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What's on in November

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 11 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield. |
| 3 | Talk on 'Progress in Adult Stem Cell Research' by Professor Sheila MacNeil for the Catholic Medical Association at St William of York Parish Hall, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, 6.30pm. Enquiries, please telephone Dr Steve Brennan 07484123732. | 14 | Christmas Fair at Holy Family School, Netherton Road, Worksop, S80 2SF, 1-3pm. Stalls include bottle tombola, big raffle, crafts, bran tub, with cakes, refreshments, a Christmas stall and Santa. Admission 20p, proceeds to St Mary and St Joseph the Worker Parish, Worksop. |
| 4 | Hallam Ascent Group meet at the Assisi Hall, St Francis of Assisi, 277 Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for a talk given by Lisa Markham, 'Hurt by Abuse'. For more details telephone 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, email ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: http://halamascent.weebly.com . | 16 | Ordinariate Mass, setting 'John Merbecke', 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, S12 4HJ. Everyone is invited to join us afterwards for lunch at the Phoenix Inn, Ridgeway, S12 3XF. |
| 10 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 21 | Birthday Mass to celebrate Fr Len May's 90th Birthday, 11am at St Mary Magdalene Church, Maltby. For further details telephone 01709 816400. |
| 11 | 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. | 24 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |

'Master. Teach us how to pray'

Jesus prayed – often. Christians are called to follow his example. It should be easy. Why is it sometimes so difficult?

Join Bishop Ralph and others to learn a little more about bringing prayer to life at St Francis of Assisi Church, 277 Sandygate Road, Crosspool, Sheffield, S10 5SD, on **Saturday, 5 December** from 9am (registration) for 9.30am to 12.30pm.

To book please send email to LSG.ND.SHEF@GMAIL.COM or call 07806713399. All welcome!

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:

- 8 St Joseph, Wath-upon-Dearne.
- 15 Sacred Heart, Sheffield.
- 22 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doncaster.

Knights of St Columba Nativity Painting Competition

To All Headteachers and RE Teachers in Junior Schools in the Hallam Diocese

This year, the Sheffield Council of the Knights of St Columba invite entries from Junior Schools to

The National Nativity Scene Painting Competition

The competition has two eligible age groups based on school years:

- a Reception and Years 1 and 2
- b Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Prizes in the form of Book Tokens will be given to the winner and runner-up in each age group and their entries will be entered into the National Competition where cash prizes will be awarded to the successful entries.

Entrants are required to submit a free hand drawing and/or coloured painting on A4 or A3 paper on the subject of the Nativity. Such entries will be collected by a representative of the Knights of St Columba after **Friday, 11 December**.

If your school is interested, please contact Jim Johnson, on 01246 461738 or 07940193662 or email johnson.j29@sky.com, who will provide you with a set of rules and make the necessary arrangements.



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THE DIOCESE OF HALLAM'S NEW WEBSITE

That's the answer to the question posed on our front page.

The recently launched new website offers a warm welcome to our Diocese and is packed with useful information about our community. The information is available at the click of a button. If you are looking to find a Mass, a church, a priest or a school, you can do this easily and quickly.



Diocese of Hallam

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WELCOME TO THE DIOCESE OF HALLAM

Diocese of Hallam serving the Catholic Church in the UK County of South Yorkshire, parts of the High Peak and Chesterfield Districts of Derbyshire, and the District of Bassetlaw in Nottinghamshire (ReadMore)

At times when you just want to browse the site, you may find yourself reading the history of our Diocese, a brief biography of Bishop Ralph, or discovering one of the many active bodies who work hard in our Diocese. For instance, there are ten caring services currently listed on our website, many of which could use your support. Reading about, for example, The St Wilfrid's Centre, Pathways or Rain-

bows may trigger an interest in you that can be readily followed through on the website.

Children and vulnerable adults deserve our special care and so the safeguarding work of the Diocese is a key feature of the website. This contains useful contacts and much information about this department of the Diocese, which seeks to ensure the safety and well being of everyone.

Clicking on the schools section will provide not merely basic details about schools, but also useful information for governors and staff.

There are plans to include a whole section of information for parents. What details about aspects of school life in the Diocese would you find useful? Let us know.

