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St John Fisher Catholic Academy, Hackenthorpe has seen lots of excitement recently. The school has a smart new entrance and reception area. Then earlier this year Bishop John officially opened the new school library. Our picture above shows the pupils of St John Fisher enthusiastically and proudly sharing their love of reading with Bishop John. Full story page 6.



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What's on in May

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 14 | Irish Tea Dance with live music at Mother of God parish centre, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX, 1-3.30pm. Everyone welcome. For more details contact Gerry, tel: 0114 2618788, mobile 07544979686. |
| 2 | Family social evening and bingo at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, 8.30pm. | | |
| 7 | Hallam Ascent Group meet in York for Day of Reflection with NE Ascent. For more information email: ascent@jn.green.plus.com, website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 14 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. |
| 9 | Catholic Men's Society 160th anniversary dinner and dance with live entertainment at St Vincent's CMS Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, 7.30pm. Tickets £15. Contact Anthony Fitzpatrick on 0114 2332801. | 17 | 'Seeking the Lord Together' a day of praise and reflection in the presbytery at St Mary's, Maltby. Mass in church at 10am, followed by refreshments for an 11am start. Please bring a shared lunch. For further details contact Alessio Salvadori on 0114 2664500 or Tony or Yvonne Lazenby on 01302 742368. |
| 10 | Latin Mass (1962 Rite) at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, 10am. | 27 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 10 | Catholic Men's Society 160th Anniversary Mass at St Vincent's Church, Pickmere Road, Sheffield, 12.30pm. | | |
| 13 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 27 | Irish Night with the Shamrock Band at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, 8.30pm. |

The annual Hallam Diocesan Charity Night will be held on Saturday 14 June at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Sheffield, S8 8BW. Bishop John Rawsthorne will be the Guest of honour. Tickets are the same price as last year at £32.50 per person for a 4 course meal.

For further information and to book tickets, please contact Barnsley: Derek Skitt 01126 245745; Rotherham and Doncaster: Kevin or Eileen Kerrigan 01709 865348; Sheffield: Liz Mason 0114 255 1943, Philomena and Joe McNally 0114 236 4076, Des Keating 0114 230 2033, Sandra Brinkley 0114 230 4286, Ralph Dickins, 0114 270 3990.



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The Governors of this outstanding and over-subscribed Catholic School wish to appoint a Chaplaincy Co-ordinator who can make a significant contribution to the faith journey and spiritual formation of every member of our school community.

The successful applicant must be a committed and practising Roman Catholic who has relevant experience of working with young people and has the desire and ability to share their faith, skills and talents with all members of our school community as part of the Chaplaincy team.

For further details and an application pack please visit our website: www.notredame-high.org.uk or telephone the school.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 4pm on Monday 28 April 2014.

Notre Dame High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children & young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.
The successful applicant will be required to complete an Enhanced DBS Disclosure.

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:

- 4 St Mary, High Green.
- 11 The Annunciation, Chesterfield.
- 18 St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends.
- 25 Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe.

Hallam Diocesan Assembly Half-Day



A morning on Carmelite Spirituality
with Fr Antony Lester O Carm
Catholic Chaplain to the University of York

9am for 9.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 31 May
Blessed Trinity Church Hall
Northfield Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 2HF

Formation of Musicians

It is over two years since the Revised Translation of the Roman Missal was first introduced, supported by a series of music workshops throughout the Diocese.

Now we have the opportunity to revisit what is now available. These sessions are open to all who sing or support the music at Mass, including those who cannot make the sessions closer to their own parishes.

Bassetlaw Deanery

Monday 19 May and Tuesday 10 June
 Both evenings start at 7pm and finish

at 8.30pm at St Helen's, Oldcotes, S81 8JF.

Doncaster Deanery

Monday 12 May
 Both evenings start at 7.30pm and finish at 9pm at St Peter-in-Chains, Chequer Road, Doncaster, DN1 2AA.

Chesterfield Deanery

Friday 2 May and Friday 16 May
 Both evenings start at 7pm and finish at 8.30pm at Holy Spirit, Dronfield.
 Please contact Philip Jakob, 0114 273 7139 for more information or email Philip.jakob@stmariecathedral.org.

