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THE CELEBRATION OF BISHOP RALPH'S INSTALLATION



Bishop Ralph Heskett

Last month's Hallam News gave an overview of the order of the Service of Installation for our new Bishop. This month we explore in a little more detail some of the meanings and symbolism of the Service. The spotlight fell on three important religious and liturgical symbols when Bishop Ralph Heskett was installed as the Third Bishop of Hallam in the Cathedral Church of St Marie last month. Focus first fell on the cathedra – the Bishop's Chair – when Archbishop McMahon, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Liverpool in whose Province the Diocese of Hallam falls, invited Bishop

Ralph to take his place there. As Bishop Ralph later commented in his homily, the cathedra is a sign of the Bishop's authority within the Diocese and recognises his role as the leader and teacher of the Diocese. Welcoming Bishop Ralph, towards the end of the installation, Cardinal Vincent Nichols also referred to the Bishop's Chair. The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster reminded Bishop Ralph that the Chair should 'always be too big for the Bishop' emphasising the fact that authority is shared and mutually supported by all the brother bishops and archbishops of England and Wales.

The second symbol used in the liturgy of installation was the presentation of the Book of the

Gospels to Bishop Ralph by Fr Christopher Posluszny, the Cathedral Dean. The presentation is a sign of Bishop Ralph's mission to preach the Word of God to the people of Hallam. Our new bishop, as a member of the Redemptorist Order which is known for its mission of preaching and teaching in parishes, promised to preach with zeal and with patience. Having been conducted to his seat and received the

Gospels, it only remained for Emeritus Bishop John Rawsthorne to pass his pastoral responsibility on to Bishop Ralph by presenting him with the Diocesan crozier. The crozier is a mark of the shepherd's office and ministry and one of the themes of Bishop Ralph's homily was that of leading and caring for the people of Hallam in his new ministry. At the conclusion of the Mass, a particularly moving moment was the singing by his



Emeritus Bishop John Rawsthorne presents the Diocesan Crozier to Bishop Ralph

fellow Redemptorists and Bishop Ralph of the invocation 'Inclita et Virgo Pia' (O noble and Holy Virgin). Then Archbishop Mennini and Cardinal Nichols addressed the congregation drawn from all parts of the Diocese. Archbishop Mennini com-

mended Bishop Ralph to the people of the Diocese. He expressed the hope that we would all take Bishop Ralph to our hearts as we had with Bishop John. Cardinal Nichols, after giving a moving tribute to the work of Bishop John, echoed this commendation to us. The Mass ended

with one of Bishop Ralph's favourite hymns 'O Mother Blest, whom God Bestows'. A video of the full installation service is available to watch on the Hallam News Website. The address is www.hallamnews.com.

Photographs: Bob Rae



Bishop Ralph receives the Book of the Gospels



The Redemptorists sing 'O Noble and Holy Virgin'



Bishop Ralph takes his place at the Cathedra



Apostolic Nuncio, HE Archbishop Antonio Mennini (left) and Cardinal Archbishop Vincent Nichols

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SPONSORED WALK FOR HALLAM DIOCESAN LOURDES FUND

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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:

- 7 St Thomas of Canterbury, Kirk Sandall.
- 14 Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe.
- 21 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley.
- 28 Blessed Trinity, Wickersley.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

In aid of the Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund – supporting the elderly and abandoned in Bethlehem.

Dore and Totley Golf Club
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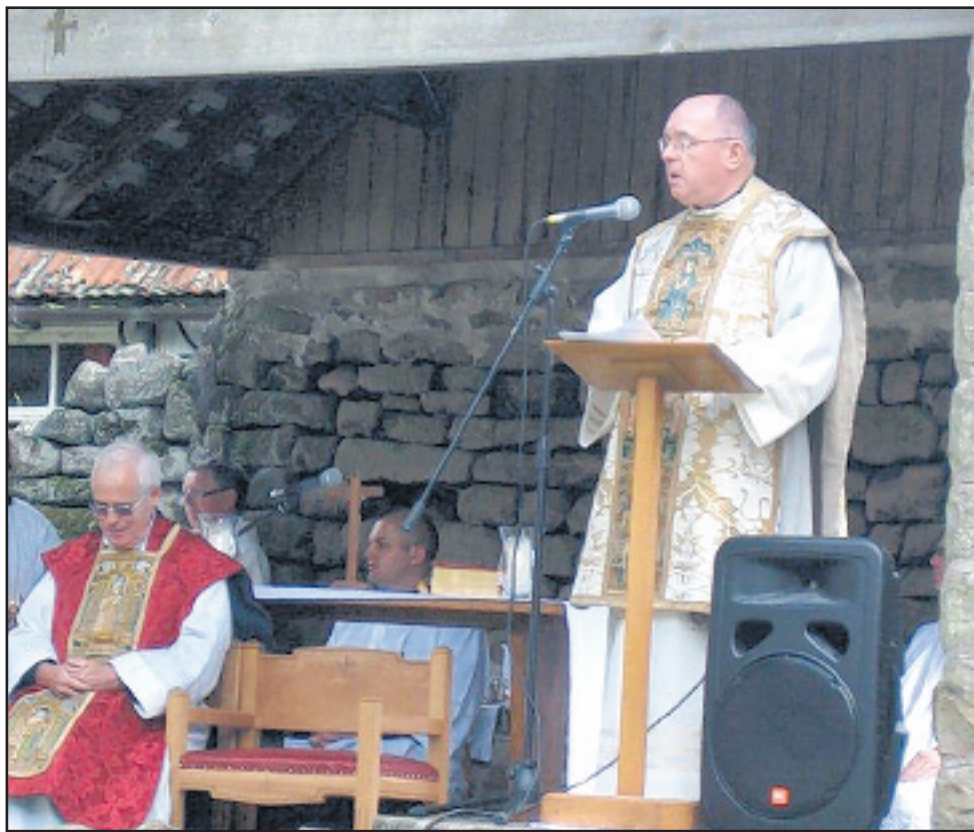
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PADLEY 2014



Padley Chapel was formerly the gatehouse of Padley Hall, the medieval manor house of the Eyre and Fitzherbert families. It was the scene of the martyrdom, in 1588, of Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam. These two Catholic priests were hidden here by Thomas Fitzherbert during the reign of Elizabeth 1. They were discovered, arrested and taken to Derby to be hanged, drawn and quartered for their beliefs.

The Annual Joint Hallam and Nottingham Pilgrimage to Padley takes place each year on the Sunday nearest the 12 July. Pilgrims assemble at Grindleford Station at 3pm, then process to

the chapel to celebrate Mass at 3.30pm.

This year the homily was given by Monsignor David Hogan, Prior of the Northumbrian section of the Knights of Holy Sepulchre.

Pictured above left, Mgr David Kirkwood greets the congregation at the annual Padley pilgrimage; left, the congregation gather in the sunshine at Padley Chapel; above, Monsignor David Hogan preaches his homily.

The full text of Monsignor Hogan's homily is available on the Hallam News website at www.hallam-news.com.

