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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

As we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, this issue of the *Hallam News* explores evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in our Diocese.

We look back at ways in which people observed Holy Week on pages 3 and 4.

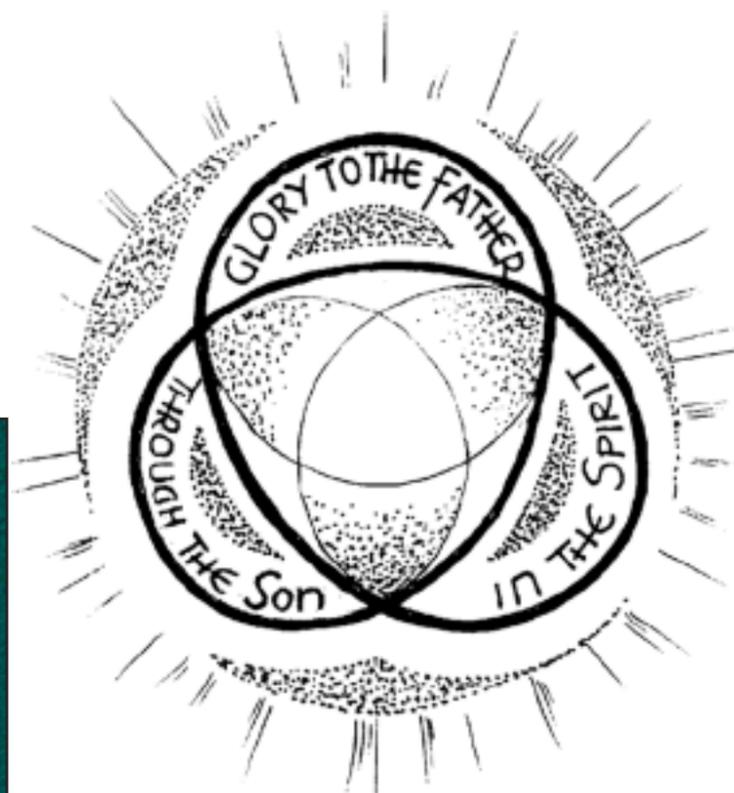
We feature especially people from our Diocese who, having devoted so much of their life and work to the good of others, were recipients of Maundy Money when the Queen visited Sheffield, page 4.



Fr Terry Tolan concelebrates Mass on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee in 2010 with Bishop John at St William of York, Sheffield



The Queen distributes Maundy Money at Sheffield Cathedral
Photograph courtesy of The Sheffield Star



In the second reading for the Mass of the Most Holy Trinity St Paul tells us "Everyone moved by the Spirit is a Son of God" and "We are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well."

On page 3 we look back on the life of Fr Terry Tolan, who died recently. We thank God for his life and work and pray that he is now enjoying the glory shared with God that St Paul goes on to talk about.

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What's on in June

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 13 | Sheffield Carmelite Chapter meets at Mother of God Chapel, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX for a talk by Fr Michael Edem from St Marie's Cathedral. More details on www.carmelite.org . |
| 3 | Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD for a talk by Fr Lee Marshall, 'My first year as a priest', 1.45-3.45pm. For more details telephone 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, email: ascent@jn.green.plus.com , website: halla.mascent.weebly.com . | 10 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. |
| 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. |

Hallam Diocesan Assembly Event, 'Faith in the Family'

Saturday, 13 June, at All Saints Catholic High School, Granville Road, Sheffield, S2 2RJ. Registration and refreshments at 9.30am, finish at 2pm. Please bring your own lunch.
Keynote speaker: Veronica Murphy, Co-ordinator for Adult Faith Formation at the Pastoral Formation Department for Liverpool Archdiocesan Centre for Evangelisation. She is also a member of the Bishops' Conference Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Celebrating Family: Blessed, Broken, Living Love Initiative.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month

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

- 7 The Annunciation, Chesterfield.
- 14 St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends.
- 21 Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe.
- 28 St Mary, Edlington.

CONSENT FORMS

In order to comply with National and Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines all photographs of children sent to the Hallam News for publication must be accompanied by the official Diocesan consent form. It is Diocesan policy NOT to publish photographs of individual children accompanied by their name.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



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HALLAM DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

A Pastoral Response to Managing and Supporting Those Who Cause Harm

Thursday 11th June 2015, 6pm - 9pm
Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU

Saturday 17th October 2015, 10am - 1pm
St Peter in Chains, Chequer Road, Doncaster, DN12AA

This session is aimed at Local Safeguarding Representatives who are interested in supporting offenders and people subject to a Covenant of Care, anyone involved in pastoral ministry with offenders, either in parish or in the community, and Clergy and Deacons.

