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THE DIOCESE OF HALLAM WELCOMES BISHOP RALPH HESKETT

On Thursday, 10 July Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR was installed as the third Bishop of Hallam.

Below is the Installation Order of Service which welcomed our Bishop and asked for God's Blessings on him in his new role.

THE RITE OF INSTALLATION

Introit : Ut et discipuli perseverantes in oratione cum Maria Matre Iesu, (The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus).

The Metropolitan Archbishop, Malcolm McMahon, together with the Vicar-General and the College of Consultors process to the back of the Cathedral. The Archbishop presents Bishop Ralph to the Vicar-General, Mgr Kilgannon at the entrance of the Cathedral. Bishop Ralph venerates the diocesan cross and sprinkles himself and the assembly with Holy Water.

Solemn Entrance

The College of Consultors lead Bishop Ralph to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel preceded by the cross and the book of the Gospels carried by the Dean of the Cathedral. Here, Bishop Ralph pauses briefly for a moment of silent prayer.

During the procession, the following psalm is sung: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Bishop Ralph proceeds to vest for Mass and the Bishop's procession leaves the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Processional Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell

After the entrance procession and reverencing of the altar the Metropolitan Archbishop stands before the cathedra.

Archbishop McMahon: We gather here in this Cathedral Church under the patronage of Mary Mother of God, to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love for us, and to welcome into the Diocese our new teacher and shepherd, Ralph Heskett as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Hallam. I extend a warm welcome to the priests, religious and God's faithful people of the Diocese of Hallam, our brothers and sisters of other Christian communities and other faiths and our civic guests.

As Metropolitan of this Province of Liverpool it is my responsibility to require that the Apostolic Letter of Authority from the Holy See be read. Mgr Kirkwood, the Chancellor of the Diocese, goes to the ambo. Before reading the Apostolic letter the Chancellor shows the mandate to the priests of the College of Consultors, then reads the Apostolic Letter, at

the end of which he invites the congregation to signify their assent.

After the reading and the acclamation, the Chancellor shows the mandate to the people, then returns the Apostolic Letter to Bishop Ralph and the Archbishop invites him to take his place at the cathedra.

Bishop Ralph: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

Bishop Ralph: Peace be with you.

All Respond: And with your spirit.

The Dean of the Cathedral presents Bishop Ralph with the book of the Gospels saying:

Bishop Ralph, receive this Book of the Gospels, preach the Word of God to the Church of the Diocese of Hallam, teaching always with resolute zeal and loving patience.

Bishop John Rawsthorne, Emeritus Bishop of Hallam, presents the Diocesan Crozier to Bishop Ralph saying:

Guided by the power of the Holy Spirit and the will of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, you have assumed the pastoral responsibility of the Church of the Diocese of Hallam. With confidence and trust I hand you this crozier, the sign of the shepherd's office and ministry.

May the Lord sustain you in this office entrusted to you for the service of the people of God in this Diocese.

Bishop Ralph: With faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the love of God in my heart, I accept the pastoral care of the people of God in the Diocese of Hallam. I promise to serve faithfully the Church in this Diocese, preach the Gospel and celebrate the Eucharist.

Bishop Ralph is then formally greeted by the Dean of the Cathedral Church followed by some diocesan clergy and selected members of the faithful. The Bishop greets other representatives of civic and religious authorities.

The Gloria is sung.

Bishop Ralph : Let us pray.

O God, Father of mercies, whose only begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be

more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of peoples. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10 – 17

Responsorial Psalm: My heart exults in the Lord my saviour

Second Reading: Revelation 12:1 – 6.10

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: John 19:25 – 27

Homily: Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR, Bishop of Hallam

The Creed

Bidding Prayers

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Motet: Ave Maria - J Arcadelt
Hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the height

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

The mystery of faith

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Great Amen

THE COMMUNION RITE

All: Our Father

The sign of peace

Lamb of God

Holy Communion

Motet: Ave Verum – E. Elgar

Communion Hymns:

O bread of heaven

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

This is my body, broken for you, Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Post-Communion Prayer

HE Archbishop Mennini, the Papal Nuncio to Great Britain addresses the Assembly

Response from Bishop Ralph Heskett, Bishop of Hallam

During the singing of the Marian antiphon, the Bishop goes to the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Patroness of the Diocese, to pray and present flowers.

Incluya et Virgo Pia (O noble and Holy Virgin) sung by the Redemptorists

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn: O Mother blest, whom God bestows



Rt Rev Ralph Heskett CSsR
Third Bishop of Hallam

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What's on in August

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 8 | 'The Mission of Redemption' - a talk on the Church in India by Fr Thomas Simon at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA, 8pm. |
| 1 | Social Evening and Bingo at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA, 8.30pm. | 12 | Latin Mass (1962 Rite) at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, 10am. |
| 6 | Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm for a Cream Tea in aid of the charity they are supporting this year. For more details tel: 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, email: ascent@jn.green.plus.com, website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 13 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. |
| 8 | 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. | 15 | Family Social Evening and Games Night at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA, 8pm. |
| | | 26 | Irish Night with the Shamrock Band at St Vincent's Catholic Men's Society Club, Solly Street, Sheffield, S1 4BA, 8.30pm. |

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:

- 3 St Mary's, Worksop.
- 10 St Michael's, Hathersage.
- 17 St Ann's, Deepcar.
- 24 St Charles, Sheffield.
- 31 English Martyrs, Mexborough.