The new website is designed not merely to provide information but also to engage the whole community in the work of the Diocese. The home page opens with a request that you give us your feedback in order to improve our website. Please respond to the request and help us to continue to provide a vibrant website that is of benefit to us all.

Since all we do is rooted in prayer, an important element of the website is the

SCHOOLS' MENU

- Schools Home
- Primary Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Information for Staff
- Information for Governors
- Information for Parents
- Schools' Vacancies
- Find a School

There is an opportunity to read Bishop Ralph's thought provoking reflections and soon there will be full details of all Diocesan pilgrimages.

Have a look at the website at <http://hallam-diocese.com> and let us know what you think about your Diocesan website.

- Schools
- Safeguarding Department
- Hallam Caring Services
- Chancellor
- Historic Churches
- Finance
- Adult Education and Formation
- Property Department
- Youth Ministry
- Tribunal

section devoted to spirituality. A click on this button will provide prayers and readings for each day.

Hallam Caring Services

The Diocese of Hallam Caring Services is an affiliation of projects and organisations. It serves the social needs of the Church and wider community within South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and part of North Derbyshire.

Find a parish

- In the Map
- By Name
- By Deanery
- By Location

Mothers' Prayers

Mothers Prayers was started in 1995 to help mothers who wished to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they needed.

There are now thousands of groups around the world with contacts in over 100 Countries. Mothers Prayers has the approval, support and blessing of Christian leaders of all denominations. To celebrate this twentieth anniversary an event has been organised by the group in Mother of God parish, Sheffield. This will take place on **Wednesday, 18 November at 7pm** in the Parish Room of Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road (St Ronan's Road entrance). All are welcome.

For more information about Mothers



Prayers please visit www.mothersprayers.org.

CONCERT FOR CARMEL CARE CENTRE

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CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

St Pius X Learning Community Ethos Day

St Pius Learning Community started their new term with an Ethos Inset Day for St Pius X, Our Lady and St Joseph's, St Joseph's and St Alban's. The day started with a prayer and a team building exercise and was followed by a series of workshops led by various groups who are currently involved in supporting and assisting the schools on a regular basis. CAFOD, Savio House Salesian Centre, Community Cohesion Support at Rotherham Borough Council and Mgr

Desmond Sexton all attended the Ethos day which took place at the secondary school. This reinforced and strengthened bonds with the schools, reminding all who attended of the importance of promoting our Catholic faith not only in our schools, but in our society today. The workshops were followed by an opportunity to discuss issues further as Departments. During the day staff were reminded that everyone should contribute to the Catholic life and

work of the school and, in turn, pass on to students the realisation that they have responsibilities as members of a community. The day also reaffirmed the importance of having a positive Catholic ethos and climate of respect and trust within our schools and across the whole of our learning community. The day concluded with Mass with Bishop Ralph Heskett and Fr Evangelist Ohaejesi.



Sacred Heart Race for Life



St Joseph's, Handsworth Help Refugees in Calais



Pupils from St Joseph's School, Handsworth have been busy collecting clothing, shoes, blankets and toiletries to send to help the refugees in Calais. Our photograph above shows the children with the goods.



Following the sad death of a colleague's husband in July, three members of staff from Sacred Heart School in Hillsborough, Mrs Kelly, Head Teacher, Mrs Tauiliili and Mrs Thorpe, decided to run the first ever Race for Life Half Marathon, in his memory. The event took place at Lee Valley Park in London on Sunday, 4 October. This was also the first ever all women half marathon so the ladies are now part of history! None of these teachers had ever run a half marathon before, so much training and dedication had to take place before they could tackle the 13.1 mile course. The sun shone down on a glorious morning as the girls began their run through the park, out into the countryside, along a canal tow path and eventually back into Lee Valley Park. All three ladies were delighted with their times and added to this was the knowledge that they had raised an incredible £1,500 for Cancer Research UK. Huge thanks go to all the parents, friends and family who helped them raise this incredible amount for such a worthy cause. The community of the Sacred Heart is very proud of the team.

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Catholic Education Team in Rotherham Get Together to Start New Academic Year



On Tuesday 1st September, staff from St Bernard's Catholic High School, Rotherham were joined by the primary school staff from their learning community throughout Rotherham to celebrate Mass to begin the new academic Year. Bishop Ralph presided and spoke of the Year of Mercy which begins in December. Priests of the deanery concelebrated.

