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## THANKS A MILLION

**S**t Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable in Sheffield recently celebrated a great milestone with the announcement of having raised over £1m towards the target of £1.8m to build a residential unit to work in conjunction with the day centre.

The fundraising appeal was launched in March 2013 and Director, Kevin Bradley said, "At the time people were a little bit sceptical and at first gave me strange looks when I said we had to raise £1.8m. The financial climate was the worst it could be. However, I can honestly say that I have not lost a minute's sleep about raising the money and sincerely believe that when the hand of God is behind a snowball then no man on earth is going to stop it rolling."

The idea of the residential has caught the imagination of people throughout the country and Kevin was even invited to speak at the House of Commons to outline the project. The idea is to house people for up to two years and during that time the clients would take part in classes at the adjacent day centre to improve their social, independence and employable skills. Courses at the Centre are delivered in cookery, numeracy, literacy, computing and workshop activities. During the final months of their tenancy at the residential clients would be helped to move into council or housing association accommodation and given out-reach support.

Kevin added, "At the moment there is not enough support available in many cases to help them sustain their tenancy. People often move into an empty flat with no furniture and no money and many suffer from mental health problems. After a couple of weeks they start to panic when bills come through the door, which they may not be able to read. They get frightened and run away, drifting from town to town. This helps perpetuate the problem of homelessness and is replicated throughout the country. If we can help people in this way, the problem could be drastically reduced."

St Wilfrid's has received a great deal



of media attention recently and past appearances on Secret Millionaire and People's Millions have been followed by a cameo performance on Sports Relief in March 2014. The programme for Sports Relief broadcast on BBC1 portrayed the Centre in a very favourable light as 'Made in Chelsea' celebrity, Jamie Laing visited. Many celebrities have pledged their allegiance, the latest being actor Dominic West who agreed to become an Ambassador.

The ex Sheffield United and England international footballer, Tony Currie continues his valued support. Many celebrities are involved with the Centre, the latest being snooker star Ken Doherty, who visited while competing at the world championship snooker finals in Sheffield.

Kevin continued, "It is amazing that we have raised over £1m but we still have a way to go. I am extremely grateful to all who have contributed to the fund, however big or small, to the

individual giver, the company or charitable trust. Everyone is appreciated and they are all part of St Wilfrid's. Why not help us show the rest of the country what can be done for homeless and vulnerable people without government funds. Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

Anyone interested in donating to the St Wilfrid's residential project, please contact Kevin on 0114 2555720 or email him on [kevin.bradley@stwilfridscentre.org](mailto:kevin.bradley@stwilfridscentre.org).



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# What's on in June

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| 1  | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> .  | 11 | 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. |
| 4  | Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45pm for a talk by Fr Greaves from Darlington, 'The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Explained'. For more information tel: 0114 2306797, email: ascent@jn.green.plus.com, website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 11 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield.   |
| 6  | Charity Evening for St Luke's Hospice at St Theresa's Parish Hall, Prince of Wales Road, Sheffield, S2 1EY, 8pm. Live music with The Cadillacs, bring your own food and drink. Tickets £2, contact Mrs Catherine Fitzpatrick 0114 2339044.  | 14 | Latin Mass (1962 Rite) at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, 10am.  |
| 6  | Social Evening and Bingo at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA, 8pm.   | 15 | Latin Mass (1962 Rite) and Pilgrimage to Padley Chapel, Derbyshire, 1pm. Contact Mr Anthony Fitzpatrick 0114 2332801.   |
| 7  | Charity Race Night for the SVP Furniture Store (see page 4).  | 20 | Solemn Mass in honour of the Blessed Sacrament (1962 Rite) with Haydn 'Little Organ' Mass with the Eckington Singers, St Theresa's Church, Prince of Wales Road, Sheffield, S2 1EY, 7.30pm.           |
| 10 | Mass and talk on the Church in China with Fr Eamonn O'Brien at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, 8pm.  | 24 | Irish Night with the Shamrock Band, St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA, 8.30pm.  |
| 10 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.  | 24 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.  |

## 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.

# 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 Ascension
- 8 Pentecost
- 15 St Mary, Edlington.
- 22 St Joseph, Handsworth.
- 29 Our Lady and St James, Worsborough.