Healing Mass

Monday 7 August Start 7.30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Sheffield

Springwater Avenue, Hackenthorpe, S12 4HJ



These are the signs that will be associated with the believers:
they will lay their hands on the sick who will recover Mk:16

All are Most Welcome

Further information ring Fr Paul O'Hara on 0114 2486102

CARMEL DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, 13 September at Kirk Edge Convent, Bradfield, Sheffield, S6 6LJ

commences 9.30am with Mass at noon

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World War 1 - Diocesan Remembrance

The Hallam Justice and Peace Commission ask us to mark the centenary of the First World War and remember all those who lost their lives in the conflict. The Bishops of England and Wales encourage the Catholic community to participate in local civic or ecumenical celebrations. The Bishops will celebrate Requiem Masses in their Cathedrals on or near the six key dates which have been identified as part of the anniversary celebrations:

4 August 2014 Centenary of entry of the British Empire to the War

25 April 2015 Gallipoli campaign

31 May/1 June 2016 Battle of Jutland commemorating the war at sea

1 July 2016 Battle of the Somme

31 July 2017 Start of the 3rd Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

11 November 2018 Armistice Day

Catholic parishes are asked to mark these important anniversaries on the nearest Sunday by offering Mass for all those who died and to pray in the intercessions for those currently serving in the armed forces, and for peace.

The Justice and Peace Commission are developing a four year plan. In the first two years there will be a concentration on Deanery activities, engaging Deaneries in ownership of prayers for peace, recalling their fallen and signing a book of remembrance. Some parishes are already looking at some of these ideas. It is hoped to have a liturgical event in all Deaneries in the autumn of 2015.

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Farewell Pastoral Letter from Emeritus Bishop John

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Bishop Ralph Heskett, until recently the Bishop of Gibraltar is now the Bishop of Hallam. I have welcomed him warmly on all our behalf.

He is somebody that I have known for many years, since the days when we were both in Liverpool. He has wide experience as a Parish Priest both in Liverpool and in London. He is a Redemptorist Priest and has run Parish Missions all over the country, including in some of our own parishes here in the Diocese of Hallam. I know that when you get to know him you will take him to your hearts. In September he will celebrate a Mass in each of the Deaneries.

With Bishop Ralph's permission, I write to offer my thanks and say my farewells. I will be moving back to the Archdiocese of Liverpool to be involved in local parish pastoral work. But I have enjoyed seventeen wonderfully happy years here in the Diocese of Hallam. It has been a joy and privilege to work with the priests, religious and laity of this Diocese during a period which at times has been difficult because of the declining number of priests and occasionally for other reasons as well. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during those difficult periods but thank you being the wonderful people you are during the whole period. I was genuinely able to say in the Press Release which went out announcing Bishop Ralph's appointment that during my seventeen years the relationship with priests and people has been warm and truly collaborative.

I have spoken personally with the priests and religious of the Diocese on other occasions, but I do need to signal before everybody the debt I owe to them, for their patience, on occasion for their forgiveness, for their positive collaboration and for their friendship.

On the wider front, I have been very

blessed with the friendship of so many other leaders of the Christian Churches in these parts and in more recent years also with the friendship of leaders and others from the other religions. They have been great and very positive partnerships, deeply rooted in our faiths.

It is always dangerous to name names, but I do need to name two people, perhaps representing the clergy and the laity in a very special way. I owe them both a very great debt of gratitude. Mrs Sheila Parden became Bishop's Secretary very shortly after I arrived. She had been Administrator of the Marriage Tribunal in the Pastoral Centre and has become the voice of Bishop's House on the telephone to the myriad people who ring. She has done a wonderful job of organising a disorganised Bishop through those seventeen years with patience and great tact! I treasure the moment of truth when I heard a youngster from the InReality Team telling her parents, "The Bishop is the boss, but if you want to get something done, talk to Sheila Parden".

And the second person of course, is Mgr Kilgannon, the Vicar General. He had been Vicar General with Bishop Moverley and very generously agreed to continue working with me. I doubt that he thought that that would last for seventeen years but I do not know what I would have done without his wise counsel, encouragement and support. To him also I am deeply indebted.

Bishops come and go, but the Church, local and universal, goes on. And I will continue to pray for God's blessing on the new Bishop and the people of this Diocese, which is now of course the Diocese to which I belong wherever I may be.

May God bless you all.
Yours devotedly
John Rawsthorne
Emeritus Bishop of Hallam

CAFOD BIDS FAREWELL TO EMERITUS BISHOP JOHN



As Emeritus Bishop John enters his well-earned retirement, CAFOD supporters in Hallam will miss a true and doughty friend.

Although he placed himself in the rank and file at events he served as Chair of CAFOD's board of trustees, from which he oversaw a number of organisational changes, including the move of the London offices from Brixton to North Lambeth.

He undertook a number of overseas visits not just to witness livelihood projects in action but to view the work undertaken in humanitarian disaster areas as well.