It was a great opportunity for the people involved in Catholic education in Rotherham to come together and pray for guidance and support for the year ahead and to acknowledge that as a team working together they were shaping and developing the faith community.

PARENTING PROGRAMMES



The launch of new materials for Family Caring Trust parenting programmes attracted the attention of four Doncaster schools. Family Support/Inclusion workers attended training to lead parenting programmes in their schools. Laura Rendell and Susan Tym, who are Approved Train-

ers for Family Caring Trust, delivered the training. The day was also attended by two new members of the Hallam Caring Services Schools Team - Sharon Conyers and Sharon Payne. Bernie Ware, who supervises the Schools' Team, kindly presented the certificates.

To see the full report and responses to *The Call, the Mission and the Journey* survey which people were asked to take part in in preparation for the Synod on the Family in Rome, visit <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Family-Survey-Responses>.



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Keep Each Other Safe; Be Kind to One Another and Nurture Wellbeing

Across the Diocese of Hallam the culture of safeguarding, nurturing wellbeing, protecting the young and the vulnerable is growing and tangible. Ensuring that all parishes are able to provide a safe environment for everybody involved in parish activities and in parish buildings overlaps with the arrangements for safeguarding, but goes further into all aspects of health and safety.

Recognising the need to bring the management and organisation of health and safety up to date across the Diocese, Bishop John and the Diocesan Trustees adopted a new Diocesan safety policy, procedures and organisational structure in November, 2013. Bishop John and the Trustees also recognised that all parish priests needed to have professional advice and training, but also help from parishioners to ensure that the aim of providing a safe environment for all can be achieved. Building from the experience of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, Bishop John and the Trustees have appointed Safety Toolbox Limited as the Diocese's profes-



SafetyToolbox

sional advisor (formally known as the 'Competent Person') and decided to subscribe to the web-based Safety Toolbox health and safety management system. Bishop Ralph has given his backing to this initiative and shown his personal commitment by becoming Chairman of the Diocesan Health and Safety Committee. Most parishes across the Diocese look after their buildings and land well and have good housekeeping routines. However, much of this can be adhoc and often there is little recorded evidence of what is done. Since late 2013 good progress has been made across the Diocese in raising awareness of the importance of actively managing issues of safety. This is demonstrated by the fact that over 80 parishioners have volunteered to use the Safety Toolbox system and almost 75% of these have attended at least one training session. Safety Toolbox is the tool that is provided for every parish to make use of to improve its management of safety. It is designed specifically for use by volunteers who are not specialists in health and safety; it is designed especially for use in parishes to help with

parish activities and buildings; and it is packed with guidance and information that is tailor-made to be appropriate, proportionate and relevant to all parishes. The great advantage in parishioners taking on this activity is that they have the relevant local knowledge and understanding and, of course, their commitment to their parish.

Those with some knowledge of the management of safety will be aware of the centrality of risk assessments. Safety Toolbox provides risk assessments for all aspects of parish activities and buildings from Fire Risk Assessments, Food Safety, running parish events, candle safety, looking after your bell tower, to how to manage the risks from ice and snow. Many parishes have gone some way to complete risk assessments with a particular focus on preventing slips, trips and falls – the most common cause of accidents.

During the autumn and winter, there is a focus on fire safety and completing the Fire Risk Assessment for each parish. To assist the volunteer parish safety represen-

tatives, a series of training sessions are being organised with the first one scheduled for Saturday, 21 November, starting at 10am and finishing by 1pm, at Blessed Trinity, Wickersley. This session will be led by Mrs Nicki Worley of Safety Toolbox Limited and will equip you with what is required to carry out a fire risk assessment for your church and parish hall.

Once completed these will be checked by the Health and Safety Coordinator for the Diocese, with any more difficult issues referred for specialist professional advice from Safety Toolbox or a local fire risk consultant.



CONGRATULATIONS!



On 27 August Terence and Beatrice Taylor celebrated sixty years of married life. The couple were married at St Theresa's Church, Sheffield. They have a son and daughter, four grandchildren and two great grand-

children. Their parish priest, Mgr Kilgannon, presented them with a papal blessing and they received a card from the Queen congratulating them on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

David Stone Thanks the Catholic Community

At the end of September, the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Chesterfield conferred the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Chesterfield upon David Stone "in recognition of the eminent services, which he has rendered to the Council." David was Mayor of Chesterfield in 1995/6. He served for thirty two

years as a Derbyshire County Councillor, several years as a Staveley Councillor and four years on the Derbyshire Fire Authority. During this time, he worked for twenty one years for Derbyshire Social Services.