The session is particularly focussed on those who commit violent or sexual offences and will cover:

- Understanding offending patterns and cycles
- Legal responsibility of the Diocese
- Risk assessment and management
- The role of the support person in managing Covenants of Care

Facilitators:

Paula Jones (Probation Officer, South Yorkshire Probation Trust)

Lisa Markham (Safeguarding Coordinator, Diocese of Hallam)

If you would like to join us please confirm your booking with Jo Pearson, the Safeguarding Administrator, as soon as possible.

Tel: 0114 256 6453

Email: safeguardingadmin@hallam-diocese.com

If you would like to attend but are unable to do so on that date, please indicate whether you would be interested in joining a web based seminar.



Allegations Management

Wednesday 24th June 2015,
Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU
4.30pm - 6.30pm
or
7pm - 9pm

This session is aimed at Local Safeguarding Representatives, clergy and all within the Diocese who are responsible for managing or supporting volunteers and employees.

It will consider the management of a range of allegations and concerns, and provide information about canon law, employment safeguarding and other legal obligations in the Diocese.

Facilitators:

Members of the Diocesan Safeguarding training team

If you would like to join us please confirm your booking with your choice of time with Jo Pearson, the Safeguarding Administrator, as soon as possible.

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The Diocese of Hallam 35th annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham this year is on Saturday, 18 July and will be led by Bishop Ralph.

Details of times, pick-up points, etc will be sent to parishes throughout the Diocese nearer to the date of the Pil-

grimage.

We are in need of more organisers, eg coach stewards, helpers at the Shrine and other duties. Children of all ages are always welcome and are invited to serve at Mass at the Shrine. If anyone would like to help make the Pilgrimage a success, please ring 01226 242145.

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FR TERRY TOLAN RIP

Fr Terry Tolan died on Monday, 20 April and his Requiem Mass was celebrated on 30 April at St William of York Church in Sheffield.

Fr Terry was ordained on 12 June, 1960. He spent almost 55 years of priesthood and is remembered by all who knew him for his care and commitment to others.

He was a curate in various parishes in the Leeds Diocese. He was parish priest at Our Lady of Sorrows and St Francis in Armthorpe, the Holy Spirit, Dronfield and St William's in Sheffield, from where he retired in 2011.

In addition to his work as parish priest, Fr Terry

was committed to Catholic Education and was a Governor for a number of years at St Mary's High School in Chesterfield, where staff still speak of him with great affection. As a curate he was a Chaplain to St Ann's Secondary School in Keighley.

More recently Fr Terry showed great dedication to the needs of the community of St Luke's Hospice in Sheffield, where his hard work is much appreciated.

We thank God that Fr Terry listened to the call of the Holy Spirit and devoted his life to the priesthood. Our photographs look back on his recent ministry.



Fr Terry Tolan

Photograph: JFR



Above: Fr Terry was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 15 years of ministry at St Luke's Hospice in Sheffield. Right: On 16 October, 2011 Fr Terry Tolan retired from St William of York, Sheffield and celebrated with parishioners with a special cake.



Walking with the Cross

Parishioners from St William of York Church, Sheffield kept up their parish tradition of walking with the Cross to Padley on Holy Saturday. John Biggins, parish deacon, holds the Cross before the group sets off.

The Holy Saturday pilgrims who walked with the Cross to Padley returned home and decorated the Cross in time for the Easter Fire and Vigil Mass. All were ready to celebrate the Resurrection when darkness fell.



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DISTRIBUTION OF MAUNDY MONEY

On Maundy Thursday Her Majesty the Queen visited the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul in Sheffield to distribute Maundy Money. The Royal Maundy is an ancient ceremony based on Christ's commandment to "love one another."

Originally the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor was accompanied by gifts of food and clothing. Over time, the washing of the feet of the poor was discontinued and the gifts of

food and clothing were replaced by gifts of money. Maundy Money has remained very much the same since the 17th Century.

There are as many recipients of money as there are years in the Sovereign's age. Recipients are chosen because of their years of devoted service to their Church and the wider community.

Our photographs show some of the people of our Diocese who were chosen to take part in this ceremony.



Ralph Dickins has been a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Our Lady and St Thomas SVP conference for 43 years. In recent times he has been involved with the SVP Furniture Store as a Management Committee member, then as fundraiser since 2003.

The photograph above shows Ralph holding the Maundy Money with the Furniture Store Manager, Lorraine Healy, and Committee Members, Kevin McCready, Richard Davis and John Vear.