Photographs courtesy of Eileen Maher



Bishop's Walk 2014

**Sponsor One Bishop
Get Another One Free!**

St Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable were delighted recently to receive confirmation from the newly installed Bishop of Hallam, the Rt Rev Ralph Heskett that he will be joining us on the Bishop's Walk this year. However, this does not mean the end of Bishop John's participation in the event as he has agreed to come out of retirement to take part.

The sixteenth walk will take place this year on Friday, 5 September, taking in the beautiful scenery of the Ladybower, Derwent and Howden Dams. The 15 mile annual event, which is raising money for St Wilfrid's Residential fund, will be attended this year by priests, headteachers, business partners, clients, volunteers and staff of the Centre. Director of St Wilfrid's, Kevin Bradley recently said, "The Bishop's Walk is very important to us and is a great place for people from across the Diocese to mix informally. The money raised provides a lifeline for many, so please be generous in your support."

Kevin further urges people to sign up to sponsor at churches across the Diocese and not to forget to fill in the gift aid form which is also very important. Remember just by ticking the box and putting your postcode, a further 25% of your donation will be added at no further inconvenience to you.





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Hallam Assembly Spirituality Series

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

**All things are passing but
God never changes**

On 31 May the Hallam Diocesan Assembly Committee held another of its half-day spirituality events at Blessed Trinity, Wickersley. The subject was Carmelite Spirituality and the presenters were Fr Tony Lester, Provincial of the British Carmelites, and Johan Bergström-Allen, a professed lay member of the Order.

Johan opened by stressing that the Carmelites are not just an order of nuns and friar priests; in fact, lay associate members are the largest section of the order. He said that, in a nutshell, the purpose of the Carmelites is to be 'love in the heart of the Church'. He told how the order's origins went back 800 years when a small group of lay men decided to seek God by creating a religious community on Mount Carmel in Palestine. They chose this location because it is the site of the prophet Elijah's well, and in the land where Jesus himself had walked. Very little is known about these people except that their spiritual aim had been to 'make God known and loved', which must be the aim of all spirituality. Mountains have a symbolic importance in Carmelite spirituality; both the Old and New Testaments contain references to important events that happened on mountains, and our spiritual journey to God can be likened to climbing a mountain in that it is a lengthy and difficult task that presents many challenges but also beautiful views. The imagery of a mountain reminds us of God, and people of different faiths approach the top of the mountain from different starting points at the base. When we start the spiritual journey we are spread out and distant from each other, but as people ascend closer to union with God the distances between them shrink. So for Carmelites, the top of the mountain – the experience of God – brings human beings closer together.

The Carmelite charism is 'contemplative', based on the belief that we long for something, someone, deep in our hearts. We trust that God is the answer to that deep longing, even though at times we may feel that something else will satisfy our desires and we get distracted by various false idols. Carmelites believe that we are called to be friends with God, which means speaking with and listening to God with intimacy, frankness, and trust.

The Carmelite charism involves not only prayer but also community-building and service to others. Fundamental is the belief that God is not necessarily found in the obvious places such as churches, but also in the 'pots and pans' of everyday living. Love is regarded as supremely powerful. Johan quoted St John of the Cross, "If love is lacking, then put in love and you will draw love out." Carmelites recognise the need to be alone in silence at certain times, but most are not hermits. They recognise that the way to God requires practical displays of love and this is impossible without contact with other people. Carmelites are expected to work as well as to pray. The spiritual patrons of the Carmelite Order span both the Old and New Testaments. Carmelites have particular devotion to the prophet Elijah who called the people of Israel back to God by confronting them with the question: in which God are you going to trust? Carmelites also have particular devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, whom they regard as their sister. Their devotion to Elijah and Mary is strong, but only to the extent that these two people point us to God.

Fr Tony began by stressing that God wants all people to be saved and to know God. He said that human beings can know God simply by being human, because God's grace is at work in every man, woman and child in the world.

One of the most difficult things for human beings to cope with is not being in control. We like to be in the driving seat, and we find ways of staying in control. This need for control can limit us spirituality in that we may not be prepared to take risks, and remain locked into a practice of religion that feels safe but that won't help us truly find God. Tony said that, at times, we all follow false gods, and that one of these idols can be religion itself. Religion is not God, but it can be the most subtle of false idols because, unlike others, it promises not just security in this world but in the next. It can also make us feel that if we practice religion we have got our spiritual lives sorted.

Pope Francis is calling us to look for God where God is. He is wanting us to ask, "What is my God like?" and "Where am I going to find God?" For Pope Francis, a primary place to find God is not in the practice of religion but amongst the poor.

Fr Tony said that we come to church to hear Mass, to celebrate the sacraments, and especially to receive the Eucharist. We do so not for the sake of ritual but in order that we can go out into the world carrying Jesus in our hearts. The going-out is the main purpose. Church is not an end in itself.

We need to think about the way we pray. Often our prayers consist of giving God a list of demands. This is limiting. We often settle for not very much, whereas God wants us to have so much more. In fact, God wants us to have everything: God wants us to have God. Our physical senses give us the ability to experience the wonders of God's kingdom, but they are untrustworthy guides to our relationship with God because they can fill us with a 'warm fuzziness' that does not tell us how close God is to us or how close we are to God. God does not do warm fuzziness! God continually challenges us to climb a little further up the mountain, and this may be a difficult and painful climb requiring us to relinquish control and trust in God.

Fr Tony illustrated the point by talking about his young nephew brandishing a bread knife. A bread knife is a good thing; we cannot cut bread without one. In the hands of a three-year-old child, however, a knife becomes a dangerous thing that could harm the child and others. But if a child has got hold of a bread knife, he might not readily part with it. Our childhood faith can be similar; we brandish about the ideas we had when we were immature Christians, but we have perhaps failed to progress and grow in our faith. We hold on to things associated with Church that are not bad in themselves but which impede our spiritual development. Sometimes practices that were relevant to our faith when we were children are no longer suitable now that we are adults.

In the Old Testament, Elijah challenged the false god Baal and called down fire from heaven to prove that the Lord God of Israel was the only true God. He then had to escape the anger of Queen Jezebel by going into the wilderness where, despite his success, Elijah became depressed and troubled. In the end he was told to stand at the mouth of a cave on Mount Horeb to witness God passing. A hurricane, earthquake and fire came, but God was not to be experienced in any of them. When these had passed, Elijah experienced 'sheer silence' and knew that this marked the presence of God. In other words, Elijah found God

in the absence of any sense of God. Carmelites say 'be quiet and still and hear the word of God'. Their Rule of Saint Albert talks about Carmelites praying 'in their cell', by which is meant not simply a little room but rather relating to God in the heart. The use of silence is essential. It is about creating 'space for God'. Fr Tony encouraged us all to try regularly to spend some time in 'sheer silence', and not fill every quiet time with 'religion' or activ-



Above: Fr Tony Lester, Provincial of the British Carmelites and below, Johan Bergstrom-Allen, a professed lay member of the Order



ity. There is nothing wrong with religious practices like the rosary and other devotions, but they can actually be a distraction from encountering God in silence.

