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FR PETER HURLEY RIP

Fr Peter Hurley died suddenly on 14 January. To Peter's family we offer our thanks for sharing with us your wonderful brother and uncle. May he rest in peace.

Read below the homily delivered by Fr Shaun Smith when Fr Peter's body was received into church.

Bill Hurley's eulogy from the funeral is on page 5.

We have just heard from St John's gospel chapter 11 a very moving dialogue between Jesus and the two sisters, Martha and Mary, when their brother Lazarus died. Emotions are expressed that are familiar to us in bereavement – regret and complaint, sighing and weeping, along with urgent prayer and vivid faith, deepening our conviction that it's not all over, there's more to life than death, that we believe it because Christ is risen, and that this is somehow foreshadowed by his raising their brother from the dead.

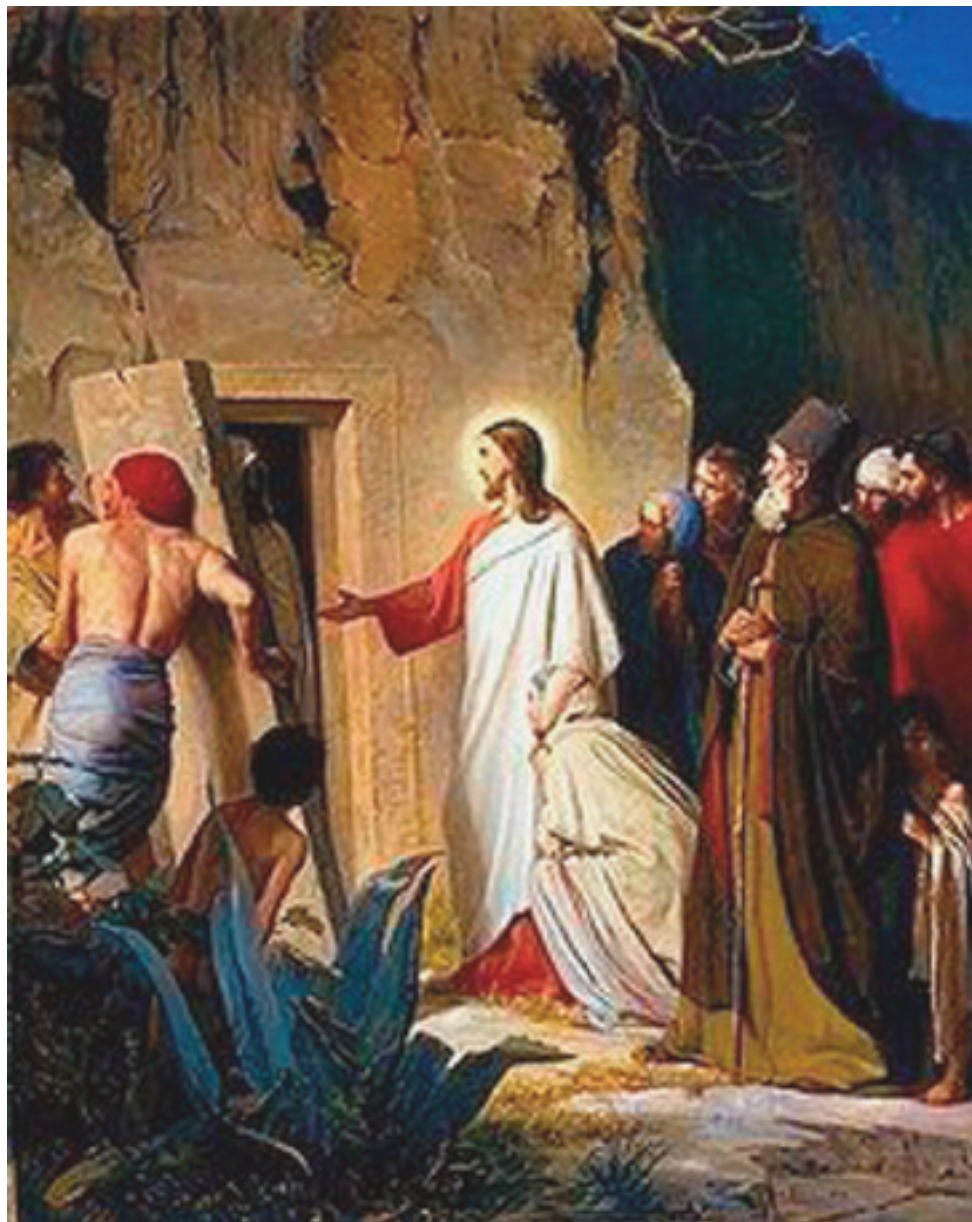
Let's hear again those words, "See how much he loved him" - "See how much Jesus loved him" - just what we now say about Peter Hurley: "See how much we loved him."

His parents had eight children though Bernard died in infancy, and he grew up in this Denaby family within a community of faith that nourished his vocation to the priesthood, and that of his older brother Michael. Some of us here now first knew him at seminary, and we have valued him in our lives ever since.

Ordained in 1960, he served as assistant priest in Dewsbury, Bradford, and two parishes in Sheffield, St Thomas More's and St Theresa's. In the 1970's he left his mark in Woodlands, a small mining village parish outside Doncaster. I followed him there shortly after he was appointed to St Anthony's Wrose, in Shipley. It is sometimes said of people like him that he would be a tough act to follow. Not true, he was a great act to follow, because his pastoral care for and devotion to his parishioners had developed a strong sense of faithful community and loyalty to the church that was good to step into. I still have his visiting book, a model of useful information that told me as a new parish priest what I needed to know and build on. Peter was transferred back from Leeds diocese to Hallam in the mid 80's to take up his appointment to St Gerard's, Thrybergh and then 16 years later here to St Patrick's for his final 12 years. How much he has been loved in these two parishes for his pastoral care and



See how much we loved him



See how much Jesus loved him

stamina is legendary. At the diocesan celebrations for this or that we would know that Peter would be the last to arrive, with his alb rolled up in a plastic bag, not because he was unpunctual but because he was cramming so much into a busy life, if he thought there was just time to see one more person in hospital or at home.