His sons are following their father in serving the community. Paul Stone is an ex-Mayor of Chesterfield and Fr Mar-

tin Stone is Parish Priest at Corpus Christi parish in the Dearne Valley.

When accepting his honour, David wanted to thank especially the Catholic community in Whittington and Staveley for their support and prayers over many years.

Pictured are David Stone with Paul Stone, on his right, and Fr Martin Stone on his left.



note networking on behalf of LIFE, often with collaboration with the Group Education Officer and other volunteers. S/he will be responsible for reporting to the Committee, maintaining adequate records and completing the Care statistics in line with procedure.

For further information, please contact Liz Lloyd, Care Service Manager, LIFE Helpstation, 23 Glebe Street, Walsall, WS1 3NX. Telephone: 01922 611255.

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Having received adequate training and accreditation, this role is to oversee and promote the care work of LIFE locally, including the Care Centre, as set out in the Care Manual by the National Care Supervisor.

As well as undertaking local Care work, the Care Officer will seek to support LIFE's National Helpline. S/he will pro-

ST THERESA'S ANNUAL REUNION



Former pupils of St Theresa's Roman Catholic Primary School, Prince of Wales Road, Sheffield who left the school between 1951 and 1954 held their 13th annual reunion at the Noahs Ark, Intake, Sheffield.

Anyone interested in the 2016 reunion, please contact Bernard Dowling, telephone 0114 2510416.

Photograph by former St Theresa's pupil, Peter Wolstenholme

Carmelite Day of Recollection



Fr Andrew Browne led the recent Day of Recollection for the Sheffield Third Order Lay Carmelites. The group were warmly welcomed to Kirk Edge Convent by Mother Pri-

ress. Fr Brown gave two talks and led the celebration of Mass. Our photograph above shows Fr Browne and members of the group in the Chapel at Kirk Edge.




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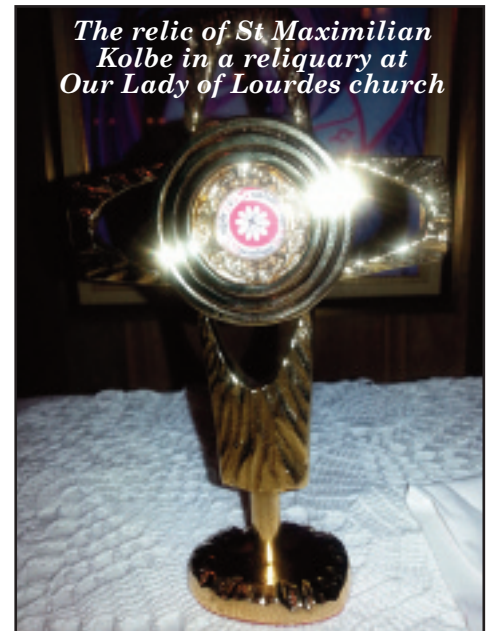
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RELICS OF ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who was born on 8 January 1894, was a Franciscan friar. Before his ordination he founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. Although frail after contracting tuberculosis, he nevertheless founded and supervised the monastery of Niepokalanow near Warsaw and he also built a monastery in Japan, in addition to furthering the Immaculata Movement in India. In 1936, he returned to Poland because of ill health. After the Nazi invasion of Poland he was twice imprisoned. In 1941, he was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. It was in Auschwitz that he died; he volunteered to take the place of a fellow prisoner, a young husband and fa-

ther, who had been chosen to be killed. In 1981, Maximilian Kolbe was canonised by Pope John Paul II, who called him "The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century". His feast day is celebrated on the 14 August. This year on his feast day relics of the hair of his beard were received into Our Lady of Lourdes church in Hackenthorpe, Sheffield. The relics have been donated by Fr Miroslaw Bartos, Order of Friars Conventual, Father Superior in Niepokalanow, Poland - the City of Mary Immaculate which St Maximilian founded. The relics were brought from Niepokalanow by two representatives of the Crusade of Mary Immaculate from Our Lady of Lourdes parish. The reception of the relics took place during a Special Healing Mass and they were venerated after Mass during the Healing Prayer time. The relics will be kept at Our Lady of Lourdes church.