Silence can be difficult because when we are alone we encounter ourselves and our sinfulness which can make us stop, dispirited, on our spiritual journey. However, the Holy Spirit will see our silence as an opportunity to fill the space silence has created in our lives, and will sow the seeds of spiritual growth in us. This growth is never quick; it will take a life-time. Neither is it easy, but it will allow God to find us. In this way Christianity is different from other religions, which seek to find God. In Christianity, God finds us. All we have to do is allow God to find us.

Carmelites also place great importance on meditating on the Scriptures and especially on the humanity of Jesus as shown to us in the Gospels. Fr Tony recommended that each day people read a short passage from one of the Gospel accounts, and then spend a few minutes thinking and praying about what they had read. He suggested starting with the Gospel of Luke. He said that whilst there is nothing wrong with reading other spiritual books, the Gospels are the authentic Word of God and will always have priority over other religious writings. Finally, Fr Tony made the point that if we begin to spend time in silence and reflect on God's Word in the Bible, our lives will be changed in ways that we cannot imagine.



People gathered from across the Diocese for the session on Carmelite Spirituality

Please see page 8 for another article about the Hallam Assembly Spirituality Series - Benedictine Spirituality



FR BRIAN DAVIES



Fr Brian Davies died peacefully on Thursday, 7 August at Barnsley Hospice. Next month's *Hallam News* will carry a full tribute to Fr Brian. He is pictured above with Emeritus Bishop John. Photograph: JFR

CAFOD

Stephanie Beech, who is running the Great North Run for CAFOD tells us:

"Earlier this year I spent one month volunteering in Calcutta, India with the Missionaries of Charity which was set up by Mother Theresa. It was a very inspiring and eye opening experience. When I returned I was keen to get involved with an overseas charity such as CAFOD so that I could continue working towards ending the poverty and social injustice that goes on in our world.

From September I will be taking part in a year long volunteer scheme with CAFOD based in the Salford diocese. I have decided to run the 13.1 mile long Great North Run on 7 September this year to raise some money for CAFOD to begin my year. If you have the time to take a look at my fundraising page on the link below and sponsor me, I would be very grateful!"

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What Makes a Good Society?

Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield is supporting this project of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, 'What makes a good society?'

Faith plays a pivotal role in our society. Many churches exist not as closed gatherings, but as communities with a deep concern for everyone living in their neighbourhood. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is encouraging those communities to tell their story, and asking "What does a Good Society mean to you?" Many great projects illustrate a dedication to caring for others, and a commitment to solid community-building. Their voices provide a challenge to the accepted role of faith and the Church in seeking the common good. Sheffield Church Action on Poverty pilgrims have seen this on their annual Pilgrimages.

The Annual Pilgrimage on Saturday 18 October, starting at 9.15am at St Wilfrid's, Queens Road, takes the theme, The Good Society, and there will be an opportunity at the end of the Pilgrimage, 2pm at Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, to receive a presentation on this from National Church Action on Poverty and to discuss this. All are welcome to join in, more details in the next issue of *Hallam News*.

For more on the national project, go to <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/goodsociety>, or contact Fr Shaun on 0114 2343580 or email sacredheart479@btinternet.com for further details of the projects to be visited on the Pilgrimage.

Sheffield Catholic Quiz League 2014

The search is on for new team members.

Teams play on a home and away basis with venues including St Vincent's Club, Solly Street, De La Salle Club, Beauchief and the University Pub.

Teams of four choose questions at random from a set of fifty set by the League.

There is a fifty first question which gradually releases information for decreasing points.

Interested individuals or teams can contact Glynn Lowrie on 07762082661, text only please due to work commitments, or tramman602@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

A pre-season quiz meeting will take place at St Vincent's on 2 October at 8.45pm. Please contact Glynn before this date if planning to attend.



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

Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 12 Noon on Friday 03 October 2014.

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Celebrating Our Schools



Children and Staff of Holy Trinity 3-16 Catholic and Church of England School Celebrate their OFSTED Report

Simon Barber, headteacher of the school said, "We were delighted with our Ofsted outcome in July which confirmed our own judgement that we are a good school. This was a wonderful result for us and testament to the hard work of our staff and pupils. I was particularly pleased with one of the comments we received about the behaviour of our pupils saying that, "attitudes to learning are almost always exemplary". We are so proud of the young people in our school, they work hard and want to achieve well, it makes teaching such a pleasure when you are working with such motivated pupils. We don't want to be a good school though, we want to be outstanding. We will use this inspection outcome to build moving forwards so that we can increase the number of our pupils exceeding National Averages, so that in time we can become an outstanding school.

Being a through school means teaching and learning can be done differently at Holy Trinity than in traditional primary and secondary schools. In the primary phase individual classes are taught by one teacher and there is specialist subject teaching in secondary phase. The difference is that all primary children receive specialist teaching in PE, Music and French each week, and the primary phase are regularly able to access and make use of secondary specialist facilities, particularly in Science. As a result of this work the primary children are growing in confidence and ability, developing specialist knowledge and skills earlier in their school lives which will stand them in good stead as they

get older.

When our Year 6 children transfer to our secondary phase there is very little change for them, they know many of the secondary teachers, they know their way around and can hit the ground running when they start in Year 7. For children who join us in Year 7, their transition is eased by having so many children who know the school well and they are well supported and looked after.

Secondary phase students are encouraged to support children in the primary phase, so they hear readers, organise playground games and get involved in some lessons. As a result of this the secondary pupils are able to consolidate their own learning by teaching younger children and supporting their learning. The children and young people at Holy Trinity are like a big family, they are all on their own learning pathways but they see and have contact with each other regularly.

Being the headteacher of Holy Trinity enables me to have an influence on the education of 1150 children and young people and to try to create a new way of working; blending primary and secondary expertise, blurring the transition between Key Stages 2 and 3 and underpinning all our work with our Christian foundation.

We are so lucky to have been given such an amazing school building to enable our young people to have the very best start in life. They deserve nothing less. We have an opportunity to develop something very special at Holy Trinity, a Christian legacy that will last for generations to come."

Are You Willing to Become a Catholic Headteacher?

Calling aspiring leaders of Church schools!

Across our Diocese and beyond we have many primary and secondary schools struggling to recruit headteachers even though there are many talented teachers, who could take on this role.

As teachers, we are trained to assess data or come up with curriculum solutions ... but do we ever look at leading a school in its faith development. This is an element that often scares us as we often do not feel worthy enough to lead on the spiritual formation of both staff and pupils.

In actual fact, leading a Catholic school needs people who are humble, but as Nelson Mandela said, 'are willing to shine.'

In order to encourage you to take that step the National College has funded a course – Doulos – to support people wishing to make the step into Church headship. Doulos is the Greek word for 'servant' and one element of the course is looking at what 'servant leadership' actually means. The course is run by Hallam Teaching School, based at Notre Dame, Sheffield and by the Ebor Teaching school, based at Manor

Church of England School, York, and concentrates on leading a Church school. We are very grateful that our patron is His Grace, the Archbishop of York, Archbishop Sentamu.

