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Fr James Shekelton relates how a group of young people enriched their encounter with Christ as they pilgrimaged along part of the Camino de Santiago. Read his report on page 3.



Bishop Ralph refers to these words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in his Pastoral Letter which was read in Parishes throughout the Diocese on the Feast of Pentecost. Read the full text of the Letter on page 3.

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What's on in July

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | telephone: 0114 2618788, mobile: 07544979686. |
| 1 | Hallam Ascent Group annual Retreat for members only at Apostleship of the Sea, Immingham Docks, taking donated supplies and money for phone cards. Please see article on page 5 also. For more details telephone 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, ascent@jngreen.plus.com, website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 14 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 8 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. | 25 'Seeking the Lord Together' Day of Praise and Reflection at St Mary's, Maltby parish room. Mass 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. |
| 8 | Sheffield Irish Association - no tea dance, but a coach trip to Scarborough. For more information please contact Gerry, | 28 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje ~ 2-9 September, departing from East Midlands Airport. Cost £544, deposit £80. Single supplement is £130 and insurance £30, unless you have your own. For more information please contact Pete and Sue Marshall, 01302 885358, petesuemarshall@googlemail.com or Prospect House, Madam Lane, Barnby Dun, Doncaster, DN3 1EW.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month



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

- 5 St Joseph, Handsworth.
- 12 Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough.
- 19 Sacred Heart, Balby.
- 26 Our Lady of Sorrows, Bamford.

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.

the annual hallam and nottingham interdiocesan pilgrimage in honour of the padley martyrs blessed Robert Ludlam and blessed Nicholas Garlick

the Right Reverend Ralph Heskett, Bishop of Hallam, will preside and preach

padley pilgrimage

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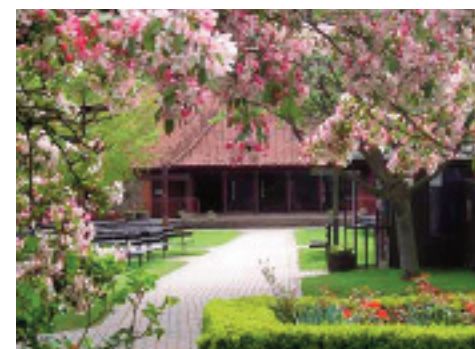
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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

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.

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 or has any query, please ring 01226 242145.



Carnival Time at St Mary's

St Mary's Church, Worksop, is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. The church was opened in 1840, a gift to the people of Worksop by the Catholic 12th Duke of Norfolk, and it

has recently undergone an extensive renovation and restoration programme to provide a beautiful interior.

As part of the celebrations, a Summer Carnival is being held in the grounds



The stunning interior of St Mary's, Worksop

of St Mary's on Sunday, 19 July, 12.30 till 4pm. The sounds of summer will be heard around the area as the popular Worksop U3A steel band 'Steel-pantastic' provide live music, and the colourful theme will also include tropical food and drink, BBQ, tombola, carnival fun and games and so much more.

Entry is only 50p. Don't miss it! All welcome.

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Pastoral Letter read at all Masses on the Feast of Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, Happy Feast!

I sometimes think of the Feast of Pentecost as the "Cinderella" feast in the Church's calendar – often overshadowed by the other major feasts of Christmas and Easter. However, the preface of today's Mass reminds us just how important a feast it is: *For bringing your Paschal Mystery to completion, you bestowed the Holy Spirit today on those you made your adopted children by uniting them to your only begotten Son. The same spirit, as the Church came to birth, opened to all people the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in profession of one faith.*

Today we have Luke's noisy account of the first Pentecost of rushing wind and tongues of fire. In contrast, the gospel speaks of the Spirit as a gentle teacher and reminder of the truth. The Spirit of God comes to us in many forms and many disguises. But one thing is for sure: by the gift of the same Spirit, we can never be without the presence of God – that's the promise of Pentecost.

