# Hallam News

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#### ishop John, whose resignation took effect on 20 May following the appointment of Bishop Ralph Heskett as the third Bishop of Hallam, is leaving for his well-earned retirement after 17 years of service to the Diocese. He leaves with the warm and heartfelt thanks of the priests, religious and laity and with our hope that he will enjoy the next stage of his ministry in the Church. It is Bishop John's hope that, after a short break, he will step back into parish life in Liverpool, from which diocese he came and for which he was Auxiliary Bishop for 16 years. He is, and will always remain, a priest of the Hallam Diocese. There are many dimensions to Bishop John's leadership in the diocese and it is only possible to mention a few of them. Prominent among his contributions has been the ecumenical and interfaith aspect of his work in which, through the warmth and trust of his relationships with other Faith leaders in the City of Sheffield and beyond, he has been able to provide, with them, a united voice against extremism and have a positive and healing influence. This has extended beyond the worshipping communities, to affect the way in which Sheffield and the surrounding areas have responded to the vulnerable and voiceless with caring compas-

# **OUR THANKS TO BISHOP JOHN**

sion. His legacy, in partnership with many others, is that Sheffield is a City of Sanctuary and provides all kinds of support for refugees and asylum seekers through the ASSIST charity. Bishop John has been a supporter of many other initiatives such as Church Action on Poverty and, in relation to the provision of services to the elderly and vulnerable, the Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care. In all this work, Bishop John has cemented links with other Faith leaders, particularly the retired Bishop of Sheffield, Jack Nichols and the current Bishop Steven Croft.

Bishop John has a very strong sense of the universality of the Church and the need for action to help those suffering and in trouble and in his role as the Chair of the Trustees of CAFOD he has not only visited parts of the world like Liberia where CAFOD provides practical support for displaced people, but also places like El Salvador where the Church has been intimately involved with those oppressed. He has brought these experiences back to the diocese which has strong links with

CAFOD and an appreciation of the importance of Justice and Peace in our communities and in the world.

At home, and near to his heart, Bishop John has tirelessly supported our parishes and their outreach, in particular the Hallam Caring Services and St Wilfrid's Centre which provides such support for

someone who is a strong and serious walker, he has 'led the way' on fund raising walks, sometimes outstripping those who follow; he would wait for the stragglers to catch up and then set off again just when they were hoping to get their breath back!

Bishop John has been a staunch supporter of our Catholic schools and during the transition that many of the schools have made to Academy status, he has had to spend many long hours in meetings. In this, and in many other ways, he has worked unstintingly for the good of the diocese.

Marking the New Millennium and the challenges of the 21st century, he called for a Diocesan Assembly with a Sheffield Arena celebration of the Church in Hallam, past and present, and a Big Picnic on Doncaster Racecourse. Under his guidance, the post Assembly programme encouraged the building of parish communities on a model of good deanery practice, with an emphasis on collaborative ministry. More recently, the Assembly meetings

disadvantaged people in Sheffield. His support has been very practical for, as tions of spirituality, helping us to deepen within us what is at the heart of following Christ. And always keen to stimulate and nurture our understanding of the faith, Bishop John most recently initiated a diocesan study day on Pope Francis's exhortation 'The Joy of the Gospel'.

We are fortunate in the diocese to have many permanent Deacons, and Bishop John has supported both the priests and deacons in the diocese, also encouraging the involvement of priests from Africa, India and Poland in the life of our parishes. We benefit from their ministry and they benefit from

their experience here.

Bishop John has always seemed to be very approachable and genuinely to enjoy the company of parishioners. He relishes sitting and talking over a cup of tea after Mass. He is an extremely good listener, and, as with all good listeners, he hears well what people have said and his warmth and understanding is reciprocated by the trust and loyalty that he receives.

We wish him well.







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# What's on in July

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- Deadline for articles for next issue of the Hallam News.
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   Social Evening and Bingo,
- Social Evening and Bingo, 8.30pm at St Vincent's CMS Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA.
- 5 CMS Summer Supper at St Vincent's CMS Club, 7.30pm, with music by The Cadillacs. Tickets £7.50, tel: Anthony Fitzpatrick, 0114 2332801.
- Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refresh ments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.
- 8 Talk at St Vincent's CMS Club, 8pm, by Fr James Shekelton on the Church in South America.
- 9 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.

Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield.

Installation of third Bishop of Hallam, Rt Rev Ralph Heskett at St Marie's Cathedral.

at St Marie's Cathedral. Latin Mass (1962 Rite) at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, 10am.

Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refresh ments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.

Irish Night with the Shamrock Band at St Vincent's CMS Club, 8.30pm.

Mass at Padley Chapel,
7.30pm, to celebrate the Feast
of the Padley Martyrs. All
welcome, bring a picnic to
enjoy in the grounds.
Day of praise and reflection,
'Seeking the Lord' at St
Mary's, Maltby parish room.
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and coffee. Please bring a
shared lunch. More details
from Alessio Salvadori 0114
2664500 or Tony or Yvonne

Lazenby 01302 742368.

#### St Catherine of Alexandria, Sheffield Union of Catholic Mothers Foundation celebrate their 75th Anniversary this year

For more information about a celebratory event please telephone Mrs Ann Murphy, 0114 2751750.

Past and present members of the UCM will be very welcome. The story of St Catherine's UCM will be published next month.



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# **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month**

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

- 6 Sacred Heart, Balby.
- 13 Our Lady of Sorrows, Bamford.
- 20 Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth.
- 27 Sacred Heart and St Helen, Hoyland.

### The On-Line Hallam News

July is a very important month for the Hallam News. This month a digital version of the paper becomes available. By logging on to www.hallamnews.com everyone can access this new version of the paper. The Hallam News on line includes forthcoming events and news of happenings around the Diocese, just as the hard copy of the paper carries. It will also feature more in depth articles on spirituality, theology and the work of major bodies operating in the Diocese and the issues they face and deal with.

The launch of the digital version of the Hallam News is the start of a more dynamic system of communication, which will reach the widest audience in the fastest way. So that major events in the Diocese, for example, the appointment of our new Bishop, can be reported as the news breaks, rather than at the beginning of the next month when the paper copy is available.

The digital Hallam News is set up in such a way that it is possible to follow up articles of interest. A click of a button will enable readers to go further into many news items and features for more details. The site will also carry links to further topics and sites of interest. There is a Calendar with an overview of current events in the Diocese. Again, clicking on an event will provide the reader with further details of the proceeding including a map of the venue.

