

Hallam News

September 2015

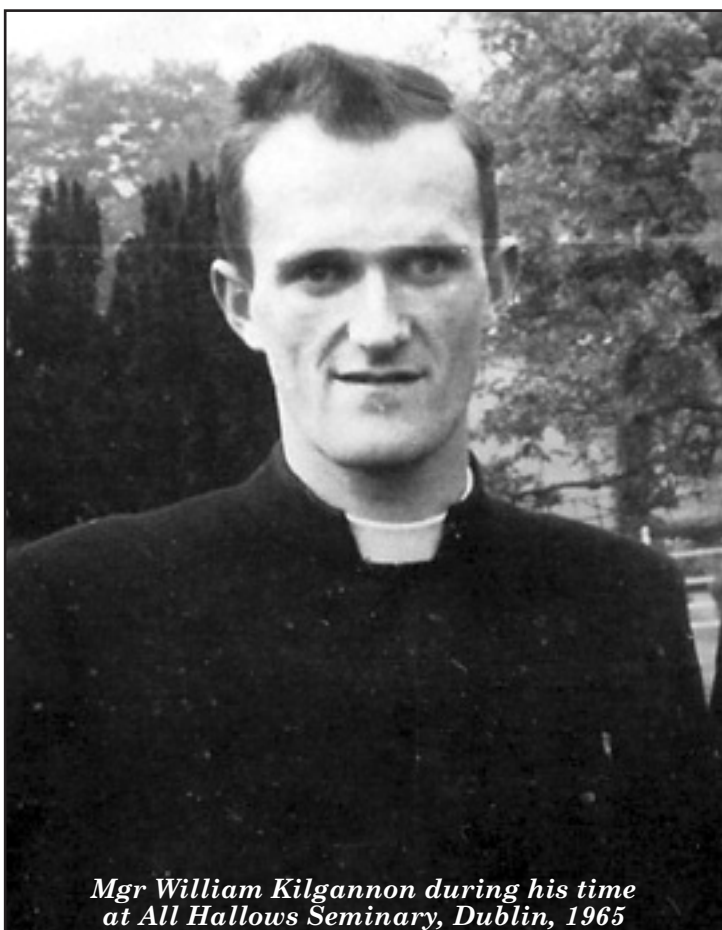
No. 308

FREE

Hallam News now available ONLINE at www.hallamnews.com



CELEBRATIONS ALL ROUND



Mgr William Kilgannon during his time at All Hallows Seminary, Dublin, 1965

Mgr William Kilgannon has had an especially busy and rewarding few months. He celebrated fifty years of priesthood on Saturday, 21 June. His family, parishioners and friends ensured that this important milestone was celebrated in style. Page 10 relates all the aspects of the momentous occasion.

Mgr Kilgannon also played an important role in the ceremony, "The First Spade in the Ground", which saw the blessing of the ground which will house St Wilfrid's Centre's Residential Project. Pictured above with Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr Talib Hussain, Kevin Bradley, Director of St Wilfrid's Centre and Wilfrid Bear, Mgr Kilgannon, Chairman of St Wilfrid's Centre, carries out the blessing of the ground.

The full story of this exciting work is on page 10.

RELAX! WITH UP TO 4,000 USED CARS PRICE CHECKED DAILY, COMPREHENSIVELY CHECKED & GUARANTEED
YOU'RE SURE TO FIND YOUR PERFECT CAR!

PART EXCHANGE WELCOME	FULL VMC MILEAGE AND HPI HISTORY CHECK	FLEXIBLE FINANCE AVAILABLE	NATIONWIDE DELIVERY TO YOUR DOOR	BRAND NEW CARS ALL MAKES AND MODELS AVAILABLE
 13 REG FIAT 500 1.2 LOUNGE START STOP 3 DOOR WHITE 42K NOW ONLY £5999	 11 REG CITROEN C4 GRAND PICASSO 1.6 HDI VTR+ 5 DOOR BROWN 50K NOW ONLY £8791	 BRAND NEW FORD ECOSPORT HATCHBACK 1.0 ECOBOOST ZETEC 5 DOOR ONLY £153.00 PER MONTH <small>48 MONTHS (9+47)</small>		

Autosave... Serving the Christian community for over 35 years
autosave | Call 0845 122 6910 | autosave.co.uk
*Based on personal Contract Hire (PCH) payment profile 9+47. Finance subject to status. Terms and conditions apply. Applicants must be 18 or over. Guarantee/indemnity may be required. We can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers. We may receive a commission from them for the introduction. FOLLOW US ON:  

What's on in September

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 12 | Quiet Day at Sacred Heart, Hillsborough, using Church, hall and grounds, 10am-2pm. Drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch. Please see booking form on page 12. |
| 2 | Hallam Ascent Group meet at the Assisi Hall, St Francis of Assisi, 277 Sandgate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for a talk given by Deacon Stephen Parker about Hospital Chaplaincy. For more details telephone 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: http://hallamascent.weebly.com . | 19 | 'Seeking the Lord Together' Day of Praise and Reflection at St Mary's, Maltby Parish Room. Mass in the Church or Parish Room at 10am, refreshments 10.30am, start at 11am. Please bring a shared lunch. For further details please contact Alessio Salvadori, 0114 2664500, or Tony or Yvonne Lazenby, 01302 742368. |
| 5 | St Mary's and St Joseph's Parish Clearance Sale at St Joseph's Church Hall, Wingfield Avenue, Worksop, S81 0SF, 11am-1pm. Admission 20p. All welcome. | 22 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 8 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 26 | 'Master, teach us how to pray' ~ Day about Prayer with Bishop Ralph and others, organised by the Sheffield North Deanery Liturgy and Spirituality Group, at St Francis of Assisi Church, 277 Sandgate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 9am registration, start at 9.30am, finish at 12.30pm. To book email lsg.nd.shef@gmail.com or call 07806713399. All welcome. |
| 9 | Irish Tea Dance at the new venue, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm with live music. For more details please contact Gerry on 0114 2618788 or 07544979686. | 29 | St Vincent de Paul Society Festival at St Charles Borromeo, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU. Mass starts 7.30pm, followed by guest speaker, Adrian Abel, National President of the SVP, and refreshments in the Hallam Pastoral Centre. SVP and friends welcome. |
| 9 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. | | |
| 12 | Carmelite Day of Recollection at Kirk Edge Convent, High Bradfield, Sheffield, S6 6LJ, starts 9.40am. Mass at 12noon celebrated by Fr Andrew Browne who is leading the day. | | |



STONYHURST

Open Days:

Saturday October 10th (Prep: ages 3-13)

Saturday November 7th (Senior: ages 13-18)

Leading Catholic, Co-educational Boarding and Day School

01254 827073 admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk

Stonyhurst Clitheroe Lancashire BB7 9PZ

www.stonyhurst.ac.uk



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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month

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

- 6 St Ann, Deepcar.
- 13 St Charles Borromeo, Sheffield.
- 20 English Martyrs, Mexborough.
- 27 St Thomas of Canterbury, Sheffield.

Sheffield Walsingham Association



PALM COURT CONCERT

FRIDAY

11TH SEPTEMBER 2015

7.15 pm

MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH
ABBEYDALE ROAD, S7 1DX

ROBIN JOHNSON PALM COURT TRIO

Robin Johnson, violin

Mavis Barnes, 'cello

Hugh Finnigan, keyboard

MARY McCREADY, soprano



Tickets £5 refreshments free (wine 50p extra) Mrs McGloin 0114 258 2943

Proceeds support the R.C. National Shrine in Walsingham

CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT IN SUPPORT OF ST VINCENT'S FURNITURE STORE

'ROCK n ROLL' night featuring THE CADILLAC'S
with Pie and Pea Supper

(vegetarian option available)

on Saturday, 10 October, 7pm

at the De La Salle Association Club, Beauchief Hall,
Beauchief Rise, (off Abbey Lane, by Beauchief Abbey
and golf course)

Tickets £10 with raffle etc.