Time for Tea Party

Time for Tea is about setting aside a time when you can invite your friends, family, colleagues and community together for a good old fashioned cuppa to help raise vital funds for Weston Park Hospital Cancer Charity. The charity invites you to host your very own tea party across the month of May, to mark 20 years of fighting cancer locally. From a small tea get-together at home or a tea break at work to a big Mad Hatter's tea party in the community, the money you raise at your tea party will make a huge difference! For more information visit www.timeforteataparty.com or call the charity on 0114 22 65370.

Bereavement Support

Sheffield Bereavement Support at St Marie's Cathedral is available on request. Telephone: 0114 2722522 or e-mail: office@stmariecathedral.org giving your contact details and a support volunteer will respond.

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POT OF GOLD FOR RAINBOWS GB!



Thanks to tremendous support from the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, better known as the Mercy Sisters, the Trustees of Rainbows Bereavement Support GB held their first meeting in their new National Centre in Oldham in March. The Rt Rev John Rawsthorne, Bishop of Hallam and trustee of Rainbows for twenty years led the trustees in prayer and paid tribute to the Sisters for their tremendous support to Rainbows over so many years. The new Resource and Training Centre at Grange Avenue in Oldham was originally an extension to the convent and has been leased to Rainbows on the most generous of terms.

"Where the Church has treasures it has a duty to offer them for all; and one of those treasures is Rainbows. This new Centre will help us bring comfort, support and indeed new life to many more children and young people grieving a significant and often devastating loss in their lives. We thank God for all those who support this important ministry to the bereaved."

Rainbows Bereavement Support GB has grown to become a well-respected national charity and operates in around 800 schools in Great Britain and most of the schools in Ireland. It offers training in bereavement and loss, practical and sensitive guidance for schools to review their own bereavement policy, specific training for facilitators of the Rainbows age-related programmes and on-going support to affirm and advise teachers and

support staff in their important work with those who grieve.

Sue McDermott, National Director of the charity is delighted with the move. "The Centre is a real 'pot of gold' for us and brings new life to our work. It will enable us to expand even more so and support many more children, young people and adults.

"Our latest resources include new material for secondary schools called 'Spectrum'; 'Sunrise' for adults with learning difficulties and a CD rom resource which assists schools review their policies and procedures for 'When Somebody Dies'.

"We wish to make the mission of Rainbows Bereavement Support Great Britain more widely known and invite all those who are able to support our work through prayer, practical involvement, or financial support and by encouraging schools, parishes and prisons to look again at how they support the bereaved.

"Please visit our website at www.rainbowsgb.org or contact me by email sue.rainbowsgb@btconnect.com."

Our photograph above shows members of the Trustees and staff in the new Centre: left to right Paul Cronin, Sue Kay Flowers, Bishop John Rawsthorne, Caroline Payne, Deputy Manager, Frank McDermott, Chair of Trustees, Sharon Melia-Craven, Sue McDermott, the National Director, John Lynch, Phil Harrison, Amy Howard, the Centre Manager and Sr Philippa Kohlbecker, trustee representing the Sisters of Mercy.

St Patrick's Day Celebrated at Holy Rood

Holy Rood School celebrated St Patrick's Day with a Quiz and Pea and Pie Supper organised by the school's PTA. An enjoyable evening was had by all age groups (see photographs left and below) and £300 was raised for school funds.



Family Focus Project

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

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INSIGHT AND INSPIRATION FOR ALL MUMS

Give yourself a night off - join Diane Louise Jordan at Mum's the Word - a fun and insightful evening designed especially for Mums on Wednesday, 4 June, 7.30pm, at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Sheffield Park, Chesterfield Road South, Sheffield, S8 8BW.

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MARRIAGE 1

Jane and Charles Perryman have been married for more than forty years. They lead the Marriage Preparation Course in the Hallam Diocese. Here is an outline of what the course involves.

The diocesan Marriage Preparation programme, which is unique to Hallam, is built around two major themes. One is focussed on communication which is the lifeblood of any relationship. The second is built around what it means to live out the promises that the couple make on their wedding day. Experience has shown that couples who marry in a Catholic Church are no less likely to run into difficulties later in their marriage than any other couple, so part of what we are trying to do is to provide the couples with some skills which will help them in their future life together. Research has shown that those pre-marriage courses which do not provide couples with some skills have no impact in terms of reducing marital breakdown.

