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Bishop Gerald Moverley, first Bishop of Hallam, wrote in the first edition of the *Hallam News* in October, 1989, "The *Hallam News* is intended to serve the people of the Diocese of Hallam. It is YOUR paper, wherever you live, and I hope that it will be a channel of communication which is used regularly."



Bishop Ralph with the Diocesan crozier on the day of his Installation as third Bishop of Hallam on 10 July, 2014
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300TH EDITION

December sees the 300th edition of the *Hallam News*. The Diocese was formed on 30 May, 1980 by the division of the Dioceses of Leeds and Nottingham and consisting of the County of South Yorkshire, parts of the High Peak and Chesterfield Districts of Derbyshire, and the District of Bassetlaw in Nottinghamshire under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.



Bishop Gerald Moverley, Archbishop Luigi Barbarito and Mgr Peter Moran at the opening of the Hallam Pastoral Centre in Sheffield on 27 June, 1990.

On the left: the shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster, St Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster. In 2004 Emeritus Bishop John established the Feast of Our Lady of Doncaster to be observed within the Diocese on 4 June each year.

Far left: The Most Rev Patrick Kelly with Bishop John Rawsthorne on the day of his installation as second Bishop of Hallam.

Below left: the most recently built church in the Diocese, St Vincent's, Crookes, Sheffield, formally dedicated on 21 May, 2001.



There are three joint Catholic and Church of England Schools in the Diocese, St Joseph's, Staveley, Emmaus in Sheffield and the most recent, Holy Trinity, Barnsley opened in 2012. Pictured below are the Technology Rooms at Holy Trinity during the construction of the school.



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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. |
| 3 | Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandgate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm for 'Christmas Treats'. For more details tel: 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, ascent@jngreen.plus.com, hallamascent.weebly.com. | 10 Irish Tea Dance with live music at Hillsborough Club, Bradfield Road, Sheffield, S6 2BS, 1-4pm. Please note change of venue. Everyone welcome. For more details contact Gerry from the Sheffield Irish Association, tel: 0114 2618788, mobile 07544979686. |
| 9 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 23 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 10 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee | |

Looking Forward to St Mary's Golden Anniversary

St Mary's Church, Penistone was consecrated by the then Bishop of Leeds on 31 May, 1965, so we celebrate our Golden Anniversary next year. Celebrations, including Mass with Bishop Ralph, are planned. The Church was built by the late Fr John Callanan, so we are having a week touring Killarney, Kerry and Cork which will include Mass at the church where Fr John was buried.



St Mary, Penistone



Fr John Callanan

Our coach is almost full, but anyone wishing to join us should contact Brendan Lally, 01226 763220.

EBOLA CRISIS APPEAL

Thousands of people have died from the deadly Ebola virus, in the largest outbreak ever known.

"Ebola leaves orphans in its wake who have now lost their source of food, education, love and care. It has taken our farmers away from the fields. It has shut down our roads and market places – destroying future economic prosperity." **Patrick Jamiru, Director of Caritas Kenema in Sierra Leone**

In Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, our partners are spreading the word about hand washing and good hygiene, as well as distributing soap and chlorine, providing safe burials, and providing food to quarantined families.

Please give to our Ebola crisis appeal today.

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CONSENT FORMS

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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 Mary, Herringthorpe.
- 14 Blessed English Martyrs, Askern.
- 21 St Helen, Oldcotes.
- 28 Mother of God and St Wilfrid, Sheffield.

SUNG ADVENT VESPERS & BENEDICTION By Candlelight



An opportunity to reflect on the Scriptures, sing Advent Hymns, and adore the Blessed Sacrament.

ST BEDE'S CHURCH, ROTHERHAM
Wednesday 17th December 7pm

Confessions heard from 6.30pm, and after Vespers
(Confessions in Polish will also be heard)

As the Church turns its focus from the awaiting of Christ's Second coming at the end of time, to the joyful coming of God through the birth of Our Lord Jesus; We are all encouraged to make sure we make time at putting Christ at the centre of our preparations for Christmas.

All Are Welcome

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH BRASS BAND

on
Monday, 22 December
at 6:30pm
at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Springwater Avenue,
Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, S12 4HJ
(by kind permission of Fr Paul O'Hara)

This service will follow the Ordinariate Rite and all denominations are most welcome.

The carol singing will be led by the newly formed Sheffield Ecumenical Choir, accompanied by the excellent Thurcroft Training Band.

The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes is 2 minutes walk from the Hackenthorpe tram station. Anyone who would like to sing with the choir can obtain further information regarding rehearsals from Mike Robinson on 01909 569617.

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Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund Reaches £60,000 in First Year

Recent and ongoing news again highlights and underlines the dreadful plight of those living in the Holy Land. The news has primarily concerned Gaza and Jerusalem but when the turmoil subsides the challenges of daily living for those who remain will have been immeasurably increased. The conflict will have added its own contribution to the poverty and insecurity of the people living there. Daily living will be much more difficult as even more scarce resources have to stretch to help, the homeless, the displaced, the ill and injured. The vulnerable will be even more vulnerable. The elderly will suffer and life will be even more difficult than it was before.