On 14 January, he got up to say the 8am Mass at Kirk Edge convent, as he has been doing on Wednesdays for years. Mother Prioress rang to check if he was coming because the roads were dicey. "No, I'm fine," he said and drove the five or six miles to the convent. He got there and stopped the engine and his heart must have stopped at the same time because he didn't even attempt to get out of the car. Those who found him moments later said that it was as if he was asleep. Gospel words come to mind, "Come, good and faithful servant,

come and share the joy of the Lord", "O Lord, you gave him to us to be our joy and consolation. You have taken him away from us; we give him back to You without a murmur though our hearts are wrung with sorrow (St Ephrem). To Peter's family we offer our thanks for sharing with us your wonderful brother and uncle. We did love him. May he rest in peace.

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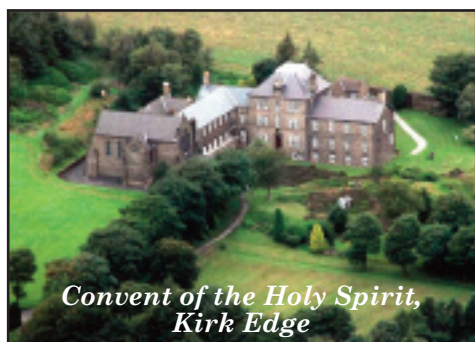
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What's on in March

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| <p>1 Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i>.</p> <p>4 Hallam Ascent group meet for Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church, Rivelin, followed by refreshments at Rivelin Cafe. For more details telephone 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, email: ascent@jngreen.plus.com, hallamascent.weebly.com.</p> <p>10 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> <p>11 Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield.</p> | <p>11 Irish Tea Dance with live music, 1-3.30pm. Everyone welcome. FOR DETAILS OF THE NEW VENUE please contact Gerry, telephone: 0114 2618788, mobile: 07544979686.</p> <p>21 'Seeking the Lord Together' day of praise and reflection at St Mary's parish room, Maltby. Mass in the parish room at 10am, tea and coffee at 10.30am for an 11am start. Please bring a shared lunch. Further details from Alessio Salvadori, 0114 2664500 or Tony or Yvonne Lazenby, 01302 742368.</p> <p>24 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> |
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Convent of the Holy Spirit, Kirk Edge



Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje are planned for this year: 3rd – 10th May (44 places), 2nd – 9th September (33 places). Both pilgrimages depart from East Midlands Airport. Cost £544, deposit £80, single room supplement £130, insurance (unless you have your own) £30. For further information contact Pete and Sue Marshall 01302 885358, petesuemarshall@googlemail.com, Prospect House, Madam Lane, Barnby Dun, Doncaster, DN3 1EW.

The Carmelite Sisters of the Convent of the Holy Spirit at Kirk Edge and The Knights of St Columba will be holding a special Lenten Service on Sunday, 22 March commencing at 2.30pm at the Convent, Kirk Edge, High Bradfield, S6 6LJ. The service will comprise of the Stations of the Cross together with readings, followed by Benediction. Everyone is welcome.

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:

- 1 St Mary Magdalene, Maltby.
- 8 St Bede, Rotherham.
- 15 Holy Spirit, Dronfield.
- 22 Our Lady of Lourdes, Hackenthorpe.

Hallam Justice and Peace Commission in partnership with CAFOD and Church Action on Poverty

What Makes

A Good Society?

Hallam Diocesan Pastoral Centre
St Charles Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield, S9 3WU

Saturday 21 March 2015

Registration 9.00am for 9.30am start: finish at 1pm

Contributors:

Amanda Bickerton from Church Action on Poverty
and Anne Prior from Hallam's CAFOD Office

Session 1: A 2020 vision of society

Our society is facing some fundamental challenges – rising levels of poverty and inequality, declining social mobility, squeezes on both personal and government budgets, the prospect of climate crisis. Whoever forms the next government has a tough job and key decisions ahead. These will ultimately shape the type of society that we become. "Without a vision, the people perish." *Proverbs 29:18*
We will identify the main elements of the good society and what we can do about it.

Session 2: How can we promote the Live Simply Campaign?

By joining with others we can make a big difference for our own communities and for those most affected by climate change, poverty, and injustice around the world. We will see how to go about it, through self-assessment and making a plan that will include reflection and worship for your congregation, practical actions (many of which you are probably engaged in already), and ideas for reaching out.

Session 3: News and Views from the J & P Commission

All are welcome

To book, ring 0114 2343580 or email sacredheart479@btinternet.com

COPING WITH LOSS

A new project is being launched on 1 March by Hallam Caring Services.

Coping With Loss aims to address some of the needs of adults who are experiencing difficulties because of bereavement, separation or divorce. We have been fortunate in recruiting a counsellor-experienced volunteer, Catherine Hand, to undertake this work. Catherine will be based at St Joseph's Convent, Newbold Road, Chesterfield where Sr Jacinta has kindly agreed to provide a room. This is a free service. Donations can be made at a person's discretion. The venue is accessible by a regular bus service and there is onsite parking. For an appointment please contact Catherine on 01298 872645.



Catherine Hand

Bring Me Sunshine ~ a hilarious evening of comedy and inspiration hosted by Rob Parsons, from Care for the Family, and featuring magician, John Archer. Be amazed and laugh with John Archer, and be inspired as Rob shares stories and lessons about family life.