Graham Kirby from St Alban's Parish, Denaby

was among the proud recipients of these prestigious

coins.

Graham is pictured above with his wife,

Pat, outside the Cathedral after meeting the Queen.



Sr Etheldreda Hembrough, Marist Sister from Goldthorpe, and Sr Maire Morris, Sister of the Poor Child Jesus from Thrybergh, were both nominated to receive Maundy Money. Sr Etheldreda is pictured above with the Beefeaters in the Cutlers Hall. On the far right Sr Maire meets Sr Etheldreda and her brother, Michael, outside Sheffield Cathedral. You can read Sr Etheldreda's account with more pictures on the Hallam News website, www.hallam-news.com.



Holy Week at St Pius X School

Students and staff at Saint Pius X Catholic High School, Wath-upon-Deane, used their days in school during Holy Week to fully explore the Holy Week themes and prepare for Easter.

The Last Supper was depicted in the chapel and the arrest of Jesus was re-enacted at lunchtime in the dining room. On Holy Thursday a number of students carried a cross from classroom to classroom as the Stations of the Cross were read out (pictured

below). Three crosses were also put on a hill in the school grounds for the week and students took the opportunity to place prayers and intentions around them.

Anne Reynolds, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator for the St Pius learning community said, "The students were fantastic and took every opportunity to get involved with things. I am sure that the events in school allowed our students to more fully explore and understand the meaning of Holy Week and Easter."



Barnsley Parishioners Attend Chrism Mass



Parishioners from Blessed Sacrament, Athersley and Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough attended the Chrism Mass at St Marie's Cathedral.

Summer Songs for Sierra Leone

On 6 June at 7:30pm there will be a concert by the Sheffield Folk Chorale in aid of the people of Makeni in Sierra Leone, organised by the Makeni Trust Fund based in our Diocese – please see poster on the right for all details.

Sierra Leone has been ravaged by the Ebola virus over the last year or so, and, although the medical emergency is now past its peak, in the district of Bombali – a district with a population less than Sheffield – over 400 people have died. This statistic covers a multitude of heart-breaking stories of children orphaned, parents bereaved and lives devastated. Also, the progress made in developing the country over the years since the civil war has been stopped and put back disastrously.

Makeni Trust Fund has friends in the University, the Holy Spirit Hospital, St Joseph's School for the Hearing Impaired and the Loreto Clinic who have worked tirelessly through the crisis in many different ways to relieve the suffering, and we have supported them financially. We are now trying to raise funds to help with the re-building process, and the Concert will be part of that.

Sheffield Folk Chorale put on a wonderful show of traditional and modern music, and it will be a very enjoyable and entertaining evening.

For tickets please ring Pat Battams 0114 2960515, Rosie and Bob Lyons 0114 2369334 or Delia and Jonathan Kay 0114 2362537.

Sheffield Folk Chorale

CHARITY CONCERT

Summer Songs for Sierra Leone

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the people of Makeni, Sierra Leone*

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HALLAM CHARITY NIGHT

The Annual Diocesan Charity Night will commence at 7pm on Saturday, 13 June at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Sheffield, S8 8WB. Last year the Charity Night raised £6000 for Diocesan Charities and Charities working in the Holy Land.

This year the Charities being supported are: The Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund; the SVP Furniture Store and Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury Outreach Group. The Outreach Group itself supports other Charities. We would like to make this year even more of a success.

The Charity Night will feature a Dinner and Dance with dancing to the Andrew Neal Sound; a five course meal plus coffee; a Grand Draw – 1st prize £1000; 2nd prize a holiday in an Austrian Chalet (one week – travel not included) ; plus other prizes. There will also be a Charity Auction. All Prizes have been donated so all proceeds of the evening go to the nominated Charities.

Tickets priced at £32.50 each can be obtained from:

Sheffield: Liz Mason 0114 255 1493; Des Keating 0114 230 2033; Sandra Brinkley 0114 230 4286; Philomena and Joe McNally 0114 236 4076; Ralph Dickins 0114 270 3990.

Barnsley: Derek Skitt 01226 245745

Doncaster: Kevin and Eileen Kerrigan 01709 865348

Sheffield Irish Association hold an **Irish Tea Dance** with live music every second Wednesday of the month. Please contact Gerry, telephone: 0114 2618788, mobile: 07544979686, for more information.



St George's Day Raffle Winners

Over 100 people joined St Wilfrid's Centre clients and staff at a very special celebration for St George's Day. Guests included Miss South Yorkshire, Stephanie Hill, the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, John Holt with his wife, Lynn, one of the Deputy Lord Lieutenants, Col Chris Tattersall and his wife, Jenny, pictured above with Director of the Centre, Kevin Bradley.