Just a year ago on 6 October The Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund was launched, with an initial objective of raising £250,000 to purchase a plot of land in order to provide premises for the care of the elderly in Bethlehem. Laila Asfoura from Bethlehem attended the launch and she expressed her gratitude to the Diocese for undertaking this project, which she said was very necessary. She thanked the Diocese for its continuing support in providing funds for St Martha's House - which seeks to provide some care for a small number of women. Presently St Martha's can cater for 37 women 4 days per week. The house can only accommodate 22 people at any one time. Laila emphasised the importance of the project to the long term care of the elderly in Bethlehem where they hoped that one day they would have a Centre that provided care to women and men and, yet further into the future, they dreamed of being able to provide hospice care. For any of that to come about it is first necessary to purchase the land.

Emeritus Bishop John, formerly Chair of CAFOD and himself no stranger to scenes of despair and devastation across the world, spoke of the great need that is evident in Bethlehem. In describing the situation in Bethlehem

he said, "There are walls, barriers, checkpoints; people are looking over their shoulders; they cannot reach their fields or get to work. The peoples who have lived in that land for thousands of years have been displaced and find their everyday lives and their livelihoods constrained. Many have lost their homes and live in refugee camps. They come from ancient Christian communities who can trace their roots to Christ himself and they now find themselves isolated and can practise their faith only with great difficulty. There is little industry except tourism and tourism suffers when times are troubled and the political situation is uneasy. Inevitably their young people leave to find a new life and freedom; and so the communities have disproportionate numbers of children and old people. The children, of course, have their parents but the elderly often have no-one to care for them and live lives of extreme loneliness and poverty, the widows especially so. The Christian communities of the Holy Land grow smaller and weaker by the day."

"The Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimages of the last two years have come face to face with this situation and resolved to try to help in some way. The Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund is a charity which we have set up in this Diocese to help this community realise its dreams and care for its old people. If we can relieve the burdens on the elderly, then the young will be more easily able to work for their children and their wider community."

Since the launch there have been generous responses from a number of parishes. Some have donated the proceeds of their Christmas Cribbs, other parish groups have organised fundraising events and there have been a number of events such as dances, draws, raffles, shoe sales and a golf day to raise funds. Bishop Ralph has agreed to be a Patron of the Trust Fund.



The reality of Christmas in Bethlehem is not the Christmas card scene, it is a place where peace has not yet come and where elderly still face challenges in daily living. The tourists have slowed to a trickle, employment is scarce. Without pensions, social care or support a great many elderly people will have no hope. The absence of care for the elderly is recognised as a crisis. The Trustees wish to thank all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to the Fund. There is still a way to go before we reach our goal but not as far as this time last year. There are a number of events, planned details of which will appear on the Diocesan website.

The Trustees have visited Bethlehem at their own expense and discussed the project with the Mayor of Bethlehem who has offered her support.

Please do something in your parish to help the elderly of Bethlehem particularly at Christmas. More information is available from the Diocesan Website or at www.hallambethlehemfund.com. It is also possible to make a donation

by mobile by texting 70070 and prefixing your donation with THBF01 (eg THBF01£5). This will give the Trust a £5 donation. There are no deductions made and all of your donation is paid to the Fund. The upper limit by mobile is £10.

It is possible to make monthly contributions, however small by text, by electronic banking or by direct debit. Donations can also be made from the Just Giving website. Please do try and contribute something no matter how small.

Please pray for the success of the project and please help in whatever way you can. The Trustees are available to give talks to any parish groups or events on the reality of the situation in the Holy Land. For further information contact Joe McNally on 07891072858 or joegmcnally@btinternet.com.

Pictured above are Emeritus Bishop John and Trustees of the Fund with Laila Asfoura, the Mayor of Bethlehem, at the launch of the Fund in October last year.

COFFEE MORNING FOR ST MARTHA'S CENTRE

Recently a coffee morning was organised at St Hugh's Church in Newbold, Chesterfield to raise funds for St Martha's Day Centre in Bethlehem. The centre is a life-line for the 'senior' ladies in Bethlehem, many of whom are lonely and leading very poor lives in rented accommodation. The Hallam Diocese is striving to collect £250,000 to buy some land on which to build a permanent centre.

A presentation about the centre was given by Sr Susan and Joe McNally from the Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund also spoke. While money is important, prayer and contacting the centre to let them know they are thought about is essential. The address was given out and people invited to write.

The event raised approximately £500. Sr Susan is organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February and she and the pilgrims will take this money with them to Bethlehem and visit St Martha's Day Centre.

The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately £1,150 - based on two people



sharing, half-board. The pilgrimage is mainly for adults - children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Further details can be obtained from Sr Susan at srsusan@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk or 01246 201191, or write to St Teresa's Presbytery, Clumber Street, Warsop, NG20 0LX, tel: 01623 845091.

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Advent Service

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Running for CAFOD

The September issue of the Hallam News carried an article about CAFOD worker, Stephanie Beech. Stephanie was planning to take part in the Great North Run and invited readers to sponsor her for CAFOD. Here is Stephanie's update.

"Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Great North Run at the beginning of September. I managed to raise £900 for CAFOD! I completed the half marathon in 1 hour 45 minutes, which I was very pleased with. "CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development which is part of Caritas Internationale, the second biggest charity in the world. It has partners in over 40 countries across the world which means it is able to help people at a local level using local knowledge. Currently CAFOD is doing a lot of work in both Syria and South Sudan to provide food, shelter, healthcare, clean water, sanitation and emergency supplies to thousands of people who have been forced from their homes due to the fighting. "In September I started my gap year placement with CAFOD which is based in the Good Shepherd Parish in Lancashire. I have been helping to fundraise in local schools as well as the parish and attending many CAFOD events such as the One Climate, One

World campaign. This aims to target government party leaders to tackle climate change which is the biggest threat to reducing poverty today.

"Thank you again to everyone who sponsored me, and remember prayer is an important part of CAFOD'S work, so please take the time to say a prayer for those around the world struggling with food."



Stephanie Beech

Catenians Do the Round Walk



Recently seven Catenians from Sheffield Hallamshire Circle and Abergavenny Circle, with two ladies, walked the 14 mile Round Sheffield Walk, in aid of St Luke's Hospice and the Rotherham Hospice. They were also walking in memory of Dr Frank

Neal, the President of Sheffield Hallamshire Circle, who had sadly died in Lourdes two weeks before. Frank, from St Mary's Parish in Rotherham, was well known throughout the diocese and had been a founder of both hospices.

The walk covered some beautiful parts of Sheffield and was blessed with good weather. The Catenians raised in excess of £400 for the hospices. Pictured above the group are at Forge Dam Café at the start of the walk.

Doncaster Deanery Mass



Bishop Ralph celebrated his first Mass for Doncaster Deanery on Wednesday, 24 September at St Peter in Chains. Afterwards tea and biscuits were enjoyed by all, including Fr John, Marie, Patrick and Chantelle.

PHILIPPINES' TYPHOON SURVIVORS THANK HALLAM FOR SUPPORT

Survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines last November, have thanked the people of Hallam for their support on the one year anniversary of the disaster.

Over £78,000 was given by supporters across the diocese to CAFOD's Philippines Typhoon Appeal alone, which has helped provide food, water, sanitation, permanent homes and fishing boats, as well as helping people who lost everything make a living again in the year since the storm struck. Schools, parishes and Catholic organisations were among those who donated to CAFOD.

Moir Priestman, Office volunteer for CAFOD in Hallam said, "We were all moved by the scale of the destruction in the Philippines and the suffering it caused. It's heart-warming to hear that our contribution, no matter how small, has made a difference to people's lives. We wish them every success in their determination to rebuild their lives and they remain in our thoughts."

Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in the early hours of 8th November with winds of up to 170mph, affecting 14 million people. 6,000 people lost their lives, five million people lost their homes and 33 million coconut trees were destroyed – the main source of income for many.

CAFOD's Philippines Typhoon Appeal raised £5.4 million in total, and by working alongside local partners the Catholic charity has reached more than 135,000 people so far.

One of the affected families was Prospero and Elena Abuama, who live on the Guiuan peninsula, the first place to be hit by the typhoon.

Elena said, "We were so scared. There was a terrifying noise, like a whistling and then boom, our roof fell down on the kitchen table where we were hiding and rain was pouring in. The storm lasted six hours. We thought we were about to die."

Today, thanks to donations to CAFOD,



Elena Abuama

Prospero and Elena have moved into a new home, specially designed to withstand future typhoons. Prospero said, "Our new house is better than our old house. I helped design it and I wanted it to be simple and strong. It's a good house and we're happy. My message to people who donated is simply, thank you."

CAFOD's manager for Hallam Diocese, Angela Powell said, "Typhoon Haiyan was the deadliest storm ever to hit the Philippines, tearing apart the lives of millions. Thanks to the incredible generosity of people across the diocese we were able to deliver food, water and emergency shelter immediately after the storm."

"We've also been able to build hundreds of solid, typhoon-resistant homes for people like Prospero and Elena and we'll continue to build more over the coming months. One year on from the disaster the donations we received really have transformed lives and will continue to do so. Thank you."

New Priests at St Mary Magdalene's



Fr John Adikwu

St Mary Magdalene's parish, Maltby, is delighted to have two priests in residence - Fr John Adikwu CM, new parish priest, and Fr John Nwadike CM, assisting priest, both of whom are Vincentian priests from Nigeria.

Thursday, 23 October was a day to remember for the parish. Fr John Adikwu was formally inducted as parish priest by Bishop Ralph. The church was packed with parishioners and visitors from Fr John's former parish in Abbeywood, South London. Mr John Foden, the Mayor of Rotherham, Mr John Carratt, the leader of Maltby Town Council and Rev Dhoe

Craig-Wild, vicar of St Bartholomew's Church, Maltby, were also present.

Fifteen priests concelebrated the Mass, including Bishop Ralph as chief celebrant, priests of the Rotherham Deanery, Fr Sixtus, Nigerian Provincial and former colleagues of Fr John from Abbeywood.

The joyful Mass was followed by a reception in St Mary's Catholic Primary School Hall.

Fr John's former parishioners expressed their sadness at losing him and St Mary Magdalene's parishioners promised to look after him and his friend, Fr John Nwadike!