Tuesday, 3 March at the Double Tree by Hilton, Sheffield Park, Chesterfield Road South, 7.30-10pm.

Book on line www.careforthefamily.org.uk/sunshine or tel: 0292081088.

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We Did It!

For three days in January, Fr Darren Reid and his brother-in-law, Simon Gannon, cycled from the West Coast to the East Coast of England. They started on Monday, 15 January at the waterfront in Liverpool, and arrived at the Cleethorpes Promenade in the late afternoon of Saturday, 17 January, where they thoroughly enjoyed a traditional seaside fish and chips. The reason for this slightly crazy adventure was to help raise funds for the St Wilfrid's Centre Residential Project. The Centre seeks to raise £1.8million.

Fr Darren tells us: "I very simply wish to say a big thank you to the many people from around the diocese and beyond who have sponsored us and supported us in this adventure. Thank you also to those who said prayers that we would remain safe; your prayers were answered. On our first day we set out from the waterfront at Liverpool. It was very cold but not raining.

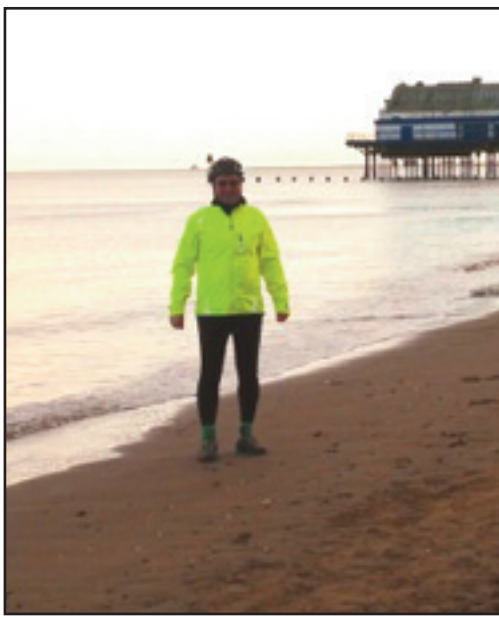
We rode beside the River Mersey and headed towards Manchester. Late afternoon was spent crossing the south of Manchester. As we reached the town of Hyde it was getting dark, and so we stopped for the night. A bed was provided by the St Luke's Centre in Manchester, who looked after us with great kindness."



"Day two was our toughest day. On leaving Hyde we travelled through Glossop and began to climb up the Snake Pass. About half way up the snow began to fall, and then came the fog. But the ride down past Ladybower Reservoir and later on riding into Sheffield via Crosspool was exhilarating."



"A moment of real joy came when Simon and I rode into the St Wilfrid's Centre car park. To be greeted by the smiles and cheers of the clients and staff of St Wilfrid's was wonderful, and the soup they gave us tasted so good! From Sheffield we continued on through Rotherham, before ending our second day in Tickhill. Our final day was a pleasure. We left Tickhill and travelled along the quiet lanes of Lincolnshire through Gainsborough and Caister, before eventually arriving at Cleethorpes. To see the sea was sheer joy! Simon the expert cyclist did the real hard work in terms of preparation, and bike maintenance. Katie drove the support car, and Mark allowed me to borrow his fantastic bike. To these and to all of you who sponsored me a big thank you!"



It is still possible to sponsor Fr Darren, by visiting the Coast to Coast Challenge website: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/coasttocoast7>



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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL FRIDAY, 6 MARCH

Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women, from a different part of the world each year, expressing their hopes and concerns and bringing them before the rest of the world in prayer. On Friday, 6 March an estimated 3 million people, in over 170 countries, will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women from the Bahamas and translated into over 1000 different languages and dialects. In the British Isles alone over 5,000 services will be held. The day will begin when the sun rises over the island of Samoa, and continue until it sets off the coast of American Samoa some 35 hours later.

The theme of the service is taken from St John's Gospel, chapter 13 verses 1-17, 'Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?' and it challenges us to demonstrate the same radical, unconditional love for others that Jesus showed when he washed the feet of his disciples.

The Bahamas consists of over 700 islands, scattered over 100,000 square miles in the Atlantic Ocean, only a small proportion of which are inhab-

ited. It refers to itself as a 'family of islands' and in the service the needs of the smallest islands are given as much prominence as those of the larger ones. Everyone is welcome to attend the services, men, women - people of all ages. For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, please see the Women's World Day of Prayer website: www.wwdp.org.uk.

Women's World Day of Prayer, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2RR, website: www.wwdp-nat-comm.org, email: office@wwdp-nat-comm.org, tel: 01892 541411, fax: 01892 541745. Registered Charity Number 233242.

Services in Rotherham Friday, 6 March

2 pm St Bede's RC Church, Station Road, Masborough
The Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr and Mrs John Foden, to attend.

7.30pm Broom Lane Methodist Church, Broom Lane, Rotherham
The Deputy Mayor and Consort, Cllr Maggi Clark and Mr Peter Clark, to attend.

Carmelite Third Order Celebrations



Bishop Ralph celebrated Mass with the Third Order Carmelites at a recent meeting held in Mother of God parish. During the Celebration Chris Ainslie, a third year Hallam seminarian studying at Oscott, was received into the Third Order. Pictured above, Chris Ainslie receives

his brown Scapular from Provincial Delegate, John Berry, as Bishop Ralph reads the rite of profession. Pictured below, Bishop Ralph and all the members of the Third Order Carmelites Group, Sheffield gather around an icon of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



DONCASTER LIFE CARE CENTRE



Doncaster LIFE recently opened their LIFE shop at 24a Hallgate, Doncaster on 17 March, 2014 and the Care Centre moved from Netherhall Road to occupy the first floor over the shop. The National Chairman of LIFE, Professor J J Scarisbrick MBE, visited the shop to meet the shop manager, Mrs Margaret Richards and the shop staff. The Care Centre was formally opened

and Professor Scarisbrick met all the volunteers.