To order tickets telephone 0114 270 3994

or 0114 274 8764

Counselling Projects for Adults

Hallam Caring Services supports two counselling projects for adults.

'Before Coping with Loss' in Chesterfield focusses on the needs of those experiencing difficulties because of bereavement, separation or divorce.

'Pax Counselling' in Doncaster also provides counselling for those experiencing bereavement, as well as for people suffering from anxiety, low self-esteem or relationship problems. Counsellors, Catherine Hand (Coping

with Loss) and Ina Brady (Pax Counselling) receive regular professional supervision to ensure that the services they deliver are of the highest standard.

Both services are free but donations can be made at a person's discretion.

For more information or to arrange an appointment please contact Catherine Hand (Coping with Loss), 01298 872 645, or Ina Brady (Pax Counselling), 01302 768 404 (answerphone).

Hallam News is the monthly newspaper of the Diocese of Hallam
Editor: Marian Bolton. Address: Hallam News, Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU. Telephone: 0114 2566406. Fax: 0114 2562673. E-mail: hallamnews@hallam-diocese.com. Website: www.hallam-news.com. Publication: fourth Sunday of the month dated for the following month. Publishers: CathCom Ltd.

FR PAT MURPHY RIP



Fr Pat Murphy
Photograph: JFR

Patrick Raymond Murphy was born on 21 June, 1929. He studied at the English College, Lisbon and was ordained there on 8 June, 1963. Throughout the sixties and the early seventies he was a curate in a number of parishes including Grimsby, Hackenthorpe, Ilkeston and Oakham. In 1976 he was appointed Parish Priest at St Hugh of Lincoln, Newbold in Chesterfield. He moved to become Parish Priest at St Paul's, Cantley in 1983, from where he retired in 2004. He died on 25 June, 2015 and his funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, 13 July where Fr Bernard O'Brien, a longstanding friend of Fr Pat's from their days in the seminary, gave the homily.

Thank you all so much for being here. It is wonderful that we should fill this church for our celebration. Fr Pat asked for a joyful celebration, and we have already begun it.

Fr Pat died at 10.30 on June 25th. Judi was with him, at his side as she had been for the whole month of his stay in the Doncaster Royal Infirmary. When I arrived, there was no more to be done but say that beautiful prayer of commendation. "Go forth, Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father, who created you; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for you; in the name of the Holy Spirit who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian. May you live in peace this day. May your home be with God." I always find that such a touching and comforting prayer. A faithful life on this earth over, and a new one beginning. Fr Pat looked as though he had fallen asleep. He was eighty six, and fifty two years a priest. I first met Pat travelling out to Lisbon, to begin a six year course of studies for the priesthood in the English College. We sailed out of Liverpool on the S.S. Hildebrand, bound ultimately for the West Indies, with a mixture of cargo and passengers, including in special cages on deck, a pig and a horse. They got off at Porto, in Northern Portugal, and we went on to Lisbon. Except that

we never reached there. Coming round the headland into the Tagus estuary, we hit a bank of fog, and steered straight onto the rocks. Shipwrecked, and saved by a small flotilla of fishing boats. We lost everything except the clothes we stood up in.

In college, I sat next to Pat in the dining room, the class room and the chapel, for six years. We learned a lot about each other. He was what we called then 'a late vocation', and had been in the army (and even boxed for the army), and seemed to have had a large number of nights out on the town. He found the studies difficult, mostly because all the text books were in Latin, which he never mastered. That's when I discovered one of his great characteristics – tenacity. He never, ever gave up trying, whether it was with studies or on the football pitch. We both got through, thank God, and in 1963 prostrated before the altar in the College chapel, and were ordained priest.

Little did we realise what lay ahead. If any of you read the Catholic weekly, *The Tablet*, you may have come across a review of a recent book, which said, "A priest is a contradictory thing. Set apart, but radically available; the servant of his parishioners, and the subordinate of his Bishop; he upholds the teaching of the Church, whilst caring for the people whose lives are often at variance with the proclaimed ideal. He is at once familiar, and alien; a pillar of the local community, a part of the global Church, yet the bearer of a subversive message. A public man, he carries within himself a world of private feeling and experience to which those outside the priesthood are rarely party." Those words express, I think, the tensions of priesthood that Pat, and many of that generation, faced. Trained pre-Vatican Council, we were to face the changes and turmoil of the new way of being Church, when the windows were opened, and the winds of the Spirit blew.

A priest is a contradictory thing. Set apart, yet radically available. Pat believed in his priesthood, believed he was called to be 'alter Christus', another Christ. Anointed, like Isaiah, to be and bring Good News. He knew too, that it could only be done through being deeply united with Christ, in love and service. As St Paul said, in our second reading, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God, made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord." If that is there, "We shall triumph over our trials by the power of him who loved us". As a priest, Pat tried principally to follow the path of Christ in his love of the poor and marginalised. In his twenty one years as Parish Priest here, he left that example. He had a wonderful gift with people, remembering names and dates of birth; a joyfulness; he did his hospital visits, often bringing in the day's newspapers; he loved the 'kidiwinks', as he called them. He knew how to be playful with



Fr Pat's priestly ministry

them, and they loved him; he accepted all sorts of people with their complicated situations. He loved it when the Neighbourhood Centre opened, and was so proud of you all for doing it. Lest you think I am canonising Fr Pat, I am not! He could bark, too. And I am fairly sure he must have meditated on that incident in the Gospel, when they said to Jesus, "Master, we know you are a man who speaks the truth, and that a man's rank means nothing to you". Well, Pat never minded what rank anyone had, from the Vatican downwards. There was certainly one Bishop who was very glad when Pat became part of Hallam Diocese, and left his! At meetings he would chunter, 'who does the Dean think he is?' or even higher, 'the Bishop is the Bishop, but he is not right on every occasion!' He often used to pronounce 'I am Pope in my own parish.' He was truly a company man with attitude! Going back to his dying, and those prayers for a departing soul, I often think that that's the moment Jesus comes back for us, as he promised he would. "When I have prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am, you shall be too." I also believe that when a priest

dies, it's very like his final Mass. For years at the altar, Fr Pat joined himself to Jesus, and said, "This is my body, this is my blood, given up for you". A priest tries to conform himself to Christ, and when he dies, he dies like Christ, having offered his life to the Father over the years. Now is the last, the final moment of his giving. "It is accomplished". It is the end. The task entrusted to him by God is completed. His death is the moment of his greatest triumph.

At College, it was the custom to stay on after your ordination to say Mass for all your fellow students and staff. And at the end of Mass everyone would sing the Te Deum for you, that great hymn of the Church of praise and thanksgiving and triumph. For us it was an emotional moment of farewell, before returning to England. There's an English translation of that hymn which we are going to sing (and I want you to sing it with gusto) as we carry Fr Pat's body from our church, and see him on his way to his new land, his new risen life; to a great meeting with all his departed family and friends in the Communion of Saints; where one day we shall all be, in happiness with the Lord. Amen



The Neighbourhood Centre in Cantley



Bell & Buxton Solicitors - respected experts in commercial, personal and Notarial law.

PERSONAL SERVICES

Including:
Conveyancing/Residential Property
Wills, Probate & Elderly Client
Inheritance and Wills Disputes
Abuse of Elderly & Court of Protection
Tax Planning & Trusts
Family & Childcare
Notary Services for Individuals



Charles Neal

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Including:
Commercial Property
Commercial Litigation
Company & Business Law
Employment Law
Intellectual Property
Charities and Social Enterprise
Notary Services for Business



Mary Butler

GET IN TOUCH TODAY FOR A NO OBLIGATION, CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS OR PERSONAL LEGAL NEEDS.