Building Spirituality through Celebrations of the Word and Communion

Celebrations of the Word and Communion can be seen as a way of building spirituality in parish communities in addition to being a means of responding to the shortage of priests, a Sheffield North Deanery workshop heard.

Around 30 people from parishes across South Yorkshire attended the morning workshop organised by the Sheffield North Deanery Liturgy and Spirituality Group and held at St Vincent's Church, Crookes.

Fr Peter McGuire told attendees that not only were there likely to be fewer priests in the future; there might also be fewer deacons. There was arguably a need for more parish catechesis, so that people understood more about celebrations in the absence of a priest, but parishes also needed to consider whether a Celebration of the Word and

Communion was always the answer. The Church was encouraging its whole family to participate in the Prayer of the Church and there was no need to have a priest present to celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours. Parishes could also organise Celebrations of the Word, without Communion.

"It is wonderful to have the Eucharist, but we need to realise that we are fed by the Word as well," said Fr Peter, adding, "Services of the Word can be a very welcoming thing for people who cannot take Communion and could result in more people being drawn into the Church."

Fr Peter urged parishes that identify a need for Celebrations of the Word and Communion to gather a team to carry out the various duties, leading, reading, reflecting on the Word and distributing communion.

But he had words of comfort for potential Celebration leaders who might be put off by the thought of having to prepare and deliver a reflection on their own.

"The Word always needs to be 'broken.' We must try to get the Word into our lives – and that could be through a period of silence, shared reflection or led by one person," he said.

Attendees heard from parishioners who had both been "thrown in at the deep end," when a priest had fallen ill or was absent for a period and from parishes that had introduced Celebrations as an additional feature of parish life.

St William of York, Ecclesall Road is one parish that organises a weekly Celebration.

Lesley Biggins, from St William's, said, "It keeps the community together. It provides continuity and it enables Communion to be taken to the

housebound on that day.

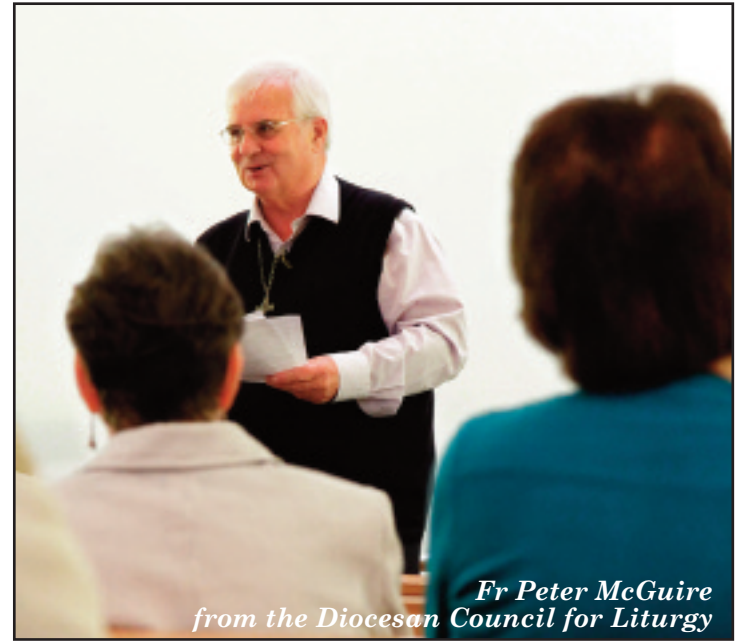
"It has helped people take on a responsibility for the prayer life of the community. People have risen to that responsibility and the Service is always led with great care and reverence."

"I think there is a feeling amongst those attending of a greater sense of togetherness and doing something for the community. Having regular arrangements certainly builds the confidence of people attending and it was a palpable demonstration of trust in the people by the priest, which encourages the people."

Elaine Coefield from Corpus Christi Parish in Hoyland and Teresa Greensmith, from St Patrick's, Sheffield Lane Top, both spoke of the difficulties of suddenly having to become involved in organising Celebrations of the Word and Communion.

Attendees agreed that more training at parish level would help to ensure that lay people would be more comfortable if they were put in a similar position. More information about Celebrations of the Word and Communion can be found at: <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/CWC/index.shtml>.

Photographs: Margaret O'Malley



*Fr Peter McGuire
from the Diocesan Council for Liturgy*



Teresa Greensmith



Elaine Coefield




*Fr Peter McGuire with Deacon John Biggins
and Lesley Biggins from St William of York*

Celebration of Baptism at St Alban's



Newly baptised Isabelle Sophia Rose, daughter of Adam and Seana, is anointed with holy Chrism, closely observed by her proud, admiring Godparents. Fr John Cooke, Parish Priest of St Alban's, said, "May she remain forever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet and King."



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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

St Alban's Tees Off the School Year with a Good Report from Ofsted

It's been a flying start to the new school year at St Alban's Catholic Primary School in Denaby Main. Staff and governors have ensured no time has been lost since their return to school in September.