The course consists of three face to face days plus a two day placement in an outstanding school. Participants get to meet with other aspiring leaders across Yorkshire and Humberside as well as hear some inspirational speakers. We also ensure that the Directors of Education for the Diocese are aware of those taking part so that as vacancies come up, they are able to contact you. The final day takes place at Bishopthorpe Palace in York where we ensure that you are well prepared for that next step.

If you are interested, further details are available on the two Teaching School web-sites:- www.notredame-high.co.uk or www.ebor-tsa.org or if you wish to discuss this further, you can contact Jane Willis at Notre Dame on 0114 2302536 or e-mail at headteacher@notredame-high.co.uk. You do not have to be in a Catholic school to participate in the course. The deadline for applications is 6 September. We look forward to meeting you.



Participants and graduates in this year's Doulos programme at Bishopthorpe Palace, York

END OF YEAR MASS AT HOLY ROOD

The End of Year Mass at Holy Rood School is always a special occasion when the community says not just farewell to Y6, but also to anyone else who may be leaving. This included Derek Skitt who officially retired from the school's governing body after thirty two years of dedicated service. Derek was also Chair of Governors for twenty five of those years and under his guidance and leadership the school has been transformed beyond all recognition. Speeches and presentations were made after Mass and among the gifts Derek received

were a photo album full of pictures from his tenure, a beautiful illumination and blessing hand drawn by the sisters at Kirkedge, a donation to Derek's favourite charity that supports street children in Columbia and a Japanese Maple.

Pictured on the left, left to right, are headteacher, John Gregson, ex chair of governors, Derek Skitt, new chair, Cath Needham and John Cape, Co-Director of Catholic schools in Hallam. For more reports on activities at Holy Rood Catholic Primary School see www.hallamnews.com.



Celebrating Our Schools

LINKS WITH ZAMBIAN VILLAGE

A small group from Spinkhill's Mount St Mary's College has returned from a trip to a small village in Zambia where they saw first-hand where their donation of funds will go to help equip the local school library.

The college chaplain, Fr Simon Ellis, teacher, Barbara Wigg, and Ken Dunn of charity, Africa's Gift, were visiting Chikuni in preparation for the school's trip to Zambia in June 2015. They set in place plans to visit the Mount's partner Jesuit Secondary School in Chikuni in Zambia, where they will carry out a range of projects within the community. They took along with them some technology in the form of a portable cooking stove, which will be part of a school project on sustainability, and they heard about how some of the fundraising efforts by pupils at Mount St Mary's would benefit the school's new library. The visit also in-

cluded trips to the local Home Based Care centre, built some years ago with funds raised by pupils from the Mount, local primary school, the hospital, the radio station, the Museum and Community Centre and the Teacher Training College, where the group will be staying next year.

Teacher, Mrs Wigg, who will be returning to the area with the pupils next year, said, "What really made the trip a life changing experience for me was meeting the local people, who are most welcoming and who have so little, but who are so very grateful for what they do have – a sobering thought in our consumer driven society."

Fr Simon Ellis said, "The trip to Zambia will be an amazing opportunity for pupils to learn about global issues and develop new skills whilst also making a real difference to a community in another part of the world."



Molly Continues to do Her Best and Triumphs

Molly Meleady-Hanley has won a Scholarship to one of the UK's top Boarding and Day Schools - Mount St Mary's College, in recognition of her all round sporting, academic and creative achievements and potentials.

Molly was picked as one of the top 10 multi-talented Irish children to watch out for in the future, and has had another triumphant year in Athletics, coming first Under 11 and first Under 12 in every race she competed in during this year's Athletics Season.

Molly is coached by Brian Adams – Olympian and Team GB Coach - and is

coached for endurance by John Dowling, the Long Distance Multiple World Record Holder, who said of her, "Molly is an exceptional talent and greatly deserves all she has achieved, as she gives of herself 200% in everything she does and does so, not in any harsh competitive way, but in pursuit of merely doing the very best she can, in line with the Mylnhurst School motto. She is a warm hearted child and great fun to be with and is very popular on the national and international circuits. She is a credit to her school and to the Hallam Diocese."

Derbyshire Musician to be Broadcast on BBC

Talented Mount St Mary's College musician, Harry Castle, has won the Junior Category of the highly prestigious BBC Proms Inspire Young Composer of the Year.

The award winning composition by Harry will be heard by a huge audience at this year's BBC Proms when it will be performed by professional musicians. It will also be broadcast on Radio 3. As the Junior Category winner this year, Harry, 17, will also be invited to compose a piece for the Aurora Orchestra, a professional chamber ensemble based in London.

The competition, which attracted hundreds of entries from 12 to 18-year-old composers, has been running since 1978. It is well known for discovering outstanding new talents. Past winners include Thomas Hewitt Jones, who is celebrated for his commercial and ballet scores, and Alissa Firsova, whose first major BBC commission was premiered at last year's BBC Proms.

Harry said, "I am absolutely delighted to have been selected as one of this year's winners. I have always looked up to the people who have won the competition in the past, and it seems a bit surreal now that I am one of them!"

"I'm very excited about the opportunities the competition brings and I'm really looking forward to hearing my piece at the proms."

Head of Music at Derbyshire's Mount St Mary's College, Lucy Kitchener, said, "This is an exceptional achievement. Whilst Harry is very well known as a performer in the local area, his composing skills were apparent to us in the works he produced for his GCSE and A level.

"Harry manages to combine lovely melodic lines with unusual and exciting harmonies which make his music dynamic and accessible. His ability to write successfully in a wide range of musical genres could lead to wonderful opportunities for him in the future."

Harry, who takes on the role of Head Boy at Mount St Mary's College from September, is no stranger to success. In October he was selected to join the highly acclaimed London-based Rodolfus Choir, which is one of the leading youth choirs in the country. He was awarded A* in his music A level, which he took two years early, and achieved A* in GCSE Music at the age of 14. He is hoping to study music at Cambridge when he leaves Mount St Mary's.

New Headmaster for Mount St Mary's College



Dr Nicholas Cuddihy

Spinkhill's Mount St Mary's College will be welcoming a new face next term with the arrival of new Headmaster, Dr Nicholas Cuddihy.

A well-known and respected school leader within the Catholic education sector in Ireland, Dr Cuddihy comes to Spinkhill with more than 20 years of experience in education. He is currently the Headmaster of the outstanding Jesuit school, Crescent College SJ in Limerick. In his six years as Headmaster he has made a

significant contribution not only to his own school but to the education mission of the Irish Jesuit province.

Before taking up the Headship in the Crescent, he had already developed a track record of success and commitment to the provision of Catholic Education with experience as a teacher, a class head, a year head, a pastoral care coordinator, and most recently as the Headmaster of St Dominic's College Cabra, a large Catholic post primary school in Dublin.

His primary degree is in theology, English and education and he has amassed a string of post graduate qualifications. He holds a Master of Science in Education Management and Training and a Doctorate in Education Leadership and Management from Dublin City University. He also holds a post graduate diploma in Pastoral Care and Counselling for Teachers.

As a qualified and experienced rugby referee and coach, Dr Cuddihy has been an enthusiastic supporter and leader of co-curricular activities everywhere he has worked. In recent years he has helped to lead Crescent College to some outstanding success in sports, science and technology, debating, music and the arts.