Telegraph House, High Street, Sheffield, S1 2GA. (0114) 2495969
www.bellbuxton.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR DIOCESE

Safeguarding and Religious



Recently nine Religious Sisters and three Religious order Priests attended an afternoon tea information session at the Pastoral Centre. The Hallam Safeguarding Commission is delighted to be formally aligned with four Religious Orders, including the closed order at Kirk Edge, (Carmelite Sisters: Monastery of the Holy Spirit). Although members of that order were not able to be present, their prayers and commitment to safeguarding are keenly felt.

Bishop Ralph was unavoidably delayed in Birmingham, but Sr Clare Smith and Lisa Markham hosted a lively and informative session, in which joys were shared as well as serious matters considered.

The event was opened with a variation on the beautiful Franciscan prayer which exhorts us all to think about what we can do to change the world.

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that we will live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that we will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war so that we will reach out our hand to comfort them and change their pain to joy.

And may God bless us with the foolishness to think we can make a difference to our world, so that we will do the things that others tell us cannot be done.

Amen

Following this, Sr Clare led an exercise in which participants were invited to share their ideas about what safeguarding means in their own faith community.

This highlighted that safeguarding is:

- Making the world safer, especially for children and vulnerable people
- Putting an antenna out/raising awareness / thinking about my safety too
- Not taking advantage of vulnerable people
- Creating an enabling environment to evangelise
- Working with vulnerable people
- A current/live issue
- Based on scriptures – gospel imperative
- Bringing people together
- Building up legitimate trust
- The glue that binds us together

Lots of information about other training accessible to all religious working with the Diocese, regardless of the alignment of their order, was provided. The implications of the Goddard enquiry, particularly for religious orders, was considered (see Diocesan website). It was said that a good time was had by all and "it did what it said on the tin". There will be further events for those who were unable to attend.

The Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission wishes to recruit a new independent Chair.

This is a volunteer role for a lay person who will be committed to implementing "Towards a Culture of Safeguarding" and have current experience in safeguarding work with children and/or adults who may be at risk.

The successful applicant will not be part of the Diocesan hierarchy or management structure and will join the Commission at an exciting time in the development of Safeguarding within the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

For details, including about the recruitment process, contact Lisa Markham, Safeguarding Coordinator, Hallam Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Sheffield, S9 3WU, tel: 0114 2566454, mobile: 07909117964, email: lmarkham@hallam-diocese.com, or go to the Safeguarding section of the Diocese of Hallam website.

HALLAM DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION & INTERFAITH SAFEGUARDING NETWORK

Annual Safeguarding Event "Safeguarding and the Call for Justice - Changing our World"

9.30 am - 2 pm, Saturday 26th September 2015
St Patrick's Church, Barnsley Rd, Sheffield, S5 0QF

Your hosts:

Bishop Ralph Heskett, Fr Martin Trask (Dean of Sheffield North), and Hallam Catholic Safeguarding Commission.

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the first Diocesan Safeguarding Event and we are delighted, in this anniversary year to welcome speakers from Adult Safeguarding, members of the newly formed Interfaith Safeguarding Network, the Hallam Justice and Peace Commission, and Chris Pearson (Representative of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission).

There will be an emphasis on responding appropriately to the needs of adults who may be vulnerable and at risk, and those who have been hurt. This is particularly important as we understand more about the long term effects of exploitation and abuse. The Interfaith Safeguarding Network has been trying to address these issues as part of the journey towards ensuring that our church and all faith communities are places of welcome and safety, committed for promoting wellbeing for all. Consideration will also be given to the implications of the Mental Capacity and Care Act 2014 legislation.

There will be a Mass before the event, lunch is provided and a detailed programme will be available in due course.

To register your interest, please contact Jo Pearson, Safeguarding Administrator, as soon as possible.

Tel: 0114 256 6453 Email: jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

HALLAM CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

"Towards a Culture of Safeguarding":

DEVELOPING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IMPACTED BY ABUSE

VACANCY:
PART TIME SUPPORT FACILITATOR
"HURT BY ABUSE"

Following the third stage evaluation of the Hurt by Abuse pilot project and this diocese' role in encouraging national attention to the needs of people impacted by abuse, (see NCSC Annual Report 2015), the Safeguarding Commission wishes to recruit a new part time support facilitator to work alongside the Safeguarding Co-ordinator in developing a range of support to people who have experienced abuse in any setting linked to the Catholic community and to advise on the development of good Practice.

Responsibilities include:

- Responding to requests for support and assessing needs
- Providing support to access appropriate therapeutic or other help
- Providing telephone support and advice
- Facilitating feedback from users to the Commission, Trustees and Pastoral working group
- Maintaining a database of resources
- Developing relationships with other providers
- Liaison with National HBA working group

This is not a counsellor or therapist role but applicants must have relevant experience, an understanding of how abuse impacts and of the particular difficulties which may be experienced by people abused within a faith setting. They must be able to work in a respectful and empowering manner with sensitive and confidential material.

For further details please contact Lisa Markham
Safeguarding Co-ordinator on:

Landline: 0114 256 6454 Work Mobile: 07909-117964

Email: lmarkham@hallam-diocese.com



Celebrating Our Schools

HEADTEACHER RETIRES

At the end of the academic year John Gregson retired after 13 years as headteacher of Holy Rood Catholic Primary School.

He told parents, "Thanks to the efforts of staff, governors, the parish, parents and children, the school has been transformed during this period.

"Our unique links with the parish have been well nurtured as well as the spiritual life itself of the school through collective worship and prayer and it is vital that these are kept at the forefront as, if we seek to put God first, then we cannot go far wrong and many blessings always follow.

"We have always strived for high academic standards but have also kept the balance between this and the importance of developing the whole child so that, by the time they leave Holy Rood, they are well rounded people with a good foundation of spiritual and moral values upon which to draw on in later life.

"All the trips, visits, residential, productions, sport, music and 101 other things we do, not just enrich the curriculum, but in many ways are the real curriculum. I think possibly the greatest legacy we can try and instil (in both children and staff) is the simple gift of

kindness as love fulfills all the commandments.

"But it is really the children who are the most important people of all and one should never forget that is the reason we all come here every day. To help them unlock all the treasure that is inside and help them realise their unlimited potential and capacity to be God's good people.

"When visitors come they always say, "What is it about this place that makes it so special?" I think it is something to do with God's Spirit of love working in all of us.

"It is with great affection and gratitude that I sign off now as headteacher and hand over the reins to Mrs Faley and Mrs Kelly from St Thomas More for an interim period until governors



can find a permanent successor. I have complete confidence that the school will continue to go from strength to strength." Our photograph above shows John Cape, Diocesan Director of Primary

Schools, Judi Gallagher, Holy Rood teacher who is also moving on, Cath Needham, Chair of Governors, Fr Terry Boyle, Parish Priest and John Gregson.



The Sound of Music

The children of Holy Rood Catholic Primary School recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the release of "The Sound of Music", by presenting a production of the show for their families. The two shows raised £250, which was donated to Barnsley Hospice.

Headteacher, John Gregson, said, "The Y5/6 performances of "The Sound of Music" were truly amazing and one of the best productions that school has done. The children and staff put the whole thing together in approximately 3 weeks and the show lasted around 1 hour 20 minutes, but it was pure quality all the way through and we are so

proud of each and every one of the children who really shone on both days.

"There were some incredible individual performances, with the main parts having a very lengthy script to learn off by heart, and also some children singing solo. To get up on stage and recite your lines or sing by yourself takes a lot of courage, as well as talent, and the children had both in abundance. We think it is so important to give children the opportunity for their talents to be discovered and until last week we didn't know how well certain children could sing and act, and who knows now where this discovery will lead them?"



DOMESTIC AND CONTRACT FLOORING SPECIALISTS

Suppliers to Catholic Churches and Schools
with all types of carpeting, tiles and safety flooring
Carpets designed to your individual specifications
Massive selection of carpets & flooring to suit all budgets

**Free Estimates, Cushion Floor/Vinyls,
Contract Flooring, Wood/Laminate**

Over 2000 rugs in stock

Large family business

CROWN HOUSE
709 Chesterfield Road, Sheffield S8 0SL
sales@pyramidcarpets.co.uk

LOURDES 2015

Each year a group of pilgrims from our Diocese visit Lourdes. A nurse, Cath Jones, and a member of this year's group, John Rigby, and one of the organisers, Alex Prior, share their experiences of Lourdes 2015.