The completion of a five hole golf links on the school field is set to introduce the children to the game of golf as part of their PE curriculum. With short and long range tees, sand bunkers and wild areas to negotiate the children will develop a host a technical skills, leading to sporting excellence, and all within the safety of the school's own grounds. School leaders have long term plans for the golf links facility, including extra-curricular activities, after school provision and links with local sports partners.

For the first time in its history St Alban's school is now offering childcare provision for children from 2+ years in partnership with 'Little Einsteins', an established nursery provider consistently rated Outstanding by Ofsted. Everyone associated with the exciting new venture is thrilled with this long overdue nursery provision based within the school site. At last our school can offer high quality funded and private care and education for our children from 2 years old, increasing nursery facilities locally and offering greater parental choice.

In addition to this extremely positive start to the school year, Ofsted conducted a Section 5 Inspection in September and judged St Alban's to be a 'Good' school. Senior leaders were delighted inspectors found that, "spirituality is strong throughout the school and this leads to staff and pupils feeling included and part of the school team". Inspectors also recognised that "staff and pupils share their ambitions to make the school even more successful". The



Report states, "teachers inspire the pupils by planning activities and lessons that excite them", and went on to say "a significant number of pupils make more than the progress expected of them, particularly in the early years". Also acknowledging, "pupils make good progress overall and are well prepared for the next stage of their education". This is because; "children are well supported in their learning and wellbeing is given a high priority". Mrs Jo Ayres, head teacher said, "Here in St Alban's nurturing the whole child is at the heart of our ethos, we value each child and understand that each child

is unique. The children of our school are always at the forefront of our development decisions. This is why we have committed great thought, effort and hard work into implementing and developing an exciting curriculum with an array of wide and varied experiences. We are passionate that our children are given every opportunity not simply to grow, but to thrive within a safe environment that puts children's personal development and wellbeing at the forefront."

Children from St Alban's School are pictured above enjoying each other's company.



Upper School Library Refurbished at McAuley School

The McAuley Catholic High School in Doncaster were delighted to welcome Bishop Ralph to open their newly refurbished Upper School Library, which also includes a stimulating careers resource.

On the evening members of the Governing Body, the McAuley Parent Teacher Association and Parish Priests, along with the

school community, witnessed the blessing of this new and exciting learning environment. The school will shortly be announcing a programme of events to celebrate the library and promote the resources available to the school community.

Pictured on the left, Bishop Ralph joins Headteacher, Mrs Catherine Brown, in the library.

Relaxing with Bishop Ralph

Pictured below, students from St Pius X Catholic High School, Wath, relax after Mass with Bishop Ralph at St Joseph's, Rawmarsh on 14 October. The seven schools from the St Pius X Learning Community celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving ending with the presentation of a cheque for CAFOD and food for St Wilfrid's Centre.



CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Children at St Alban's Find Out About the Harvest of the World

The staff and children of St Alban's Catholic Primary School have been using the harvest season to learn more about other world faiths, celebrate their Catholic faith and share what they have with others. Here is their report.

"We began our harvest season by finding out how Jewish people celebrate the harvest with the feast of Sukkot. We began with a whole school assembly to introduce and explain the relevance of some Jewish traditions using Old Testament stories, discovering the meaning of the four species and building a child sized sukkah! Following this, as part of our RE curriculum children throughout school went on to find out more about the Jewish faith.

Throughout our Judaism Week the range and variety of learning experiences presented to the children gave them the opportunity to explore the beliefs of others, giving them the skills and knowledge to not simply consider differences, but importantly to recognise the many similarities our faiths share. Our aim is for all of our children to grow in tolerance and understanding, leading them to recognise that people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds share many common val-



St Alban's Choir

ues. Including using all of our senses to value the world around us, remembering to be grateful for the things we have and not to take things for granted.

It was therefore very fitting that children from our Fountains and Roche classes, together with our recently formed Chamber Choir, led the Parish Community in a Thanksgiving Har-

vest Mass. The generous donations of food stuffs for our school hamper will this year go to The Foyer, a Salvation Army Shelter for homeless young people aged 16 – 25 in Doncaster.



Headteacher, Mr Tony Bishop with members of the Saint Pius Student Council

Pictured below: Mr Tony Bishop, Headteacher of St Pius X High School, Wath, (centre of photo) with staff from St Alban's Primary School, Denaby Main, being entertained by Bishop Ralph after a Thanksgiving Mass at St Joseph's, Rawmarsh for the seven schools of the St Pius X Learning Community.




Saint Pius X Catholic High School "Good" Ofsted Result

Students, staff, parents and governors at Saint Pius X Catholic High School in Wath-upon-Dearne in Rotherham are extremely happy with the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection on 16 and 17 September which rated the school as Good.


Headteacher, Tony Bishop says, "Saint Pius is a really good place to be and the outcome of the inspection confirms

this. Students and staff have worked really hard and our OFSTED judgement will spur us on to even better things".

Inspectors said, "Students in the school feel safe and enjoy coming to school," and "the number of students across all year groups making better than expected progress is rising as a result of good and better teaching."