The digital Hallam News will replicate the format of the hard copy. A paper version will still be available in parishes for anyone who wants one. Please remember that the Hallam News is dependent on people sending



in to the Pastoral Centre items of news and interest. This can be done by email hallamnews@hallamdiocese.com, by letter to Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU or over the phone 0114 2566406.

The Communications Commission is comprised mainly of volunteers. There are no photographers or journalists to follow up stories. So please continue to send in material celebrating and recording the work of our Diocese.

In this way we hope the whole Diocese can be involved in and benefit from the improved communication across the Diocese, which the Diocesan Hallam News provides.

Marian Bolton, Editor

### Annual Diocesan Pilgrimages

Padley, Sunday 13 July

Pilgrims sssemble at 3pm at Grindleford Station to be led to Padley Chapel by Bishop John Rawsthorne who will be the main celebrant at Mass at 3.30pm, with clergy from the Dioceses of Hallam and Nottingham. The speaker this year is Mgr David Hogan, Prior of the Northumbrian section of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

Walsingham, Saturday 19 July

This year Fr Dennis Norman leads the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. For enquiries please contact Mr Tom McNicholas, telephone 01226 242145.

### 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.

pleforth Abbey. The venue is Blessed Trinity Church, Northfield Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 2HF.

For more information and updates of events please email hallamassembly@talktalk.net. If you would like information/updates to be sent by email, your email will be used solely for this purpose and will not be disclosed to any third party.

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# Catholic Religious Studies for Adult Learners



Many Catholics feel that learning about religion stopped when they left school. Some want to ask questions about things like the Bible or the Church that have just "been there" all their lives. Others are preparing to teach in schools, or work in parishes as catechists and readers and are looking to deepen their own reflection on scripture, doctrine and practice.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides an

opportunity to do all of this in a friendly, supportive group setting here in Hallam with trained tutors and participants from all ages and backgrounds.

The 2014-16 Hallam programme starts in September and is open to all: to those involved in education, catechesis and ministry, and to those looking to deepen their faith or theological understanding. Participants do not need any qualifications or involvement in a

specific church or educational role to join the course.

#### What is it?

The course introduces the basics of Christian theology and faith from a Catholic perspective, and also provides a basis for further study. It is validated by the Board of Religious Studies of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which awards the certificate to those who successfully complete the course.

#### Who is it for?

The CCRS programme is open to everyone.

For teachers and those involved in religious education in schools, it gives a nationally recognised qualification and is recommended for anyone teaching in a Catholic school. Hallam CCRS includes 2 specialist modules on teaching RE for those working in schools.

Catechists, readers and those involved in various parish ministries have the opportunity not only to discover more about the theology behind church teaching, but to reflect on how it relates with their ministry, on their own and with other participants.

Of course, many adults simply take the course to deepen their own faith understanding. A student recently said "I've always wondered why... but noone has ever explained it before."

Non-Catholics are very welcome on the course. The sessions on the Bible and on Jesus Christ are particularly suited

to joint ecumenical study and can be taken as standalone modules.

### Study and Assessment The course runs over 2 years, starting

in September although you can join at the start of any module. The sessions are held once a month on a Saturday morning and include a mix of teaching, discussion, exercises, and reflection. Assessment is usually by a written assignment or journal. Module credits are transferable to other CCRS centres if you move, and it is possible to take time out and pick up any remaining modules here in a subsequent year, provided you complete all modules within 5 years. It is also possible to at-

#### signments necessary for the certificate. Costs and Enrolment

tend the course without doing the as-

There is a £25 National Registration fee. Each Module costs £40 (£20 concessions) which includes all tuition, worksheets and assignments. Sessions take place at the Hallam Pastoral Centre in Sheffield, which is easily accessible and has ample parking, good teaching rooms and a well-stocked library for students.

To enrol or get more details about the CCRS, please contact the Adult Education office at the Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU, tel 0114 2566410, email adulteducation@hallam-diocese.com or see the Adult Education pages on www.hallam-diocese.com.

# 50 Year Celebration



Mass was celebrated at St Francis of Assisi Church, Sandygate, Sheffield by Bishop John and other priests of the diocese to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Hallamshire 218 circle of the Catenian Association.

Photograph: JFR

# JUBILARIANS ${f 2014}$

Fr Patrick O'Connor and Fr Tom Durkin both celebrated special Jubilees this year.

Fr O'Connor has been a priest for fifty years and Fr Durkin celebrated his Ruby Jubilee.

Our picture on the left shows, after a celebration lunch held at the Omega Restaraunt, left to right our new Bishop, Rt Rev Ralph Heskett, Fr Patrick O'Connor and Bishop John.

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# Highlights of the Year at St Joseph's Primary School, Retford

During the feast of Christ the King 8 children enrolled for the first Holy Communion and have attended classes each week since in order to prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of First Confession and First Holycommunion.

During Advent St Joseph's school worked alongside the parish and local community, including the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, to create a food line of people all the way from St Joseph's Church to The Well (Bassetlaw Food Bank) along Babworth Road in Retford. Over half a tonne of food was passed down the line to support the most vulnerable in our area. Everyone enjoyed the event which was well received by the local community. Education Sunday was celebrated with a parish Mass at church with children, parishioners and staff involved in readings and blessings. It was a fantastic celebration which filled the church. Statues of Mary and Joseph were blessed and the school celebrated its 'Outstanding' grade in the Section 48 RE and Catholic Life of the School Inspection. This was followed by bacon butties and refreshments in the school hall.

St Joseph's feast day was celebrated with a whole school Mass, with new altar servers, introductions and readings from the school prayer chaplains, involvement from staff and wonderful music from all the children. The school received great blessings for achieving 'Good' in its most recent Section 5 OFSTED inspection.

During half term holidays Fr Bill Bergin, parish priest, invited younger members of the parish community to













celebrate the Eucharist followed by a party of food and drinks.

În March the Hallam Youth Group came to school to work with Y5 during the season of Lent and prepare a special liturgy full of movement, interest and enthusiasm which was celebrated with the rest of the school. In April the school presented a liturgy of 'Light and Life', with dancing, drums, recorders, guitars, singing, readings and wonderful prayer to celebrate a Festival of Life in the community during Eastertide.

## DAVID BLUNKETT MP CONGRATULATES ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

David Blunkett MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough visited St Thomas More Primary School in April to congratulate the school on its landmark exam success.