Our photo shows from left to right: Caring Officer Mrs Vera McDonagh, Shop Manager Margaret Richards, Regional LIFE representative Eileen Maher, Secretary Shirley Davies, Committee Member Eileen Kerrigan and LIFE National Chairman Professor J J Scarisbrick.

FAMILY SYNOD 2015

The family in the Church and the modern world was the subject of the III Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October, 2014 and will be again for the XIV Ordinary General Assembly in Rome from 4-25 October, 2015. In preparation for the forthcoming Synod, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the Extraordinary Assembly.

The Bishops of England and Wales have published a document to help the faithful reflect and discern on this crucial aspect of Catholic life. 'The Call, the Journey and the Mission - An Invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales to Reflect on the Gift of Marriage and Family Life' offers background information, Scripture passages, quotes from Pope Francis and presents a series of questions to stimulate discussion and response on the key issues.

Please visit www.catholicfamily.org.uk to download a copy or to complete a simple survey visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015.

Hallam Cursillo Event 2015 will take place at the Briers Retreat Centre from 28-31 May. For more details please contact Terry Mortimer on 01246 590058 or mortimer504@btinternet.com.

De la Salle Association Rambling Club

Meet at 10.30am on Sunday, 8 March for a 5.5 mile walk at Hardwick Hall Park Centre, lower park near the lakes (grid ref 453639). The route will go by the lake to the upper park, passing the Stone Centre, Lady Spencer's Wood, the stables garden and back down to the lower park. The leaders are Barbara and Don Chadbourne, tel: 0114 2350825, mobile: 0777 3275094.

Eulogy for Fr Peter Hurley, by his Brother, Bill Hurley, St Patrick's, Sheffield, 30 January

Pete will be furious with me this morning. He always said, "When I die I don't want someone lying up there about me lying down here."

His life was so rich, full and varied that you couldn't make it up.

When Pete died I thought that I should give this eulogy so that I could give you the full picture of the man and his life. I presumed, in my arrogance, that because I had spent a lot of time with him I knew him best. How stupid of me. What the past two weeks have taught me is how little I knew him. All the phone calls we have received, all the cards, letters, visits and conversations have shown me that I knew only a small fraction of his life. All I can hope to do today is to give a few glimpses of Pete's life.

Many people attend funerals out of respect for the person who has died or out of a sense of duty. I will guarantee that every person here today is here because of a personal encounter and a personal relationship with Fr Peter. He touched so many people in such a deep, caring way. We have not only lost a brother, an uncle or a parish priest. We have lost a dear friend.

The first card we received after Pete's death summarised Pete's life so beautifully. It stated, "While Peter does his lap of honour and we shed tears, let's say a big thank-you to God for a life lived so lovingly, humbly and iridescent with the gospel of Jesus. Alleluia!"

Out of the many hundreds of letters sent to Fr Peter from people he helped over the years, I came across this one just by chance. I think it reflects the feelings of so many.

"Dear Fr Hurley, thank you once more for visiting me and listening to all my problems. You have given me light and lifted my soul. I awoke this morning with a feeling of greatness, knowing now that I am not alone anymore, that there is someone who cares. I have been so long without anyone caring about me or loving me that my life was so empty and I felt like a piece of stone. I am so looking forward to going to your church. I had forgotten what it was like to be happy. Now I have great faith, knowing that you care and that you will be praying for me. I thank you with all my heart. God bless you, Father."

The stories abound of Pete's complete lack of thought for himself and his total concern for others:

- He was renowned for sending cards – birthdays, weddings, christenings, get well. He never missed a birthday in our large family.

- There was the famous story of when he was a priest in Bradford. One day he was on the phone when the door-bell rang. He quickly went to the door to discover a tramp looking for a pair of shoes. Pete explained that he was busy on the phone but that there were two pairs of shoes by the back door. He invited the tramp to take a pair. When he went to check later, he discovered that the tramp had taken a shoe from each pair. Pete went around for the next few weeks in odd shoes, one lace-up and one slip-on, much to his mother's embarrassment.

- When he was in Thrybergh I picked him up one day to play squash. On the way I noticed a man walking along the pavement. I said to Pete, "Hey, it looks as if that man has got your squash bag." Pete quietly replied, "He has. He came to the presbytery yesterday looking for food and clothing. I gave him my bag to carry them in." I looked on the back seat of the car to discover that Pete had put his squash gear into an Asda bag.

- A few years ago our sister, Carmel, bought Pete and our brother, Mike, a new, black sweater each for Christmas. She gave Pete his parcel on Christmas Day but Mike wasn't home until several days later. Mike opened his parcel and quickly realised

that the sweater was much too small for him. Carmel realised that she had given Pete the wrong sweater so promised to ring him to make the exchange. Too late! Pete had already given the sweater away to the first person coming to the presbytery door looking for clothes.

- When my mother died a few years ago, she left her house to Pete. He arranged for it to be sold, split the money six ways among his siblings and his portion was sent to CAFOD.

- When my aunt died a couple of years later she left her house to Pete. Exactly the same thing happened but his share went to Shelter.

- As his Executor, I had the task of looking through his personal bank account. In December, alone, there were fourteen cheques for £25 each made out to a variety of charities.

- I also noticed several cheques made out for £60. I realised that the £60 cheque was half the Minister's fee for a funeral that he sent back to the family of the deceased. I could go on and on.