It was the Spirit that led the early disciples into uncharted waters, places of uncertainty and of the unfamiliar. No doubt, they would have preferred to have remained around the places and the people they knew. It was the same Spirit, too, that directed the early Church to gather in communities for the breaking of bread, and to proclaim the marvels of God.

Today, the same Spirit invites us individually and as communities, to centre our lives on the breaking of bread and the proclamation of the Word. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, for example, reminds us that the Eucharist remains "the source and summit of the Church's life. The sacraments,

and indeed all the other ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate are bound up with the Eucharist and are orientated towards it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (CCC 1324)

In Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis' clear message is that it is Church's mission today, as in previous generations, to announce to everyone the Good News that God the Father calls us to share in God's own life. He writes, "It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded." (Evangelii Gaudium 23) This journey of "communion and mission" is a joy that fills the heart of the disciple of Jesus in every generation. It does not, however, come without its challenges.

Part of my role as bishop is ensure that parish life across the diocese remains rooted in the Eucharist and the sacraments and that parishes are fit for mission. The priest is key to the celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments but the mission of the Church belongs to us all through our baptism. One of the challenges we face in common with dioceses across the country today is how best to deploy priests to allow this "communion and mission" to thrive across the diocese.

In this regard, I believe we stand at a crossroads. Since I arrived in the diocese almost a year ago, five priests have died. Four priests have retired and there are others who intend to step down in the months ahead. Of the 34 active incardinated priests, 10 are over 70 and 11 over 60. There are 71 churches to be served. Some good news is that

we have 3 men in formation at present and 3 more who are seeking to become candidates this coming academic year.

However, making it possible for communion and mission to flourish is not solely dependent on the priests of the diocese. As I have moved around the diocese over the last few months, I cannot help but notice the treasury of gifts present in the diocese. The Spirit of God calls us to make best use of all these gifts to renew and build. In the words of Pope Francis:

"These gifts are meant to renew and build up the Church. They are not an inheritance, safely secured and entrusted to a small group for safe keeping; rather they are the gifts of the Spirit integrated into the body of the Church, drawn to its centre, which is Christ and then channelled into and evangelising impulse." (Evangelii Gaudium 130)

On this Feast of Pentecost, then a question we could ask ourselves is, "What new thing is the Spirit asking of us as a diocese and as individual parish communities and how best to respond? And given the experience of the early disciples we need to be prepared for answers that might surprise us! There is a line from a well-known Irish blessing that goes: "May the wind be always at your back." As we continue our journey into uncharted waters and the unfamiliar, may the Holy Spirit of God be both the wind at our backs and the fire in our hearts as we strive to be open to the new ways in which the Spirit may draw us closer to one another and to Jesus Christ present to us in the Eucharist, the source and summit of all our lives.

Yours sincerely in Christ, the Redeemer
+Ralph Heskett CSsR
Bishop of Hallam

Young Adults Easter Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

Between 2nd-11th April the Young Adults group, 20 participants from around the Diocese, walked the last 120km of the famous "Camino de Santiago" in Northern Spain. This route has been a well-trodden path for pilgrims for over 1000 years as every year tens of thousands walk toward Santiago from different parts of Europe. In the Cathedral are found the remains of Santiago the Apostle (St James). It is a very special place that talks of God to anyone, independent of their belief or religion.

They arrived in the town of Sarria on Holy Thursday and began to walk on Good Friday. During the days of the Triduum they participated in the different liturgies in the towns along the way, sleeping every night in the pil-

grims hostels. They arrived at Santiago de Compostela on Easter Wednesday and on the Thursday went to Finisterre, "end of the earth", where they had Mass on what was once believed to be the furthest point of civilisation. On the Friday they spent the day in Santiago itself, visiting the Cathedral and returned to the UK on Saturday.

It was, as they themselves testified, a life changing experience and had a deep impact on all the participants. It was a moment to discover oneself and to be enriched through an encounter with Christ, receiving the Sacraments along the way, meeting fellow pilgrims and enjoying each other's company. Participants are pictured above right and below.





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St Mary's, Penistone Celebrates Fifty Years

Bishop Ralph and Fr Stan Maciuszek concelebrated Mass to commemorate the opening of St Mary's Church in 1965.