In 2013, nearly 60% of students achieved a Level 5 at Key Stage 2 in English grammar, punctuation and spelling (and 33% reached Level 4). 96% of students gained a Level 4 or 5 in Mathematics, whilst 100% of students gained a Level 4 or 5 in English reading.

The school also had 100% of children achieving Level 4+ in writing (teacher assessment).

Mr Blunkett said, "My congratulations to them on the wonderful work they are doing on the turnaround of the school and I wish them well for the

forthcoming Key Stage examinations in May."

The children of St Thomas More thoroughly enjoyed Mr Blunkett's visit – he visited every classroom and even let the younger children stroke his dog! Mr Blunkett then met with members of the school council and they spoke to him about St Thomas More and asked him questions about his job.

Headteacher, Donna Faley said, "We were delighted that Mr Blunkett took time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us at school. It was great that the whole school community received recognition for their commitment and dedication."

David Blunkett is pictured below with members of St Thomas More school



# Chesterfield Catenians Support Local Charities



hesterfield Catenians have recently held two events at which presentations were made to local charities.

At the first of these, Brother Past President John Dixon gave a cheque for £500 to Deborah Fennell, the Volunteer Manager of Ashgate Hospice, Chesterfield, which was his President's Charity for 2013/14.

A sum of £1000 had already been donated following a successful Charity Concert which had taken place last summer. The remainder had been raised through a variety of sources including monthly raffles and Brothers making donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards to each other.

The photograph above shows Deborah

receiving the cheque from Brother John.

Fundraiser for School in Africa

A coffee morning initiated by the Chesterfield Catenian Ladies Group held at the home of Brother Jon and Catherine Spooner raised £485 in support of a project run by St Mary's Catholic High School, Chesterfield, for the benefit of children in Burkina Faso in Western Africa.

In the past, St Mary's raised £30,000 to build a primary school, also called St Mary's, in Burkina Faso. The Chesterfield school has continued to support its African counterpart in numerous ways and is now in the process of raising funds to maintain and improve the school

# In Loving Memory of Mary Johnson



Mary Johnson died on Holy Saturday after a long illness. Mary had a significant impact on education in the Hallam Diocese. She spent her career in Primary education. She was totally committed to the children in her care. She was also deeply committed to Catholic education. Her firm belief that every child was a gift from God and God wanted every child to be happy was evidenced each day in everything she did.

In the early Seventies she was part of a group of young teachers working with Fr Donal O'Leary on developing Religious Education, in a move away from the more traditionally harsh, judgemental God that was sometimes presented to children, and indeed adults, to a God of infinite love and care. Fr O'Leary said of her, "Mary Farnell (as we then knew her) played such a huge role in the work of the St Marie's Religious Education and Catechetical Centre in Sheffield in the early Seventies. Mary and myself formed a team that ran the Centre during those exciting years after the Second Vatican Council. There were many wonderful young teachers who gathered round as we spread the theory and practice of the new approaches in South Yorkshire. We travelled to Conferences, we gave many courses ourselves in schools and the well stocked Centre was kept extremely busy, especially at weekends. We enjoyed every minute of it. Those years were amongst the happiest of my life. Mary was a delightful and wise colleague, generous and creative, at the heart of it all.'

When in 1970 she was appointed as headteacher to lead the new St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Retford, she used her deeply held faith, her philosophy and immense kindness to establish a school where Christ was central to everything the school did and Gospel values were lived out every day.

Mary's warmth, love and generosity were experienced not just by the children in her care but also by all the adults with whom she came into contact. Her example of Christian leadership impacted on many teachers who went on to follow her model in various roles in Catholic education in Hallam. John Cape was her deputy for a number of years before going on to be headteacher at the Holy Family School in Worksop and then Hallam's Diocesan Director with Responsibility for Primary Education. John said of her, "Six

of the happiest years of my career were as deputy headteacher working with Mary Johnson at St Joseph's in Retford. Mary had a heart of gold, adored children and was gifted with a lovely sense of humour. She was a wonderful teacher and fully committed to Catholic education grounded in her personal faith and love of Christ. Mary would be the first to say that the school is a family and that everyone is valued in the role that they play. The ethos and values flowed from her leadership and enthusiasm.

"She passed on invaluable instruction and wisdom and created many pleasurable moments associated with learning that will remain very special memories for both teachers and pupils. Mary always listened, supported and empowered children and staff as they learned to form their own ideas and develop themselves as individuals.

"She was an exemplary role model who cared deeply for all in the school community. Her depth of personal knowledge and knowing what was important in learning, enabled many young children to work towards developing their full and unique potential. She continually showed acceptance, approval and appreciation through words of encouragement, respect and simple gestures of kindness.

"And Mary's attitude translated into a spirit of friendliness and good will towards each other in an atmosphere of creative freedom, where teachers felt empowered and children interested and eager to learn."

Mary's concern for people, her ability to listen and to care and her generosity were legend. Mary greeted everyone with an all embracing hug. Her generosity was such that she wanted everyone, especially the children, to have all they needed. In the days before Local Management of Schools Mary spent as much as possible to ensure the children were deprived of nothing. Such was her spending that the Local Authority sent out Patrick Johnson, their Deputy Director of Education, to warn her to curb her spending. The outcome of that meeting was that she and Patrick married. They had thirty one years of very happily married life.

Mary was an excellent cook and her home was a welcome haven of food and love to all her staff and so many others too. She regularly baked cakes for Nazareth House, Nottingham, who cared for her mother towards the end of her life.

Mary retired in December, 1996. She was awarded the Benemerenti for her exceptional service to Catholic Education. She left behind a well established, high achieving, warm and welcoming Catholic school. The tradition of that school continues under the leadership of the current headteacher, Richard Hilton. Opposite is a celebration of the work of St Joseph's during the current academic year.

Mary's funeral Mass in her parish church saw the church full to capacity and beyond. Mary is buried in the cemetery next to her beloved St Joseph Catholic Primary School, Retford.

On Wednesday, 9 July at 10am a Memorial Service to Mary will be held at St Joseph's Church, Retford. Everyone is invited to celebrate her life. Afterwards tea and coffee will be available in the church hall to enable people to share their own stories about this special lady.

May she rest in peace in the company of God to whom she devoted her life.

# St Marie's Primary School - St Luke's Biz Kids Winners!



St Marie's Primary School, Sheffield were one of 15 schools that recently took part in St Luke's Hospice Biz Kids Challenge.