Under the theme of communication we help couples to realise the part feelings or emotions play in their relationship and we help them to be able to recognise and name the feelings, even those they are uncomfortable with. The second most important virtue in a marriage relationship, we believe, is listening. So we look at what gets in the way of real listening. Listening is not just about hearing words but its about allowing ourselves to be affected by the words that we hear and being willing to respond lovingly to what we hear.

These two streams lead into helping the couples to handle conflict well. All couples have conflict. It's normal. We are different people with differing hopes, fears, dreams, needs and wants. We help couples to learn to handle conflict by breaking down the process of conflict resolution. First we have to make sure that we really understand

what our spouse thinks, feels and believes about any particular issue before we try to find a solution. About 70% of potential conflicts are resolved by ensuring that we haven't made any assumptions which turn out to be unfounded. In the course we teach a specific technique to help couples handle conflict.

In terms of communication we try to help couples identify areas where they do not at present see eye to eye. On the first evening of the course we ask them to fill in an inventory which consists of around 160 statements. Individually they are asked to indicate whether they strongly agree, agree, not sure, disagree or strongly disagree with the statements. From this we get a profile of the couple which indicates under 11 headings their strengths and where they need to do more work. Over the years we have found this inventory to be extraordinarily accurate, so long as the couple fills it in honestly and we have only ever seen two couples who didn't!

These are some of the areas that the inventory picks up; roles in the relationship; attitude to each other's family and friends; leisure activities; attitudes to their sexual relationship; attitudes to children and parenting; financial management; communication; conflict resolution; marital expectations. This inventory is not a predictor of how good a marriage they will have. It does provide a snapshot of what the relationship is like and indicates where they need to build.

The second big theme is around how the couples will live out the promises they will be making on their wedding day. This is really about how we explain the significance of the sacrament of marriage. When we started running the marriage preparation course some 30 years ago we found that most Catholics had at least a passing understanding of a sacrament. Today, un-



Jane and Charles Perryman

less they are regularly practicing Catholics, "sacrament" is almost a foreign word.

Marriage is a covenant, freely entered into, unbounded and is long on promises and short on guarantees. It requires free consent and fidelity. We talk about fidelity in terms of what strengthens the bond between them and what weakens it. It is permanent, which enables the couple to take the long view and build trust. We then talk about love and make the distinction between being "in love" and "loving". Loving is about doing loving things, even when we may not feel like – maybe sometimes through gritted teeth.

Here we bring in what we think is the greatest marital virtue – forgiveness. As the old song says, "We always hurt the one we love". No marriage is so perfect that the spouses do not hurt one another. Mostly it is not deliberate but when hurt has been caused, if it is not healed it will fester. There is a world of difference between saying

"I'm sorry" and asking "Will you forgive me?" The latter puts power into our spouse's hands. He or she could say "No!" It could be if they are hurting badly they may not be able to forgive there and then.

In marriage, the couple becomes the sign of God's loving presence in the world. The sacrament is not the wedding, or the promises or any of the trappings surrounding the wedding. The couple is the sacrament. The couple is a sign of God's continuing loving presence among us. The vocation of marriage is the call from the community to the couple to be that loving sign to the world. If married couples live together in a relationship that is open, secure, joyful and forgiving then the world may believe that this kind of faithful fully alive love is possible.

So not only do we provide skills and insight for the engaged couples in the pre-marriage course but we hold out a vision of Christian marriage and a challenge to live out their vocation.

Jane and Charles Perryman

MARRIAGE 2

Please and Thank You

Consider two short scenes.

"Dinner will be on the table in two minutes" said Amy as Brian charged through the back door. He was forty minutes behind his schedule and the concert was due to start in three quarters of an hour. Brian rushed past her without even an acknowledgement or comment. She had been looking forward to the concert with Brian – she knew all about the tight schedule and had made a special effort to be ready. There was still time to be there without a mad dash.

David put down his paintbrush and looked round the room with quiet satisfaction. He had not relished taking on completely re-decorating the study, but Celia had begged him to get it done as she would need it as the work base for her new job. David had spent the

whole of his day off working steadily to finish as the carpet was due in two days' time. He was clearing all the paint pots, brushes, dust covers and ladders away when Celia arrived home. "I've just finished" he said expectantly as she came up the stairs. "Oh good", she said, not even pausing at the door. "I'll be able to move my things in on Tuesday!"