The congregation included the people of the parish and former parishioners, together with the Mayor and Mayoress of Penistone, Andrew and Gill Milner, friends from the neighbouring Anglican and Methodist communities and Presentation Sisters and Marist Sisters who had worked in St Mary's parish. Members of the Callanan family had travelled from Ireland in honour of Fr John Callanan, who played

such a major part in establishing St Mary's in Penistone.

Some parishioners including organist, Mrs Edna Daly, received personal blessings from the Pope and Bishop Ralph presented St Mary's and its parishioners a Papal Blessing to commemorate the 50th Anniversary.

The celebration coincided with the fact that parish priest, Fr Stan was celebrating the fortieth anniversary of his Ordination and parishioners made a presentation to him.

Mass and the blessing of a new grotto were followed by lunch and the party went on into the afternoon.



Pictured above left to right: Deacon John Wright, Bishop Ralph and Fr Stan Maciuszek during the celebrations at St Mary's, and with parishioners and guests on the left.

ST MARY'S TRIP TO IRELAND

A group of travellers recently set off from St Mary's Church, Penistone, on a pilgrimage to Ireland to visit the boyhood home of Fr John Callanan. Without Fr Callanan St Mary's Church would not exist today as a part of St Ann's, Deepcar. On Sunday, 31 May the parishioners of this small South Yorkshire church celebrated 50 years of the opening of the church.

The journey to Ireland was not altogether uneventful, but after a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast the group set off for a day's excursion round the spectacular Ring of Kerry, revelling in the beautiful scenery. The day's events included a ride on the famous Jaunty Cars (horse-drawn vehicles) operated by local jarvies, who shared their own insight into Irish life and customs. In the evening pilgrims were entertained by a local group of musicians and dancers.

Mass was celebrated the next day at the beautiful Holy Cross Priory, where there are several holy relics, including one from Pope John Paul II.

The Dingle Peninsula, where "Ryan's Daughter" was filmed, was the next stop on the trip and proved to be as breathtaking as the scenery in Kerry; long, sandy beaches, rugged cliffs and hidden bays with the mountain range running from Slieve Mish to Mount Brandon running down its spine. A

visit to the Blasket Centre at the tip of the Peninsula gave an insight into the harsh lives of the inhabitants of the remote Blasket Islands and how they developed their language and culture.

Next morning pilgrims left Tralee in rain, heading for Rosscarbery in County Cork and nearer the focus of their pilgrimage – the home of Fr Callanan. The sun broke through the clouds enabling everyone to enjoy the picturesque Bantry Bay.

The next day in Clonakilty, a Mass celebrating Fr Callanan's life was held, with a moving tribute made by Pat Punt, who recounted how St Mary's had come into being. The group laid a wreath on Fr Callanan's grave and were very touched to discover that Fr Callanan's house was named 'Deepcar', after his parish in Yorkshire. They enjoyed great Irish hospitality from the Callanan family, who welcomed them into their home and provided a magnificent spread of scones, cakes, chocolates and even potcheen flavoured birthday cake. What a wonderful experience! Some of the family were at Penistone on Sunday, 31 May for the 50th Celebrations, and enjoyed Yorkshire hospitality.

Pilgrims (pictured below) described the trip as an unforgettable experience and wanted to thank Fr Stan, their spiritual director and Brendan and Phyll Lally, who organised the trip.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

A 7 day pilgrimage, 7-14 September, 2016, to Poland from St Mary's, Penistone will include the Jasna Gora Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, salt mines and Auschwitz. Details available from Brendan Lally, tel: 01226 763220.

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SVP Mass at Kirkedge

Tuesday, 14 July

Hymns start 7.15pm, Mass 7.30pm

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Apostleship of the Sea

12 July is Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of Apostleship of the Sea, whose chaplains and ship visitors provide practical and pastoral help in ports around Britain.