The pioneering initiative sees primary schools and businesses work together to raise money for St Luke's by encouraging the children to work on fundraising activities and promote young entrepreneurial activities. The Biz Kid Challenge raised over £13,000 this year.

St Marie's, Year 5 Biz Kids Team, worked with Sheffield United Community Foundation and raised a total of £2,004! This was the first time a school had ever reached the £2000 mark. The children worked tirelessly in the 6 week window by holding sponsored walks, baking cakes, making and

selling puppets, holding competitions, etc. Their most popular activity was putting the teachers in the stocks!

Deputy Headteacher, John Fernandes said, "At St Marie's we like to give our pupils the widest range of opportunities to learn vital life skills. During the Biz Kids project they have covered topics ranging from setting up a profitable business, managing money, dealing with the public, teamwork and sales. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They have shown great resilience, reciprocity and endeavour by raising over £2000 for St Luke's Hospice. We are all very proud of them."

Fran Morley from St Luke's Hospice is pictured above, receiving the cheque from the children.

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## GOOD SHEPHERD **PRESENTATION**

annual Good Shepherd presentation to Bishop John took place on Tuesday, 20 May at Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield.

Staff and pupils from twenty-six diocesan schools attended and presented generous cheques amounting to the magnificent sum of nearly £18,000, and we understand there is still more to come.

They had raised the money by organising activities including a 'Teachers Got Talent' contest, making and selling bracelets and sales of ing Services Co-ordinator.

pancakes and cupcakes. A reflection about the wisdom of flying geese made a great impact on adults and children alike. This was enacted and read by the Chaplain and pupils from St Bernard's High School.

A very sincere thank you to all those who made it such an enjoyable event, especially to those who served the six hundred biscuits and drinks in the Parish Centre afterwards!

Pictured on the right, children present their cheques to Bishop John and Mr Stuart Hanlon, Diocesan Car-



# Prayer Garden at St Bede's School



Children at St Bede's Catholic Primary School are deepening their relationship with God as well as enjoying his wonderful nature by praying in our lovely prayer garden.

After much needed maintenance in our pond area, which has been lovingly completed by our dedicated PTA, it was decided that the empty area next to the pond could be used as a reflective and peaceful area for our children.

With this in mind, our first prayer focus was during Lent and a simple cross was placed in the garden. The children quickly came up with many other religious symbols that they wanted to place in the garden such as candles, handcrafted flowers and their own personal promises and prayers to God.

In the month of May, the garden was dedicated to Our Lady and a statue of Mary was placed in the garden alongside flowers, prayers and other signs of new life. The theme changes each

The children really love to visit the garden during their free time. Here are some of their comments. "I find it really peaceful and I like to go there to thank God for all his wonderful things." (Sam) "The beautiful and pretty flowers help me to remember Mary, Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit." (Charlie) "I like to go there to speak to God and ask his advice." (Grace) "If someone is sad, they could go there and pray to God asking him how to be happy again." (Finley).





### New Strip for Holy Rood

At Holy Rood School one of the long standing governors, Derek Skitt, very generously paid £500 to buy two new football strips for the Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams. The children chose the colours and on their first run out the Y3/4 team won 6-1, but the Y5/6 team just lost 2-1. However, both games were played in an excellent spirit and the children certainly looked the part!

Derek has been a governor at Holy Rood for over 30 years and Chair for 25, and is retiring at the end of this summer term. He has given the school invaluable service and will be a tremendous loss to the governing body which was rated outstanding at the last Ofsted.



### Remembering The Miners of Denaby and Cadeby

2014 is the Silver Jubilee year of the Miners' Memorial Chapel in All Saints Anglican Church, Denaby Main.

Members of St Alban's parish celebrated the annual Spring Bank holiday Monday Mass to pray for all who worked in the two local coal mines.

The youngest member of the

group pictured on the left is the grandchild of the photographer, Gerard McLister, with (from the left) Jill Bevans, Betty Rooney, Fr John Cooke, Nora Hanley, Mary Phillips, Agnes Doran, Eileen Corbett, Patrick Laing, Rose Mullen, Fred Alcock, Patricia Grainger, Eileen Pitman and Marie Casev.

# CAFOD's Young People in Parliament Visit

Sharpe to Rebecca and Hardwick from Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield who have participated in CAFOD's Young Volunteer Programme for Y12 students in our diocese, went down to London to represent the Hallam Diocese on Tuesday and Wednesday, 25th and 26th March. They were accompanied by Bernie Healy, who is Chaplain at the There school. they met up with 30 other sixth students form from various dioceses across England and Wales. The day began with activities at CAFOD's Romero House, to help participants to get to know each other, and to prepare for the following day's visit

Parliament. The group was taught how to use media to their advantage, about the dynamics of Parliament, and also what CAFOD had been doing through their 'Hungry For Change campaign and what they were planning to do in their new campaign climate about change.

On the second day the group travelled to Parliament where they met with Mr Speaker, John Bercow. They were given the opportunity to ask questions ĥis job, about being impartial and his opinion regarding CAFOD and their work. This was followed by a short tour of the Houses of Parliament, to watch with the Prime Minister, and to meet Tom Clarke MP, Lord Don Touhig and Mark Durkan MP and ask them questions related to CAFOD and climate change.

Bernie Healy explained that, Prior to the event we were asked to contact our own MPs and invite them down to Parliament to meet with them and talk to them about any issues we found to be important. The important. MP for my constituency is Paul Blomfield, who was able to travel down and meet with us. We spoke to Paul Blomfield about what could be done at home and in Parliament to prevent climate change, what could be done to



help small-scale farmers who were being exploited by larger companies and his views on the work of CAFOD. Although the meeting was short, we learnt about what

he thought could be done and his opinions on large issues regarding climate change. "Overall, this opportunity has given me personally a better insight into what can be done to try and prevent climate change, especially when less developed countries suffer from the consequences far worse than we do. I have a raised awareness now about a variety of aspects from the trip, eg about Parliament and politics, about CAFOD's work, and I have also a better knowledge on how to make oth-

ers aware of the seriousness of climate change too." Rebecca and Bryony are pictured above with Paul Blomfield MP during their visit to the Houses of Parliament



All Saints Catholic High School choir were invited to sing with Gary Barlow in his sold out solo concert at the Sheffield Motorpoint Arena on Easter Sunday.