Dr Cuddihy arrived at the Mount in August with his wife Grace, and their two children, five-year-old Luke and Ruth, three. Nicky said, "I am looking forward to working with staff and meeting pupils and parents. Mount St Mary's College is steeped in history. It has a strong reputation for offering an outstanding all round education where the focus is not just academically, but spiritually, physically and emotionally. This means that each and every one of our pupils leaves school ready to take on with confidence whatever opportunities lie ahead."

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BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY

Tune into wisdom and don't grumble

On 12 July Fr Terence Richardson, Prior of Ampleforth Monastery, spoke about the Benedictine way of life and spirituality to people from across the Diocese at Blessed Trinity Church, Wickersley. He began by stressing that this does not involve just monks. There are many Benedictine communities of nuns and many lay people who are oblates of the Order.

St Benedict

Fr Terence said that very little is known about St Benedict and even that which is known cannot be guaranteed with absolute certainty. He was born in Italy in 480 of distinguished parents who sent him to Rome to study. He was upset by the loose morals in Rome and decided to embrace a religious way of life. He went into the hills outside Rome and lived in a cave as a hermit relying on just one other person who brought him food. After a time people began to regard him as a holy man and gathered around him. He, in turn, started to organise them into a monastic community.

Later he founded a second monastery at Monte Casino, the site of the famous World War II battle. It was here that he wrote his 'Rule' which was to become the guiding document for all Benedictine Monasteries and others as well. So far as is known this was the only thing he ever wrote. He is believed to have died in 547.

The Rule of St Benedict

Originally it was in Latin but has since been translated into many languages. It comprises 72 chapters but is only a small book because many of the chapters are extremely short. Much of it is more like a spiritual reflection than a set of rules. In it, St Benedict recognises the need to be flexible to meet the needs of local cultures, circumstances and conditions; therefore, he gives abbots of monasteries the authority to change the Rule as they see fit. At the centre of the Rule is the requirement that each day monks pray at seven different times although St Benedict makes clear that they should also pray all the time. They are also required to read and study the scriptures and to carry out physical work. There is no discrimination in this work and monks who hold higher positions with the community are expected to work the same as the rest even if this means carrying out menial tasks.

Fr Terence said that the requirements of the Rule were the main reason why the monastic life had had such an influence on the development of western culture and civilisation in that it had created a climate of prayer, reflection, innovation and settled harmonious

community. A monastery has to earn its own keep and this is why they still carry out a range of activities from running schools, to selling agricultural produce and brewing cider and wine.

The Benedictine Community Worldwide

Fr Terence played a DVD which showed the development of Benedictine Communities, both male and female, across the Globe. The Order now has monasteries in Africa, Cameroon, India, Guinea, Brazil and Vietnam to name but a few. This DVD clearly showed how the Rule of St Benedict was being adhered to but also altered to suit local needs and this is reflected by the different habits worn and the styles of prayer. The audience were struck by how the Gospel of the Lord Jesus makes contact with a culture and then is expressed in a way that is in line with that culture, whilst still being part of the Benedictine Order and the universal church. No one who saw the DVD could be left in any doubt that the Holy Spirit is at work in every part of our world.

Fr Terence said that new monasteries are still being established. Nowadays, this is usually a result of a bishop asking a monastery to establish a presence in his diocese. In this way Ampleforth had recently established a community in Zimbabwe which may eventually become a new and separate monastery.

The Organisation of a Monastery

Fr Terence said that monasteries are neither a democracy, nor an autocracy. Decisions are made by the community of monks or nuns voting usually on an issue put forward by the abbot or abbess. In voting, a monk or nun recognises that they could be called upon to be part of whatever is being voted upon. The abbot/abbess can instruct a monk or nun to do something but the usual practice is for them to consult about a proposed course of action although a monk or nun does recognise that what they are being asked to do may be the will of God.

The essence of being a Benedictine is 'living in a community.' Not all monks do this and instead work in parishes, some of which have been run by Benedictines for hundreds of years. Now, however, there is a move to withdraw from this type of work in favour of the core purpose of community living.

Benedictine Spirituality

The primacy of prayer, reading scripture and work has already been emphasised and are the means by which Benedictines try to 'tune into wisdom'. To further illustrate Benedictine spirituality, Fr Terence read from the parts of Rule of St Benedict that deal with how abbots and abbesses should conduct themselves. He said that even

though it had been written 1500 years ago it was still a valuable guide as to how authority should be exercised in any sphere in the modern world and of the attitudes every Christian should adopt whether ordained or lay.

He said that the abbot/abbess is both leader and servant of the whole community and must know the burden this imposes on them. They must not be hypocritical and must demonstrate all that is good and holy, primarily by actions rather than words. They must never show any favouritism for one monk over others regardless of rank or status but they should be prepared to adapt their style to deal with the personality of individuals under their charge. They need to have some concern for temporal issues but their prime focus must always be the spiritual.

An essential aspect of Benedictine spirituality is the welcoming of guests who are seen as Christ in human form. Fr Terence quoted Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus says, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Benedictine monks do not just take Jesus to guests. Instead guests bring Jesus to them. As a result, guests are met in all humility and prayer and made welcome. Guests who are poor and/or pilgrims are seen as even more special.

Benedictines are expected to help each other regardless of how menial a task this may require them to carry out. Under the Rule grumbling is regarded as extremely negative behaviour and a serious sin. Benedictine monks are expected to accept whatever they are called upon to do no matter how menial without grumbling.

Benedictine Oblates

Andrew, a lay Benedictine oblate spoke about how oblates try to live the Rule of St Benedict in their everyday life. He said that some of the rule does not translate easily into modern life but some of it does. Oblates say the morning and evening prayers and go to Mass as often as possible. They also try to live a simpler life without all the latest goods in so far as they can. Oblates are attached to an individual monastery so that being an oblate becomes a vocation in itself and they enter into a spiritual relationship with the monks. They are encouraged to, each year, attend a retreat at the monastery.

Conclusion

Finally, Fr Terence reemphasised that prayer, reading and reflection on scripture, and work carried out in a spirit of love for God and for neighbour are at the heart of Benedictine spirituality. Grumbling and complaining must be avoided.

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Celebrating the Word and Communion without a Priest

Spiritual need and reduced numbers of priests could increase the demand for parishes to organise Celebrations of the Word and Communion in the future. At present, these celebrations - also dubbed 'Eucharistic Services', by some - are rare on Sundays. However, the Bishop's Conference has acknowledged that "it is becoming a more frequent feature of parish life in this country for the community to gather and celebrate the word of God and distribute Holy Communion in the absence of a priest".

With that in mind, the **Sheffield North Deanery Liturgy and Spirituality Group is organising a half day workshop** for anyone interested in finding out what is involved in organising a Celebration, the resources needed, when it might or might not be appropriate and what changes have occurred since the introduction of the new translation of the Roman Missal.