Bishop Ralph was joined by around 450 other pilgrims when he led the Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the first time from Sunday, 28 June to Friday, 3 July. Throughout the week, pilgrims sheltered from the 35-40 degree heat by relaxing in the hotels and cafés, getting to know other pilgrims and youth helpers. The unexpectedly hot weather didn't deter pilgrims from all corners of the Diocese from following the spiritual programme each day.

The majority of adult pilgrims flew on the specially chartered plane from Doncaster Airport at 8am Sunday morning. After the opportunity to settle into our hotels, the pilgrimage started with our Opening Mass. This included a sign of the act of service, when doctors, nurses, helpers, musicians, youth leaders and youth - all of whom volunteered to give their time and skills to help others on the pilgrimage - came forward to have their hands blessed.

Over 200 young people from high schools around the Diocese joined the pilgrimage and accompanied those pilgrims using wheelchairs. When asked, many pilgrims noted the involvement and example of these youth helpers as one of the highlights of their pilgrimage. Indeed, Bishop Ralph was congratulated all week by pilgrims from other countries on the interaction, attitude and behaviour of the young people from our Diocese.

Another highlight for many pilgrims was the Mass at the Grotto on Monday morning. This was celebrated by Bishop Ralph, with the 10 priests travelling on the pilgrimage concelebrating, at the spot where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette over 150 years ago. During this Mass one of our young pilgrims, 8-year-old Job McGuire, made his First Holy Communion. Later that day there was the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Penitential Service. On Tuesday morning we had our Mass with Anointing of the Sick. For many



*Bishop Ralph anoints the sick
Photograph courtesy of Photo Durand*

pilgrims this prayer of healing is a profoundly emotional moment, when pilgrims receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick surrounded by the young helpers accompanying them during the pilgrimage.

We joined large numbers from many other countries on Wednesday morning for the International Mass in the enormous St Pius X Underground Basilica. Bishop Ralph was one of 8 Bishops, and over 100 priests concelebrating the Mass, reflecting on the theme "Lourdes - The Joy of Mission". With thousands present at this Mass, it was overwhelming to see the sea of yellow t-shirts representing our youth

helpers, and seeing some of them bring up the gifts in the procession was particularly poignant.

Each day in Lourdes there was the opportunity to join the Blessed Sacrament Procession and Torchlight procession. As a Diocese, we joined together in the Torchlight Procession on Monday evening before again gathering on Wednesday afternoon in the Underground Basilica as Bishop Ralph presided at the Blessed Sacrament procession. In a very powerful moment, Bishop Ralph walked amongst us carrying the Blessed Sacrament, blessing pilgrims from Hallam and from all over the world.

Our last full day in Lourdes was Thursday, and that morning many pilgrims followed the Stations of the Cross on the prairie opposite the Grotto, with others following the "High Stations" on the Way of the Cross on the hillside. After our Thanksgiving Mass that afternoon, many of the youth departed on their coaches back to the Diocese. The next afternoon, most pilgrims flew back to Doncaster Airport and, whilst there was a slight delay with departure of the flight, everyone was home by early evening with shared memories of many wonderful experiences.

Alex Prior

A Worthy Tribute to Mary

I think that if Our Blessed Lady had chosen to reappear at Lourdes during the week ending July 3rd she would have had a beaming smile on her face for all those who were part of the Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Around 240 pilgrims travelled either overland or by air and more than half of this number wore bright yellow tee shirts identifying them as helpers. The younger members were students from our secondary schools and they were so cheerful and helpful throughout the six days, and so careful when pushing the wheelchairs. They were all a great credit to their parents and teachers.

Bishop Ralph was accompanied by about twelve priests and a team of adult helpers, teachers, doctors and nurses. I cannot praise the organisers enough for their tremendous work in ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Pilgrims travelled in three separate groups so there were countless opportunities for logistical disasters, yet nothing had been overlooked.

We were awakened with amazing sunshine nearly every day and the first Mass was near the Grotto with a Blessing for the helpers. A large group of talented musicians from around the Diocese made all the Masses truly memorable.

Sitting quietly in the Domaine after Mass, one's thoughts turned to St Bernadette and what she would have made of our world today. She was no stranger to poverty, her father being out of work, and the Cachot in which she lived was a hovel. Having survived a cholera epidemic she was left permanently asthmatic. This illustrates the empathy she shares with those enduring austerity, unemployment,



*Bishop Ralph preaches at the Grotto
Photograph courtesy of Photo Durand*

ment, homelessness and ill health.

The theme chosen this year was 'Mission' and during the Service of Reconciliation I heard two young people admit that they had not received this Sacrament since their first Holy Communion. I hope that their faith has been revived during the pilgrimage. Mass

The 2016 Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Sunday, 26 June to Friday, 1 July, during the Holy Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis, following the theme "Merciful like the Father". Booking forms will be available at the end of the year.

As an indication of cost the fare for 2015 was £625, including insurance, for 5 nights full board accommodation and flight direct to Lourdes from Doncaster Airport. If you would like to register early interest, please contact Fr Pat O'Connor, Pilgrimage Director on 01302 853937.

The Lourdes Reunion will take place on Friday, 13 November at All Saints Catholic High School, Granville Road, Sheffield, S2 2RJ, starting with Mass at 7pm. All are welcome.

with Anointing of the Sick took place the next day which was the hottest, so helpers and nurses were extremely attentive, supplying water frequently. After the International Mass in the St Pius X underground chapel I was wheeled to the Baths - an act of faith which I survived - and practised my O level French when thanking the brancards, only to find they were all from Ventimiglia!!

During the journey from the Grotto to our hotel we often stopped for ice cream or drinks with our helpers who were so interesting to listen to and gave us hope for a better world in the future. We frequently bumped into Bishop Ralph chatting to the students. Did he ever find a sun hat?

On the final day there was an Anglican Eucharist followed by the Stations of the Cross. The low Stations are relatively new and feature magnificent and very moving sculptures in white stone. After the Thanksgiving Mass it was time to pack for Friday's return journey.

Although most pilgrims were physically tired on arrival home I hope that, like me, they also felt spiritually uplifted.