One such Apostleship of the Sea visitor is Phil Nolan who spent most of his career sitting behind a desk. Now, the former civil servant dons a hard hat and high vis jacket and spends part of each week helping seafarers in the port of Hull.

Phil is an Apostleship of the Sea volunteer ship visitor. His role is to visit ships and offer seafarers practical help and pastoral care. This can be anything from providing phone cards and transport to local shops to arranging for seafarers to attend Mass, or visit-

ing them in hospital.

Given that the maritime industry seems a hidden one, most of us probably never think much about seafarers. Yet 90% of the goods we buy arrive by sea, everything from cars and mobile phones to tomatoes and meat. If seafarers went on strike, Britain would quickly grind to a halt.

Phil decided to become a ship visitor after attending a presentation in his parish about the work of Apostleship of the Sea.

“What I find most rewarding about meeting seafarers is listening to their stories and sharing experiences. I assist them while they are in port in various ways, such as providing transport to shops or helping them to contact home,” he said.



Many of the men he meets are from countries in the developing world, such as the Philippines and India. They join a ship to earn enough money to support their family back home.

Typically, they are away for ten months at a time. They work long hours for low pay and often live in poor conditions and with little in the way of creature comforts.

He added that being a ship visitor has enabled him to give something back to seafarers, who work long hours and often for low pay to bring us the goods we need for our daily lives.

He is also learning Russian, as many of the ships arriving in Hull come from Russia. “It’s useful to be able to greet

and engage seafarers in their own language. But since becoming an Apostleship of the Sea ship visitor, I’ve discovered that we all have similar needs. And I’ve also learned that a smile goes a long way to overcome any linguistic or cultural barriers.”

Phil Nolan is pictured onboard a ship above and on the left visiting some of the seafarers.

Please note: the Hallam Ascent Group are taking donated supplies of jumpers, toiletries, etc and money for phone cards to Immingham Docks on 1 July when they go for their annual Apostleship of the Sea retreat - see What’s On, page 2 for contact details if you would like to donate.

SONGS OF PRAISE IN CONISBROUGH



Christians from St Peter’s Church, Conisbrough, Conisbrough Baptist Chapel, All Saints Church, Denaby Main and St Alban’s Church, Denaby Main, who make up Conisbrough and Denaby Main Churches Together, celebrate Pentecost with a Songs of Praise in the grounds of Conisbrough Castle.

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Fond Farewell to Fr Geoff Hurst

The Chapel of Our Lady on the Bridge in Rotherham was built in 1483 as part of a new bridge over the River Don. It has a colourful history serving for many purposes over the centuries, including as a place of prayer for travellers seeking a safe journey and thanksgiving for safe arrival, an almshouse, a prison, a dwelling house, a tobaccoconist and newsagents. At times it has fallen into ruin and was only spared demolition because it is an integral part of the bridge. It was restored as a chapel in the early 1900s, the work being completed in 1924. Rotherham Deanery use the Chapel of Our Lady on the Bridge each Thursday in Lent,



excluding Holy Thursday, continuing through to Pentecost. On Thursday, 23 April, Fr Geoff

Hurst celebrated his last Mass before retirement with Fr Kieran O'Connell in this chapel.

We wish him and his family good health and a fond farewell, God's peace and blessings.

Celebration in Denaby for Fr John Cooke



Fr John Cooke and Fr Bill Bergin

On 5 May Fr John Cooke, Parish Priest 2002 - 2014, returned to St Alban's Church, Denaby Main to celebrate Mass. He was welcomed by Fr Bill Bergin, Parish Priest. Afterwards Fr John attended a party in St Alban's Catholic Club. He was entertained by the MacRoibin School of Irish Dancing and the Fitzgerald's Folk Group. Parishioners presented Fr John with a cheque and spiritual bouquet. In the Parish Bulletin Fr John stated, "Thank you very much for the most enjoyable evening; the Mass, the parish party and generous presentation I will always remember with deep gratitude. God has richly blessed me through the years when it was my privilege to be your Parish Priest. Thanks be to God, and together may we always keep the faith. May God bless you always."