The students performed 'Sing', which was written for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, alongside Gary Barlow in

front of 13,500 people. Eleanor Slater sang the solo at the opening of the track.

The choir got exclusive backstage access and met Eliza Doolittle who was performing as Gary's support act. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that all the students will never forget.



# 100th Birthday Celebration



On Monday 28 April, Ellen Sayers celebrated her 100th birthday. She was granted an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis.

Ellen spent most of her working life as a teacher at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Junior School, Maltby. She worked mainly with the nursery children. She was also a very loyal and hard working supporter of the Mill Hill Missionaries (St Joseph's Missionary Society). She collected endlessly for their work. One of the priests from the Society visited Ellen to thank her for her work and to join in the celebrations of this special birthday.

Our photograph above shows Fr Richard Gomersall presenting Ellen with the certificate to commemorate the Pope's Apostolic Blessing.

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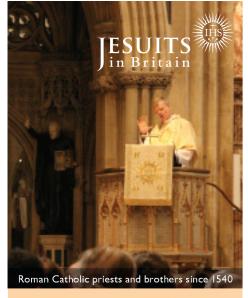
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# NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

St Paul's Church, Cantley, in our Diocese of Hallam serves the communities of Cantley, Bessacar and adjacent districts. The parish is very active and welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds who wish to participate in their liturgy of Christian worship and in the diverse activities of the thirty or so Parish Groups, which work to translate the message of the Gospels into practical reality.

A recent major intiative has been the opening of the new Neighbourhood Centre in St Wilfrid's Court near St Paul's Church.

Volunteers from the Church and friends from other organisations worked hard over many weekends to put the finishing touches to the Centre and to make sure that everything was in place in the premises, which are being rented from Doncaster Council.

The Neighbourhood Centre provides a much-needed facility for people living in Cantley, Bessacarr and neighbouring districts. It will be open between 10am and 2pm on five days each week, Tuesdays to Saturdays and will offer services to help local people to cope with the challenges faced by so many in the current climate of financial constraints and social need.

Staffed by trained and supervised volunteers, the centre is a place where people can drop in for a cup of tea and a chat and check out the 'new-to-you' clothing and other items that will be for sale at affordable prices. Citizens Advice Bureau—trained volunteers will be present in the Centre on two days each week and appointments can be made for any-

one needing advice on how to manage serious financial and other problems. Members of the Doncaster Health and Well-Being Board will also attend the centre to provide information about health issues and lifestyle advice.

Emyr Jones, Parish Chair said, "At the Pastoral Council we have become aware of significant areas of un-met need in our neighbourhood community. Opening and staffing this Neighbourhood Centre is our effort to try and go some way to meeting this need."

The Neighbourhood Centre will also be a location where individuals or families facing crisis situations can collect vouchers for the Doncaster Food Bank in Christ Church in the town centre, which is run by the Trussell Trust.

Parish Priest Fr Bernard O'Brien said, "The Neighbourhood Centre will be a facility for anyone who needs help or advice – or even someone who just wants a cup of tea and a bit of companionship. People will have the chance to buy good quality, affordable clothes and anyone with serious financial or other worries can make an appointment to discuss problems with Citizen Advice Bureau volunteers or receive health and lifestyle advice from the Health and Wellbeing Board members."

The Neighbourhood Centre venture is supported by our Diocese of Hallam. It is anticipated that in the future there will be other services available at the Neighbourhood Centre, including advice for those seeking employment on how to fill in application forms and how best to prepare for job interviews.

### St Mary's School to Help Train Next Generation of Teachers

t Mary's Catholic High School has been selected by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) to become a national teaching school – an important role in raising standards.

Teaching Schools take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession, identifying leadership potential and providing support for other schools. St Mary's was one of only 200 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest designation round.

Introduced in 2011, teaching schools are all rated as "outstanding" and mark a shift towards school-centred training. They work with partner schools in an alliance, including at least one university, to ensure high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career.

They raise standards through schoolto-school support, engage in research and development, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to become successful headteachers.

Sean McClafferty, Headteacher said, "I am hugely proud of the fact that we are the first Secondary Teaching School to be designated in Derbyshire. We are the coordinating school for the North East Derbyshire Teaching School Alliance and will play a leading role in helping to transform the educational outcomes of young people in Derbyshire. This recognition is testament to the hard work of our pupils, teachers and governors. I am so proud of all of them."

The National College for Teaching and Leadership has responsibility, in partnership with headteachers from the Teaching Schools Council, for the designation and quality of the teaching schools programme. Charlie Taylor,



Sean McClafferty with St Mary's School Council

the Chief Executive of NCTL, said, "St Mary's should be very proud of their teaching school status. It recognises the school's outstanding performance and its track record of raising standards through supporting other schools.

"There are now more than 500 designated teaching schools around the country with more to follow. In an increasingly school-led system, they are leading the way in training new teachers and helping existing teachers develop their skills - ensuring we'll have the best people teaching our children for generations to come."

Staff from the successful schools will attend a formal induction led by the Teaching Schools Council this month. Jim Conway, Director of Schools (Secondary) for the Diocese offered congratulations to Sean McClafferty, staff, governors and pupils of St Mary's from all members of the Schools' Department for this 'fantastic' achievement. Jim added, "St Mary's is the third Diocesan school to achieve Teaching School status, following Notre Dame and St Bernard's. We are indeed very fortunate to have a number of outstanding schools and outstanding school leaders within the Diocese. We need to give thanks for

the great benefits they bring to our Diocesan family of schools.

Diocesan Leaders Forum

"Teaching Schools are increasingly important as the public education system, including our schools, is re-engineered to enable the most successful schools and the most successful school leaders to lead the school system for the benefit of all. In Hallam, we are well placed in this respect as our schools are working increasingly collaboratively, in local families of schools, and as our most successful school leaders work closely with Diocesan officers within the Diocesan Leaders Forum to coordinate advice and support for schools which are not yet as successful as they would like to be. In addition, the Diocese has established a 'safe haven trust' where any school in the most serious difficulties with regard to standards of learning and teaching can receive more intensive support.

"Overall, with our Teaching Schools, including the newly designated St Mary's, and members of the Diocesan Leaders Forum, we are in a strong position to try to ensure every child attending a Diocesan school receives an education which is at least 'Good'. It is

what our children deserve."



# **Congratulations Frank and Wendy**

The Mayor and Mayoress of Rotherham recently presented Frank and Wendy Wolverson of St Mary Magdalene Parish, Maltby, with a plaque in recognition of their 52 years of service to Scouting.