John Rigby

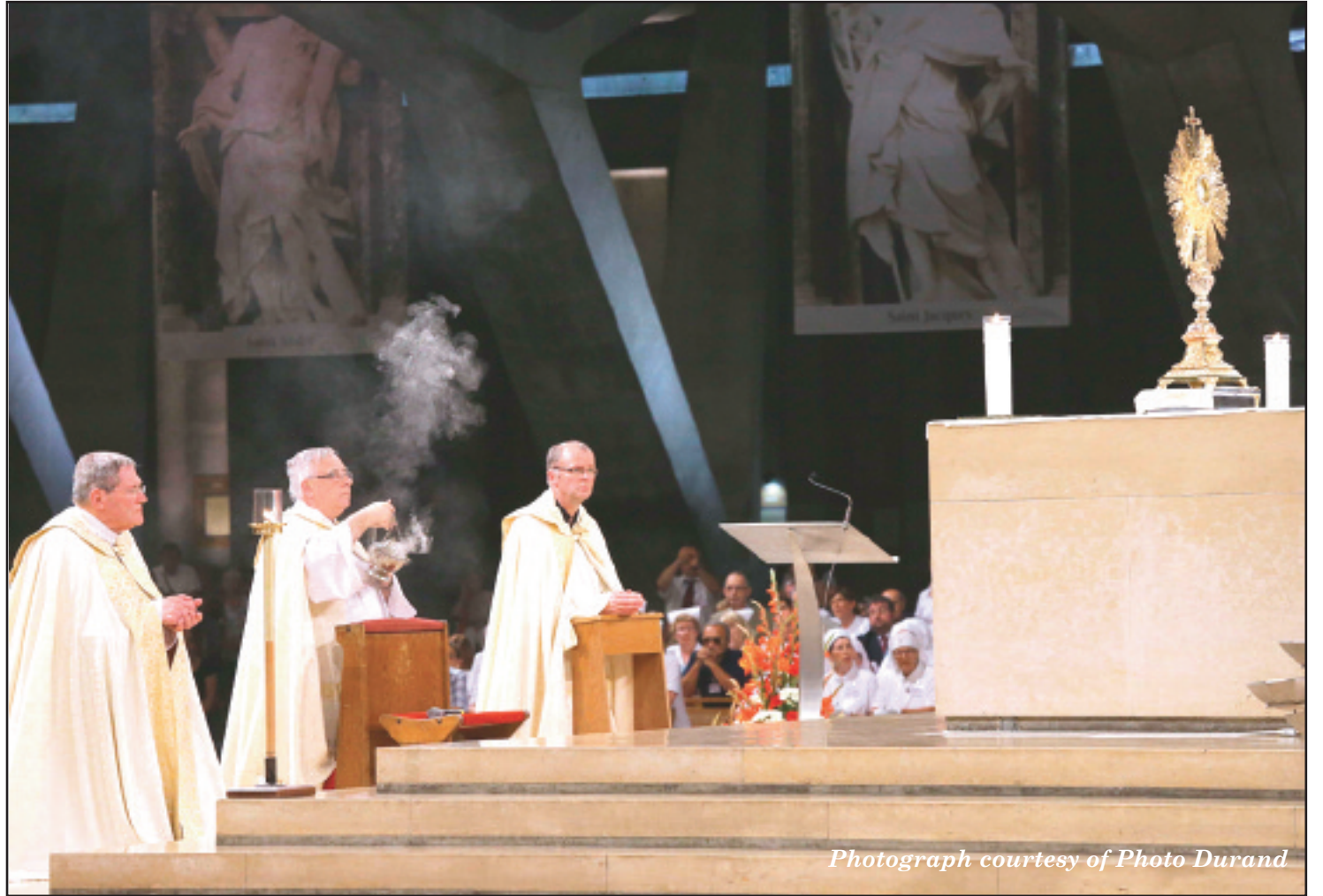
LOURDES 2015 A Journey of Discovery

I am somewhat still a new Catholic having just reached my first anniversary of Confirmation this Easter.

My visit to Lourdes was a first. I attended in my nursing capacity but was also a pilgrim in my own right. If I was to share everything I would run out of words; as there is so much to talk about I will try to condense my visit.

We arrived on Sunday lunch time. Visiting the grotto and the torchlight procession was wonderful. The Service of Reconciliation was very moving, seeing all the yellow shirted Hallam youth in line to make confession, and experiencing the love that was present in the chapel for all those affected by this wonderful healing sacrament was simply amazing. The Anointing of the Sick was also very moving. Our young people standing with their hands on the shoulders of their pilgrims, demonstrating such care, was a spectacular sight. Fr Peter Kirkham gave a wonderful homily. He said we were brought to Lourdes by Our Lady, and he talked of healing being much more than miracle cures.

Another first for me was the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that evening. I had never taken part in such a service before. I shed tears and was once



Photograph courtesy of Photo Durand

again very moved.

As a nurse I am now officially a member of the Lourdes Medical Association. So during the Blessed Sacrament Procession I had a reserved seat. I was honoured to be asked to follow Bishop Ralph, Fr Pat O'Connor and Mgr Desmond Sexton during this wonderful service, along with nursing representatives from Canada and Italy. By Thursday I didn't want to go home.

Following the high Stations of the Cross, which are lifelike and lifesize, was like being a part of history; watching from the future as the events unfold.

Our final service of thanksgiving was very special not least as Bishop Ralph took his first selfie. Fr Desmond gave a very pertinent message about giving ourselves the compassion we give to others.

Lourdes is a place of faith, belief and discovery, filled with love and healing. Being part of this Hallam Pilgrimage was like being part of a family; despite only knowing people for a few days,

these people touched my heart and my soul. I want to thank everyone who was part of my journey. Here's to next year.

Cath Jones

Photographs - above: Bishop Ralph presides at the Blessed Sacrament procession, with Fr Pat O'Connor and Mgr Desmond Sexton; left: Fr Gerald, Cath Jones, Fr Pat, Fr Desmond, Susan and Geraldine, priests, nurse and pilgrims getting to know each other; below left: Fr Pat O'Connor and Mgr Desmond Sexton prepare for the torchlight procession.



Photograph courtesy of Photo Durand

Leaders in Wheelchairs

Full range of **manual & powered wheelchairs** instore.

Sheffield: 0114 229 3391
Wellington Street, S1 4HF
Orgreave Way, S13 9LS
Hillsborough Barracks, S6 2LR
Ridgeway Road, Gleadless, S12 2JX

Rotherham: 01709 839369
Rotherham Hospital Shopping Concourse,
Moorgate Road, S60 2UD
Doncaster: 01302 323536
St Sepulchre Gate West, DN1 3AB

www.clarkshop.co.uk

TRAVEL INSURANCE

arranged for readers of The Hallam News

ANNUAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

AVAILABLE TO ANYONE UP TO 85 YEARS OF AGE.

MOST PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS ACCEPTED

TOP QUALITY COVER

With a 24 hour helpline and an air ambulance get-you-home service. Mention this advert to get a Special Hallam News discount. Don't forget we can also sell SINGLE-TRIP COVER, with no maximum age limit and up to £20,000 cancellation cover per couple.

CALL FOR DETAILS AND PRICES

FT
Travel Insurance

0116 272 0500

Car Hire

Real people - not machines!

Authorised and regulated by the FCA



Celebrating Our Schools

Holy Trinity is Buzzing!

Staff and pupils at Holy Trinity School in Barnsley are doing their bit to protect British honey bees which, over a number of years, have been in rapid decline.

The school now has three hives and is hoping to begin production of Holy Trinity Honey, as they become established. Along with a parent who is a beekeeper himself, a number of staff and students have given up their own time and worked hard to construct the hives and frames in preparation for the bees' arrival.

Alison Sefton, Senior Science Technician, has been leading the project. She said, "Whilst we are helping to protect the bees, they also offer something in return, as it has been medically proven that local honey can alleviate the symptoms of hay fever."

The school intends to develop the project across the school, with packaging design and marketing being undertaken by pupils.



Top RAF Award for Mount St Mary's Cadet

Alistair McInulty from Mount St Mary's College in Spinkhill has been awarded the Geoffrey de Havilland Flying Foundation Medal for Combined Cadet Force Achievement having been judged one of the top six cadets nationwide.

Alistair - who is Senior Cadet and Deputy Head Boy at Mount St Mary's - narrowly missed out on winning the Sir John Thomson Memorial Sword which is awarded to the top cadet in the UK. During his time as a cadet Alistair has been involved in all aspects of the thriving Combined Cadet Force section at Mount St Mary's. He has also attended numerous camps at RAF stations in the UK, as well as in Cyprus and Germany, taking part in a wide range of activities including flying, gliding and shooting. As a result of this Alistair took up flying and successfully achieved his Private Pilot's Licence, as well as obtaining his gliding wings after undertaking a gliding scholarship with the RAF.

This led him to join 644 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at RAF Syerston where he has

helped to run weekend activities and obtained training and instruction qualifications.

However, the pinnacle of Alistair's time as a cadet was undoubtedly when he was a banner bearer representing the Combined Cadet Force at the Royal British Legion's annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in November, 2013.

Mount St Mary's Headmaster, Dr Nicholas Cuddihy, said, "This is a well-deserved award which recognises Alistair's boundless enthusiasm for everything to do with the RAF, and his exemplary standards of dress and deportment. He has also been an excellent role model for all the younger cadets in the Combined Cadet Force section here at the school. He should be very proud of his achievements. He is a credit to his family, the Combined Cadet Force, Mount St Mary's and the RAF," added Dr Cuddihy.