The results of the St George's Day Raffle are below:

1st Prize	Ticket: 01025	3 night stay in Fisherman's Cottage in Scarborough	Katy Lawson
2nd Prize	Ticket: 05513	Theatre Tokens to the value of £100	G Bonner
3rd Prize	Ticket: 02543	Luxury Food Hamper	Bona Pjarren
4th Prize	Ticket: 05640	Two course meal for two people at Cross Scythes, Totley	SDL
5th Prize	Ticket: 05544	Signed shirt from Sheffield United	Rosie Ridgewick
6th Prize	Ticket: 00705	Pair of Sheffield United Match Tickets	Mr J Akroyd
7th Prize	Ticket: 06885	Signed football from Sheffield Wednesday	Darryl Creet
8th Prize	Ticket: 03736	Pair of Sheffield Wednesday Match Tickets	Fr Kilgannon
9th Prize	Ticket: 03629	Afternoon Tea for Two at the Leopold Hotel	Ann
10th Prize	Ticket: 00424	£20 voucher for R & J Quality Butchers	Steve
Bonus Prize	Ticket: 05490	£10 voucher for Cod & Cockle Fishmongers	Jay McEverley
Bonus Prize	Ticket: 04959	Harland Cafe voucher	Jasmine



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St Mary's Parish, Worksop Celebrates 175 Years

St Mary's RC Church, Park Street, Worksop, celebrates its 175th anniversary this year. The first Mass was celebrated in the newly built Church on 26 March, 1840. It was a gift to the people of Worksop from the Duke of Norfolk, at that time Lord of the Manor, to provide a place of worship for the Catholic congregation of the town, and it contin-

ues in use today. Fittingly, the Church has recently undergone a £500,000 restoration and refurbishment programme and it was rededicated at a special Mass in November last year. The interior of the Church is now a breathtakingly beautiful setting for the celebration of the sacraments, and repairs to the exterior will ensure the building is

sound for many years to come. To mark the anniversary a number of events are planned, starting with an **Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 9 June**, to be celebrated by Bishop Ralph. The Mass will be attended by representatives of Bassetlaw Council and other invited guests, including past priests who have served in the parish.



The refurbished interior of St Mary's, Worksop

Easter Fundraising in Worksop

The Busy Fingers Craft and Chatter Group certainly lived up to its name in the run-up to Easter. The ladies in the group, which meets at St Mary's and St Josephs, Worksop, were busy keeping up with demand for their range of knitted chicks and bunnies, each containing a crème egg,

which proved very popular in the parish. The crème eggs were kindly donated by the local Sainsbury's store at Prospect, Worksop, and their generosity meant that the group was able to donate a staggering £930 to St Mary's Restoration Fund. Well done, ladies!



The Busy Fingers Craft and Chatter Group

On Cue for St Wilfrid's Residential

The Cue Ball was again held at the St Paul's Mercure Sheffield on 17 April. The event is held the night before the matches commence in the World Professional Snooker Championships at the Crucible. The glittering occasion brought together the great and the good from the worlds of snooker, business and local politics in this charity dinner.

Each year a local charity is nominated to receive the proceeds of the event, which includes a raffle and auction. This time the recipients were St Wilfrid's Centre for the homeless and vulnerable who are appealing for money for their new residential project. The magnificent total of £26,000 raised was a record and St Wilfrid's Director, Kevin Bradley said, "It was such a great

night and what an amazing sum of money towards our Residential unit. It again shows that the people of Sheffield are 'tops' when looking after those less fortunate". The photograph opposite shows staff from St Wilfrid's Day Centre, together with special guests Graham Moore from Westfield Health and Chris Steer from Pyramid Carpets.

Summer Concert

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A MYTH DISPELLED



We didn't know it was as energetic as that! Mike O'Callaghan reports on a Catenian celebration of St George. On the eve of St George's Day the brothers and ladies of Sheffield Hallamshire 218 circle were entertained by the Lord Conyer's Morris Men, who soon dispelled the myth that Morris dancing is for the less energetic. The dancers also told us the history behind the dancing tradition and entertained us with a variety of dances, including a sword dance which had us gazing in

wonder as one of the company performed a somersault and emerged unscathed! Replete after our two course supper, following our AGM and April meeting, we could only be thankful that we were not invited to dance with them! Brother President Dominic Shirt has more than a passing knowledge of the tradition, but refrained from gyrating. He maintained the tradition of the occasion by presenting each of the ladies with a souvenir rose.