He has put me to shame. After Pete's death I made a resolution to try to be like him. I was going to be nice to people – at home, in shops, in traffic. I wasn't going to judge people or criticise them. I failed miserably. It was like looking at that sheer rock face we saw being climbed recently. Pete was at the top and I was trying to get my first finger holds and toe holds.

But along with all that charity, love, spirituality, absolute Christianity, he retained a wonderful, child-like innocence and naivety. He could not cope with the age of technology. Right up to his death he wouldn't have a mobile phone; use a computer; own a credit card or a debit card; use a sat-nav. You could build a space rocket in the time he put together a golf trolley.

There is a wonderful story from just a few months ago when he arrived for golf without his golf shoes. My son, Damian, who was playing on that occasion, said, "Don't worry, Uncle Pete. I have just bought a new pair and my old ones are in my car and will surely fit you. There is a slight split in one shoe so recently I have been using a plastic bag." Damian duly gave Pete the shoes and plastic bag and we went to get ourselves ready. As we were preparing to walk to the first tee we looked down to find that Pete had put the bag over the golf shoe! There wasn't much serious golf that day.

Another lovely story showing his total innocence, is when he came over to us for a family meal recently. My son, Adrian, offered to pick Pete up and take him home afterwards so that Pete could relax and enjoy a meal and a glass of wine. As they were approaching Sheffield on the way back they were stopped by the police. The conversation went something like, "Have you been drinking?" Adrian answered that he hadn't. The policeman said, "I can smell alcohol." Adrian explained that his uncle had had a drink. The policeman said, "Well, I am still going to have to breathalyse you." At this, Pete says, "OK" and starts to get out of the car. The policeman, a little bewildered, says, "Not you, the driver."

I think that his golf putter typified Pete's whole attitude to life. He was given this putter when he first started to play golf at Ushaw when he was about eighteen. I don't know how old the putter was then but he continued to use it every time he played over the next sixty years, right until a month before his death. His whole philosophy was – if it is not broken, why replace it. He never wasted anything.

Pete loved his sport. From being very young we would play football, cricket and tennis together. From the time he was ordained almost 55 years ago, I arranged tennis, squash, golf and snooker for him every Monday. Since my retirement, 14 years ago, we

played golf every Monday, hail, rain or shine. I think the happiest and most relaxed I have seen him was when for ten years, from 2002-2010, we took him to Devon for a holiday. We had the use of the third floor of a beautiful flat in Woolacombe, overlooking three miles of curved beach. The moment we arrived there he would walk over to the big picture window in the lounge, gaze in awe at the scene and say, "Praise be to God." We would then have a wonderful week or ten days of relaxation with Mass every morning and golf every afternoon.

Pete was a great fan of Fr Ronald Rolheiser, who writes an article in the Catholic Herald every week. In one of Rolheiser's books I read recently, I came across this:

"There are two potential tragedies; if we go through life and do not love fully; and if we go through life and do not tell those we love that we love them."

Pete loved with abundance and every single person he encountered knew that he loved them.

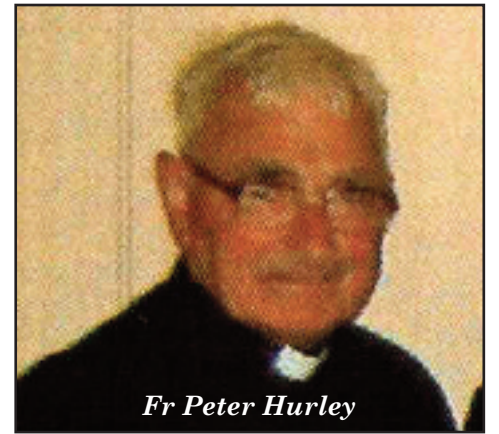
I should like to say a big thanks to so many people. Our sincere thanks to:

- Bishop Ralph, who visited the Medico Legal Centre to pray over Fr Peter's body on the afternoon of his death, in spite of his busy schedule.

- Fr Des Sexton, as our very supportive parish priest in Rotherham and in his new role as Vicar-General.

- Andrew Crowley, the Deacon, who has had to cope with a huge amount of planning and organising and has done so admirably.

- Maggie and Peter who discovered Fr Peter's body in his car at Kirk Edge and never left him until the para-



Fr Peter Hurley

medics arrived.

- The nuns at Kirk Edge for their support at a very difficult time.

- Nora, who looked after the presbytery so diligently in all the 12 years that Fr Peter was there.

- The organist and choir of St Patrick's Church for their wonderful music both last night and today.

- Our daughter, Clare, and her music group, who also provided excellent music this morning.

- The Head, staff and children of St Patrick's School, who went to enormous lengths to ensure the success and smooth running of these two services.

- Jeremy Neal, the funeral director, who has been immensely supportive throughout the whole process.

- All our own extended family for all the help and support.

I will leave the last word to a six-year old girl in St Patrick's School. When she heard of the death she said, "Fr Peter has got his own halo now."

Goodbye Pete. Enjoy a well-earned, well-deserved eternal rest.



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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Bishop Ralph Visits St Mary's Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Catholic High School in Chesterfield

I felt very comfortable

It was a very important day for all of us

It was awesome, epic!

He seemed more fun than I had expected

I was overjoyed

He is very handsome

We were very fortunate that he visited us

It was fantastic, amazing, really special

I have never seen a bishop before

It was very exciting

Once in a lifetime!



It was a privilege to be with him

He was really kind and answered all our questions

I was nervous at first

I like our 150 badge. The bishop had one on too.