The parish also acknowledged this achievement and said thank you to the couple for their dedicated service to the Scouting movement. Frank has certainly kept his own Scout Promise - to serve God and the Queen, to help one another and to do a good deed every day - and Wendy has been his support throughout.

# Fr Andrew Runs for the Furniture Store



t has been renamed 'the marathon that never was'. However for Fr Andrew Browne, Victoria Gould, Marie Grant and the SVP Furniture Store the Sheffield half marathon def-

For the first time in living memory the Sheffield Half Marathon hit the national news headlines. I always knew when Fr Andrew approached me and offered to run the marathon in aid of the Furniture Store, it was going to be a big deal. However, the fact that it was featured in all the national newspapers and also on television was something beyond our wildest dreams. Of course the reason for it hitting the headlines was to do with water, or lack of water! As everyone knows the water wasn't delivered and therefore the marathon was, in the eyes of the organisers, cancelled but the runners had different ideas.

Fr Andrew said that they were standing in line waiting for the starting gun to go off, they heard a big shout and everyone started moving. The 'rebel' runners were on their way!! Fr Andrew, Victoria and Marie, like most runners, didn't realise there had been any problems till they were half way round the course.

Thanks to the people of Sheffield who supplied water and refreshments along the course, the runners were allowed to complete the marathon.

Our 3 intrepid runners all completed the course in good time and so far the fantastic amount of £908.00 has been raised. We will have over £1000 once all the money has been collected. I remember Fr Andrew saying to me during the planning stage "If we raise a couple of hundred it will be something". So to raise over the £1000 is magnificent.

All of us here at St Vincent's Furniture Store are indebted to Fr Andrew, Victoria and Marie for agreeing to run the Marathon on our behalf. We are also extremely grateful to all those people who sponsored them. With the money raised we have already bought 10 new double beds.

We can't wait for next year when all 3 have agreed to run again, let's hope the rivers don't run dry in 2015!!

Left to right, Marie Grant, Fr Andrew Browne, Victoria Gould and Lorraine Healy, SVP Furniture Store.

#### Friday 4th July: Social Evening & Bingo (8.30pm) Tuesday 8th July: Talk on the Church in South America (8pm) Tuesday 22nd July: Irish Night with The Shamrocks (8.30pm)

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#### **Marist Way Retreat**

Members of the Marist Way at St Paul's, Grimethorpe and St Mary Magdalene, Cudworth together with members of the UCM Holy Rood Foundation, attended an Eastertide Retreat at the Nagle Retreat Centre, Huddersfield.

This was a second retreat, a continuation of the Lenten retreat and journey, led by Presentation Sister, Sr Teresa Kennedy.

The Retreat considered the call by Pope Francis to each one of us to be missionaries, and how as individuals we incorporate this role into our lives, our parishes and our communities. A thought-provoking day of reflection and relaxation.



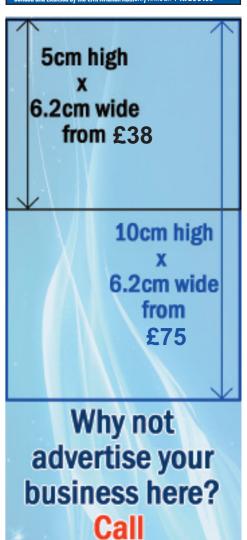


### Highly Successful Cursillo

Cursillo is a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love

Terry Mortimer said, "A wonderful Cursillo was held at the Wilson Carlile Centre, Sheffield in May. Eleven candidates, drawn from Chesterfield, Rotherham and Sheffield parishes, plus a candidate from Warrington, completed the 3 days led by Fr Michael Green (centre of picture) and Eileen Owens (fourth left). Inspirational talks given by lay people and profound reflections by Fr Michael, coupled with Stations of the Cross and meditations, made this an unforgettable experience. The accommodation and food were excellent and the facilities first class."

Everyone is welcome to attend the next Cursillo to be held at the Roman Catholic Centre in Crich between 28 and 31 May, 2015. If you are interested please contact Terry Mortimer on 01246 590058 or mortimer504@btinternet.com.



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# MARRIAGE 3

Following on from the two articles in the May edition of the Hallam News, Charles and Jane Perryman, who lead the Marriage Preparation Course in the Diocese, present another thought provoking article on the reality of living out a committed married life.

When "I'm sorry" is not enough!

The 2010 film "Blue Valentine" tells the story of the disintegration of the marriage of Cindy and Dean. Dean is a young high school dropout, working for a New York City moving company. Cindy is a pre-med student living with her unhappy parents and caring for her grandmother in Pennsylvania. Cindy and Dean meet at Cindy's grandmother's nursing home while Dean is delivering a new resident's furniture. They rush into marriage after discovering that Cindy is pregnant, although Dean is not the father.

Five years later they are living in rural Pennsylvania when the marriage finally comes to an end, when after another big fight Dean walks out on

Cindy.

Throughout the film the background music consists of a popular 1940's song which contains the lines; "you always hurt the one you love, the one you shouldn't hurt at all". Here are Dean and Cindy desperately trying to love one another but constantly ending up wounding each other deeply. Their tragedy is not so much that they hurt each other but it lies in the fact that they are never able to heal the hurts.

All of us who are married know that the words of the song ring true. In spite of the fact that we love our partners very much, yet from time to time we do indeed hurt one another. How on earth does this happen? And, more importantly, what should we do about it when we have caused

pain?

Thanks be to God, that it is rare that couples who are trying hard to love one another deliberately set out to hurt the other. Mostly it is through forgetfulness or carelessness, or not thinking before

speaking.

Such as when Jim came home and was casually explaining that he had agreed to work the following Saturday in order to get a major project out on time when Jennifer exploded, "But you knew that we are meant to be seeing Pete and Sue on Saturday". Jim was mortified! How could he have forgotten that they were due at Pete and Sue's for a lunchtime barbeque?

In many of his homilies and addresses about marriage, Pope Francis has stressed the importance of saying "I'm sorry" as an essential element in sustaining marriage and family life. We think that "I'm sorry" is fine for the minor everyday misunderstandings which ordinarily occur between couples. There are situations when "I'm

sorry" is not enough.

When we say "I'm sorry" in effect we are fixing our own feelings. Sometimes we feel a bit foolish and we want to make it OK for ourselves. For the minor incidents that will usually be perfectly acceptable to our spouse. We have acknowledged that we have got it wrong and the damage is put right. Sometimes matters are more serious as in Jim and Jennifer's case.