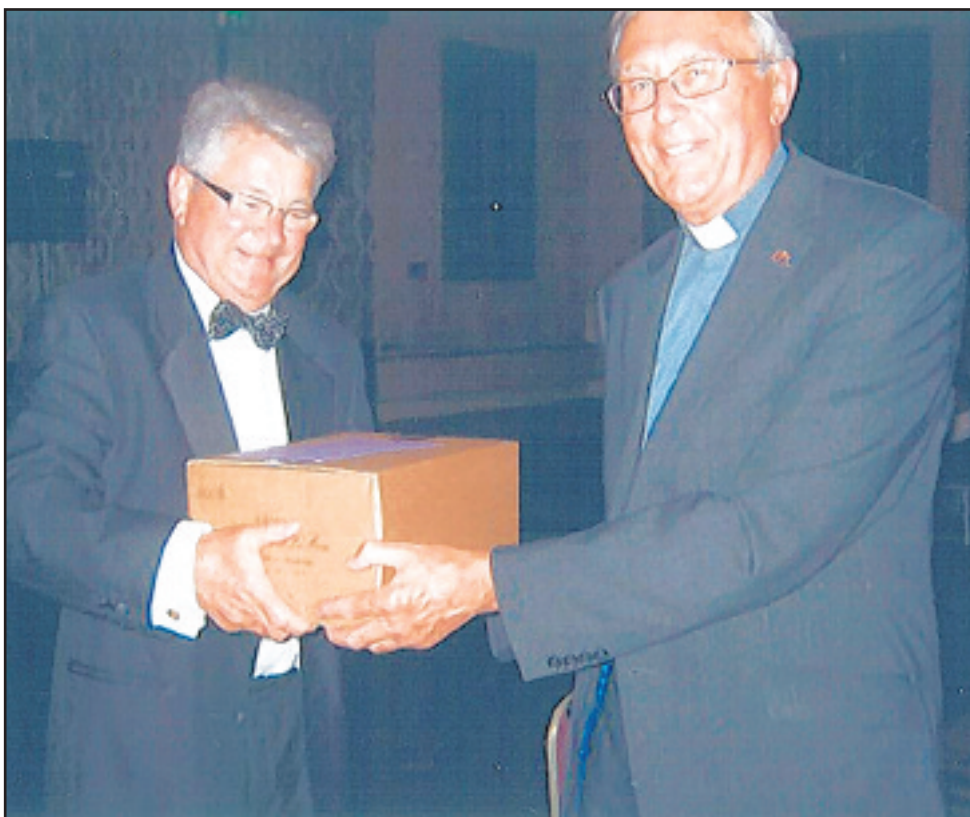
On top of these demanding duties he never wavered in supporting the Hal-

lam Diocesan team whenever he could. "Emeritus Bishop John really encouraged us," says Angela Powell, CAFOD Manager, "and all of us in Hallam will always be grateful for his wisdom and guidance. He was a regular walker and a popular figure on the Christian Aid/CAFOD May Day treks, helping to raise thousands of pounds.

"As much as we are going to miss him," continues Angela, "we extend a very warm welcome to Bishop Ralph and look forward to working alongside him in promoting CAFOD's work in the diocese."

Emeritus Bishop John is pictured above during a visit on behalf of CAFOD to Liberia.

Catholic Charity Ball



Emeritus Bishop John recently attended the Catholic Charity Ball which proved to be a great event. More than £5000 was raised for various charities. A raffle was held in the run up to the Ball. Fundraising on the night included an auction and a tombola.

The success of the very enjoyable

evening was a result of a magnificent effort by all concerned.

The Catholic Charity Ball organisers took the opportunity to present Emeritus Bishop John with a farewell present. Our photograph shows Emeritus Bishop John receiving his gift.

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UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The National Council and Annual General Meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers took place at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick from 19-21 May. Mrs Delia Fox, as Diocesan President, led the group from the Hallam Diocese. In a tight agenda there were reports from the National Committee and the National Officers and included voting for the next National President, who will take office in May, 2015. The result of the voting saw Mrs Val Ward of the

Shrewsbury Diocese elected as President.

The beautiful Liturgy was prepared by the Salford Diocese and the clergy were led by our National Ecclesiastical Advisor, the Rt Rev Terence Brain.

In the afternoon of Tuesday, 20 May the Council were delighted to welcome His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols who, in his address, praised the work of the Union of Catholic Mothers and the support that we give all aspects of family life. The Cardinal then answered questions

that had been posed by some members of the Council.

A large group photograph was taken on the lawns of the Conference Centre, on what was a beautiful summer's day. His Eminence is a warm approachable priest. He graciously stayed to have photographs taken with small Diocesan groups. Below is our photograph of Cardinal Nichols with representatives from the Hallam Diocese.

Sheilagh Preston
Media Officer



Hallam Ascent Group Learn about the Ordinariate

Hallam Ascent recently invited Father Ian Grieves from Darlington to talk about his personal journey from Anglican priest to joining the Ordinariate Of Our Lady Of Walsingham. Below is an account of his presentation.

Ian Grieves was born in Trimdon and he was very involved in parish life. His grandfather was a Roman Catholic, and he feels that he has returned to his birthright.

After leaving school, he went to Durham University for four years, where he studied music and took a teaching qualification. Durham was a high church environment, so when he went to see the bishop, he was advised to go away and test his vocation for 3 years. He taught RE and was a Housemaster in a Prep School in Sussex where they asked him to do the music as well. The Bishop then sent him to a selection conference for four days, at the end of which they sent him to a Seaman's Mission in Swansea for a year. He passed the next selection conference and was sent to study at the Theological College in Chichester for two years. In 1984 he was ordained deacon and sent to St Mark's in Darlington for three years followed

by three years in Gateshead where the Metro Centre was being built. He was then appointed to his first parish in Darlington. His second parish was St James in Darlington – a very poor parish which needed considerable work on the church and hall. Over the years this was done at great expense but they also had to contend with a high Diocesan levy.