He said he didn't want to be a bishop, but he did want to be a priest

I was kinda nervous

I have the same name as Bishop Ralph

I felt calm when he visited us

A very special experience

It was special to have someone who is so important in our religious faith

He was interesting to talk to

He blessed us and he blessed our Sacred Space

He is really nice

Recently, Bishop Ralph made a visit to both St Mary's Primary and St Mary's High School in Chesterfield. This year marks 150 years since the establishment of a Catholic school in Chesterfield and this was the first of several celebrations which will be happening during the year. On arrival at the Primary School the Bishop was met

by a group of children from the Chaplaincy team (pictured above) and after blessing the 'Sacred Space' was escorted for coffee and cakes in the staff room, where he was introduced to members of both the pupil and adult Chaplaincy team, staff and Governors, along with representatives from St Joseph's Little Scholars Nursery. The Bishop was taken on a tour of the school, man-

aging to visit each of the 14 classrooms to talk to the children. Before leaving for St Mary's High School he was presented with a booklet of prayers prepared by each class, a crocheted button and a special surprise gift. The captions around the photograph above capture the thoughts of the Primary School pupils following Bishop Ralph's visit.



Bishop Ralph left St Mary's Primary School to go on to St Mary's Secondary School. Two of the High School pupils report on his visit to their school.

On 13 January, Bishop Ralph, the Bishop of our Diocese, Hallam, came to visit our school. Bishop Ralph had lunch with various representatives from the different Year Groups and we talked about what he does in the Dio-

cese. Bishop Ralph met some of the staff in the staff room and then the RE Department in their office. He then came to the chapel (pictured above) where members of Year 7 and Year 8 Chaplaincy teams were gathered. Also here were 2 members of the 6th Form Chaplaincy team, Liam who volunteers on a Tuesday and Andrew, our Chaplaincy Assistant. We asked some questions. One was

whether he liked our school and he said he did. He thought it was very friendly. Someone else asked him about what he does and he told us that he oversees all that goes on in the Diocese. In school, the teachers teach in his name. Mr McClafferty, our headteacher, said the Bishop was his boss. He also told us what his interests were and how he came to be Bishop.

Bishop Ralph asked us what we did and we told him that we do things such as fund raising, wrapping Christmas presents for children who would not have very much, helping Sr Susan with Masses and readings. We gave the Bishop a prayer card to remind him of us and we put his name on our "prayer net" in the chapel. We hope that he will come again soon.

Roisin and Zoe (Year 8)



Pictured above; the group of CAFOD gap year volunteers who are visiting Nicaragua. On the right: Stephanie Beech (left) and Bernadette Goddard from the Diocese of Hallam with the CAFOD 'One Climate, One World' campaign banner.

Diocese of Hallam CAFOD Gap Year Volunteers Travel to Nicaragua

Two CAFOD gap year volunteers from the Diocese of Hallam have travelled 5,000 miles away for a visit to Central America.

Stephanie Beech (22), from Sheffield, and Bernadette Goddard (25), from Barnsley, travelled to Nicaragua in Central America for a month on 21 January, where they will visit communities which are supported by CAFOD. The chaplains are currently undertaking a gap year with the Catholic aid agency.

Stephanie, who ran in the Great North Run for CAFOD in September, said, "I am really excited to be able to visit the projects in Nicaragua to see how our money is being used and to meet the communities CAFOD are working in, as well as getting to know a new country and culture."

"I'm looking forward to gain first-hand experience of people's day-to-day lives in Nicaragua. We hope that we'll be able to bring home lots stories to raise

the profile of the communities CAFOD is working with."

Bernadette said, "I have always wanted to travel, so to see how CAFOD work in Nicaragua is an amazing opportunity as it is a charity I have supported for around seven years."

CAFOD has worked with partners in Nicaragua since 1971. The charity supports people living in poverty with programmes to improve housing and water, sustainable farming, and support for women and girls vulnerable to sexual exploitation.

Angela Powell, CAFOD manager in the Diocese of Hallam, commented, "Lots of young people dream of seeing the world, but it's great that Stephanie and Bernadette will be able to learn so much at first-hand about communities so far away and continue to support the people they meet in Nicaragua through volunteering with CAFOD. We wish them the very best for their trip."

Bishop Ralph Visits Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School, Bentley in Doncaster



The staff, governors, children and their families were delighted to welcome Bishop Ralph for the first time to our school.

Bishop Ralph concelebrated Mass for the feast of the Epiphany with Fr Denis Norman, our chair of governors and Fr Kieran Fletcher, one of our foundation governors.



St John's class (years 5 and 6) brought the story of the Epiphany to life through the dramatisation of the Gospel. This helped our younger children fully understand the celebration.

Bishop Ralph commented on how beautifully the children sang.



Bishop Ralph was given a tour of our school. He was impressed by the quality of the recent refurbishments after the installation of the new boiler and heating system.

As we said goodbye we gave Bishop Ralph 6 eggs from our school chickens.





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**Diocese of Hallam Young Bloggers Launch CAFOD's
One Climate, One World Campaign for Schools**



Young CAFOD supporters launch 'One Climate, One World' campaign for schools at Brentwood Cathedral

CAFOD's Young Climate Bloggers in the Diocese of Hallam have joined young supporters from across the country to launch the Catholic aid agency's 'One Climate, One World' campaign for schools at Brentwood Cathedral.

Pupils from All Saints' Catholic High School, Sheffield, along with other Young Climate Bloggers and local pupils, took part in the schools' launch of the campaign at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen on Friday, 23 January. The Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, answered the children's questions on climate change in the Cathedral later in the morning.

The campaign launch saw the young people assemble as a giant heart with pledges to change something in their lives to tackle climate change, symbolising their wish to see action taken for the love of the things that matter most to them.

CAFOD's 'One Climate, One World' campaign is calling on party leaders to secure an ambitious global deal to cut carbon emissions and to move towards sustainable energy for everyone. Climate change, which scientists believe with 95% certainty is being driven by human activity, is the biggest threat to tackling poverty worldwide - and is already affecting communities both overseas and in the UK.