A Dream Fulfilled

Parishioners of Corpus Christi turned out in force to say goodbye to Deacon David Barber and his wife, Karen as they set off to start a new life on the Canary Islands. A long time favourite holiday destination of the couple, David and Karen bought a property there and, after finally selling their home here in Hallam, they were able to fulfil a dream

with a move at the end of April. Helped by Bishop Ralph, David will be able to continue his ministry in his new parish. A buffet prepared by parishioners was enjoyed by all. Pictured below with David and Karen are Bishop Ralph, Fr Andrew Brown, Fr Damian Humphries and David's own parish priest, Fr Martin Stone. Also in attendance was Fr Terry Boyle.



90TH BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS



Sheila Clapham, a lifelong parishioner at St Joseph's Church, Handsworth and former Reception class teacher at St Joseph's School, was presented with a Papal Blessing by Fr Adrian Tomlinson on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Celebrating Wisdom and Faithfulness



Give us, O Lord, Understanding to know you, Diligence to seek you, Wisdom to find you, and a Faithfulness that may embrace you.

This prayer of St Thomas Aquinas concluded a very special evening held at the Pastoral Centre earlier this year to celebrate the completion of the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) by members of the diocese. Bishop Ralph led a specially written liturgy for students old and new, tutors, family and friends. Speaking about the new growth starting to peek through the February snow, he reminded everyone that our faith was not an abstract knowledge, but growing into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For the students, this nationally-recognised qualification was the fruit of a two year journey which saw them engage with Old and New Testament scriptures, study topics on Jesus Christ and the Church and explore questions in sacraments, morality, liturgy and Catholic Social Teaching. In doing so, they shared and developed their own faith, not only through the input from course tutors, but in lively discussions among themselves. Greg Ryan, CCRS Co-ordinator for the diocese, says that obtaining the certificate is a real achievement. "It requires

sustained commitment, and a willingness to ask questions and learn about your faith in new ways. The feedback we get from the students is that the course opens a door to the richness of Catholic theology. Many comment on how it helps their spiritual life as well as being an opportunity for learning. There are around twenty-five participants on the course at the moment, and hundreds of people in the diocese have taken it over the years."

Teaching takes place at the Hallam Pastoral Centre, one Saturday morning a month from September to April, and the course normally takes two years to complete, although it can be spread out over 3-5 years. New starters are welcome to join the course from September 2015 and registration is now open. All welcome – there are no special entry requirements. The *Hallam News* will carry more details over the coming months.

Seen above receiving their certificates from Bishop Ralph are Martin Jones, Tina Jenkinson and Lorraine Healy. For information and registration, see <http://hallamyof.weebly.com> or contact the Adult Education Office, Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU, Tel 0114 2566410, email adulteducation@hallam-diocese.com.

St Wilfrid's SleepOut United

St Wilfrid's Centre were delighted to work recently with Roundabout, a charity working with homeless young people, when they held a 'SleepOut' down at Bramall Lane, the home of Sheffield United. Over 100 people signed up to have a taste of how it feels to sleep rough which raised thousands for both charities.



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The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham



On 27 April, James Walsh and Helene Taylor were received by Fr David Stafford into the Catholic Church as members of the Ordinariate. The photograph above shows, left to right, Beryl Stafford, James's sponsor, James Walsh, Fr Stafford, Helene Taylor and Janet Tandy, Helene's sponsor.

The Ordinariate meets approximately once a month at the Parish Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Spring Water Avenue, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, S12 4HJ. The Church is seven minutes walk from the Hackenthorpe Tram Stop which is on the Blue Line. For further details please contact

Solemn Mass will be offered in honour of Our Lady at the Parish Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Spring Water Avenue, Sheffield, S12 4HJ on Saturday, 18 July at 11am. The Mass setting will be William Byrd, Mass for five voices sung by the The New Aston Chamber Choir. The Church is seven minutes' walk from the Hackenthorpe Tram Stop on the Blue Line. Plenty of parking available. More details available on the Ordinariate website www.ordinariate.org.uk - click on Groups then Sheffield

Fr David Stafford, telephone 0114 2480993 or e-mail david.stafford14@btinternet.com. Full details can be found on the Ordinariate website, www.ordinariate.org.uk - click on Groups then Sheffield. Those Anglicans wishing to

be received into full communion with the universal Catholic Church, whilst at the same time retaining an Anglican patrimony that is compatible with the faith and doctrine of the Catholic Church, please contact Fr David Stafford using the details given above.