The workshop takes place on **Saturday, 27 September, at St Vincent's Church, 40 Pickmere Road, Crookes, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S10 1GY, with registration at 9am.**

The event is open to anyone across the Diocese, but if you wish to attend, please register your interest by sending your contact details and the name of your parish to Christine Wood, Liturgy and Spirituality Group Secretary, 96 Bluebell Avenue, Penistone, S36 6LQ; e-mail: drcbw@hotmail.co.uk.

MARRIAGE 4

In their fourth article on the subject of Marriage, Charles and Jane Perryman, who run the Marriage Preparation Courses in our Diocese, consider the very real value of listening.

Listening – the key to intimacy
Perched on a rocky outcrop high above the harbour of Funchal, the main town, on the island of Madeira there is a tiny church at which the English expatriate community arranges a Mass in English each Sunday. It is a very welcoming community and if you are visiting Funchal it is well worth seeking out the church. When we were there in 2010 Fr Domenico Andrade, in the course of his homily said, "Most people think that Christianity is about love, but actually it is really about intimacy." For both of us, it was like a light had come on. It's as if something that we had vaguely known suddenly came into sharp focus. We know that it is entirely possible to love someone without needing to know them at any depth. We only have to think about the Good Samaritan. His act of love towards the man who had been beaten up did not stem from any knowledge of him. Loving, therefore, can mean simply acting in a loving way towards another. That does not mean that the loving act may not be a profound act of kindness.

The second question in the old penny catechism asks, "Why did God make you?" The answer begins, "God made me to know Him...." We are called then, to ponder the mystery of God and allow God to reveal each one of us to ourselves. Psalm 139 tells us in detail how God knows each one of us through and through; every detail of our lives and thoughts. We enter into the mystery of God by listening to the Word of God, in scripture, spiritual reading, in the Eucharist and in prayer. In that way we become more intimate with the God who knows us and loves us at greater depth than we could ever imagine.

In our marriage relationship we, too, are called to greater and greater intimacy. In St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Paul likens marriage to the way Christ loves the Church. In the course of our work with married and engaged couples over the years we have come to believe that listening is the most important marital virtue; one that we need to practise constantly. It is through listening that we come to

know each other and to enter more fully into each other's world. Listening, actively listening, goes far beyond the words we exchange. Indeed psychologists tell us that only 7% of the messages we communicate are conveyed by the words. The rest comes through facial expression, eye contact, body language and tone of voice. Active listening means looking out for all of the emotional reactions behind the words – the anxiety, disappointment, frustration or excitement. It means being on the alert for those things not said but only hinted at, but which are causing concern. Above all it means being prepared to be influenced by what we hear. It is no good understanding all that our spouse has to convey and then making no response. Of course not all conversation takes place at this deeper level. Ordinary everyday chit-chat is just that, chit-chat. When there is a serious matter to talk about then we need to be aware of what can get in the way of real listening. Firstly, there is timing. All couples who have raised a family know that when there are small children around you cannot have any serious conversation between tea time and bed time. We all have good times for seri-

ous conversation and times to avoid. We also need to avoid distractions. It is impossible to listen to someone with the television on in the same room – even if the sound is switched off! The biggest obstacle to real listening, however, is our own disposition. If we don't want to listen, if we are not open to listening then we won't. Mostly what gets in the way of listening is fear; fear that we may hear something that we won't like; fear that if we really listened to our spouse we would be called to change. Putting aside our own fears in order to really understand our spouse is very challenging. How do we know if we are good as a listener? The key here is that we cannot be certain for ourselves. The only person who can say that that we are a good listener is the person that we are listening to. Only they can say if they have the experience of being listened to. For example, if Charles thinks that he listens well to Jane but Jane does not have the experience of being heard and understood, real listening is not happening. We need to be courageous enough to ask our spouse how well they think we do as a listener and to ask about the areas where we do not listen well.



Golden Anniversary



Peter Brannan (left) presents Anne and Mike Fealy with their golden wedding anniversary present

President of Barnsley Catenians Peter Brannan was using his sunglasses to protect himself from the golden halo around Mike and Anne Fealy at their At Home to Circle event celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Anne had prepared a wonderful buffet and Michael kept enough bottles open to assuage everyone's thirst. Circle wives, Lesley Brannan and Chris Horbury, had arranged the gifts of a golden camellia, a bottle of champagne, cash/vouchers and an embroidered Celtic knot created by another Circle wife, Anne Barry. The weather was kind and the whole evening typified the Catenianour Association being about faith, family and friendship.

Michael and Anne were hosting another event, At Home to the Family, on their actual anniversary and had had their marriage blessed by Fr Durkin when their children and some grandchildren turned up unannounced at St Theresa's, Darton.

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2014 is a very special year for the parish of St Mary Magdalene, Maltby.

The Patronal feast was celebrated on 20 July, when the Sunday morning Mass was held in the church's garden, followed by a barbecue and a celebration cake.

The centenary of the foundation of the parish in 1914, the laying

of the foundation stone, by Bishop John Carmel Heenan, Bishop of Leeds, on 5 August, 1954 and the consecration of the church by Rt Rev Gerald Moverley and Rt Rev William Wheeler, on 6 May, 1974 were all marked by displays of photographs and memorabilia around the church (pictured below). This included photo-

graphs from parish groups, Roche Abbey services, First Communion celebrations and May Processions. 'The Good Old Days' brought back many happy memories.

A prayer service was also held in the Grange Lane Cemetery, where the graves were blessed and past parishioners remembered.



Mrs Susie Rogerson of Highgrove Nursing Home, Mexborough was born on 6 August, 1914 in Wigan. Her 100th birthday began in hospital after a fall but she bounced back, received Holy Communion and then Highgrove gave her a very special tea party to celebrate with family and friends. Susie said, "I used to love to dance, but proper dancing, not all that shaking!" We wish Susie every blessing as she begins her second century! Susie is pictured above with Fr John Cooke, parish priest of St Alban's, Denaby Main.

Hallam Ascent's Retreat Day



Eighteen members of the Hallam Ascent group recently visited the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy in Derby for their yearly retreat. This year the retreat was given by Fr Denis Labartette, a Rosminian priest, who shared four 'Petites stories' about moments in his life when he felt the Holy Spirit at work.

Following Mass the group had lunch in the lovely convent gardens and then visited the church of St Mary's attached to the convent. The Pugin church dates from 1839 and has been beautifully restored with the help of Lottery Heritage money.

In the afternoon Fr Denis concluded the day with an anointing service.

Each person then picked up a 'spiritual After Eight' in the form of a written word. Words like 'Hope', 'Compassion' gave individuals a specific focus to work on after the retreat.

The recurring theme of the day was that God alone is holy and that it is God who chooses us to work for Him, rather than the other way around. The group were reassured in the knowledge that all that God demands is faithfulness, rather than success. The group left the convent after a lovely tea, which included freshly baked scones.

The hospitality of the nuns was warm and welcoming, which the group really appreciated.

Hope for the Future

Hope for the Future is a UK wide campaign, supported by Christian Aid, aimed at getting realistic climate change policies into the manifestos of the main political parties ahead of the next general election in May 2015.

Organisers say, "MPs keep telling us that people don't seem to care about climate change because they get so few letters about it. We want to change that. We want to get at least 10 letters to every MP in the UK, and preferably a lot more."