Lucy Jardine from CAFOD said, "It's

been great to see so many young people from across the country join together to act on climate change - committing to make changes in their own lives and to demand action from politicians.

"The people CAFOD work with are experiencing the effects of changes in climate right now, so we're proud that our young people are standing in solidarity with others who are being affected around the world.

"CAFOD would like to thank all the children, teachers, chaplains and staff who helped make today's event such a success."

Information, ideas, and resources for schools can be found at cafod.org.uk/education.



Eric Pickles MP answering questions on climate change from young CAFOD supporters at Brentwood Cathedral

CAFOD Supporters in Hallam Mark Lent Fast Day

Parishes and schools across the Diocese of Hallam support some of the poorest communities around the world, whose lives have been affected by climate change.

This year CAFOD's Lent Fast Day fell on Friday 27 February, and focussed on people who have been affected by the changing climate, which is increasing the frequency and intensity of natural disasters. CAFOD supporters are also invited to participate in Lent reflections, to reflect and pray about how our lifestyles are linked to our God given environment and takes steps to change and take action together to prevent the adverse effects of climate change. As Catholics, the issue of climate change goes to the heart of our faith.

The idea that Creation is good is rooted in the first book of Genesis, with humanity being given a special place and responsibility within that Creation because we are made in the image of God. Creation is a gift to us and the rest of the created world but we are also a part of Creation, not above or separate to it. We can act individually, but when it comes to climate change it is collective action that is going to make the big difference. The Catholic tradition of solidarity shows us that we are experienced in knowing something



about what such collective action might mean. Catholic sensitivity to the common good should, therefore, put the tradition to work in a way that can genuinely make a real difference to the way the world is and the shape of our world to come. Indeed the lives of millions of people, as well as the lives of future generations to come and a myriad of other creatures depend on our positive and active yes to the demands laid on us. It is not too late to act now!



CAFOD is working with communities in countries across Asia, Africa, and Latin America when natural disasters strike, and supports people to rebuild their lives. And working with affected communities to put measures in place to lessen the impact the next time an emergency hits - such as a typhoon in the Philippines or a cyclone in Myanmar.

The agency believes that climate change, which scientist's state with 95% certainty is being driven by human activity, is the biggest threat to tackling poverty worldwide. Pictured above are U Than Win and his family who were affected by Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar.

Please join us to take action together. The good news is that this Lent, every pound donated to the Lent Fast Day appeal by Sunday, 17 May will be matched by the UK Government, up to the value of £3.5 million!



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LENT FAST DAY OR HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN CLIMATE ACTION, VISIT CAFOD.ORG.UK/LENT OR TELEPHONE ANGELA AND ANNE AT THE CAFOD OFFICE IN HALLAM, 0114 2687817.



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On 4 December, 2009, the Ordinariates representing the English speaking Anglicans throughout the world who wished to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church were erected by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Their purpose was to maintain the liturgical, spiritual and pastoral traditions of the Anglican Communion within the Catholic Church 'as a precious gift nourishing the faith of the members of the Ordinariate as a treasure to be shared' (Anglicanorum Coetibus III) thus enriching the Catholic Church as a whole. The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham was established for England and Wales on 1 January, 2011.

The Ordinariate also has an ecumenical dimension. Its purpose is not to proselytise but to build bridges with our separated Christian brethren who share our common commitment to Christ as Christians baptised in the Name of the Blessed Trinity. Last September the Ordinariate started a mission entitled 'Called to be One.' This call goes to the very heart and meaning of the Ordinariate. I have often said that the Ordinariate is the greatest initiative within the ecumenical movement for over four hundred years. But perhaps I am wrong, maybe it is the greatest ecumenical movement for over a thousand years when the great Churches of East and West drifted apart.

I am seventy years old in March and one would think that I am coming to the end of my ministry,

but when I look back to my education in Anglican Schools and my ordination as a Priest in the Church of England many years ago, I can now see that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit I have been brought to take part in this great mission in the service of Christ. As a former Anglican Bishop who has now joined the Ordinariate told me, "I have to pinch myself every morning that this great thing has happened."

Whilst always welcoming people of the Anglican tradition to become members of the Ordinariate we also welcome all baptised Christians to work with us to help us grow in understanding as we work towards that day when corporate communion is restored.

For many years the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), established by Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Michael Ramsey in 1967, has continued to work on doctrinal matters that separate the Church of England from the Catholic Church. Its valuable work continues today but the work of the Ordinariate is at a grass roots level where we learn to develop in a spirit of love and understanding under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

If you are an Anglican and wish to become part of the Ordinariate or you are a baptised Christian who wishes to help us on our ecumenical journey, you will always find a warm welcome. For further information please contact me at e-mail: david.stafford14@btinternet.com, telephone: 0114 2480993.

Fr David Stafford

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Kevin and Ann Murphy, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at St Catherine's, Sheffield. The couple received a Papal Blessing in recognition of fifty years of marriage. There was also a special celebration of Mass.



Kevin and Ann Murphy on the occasion of their Golden Wedding, 19 October, 2014 at St Catherine's Church, Sheffield with Fr Albert presenting the certificate of the Papal Blessing.

Hallam Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

Five Areas of Action for 2015:-

- 1 Continuing the development of networks at all levels throughout the Diocese.
- 2 An inspiring Parish Contacts' morning on **Saturday, 21 March. 21 March is also the United Nations Anti-Racism Day.**
- 3 In partnership with CAFOD, promoting the Live Simply Award.
- 4 In partnership with Church Action on Poverty, promoting a dialogue on the sort of society we want.
- 5 Devising a strategy for the approach to the General Election on 7 May.