Alistair McInulty is pictured with his parents at Mount St Mary's College after being presented with the RAF award and several other school achievement prizes.



St Marie's Cathedral Celebrates its 165th Anniversary with a Programme of Free Activities and Events

This September St Marie's Cathedral will be as bustling as ever thanks to a recently awarded Heritage Lottery Funded grant. Apart from our regular offer of free and fascinating guided tours (every Wednesday and Sunday at 2.30pm) and organ recitals and demonstrations performed by the Cathedral's organist, Mr Hugh Finnigan (on 2nd and 10th September at 3.30pm), we are taking part in the national Heritage Open Days from 10th to 13th September.

St Marie's opened on 11th September, 1850, so why not join us to celebrate our 165th anniversary and discover our fascinating history, stories and treasures? We are planning four amazing Heritage Open Days packed with free activities and events such as behind the scene tours, family trails, exhibitions, and much more.

In addition, we are organising an interesting talk entitled "St Marie's Church: 165 Years in the Heart of Sheffield (1850 - 2015)", which will be delivered by Deacon Bill Burleigh (Friday 11th September at 3.30pm) and a special guided tour on the Hidden Gems of St Marie's Cathedral (Saturday 12th September at 2.30pm). Furthermore, we have prepared a drop-in Family Fun Saturday where you and your little ones will be able to design and make your own stamps to create prints inspired by the fascinating features of St Marie's Cathedral (Saturday 12th September from 1.30pm to 4pm). For further and updated information please visit www.stmariecathedral.org.



Special Themed Tour led by Eileen Maher
Photograph by Laura Claveria

Already We hold you in prayer.



Living in the heart of London, the Tyburn Benedictine Community has as its special mission, prayer for the people of England and Wales. Our monastery is built on the site of the Tyburn gallows where 105 Catholics were martyred during the reformation. Our life of prayer draws Sisters from many nations.

☐ Please remember my intention/s in prayer.

☐ I would like to help your Mission Foundations. My gift of £_____ is enclosed (payable to Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). Thank you!

☐ Please send me vocations information.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Please print.

REPLY TO: Mother General, Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London, W2 2LJ Tel.: 020 7223 7262

CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS



Christian Guild
HOTELS • HOLIDAYS • CONFERENCES



A Christian Guild hotel is the perfect venue for your School Visit, Church Conference, Holidays or Groups Visits

Our five superb hotels offer a warm, family welcome, providing the very best in Christian hospitality in some of the most beautiful parts of England

We have 100 years of experience in arranging school visits, church conferences, group visits and holidays, so call or email us today! We're more than happy to discuss your requirements with you.

Email groups@christianguild.co.uk
or call 015395 32896
www.christianguild.co.uk

Abbot Hall Hotel, South Lakes - 015395 32896

Lindors Country House Hotel, Wye Valley - 01594 530283

Sidholme Hotel, Devon - 01395 515104

Treloynan Manor Hotel, Cornwall - 01736 796240

Willersley Castle Hotel, Derbyshire Dales - 01629 582270

**IF YOU
WOULD LIKE
TO FILL
THIS SPACE
CALL ALICE
ON
01440 730399**

PADLEY 2015

The Annual Padley Pilgrimage took place this year on Sunday, 12 July, the date when travelling priests Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlum were captured at Padley in 1588. They were convicted of treason on 23 July, 1588 and were executed the following day at St Mary's Bridge in Derby. Our photographs show the pilgrims, who celebrated Mass together, experienced Padley's unique atmosphere and acknowledged the sincerity of the faith of people who lived in darker times and who went to death for their faith.

Photographs: Christine Dennis



Bishop Ralph concelebrated Mass with Rt Rev Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham



Hallam Cursillo at The Briars, Catholic Youth Retreat Centre



Pictured above are those who attended the recent Hallam Cursillo which took place at The Briars, Catholic Youth Retreat Centre, Crich. The spiritual director was Fr Roy Pannell and the weekend was led by Terry

Mortimer from Chesterfield. The residential three days included talks given by lay men and women and Fr Roy, followed by lively discussion. The sacrament of Reconciliation was available and Mass was celebrated each day.

The next Hallam Cursillo will take place at the same venue on Thursday, 2 June to Sunday, 5 June, 2016. For further details please contact Elizabeth Corcoran, 0114 2369675, mobile 07729 535805 or visit www.cursil-louk.org.



J.E. KNIGHT
Independent Catholic Funeral Directors

We are here to help you in your hour of need
Available 24 hours a day
7 days a week

01142 880603

jamie@knightfunerals.co.uk

www.knightfunerals.co.uk

TANGNEY TOURS The Pilgrimage Specialist

Lourdes - The Joy of Mission

Direct flights to Lourdes, full board accommodation, transfers and full spiritual programme:

Special offers from London Stansted:

18 - 25 September - £499

25th September - 2nd October £660 - 7 nights

4 Star hotel near the Grotto!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, By Air - 7th to 9th December from £260 pp, plus the cost of the flights, book early for cheapest prices! By Coach from London - 7th to 10th December - £199 pp

Fatima - 11th - 16th October - From £565 pp.

Spend some time with Our Lady of Fatima on the 12th & 13th of the month. Book your 2016 group now!



Holy Land Pilgrimages 2015

Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Holy Land

Pilgrimage: 12th - 19th October

Led by Bishop Seamus Cunningham

Westminster Archdiocesan Holy Land

Pilgrimage: 3rd - 11th November,

Led by Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Holy Land & Jordan

With Fr Edgar Dixon, 16th - 24th November

Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Petra & more

£1395 per person (inc flights).



www.tangney-tours.com

e-mail: info@tangney-tours.com

FREE BROCHURE LINE: 0800 917 3572

We practise and teach Christian contemplative meditation at residential and day courses at our centre in Dorchester and at other retreat centres in the UK.



We use meditative sentences to still the mind, to focus our attention on God, and to serve as channels through which the power of the Spirit can enter our hearts. Our members also gather in local groups throughout the UK.

For further details please contact:

The Secretary, The Fellowship of Meditation

8 Prince of Wales Road,

Dorchester DT1 1PW

Tel: 01305 251396

E: fellowship.meditation@virgin.net

Craig Lodge Retreat Centre



Retreats Prayerful Breaks Spiritual Holidays

Full details of retreat programme at www.craiglodge.org

Parish groups, families, young people, clergy - all welcome!

Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer
Dalmally, Argyll, PA33 1AR, Scotland
T: 01838200 216

E: mail@craiglodge.org

www.craiglodge.org

Please support our advertisers

A GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

On Saturday, 22 June 2015, Monsignor William Kilgannon celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. Mgr Kilgannon has been a priest at the Mother of God Church since 1977, the first year spent as Curate and the remainder of his time as Parish Priest.

For a priest to serve and minister to a parish and community for 38 years is fantastic and the parish felt that his Jubilee was their opportunity to give something back and to show Mgr Kilgannon their gratitude and love for all his help and guidance over the years. The weekend started on the evening of Friday, 20 June with a Mass of Celebration at the Mother of God Church which was concelebrated by Bishop Ralph, Bishop John, Mgr Kilgannon and over forty priests. Members of Mgr Kilgannon's family had made the journey over from Ireland to be with him and the parish on this very special occasion.

Several presentations were made to Mgr Kilgannon, which included a Papal Blessing from His Holiness Pope Francis, a Spiritual Bouquet from the parish and a cheque. The final gift was a tin whistle which the parish had had hand made in Ireland, plated in gold and engraved. On receipt of the whistle Father gave us a tune and the applause nearly brought the church down.

Following the Mass there was a buffet and drinks in the Parish Centre.

On Saturday, 21 June, the St Vincent

de Paul Conference at Mother of God arranged a Pea and Pie lunch for the household. There was a Mass prior to the lunch at which the Sacrament of the Sick was administered to all those who wanted it. Lifts were arranged so that all those who wanted to attend were able to do so.