## DIOCESAN CHARITY DINNER AND DANCE

Saturday, 14 June

Hilton Double Tree, Chesterfield By-Pass (at the top of Meadowhead)

The 6th Annual Diocesan Dinner and Dance takes place on Saturday, 14 June. The evening comprises of a five-course meal, music and the grand prize draw, with a first prize of £1000 and a second prize of a holiday in Austria (excluding flights).

The proceeds will go to various diocesan charities including the Diocese of Hallam Bethlehem Fund, St Bernard's Catholic School Lesotho project, HCPT Sheffield and Doncaster 'Life' Shop.

This is a great evening with excellent food and a chance to make some money for some very worthwhile causes. Why not get a group of friends together and come along. Tickets cost £32.50 per person, and are available from any of the following: Joe McNally on 0114 236 4076; Liz Mason on 0114 255 1493; Dr Sandra Brinkley on 0114 230 4286; Dr Des Keating on 0114 230 2033 or Kevin Kerrigan on 01302 865348.

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There will be no tickets on the door.

Due to the huge demand we strongly recommend early booking.

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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN THE DIOCESE OF HALLAM



During the season of Lent, the campaign "40 Days for Life" was organised in the Diocese by three young adults from the Cathedral Parish of St Marie's in Sheffield.

The campaign consisted of a peaceful, prayerful vigil outside an abortion clinic during 12 hours on 4 days every week during Lent (pictured above with Bishop John and Fr Len May). The venue was the Danum Lodge abortion clinic in Doncaster where approximately 5000 babies are aborted every year.

The campaign brought together more than a hundred people of all ages from all over the Diocese, from different parishes and groups, and was a great success. During the Campaign people gathered together in the vigil 574 times and during the course of the Campaign over 17 parishes were visited. There have already been wonderful effects and fruits of the campaign and a greater awareness amongst the local community of Doncaster as to what goes on in this clinic.

The organisers commented, "We thank all those involved, the volunteers, priests, sisters, the LIFE movement of Doncaster and all who showed their support for the campaign during the time of Lent. We continue to stand up to defend those who cannot speak for themselves, to promote and defend Life and to reach out to support all those who suffer and are effected through abortion."

A summary of the campaign can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUal5473weg>.

## Pro-Life Witness at Meadowhall

Pro-life activists in South Yorkshire joined the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's annual 'human chain' to commemorate the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act at Meadowhall on Saturday, 26 April. Despite it being a holiday week 20 people turned up to put across the simple and shocking message that 560 children are aborted in this country every day. Unusually there was no negative reaction, perhaps because that figure speaks for itself.

If you would like to know more about joining the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and pro-life work in Hallam, contact 07815820052.

## Mass of the Resurrection



On Friday, 2 May, Bishop John joined staff and pupils of St Bernard's Catholic High School, Rotherham to celebrate Mass. The whole school came together in the sports hall to celebrate this Mass of the Risen Christ.

Pictured above with Bishop John are David Butler, head teacher and two students who were servers.



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## 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.

## Roman Catholic and Church of England Bishops in Joint Visit to Chesterfield Foodbank

Bishop John and the Rt Revd Humphrey Southern, the Bishop of Repton, visited the Chesterfield Foodbank in early April. The visit was in response to the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury's invitation to Christians to come together to pray and to support Christian social action over Paschionide.

They offered prayer and support for the 60 volunteers from all denominations who have helped feed 1364 people (905 adults and 459 children) since the foodbank opened its doors in June, 2013.

The project is led by 'The Order of the Black Sheep' a Fresh Expression of Church, but involves churches and community groups spread across Chesterfield and surrounding areas and is part of the Trussell Trust network.

The Trussell Trust is a Christian charity that launches foodbanks to provide three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food to people in crisis.

More information about the Trussell Trust is available

on their website [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org).

Bishop Humphrey Southern said, "Christians are taught to love our neighbours, and particularly to care for those who are in need. Foodbanks are practical expressions of that love in action. They also – by their very existence – ask a sharp question of society, 'What are we doing wrong that makes foodbanks necessary?'"