Mary Phillips presents Fr John with a cheque



Trish Stafford presents Fr John with a spiritual bouquet



Fr John with Mary and Andrew Bucknell



Fr John with Barbara and Brian Nally

JUBILEES GALORE



Eight priests of our Diocese celebrate Jubilees of their Ordination this year. They are photographed with Bishop Ralph after a celebratory lunch. They are left to right, Mgr S Maciuszek (Ruby), Fr M Clayton (Ruby), Bishop Ralph, Fr D Norman (Silver), Mgr W Kilgannon (Golden), Mgr D Kirkwood (Ruby), Fr A Attree (Ruby). Not on the photograph are Fr J Shryane (Golden) and Fr P Cullen (Ruby). Together they make up a total of three hundred and twenty five years of priesthood, for which we thank God and ask that he continue to bless each of them.

Report and photograph: JFR



Fr John reads the Gospel

Remembering Fr Terry Tolan, Parish Priest and Canon of Lourdes

A personal perspective by Gary Mangan

With my wife Joan and our then one-year-old son John, I arrived in Doncaster in the early 1970's. I had come from Dublin to join my late father, Kevin and to develop an agricultural merchanting business in the town. As our first day in Doncaster was a Sunday, we enquired about Mass and were told that one was celebrated in Armthorpe at 4pm each Sunday. The timing for us was perfect that day. Finding the Church of Our Lady Of Sorrows and St Francis was not difficult. Situated on Mere Lane, just off the main road through the modern mining village of Armthorpe, it was a welcoming sight for us three weary travellers! Soon we had our first sight of Fr Tolan, or Fr Terry, or even Fr T as he was known by the Catholic community throughout Doncaster, the Diocese of Hallam and beyond. As he arrived at the altar with the servers that afternoon, he raised our spirits with the welcome that he gave to everyone. I remember how clear and sincere were his words, delivered in a very impressive Yorkshire accent with a distinctive voice which captured everyone's attention. Over the following 34 years that we lived in Doncaster, Fr Tolan's homilies during Mass inspired all who were fortunate to be present and to hear them.

We were to see Fr Tolan at various centres and churches in Doncaster over the coming years: as he joined in the concelebration of Masses throughout the Deanery or in Sheffield, or performed marriage ceremonies, funerals and baptisms that we attended. As we settled into life in Doncaster, I was introduced to the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and was privileged to join the team of dedicated volunteers who, under the direction of Fr Harney, made such wonderful pilgrimages possible each year. As Deputy Pilgrimage Director, Fr Tolan brought a unique calmness and tranquillity to the planning meetings at home and in Lourdes. As Co-ordinator, my duties included travelling to Lourdes for 11 February, the date of the first meeting of our Lady and St Bernadette in 1858. Each year, around that date, representatives of Pilgrimages to Lourdes from throughout the world gathered there to attend to travel, transport and accommodation arrangements for the pilgrimages that would take place in the coming months. In the case of Hallam Diocese, that would consist of about 500 pilgrims each year. Fr Harney and Fr Tolan attended to the religious planning and ceremony booking arrangements.

It was following the first of these February planning meetings that I experienced Fr Tolan's great wit and humour. In those early days we travelled by train from Doncaster to and from Lourdes. They were arduous 8-hour journeys each way and any opportunity for humour was very welcome. On this occasion, however, the visit had been particularly sad. We stayed at the great Liverpoolian Sr Benign's house in the centre of Lourdes. Sadly, during our stay, she died during the night and this was on all our minds as we journeyed home. Our train drew into a station outside London during the return journey; the engine stopped and there was silence just as Fr Tolan began to speak, "Ee, we 'av supped some" he said in an exaggerated Yorkshire accent! Until then we had been competing with the normal sounds of a train as it travelled along its rails, but in the sudden silence, Fr Tolan's distinctive voice resounded throughout the carriage to the alarm of other passengers to see two priests and a lay person making such a statement! Needless to say, all that we had "supped" were copious amounts of tea and coffee! There are many more examples of Fr Terry's wit, nearly always delivered in a dead-pan style which added to the humour!