Evening Mass at 6.30pm was also our monthly Youth Mass and coincided with the actual date of Father's Jubilee. All past young people who had sung, played instruments or taken any part in the Youth Mass over the years were invited to come along and take part, and many did. We had drums, guitars, violins, trumpets and an organ along with the singers.

The highlight of the Mass was the playing and singing of 'The Trinity Song' to the tune of 'Come by the Hills', Father's favourite tune.

Following Mass there was a get together in the Parish Centre with yet more cake and a drink.

On Sunday morning following both Masses there was again cake and drinks in the Parish Centre.

On the afternoon of Sunday, 22 June there was a big party at All Saints Catholic High School. All parishioners and friends were given an open invite to attend. There was a bouncy castle for the children, a hog roast, Morris and Irish dancing, and lots more dancing to the Dale Country Show band.



Members of Mgr Kilgannon's family travelled to Sheffield to celebrate his Golden Jubilee

The highlight of the afternoon was a surprise 'This is Your Life' programme in which Father's early life, photos and stories were shared with the audience, along with the more up to date life and stories. Many special guest appearances were made, including Fr Pat O'Connor who has known Fr Kilgannon since their seminary days. Bishop Ralph spoke about the help and guidance Father had given him when he arrived in the Diocese. Bob Sawyer and Claire Scott from All Saints School spoke about Father's impact on the School and also on them as individuals, and Catherine Goodchild gave a lovely address on Father's contribution to St Wilfrid's School. There were stories from his family too.

Celebrations continued in Ireland the following weekend. The Parish thanks Mgr Kilgannon's family for taking the time to travel over to Sheffield and also for all their help in collating information for the 'This is Your Life' production. The following address was made by Father's niece, Marie, and we all think that it sums up our brilliant, loving, supportive and one in a million Parish Priest.

"My memories of Fr Willie start from a very young age when this tall, tall man in black, would arrive speeding in his car, with jellies for us and the dreaded handshake where he told you that you had a wobbly arm as he shook your hand and you giggled so much that you couldn't talk or make any sense. 'I remember him

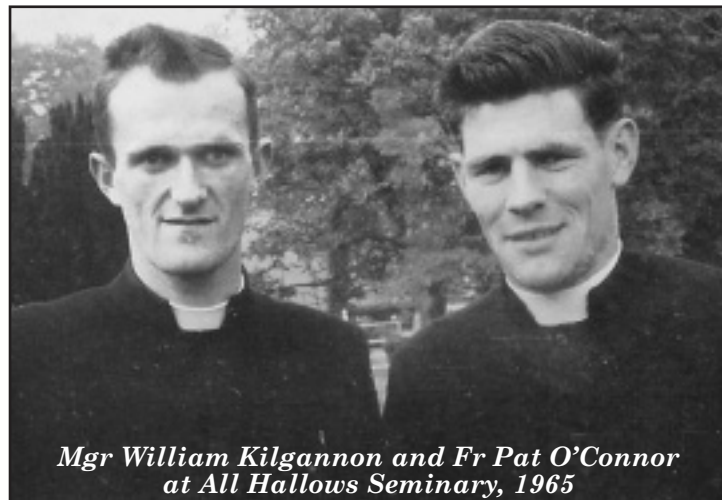
smoking a pipe years ago and always associate that smell with the fun of him being around! He has this amazing ability to bring constant laughter to the house. You never knew what was going to happen when he was around but you were certain that it would be fun, a bit mad and memorable. He seemed to only ever need 3-4 hours sleep and you were likely to find him saying Mass or starting an Irish music session in the sitting room, sometimes both. When I'd see my mother buying the grapefruit I knew Fr Willie must be coming home. Of course he loved to trick us into trying a piece and laughed as our faces squirmed with the sour taste. As a very young child I thought he was this mythological hero, dressed in black, didn't need sleep, had endless energy, made us laugh so much and was always so, so kind.

"As a 12 year old, along with my sister, I got to spend three weeks with Fr Willie in Sheffield. We had a ball. I will never forget the day that I went to about five different local corner shops looking for buttermilk so that my sister could make him brown bread. The mystified looks I got from the shopkeepers as I tried to explain what buttermilk was!

"Over the years Fr Willie has been such a positive, reassuring and kind part of our lives. His ability to relate to everyone, to know exactly what to say and to be so dignified and respectful whilst seeking the fun in life, is nothing short of magical. Now my own children are developing that same relationship with him and laugh when he shakes their hands or plays the tin whistle for them. I feel so lucky to have this gifted hero in my life and think that if every parish or extended family had a Fr Willie in their life they would know the true value of life, family, prayer and happiness."



Mgr Kilgannon cuts one of his many cakes



Mgr William Kilgannon and Fr Pat O'Connor at All Hallows Seminary, 1965

Blessing of the Ground



A dream came true for Director of St Wilfrid's Centre, Kevin Bradley when the Residential Project commenced on Queens Road. The day centre for homeless and vulnerable people has been raising money to build the residential for the last few years and amazingly have raised £1.7m. The final figure required for the building because of increased costs is now £2m but, because they are almost there, St Wilf's decided to start the work and have appointed Henry Boot to build 20 apartments. The clients will live in the residential for up to 2 years whilst attending the day centre Monday to Friday to learn social and employable skills. When they leave the project and move into a flat they will receive continued outreach support from the day centre.

Chairman of St Wilfrid's Centre, Mgr William Kilgannon, carried out the 'Blessing of the Ground'. The 'First Spade' was dug by Sheffield's Lord



Mayor, Councillor Talib Hussain, (pictured on the left).

Others who attended included Secret Millionaire and Patron of St Wilfrid's Centre, Simrin Choudhrie; local MP, Paul Blomfield; Chris Steer and Tony Currie from Sheffield United; Lady

Anne Neill and Nasim Malhotra from London based charity, 'Path to Success'.

Should anyone wish to give support to St Wilfrid's, either financial or practical, then please contact Kevin on 0114 2555720.

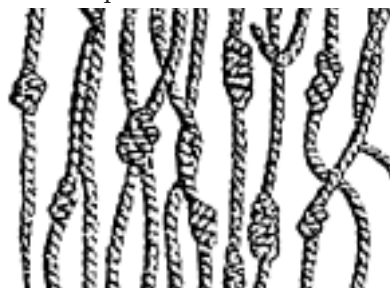
Hallam Ascent Group Retreat at Immingham Docks

The Hallam Ascent Group recently took part in a retreat to the Apostleship of the Sea at Immingham Docks.

The retreat began with the group being offered suggestions on how to be with God by mentally going up to a garret where only the individual and God can go. Then there are things in one's life that can't be dealt with now – these are put in the drawer marked 'Can't Go There'. Some things are parked in the 'Maybe' drawer and a few are in the 'Sorted' drawer. In this way the mind is a little clearer to just BE with God. The day then held two reflections; one based on a painting of the Prodigal Son.

At lunchtime the group enjoyed a tour of the docks before the second reflection based on 'Our Lady Undoer of Knots'. Each

retreatant was given a piece of string and asked to tie knots in it to represent their burdens.



At Mass the strings were placed in a basket and each person picked up another's burdens and then kept that person in prayer. A prayer the group shared was:

Holy Mary, mother of God and our most blessed mother too. You know my problems both large and small that like knots

are tight and difficult to undo. I feel restricted by them and do not know how to overcome them - the knots of my heart, the knots of difficult family relationships, the knots of loneliness, knots of things yet to be forgiven ... Mother of mercy, untie the knots I am burdened with, journey with me from the darkness of confusion, into a new path of light.

A podcast about the work of the Apostleship of the Sea is available. To visit go to: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/port-chaplains-pod-120715>.

On 5 August the Hallam Ascent Group organised a charity cream tea and raised £282 which will be donated to the Apostleship of the Sea at Immingham Docks.