Walsingham Association Branch News

Recently, members of the Sheffield branch of the Walsingham Association joined Leeds members, for an afternoon of recollection at Yeadon Mercy Convent. Fr Ben Griffiths led the afternoon. Pat Smith relates the events: Fr Ben brought many postcards and pictures of processions, held day and night during Holy Week in Valladolid, where he had studied. His talk painted so vivid a picture of colour and light, of devotion, fervour and the crowd's raw emotion that you felt you were there. Huge statues from churches are



carried through streets, accompanied by bands and singing. A much cherished statue

of Our Lady and Child, desecrated with swords and axes by troops of Sir Francis

Drake, was given to the English College, after rescue for veneration and reparation.

After Mass we left with plenty to contemplate and to help with our devotions for the

following week. The group from the Sheffield branch are pictured above.



Our Lady of Doncaster

Members of the prayer group from Our Lady and St James Church, Worsbrough went to St Peter in Chains, Doncaster to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster, (pictured above and left). Their Pilgrimage took place on a lovely Spring day. Pilgrims walked around the grounds and prayed the Stations of the Cross in warm sunshine. After saying the Rosary in front of the Rosary Garden, they went back into church to light candles and say prayers for family and friends. They received a Pilgrims Badge as a memento of the visit. This is an ancient tradition of pilgrimages. The shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster is a hidden gem and proof that it is not necessary to travel vast distances to have a very satisfactory pilgrimage.

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MARRIAGE

Ask and You Shall Receive

At Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord and giver of life", the Spirit of God who empowers us and enables us to grow.

For a number of years when our children were younger we used to spend our summer holiday camping on the Isle of Anglesey. This was not luxury camping. We had a cold water tap in the field and the use of a flush toilet. That was the limit of the amenities. The children loved it and they were able to play with some cousins who usually came too and some other friends. Years later, Charles revealed that he hadn't really enjoyed the holidays very much! How had this come about?

As we grow up we learn about the best ways for us to keep on the approval of people who are important to us, especially our parents. For some people, the best way to thrive in their family is to be agreeable, conform and to be generally helpful but to keep out of the limelight. For others, being outgoing, displaying their talents and being at the forefront of the family gets them noticed and helps them feel accepted in the family. We carry all these learned ways of protecting ourselves and becoming accepted into our adult relationships. For Charles, the way he kept safe and accepted was to be a bit reserved and to try and be agreeable and helpful. That way he retained the approval of his parents. For Jane,

being grown up, responsible and getting on with things- especially through seeing what was needed to be done, gained her approval and praise. This enabled her to feel good about herself.

We brought these two patterns of behaviour together in our marriage. They dovetailed together well. Jane made decisions and Charles went along with them. This wasn't just about holidays. It covered many other aspects of our life as well. For quite a few years it suited us. Over time, however, the cracks began to show. Jane started to get frustrated at the burden of making all the decisions. Charles started to realise that he rarely seemed to get what he really wanted and even when he did make alternative suggestions, Jane had already come to a decision and stoutly defended it.

In the relationship at that time, Jane was far more assertive than Charles. It was this imbalance in assertiveness that led to the situation we have described. Assertiveness is not the same as being aggressive. Assertiveness is the ability and willingness to ask for what you want and say what you really mean without demanding to get your own way all the time. It is also a willingness to negotiate and find solutions that both can buy into.

All of us spend many years developing our patterns of behaviour as we grow up; it is, therefore, going to be hard to change. We develop the behaviours for a reason. It was the way we found best to fit in or keep safe emotionally in our families. It, therefore, takes courage to change. First of all we have to become aware that this is the way we normally behave with each other. For the less assertive person, it can be very scary to start saying "I don't agree with you" or "I would like, this time, to do something different". For the more



assertive person being challenged might come as a bit of a shock.

Couples who attend the marriage preparation course in the diocese complete a questionnaire which when analysed gives a profile of their relationship at that time. One of the things it measures is the relative assertiveness of each of them. The result is sometimes a surprise to them but mostly they have already realised who is the more assertive. It is possible to be assertive in all sorts of situations except with the person who is closest. When we find that there is an imbalance in assertiveness we encourage the less assertive partner to start to make suggestions and the more assertive to encourage and seek out the other's view. That way they help each other to grow for the long term benefit of their marriage. Being appropriately assertive preserves our own integrity, by being true to ourselves, and it respects the other person by not hiding the truth. Couples where both partners are very low in assertiveness often find it very difficult indeed to make decisions.

When we get married we not only accept each other as we are at that time, but we also accept each other as we will be into the future. We do not know what that will be like. The future is hidden from our eyes. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit, working in us, that enables us to grow and to change in order to make present the love of Christ for his Church.

