style, the book brings together academics working in History, Film, Theology, Sociology, Law and Anthropology to consider the many ways in which religion and Doctor Who have interacted.

The first half of the book contains chapters looking at the way religious themes have been used throughout the show's lifespan, from the question of immortality, to changing uses of the concept of fate; from the portrayal of Buddhism to the Doctor's continued challenges to "false Gods". The second half of the book turns its attention to Doctor Who in the wider world. How has the show represented the changing face of British religion? And to what extent could Doctor Who fandom be considered a religion?

Indeed, since its return in 2005 Doctor Who has been nominated for a US



'Epiphany Award' by Evangelical Christians, featured a guest appearance by Richard Dawkins, and served as the basis of a Church of England conference on using the show in evangelism. All of this underlines the importance of religious themes in the seminal series.

Time and Relative Dimensions in Faith: Religion & Doctor Who
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Mary in the Mystery

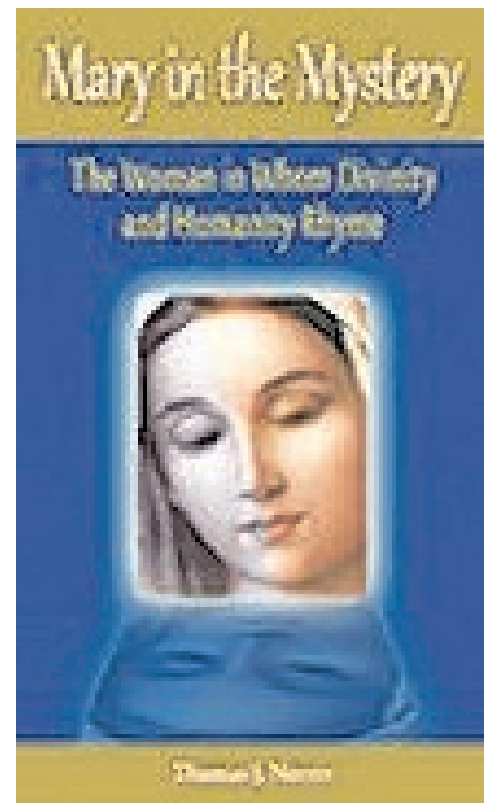
In 'Mary in the Mystery' theologian Thomas J Norris beautifully articulates the nature of Mary Mother of God as "the woman in whom divinity and humanity rhyme".

Norris brings Mary to life as a woman deeply steeped in awareness of the Old Testament. He expresses her as the meeting point between Salvation history (the story of Abraham and the God of Israel) and the Christian Mystery born through Christ.

In a simple yet richly developed structure of three parts, Norris places Christ, and by extension Mary, within mankind's search for answers to the human heart and mind. He describes how Man and God are "searching" for each other, as portrayed in the call out of Egypt. Norris writes that God and Man are two partners in dialogue with one another. The dialogue reaches its fulfilment in Mary and the Incarnation, where God makes his "final move".

In the second part of the book, Norris looks at "the adventure of Mary, her own unique spirituality". He describes how Mary is "wrapped in the Word" and how she is the greatest "hearer and doer of the Word", standing before the God of Israel with an attitude of total readiness. Always ready to do His will, Mary enables God to carry out a "gathering into unity of the scattered children of God" (Jn 11:52). At the foot of the cross God is able to form His family of the children of God when Jesus gives Mary to John as his mother and then John to Mary as her son.

This idea is extended in the third chapter where Norris describes Mary's entry into the mission of Christ and his Church. At the foot of the cross Mary receives her mission of "second motherhood" writes Norris. She "now receives her mission of a motherhood set into the communion of the Church. The Son puts her forward to the point of appointing her Mother of all the redeemed".



This beautiful and concise book explains the context around Catholic Mariology. It draws from Scripture, theology and poetry to firmly identify why Mary is exalted in Catholic doctrine. It provides a very optimistic look at the Mother of God, recognising that our understanding of her is unfolding and revealed, rather than fixed and static.

Through the depths of revelation and the history of the Church, Norris confidently and inspiringly explains the importance and sanctity of Mary in the communion of the Church.

'Mary in the Mystery' by Thomas J Norris is published by New City Press and available online at <http://www.newcitypress.com/mary-in-the-mystery.html>

ADVENT SERVICE AT KIRK EDGE

The Knights of St Columba in conjunction with the Sisters of the Convent of the Holy Spirit at Kirk Edge, Sheffield, S6 6LJ, are once again organising a special service for Advent.

This will take place at the convent on Sunday, 8 December commencing at 2.30pm. Over the past 2 years services for both Advent and Lent have been held at Kirk Edge, and these have proved to be very popular and very well attended.

The Dean of the Sheffield North Deanery, Fr Martin Trask, has very kindly agreed to lead the afternoon service which will last for approximately one hour, and we hope that many parishioners from within the Diocese will come along and join us in this Advent service in preparation for the great solemnity of the feast of Christmas.

PILGRIMAGES

Diocese of Hallam Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop John Rawsthorne, 27 March-3 April, with an additional option to visit Jordan between 3-7 April.

The Pilgrimage departs from Manchester to Tel Aviv, staying in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Tiberias. The all inclusive cost is £1250 per person. The additional Jordan option costs £545 per person. Those wishing to have further information about the Pilgrimage should contact the organiser, Joe McNally, tel: 0114 2364076, mobile: 07891072858, email: joegmcnally@btinternet.com.

Pilgrimage to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor following the footsteps of St Paul in May. If you would like further information about this Pilgrimage, please contact Brendan Lally of St Mary's parish, Penistone, tel: 01226 763220.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February, 2015, please contact Sr Susan Richert, email: srsusan@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk.



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