What must it have been like for Amy and David in these two short stories? Both had responded to and expressed or anticipated need of their spouse. They had worked to make life smoother for them. They had carefully identified what was needed and set about and completed the tasks which they expected would be pleasing, and their efforts were not even noticed! It is easy to imagine that they would feel disappointed, uncared for and even in-

significant. They may be thinking that they don't count.

Married couples' relationships thrive on appreciation and wither in the face of indifference and being taken for granted. We all need to know that we really matter to our spouse. We need to hear that we are special; that our spouse needs us and wants us. Marriages grow and flourish when each partner knows that the other will be there to provide support and encouragement when it is needed.

This is a theme that Pope Francis has made his own when he talks to and about married couples and families. When speaking to those who had come to the Pilgrimage of Families for the closing of the year of Faith in Rome in October, last Year he said, "In order to have a healthy family, three words need to be used..... these three words (are): please, thank you, sorry."

He reinforced the message when addressing engaged couples on Valentine's Day this year.

"Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once you have won each other's love... Rather, it is precisely there where it begins! This journey of every day has a few rules that can be

summed up in three phrases which you already said, phrases which I have already repeated many times to families, and which you have already learned to use among yourselves: May I – that is, "can I", you said – thank you, and I'm sorry."

We will write about "I'm sorry" on another occasion, but appreciation, the "please" and "thank you" of our daily living together aren't just optional extras. They constitute an essential element of the yeast that binds couple relationships together and enables them to grow. Polite requests for help and support are more likely to bring forward a loving response rather than angry or off hand demands. When we become angry or indifferent with our spouses, we push them away and build barriers to our intimacy.

As Pope Francis said a bit later in his talk to engaged couples, "A marriage is not successful just because it endures; quality is important. To stay together and to know how to love one another forever is the challenge for Christian couples".

Next time we will explore what we need to do when we become aware that our relationships are hurting.

Charles and Jane Perryman

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje

There are still 3 places on the May (15th-22nd) pilgrimage to Medjugorje and there is a limited number available on the September (3rd-10th) pilgrimage.

The cost is £544 with a single room supplement of £120. Insurance is £30, unless you already

have your own. Flights for both dates depart from Manchester Airport at 3.25pm.

Contact details for the organisers, Pete and Sue Marshall, are as follows, tel: 01302 885358, mobile: 07807 955836, email: pete.suemarshall@googlemail.com.

Fundraiser for Furniture Store

The Catholic Men's Society continue with their fundraising efforts and are holding a fun 'Race Night' at the Catholic Men's Society Clubrooms, Solly Street, Sheffield. On Saturday, 7 June, starting at 7.30pm prompt.

The event is in support of St Vincent's Furniture Store, and the proceeds will go towards their 'New Van Fund'. The evening will include a silent auction and raffle. Admission £3, which includes a free bet.

For tickets and further information contact Dave Wagland on 0114 2819576 or contact the Furniture Store on 0114 2703994.

90th Birthday Celebrations



*Able Seaman A J Wolstenholme
1942*

Fr Anthony J Wolstenholme celebrated his 90th birthday at Nazareth House Rest Home, Paisley, Glasgow in the company of fellow priests, his brother Peter Wolstenholme, sisters Margaret Young and Ann Garlick from Sheffield, friends from St Joaquin parish, Carmile and the Comboni Mission's Carmile House, Glasgow. He was delighted when Archbishop Philip Tartalia telephoned his congratulations.



*Fr Anthony (seated centre)
celebrates with family and friends*

Anthony Joseph Wolstenholme (Tony) was born in Hawley Street Flats in the centre of Sheffield on 18 March, 1924 to William Reginald and Elizabeth Theresa Mary Wolstenholme, the second of seven children. The family moved to the Manor in 1928, a new Sheffield Council housing estate built in green fields on the outskirts of the city. He attended St Theresa's Elementary School, Prince of Wales Road, Manor Estate. Following a pass in

Scholarship he was educated by the Brothers at De la Salle Grammar School, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1942. Demobbed in 1946, he returned to Vickers Steels for one year before answering a vocation to the priesthood. He studied at Varese, Italy and he was ordained a Verona Father in Milan in June 1957. He travelled to his home town, Sheffield, to celebrate the marriage service of his younger

brother, Peter to Margaret Bell in St Theresa's Church, Manor Estate, on 10 August, 1957.