Quiet Day for Chaplaincy Volunteers



Mark Burns, Chaplain at Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Hospitals, organised a quiet day of reflection for Chaplaincy volun-

teers. The day was led by Fr Andy Graydon, Chaplain at Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber Mental Health

NHS Trust. The photograph shows some of the people who took part in the day at St Mary and St Martin's Church, Blyth.

Are you a teacher approaching retirement, or already retired? Here is a special invitation from the St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society has successful programmes in around 164 primary and 74 secondary schools and parishes in England and Wales. Our specially trained youth development officers, most of whom are retired teachers, develop relationships with local schools, and support teachers and pupils to run SVP groups.



These groups are an asset to the school and the local community, especially those in need (the homeless, elderly, poor, lonely, disabled).

These programmes are going through an exciting period of expansion. As such, we need experienced people, just like you. Your skills and experience as a teacher make you the ideal candidate to become a voluntary SVP youth development officer, and there is no need to be a member of the SVP.



If you are a teacher approaching retirement, or already retired, you are warmly invited to contact the SVP for a job description. Email Elizabeth Hanley elizabethh@svp.org.uk or call 020 7703 3030.

Thank you and God Bless.

September 2015 will be "Awareness Month" for the St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales).

The aim is to promote the SVP as an organisation through which the Catholic laity can respond to God's call and serve others. The theme of the month this year is 'Happy Families?' showing how the SVP supports all families who are troubled and in need. SVP members in your parishes are being encouraged to publicise the work of the Society during this month in a number of ways. The Happy Families campaign runs from the last weekend in August to 27 September, the feast of St Vincent.



Leeds Middlesbrough Hallam



When Yorkshire Priests retire or fall sick they receive support from



THE YORKSHIRE BRETHREN FUND

Under the patronage of Blessed Nicholas Postgate (founded in 1660)

ANYONE CAN HELP THEM BY BECOMING A BENEFACTOR

Each Benefactor will have five Masses offered during life or after Death as requested, and share in over 400 monthly Masses offered by Priest Members.

Apply to your Parish Priest or The Secretary:
Fr Timothy Wiley, Immaculate Heart of Mary
(Parish of St John Vianney), Leeds, LS17 6LE



Contribute £30.00
Registered Charity Number 511025

Open Day



Barlborough Hall School

Catholic preparatory school for girls and boys aged 3-11.

Open Day Saturday 10th October 2015, 10am - 12.30pm

Mount St Mary's College

Catholic Day and Boarding School for girls and boys aged 11-18.

Open Day Saturday 3rd October 2015, 10am - 12.30pm

Barlborough Hall School
Barlborough, Derbyshire S43 4TJ
Telephone: +44 1246 810 511
www.barlboroughhallschool.com

Mount St Mary's College
College Road, Spinkhill, Derbyshire S21 3YL
Telephone: +44 1246 433 388
www.msmcollege.com



Hallam Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

AUTUMN CONFERENCE**3 October 2015****Reaching Out to Our Neighbours
of Other Faiths****How should we respond to the challenge
in Hallam in 2015?**

Come and listen to Bishop Ralph Heskett as he sets out the teaching of the Church that we should live in harmony with people of different faiths, within the framework of Vatican II's "Nostra Aetate" and Pope Francis's "Laudato Si".

Bishop Ralph will be joined on the platform by prominent members of the Muslim and Catholic communities. The speakers will include:

Mohammad Ismail (Imam and Muslim chaplain in the Sheffield University multi-faith chaplaincy)
John Battle (former Labour MP and Prime Minister's special envoy for all faith communities)

There will also be an open forum to talk openly and honestly about the barriers to and the opportunities for achieving a better dialogue between Catholics and Muslims in Hallam.

Please join us as we discuss one of the biggest social justice issues facing us today.

When: Saturday, 3 October 2015 from 9.30am to 12.30pm -registration with tea and coffee available from 9.00am.

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

Please book with: Helen Donlan at helen.donlan@btinternet.com or ring her on 0114 2665474.

BOOKING FORM**SACRED HEART HILLSBOROUGH
QUIET DAY**

**"Reflecting on the themes of Pope Francis:
The Joy of the Gospel in our daily lives,
taking care of the earth, and the mercy of God"**

SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER

9.30am	Registration/Refreshments – in the Hall
10am	Prayer and Introduction – Fr Shaun in Church
10.15am	The Joy of the Gospel – Deacon Tony in Church
11am	Quiet Time, Presbytery and/or Memorial Garden
11.30am	The Challenge of the Gospel and the Sacred Quality of Creation – Fr Michael in Church
12noon	Quiet Time, Presbytery and/or Memorial Garden
12.30pm	*Packed Lunch and refreshments – in the Hall
1.15pm	Mass in Church, with focus on the Mercy of God
2pm	Close

We hope to be able to make provision in the hall for children joining in the quiet day appropriately for their age, if we have enough children booked in and enough leaders available.

Drinks will be provided; *please bring a packed lunch.

Main Person booking:

Telephone number:

How many people altogether?

How many children? What ages?

**Please return this to Sacred Heart Presbytery,
479 Langsett Road, Sheffield, S6 2LN
or ring through the information to 0114 2343580**

LOGO LEISUREWEAR LTD
Embroidered & Printed Clothing
0114 251 1171
E-mail: info@logoleisurewear.com
www.logoleisurewear.com

- Established Local Family Business
- Uniform supplier to many Hallam Diocese Schools
- Online ordering available
- Free school delivery
- Workwear
- Promotional Workwear
- Event T-shirts and Hoodies

Sheffield's Premier School Uniform Supplier

JOE WALSH TOURS
PILGRIMAGE SPECIALISTS

FATIMA & LISBON COAST
DAILY BREAKFAST & DINNER, LUNCH ALSO IN FATIMA
16 SEPTEMBER | 7 NIGHTS
From Liverpool **from £629 pp**

MEDJUGORJE
DAILY BREAKFAST & DINNER
1 & 8 SEPTEMBER & 1 OCTOBER | 7 NIGHTS
From Manchester **£539 pp**

GROUP & PARISH PILGRIMAGES »

- Flights from various UK airports
- Full Religious Programme led by Spiritual Director
- Assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides & representatives throughout

www.joewalshstours.co.uk | info@joewalshstours.co.uk
0203 468 0617 | 0161 820 8790 | 0151 909 2871 | 0292 000 3865
0141 530 5060 | FOLLOW: [f](#) [t](#)
Bonded and Licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK | ATOL 5163

**Saint Pius X Catholic High School****Year 5 & 6
Open Evening****Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 6pm**

At Saint Pius, we recognise that we are building the future. We enable young people to thrive in a culture that tells them they can be successful and that they should aspire to be the best. As a Catholic community, Saint Pius X Catholic High School embraces the teaching of the Gospel. We nurture the aspirations of each individual, recognising their unique skills and talents. We have high expectations of our students and are proud of the high regard in which they are held in the community.



'Many students make good progress as they move through the school. The proportion of students across all year groups making better than expected progress is rising as a result of good and better teaching.'

'The school's work to keep children safe is good. Students say they feel safe and enjoy coming to school.'

Ofsted Good 2014/15

To book a guided tour of the school please email pchssaunderson@rgfl.org or telephone: 01709 767900 and ask to speak to Mrs S. Saunderson.
Saint Pius X Catholic High School, Wath Wood Road, Wath upon Dearne, Rotherham S63 7PQ

**Celebrating our Schools**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SCHOOLS ON THIS
PAGE FOR SUPPORTING THE PAPER**

**NOTRE DAME
HIGH
SCHOOL**

Fulwood Road, Sheffield, S10 3BT
Tel: 0114 230 2536

We warmly welcome parents to our
Y6 Parents' Open Evening
Tuesday 29th September 2015
5.30pm – 7.30pm

More information can be found on our
website: www.notredame-high.co.uk

**ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
HERRINGTHORPE VALLEY ROAD
ROTHERHAM, SOUTH YORKSHIRE
S65 2NU
HEADTEACHER
KATHRYN THOMAS
TELEPHONE : 01709 361502