75th anniversary of St Maximilian Kolbe's Martyrdom



August 14, 2015 to 14 August, 2016 has been established as the Kolbean

year to celebrate the 75th anniversary of St Maximilian Kolbe's martyrdom. During this period each national centre is encouraged to undertake a number of initiatives to promote St Maximilian and the Crusade of Mary Immaculate. The special emphasis is given to the celebration with the relic of Fr Kolbe and promoting it in local communities. The year of celebration will culminate at Fatima in an international conference to be held October 28-30, 2016, at which time preparations for the centennial of the Mary Immaculate (1917-2017) will begin. More information about the Mary Immaculate can be found on www.misheffield.com.

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The Ordinariate Use

On Saturday, 18 July, a Mass was offered according to the Ordinariate Rite, more correctly known as the Ordinariate Use, and was accompanied by the Mass setting for Five Voices by William Byrd, 1540-1623, expertly sung by the New Chamber Choir. William Byrd was an English composer of the Renaissance. He wrote various types of sacred music for use in Anglican services, although he became a Roman Catholic in later life and wrote Catholic sacred music as well. The Ordinariate Use fitted perfectly with the setting by William Byrd. It was as though one was made for the other to provide a Mass of exquisite beauty. The Ordinariate Use is unique since this is the first time that the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith has approved a liturgy that has taken prayers and shape from another denomination. But it is important to recognise that the Ordinariate Use is a thoroughly Catholic Rite. Simply put, the compilers of the Ordinariate Use took the shape of Thomas Cramner's 1549 Rite for the Church of England and catholicized it. However, further consequences of history have also made their mark on the Ordinariate Use. At this point it is important to note that the Apostolic Constitution, Anglicanorum Coetibus, does not refer to the liturgical traditions of the Church of England but to the 'liturgical traditions of the Anglican Communion'. This includes the rites favoured by Anglo-Catholics in this land such as the English Missal and the Anglican Missal, but also rites used by the British Colonies throughout the world. The influence of the Episcopal rites used in the USA have particular importance. After the independence of the Thirteen Colonies, the Scottish Episcopal Church took the step of consecrating Samuel Seabury at Aberdeen

in 1784 as the first Anglican Bishop of the United States of America. In this way, it can be said that the Episcopal Church in the United States owes much of its origins to the Scottish Episcopal Church. As a result of the liturgical reforms during the second half of the twentieth century, traditionalists produced the American edition of the Anglican Missal, that followed closely the English Missal with the exception that it included three Canon's, namely the American Canon, the Canon of 1549, and the Gregorian Canon said to be based on the Canon brought by Saint Augustine to England. Whatever its origin, the Gregorian Canon is central to the Ordinariate Use, and reflects the ancient tradition of the Catholic

Church. The Ordinariate Use with its Occasional Services and Customary of Daily Prayer brings the richness of its traditions to the diversity of the Universal Catholic Church. The experience of the past, on which the Ordinariate Use draws its ethos, can help question the present and inform the future. Its contribution to the Catholic Church is invaluable. The Sheffield Ordinariate Group meets once a month at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Spring Water Avenue, Sheffield, S12 4HJ. Everyone is welcome. For full details please visit www.ordinariate.co.uk/where to find us/sheffield.



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Every November, Apostleship of the Sea celebrates a special Mass for supporters who left legacy gifts in their Wills and for everyone for whom they received in-memory donations. "Apostleship of the Sea invites anyone to make an in-memory donation, regardless of whether they are a previous supporter," said Alastair Emblem, Apostleship of the Sea Legacy and In-Memory Officer.

"If you give Apostleship of the Sea the name of your relative or friend who has died (either recently or in the past), the departed will be included in prayers at Mass during the week. They will also be included in the special annual Mass of Remembrance next November."

Fr Chris Thomas, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, was one of the co-celebrants of last year's Mass.

He said, "When a loved one dies, it can be comforting to celebrate their life by helping others in their memory. Apostleship of the Sea carries out a wonderful ministry of spiritual, pastoral and practical help to seafarers from all over the world. So making an in-memory gift to them, or leaving a legacy in someone's memory, is a wonderful way of keeping alive the values of departed loved ones."