It was during my first visit to Lourdes when there was a break in the planning meetings that Fr Tolan asked if I would like to see some of the places of interest in Lourdes. There followed a leisurely stroll from place to place around the Domain and beyond with a fascinating commentary that brought this wonderful place of apparition by Our Lady to St Bernadette to life. There and then it was decided that such a tour would be an important part of our itinerary on future Hallam Pilgrimages. From that year on, "Fr Tolan's Tour" became an item on our published Pilgrimage Programme. Meeting at the Crowned Virgin statue, a large group would follow Fr Tolan around the Domain and to various places so closely linked with the life of St Bernadette. He never referred to notes during those tours and of course had no need for a microphone! I joined many of those tours or walks over the following years and found each one new and fresh, during which I always learned something that I had not seen or heard on previous pilgrimages. Sadly, "Fr Tolan's Tour" will never be part of the Hallam Pilgrimage programme again.

We were all delighted when, in recognition of his service to Lourdes and its pilgrims, like Fr Harney, Fr Tolan was appointed a Canon of Lourdes. In the 10 years since leaving Doncaster, we have been privileged to exchange Christmas cards with him and to learn about life in the Holy Spirit, Dronfield, to which he moved from Our Lady of Sorrows Armthorpe, and then from St William's in Sheffield, his final parish before retiring in 2011. Fr Terry died on Monday, 20 April. May he rest in peace. Air dheis Dé go raibh a n'anam.

Photographs: first above, the late Fr Terry Tolan (left) "supping some" with Fr Gerry Harney, Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage Director and Gary Mangan, Pilgrimage Co-ordinator, between ceremonies in Lourdes, 2002. Second above, the late Fr Terry Tolan, walking in procession in the Lourdes Domain, following his appointment as a Canon of Lourdes. Left, "Fr Tolan's Tour" during the Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2000.





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Sheffield United Football Club have been tremendous supporters of St Wilfrid's Centre for homeless and vulnerable people for many years. St Wilfrid's clients have enjoyed meeting and getting to know the players and managers, attending matches and even carrying flags on the pitch. The Blades recently hosted their first

Sponsored 'SleepOut United' at the Lane, which involved supporters sleeping out on the edge of the ground to get a taste of what it would be like to be sleeping rough. Participants were sponsored by their friends, family and colleagues and together they raised a wonderful £11,000 which was shared between St Wilfrid's Centre and the

charity for homeless young people in Sheffield, Roundabout. Director of the Centre, Kevin Bradley, said, "We very much appreciate the co-operation and enthusiasm of everyone at the Club and particularly thank Nigel Clough and Mal Brannigan who showed their solidarity with the cause by sleeping out all night themselves."

The picture above shows Kevin Bradley from St Wilfrid's and Amy Casbolt from Roundabout receiving the SleepOut cheque, with Sheffield United co-owner, Kevin McCabe in the centre.

For the last few years St Wilfrid's have also been recipients of the Football Association Community Shield cheque from Sheffield United and the picture on the left shows Kevin Bradley receiving the cheque for £2,000 from Vice President, Chris Steer.

Kevin Bradley added "I am very grateful to the Blades for all their involvement and particularly to Chris who has done marvellous things for us at the Centre since we first opened in 1991."



University of Sheffield Students Support St Wilfrid's

Sheffield University students held a special event recently when they presented charities with monies from their Give As You Rent fund. Charities from across Sheffield applied and St Wilfrid's Centre were very pleased to be awarded a share of the fund. The Centre was chosen to receive £1,900 towards beds for their new residential unit. Louise Finnigan, Deputy Director

of St Wilfrid's, said, "A big thank you to the students. This will go a long way towards providing beds for St Wilfrid's residential project, which is a much needed resource for Sheffield." Representing St Wilfrid's was Deputy Director, Louise Finnigan who is pictured on the left, together with students from the University of Sheffield RAG Committee.