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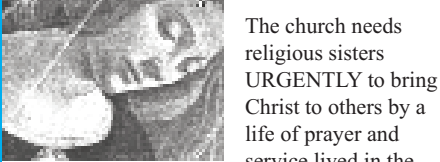


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Over sixty Catenians and guests enjoyed the Barnsley Chop held at the Holiday Inn Barnsley recently. Visitors from all over Yorkshire and Lincolnshire had turned out on a wet night and five had even ventured up from Derby! Provincial President Peter Wilcox was in attendance along with David Brinkley, the Director of Province 3. One other

guest of note was Michael Mitchell of Doncaster who was at the very first Barnsley Chop. The generous nature of the diners led to over £300 being provided for Barnsley President, Peter Brannan's charity fund. Next year that fund will be distributed to Barnsley Hospice and Holy Rood Church.



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MY JOURNEY IN FAITH - TERRY MORTIMER

"I have been a Catholic all my life and about 20 years ago had a crisis of faith. As a regular Mass attendee I pondered, 'There must be more to my faith than just attending Mass.' Fortunately a dear man, the late Fred Debell came to my rescue. He suggested that I attend a Cursillo. I did not ask too much about the content of this 3 day residential course as I had such respect for Fred that I trusted his judgement.

"Together with 15 other Catholics I attended this course which was run by a team of lay people presided over by a Spiritual Director, the late Fr Tony Flynn. On the course I was inspired by the personal witness talks of the lay team, had a refresher in an in depth look at the Sacraments together with talks on Faith, Grace and obstacles to Grace by Fr Flynn, as well as attending Mass and sharing within our com-

munity morning and evening prayer. After attending inspiring pilgrimages to Lourdes, Medjugorje and the Holy Land and being exhilarated by the experience there is no follow through, but with Cursillo the real strength of the experience comes for the rest of one's life. Those attending are encouraged to join a small group which meets regularly and one looks at one's faith journey with the result that one's faith increases and one draws closer to God and the Mass becomes the summit of the week's journey in Faith.

"As a result I feel closer to God, I find scripture and faith literature enthralling and I am confident about sharing my faith with people. In short I find my faith exciting and stimulating.

"Others such as Angela have had the same experience, 'Cursillo seemed to imbue me with greater confidence,

both spiritually and physically and gave me a greater sense of my own worth and greater awareness of my talents and ability to share them.' Martin tells us, 'Without Cursillo I could never have shown other people that Christianity is not something to be afraid of.' And on our Cursillo in Hallam earlier this year Simon said, 'I found Cursillo to be a challenging and rewarding experience. A moment and a beginning.'

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CALLED TO BE ONE



The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham held a mission to the nation throughout September entitled 'Called to be One'.

Mass was celebrated according to the Ordinariate Use at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hackenthorpe. During the Mass, Dan Creber, Mike Robinson, Bronnley

Price and Betty Gilligan were received into the Catholic Church as members of the Ordinariate by Fr David Stafford, (centre).

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HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN RETIRES



On 31 October Rev Clive Smith retired as Trust Chaplaincy Manager at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals.

On 9 October there was a Eucharist Service, presentation and buffet to celebrate and recognise Clive's dedicated contribution as Trust Chaplaincy Manager after 13 years in the post. The occasion was attended by family, friends, Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield, clergy, hospital staff, chaplains and chaplaincy volunteers.

Pictured above left to right: Pauline Yeats, volunteer from English Martyrs, Mexborough, Rev Clive Smith, Trust

Chaplaincy Manager, Fr Andy Graydon, Chaplain at Rotherham General Hospital, Rt Rev Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield, Fr Joseph Aylookunnel, Chaplain at Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals, Gerard McLister, volunteer from St Alban's, Denaby Main and Maria Clausen, volunteer from St Paul's, Cantley.

Pictured below left to right: Rev Clive Smith, Pauline Yeats, volunteer from English Martyrs, Mexborough, Pat Kirby, volunteer from St Alban's, Denaby Main and Cath Reid, volunteer from St Alban's, Denaby Main.



Hallam Ascent Remembrance

Hallam Ascent Group remembered the First World War in a reflection illustrated by a series of pictures taken at the Bovingdon Tank Museum, Duxford's Land War Exhibition, the Shuttleworth Collection and Stow Marie's Airfield. The pictures took us through the Land War, War in the Air and the lesser known War at Sea.

Male members of the group read poems written from that time to accompany the pictures and to illustrate that, apart from nurses, most of the people actively involved in World War One were male. The reflection ended with the Last Post before we walked in silence into St Francis of Assisi Church. Consequently, our female members took the part of readers and Eucharistic ministers in the Mass which followed.

The pictures and text can be found on Hallam Ascent's website on the following page: <http://hallamascent.weebly.com/resources--downloads.html>.



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The Covenant of Marriage

Jane and Charles Perryman, who lead the Marriage Preparation Course in our Diocese, present another consideration on what it means to live out a committed married life ~ Couples Arguing



Jane and Charles Perryman

It was a really hot summer's day when Brian came in from the back garden. He had been working hard to try and finish levelling the patio. As he walked into the kitchen, Amy burst out, "What are we going to do with this sink? It's been leaking for over a week now!" Brian was angry and retorted, "We!? You mean 'what am I going to do about it?' You just line things up for me to do and then stand over me to make sure I do it how you want me to." Amy shot back, "Well, we can't just leave it. I've put a bucket under it and it's me that pours the water away. You just ignore it." "I don't ignore it," replied Brian. "I've been busy finishing off the patio. You could ring a plumber!" "A plumber!" exploded Amy. "And how much do you think that would cost. You could do it in half an hour if you put your mind to it." "And the rest, when you've stood over me and found ten other things under there," replied Brian and he walked out slamming the door.