Bishop John said, "Granted that in a country like ours most certainly there should be no need for such things as foodbanks, it is wonderful that in the present circumstances there are such things as foodbanks and those who contribute to them; and those who work at them deserve the grateful thanks of the rest of the community as well as of the recipients. May God bless everyone concerned."

For more information about the Order of the Black Sheep, visit their website [www.theorderoftheblack-sheep.com](http://www.theorderoftheblack-sheep.com).

Bishop John is pictured at the Chesterfield Foodbank with Bishop Humphrey Southern and one of the volunteers.

# St George's Community Day at St Wilfrid's Centre

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Vickie Priestley, opened the recent St George's Community event at St Wilfrid's Centre, Sheffield.

People came from all walks of life from across the city, including politicians and business leaders, to join in the celebration. The event, which included an English buffet, singing and dancing with Sheffield City Morris Dancers, was a great success.

Visiting sporting celebrities included the legendary Tony Currie and star player, Harry Maguire from Sheffield United, as well as snooker veteran, Ken Doherty, fresh from the World Championship, who presided at the raffle draw.

Pictured on the left, Patrick, one of the clients, and Helen, PA to the Director, join in with the Sheffield City Morris Dancers.

## Raffle Prize Winners

1st prize  
2nd prize  
3rd prize  
4th prize  
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6th prize  
7th prize  
8th prize  
9th prize  
10th prize  
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## High Sheriff's Award



St Wilfrid's Centre was privileged to receive a High Sheriff's Award for valuable and devoted service to the community from Lady Ruby Sykes earlier in April.

As one of her final acts as the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, Lady Ruby chose to present the

Award to St Wilfrid's as she was so impressed with the work they do. As Centre Director, Kevin Bradley was away, the Award was presented to Charles Gillespie of St Wilfrid's Management Committee. He is pictured above with Lady Ruby Sykes.