They had prided themselves on a daily Mass and when Pope Benedict announced the formation of the Ordinariate, the Church Council urged him to apply as they told him 'this was made for us'. They held an Open Day for the whole parish. It was a total leap of faith as they would leave the Anglican church with nothing - no church and no income. They took a lot of time preparing for the change, including setting up a trust to manage gift aid and other donations to enable them to continue. Bishop Justin Welby came and preached at the last Mass before they moved to St Anne's, Darlington. Afterwards, St

Osmund's at Gainford became vacant and they moved there. They have a Parish Mass at 9.30 and a Solemn Mass at 11.30 with parish social events once a month on a Friday. They take their music very seriously. Mass often features music by composers such as Haydn, Mozart and Palestrina, with Anthems during Holy Communion and an Organ Voluntary to process out to after the Dismissal.



Fr Ian Grieves

75th Anniversary

This year the Union of Catholic Mothers from St Catherine's parish, Sheffield celebrates its 75th anniversary. As part of the celebrations of this special event Past President, Winifred Robinson looks back over the last seventy five years of its history.

Prior to the formation of the Union of Catholic Mothers in the parish, the ladies of the parish were very much involved in parish life. On Monday afternoons they organised sewing meetings in the upper room of the Catholic Young Men's Society Club in Montfort Street. They ran an annual Sale of Work in the old parish hall in Andover Street. At Christmas they provided and served refreshments for the school children of the Infants School. Each Whit Monday afternoon they provided and served refreshments to all of the children in the school. On the First Holy Communion day they served breakfast to the First Communicants.

It was shortly after the foundation of the Union of Catholic Mothers in 1939 that war broke out, and this completely disrupted parish life. Many husbands went to serve in the armed forces. Many of the young men and women of the parish did likewise, whilst others went into war work. Later on in the war older women, wives and mothers, also took on war work. Because of the blackout and the threat of air raids, it was very difficult to hold meetings.

Several of the older members of the newly formed UCM undertook voluntary work each week in the services' canteen which was on the north end of No 1 platform of the Sheffield Midland railway station. This canteen, which was open 24 hours per day, served beverages and refreshments to the many thousands of service personnel who passed through the station, going on leave, returning from leave, or in transit. Again, members of the parish UCM did similar voluntary work in the Catholic Women's League services' canteen which was in Wilkinson Street.

It was not until after the end of the 1939-45 war that the parish UCM was able to get back into its stride. From then on the UCM undertook and ran most of the parish activities. Each year they ran an Easter bonnet parade and dance, Summer Garden Party and a Christmas Fayre. They cleaned the church. Each week in conjunction with the Children of Mary they ran a whist drive. They manned the church repository, and whenever the priests of the deanery met, it was the UCM who provided and served the refreshments. When the new church hall was built in 1963 it was the UCM who bought all the crockery and cutlery. They ran a regular Saturday night dance, and made and fixed the curtains for the windows. In 1968 the Duke of Norfolk's estates offered to the parish the freehold of the land on which the hall was built. Unfortunately, parish funds were stretched. The parish had recently built a new school and could not find the £400 necessary to buy the freehold. The parish UCM stepped in and bought it. When the hall was sold in 2007 the value of the land had increased in value to over £100,000 which made an extensive contribution to the reduction of the debt which the parish was then facing through the refurbishment and redecoration of the church.

The work of the Members of the UCM continues. They are still involved with the weekly tote which was started in 1972. One of their most recent activities was the buying and the fitting of the lace curtains to the windows of the presbytery.

Fund Raising for St Luke's, Sheffield

Following the death in March of a longstanding parishioner and member of St Theresa's Choir, Sheffield, a charity evening was organised in the Parish Hall in aid of St Luke's Hospice, Sheffield.

The evening included live music with the Cadillacs, a raffle with lots of donated prizes and everyone brought food and drink to share. The event was well supported and raised the grand total of £310.

The organisers want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported such a worthwhile cause.

CMS Raise £535 for the SVP Furniture Store

The Catholic Men's Society continue with their fundraising efforts in supporting the Sheffield St Vincent de Paul Furniture Store 'New Van' fund.

An enjoyable evening was had by over 80 members and guests in the Catholic Men's Society clubrooms on Solly Street, Sheffield. The management committee and all at the 'store' thank the Catholic Men's Society Committee for sponsoring the event.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies – is it for me?

Adult Education tutor Greg Ryan thinks there is something in it for everyone

You may have seen the article in last month's "Hallam News" about the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) - starting in September at the Pastoral Centre. The Diocese has run this national course for a number of years, and participants have praised it not just for developing knowledge (and for school teachers, gaining a qualification for professional development), but for enriching the depth of their faith.

Doing the CCRS allows people to continue this journey of faith at any point in their life. In fact one of the particular strengths of the course here in Hallam is the sharing of experience and wisdom across the generations. However, as the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales said in "The Priority of Adult Formation" (1999), "many adults feel that their own formation effec-

tively ended as children". This rings true with some of the conversations I've had with participants, but I would like to reassure anyone thinking about starting the CCRS that it is designed to be as inclusive and accessible as possible.

There is no requirement for a background in Religious Studies at any level, or indeed for any formal qualifications, so long as the assignments can be submitted in readable English. The most common worry is having to do written assignments - perhaps for the first time since school days. To help, we have friendly, experienced tutors who will provide support and guidance, as well as study resources such as reading lists, notes and exercises. The Pastoral Centre has a well-stocked adult education library with the key texts you'll need. Once you are over



CCRS students get to grips with the New Testament



Adult Education library at the Hallam Pastoral Centre

the psychological barrier of writing 1500 words (3-4 pages), you may find the biggest challenge is compressing your ideas into that word limit!