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group of parishioners from St Alban's Church, Denaby Main celebrated Mass in the Denaby and Cadeby Miners Memorial Chapel. Pictured below left, Reverend Reg

Davies, Vicar of All Saints, welcomes Fr Bill and parishioners of St Alban's Church, and on the right Fr Bill and parishioners in Denaby and Cadeby Miners Memorial Chapel.




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First Saturday Devotion with National Centre of the Crusade of Mary Immaculate, Manchester

Recently a group of Crusaders representing Mary Immaculate, Sheffield, along with Fr David Stafford, travelled to the National Crusade Centre in Manchester to celebrate the First Saturday of the month and attend a special Coronation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

This event, which is celebrated every year in May, included the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary. The coronation itself took place during the Mass, when a white crown was placed on the head of Mary while singing "Bring flowers of the rarest". As usual, the Crusaders renewed their act of Consecration to Mary Immaculate by St Maximilian Kolbe.

After the Mass, there was an opportunity to meet and have a chat with other Crusaders and Franciscan friars over a cup of coffee and refreshments.

Why First Saturdays?

During her apparition at Fatima in July 1917, the Infant

Jesus said to Lucia, "Have pity on the heart of your most Holy Mother. It is covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it with every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation." Then Our Lady said, "Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the first Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."

Following Our Lady's request, the First Saturdays of the months are held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church - 9am - Rosary, 9.30am - Mass, 10am - 15 minutes' meditation of all Rosary mysteries, 10.15am Confession. All are welcome. Please join us every First Saturday of the month. Let us be generous in our response to Our Lady's urgent request.

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MAY PROCESSION AT HOLY ROOD

The May Procession at Holy Rood Church is always a very special and joyful occasion. This year, at least fifty children from the parish school took part carrying flowers behind the statue of Our Lady, which was processed from the church hall into church, as the Lourdes hymn was being sung. Children preparing for their First Holy Communion presented specially prepared lilies during the Offertory of the Mass and these were placed around the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.



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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Exciting Things Happening at Saint Joseph's, Staveley

Over the last few months exciting developments have been taking place at Saint Joseph's Catholic and Church of England Primary School, Staveley. The reception and key stage areas have been completely refurbished, the playground has been developed and every child in school now has an iPad. The school community is particularly excited that a nursery is opening in September, 2015 for 3 and 4 year old children. Headteacher, Mrs Rowena Herbert, says, "The school is a truly

special place with a family ethos made up of our wonderful children and their families, our parish and our committed team of staff. "Saint Joseph's was recently judged to be good by Ofsted and this only affirms what the pupils, parents and staff already knew. Now the school is striving to be outstanding. The pupils at Saint Joseph's are an absolute joy to work with; they are motivated, enthusiastic learners who are proud of their school. We were particularly

pleased with the comments in the Ofsted report which highlighted the 'pupils positive attitude to learning and each other'. "Saint Joseph's continues to grow from strength to strength. The school was found to be 'a school which goes the extra mile to help pupils and families, overcome issues that might affect learning. The pupils achieve well and standards are rising because staff and pupils have risen to high expectations."



Children hard at work in one of the refurbished areas of St Joseph's School



Playtime is even better in the new playground!

Democracy in Action at Holy Family

Ambassador Visits All Saints School

On Wednesday, 13 May, All Saints School was honoured and privileged to welcome His Excellency, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Matthew Barzun.

His visit was part of a programme where the Ambassador gets out and about in Britain in order to acquaint himself with the thoughts, views and questions of British society - and specifically schools and colleges - in relation to the USA and its domestic and foreign policy. He addressed a group of students, Y7-Y13, and sought their opinions on many matters. A lively exchange of views and opinions took place and the Ambassador commented upon the excellent engagement, range of questions and knowledge displayed and the welcoming art-

work of a Y7 class who had prepared posters to adorn the walls of the lecture theatre. The Ambassador presented two of the students with his official 'coins'. He was similarly presented with gifts, including Hender-

son's Relish, a Sheffield-made Cranberry spoon and a Sheffield Wednesday pen! Coffee was taken with the Headteacher, Clare Scott, and the visit was deemed a great success and a tremendous honour.