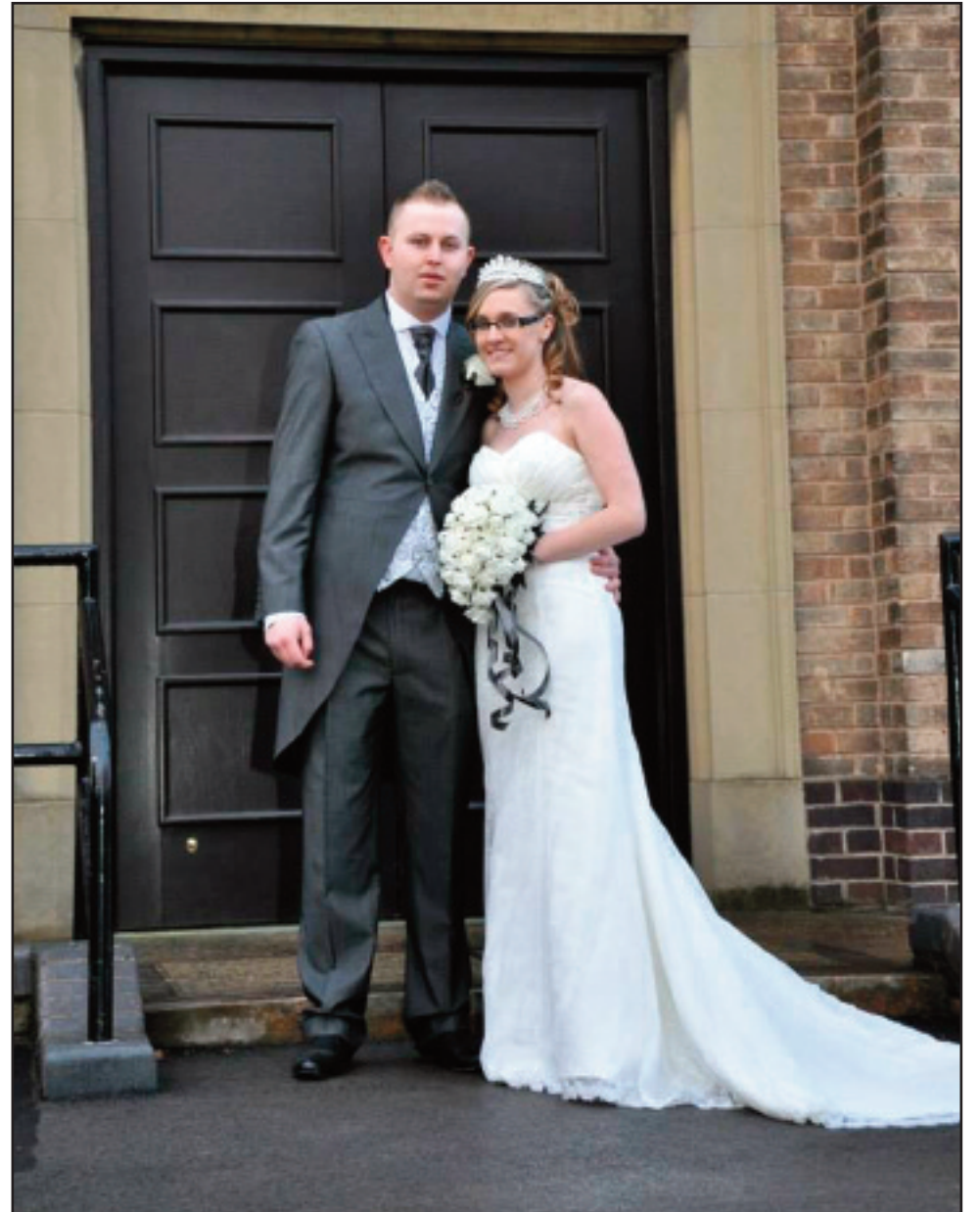




## Two Big Days for Diocesan Teaching Assistant

On New Year's Eve, former Diocesan InReality Team Leader, Grace Boyfield married fiancé, Alex McLoughlin. A Nuptial Mass was held at St Joseph's Church, Retford where the celebrants were Fr John Cooke and Fr Bill Bergin. Grace's second big day came in March

at St Mary's University, Twickenham, where she collected her Foundation Degree in Youth Ministry. Graduate Grace has now settled into married life with husband Alex in the Parish of St Alban's, Denaby Main and works as a teaching assistant at Holy Family Academy, Stainforth.



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## Holy Rood Parishioner Ordained in Manchester



A former member of Holy Rood Parish in Barnsley was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, 26 April at St Chad's Church, Manchester. Fr Boyle, Parish Priest, said, "We thank God for the ordination as Priest of Richard Bailey from Holy Rood Parish on 26th April. Bishop Brain performed the ceremony with 30 priests in a packed (500+) church, where Fr Richard is a member of the Oratory. Several parishioners from Holy Rood attended the ordination." Fr Richard is pictured above with his Mum.

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# HOLY WEEK ON THE WYBOURN, SHEFFIELD



During Good Friday and Holy Saturday, some young adults from the Cathedral Church of St Marie's in Sheffield organised activities, fun and games for children on the Wybourn estate in Sheffield. The Parish of St Oswald's was used as the

venue and on both days there were activities for children. On the Saturday they gathered to hear the Easter story and the activities ended with an Easter egg hunt and a raffle. Altogether, 70 children participated and over 20 young adults offered their sup-

port during the days.

Everyone involved deserves great thanks and a special thanks to Emmaus Catholic and Church of England School, and to Sr Rosemary and Sr Ann at St Oswald's.

## Chaplaincy in St Mary's School



The Chaplaincy Team led by Sr Bernadette Doherty at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chesterfield is going from strength to strength. The school now has an Outreach Project supporting the Nano Nagle Nursery School in India. Their prayer life is developing through exploring different forms of praying, including meditation, journaling and Lectio Divina.

Following the establishment of the Children's Chaplaincy

Team, which comprises of Amy, Bradley, Grace, Hollie, Loretta and Michelle, the project has now extended to include an Adults' Chaplaincy Team. This team involves school staff, governors, teachers and the neighbouring St Joseph's Nursery School.

Pictured above, the sacred space at St Mary's School; above right, the Nano Nagle Nursery School in India: a work in progress; right, nursery children in their new uniform.





# Noah's Ark Production

**C**hildren of Holy Rood Catholic Primary School, Barnsley, performed a musical version of the story of Noah.

Headteacher, John Gregson, said, "Really well done to the incredibly talented children in classes 3 and 4 for their brilliant production of 'Rock the Boat' - a musical based on the story of Noah.