You also have the option of just taking the course without qualifying for the national certificate, which means that you do not have to do the assignments. On the other hand, for anyone who wants to study the subject more deeply, tutors are happy to recommend further reading and discuss topics and assignments in more depth.

Like many of the tutors, I've been fortunate to experience both sides of adult formation in Hallam. In 1999, when the Bishops of England and Wales were writing "The Priority of Adult Formation", I was finishing my MA in theology at the Pastoral Centre. More recently I've been teaching on the CCRS and have seen the powerful "buzz" in the room when participants

get a new insight into scripture, faith or life. But it's not just the input from the teaching that is important - it's what the people on the course bring into the discussions and reflections. I certainly never stop learning from the questions, stories and insights that are generously shared in exploring the faith together. Hopefully that will be the experience of everyone who signs up to start the course in September.

You can register for the CCRS and find out more at our resources website www.hallamyof.weebly.com. Or you can contact us here: Adult Education Office, Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU, tel 0114 2566410, email adulteducation@hallam-diocese.com.

Greg Ryan is diocesan co-ordinator for CCRS. He can be contacted at gryan@hallam-diocese.com or via the Adult Education office.

Singin' (and Prayin') in the Rain!

Dark clouds, and finally rain, could not dampen the spirits of those attending the joint anniversary of Ordination Mass, concelebrated by Fathers Peter Hurley, (11 June, 1960) and Terry Tolan (12 June 1960). The occasion was hosted by Fr Terry, at his home,

and attended by some 25 guests, including Emeritus Bishop John. Fr Tolan said it has been fifty four wonderful years of priesthood and thanked "his family of friends for their love and support over the years". Mass was followed (indoors!) by supper.



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First Communion Day at St Hugh's



Fifteen children recently made their First Holy Communion at St Hugh's Church, Newbold, Chesterfield. Pictured above with the children are Fr Craig Fitzpatrick, Parish Priest, and the Catechists, Sandra Asquith and Sheena Fields Marshall.

First Holy Communion at Holy Rood



Twenty three children from Holy Rood Parish, Barnsley, recently received their First Holy Communion. Our photograph above shows the children with their Parish Priest, Fr Terry Boyle and the nonagenarian, Fr John Tomblin.

CONFIRMATION AT HIGH GREEN



On Thursday 8 May, eight young people from St Mary's parish in High Green, Sheffield were confirmed by Emeritus Bishop John. Their Confirmation was the culmination of a full and thought-provoking programme of preparation which began in January and which ended with a day of reflection at St Helen's, Oldcotes. The preparation course was enriched by the involvement of the 'InReality' team who encouraged, motivated and inspired the young people throughout and were there to support them at their Confirmation Mass.

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY ROOD



Bishop John recently celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Rood Parish, Barnsley. Eleven young people received the sacrament. This celebration was one of Bishop John's last engagements as Bishop of Hallam. The Confirmandii prayed especially for him in a prayer that the whole Diocese can share, "We pray that the good Lord will take special care of you and bless you in the important work you have to do in your new parish. We hope that joy and peace will be your constant companions and thank you for everything you have done as Bishop of Hallam." Our photograph below shows Bishop John, Fr Boyle and the young people who were confirmed.

Commemorative Concert at St Helen's, Oldcotes



On Saturday 7 June 2014, members of a choral group called Sinopia performed a fantastic concert in St Helens Church, Oldcotes to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

A representative of the British Legion said, "Members of the Royal British Legion and other concert goers were made most welcome by the church members, and were treated to an excellent concert in magnificent surroundings.

"The evening was made extra special because two Normandy veterans were in attendance, 91 year old Geoffrey Thompson and 95 year old Edward (Ted) Deedes.

"It was truly an excellent example of

the church reaching out to welcome other people in their community. Philippa Thomas who organised the concert has confirmed that it raised £625 for the Royal British Legion. This money will be used to assist serving and ex serving personnel and their dependents at their time of need.

"On behalf of The Royal British Legion I would like to say how grateful we are to the church, Sinopia and James Williams for choosing this charity to support and all their hard work in putting such an excellent evening on."

Pictured on the left, from right to left, James Williams, Philippa Thomas, Kirsten Barker, Marianne Wright, Geoffrey Thompson and seated Edward Deedes.

De la Salle Association Rambling Club walk on Sunday, 3 August - meet at 10.30am at Castleton car park (grid ref 149829) for a 5 mile walk with a steady climb through Cave Dale, Windy Knoll to Blue John Mine and Odin Mine, and returning below Mam Tor to Castleton. The leaders are Barbara and Don Chadbourne, tel: 0114 2350825, mobile: 0777 3275094.

Poles No Longer Apart

Saint Pius X Catholic High School has linked up with a school in Poland – Zespól Katolickich Szkol in Skawinie near Krakow, to develop cultural education across the curriculum. Ten different subjects areas are investigating Polish geography, history, lifestyle, language and culture. In RE students have studied the Polish Martyr; Jerzy Popieluszko; Science students are studying the work of Madam Curie, whilst some of the school's own Polish speaking students have been

giving lessons on their language to their peers. This term the Modern Foreign Languages are planning Skype link ups with Polish students in the school's partner school near Krakow. In June Mass was celebrated in Polish by Polish Chaplain, Fr Jerzy Prucual, pictured below with members of the school community. After Mass a buffet was served with a range of traditional delicious Polish dishes.