Jane and Charles Perryman



MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND



Sixteen engaged couples recently attended a weekend of preparation for their forthcoming marriages. The course was organised and delivered by volunteers from the Worldwide Marriage En-

counter movement. Three married couples and a priest skilfully presented sessions including communication, trust, dealing with issues, forgiveness and healing. These were movingly authenticated by their personal testimonies.

The engaged couples all gave positive feedback about the content and delivery of the course, especially mentioning how much they valued the time they had to focus on each other without interruption or distraction. Sincere thanks to St

Thomas of Canterbury School, Sheffield, which provided such a comfortable venue.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter course in Hallam will take place in November. To book a place please visit www.wwme.org.

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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Outstanding Success for Musicians from Mount St Mary's College and Barlborough Hall School

Students at Mount St Mary's have been celebrating outstanding results in one of the region's most prestigious music competitions, the Workstop Music Festival. They won 50 of the 57 categories they entered.

There was also success for younger children from the College's preparatory school, Barlborough Hall School, who won seven out of their nine categories.

In addition to the 88% success rate in terms of first place honours pupils also achieved 12 second and 12 third place awards.

According to Head of Music,

Lucy Kitchener, staff are particularly proud that the schools' choirs and instrumental ensembles won all 15 categories in which they competed, and overall more than 40 performances were given "distinction" or "outstanding" grades by the judges.

A number of soloists and ensembles were then invited to take part in the festival's traditional prizewinners' concert at The Crossing in Workstop, where they continued their musical winning ways.

Individual awards at the second concert went to Sam Castle (violin), Harry Castle (voice), Natasha Cutts (voice) and Lily



Children and young people from Mount St Mary's College and Barlborough Hall School who achieved remarkable success in the recent Workstop Music Festival

Frascina (brass). Mount St Mary's Jazz Band and Senior Brass

Quintet also collected instrumental ensemble awards. In addition,

the senior school and the preparatory school each won

their respective senior and junior Choral Excellence Shields.

The proudest moment of all was to be presented with the historic and coveted Workstop Guardian Shield for best overall contribution to the festival.

Mount St Mary's Headmaster, Dr Nicholas Cudihy, commented, "This was a vintage year for the school in terms of success at this prestigious festival, and I am delighted that our pupils received a number of other awards for their excellent performances at the prizewinners' concert. Their achievements reflect not only

their undoubted musical talents, but also the hard work and dedication they have put into practice and rehearsals over many years." Mount St Mary's College, a co-educational day and boarding school in the Jesuit tradition for young people aged 11-18, was founded in 1842. Its preparatory school for children aged 3-11, Barlborough Hall School, opened its doors in 1939. The schools offer a range of music and choral scholarships for talented singers and instrumentalists.



Some of the pupils from Mount St Mary's College who were successful at Workstop Festival of Music and the subsequent prizewinners' concert

Sheffield Jesuit Primary Forges Closer Links with Sister School in Zimbabwe

Pupils at a Sheffield Jesuit primary school have been forging closer links with children at their sister school in one of Africa's poorest nations.

Two teachers from Barlborough Hall School - the preparatory department of Mount St Mary's College in Spinkhill - recently travelled to Zimbabwe to take gifts from their students to the youngsters at Makumbi Primary School near Harare.

The two schools have been linked since 2005 thanks to support from the Jesuit Missions Companions Programme and the British Council Connecting Classrooms project.

Barlborough's Maria Neal and Rachael Cockell were able to present a cheque for £1,400 to their counterparts at Makumbi Primary to pay for books, resources and teacher training for a major new reading initiative.

The money had been raised by pupils via a 'bob-a-job' scheme which saw them being paid to carry out small tasks for family and friends.

Backing the Happy Readers project is the latest in a series of Barlborough Hall fundraising projects for the Zimbabwean school. Previous initiatives have paid for a water tower, a generator and a roof on Makumbi's library and ICT block.

However, as Maria Neal is keen to stress, the link between the two schools is just as much about friendship as it is about fundraising. She explained, "This twinning scheme is a great way for pupils from very different backgrounds to come together, interact and learn about each other's lives."

And Mrs Neal also pointed out that the British school can learn a lot from the African one in a num-

ber of key areas, "The method of teaching handwriting at Makumbi achieves excellent results, perhaps because the children begin by writing in sand rather than on paper. "They can also teach us a lot about recycling, because as a poor country they re-use everything they can, and throw very little away."