We wrote this conversation a couple of years ago and two friends made a short video of it. We have used it many times and on every single occasion all the couples there recognised that they have had a conversation like that.

On the surface it's about a leaking sink. What is much more important is what is going on that is under the surface. So let's have a look beneath the surface.

Amy has noticed a problem with the leaking sink. She cannot fix it herself. Her recent experience has been that Brian has been reluctant to help in these circumstances, saying that he has too much on. She feels anxious. She fears rejection and the connection between her and Brian feels shaky. She needs support from Brian. She is unable to ask for that support directly, because that would leave her too vulnerable. So she goes into self-preservation mode and comes across fairly aggressively.

Brian, on hearing Amy's demand that he fix the leaking sink, feels really anxious. He, too, feels threatened and his emotional alarm bells begin to ring. What has happened in the past tells him that however he does the job Amy will either criticise the way he has done it or stand over him to make sure he does it 'properly'. He really needs some affirmation. But his fear is that he will never, ever be quite good enough, that he will never quite get it right. But, because he feels under Brian is not prepared to reveal his vulnerability so he, too, goes into self-preservation mode and reacts angrily

judging that he is being attacked.

Amy then pleads for support by saying what she has done and expressing her contribution but then attacks Brian by pointing out the contrast between her action and him ignoring the problem, thus not supporting her need. Her angry reply to Brian's response confirms her judgement that Brian doesn't really care, but she hides her real anxiety.

This response confirms Brian's judgement that he is under attack and he demonstrates his previous contribution fairly forcibly. Again he expresses his anger but hides his real fear.

When Amy attacks again, they go once more round the cycle and then Brian withdraws, leaving them both, angry, hurt and isolated.

All couples from time to time get into this sort of negative cycle. When they get into it generally one is more concerned about feeling lonely and isolated, we can call them the pursuer, and one is more anxious about being overwhelmed. We can call them the withdrawer. More often than not it is the woman who pursues and the man withdraws.

How might Amy and Brian or any other couple have avoided a row like this? When a couple meets an issue that they find difficult to talk about, they become anxious. But instead of working to keep connected very often they go into self-preservation mode. In self-preservation mode they either attack or retreat. In our case, Amy attacks. Initially Brian attacks back but soon retreats. They express their views in very angry tones. The effect of this is to drive them apart. Of course, when Brian retreats he cuts off all communication.

The row between Amy and Brian could have been avoided if they both could have expressed how they initially felt and gave due appreciation to the other's position. So if Amy had first showed how much she valued what Brian was doing and then said that she was anxious about the sink and needed help, the response may well have been different. If Brian had been able to say how anxious he was about trying to deal with the sink and then acknowledged Amy's concern, they might have found a better way. They certainly would not have ended up feeling lonely and hurt.

The expression of soft feelings, like disappointment and anxiety, without blaming the other person tends to draw couples together. Angry expression or acting out angry feelings tends to drive couples apart.

Let's Talk About Marriage

What do we really mean when we say that Marriage is a covenant? Does it have any significance in our daily lives? These were the questions that a group of people along with Bishop Ralph, came together to discuss at the Mother of God Parish Centre in October. The event was organised to coincide with the Extraordinary Synod on the Family and Evangelisation.

In their introduction Jane and Charles Perry-

rifice, generosity and forgiveness. Jane and Charles picked out some passages from scripture as the starting point for discussion.

The covenant between God and the people of Israel was made on the basis of a promise by the Israelites that they would be faithful to God's laws and God promised to be their God. That promise was renewed time after time. When we make our original promises on our wedding day, we often

wrong and cause hurt. Mostly, please God, we don't do that deliberately but more likely it is through carelessness, forgetfulness or tiredness. When that happens, what do you do? Do you simply say "sorry", ask for forgiveness or simply wait until the dust settles?

These initial thoughts led to some lively discussion in the groups (pictured at the bottom and below). Some of this was centred on how we can maintain unconditional



man from the Sheffield Centre of Marriage Care, said that although nearly fifty years ago the Vatican Council had said that Marriage is a covenant rather than a contract, this had not been followed up by theologians in any depth.

The idea of covenant is at the centre of the biblical story and there are many recurring themes throughout scripture that brings the covenant alive. Among those which are particularly relevant to marriage are promise, faith or trust, intimacy, listening, sac-

have dreams about how our future is going to be. But what if they don't work out that way?

Psalm 139 expresses the intimate way in which God knows each of us. Participants were invited to think about how in marriage we develop intimacy and what gets in the way.

No two people are so compatible that they will never have differences. When we love someone deeply we become more vulnerable and we expect more from them, but being human there are times we will get it

love, how we build commitment day by day and how hard it can be to forgive at times – the difficulty of being humble enough to seek forgiveness when this was needed.