He was sent to the Mission at Arua, Uganda in 1958, returning to Sunningdale in 1965. He was then sent to the Comboni Mission House in Carmile, Glasgow. Failing health this year resulted in him becoming a resident in Nazareth House Rest Home, Paisley, Glasgow run by the Sisters of Nazareth.

BUSY FINGERS AT ST MARY AND ST JOSEPH, WORKSOP



To raise funds for the renovation of St Mary's church in Worksop, a group of ladies from the parish have been busy knitting Easter chicks and crocheting Easter baskets.

The chicks hold the hidden surprise of a creme egg and the baskets are filled with other chocolate goodies. They have proved extremely popular and so far almost £200 has been raised.

The ladies continued fundraising by making items to sell at the Spring Fair which was held on 26 April.

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New Library for St John Fisher

Frank Barratt, headteacher of St John Fisher Catholic Academy is delighted with the school's well equipped new library. He is very grateful to the school's new Parents, Teachers and Friends Association, which played such a key role in the project to develop the library. Mr Barratt said, "I've always been passionate about books and reading. We knew a well equipped library was some-



Frank Barratt

thing which could motivate and inspire our pupils. The effort put into this by the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association was simply amazing.

"We now have an attractive and tranquil place where children can read and relax. The children are responding well. We also plan to open the library for 30 minutes before and after school, to give parents and carers time to read with their youngsters."

The development of the library was given a further boost on World Book Day, when dozens of book characters were brought to life by the children. The classrooms were filled with superheroes, princesses, pirates, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Harry Potter as children and adults dressed up as their favourite book character.

Donna Murphy, Chairman of the school's Parent, Teacher and Friends' Association, said, "There were all kinds of superheroes and fairy princesses in school, a really good mix. All day the pupils were reading in school and we sold books as well."

Afterwards, a Parent, Teacher



Giving a helping hand at the World Book Day

and Friends Association spokeswoman said, "The PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents.

The children looked fantastic and we hope they enjoyed the day. We raised more than £200, which will be put to-

wards the library." Photographs of World Book Day by Dean Atkins, courtesy The Star, www.thestar.co.uk.



Children of St John Fisher Catholic Academy dress up as characters from their favourite books

BAPTISM AT ENGLISH MARTYRS



The baptism of Kornel Dominik Gadaszewski was celebrated by Fr John Cooke on Sunday 9 March at English Martyrs, Mexborough. His parents, Dominik and Katharyna, were joined by family members from Poland for this joyful occasion.



Au Revoir Fr Kieran Welcome Fr Evangelist

On Saturday, 25 January St Joseph, Wath-upon-Dearne parish held an evening of music and entertainment to welcome Fr Evangelist Ohaejesi and bid a safe voyage to Fr Kieran O'Connell. The hall was packed with parishioners from both Wath and Rawmarsh, St Joseph's parish. Entertainment included songs from Sister Act provided by 'the brothers and sisters of perpetual

indulgence' from St Joseph's, Rawmarsh, and music and song from Maura and Dave Booth and Diane, Sarah and Kathryn Bush. The Chairs of the two Parish Councils presented a gift to Fr Kieran on behalf of both parishes. Refreshments included a pie and pea supper cooked by Peter Olding, which was described as 'delicious as always'.



Fr Kieran is presented with his gift

CONGRATULATIONS!



On 19 March Mary Josephine (after St Joseph, whose feast day she was born on) McNulty celebrated her 90th birthday.

It was a day of festivities with family and friends. Mary celebrated midday Mass at The Annunciation Church. Later that day she attended the SVP District Council Festival Mass and meeting at St Joseph's Church, Staveley. Terry Mortimer, the President of the Chesterfield SVP District Council congratulated Mary not only on her birthday, but also on the magnificent achievement of having been an active member of the SVP for 65 years.

Our photograph shows Mary with 24 cupcakes to signify 1924, the year of her birth.

Three Generations



L to R: Andrew Neal son, Frank Neal father, Joseph Neal grandson

Father, son and grandson of the Neal family are now Brothers of Hallamshire Catenian 218 Circle. Frank Neal is holding the Hallam Plate which is awarded annually to the member of the Circle who has done much during the year. Next year will be the 50th year of the Circle and Frank, who was one of the founder members, will be the President.

Photograph: JFR

MASS FOR RETIRED AND DECEASED TEACHERS



St Vincent's Church, Crookes was the venue for a Mass for retired and deceased teachers. Fr Paddy Walsh celebrated the Mass. Our picture shows Fr Walsh and the congregation of the Mass.