Alastair adds, "You can also set up a tribute fund for others to contribute to, in memory of your loved ones, and include memories and pictures of them on a special website, free of charge."

Leaving a legacy to Apostleship of the Sea in memory of a loved one is a very special way of ensuring their values live

on. Details can be found on the Apostleship of the Sea Legacy Page at www.bit.ly/aoslegacy.

Apostleship of the Sea has produced a poignant video which shows why leaving a legacy helps ensure its ministry supporting seafarers can continue in the years ahead. The film can be viewed by going to the Apostleship of the Sea on Film Page: www.bit.ly/aosfilm or a free DVD can be sent by post. Sympathy cards are available to buy on its Online Shop www.bit.ly/AoSshop.

For further details contact Alastair Emblem, Legacy and In Memory Officer, Apostleship of the Sea, 39 Eccleston Square London SW1V 1BX. Tel: 0207 901 1931.



The Hallam Ascent group who meet monthly at St Francis of Assisi Church, 277 Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD are collecting men's clothing - hats, gloves, jumpers, fleeces, socks and scarves - for the Apostleship of the Sea throughout November. Please leave at the back of the church in the narthex. For more information about the group, visit <http://hallamascent.weebly.com>.

Mount Saint Mary's Pupils Learn About Shipping and Apostleship of the Sea's Work with Seafarers



Students from Mount St Mary's College were introduced to the world of global shipping from the grounds of their school by Catholic charity, Apostleship of the Sea.

Apostleship of the Sea national director, Martin Foley presented a talk during assembly at the school on 7 September. He spoke about the sea and the lives of seafarers which touch many aspects of the national curriculum and are a fundamental part of Great Britain's heritage. The children also learnt about how Apostleship of the Sea supports seafarers welfare and

faith needs.

Foley said, "We rely on the sea for many things and up to 95% of the goods we use or consume in the UK arrive by sea. There are some 100,000 ships at sea crewed by more than 1.5 million seafarers. It is a world that is often so close to children from seaside trips and ferry crossings, but relatively unknown to them."

Apostleship of the Sea, through its network of port chaplains across Great Britain, helps seafarers, from providing them with WiFi connection and telephone cards so they can contact home, to supporting their spiritual

needs such as attending Mass.

Fr Simon Ellis, the school's director of chaplaincy who organised the talks, also serves as a chaplain on board cruise ships, and has supported seafarers working on cruise vessels. Schools are encouraged to download Apostleship of the Sea's range of resources which can be found at <http://apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/resources-schools>.

Pictured above are Martin Foley, Apostleship of the Sea national director (back left) and Fr Simon Ellis, Mount St Mary's director of chaplaincy, with pupils of the school.

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THERE'S ONLY ONE ST WILFRID'S



This year's group of walkers with Bishop Ralph at the front with his dog, Molly, and Emeritus Bishop John at the back of the group

The seventeenth annual Bishop's Walk organised by St Wilfrid's Centre took place on Friday, 11 September in aid of the Residential Fund. The event was notable as it welcomed the return of Emeritus Bishop John, together with Bishop Ralph. The 15 mile route was completed by staff, clients and volunteers, along with many supporters who were sponsored for their efforts. St Wilfrid's has so far raised £1.8m towards the project and in their efforts to find the additional £250,000 hoped the walk would bring in the much needed funds.

The route took in Curbar and Froggatt Edge, Stoney Middleton, Rowland, Hassop and Chatsworth in what turned out to be a very arduous trek on a beautiful day. St Wilfrid's Director, Kevin Bradley said, "It was great to have Emeritus Bishop John and Bishop Ralph with us and it was a wonderful walk. The serious part of it is, of course, the money raised and we hope to raise up to £20,000 for our residential project." Anyone wishing to sponsor the Bishops in retrospect, please contact Kevin Bradley on 0114 2555720.



Bishop Ralph with Kevin Bradley (left) during the walk



Personal Development Awards

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Talib Hussain presented Personal Development Awards to clients at St Wilfrid's Centre, pictured above and bottom right.

Certificates were given for work with computers, in art and crafts, pottery, literacy, numeracy, drama and photography to 30 very proud clients. The celebration was also attended by England Band boss, John Hemmingham, who provided the appropriate fanfares for the occasion. Kevin Bradley, Director

of St Wilfrid's Centre said, "I sincerely believe that everyone has a gift, regardless of their disadvantages and it is simply our job at St Wilf's to unearth this."