What should Jim do now? It wasn't that he meant to hurt Jennifer; it was just at the moment

that he was discussing how to get the project out, that was where his whole mind was focused. Now Jennifer would have to go alone and he would come when he could get away. And Jennifer was really upset. Just to say that he was sorry would not do. He has a choice to make. He could provide all the real, logical reasons why he had forgotten but they would not deal with the pain that had been caused. Rather than trying to defend his position Jim needs to accept that he has caused really serious hurt for Jennifer and to seek her forgiveness.

So he says, "Jen I am really sorry that I didn't think about what we had planned for Saturday and I know that this has really upset you and it is all my fault. I have messed the day up for you and us and for Pete and Sue. I know I don't de-

serve it but will you forgive me?"

Now Jennifer has a choice to make. Jim has put himself into her hands. She knows the pressure Jim has been under over the project but, nevertheless, the hurt is still raw for her. What should help Jennifer is that Jim has not sought to hide things or to defend. She should realise that Jim will be hurting too because he knows that their relationship has been damaged. To forgive is a verb, a "doing" word, a choice to be made maybe in spite of how we might feel.

When Jennifer can say, "Yes I will forgive you even though I am still hurting," she is not just putting the relationship back to where it was. She moves it onto a much stronger place. Forgiveness builds trust. It builds confidence that together we can grow. Jim and Jennifer are in a

sacred space

All this forgiving is seriously scary stuff. When we turn to God and ask for forgiveness when we are conscious of our sin, whether this is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or privately, we can be absolutely certain that God will forgive us. Jesus has guaranteed that. Jim has no such guarantee. Jennifer might say, "No I can't forgive you now." If Jim and Jennifer have practiced forgiveness in the course of their lives together then Jim will be able to reflect on Jennifer's generosity to him and of his generosity to her and draw strength from their past.

It is often said that when there has been upset we should forgive and forget. We think that this is bad advice. Forgiveness is a solemn promise that we will never, ever use this incident as a weapon against the offender again. We should remember it, however, first of all so that we don't get into that situation again and secondly as a reminder of strength of the bond between us.

Over the years that we have been working with married and engaged couples, we have come to believe that forgiveness is one of the two greatest marital virtues that couples need to practice in their lives. Without forgiveness, hurts fester into resentment and eat away at the security that enables couples to grow. We will be writing about the second great marital virtue next time.

# The Seven Churches of Asia Minor



An ecumenical group led by Brendan Lally, and under the spiritual guidance of Fr Stanislaus Maciuszek, left Penistone bright and early on 5 May on a pilgrimage which would take them to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor to undertake a journey with St Paul and the early Church. Catholics, Church of England, Methodists and the Chinese Church in London were all represented, sharing a common desire to follow in the footsteps of St Paul, visiting churches he did, whilst at the same time enjoying the magnificent scenery and coastal beauty of Turkey.

As the Gospel of Jesus Christ began to spread, St Paul took the word on three occasions to Asia Minor, modern day Turkey, where there were some of the most influential cities of the Roman world, most of which were visited by Paul.

The scenery has changed little over the last 2000 years and to visit the sites Paul visited was a chance for the group to experience the ambience of those heady days of the beginning of our faith. The startling geography of the region, with dramatic mountains rising straight from the shore, has ensured that the coastlines and deep-set wooded inlets are still unspoilt by the input of the modern world. The archaeological sites still strongly reflect the atmosphere of the first century AD, the time when Paul travelled to these cities. The city gate and streets of Ephesus, the theatre of Miletus and the seascapes of the Aegean are as Paul would have seen them.

Testimony to the importance of Asia Minor in the history of the Early Church is the fact that it was here that the first Christian state arose, the Byzantine Empire, which was to keep the light of Christianity alive for over a thousand years when Rome had been overrun by barbarians. There are powerful echoes of these ecclesiastical pioneers in the many early Byzantine remains which are still being discovered. Time was also devoted to studying the letters of Paul to the seven churches at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. The messages of Paul were: to love Jesus; to endure persecution; to teach soundly; not to tolerate evil; to be spiritually active; to wait patiently for the Kingdom of God and to be humbly dependent on God. These lessons are still as pertinent today as they were when written by Paul.

Mass was celebrated in a number of locations, most notably on the shore of the Aegean sea and at the house of the Virgin Mary at Ephesus, where tradition has it that Mary

spent her last days with St John.

That the pilgrimage was an undoubted success could be put down to how well the group integrated from the first day, the spiritual leadership of Fr Stan, supported by Pastor Osh from the Chinese Church in London and Dorothy Pearson, Methodist Lay Preacher, and the local and historical knowledge of our guide, all brought together skilfully by Brendan Lally.

# **BEGINNER'S ICONOGRAPHY**

Recently, nine parishioners from St Francis of Assisi, Sheffield attended a Beginners Iconography Course at the Monastery of Our Lady in Carnforth. Lindsay Reynolds was one of the party and this is her account of the very beneficial experience.

"A group of 9 ladies from St Francis of Assisi, enjoyed a retreat at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hyning. The retreat was led by Sr Mary Stella who is an iconographer, that is an icon painter. During the 5 days we learned about the history of icons, painted our own copy of the 15th century Byzantine icon, Christ Pantocrator, took part in the daily prayers of the community and enjoyed the beautiful grounds and quiet of the monastery. The days were busy but peaceful and as the painting progressed alongside our understanding of the significance of icons, how they are used in the Eastern Church and the symbolism used, we found the rhythm of the prayers in the community kept us focussed on God.

Our icon, Christ Pantocrator shows a half length image of a bearded Jesus. Pantocrator is a Greek word meaning 'Ruler of All'. All aspects of the image have importance. For example the red tunic represents Christ's humanity and the blue cloak His divinity. The characteristics of 'justice' and 'mercy' are shown by the dissimilar eyes. The gold halo is the symbol for sanctity and is inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters, spelling 'HO ON'. In English, this becomes "Who Am," the name used for God in Exodus 3:14. On the background is written 'IC XC'. IC are the first and last letters of Jesus. The letters XC are first and last letters of Christ.

The week was both refreshing and challenging; despite making a copy we found the painting was difficult. We mixed the paint using egg yolk and ground pigments and used fine brushes to apply this in layers onto the gesso board. We had much help and encouragement from Sr Mary Stella. It was interesting to taste life in a religious community and have the peace and tranquillity to pray and reflect. We all appreciated being away from the noise of our normal lives and hardly missed the TV or radio.