Photograph: JFR



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Pupils at St Bernard's, Rotherham Live Out Their Christian Faith

Candlelight Vigil for Syria

St Bernard's High School held a vigil for Syria on Friday 14 March to coincide with the third anniversary of the start of the civil war.

In holding the occasion, St Bernard's joined people all over the world who took part in vigils from Washington to Moscow.

Teacher, Mrs Davis said, "The vigil is to show the people of Syria that they are not alone. Nearly half of Syria's population are in need and are suffering every day as a result of the conflict. We hope that in joining people around the world, we can push for urgent action to ensure Syrians in need can access the help they need."

Half of all Syrian refugees are children and the Y7 students have been taking part in Oxfam's 'Seen and Heard' campaign, for which they collected postcards sharing the stories of refugees, in the hope that Syrian voices do not go unheard.

We aim to send the 'Seen and Heard' postcards, which also contain personal



messages from the pupils, to our local MP Sarah Champion. The campaign is calling for world leaders to do more to help end the conflict.

The vigil was organised with the help

of Year 7 pupils, who have also been working on a project entitled 'My Syrian Friend' in which they have been learning about the struggles many Syrians face.

Soup and Bread Lunches for CAFOD

CAFOD hold their annual family fast day during Lent and St Bernard's Catholic High School always try and support the excellent work they do. For one week students were given the opportunity to purchase a simple soup and bread lunch for £1.

Many students took part expressing empathy to those millions who go without every day. Lucy, a year 10 student, told us, "It is important that we take these opportunities to experience what those less fortunate than us go through on a daily basis."



FAIRTRADE STALL



During Fairtrade fortnight, students from year 8 held a Fairtrade bun sale. Using Fairtrade produce they made a wide variety of goodies including banana bread, cookies and delicious banana milkshake. Mrs Davies, who organised the sale through her PHCSE class, said, "Fairtrade fortnight is an opportunity for us to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a free society with a minimum wage and good working conditions."

Barlborough Hall's fundraising week boosts local charities.

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ST WILFRID'S CENTRE, SHEFFIELD

Grant Award for St Wilfrid's

St Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable people in Sheffield was recently delighted to receive a grant award from The Plater Trust. The award was to be presented at the Cardinal Hume Centre London by the new Cardinal Vincent Nichols, but unfortunately he was called to Rome at short notice. The able deputy for the day was Archbishop George Stack who thanked all the charities involved, and is seen here with team St Wilf's at the recent presentation ceremony, from left to right Simrin Choudhrie, St Wilfrid's patron, Helen Lowry, Director's PA, Kevin Bradley, Director, Archbishop George Stack and Mandi Hunt, Consultant Fundraiser.

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Reality Check for TV Celebrity

Jamie Laing, star of the television reality show 'Made in Chelsea' recently visited Sheffield as part of the 'Famous Rich and Hungry' programme. Jamie came along to St Wilfrid's and was filmed there with Mohammed who was experiencing difficult times. St Wilf's proved to be Jamie's favourite place on his travels. The programme was part of the recent Sports Relief charity event. Our photograph below shows Jamie with Helen Lowry, PA to St Wilfrid's Director.



MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

Sheffield Rotary Clubs once again present the Music in the Gardens event held in the Sheffield Botanical Gardens. St Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable in Sheffield is delighted to have been named as one of the beneficiaries this year. Director of the Centre, Kevin Bradley said, "This really is a top summer event in Sheffield and we are very grateful to the local Rotary Clubs for supporting us this

year."

St Wilfrid's night is on Friday, 18 July when Heaven 17 is performing.

Information about booking for all the events is online at www.musicinthegardens.co.uk.

The proceeds over the 4 day programme will be split between all the nominated charities. Please look online and come along to any or all of the days and support these very worthy charities.

St Wilf's Celebrates St Pat's

St Patrick's Day was recently celebrated at St Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable in Sheffield in a very special way. The party included Irish Dancers from Sheffield University dance team (pictured below), Monsignor Kilgannon on the tin whistle and Creative Arts Tutor, Rachel Wood on the violin.

Clients from the Centre all joined in the fun which included singing, dancing and most of all plenty of laughter.