"We want people to encourage members of their Church to have what we are calling a Climate Write-In after a service or at any meeting, when they write to their MP asking for decisive action on climate change."

"The campaign is based on three fundamentals:

PRAYER

With an issue as complex as climate change, prayer is essential. We need

to take time to lament, repent, pray for change and pray that we have a deeper compassion for God's earth and all who do depend on it.

PRACTICE

There are many practical things we can do: re-cycling, home insulation, shopping locally, using renewable energy, flying only when it is unavoidable. Such commitments show our personal commitment but they are not enough. We also have to get involved in

POLITICS

We aim to make combating climate change a political priority of the next government; and, in the process, to enable people to see the power which is ours to honour and preserve God's creation, if only we will exercise it."

The Diocesan Conference on Saturday, 8 November will be highlighting the current campaigns and how we can work together.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

This year's theme: **Evangelisation in the heart of the family**

Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who currently is distant from the family of the faith - the parish community.

On 21 September the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation.

Please pray for and help the Bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non churchgoing Catholics by supporting the second collection.

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to donate online: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14#hms14 Thank you for your support and do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church on 21 September. The second collection makes possible the Bishops' work of evangelisation nationally.

SHEFFIELD SPUC held an information stall on Fargate, Sheffield on Saturday, 12 July. A week before the introduction of the latest Assisted Dying Bill into Parliament, we were able to explain its implications to people. For information about our work contact 07815820052.

De La Salle Association Rambling Club

This month's walk takes in Avenue Washlands Nature Reserve, New Tupton, Clay Cross and part of the Chesterfield Round Walk. Meet at 10.30am on Sunday, 14 September on Mill Lane, Wingerworth, 0.25 miles from its junction with the A61 Derby Road (grid ref 392672, postcode S44 6HB), for this 5 mile route over undulating terrain, with no steep hills.

The leader is Ted Bennett, telephone: 01246 852964, mobile: 07831 293356.

One Sheffield, Many Cultures

Free Festival School students celebrate 'One Sheffield Many Cultures' (OSMC) Saturday 4 October midday to 4pm, Barkers Pool, outside City Hall

On Saturday 4 October, bands, singers, dancers and circus artistes from 11 local secondary schools, including All Saints and Notre Dame, will battle it out in a competition at the 'One Sheffield Many Cultures' festival to be named the best live act, with the winner being announced the following week.

This free festival is an opportunity for Sheffield's young people to showcase our multicultural city with their music and dance talent. It will be a great day for all the family - featuring food stalls, face painting and clowning.

OSMC is also very pleased to announce that the festival will be opened by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Peter Rippon, and addressed by speakers from local community organisations and campaigns.

Fr Shaun Smith, One Sheffield, Many Cultures chair, said, "Our fourth annual festival is a great way to show the unity and diversity of our great multicultural city. The musical and dance talent on show from young people across our city will be a real inspiration for all who want to celebrate the contribution by people from all communities and backgrounds to the well being of Sheffield. Our movement is non party political and urges people from all walks of life to speak with one voice in opposing racism, bigotry and prejudice."

The event has been supported and organised by local people including Sheffield faith leaders, Yorkshire & Humber TUC, UNISON Northern General Hospital branch, Unite Against Fascism, Football Unites Racism Divides, University of Sheffield Students' Union, Northern Refugee Centre, Sheffield BME Network, Islamic Society of Britain, Hope not Hate, Love Music Hate Racism and the National Union of Journalists.

For more information see our website www.onesheffieldmanycultures.org.uk.

National Justice and Peace Network of England and Wales
Catholic MP blasts "awful" British immigration policy at J&P Conference
By Ellen Teague

Many asylum seekers in Britain die at near destitute levels because the government doesn't want to be seen to be soft on asylum seekers, Sarah Teather MP, chair of the All-party Parliamentary Group on Refugees, told the annual gathering of the National Justice and Peace Network on Sunday.

The ban on asylum seekers working is just one of the government measures she says has forced many into severe poverty. The Lib Dem MP for Great Central also described as "awful" Britain's block on refugees from Syria being given sanctuary here. Just 50 refugees from Syria have been resettled in Britain from Syria, and there are only 4,000 Syrian asylum seekers, she said. "Meanwhile, 2.6 million people have been accepted into countries neighbouring Syria, such as Jordan, which she visited last November. "Fear of public opinion has prevented the British government from doing anything more" she added, pointing out that dangerous trafficking particularly in the Mediterranean region, "is a consequence of our failure to provide a safe route for resettlement."

Speaking of her first surgery as a new MP 11 years ago, and picking up on the theme of the conference, "Called to Life in All its Fullness: accepting the responsibility of our baptism", Sarah reflected that, "I was shocked with water but my constituents baptised me with fire". That first surgery, she described the transformational experience of hearing stories of people who were struggling for justice. The plight of three women refugees from Bosnia, who had been used during conflict there and were living in the UK, struck her particularly forcibly. "It was a conversion experience for me" she said "and I had no idea so many people lived in a kind of limbo". She advised the "quiet dignity" of refugees and asylum seekers she has met since that time. She was very pleased that campaigning to end the detention of children in Immigration Removal Centres was eventually successful last year, and she told the conference it was "heartening for me to meet people campaigning on these unpopular causes". She advised J&P campaigners to take the view that politicians too can hear God's voice, and with positive support "they are more likely to take the courage to lead".

Around 500 participants warmly applauded three other speakers as well, who all addressed the mission to the vulnerable. **Clare Doose**, Head of CAFOD's Latin America Desk, spoke to the theme of prophetic witness in Latin America, highlighting famous prophets such as Dom Helder Camara of Brazil and Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador who believed in the "preferential option for the poor" and found themselves ostracised because of it. She pointed to Pope Francis being named by the International Church of Latin America to say that "we want to have a poor Church and for the poor".

Nancy Colwell, the producer of *Stardust* on BBC Radio 4, called for concern for the common good to include God's creation. She quoted eco-theologian Thomas Berry who said that humanity has broken "the great conversation with Earth" and urged that "we must start talking again, and listening". Speaking over constant thunderclaps in one of the biggest storms seen in Derbyshire in recent years she said, "I know I am preaching to the converted when I say it is being true to our baptism to care for the life and landscapes that make up planet Earth". She urged the J&P activists to "keep talking about it, work for it, love it, embrace people about it, write letters of complaint when things are wrong, write letters of praise when organisations or governments of church leaders act".

Genesie Simmonds OJ, Senior Lecturer in Pastoral and Social Studies and Theology at Heythrop College, talked about the priesthood of all the baptised, focusing on the layperson as bridge builder, healer, and consecrator of ordinary things that through their service are transformed into effective signs of grace. "It is a distributed theology that doesn't make sense of, or relies on, ordination" she said. Former chair of the Methodist conference, David Ruth Cole, part of the six-woman line-up of layorder speakers, agreed that "the sacred is everywhere in everyday life" and she concluded the conference by encouraging ecumenical collaboration. "In working towards the kingdom, we can do it best together".