New Library Opened at Holy Family, Worksop



Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Worksop were proud to welcome Emeritus Bishop John on 10 June to officially open their newly refurbished library. Representatives from each class in the school gave Emeritus Bishop John an insight into the development of the library, which links to the school's prayer room, enabling both areas to be used for the celebration of Masses that are held on a regular basis. A beautiful painting showing scenes from the Bible lights up the prayer room, and a sliding screen opens into the library with its bright new shelves and walls decorated with quotations from children's books. There followed a short liturgy, when

Emeritus Bishop John blessed the new library after telling the children about his love of books, and how he would soon be "boxing up his collection" to take to his new home in Liverpool. Emeritus Bishop John then visited all the children in the school in their classes, answering challenging questions such as "Did you feel privileged when you were chosen to be a bishop?" "Yes – very" And, "What advice would you give to someone who was having trouble following the Ten Commandments?" "Pray..." The photograph above shows Emeritus Bishop John with acting headteacher, Alan Dewhurst, library organiser, Clare Kenrick and child representatives from each class.

CORPUS CHRISTI LUNCH CLUB



In 2000 Fr Brian Davies started a Lunch Club at Corpus Christi Parish in Wombwell. Initially the Club ran each Monday and Friday supported by four teams of volunteers. In later years it ran on a Monday catering for 40 elderly people helped by the voluntary work of a band of people, who shopped, prepared food, cooked and served it. Fr Brian, Ellen Wood and Anne Whittingham shopped for and cooked the food. Audrey Salmon and Mary McNally greeted people and took payment for the meals. Diane, Sheila and Margaret from Wombwell Day Centre set the tables and served the meals. Becky Whittingham, Colin Clarke and Barbara helped serve the meals and then washed up. The team worked tirelessly for more than fourteen years. For a number of reasons, the Lunch Club is now closing. The parishioners wanted to express their appreciation to Fr Brian for his vision of bringing people together each week in a social environment. Parishioners also wanted to thank everyone involved in their dedicated service to the Parish and the wider community. Our photograph above shows Fr Brian with Ellen Wood and Anne Whittingham.

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InReality Team Working Around the Diocese

Over the past few months InReality has been very busy working with many young people from this Diocese in both schools and parishes. We began Lent by spending several days at McCauley Catholic High School in Doncaster. During these days we lead each class through an Ash Wednesday liturgy, where we shared with the young people what Ash Wednesday and Lent is all about.

We also spent three days at Mount St Mary's looking at Pope Francis' recent Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel", with elements and figures (year 7 and 8). We focused on where we can find joy in our lives and how we can share that joy with others. We created videos of how we can share this joy and each year group prepared a final liturgy to celebrate the day they had spent together. We ended our time at The Mount with an assembly looking back at the highlights of the time we shared on our retreat. Over the Lenten season we visited six primary schools; St Mary's, Herringthorpe, St Thomas More, Sheffield, St Joseph's, Dinnington, St Joseph's, Retford, St Joseph's, Handsworth and Our Lady and St Joseph's, Wath. In each school we lead a retreat day with one of the classes, thinking about Lent and what it is all about. We began our day

together with a whole school assembly where we thought about how we can be the best that we can be during Lent. We had great fun in each school and on each day the young people created their own Stations of the Cross after reflecting on what each station means to them. The Stations of the Cross that were created by each school were amazing and beautiful and were shared with



the rest of the school, in the liturgy at the end of the day. Each was so different and so incredibly prayerful and reflective. The day was brought together by each young person taking part in a final liturgy that they created as a class and then shared with the rest of the school community. We have also had the privilege to work alongside several confirmation groups and their wonderful catechists. Over the past few months we have spent time working in two parishes, Immaculate Conception in Herringthorpe and St Mary's, High Green. Getting to share in their journey towards Confirmation has been a real privilege. We have also been visited by two Confirmation groups at the house in Denaby Main, the first being the Confirmation group from St Marie's, Sheffield and the second from St Joseph's, Wath. Each day was filled with lots of prayer, laughter and joy. We spent time getting to know more about each other and we completed a series of challenges based on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. After lunch time was spent journeying round different prayer stations, reflecting in particular on what it means to be a disciple and what it means to be Confirmed. We had an amazing journey towards Easter and we would like to thank all the young people, school staff and catechists we have met and had the joy of working alongside over the past few months.



Sainsbury's Derbyshire School Games Event

Around 1,000 young people were involved in this year's Sainsbury's Derbyshire School Games Event, hosted at Spinkhill's Mount St Mary's College. The multi-sport event saw more than 100 teams from schools across Derbyshire competing in 11 competitions at Mount St Mary's College at Spinkhill, near Sheffield. The Sainsbury's School Games is one of the flagship legacy programmes linked to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and sits at the core of the Government's investment in school sport. The programme is designed to motivate and enthuse all young people to take part in competitive sport.

The event was officially launched at Mount St Mary's College (pictured on the right) when Bolsover District School Sport Partnership's cyclo cross and grass track cycling qualification event took place to determine which school will represent the partnership at the Derbyshire School Games Event. The event was won by a team from Heritage High School. Team qualification and selection took place with inter-school competitions being held to determine which schools represented their school sport partnership in either Mini Tennis, Mini Tennis Plus, Quadkids athletics, cricket, cyclo cross, grass track cycling, Tri-Golf, Super Sixes Golf Plus, Boccia Plus and rounders. The Derbyshire School Games Event involved pupils from primary, secondary and special schools from across

Amber Valley, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derby City, Erewash, High Peak, North East Derbyshire, Rural Derbyshire and South Derbyshire. County Competition Officer, Craig Homer said, "The Derbyshire School Games Event is part of the Sainsbury's School Games programme, which is linked to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and is designed to motivate and enthuse all young people to take part in competi-

tive sport. It will give many pupils the opportunity to compete at county level for the first time and will be a real celebration of sport with an opening ceremony, music, dance and sporting stars, and I'm sure it will inspire them to keep playing and competing." This was the culmination of the Derbyshire School Games Championships running throughout the school year. Mount St Mary's was delighted to host this event.