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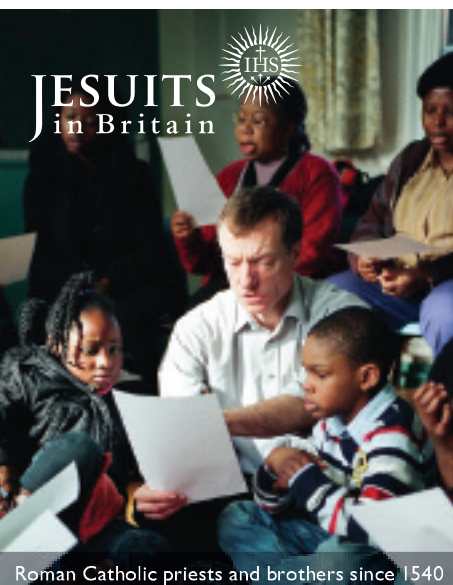
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Catenian Public Speaking Competition

For the last few years, Public Speaking Competitions have been a feature of Catenians linking and encouraging the development of our Catholic youth.

Earlier this year, William Mirfin-Boukouris, from St Mary's Catholic High School in Chesterfield took part in Province 15, Annual Catholic Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition where pupils from eight schools across the East Midlands spoke to an audience which included both Bishop John and Bishop Malcolm Mc Mahon.

More recently, the inaugural Catenian Public Speaking Competition for Province 3 South was held at Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England School in Barnsley. Bishop John was a guest at the event. The adjudicators included Frank McDermott, who for many years was the Diocesan Director of schools, and Angela Powell, who is responsible for CAFOD education in the Diocese.

Participants in the competition came from Sheffield, Doncaster and Barnsley in the Hallam Diocese, Wakefield in the Leeds Diocese and Scunthorpe, Grimsby and Lincoln, all in Nottingham Diocese. On the day there were Diocesan entries from St Pius Catholic High School at Wath, the McCauley School at Doncaster. Holy Trinity, Barnsley, Mount St Mary's at Spinkhill and one from St Teresa's Parish in Darton.

Each speaker had to speak for four minutes on a selected topic, which they had chosen. If the participant speaks for 20 seconds more or less, then penalty points are applied. Topics included, "Honesty is always the best policy", "Pope Francis is cool", "Abortion is never acceptable", "Immigration benefits society" and "Television has too much influence on our lives".

An audience of about one hundred, most of whom had never attended a Public Speaking Competition, listened and were enthralled by the performances of



our sixteen and seventeen year olds. Everyone agreed that it had been an afternoon very well spent. The speakers themselves were all competing for the first time. They all acquitted themselves really well. The winner, speaking on "Pope Francis is cool", was Theo Madigan from Mount St Mary's. Sam Angel from St Wilfrid's Catholic High School and Sixth Form College in Featherstone, Pontefract came second, while Lucy Towers of Holy Trinity was third.

All contestants received a certificate plus a cheque for £20. Lucy in third place received £50, Sam was awarded £75 and Theo received £100. He was also presented with the Mary Neal Public Speaking Trophy which his school will retain for one year. Pictured above are the participants from the following schools, St Wilfrid's, Featherstone, St Pius, Mount St Mary's, Holy Trinity, The McCauley and St Teresa's Parish, Darton.

Anniversaries All Around



A Circle meeting close to Valentine's Day was the excuse Barnsley Catenians needed to celebrate the institution of marriage. President Andrew Hartley delivered a beautiful red rose to each lady present, and indeed sent some to the homes of brother's wives who were not there in person, before Ken Barry discussed years and weddings. It used to be said that Tottenham Hotspurs always won a trophy when the year ended in a one. According to Ken, years ending in a four seemed favourite when it came to Barnsley Catenian weddings. Firstly, he said, himself and Annie

would be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this year (1974). They were amateurs though compared to Mike and Anne Fealy, Peter and Carol Worrall and Mike and Joyce Starford who would all be celebrating 50 years of marriage (1964). The couple who have most to celebrate though were John and Olga Gavin, married in February, 1954; a mere sixty years ago. John and Olga, pictured on the left, are seen above with Mike and Anne, Peter and Carol and Annie and Ken. Mike and Joyce avoided the photograph by being on holiday!

The Crusade of Mary Immaculate is a worldwide Catholic Church movement founded by St Maximilian Kolbe, which promotes personal consecration to Mary. It is based in Manchester and is run by the Franciscan Friars. The Crusade is now established in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield.