"Their acting, singing, costumes and everything about it was just fantastic to see. The children were a real credit to themselves, the school and their families. They not just thoroughly enjoyed doing it, but there was also such a lovely ambience and atmosphere that made it extra special.

"A huge thank you to all the staff involved for their weeks of hard work and professionalism in getting the children to perform so well. It doesn't just happen by 'magic' and we really appreciate all the very hard work entailed. "Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to Barnsley Hospice and helped us raise £133.52."



Members of the cast of 'Rock the Boat'

## WORK BEGINS ON THE RESTORATION OF BARLBOROUGH HALL GAZEBO

Major work has begun to restore and develop the historic gazebo at Derbyshire's Barlborough Hall School. The grade II\* listed building that

neighbours the main old hall at Barlborough has been empty and unused since the 1950s but, thanks to support from English Heritage, the gazebo will

now be restored to its former glory and turned into additional learning space. The gazebo adjoins the Elizabethan mansion that was originally designed by the famed architect, Robert Smythson, who also designed Hardwick Hall, near Chesterfield. Barlborough Hall, set on the edge of the village of Barlborough, was the seat of the Rodes family until the 1930s and has been home to Barlborough Hall School for the last 75 years.

Malcolm Lucas, Facilities Director at Barlborough Hall School, said, "It's an exciting and important time for the school. The project has been a long time in the planning. Thanks to strong support from English Heritage and lots of work behind the scenes we have been able to secure 80% funding to make it all happen. The project

started over Easter and will take place over the coming months."

The £170,000 project will include careful restoration of the original architecture and the development of the building so that it can be used as a classroom. The school, an independent Catholic school, teaches children aged between three and 11. Work will include a new roof, repairs to the stone walls, doors and window frames and the repair of plaster floors. It will also include the specialist repair of an ornate plaster chimney piece and the glazing of some windows, as well as the installation of power and light.

While Barlborough Hall School maintains its historic character, it also boasts modern facilities including a swimming pool, dance studio, theatre and specialist classrooms.



Barlborough Hall School

## Barlborough Hall School Pupil Takes Tennis Scene by Storm

Barlborough Hall School's young tennis ace, Liana Sharratt-Blanksby, is taking the tennis scene by storm after winning her first two county competitions in quick succession.

The seven-year-old, who attends three coaching sessions a week and practises every day, is on a roll after winning the competitions.

First she won the Under 8s David Lloyd York County Tour Event, winning an impressive 8 out of 8 games and beating her opponent 10-2 in the final. She then went on to win the Under 8s David Lloyd Nottingham County Tour Event and again won all her games and beat her opponent 10-3 in the final.

Liana is coached by Yorkshire accomplished player and coach, Dave Marray, who is the brother of 2012 Wimbledon doubles winner Jonny Marray. Liana plays for the Hallamshire Tennis Club's Academy for

Aspiring Tennis players and also attends the Nottingham Performance Academy.

Nic Boyes, Headteacher at independent Jesuit school Barlborough Hall, said, "Liana has a real talent for tennis and we are all incredibly proud of her recent achievements."

Mum, Davina Sharratt, added, "We always knew she had a talent from the age of four when we bought her a swingball and she spent the whole of the summer practising. Liana has a real focus that is rare in someone of that age. While she is small in stature when she's on court she becomes so focused that it surprises us all. We're so proud of her."

Liana hopes to follow in the footsteps of her dad, Paul Blanksby who, as a former professional squash and racket ball player, gained a long list of national and international titles during his career.

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In recent times, I don't think that there have been many issues that have caused more discussion within the Catholic community than the alleged apparitions of Our Lady at Medjugorje. Hardly a publication goes by without some expert or other voicing an opinion. Some opinions are pro some anti, not surprisingly the anti lobby seem to be more vociferous than the pro lobby. Personally I welcome opinion and debate, but wonder if the right and Christian approach shouldn't be to prayerfully and respectfully await the outcome of the Vatican commission on the subject.