US Ambassador, Matthew Barzun, meets Y13 student during his visit to All Saints School



As people throughout the country were voting in the General Election the children of Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Worksop were preparing their own democratic elections. Each class created a manifesto for the school and presented it at their Friday assembly. There was a vote, a count and an announcement on the same day! It was a wonderful day to

not only learn about Democracy and British values but to see democracy in action and how it works. The winning party was the HFBW (Holy Family Best in Worksop party) and Year 4 were extremely proud of themselves. They will now meet with the Head Teacher, Mrs Kane, every week to ensure they work towards their manifesto. Let's hope they keep their promises!

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Let The Children Live

Let The Children Live is a Catholic charity which supports homeless street children in Columbia. The children from Holy Rood Catholic Primary School donated the funds raised from the Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Play and, together with a donation from the Barnsley Catenian Association, a total of £500 was presented to the charity.

Our picture on the right shows Pauline, a representative of Let the Children Live, receiving the cheque from Peter Brannan, president of the Barnsley Catenians, and two of the children who performed in the play.

MINI VINNIES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Retford has a new group called 'Mini Vinnies' which is made up of children from Year 5. The Mini Vinnie group had their commissioning Liturgy on 7 May. Their aim is to work alongside those vulnerable in school, the parish and the wider community. Headteacher, Mr Richard Hilton commented, "The Mini Vinnie group is an exciting venture for our children and school. We will be part of the National and International St Vincent de Paul Society that helps those less fortunate than ourselves."

Pictured below: Jim Patchett RE governor, members of the SVP at St Joseph's, Retford and the Diocese Director of the St Vincent de Paul Society Gerard Walsh, Fr John, Fr Andrew, Trish Clarke Mini Vinnie lead in school, Richard Hilton head teacher and ten Mini Vinnie children.



CARMEL CARE CELEBRATORY EVENT



Children from Sacred Heart School present Bishop Ralph with their donation for the Good Shepherd Fund and for Carmel Care

In May, Carmel Care Centre in Hillsborough welcomed Bishop Ralph to its annual celebration. The occasion was enhanced by children from Sacred Heart Primary School, Sheffield with artistic offerings and a donation

of £350. They had organised and supported fund-raising activities at their school following a visit from Sr Clare Grimes. The occasion also saw the launch of the CD, Hard Times 'Songs for Carmel'. With music

by Stuart Hanlon and Sean Gilligan, this has been produced with the generous support of sponsors. It has been dedicated to Fr Mac, one of the founders of Carmel, and is available on request.

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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS Good Shepherd Event

Wednesday, May 20th saw the annual Good Shepherd presentation to Bishop Ralph. During Lent, Diocesan schools raised money in a variety of ways to contribute to Hallam Caring Services for children and families projects. Staff and one hundred and fifty pupils from twenty-three schools presented generous cheques amounting to the sum of nearly £15,000, and we understand there is still more to come! St Bernard's High School students and their Chaplain enacted 'The Sheep's Tale', illustrating how we can find ourselves in all sorts of difficult situations and need help to 'get up on our feet again'. Children from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School delighted everyone with their rendition of 'Roll Over the Ocean'. A parent's ac-

count of how she was supported by Hallam Caring Services was read by Laura Rendell, Family Support Worker. This was Bishop Ralph's first Good Shepherd Event and he said that it reminded him of when he was a small boy presenting his school's offering to his Bishop in Sunderland. Six hundred biscuits and drinks were then demolished in the Mother of God Parish Centre! A very sincere thank you to all those who made it such an enjoyable event, especially to those who served the refreshments. Pictured below, Bishop Ralph and Stuart Hanlon accept the donations from children of the Diocesan schools for the work of the Hallam Caring Services.



First Communion at St Hugh's

Thirteen young people from St Hugh's Church in Newbold, Chesterfield, recently celebrated their First Communion. The church was packed with standing room only, making it a very special day for the children and their families.



STRAWBERRY TEA DAY



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