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CELEBRATING PENTECOST

Pentecost Parade



St Ann's Catholic Primary School, Stocksbridge held a parade to celebrate the Coming of The Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This was a new initiative for the school. The parade was so well received by the people of Stocksbridge that there are now plans to make this an annual event.

Rotherham Deanery Celebrates Pentecost



On Sunday, 8 June almost 800 members of Rotherham Deanery came together to celebrate the feast of Pentecost at St Bernard's Catholic High School.

The event began with African drumming and a procession led by primary school children from local schools carrying their school banners and waving streamers. The six schools of the learning community had produced an altar cloth for the occasion.

Fr Desmond Sexton celebrated the Mass with Monsignor John Ryan, Fr Evangelist Ohaejesi, Fr Leonard May and Fr Geoff Hurst.

The readings were read in French and Tagalog and the Gospel was read by Fr Evangelist in Igbo, a Nigerian language.

After a short sermon by Fr Desmond, local lad Dr Anthony Towey, now based at St Mary's, Twickenham, was introduced and spoke about the power and blessings of the Holy Spirit.

The Offertory gifts were escorted by Irish dancers from St Bedes Catholic



Primary School and representatives from each parish presented their covenants with the poor.

After Communion children from the Tamil community performed a traditional dance in their native dress. Following Mass everyone was invited to stay and enjoy a shared meal with foods from many different cultures. This was the third joint celebration of Pentecost in the Rotherham Deanery and the Mass has become an extremely popular and moving illustration of diversity and harmony in the local community.



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MORE DEVELOPMENTS AT ST JOHN FISHER

The Sheffield Star recently reported on more building work carried out at the rapidly developing Catholic School in Hackenthorpe.

"Youngsters at a Sheffield primary school will no longer have to carry their lunch down the corridor – after it secured cash for a new kitchen. Currently, pupils at St John Fisher Catholic Academy, in Hackenthorpe, have to walk with their food from the kitchen to their eating area. However, plans have now been drawn up for a new facility as part of the dining room – and work is expected to be complete by September.

The refurbishment will also help meet demand for more school dinners, as all under-sevens will be able to have a free lunch from the next academic year. Delia Evans, deputy headteacher at the Spring Water Avenue school, said, "The pupils are excited about the new kitchen. We have had some misses with food as they come around the cor-

ner, so it will be a lot easier."

St John Fisher has its meals brought in from another school and the new kitchen will continue with that arrangement, so does not require ovens. The £104,000 from the Education Funding Agency will be used to create a larger, more modern kitchen for serving the meals.

From September, all infant school pupils in the country will be able to have free lunches, with the aim of giving children a healthy start in life. Mrs Evans said about 90 children in Reception, Year One and Year Two at St John Fisher would be entitled to the free meals.

She said, "The new kitchen will mainly be a bigger space to cater for the extra pupils and we hope more modern too." Pictured above, pupils from St John Fisher take a close look at the plans for the new kitchen.

Photograph: Malcolm Billingham, courtesy of The Star.



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY JUDGED TO BE OUTSTANDING

Celebrations haven't ended for the team at St Thomas of Canterbury School in Sheffield since it was inspected by Ofsted on 20 and 21 May under the toughest framework so far and judged to be 'outstanding' in all areas. This followed shortly after the successful Section 48 inspection in November, 2013 when the school was also judged as outstanding. The school has an excellent reputation for its innovative approach to teaching and learning and many teachers from other schools visit the school to look at this excellent practice. The inspection team were truly blown away by the school's innovative approach to teaching and the children's thirst for learning. Pauline Pitman, the lead inspector, confirmed in her report that teaching is outstanding, "because it is innovative, imaginative and inspires pupils to learn." She went on to say that, "Expectations are very high and inspiring learning experiences support pupils to progress to a higher level."

Andrew Truby has been headmaster at the school since September 2009, when he was appointed as one of the youngest heads in the country at the age of 28. From the outset, Andrew was determined to take the school on a journey towards becoming outstanding. Now that this day has arrived, Andrew commented, "We are all absolutely delighted with the outstanding judgement because we have worked relentlessly for this for many years. The school has a real family feeling about it and an incredibly powerful Catholic ethos which can be felt as soon as you walk through our doors. I am probably the luckiest head in the world because my staff are truly talented from the welcoming and highly efficient office staff, the dinner staff who provide excellent activities for the pupils, the cleaners and building officer who maintain the school to the highest standard to the teachers and support staff who make learning irresistible, I have a truly outstanding team behind me." The school appointed Liam Colclough, a talented young deputy head at the start of the academic year who has certainly made quite an impression at the school already. The inspection team noticed his 'strong leadership' and the 'outstanding practice' he shares with other staff.