I say alleged apparitions because I want to keep an open mind on the subject and await the Vatican's decision. And although Sue, my wife, and I have been pilgrimage group leaders to Medjugorje for a number of years, if I was asked whether Our Lady is appearing, I would have to say truthfully I don't know, I have no proof for Our Lady hasn't appeared to me personally. But I do believe in the apparitions because I want to believe, some may not want to believe, whilst others may want to believe but need signs. This seems to me no different to the faith struggle in general. Something I often ponder though: how could those six young vi-

sionaries live such a lie, if it is a lie, for thirty plus years, most of their life, without one of them breaking rank; and yet when you see and speak to them, they are so full of joy, how could they carry the burden of deceit of 30 million plus pilgrims so joyfully? I also believe in the many things that I have seen and heard, things that have happened in people's lives as well as to me and my family, how can I not believe? So much to ponder and I wonder if all these experiences are too many and too much to be coincidence?

My own experience started in the late 1990's. I was that typical "Sunday Catholic", last in first out at Mass. I think that I wanted to do more within the church, but I was just too busy to get involved. Two things happened about the same time, firstly I was asked to consider becoming a Deacon. Having no idea what a Deacon was, it didn't take too much research for me to realise this wasn't for me. The second thing was that we both decided to go on a pilgrimage. My idea was Lourdes, Sue had other ideas and we went to Medjugorje. That first pilgrimage was a washout, it never stopped raining. We went twice more and I was coming to the conclusion it wasn't for me, I got nothing out of it and importantly it

was costing me a week's holiday each year. Why we kept going I have no idea and why we both felt suddenly compelled to become facilitators for first time pilgrims is still a mystery. Although we didn't notice anything ourselves we have been told by family and friends that they could see a change in us. Looking back I realise that I am becoming a different person. I know that I'm not there yet and I think that this is the key to why we keep returning. It is as though each year we are given another piece of the jigsaw puzzle to work on. It isn't easy, a lot of the changes have certainly not been easy.

I'm a big believer in speaking as you find. Medjugorje is many things to many people; for some it's where Heaven meets earth, for others it's Our Lady's school of prayer, yet for others it will be the issue that will split the Catholic Church. Whatever, I believe that "speaking as you find" is not a bad idea, so why not make the pilgrimage and see for yourself. Importantly go with an open mind. I'm convinced that you too will then have an informed opinion, a tale or two to tell, and plenty to ponder.



# CONGRATULATIONS!



Mrs Maureen Hill, a lifelong member of St Alban's parish, Denaby Main, celebrated her 80th birthday on 3 May. Family and friends joined Maureen in St Alban's Club for singing, dancing and reminiscing. Many happy returns! Maureen is pictured enjoying the celebrations above right, and above with parish priest of St Alban's, Fr John Cooke.



## Family Focus Project Parenting Course

Seven people, including two couples and a mother in law/grandma, attended a course delivered by Diocesan Family Support Worker, Laura Rendell, at Kiveton Park.

One of the parents, Beth Holmes, had contacted the Caring Services about a course because her parent had attended one many years earlier and recommended it. Hallam Caring Services was pleased to be able to provide participants with free handbooks, courtesy of a grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Feedback from the group was enthusiastic about the positive changes that had occurred in their relationships with their children. Particular mention was made of the value of listening for feelings, offering reasonable choices and spending time with their children. Many Diocesan schools now have trained staff to deliver similar courses. For more information please contact Susan Tym, tel: 0114 2554790, email: suetym@btconnect.com or Laura Rendell, tel: 07825449306, email: l.rendell@live.co.uk.



Participants in the Parenting Course at Kiveton Park with Laura Rendell, back left, Family Support Worker

## Catholic Grandparents Association

The Catholic Grandparents Association was formally launched in England and Wales on 9 May in Westminster. The event was attended by a number of diocesan Bishops, along with grandparents from local groups and parishes.

The Association, which is operating in many countries already and faithful to its mission to keep prayer at the heart of the family and passing on the faith, has already been working in dioceses across the country and has supported the growth of a number of individual parish groups.