Sixteen workshops covered topics such as Prison Ministry, Water, New Frontiers, Ethical Investment, Poverty in Britain and Human Trafficking, Palestine: Time for Action, led by **Pat Geoffrey** of Fox Christ and **Aes Fatt**, who has worked as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine, inspired a packed prayer service for Gaze on the Saturday evening. Thirty stalls of resources attracted visitors in between sessions. More than 50 young people at the conference pledged to build a better world in the surrounding slurry and the smallest children sprayed water over the congregation in a liturgy calling everyone to take responsibility for social and environmental justice and peace.

Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said in a message to the conference: "I am certain that this annual conference of the National Justice and Peace Network in England and Wales will encourage all Christians to live the best of evangelising, to enrich the world through their testimony of faith in Christ, and to join hands in collaboratively and fruitfully promoting the common good, respect for every human person and care for our home - Earth."

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World War One (WW1) - Diocesan Remembrance

100th Commemorative on the Centenary of entry of the British Empire to the War

Catholic parishes are asked to mark this important anniversary (4 August 1914) on the nearest Sunday, in this case 3 August, 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.

Prayer vigils on 4 August. Westminster Abbey will hold a candlelit vigil at 10pm and it will be broadcast live on BBC 2. It is hoped that churches, community groups and other faith communities will hold their own vigils and the Abbey has published advice and resources to assist with planning these services. Churches are making plans to mark the centenary of the start of World War 1 on 4 August with vigils.

Resources are to be found on the Westminster Abbey website: <http://www.westminster-abbey.org/whats-on/first-world-war-events>

An ecumenical service in Sheffield on 4 August has been drawn up on the basis of these resources, which have been circulated to parishes and which may be freely used.

Details of further events and resources for Hallam deaneries will be made available by the Commission later in the year as part of an ongoing commemoration from 2014-18.

Hallam Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission - Climate Change Conference
Saturday 8 November 2014
9.30am to 12.30pm at Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles St, S9 3WU
More details in next Newsletter

"For the love of it" - a new CAFOD campaign
<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Talk-action-today/climate-action>
Event in McAuley School Gannister, Friday 17 October, with NPs Caroline Flint, Ed Miliband and a speaker from Paris.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE (HFTF)
<http://www.hftf.org.uk/>

The Hope for the Future campaign started at a meeting of the Environmental Officers of the dioceses of Yorkshire and the North-East in late summer 2013. We are a small dedicated team based across Yorkshire.

The campaign was given a great boost when the Bishop of Sheffield supported the campaign in his March 2014 speech to the Diocesan Synod, and commissioned 12 Climate Ambassadors across the total area.

You can read Bishop Stevan's 14th Presidential Address on his blog post - <http://www.bishopofsheffield.org.uk/stevan/14th-presidential-address>

One of the most peaceful "Tweeths" in many years in Northern Ireland

Thanks to everyone who kept Northern Ireland in their prayers during July.

Please continue to keep Northern Ireland in your prayers. It is hoped that a special event will take place in September to help churches reflect about how to reduce sectarianism.

For more information check out:
<http://www2.anglican.org.uk/2014/07/25/peace-in-northern-ireland/>

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

A reminder that it's not too late to register for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS). This course offers the chance to deepen our understanding of the faith by studying basic Christian theology through teaching and discussion. It starts in September at the Hallam Pastoral Centre and covers a wide range of topics about the Bible, Jesus Christ, the Church and the Christian life. For more details, see <http://hallamyof.weebly.com> or contact the Adult Education Office, Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU, telephone 0114 2566410, email adulteducation@hallamdiocese.com.

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The 2014/15 St Marie's Cathedral Concert Series will open with the Sheffield Chamber Choir on Saturday, 20 September. On Friday, 7 November The Tallis Scholars will perform a programme entitled *War and Peace*, put together to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.



ST MARIE'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES

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Saturday 20th September, 7:30pm

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Violin: David Milsom
Trumpet: Matthew Knowles
Conductor: Robert Webb

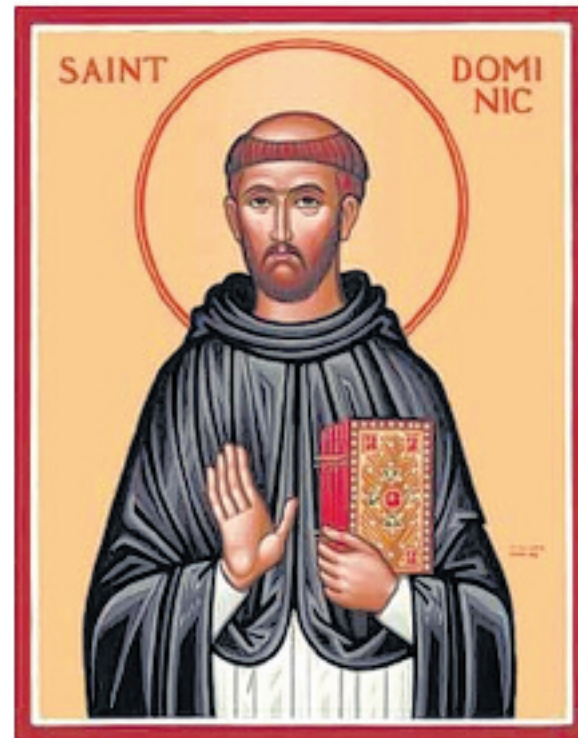
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Tickets also available on the door.

Hallam Diocesan Assembly Half-Day



**A morning on Dominican Spirituality
with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP**

9am for 9.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 27 September 2014
Blessed Trinity Church Hall
Northfield Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 2HF

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I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis over thirty years ago. When I was told initially, I felt stunned. I was a wife and mother of three children.

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However, MS has begun to really 'bite' over the last few years and I find myself reliant on aids to keep me balanced and a wheelchair for 'walks'!!!

I long for a cure for this wretched disease and I am so thankful to all involved in 'Operation Saddle Sore'.

Thank you for caring and for the love you are showing.

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If you could spare anything, however small, we would be so grateful!

All money goes to the Multiple Sclerosis Society

To donate please go to www.justgiving.org and search for "Helen Layton" or send cheques to: Helen Layton, CathCom Ltd, N2 Blois Meadow Business Centre, Steeple Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 7BN

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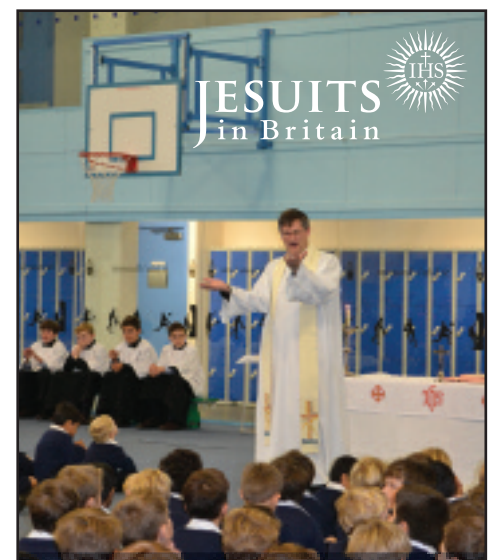
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