Liam is pleased to be part of the St Thomas' family and adds, "We are blessed to have such a wonderful team of staff who live and breathe this school while pushing themselves to the limits to help all children achieve. It is a privilege to work in such a thriving learning community which is underpinned by our talented, reflective and inspirational children. The journey really has only just begun for our school." Reflecting on the journey, Andrew added that, "The journey towards outstanding has not been without significant challenges and huge personal sacrifices from the team. As a school, we do not do things in order to please Ofsted; everything that we do is because we believe that it will have a major impact on our children's learning." Staff at the school feel privileged to work with such amazing children. The inspection team were so impressed by the children's outstanding behaviour and commented that, "Pupils are proud of their school and of their work. They arrive at school with a smile and even the youngest children have developed a real sense of ownership in their community and in their ability as learners." Members of staff at the school are highly ambitious for every single child in their care in terms of releasing their academic potential as well as developing each child spiritually, morally, socially and culturally. It is heartening that the inspection team recognised this about the school.

What is next for this outstanding school?

The school has made it clear that it is not going to be defined by the outstanding Ofsted judgement and will certainly not be putting banners outside but will continue to be defined by its core values around teaching, learning, emotional intelligence and family. The school hopes to extend its age range to include nursery provision within the next few years and has exciting plans to further develop the grounds to promote adventurous play and risk taking. Outstanding is not the end of the road but the beginning of the next stage of the journey. The team at St Thomas of Canterbury now aim to create a world-class school as a centre of excellence to share this with other schools for the benefit of children everywhere.

Sheffield Catholic Primary Schools Football Competition



On a beautiful sunny afternoon 13 Sheffield Primary Schools recently took part in the annual 6 a side football tournament. The event was well attended and the boys and girls who participated demonstrated great skill, enthusiasm but above all a great team spirit.

After an opening speech and prayer the children were given words of advice from Nicola Minichiello, an ex-Olympian from the Great Britain bobsleigh team.

A close final match saw the girls and boys from Emmaus Catholic and Church Of England Primary School narrowly beat St Thomas of Canterbury one nil in the final. This is the second year running both schools have contested the final. A huge thank you to all the staff and gifted and talented sports students from All Saints Catholic High School who helped organise the very successful event.

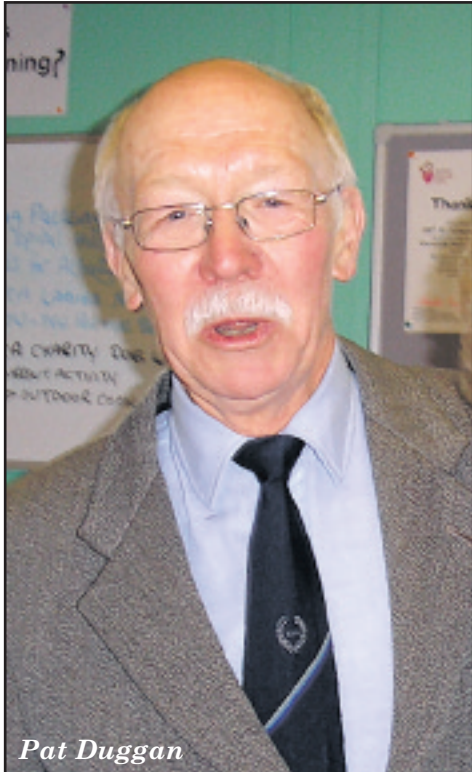
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PATRICK DUGGAN RIP

The beginning of the year saw great excitement for the 205th St Catherine's Scout Group when two of their members were chosen to represent Sheffield at the World Jamboree in Japan later this year. However, Patrick (Pat) Duggan, a main stay of the troop, died suddenly on June 16th. Very many people attended Pat's Requiem Mass, which was celebrated by Fr Albert Savaille. Pat's death was a sad loss to the community but the scouts are clear that his spirit will continue on in the Group and with the members visiting Japan.



Pat Duggan

GRAND PRESIDENT'S VISIT



The Grand President of the Catenian Association, John Mottram came to visit Sheffield Hallamshire 218 circle to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Our photograph shows him on the left with the President for this year, Frank Neal, who was a founder member.

Report and photo: JFR

Catholic Men's Society



Local Catenians get 'Hands On' with CAFOD

The CAFOD Hallam team were delighted to join members of the Sheffield Hallamshire Catenian Circle 218 for dinner in June. It was an opportunity for CAFOD to feed back on the impact of the very generous support of Catenians, who have funded health projects for clean water and sanitation in Zimbabwe and Zambia. Pictured below are CAFOD volunteers Alex Krzyz and Will Green, who invited fellow Catenians to get 'Hands On' with CAFOD through a regular commitment to fund more water projects in Kenya, and all reflected on the inspiration of St Theresa of Avilla who said 'Christ has no hands but yours'. After dinner Angela Powell, diocesan manager for CAFOD was presented with a cheque for £350 by Frank Neal, President, towards CAFOD's work around the world. Pictured below are Catenians, Dr Frank Neal, Alex Krzyz, Will Green and Angela Powell from CAFOD.



On Tuesday 10 June, St Vincent's Branch of the Catholic Men's Society (CMS) welcomed Fr Eamonn O'Brien to Sheffield. Fr Eamonn is a Columban Missionary working in China based in Beijing. After celebrating Mass, he gave an inspirational talk about his work and the work of the Columban missionaries in China. Fr Eamonn spoke about the positive developments taking place at the moment and the opening of a contemplative Convent, the first in China since 1949. Fr Eamonn urged the CMS to continue to pray for the Church in China and thanked the CMS for their continued financial support for his work. The photograph on the left shows Fr Eamonn receiving a cheque for £500 from St Vincent's CMS, Sheffield.

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