Catherine Wiley, Catholic Grandparents Association founder, said, "Grand-



parents' vital contribution to the family, the Church and society was never as important as now. We are living in unprecedented times, with constantly changing social and moral values. Sometimes we feel like we are failing. We are not. We can never fail so long

### RACHEL BENNETT

Members of the Union of Catholic Mothers were sad to hear of the death of Rachel Bennett, a much loved member of our Diocese, a former parishioner of St Joseph's, Retford, where she was a choir member, UCM Treasurer and Foundation President.

Rachel died on Friday, 28 March in Cheltenham at the home of her daughter, where she had moved to be with her family. May she rest in peace.

as we keep on doing what we are doing – praying, showing the way and passing on our faith."

To find out more about the Association, visit [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).



Rachel Bennett

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## In Loving Memory

### MARY JOHNSON

On Holy Saturday, Mary Johnson died after a long illness.

Mary played a very significant role in Catholic Education in the Hallam Diocese and next month's paper will carry a tribute to Mary.



# THE ROAD TO SALVATION



In the week before Holy Week, St Francis Parish, Sheffield was host to Lavinia Jones, an art lecturer who spoke about the theme 'The Road to Salvation' in art.

Sharing her deep knowledge and love of art, she selected pictures and sculptures ranging from the 13th century Cimabue, through the Renaissance Masters and the Impressionists to the modern art of Stanley Spencer, George Roualt and Maggie Hambling to illustrate her theme.

She contrasted the styles of the painting of the crucified Christ from Northern and Southern Europe. In Italy, paintings by artists such as Raphael show a beautiful and healthy Christ, with a halo and ministering angels, whereas Rembrandt in the Netherlands shows a human, tortured Christ, with no halo, but someone who is like us. She showed a number of depictions of "Ecce Homo", the words spoken by Pilate when he presented the scourged

Christ to the throng. Many of them take as their theme "the extraordinary in the Ordinary". These range from a picture by Rembrandt where Jesus is not the main focus to the extraordinary sculpture by Mark Wallinger which had temporary pride of place on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar square. She showed a number of photographs of the statue, taken from different angles. It shows a life size man in a loin cloth and a crown of thorns. It contrasted nicely with the triumphalist statues of British war heroes such as Nelson that surround it. Another depiction of Ecce Homo is Jacob Epstein's statue which is now in Coventry Cathedral, which was perceived as ugly, alone and had been rejected, a bit like Christ.

A different style is the modern picture by Lovis Corinth which depicts the suffering and the degradation of humans through violence and war. In a rough drawing he shows a brutalised Jesus,

a modern soldier and Pilate dressed as a physician.

Continuing the theme of the extraordinary in the ordinary, many pictures show everyday life going on around the suffering of Christ. Breughel's 'The Road to Calvary', where Jesus is hard to spot in the crowd (like 'Where's Wally') and Stanley Spencer's 'Entry into Jerusalem', set in Cookham, near Maidenhead, were good examples.

Lavinia then discussed two sculptures by Michelangelo on the same theme, Jesus being taken down from the cross. The early and famous Pieta, in St Peter's, is a perfect sculpture tackling a very tricky composition (pictured below). Perhaps it is too perfect. The faces of Jesus and Mary are beautiful and young, as was the artist, who was in his early 20's when he created it. The later, less well known pieta, has Mary Magdelene, the Virgin and Nicodemus supporting a suffering Christ (pictured on the left). In this sculpture, the figures are no longer perfect. The face of Nicodemus is said to be that of Michelangelo himself, and

still shows the chisel marks, possibly because Michelangelo died before he had a chance to polish it smooth, but also possibly to show the effort involved in its creation. The sculpture was intended for Michelangelo's own tomb and depicts a vision by a man who has suffered in life.

All in all, the talk was both entertaining and educational, and a perfect meditation on the way Christ has been perceived throughout the ages in the run-up to Easter. Thanks to St Francis Parish Pastoral Council for arranging it.



*Lavinia Jones*





# Whirlow Grange Spirituality Centre

## Reflective Worship

Sunday 1 June, 7pm

An opportunity to worship in a contemplative and reflective way. Each service is different, but all those that lead seek to use creative ways of engaging with scripture, symbol, silence and music. The service usually lasts 45 minutes with the opportunity for hot drinks and an opportunity to get to know everyone in the lounge afterwards. All are welcome.