At the Eucharist at end of the week Fr Michael McKenna, Chaplain to the community, blessed our icons, pictured right, which are now on display in our homes. It was a truly blessed week."



# Brazilian Day at St Wilfrid's

World Cup Referee, Howard Webb probably has more things on his mind as he prepares for the World Cup in Brazil, but he still had time for St Wilfrid's. Pictured on the right with St Wilfrid's Centre Director's PA, Helen Lowry (left) and Development Manager, Deb Leonard, Howard intends to visit the Centre when he returns from his travels.

However, St Wilfrid's also took part in the celebrations at their very own Brazilian Day on Wednesday, 18 June in association with the Halifax. Director of St Wilfrid's, Kevin Bradley and Ryan Metcalf, Branch Manager at Halifax, Meadowhall, have teamed up to arrange a special day. Clients at St Wilf's will played a football match against the Halifax, refereed by ex-England and Sheffield United legend, Tony Currie. In addition to presentations of medals and Brazilian shirts the day consisted of a barbecue with South American themed food, samba dancers and other sporting activities.

St Wilfrid's Centre for homeless and vulnerable people on Queens Road, Sheffield is now famous for holding special theme days for clients and the local community, and hopes to continue this with a little extra help from the Halifax.





# St Wilfrid's Faces a Challenge

The clients of St Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable in Sheffield were recently presented with a trophy for indoor games, pictured on the left. The Lloyds Banking Group represented by Halifax, Furnival Court, Sheffield, sent members of their team to play the clients in an indoor games challenge. St Wilfrid's came out winners in what proved to be a thrilling occasion. The games included, darts, pool, snooker, dominoes and table football. Director, Kevin Bradley said, "It's great to have local companies involved with the Centre and we are very grateful for their support. As the saying goes "There's only one St Wilfrid's Centre."

On Sunday, 6 July St Wilfrid's Centre is organising a sponsored spinathon, in celebration of the Yorkshire stage of the Tour de France.

Titled Supaspinsunday and working in partnership with their neighbours, Giant Sheffield and Virgin Active Health Club, the aim is to cover 400km on static Wattbikes, the total distance of the Tour de Yorkshire! Deb Leonard, Development Manager at St Wilfrid's Centre, would like to hear from you if you think you could pedal up to 10km in thirty minutes, whilst raising money for St Wilfrid's Residential at the same time. If you fancy taking the challenge, then please email deb.leonard@stwilfridscentre.org or contact Deb on 0114 255720 for further details.



# Celebrating 160 Years of the Catholic Men's Society

On Friday 9 May, the Catholic Men's Society celebrated its 160th anniversary. Guest of Honour was Bishop John. On Saturday 10 May, Fr Paddy Walsh offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Vincent's Church, Sheffield.

The Society originated in Limerick in 1849 and was known as the 'Young Men's Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary'. The founding principle of the Society was the formation of men to serve the Church through prayer and good works. The Society quickly spread across Ireland, and numerous parochial branches were established.

The Vincentian Order arrived in Sheffield to serve the needs of the growing Irish community in the Crofts. In 1854, Very Rev Dean O'Brien arrived in Sheffield. Using the example and charism of the Young Men's Society in Ireland, he founded the first branch in England of the newly named Catholic Young Men's Society at St Vincent's, Solly Street. The Catholic Young Men's Society was dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and like the Irish society, was committed to the formation and education of men; to encourage prayer and devotions

and to foster good works. The Catholic Young Men's Society changed its name to the Catholic Men's Society in the 1960's and became known as the CMS. This reflected the mood of the time and better reflected the age profile of many of the members.

Since 1854, a number of parochial branches have been established and a good number of these are still in existence today, not only here in Hallam but in Leeds, Nottingham, Liverpool, Lancaster and Birmingham. There are also a number of CMS branches in Scotland too. The CMS still manages to attract new members even today and here in our own branch of St Vincent's, another 4 Brothers were initiated at Easter.

The CMS is still primarily a parish based branch but like the church nationally, as parochial structures change, some branches are now being organised on a deanery basis. As well as parish and deanery groups, there are regional or diocesan councils as well as a National Executive, who oversee the running and organisation of the CMS. The Headquarters is based here in Sheffield at the Solly Street building.

The CMS has 4 important principles:

Regular attendance at Mass and particularly the Sodality Mass on First Fridays, where we encounter Christ and are nourished by him through word and sacra-



ment.

Planned discussions where we look at important issues of the faith. The Sheffield branch at St Vincent's is organising a series of talks based on the encyclical of St John Paul II - the Mission of Redemption.

Retreats and days of recollection where, in a fast paced world, we can take a step away from the daily rituals and hustle of our lives to spend time in quiet reflection, prayer and contemplation.

Community service is one of the bedrocks of the Society today. Charity work, fundraising, sick visiting as well as playing an active part in parish life are all ways in which the CMS remains relevant even 160 years after its foundation. St Vincent's CMS has a great history of raising money especially for Charities both at home and abroad. The CMS actively supports the work of St Justin's Society, the SVP Furniture Store as well as supporting the Church in China and South America.

Anyone interested in learning more about the CMS, joining the Sheffield branch or possibly establishing a branch in your own parish should contact Bro Anthony Fitzpatrick, CMS Diocesan President, on 0114 2332801 or by email cmssh-

effield@gmail.com.

#### De La Salle Association Rambling Club

De La Salle Association Rambling Club would like to invite new members to join them on their monthly walk. Meet at 10.30am at Calton Lees car park, Chatsworth Park (grid ref 258685) on Sunday, 13 July for a 5 mile pleasant, easy walk around Chatsworth Park.

The route is via the water meadows bridge, following the track around to the Hunting Tower and returning past Chatsworth House.

The leader is Sadie O'Grady, telephone 01246 413730.

Hundreds of colourful balloons will be released into the air at the Garden Party in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Park Street, Worksop on Sunday 6 July.

The Grand Balloon Race has been organised to raise funds for the renovation of St Mary's.

There is a £50 prize for the balloon travelling the furthest.

The St Mary and St Joseph Garden Party will also host a Church Mouse Treasure Hunt, stalls, games, BBQ, ice cream, cakes and refreshments. The event begins at 12.30pm

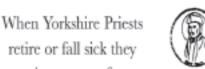
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