Jane and Charles wrapped the evening up by showing how some of the recent research into couple relationships is in keeping with the idea of marriage as a covenant. The response to the evening was overwhelmingly positive and most of those who came said they would come to any follow up event.



A cake and Christmas card sale held at Mother of God parish on 19 October raised £197.13 for pro-Life causes.

£6000 RAISED AT HALLAM CHARITY NIGHT



Over one hundred and forty people joined Bishop John Rawsthorne for the annual Hallam Charity Night, at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road, Sheffield on 14 June. The Dinner and Dance which raised £6000 also featured a Grand Draw, and an auction. It was a lively and enjoyable evening. On Sunday, 7 September Bishop Ralph presented the supported Charities; HCPT (Sheffield), LIFE (Doncaster), St Bernard's School, Rotherham and the Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund with cheques.

There was a Prize Draw in conjunction with the evening. First prize of £1000 was won by a Sheffield lady who does not wish publicity and who generously made a donation to the evening. The second prize of a holiday in an Austrian chalet was won by Dr and Mrs N Patel. Other local prize winners received £250, a hotel break with dinner, bed and breakfast and a bottle of whisky. The Committee wish to thank all who supported the draw.

The next Diocesan Charity Night will be held in the Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road, Sheffield on Saturday, 13 June 2015. Diocesan Charities who wish to benefit from the event should, in the first instance, and before 14 January 2015, write to Mrs E Mason, Hon Secretary, Hallam Charity Night, The Presbytery, 34 Meadowhead, Sheffield, S8 7UD with details of the charitable cause they would wish to support and how any money made available would be used.



From top right clockwise Bishop Ralph presented cheques to:

Jo Turner and Olivia Milner, Sheffield HCPT representatives, £600

Mr Graham Smith, Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund Treasurer, Mrs Valerie Smith and Mrs Philomena McNally, Fund Trustees, £2400

David Matthews and Kevin Kerrigan, representatives of Life Doncaster, £600

Mr Terry Mahon, Headteacher at St Bernard's Catholic High School, Rotherham with staff and students, £2400 for their Lesotho Project

On the right are the Hallam Charity Night Committee with Bishop Ralph, L to R Kevin Kerrigan, Philomena McNally, Joe McNally, Bishop Ralph, Elizabeth Mason, Sandra Brinkley and Des Keating (Ralph Dickins and Eileen Kerrigan not present)



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Not only is Neil Warnock back in the Premiership with Crystal Palace, but he also keeps up his support of St Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable wherever he goes. Many years ago Neil promised Kevin Bradley, Centre Director, that when he retired he would donate his football memorabilia to the Centre in order to raise funds. Last year when he left Leeds, which he thought was his last job, he decided for the quiet life with retirement at his home in Cornwall and so

St Wilf's got the shirts. However, when the Palace came calling Neil could not resist one last shot at the Premiership. The donated shirts went up for auction at Sheffield Auction Gallery recently and together with shirts sold privately, the total raised for the Centre totalled £2,500.

Kevin and Neil are still in contact and our picture on the right shows them together with Sheffield United legend, Tony Currie who is also a great ambassador for St Wilfrid's.



Owls win St Wilfrid's Derby Day Cup



Ex-Sheffield United and England legend, Tony Currie refereed a thrilling encounter at the Umix Centre when clients of St Wilfrid's competed for the Derby Day Cup. Supporters of Wednesday and United traditionally play out this fixture twice a year and this time it was the turn of the Owls to come out on top. With two minutes to go the scores stood at 1-1 and our old friend, Tony Currie was getting ready to arrange penalties. However, a late strike in the last minute meant the Owls went on to be victorious.

Photographs courtesy of St Wilfrid's Photography Group



Church Action on Poverty Good Society Pilgrimage

Will volunteers still be able to make such a difference in the future, as the retirement age increases? Church Action on Poverty, Sheffield, on its 6th annual pilgrimage on 18 October with the theme "What makes a Good Society", heard over and over again how the projects visited depend on and value volunteers to support their work with the homeless, helpless and vulnerable. Mental illness was also closely linked to the situations of many of those who are being assisted across the city.

St Wilfrid's, one of the largest day centres in northern England started to help homeless men in 1991. The workshop, education programme, community concerts, drama and sports all contribute to building confidence in the clients, who can then make friends and improve their self esteem and life skills. The challenging dream of raising £1.8 million to build a residential unit should become a reality in one or two years. They will be able to support and equip those with learning difficulties, disability or mental health issues to learn to live independently.

Sheffield Christian Council for Community Care helps isolated older people at home and as they are discharged from hospital. Volunteers provide a listening ear, and practical items are borrowed or hired. Evangelists at Wilson Carlile centre, head office of the Church Army, reach out to the "least, lost and last". The café provides a place for listening to problems and worries, so that the mission taken out on to the streets has a purpose. The pupils at the primary school next door are 97% Muslim, but the chaplain takes assemblies, and by listening here and talking to local leaders, he can support community needs in prayer.

The Cathedral Archer Project, in a purpose built space below the Anglican Cathedral, has a wide range of services to assist homeless people.

The pilgrimage ended with a discussion about a "Good Society".

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