## Hidden Houses of Prayer: treasure in your own home

Saturday 7 June, £10 including lunch, 9.45am-3.45pm

St Peter's Warmsworth, Warmsworth Road, Doncaster DN4 0TW (NB Alternative venue)

Jesus said 'whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.' Would you like to draw together for a day at the edge of Doncaster to learn from those who share a felt sense of God's call to pray more deeply? The Hidden Houses of Prayer network was established by Philip Roderick in 2010 in the Diocese of Sheffield as an invisible network of people drawn to the practice of contemplative, creative and intercessory prayer in their own homes. Your home is one of the key places where you can meet with God. To book this event please call Jill on 01302 858377.

## A Timeless Pilgrim Path: Walking the Labyrinth Today

Saturday 14 June, £22 including lunch and refreshments, 9.45am-3.45pm

Beautiful labyrinths were made in the centre of medieval Cathedrals like Chartres; primitive versions have been found scratched on rock or built with turf or stones from ancient times. Dr Christine Stevens and Christine Whaite will lead in the exploration of the fascinating history of the labyrinth and its contemporary uses in prayer,



meditation and spiritual exercises. We will be making or preparing our own labyrinth, working with it, walking it and sharing our own discoveries through individual reflection, creative responses and group discussion. This is a practical spirituality workshop so please bring comfortable clothes, notebooks, sketch books and art materials if you like to use them. Weather permitting we may work outside so come prepared! To book please call 0114 2363173.

## Simple Quiet Day

Tuesday 17 June, £13 including packed lunch, 9.45am – 3.45pm

A simple unstructured day, a time for pause and prayer. A leader will offer suggestions and materials for the day, but it's a time for you to rest and be in the presence of God as best suits you. To book please call 0114 2363173.

## Movement in Worship

Wednesday 18 June, £22 including lunch and refreshments, 9.45am-

3.45pm

This workshop day, led by Jane Mettam, is about coming into the presence of God and developing our relationship with him through movement. We can use our bodies to express our hearts in praise, worship and prayer. It's for people with no or little experience in movement or dance, as well as those who have done some before and want to take some time out with God. There will be movements we all do together to a set song, an opportunity to learn some of the tools of movement so our bodies can express different ideas, and time to move freely before God allowing the Lord to minister to us. Be sure to come in loose clothing ready to take part. Suitable for all age groups regardless of abilities. To book please call 0114 2363173.

## To an Unknown God: Praying with Paul in Athens – A City of Many Spiritualities

Wednesday 25 June, £22 including

lunch and refreshments, 9.45am-3.45pm

Led by Reverend Graham Pigott Paul's response to the spiritual searching and idols in the city of Athens drew out of him a creative and very different strategy from which we can learn as we consider mission today. There will be a careful consideration of the story, opportunities to meditate and reflect, to listen and share, and learn together how we might respond to some of the challenges to sharing our faith today in a society of many faiths and none. To book please call 0114 2363173.

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CARJ works to support people from diverse backgrounds through awareness raising and education for racial justice, promotion of spiritual growth and development advocacy

CARJ works with Catholic Dioceses and Parishes

- To raise awareness of the issues of racial justice and community cohesion
- To promote reflection, discussion and action
- To support diocesan and other local racial justice groups
- To promote network and collaborate with individuals and groups with similar aims
- To organise the annual celebration of Racial Justice Sunday
- To raise the CARJ profile in the church and the wider society

## The CARJ Prayer

Heavenly God, we praise your name and thank you for your glorious goodness and mercy.

Lord Jesus, we pray a blessing for all those actively engaged in the struggle for racial justice.

Holy Spirit, we beseech you to enter into the minds and hearts of all those in authority in the Church.

Grant that we may

Hear the voices crying out for justice

Engage in developing a better understanding

Act to bring about change

Lead and inspire others by their good example

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The love of God is greater than all evil.

We pray for racial justice in our lives, in our parishes, in our dioceses, in our land.  
Amen.

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## Hallam Diocesan Assembly Spirituality Series

The last in this series of half days on different forms of spirituality will take place on Saturday, 12 July, 9am for 9.30am-12.30pm. It will focus on Benedictine Spirituality and the leader will be one of the community from Ampleforth Abbey.

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