St Wilfrid's is at the moment building a £2m project for homeless people on Queens Road in Sheffield. The shortfall in funding currently stands at £250,000 and local people are asked to support the campaign. Anyone wishing to make a donation, please contact Kevin Bradley on 0114 2555720.



NEW MASCOT FOR ST WILFRID'S CENTRE

Pupils from Westbourne School in Sheffield chose St Wilfrid's Centre as its charity of the year. As part of their fundraising they designed a new mascot for St Wilfrid's. The winning entry, Wilfrid Bear, was provided by Elizabeth Goodfellow.

Our photograph above shows Kevin Bradley receiving a cheque for £2771.04 which was the result of the children's year of fundraising, accompanied by Wilfrid Bear.



Photograph courtesy of Westbourne School.

De La Salle Association Rambling Club



Rother Valley Park

If you would like to do a 5 mile walk on the flat why not join the De La Salle Ramblers on Sunday, 15 November? Meet at 10.30am at the car park near the entrance to Rother Valley Park on Rother Valley Way for a walk around the surrounding area, incorporating the lakes and Trans Pennine Trail. Leaders are Viv and Frank Bussey, tel: 0114 2481195, mobile: 0796 0615174.

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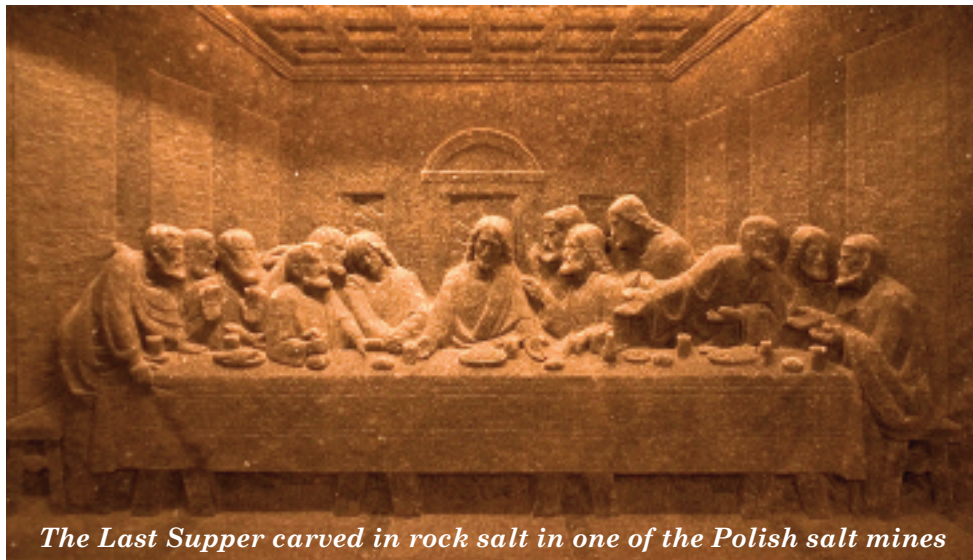
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The Last Supper carved in rock salt in one of the Polish salt mines

Diocese of Hallam Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Bishop Ralph – 7 to 14 March 2016

Bishop Ralph plans to lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land early next year. The Pilgrimage will depart from Manchester to Tel Aviv on 7 March and return on 14 March. The pilgrims will spend two nights in Jerusalem, 3 nights in Bethlehem and 2 nights in Tiberias. The pilgrimage will follow closely the footsteps of the Master and will include visits to the Basilica of the Nativity, the Shepherds' Fields, the Pools of Bethesda, St Anne's Church, the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mount of Olives, Dominus Flevit and the Garden of Gethsemane. We would also hope to visit and share Masses with

local Christians. Pilgrims will have daily Mass and we hope to again be able to arrange Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. There is full board accommodation throughout the pilgrimage. The all-inclusive cost of the above is £1300 per person. For those considering travelling, early booking is advised to avoid surcharges. Visiting the Holy Land is more than a personal Pilgrimage. Your presence there gives hope, comfort and support to our Brothers and Sisters who suffer daily for their faith. Do consider joining the Pilgrimage. Those wishing to have further infor-

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