For more information see the website: www.mi-sheffield.com.



St Patrick's Day in Denaby Main

After Mass on the feast of St Patrick the festivities continued in St Alban's club with organist and singer, Mr John White from Blarney, County Cork, returning for the 32nd year.

Pictured on the right, sisters Mary, Ann and Josie show their parish priest, Fr John Cooke, how to celebrate in style.

INTERNATIONAL CATENIAN

Ken Barry, President of the Barnsley Catenians says, "Although he has only been a Barnsley Catenian for a few months, Tony Strike certainly takes his visiting seriously. Over in Perth, Australia on University of Sheffield business, he took the time out of his hectic schedule to have some rest and relaxation with Liwara Circle.

It was an "Experience of friendship and hospitality which transcends borders," Tony said. He was happy to be the example of the international perspective of Catenianism. Tony is flanked below by the provincial President of Province 20, Pat McManus and Mike Wright of Liwara Circle. They all seem to be enjoying the 'tinnies'!



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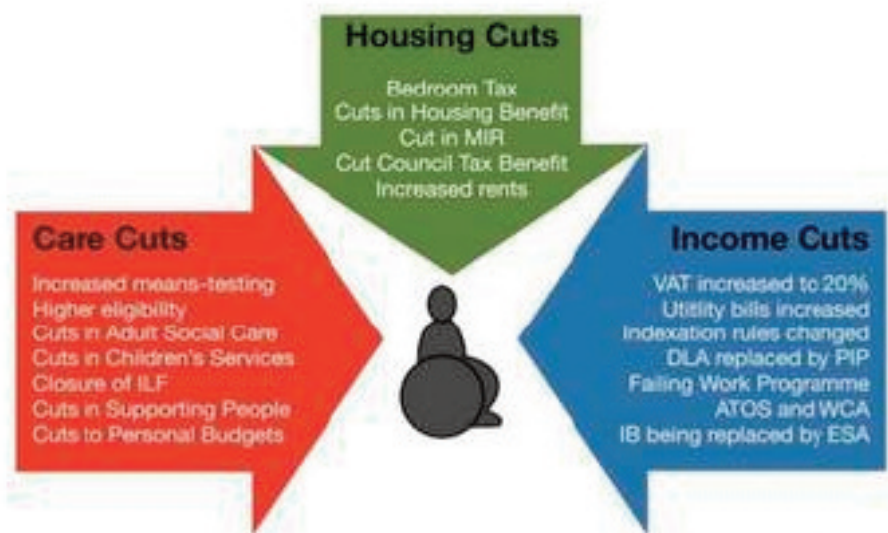
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Listen Up! – Sheffield Pilot

The following is slightly adapted from the Listen Up Report by Jane Perry. People in Britain are experiencing the biggest changes to their welfare state for 60 years. Many agree that some elements of the welfare system need changing, but there is less agreement on how and over what timescales. Further, these changes are being introduced in challenging times:

- a wider climate of recession and economic uncertainty;
- dramatic rises in costs of living;
- reduced living standards;
- attempts to reduce public deficit;
- austerity in public finances;
- cuts being introduced to public services;
- and perhaps worse of all
- a reduction in 'real terms' to support for the most vulnerable in our society.

Two teams from Sheffield churches recently took up the challenge of listening more thoroughly to members of their communities. Even those who had lived and worked in their area for many years were surprised by the stories they heard and the real difficulties people were facing in their everyday lives.

Their reflection was that we very rarely give each other time and space to talk freely about the detail of our

lives and that most of us, particularly those living incredibly carefully on low incomes, are generally too proud to volunteer such information. These conversations were at times a painful experience for both parties.

This report records the findings of a pilot of the Listen Up Project. The pilot was conducted in the Sheffield Manor and Longley Parishes of Sheffield Diocese between November 2012 and May 2013. The project explored whether it was possible to adapt the Sustainable Livelihood's Approach methodology in such a way that it could be used by church and community groups to engage with the impact of welfare reform, public sector cuts and wider economic challenges in their communities.

Participants reported feeling respected and clearly valued in a non-judgemental way. Listening where others had failed to was seen as giving the church credibility in the community. Willingness to "engage in uncomfortable conversations" gave opportunity to build new relationships, bringing people together to take action. This process of 'creating sparks – with integrity' enabled churches to find new awareness; connections and learning which will bring real change to what they do in the future.

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