However, despite these positive features, life remains extremely difficult for many people in a country with a failing economy, rampant inflation and widespread fuel and food shortages.

Mrs Neal added, "HIV also remains a huge problem in Zimbabwe, with new children arriving regularly at the Makumbi orphanage following the death of their parents. This is very difficult to witness, as are some everyday features of the children's lives. Some pupils have to walk several miles to and from school, yet they literally have no food to eat at lunchtime. It's very hard to watch."

Nevertheless, in spite of these ongoing problems, Barlborough Hall and Makumbi staff are determined to maintain the cultural and spiritual links between the two schools. For example, on their recent visit the two Sheffield teachers took with them 'British culture in a box', the top ten features of life in this country as selected by the Barlborough Hall pupils. These included the Queen, a British Christmas, the BBC, the Union Jack, Big Ben and fish and chips!

Now the plan is for staff from Makumbi to come to Barlborough Hall later in the year when they will bring with them their pupils' selection of what constitutes 'Zimbabwean culture in a box'.

"This sums up the real value of this scheme," said Maria Neal. "It's about fun, friendship, and learning



from others, while sharing our common spiritual inheritance."

Pictured above, Maria Neal presents the cheque which will help to fund Makumbi's major new reading initiative.

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Holy Rood School Celebrate Mass Dedicated to Our Lady



The children from Class One at Holy Rood Catholic Primary School, Barnsley gather round the school grotto with Fr Boyle. As May is the month dedicated to Mary, the children had just celebrated a Mass with a focus on Mary as the Mother of God and her role in salvation history. They also celebrated with a May procession, in which the children brought flowers to Mary and Fr Boyle led everyone in a Liturgy to Our Lady.

'Garden Party Spectacular' Continues 150th Anniversary Celebrations for St Mary's

This year, St Mary's Catholic High School in Chesterfield celebrates its 150th Anniversary. As many people will know, Leonie Martin published an extremely successful book at the beginning of the year to commemorate the school reaching this amazing milestone. Celebratory events are set to continue throughout the year and include a very special Garden Party arranged by the St Mary's Alumni Association. On Saturday, 27 June both St Mary's Catholic Primary

School and St Mary's Catholic High School will open their gates to friends, parishioners, former teachers and past pupils. The Headteacher of the High School, Mr McClafferty, said, "We are planning for food, music, reminiscence, good company and much, much more. This is a wonderful opportunity for the people and the parishes who have contributed to the building and growth of the school to come together and celebrate what they have all been a part of." Mrs Apps, Headteacher of the Primary School, said, "We're delighted to be able to invite the wider school community and the parish into our school as part

of our Anniversary programme. We have some exciting things planned for the morning, including a walk through the school's history. Come along and celebrate with us, and see just how different things were when the school first opened compared to the modern school of today". The Primary School will open to guests between 10am and 12noon, and the High School for the Garden Party from 11am to 2pm. Both schools run Facebook pages where more information about the Garden Party is available. Or for more details, please email Margaret Dunham, margaretdunham@yahoo.co.uk or call her on 01246 811123.

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Schools volunteer, Helen Desforges, with her team of helpers from St Joseph's and St Theresa's Catholic Primary Schools, Sheffield

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Visits can mean simply picking up a cheque and saying thank you, presenting an assembly or a class-room session, or being involved in retreat days or off timetable days. If you have a career of experience with children or young people you are welcome. If you have no experience but a desire to learn and grow then you are just as welcome.

We are particularly in need of school volunteers in the Barnsley, Chesterfield, Doncaster and



Schools volunteer, Andy Ogley, gets his props ready for his assembly

Rotherham areas of the Diocese. If you are reading this and aren't interested yourself, please take a moment to think if any of your friends or family might be interested and highlight this article to them.

If you are interested then do contact our office on Hallam@cafod.org.uk or phone Anne or Angela 0114 2687817 and we would be delighted to send you more information.

Thank you very much, I hope you will consider a great opportunity to be involved with those who were so important to Jesus - the children!

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Together we can show our new government, whoever they may be, how much we care that climate change is pushing people deeper into poverty. Please join us – and the whole The Climate Coalition - for a day to remember.

Coach travel will be available from the Hallam Diocese. If you are interested in coming along please email: hallam@cafod.org.uk or telephone 0114 268 7817.

De La Salle Association Rambling Club Walk

A walk around Ladybower Reservoir has been organised for Sunday, 14 June.

Meet at 10.30am at Heatherdene park and display car park, Ladybower (grid ref 202860) for this 5.5 mile walk. The route is level and there are good views. Lunchtime will be spent at Fairholmes Visitors Centre.

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