Report from Poverty in Sheffield Today - Finding a Way Forward

This event towards the end of 2014 was organised by Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield, the People's Assembly for Sheffield and Sheffield Equality Group.

The Anglican Bishop of Sheffield, Stephen Croft, began by challenging us:

- To offer practical help
- To research, listen and discover what poverty is all about
- To hold out a better vision for our communities

Giving Voice to the Voiceless

One of the strong themes of the day was the need to give voice to people made voiceless by circumstance and beauracy. The importance of their stories in countering Government denials and media stereotypes was highlighted at the meeting.

Jane Perry, in introducing the session on Listen Up, said that poverty is political but too big an issue to be left to politics. Poverty is tied up in our structures and therefore we have a personal stake. To make a difference we need to

- Engage with poverty
- Ask the difficult questions
- And to listen to those experiencing poverty

Reports were presented from the three Listen Up Projects. Listen Up is a project where people experiencing poverty are listened to and their stories recorded, <http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/listenup>.

Benefit sanctions are a main cause of people being referred to food banks. Tim Arnold, Manager of London Road Citizens Advice Bureau went through their experience of how benefit sanctions are hitting those who are vulnerable.

Professor Alan Walker of Sheffield Fairness Committee and Diocesan Commission Chair, reminded us that a society should be judged on how it treated the most vulnerable.

We were asked to make pledge to make a difference - visit <http://www.ourfaircity.co.uk/makeapledge/> for more information about how to do this.

The following resolution was agreed: "We call upon those seeking to become Sheffield MPs in the 2015 General Election to commit themselves to policies which will clearly improve the standard of living of the more vulnerable people in our city, whether employed or unemployed, and create more fairness across the city."

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Posh Nosh Day

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great buzz and a privilege for the staff to serve the clients." Kevin went on to explain, "The serious side of the day was to encourage clients to partake of a good nutritious meal at the Centre daily, and to bring some cheer to the cold January days. It was also a great opportunity to give clients the chance to dress up, and the clothing store at St Wilf's proved to be a valuable asset." St Wilfrid's Centre continues its efforts to fundraise to build a residential project for homeless and vulnerable people. If anyone wishes to contribute, please visit uk/virginmoneygiving.com/charities/StWilfrid'sCentre or telephone Kevin at the Centre on 0114 2555720.

Star Students Support St Wilf's

Students at Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill recently presented St Wilfrid's Centre Director, Kevin Bradley with a cheque for £2523.16. The Chaplain of the school, Fr Simon Ellis, had contacted Kevin late last year about the possibility of the students raising funds for the new residential unit for the

homeless and vulnerable. Fr Simon, together with Alistair and Natasha, arranged a series of events including 'The Brothers' walk to Barlborough Hall School, a Sleep Out at the College, a Penalty Shoot Out attended by England International, Tony Currie and many other events in and

around the school. Kevin Bradley said, "The College has been brilliant for St Wilfrid's Centre for many years, especially with their annual donation at Christmas for the clients. This latest fundraising venture is really appreciated and is a tribute to the young people who attend The Mount".



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When Mike arrived home at quarter to five he was wacked. He had been on the go since five thirty that morning. He allowed himself five minutes for a cup of tea and a sit down, then on with getting tea ready.

At the health centre where Elaine worked they were short-handed and Elaine had had a really bad day. Elaine was on time to meet Simon but was delayed in getting to Jean who goes to her friend, Alison's house on Thursdays. When Elaine left Alison's house she knew she would be late home and was starting to get anxious. Before setting off she made a quick call to Mike to let him know what was happening.

Twenty minutes later and Elaine is stuck again as there has been an accident and she has been diverted. Getting more anxious and with Jean

already complaining that she will be late for Brownies, Elaine called Mike again. "Don't worry," said Mike, "just let me know when you are ten minutes away and I will have tea on the table when you come in."

When, eventually, Elaine, Simon and Jean arrived home there were just twenty minutes for Jean to be out again. It was Elaine's turn to take Jean to Brownies but as Mike looked at her he could see how tired she was

came back. Simon was ready for bed. Jean was very excited as she had heard all the news about Brownie camp. Quietly Elaine ushered Jean and Simon towards bed. Half an hour later she slumped down next to Mike on the sofa. Mike reached for Elaine's hand. They sat together for some time. "Tea? And bed?" asked Elaine at last. As they got into bed Elaine snuggled up to Mike and they drifted off to sleep together.



and offered to take Jean. "I'd rather take her," said Elaine. "I can have a coffee with Karen and chill out for an hour while you get the clearing up done and make sure Simon is ready for bed."

Mike was asleep and Simon was playing on his x-box when Elaine and Jean

Just an ordinary, but a busy day! It is the sort of day that any couple with young children might experience on a regular basis. And yet it was a day filled with opportunities to demonstrate love and connection. Elaine and Mike are clearly tuned into each other. They recognise when they have choices

made to connect with each other. Elaine chooses to let Mike know about how she is getting on. Mike does his best to ensure there is the smoothest possible path to enable Jean to be at Brownies. Elaine recognises her need to be able to wind down. Mike is tuned into Elaine's need. Elaine allows Mike to stay dozing while she gets Simon and Jean to bed.

At each stage they choose to do what is best for their relationship and for the family at that moment. These are all sacrificial acts. In themselves they are small sacrifices but they are important because they spell out in actions that the other is special to them and they want to do their best for each other. At the end of the day, as they drift off to sleep they are at peace with each other.

Most couples act like this for each other most of the time. They are so ordinary that we hardly notice the choices that we make. Yet they are choices. They are so important for us because they reinforce the bond between us. These are sacred moments, played out in the normal course of the day.



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