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## Celebration Mass for Councillor Jim

May 2017 marked the end of the Civic year for Councillor Jim Anderson of St Joseph's Church in Retford. Jim is a District Councillor and in May last year was elected to serve as Chairman of the whole of Bassetlaw District Council; a great honour and privilege last enjoyed by a St Joseph's parishioner when Wendy Quigley served in 2007/8.

Jim asked Fr John Nwadike CM, Parish Priest at St Joseph's, to celebrate the Civic Service with a Mass, and a packed church saw St Joseph's school children sing, Headteacher, Mr Richard Hilton read, and Fr Bill Bergin returned to beautifully sing the

Credo and guide the service. Worksop Deanery Deacon Peter Hunt assisted, and the Deputy Lieutenants and Readers from other Christian denominations joined with the local Imam to make the service a truly Ecumenical event for the glory of God.

It was a great day for St Joseph's, the Churches in Retford and Bassetlaw. The local Air Training Corps squadron also sent a detachment to assist in the management of the day, and they are pictured below with Fr John, the Deputy Lieutenant and Councillor Jim.



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# What's on in June

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> .  | 11am, followed by light lunch. All welcome.  |
| 4 | St Mary's Parish, Bungalow Road, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1DL are hosting a coffee and cake event to raise money for the Lourdes Pilgrimage fund, 10.30am - 12.30pm, with Raffles and Tombola's etc. All welcome.   | 13 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.                                      |
| 7 | Hallam Ascent Group meet for 'Members' Contributions' - favourite prayer, prose, poetry - at St Francis of Assisi parish hall, 277 Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD. For more details telephone 0114 2306797 or email ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 14 Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.          |
| 7 | Mass with anointing of the sick at St Bede's, Station Road, Rotherham, S60 1HF,   | 14 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance with live music at the Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All very welcome. |
|   |   | 27 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.                                      |

## An Evening with Ian Boxall (Catholic University of America)

Ian is a renowned scripture scholar and a fantastic speaker who manages to combine rich scriptural knowledge with a deep spirituality. He will give a talk on "Jesus the Divine Warrior: Christ in Revelation" followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion.

**Monday, 12 June, 7.30pm**

**St Vincent's Church, 40 Pickmere Road, Sheffield, S10 1GY**

**(Parking available and on the 52 bus route)**

For more information, see the Adult Formation pages on the diocesan website:

<http://hallam-diocese.com/departments/adult-formation/>

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## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month



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

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|----|-------------------------|
| 4  | <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> |
| 11 | <b>Trinity Sunday</b>   |
| 18 | <b>Corpus Christi</b>   |
| 25 | St Joseph, Worksop      |

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**High Mass according to the Ordinariate Use in the Cathedral Church of Saint Marie Sheffield**

**Saturday, 8 July at 10am**

The Mass setting will be Mass number 2 in G Major D167 by Franz Schubert [1797-1828] sung by the 'New Chamber Choir'

*Everyone is 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.

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Pictured above, Dr Julie MacDonald during her year of office as High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, with Fr John Cooke, Chaplain, and, on the right, in procession in Sheffield city centre

# High Sheriff from St William of York

Dr Julie MacDonald has just completed her year of office as the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire. She is a parishioner of St William of York parish, Sheffield, where she leads the weekly girls' Rainbows group. Parish Priest, Fr John Cooke, was her Chaplain during her year of office.

need in their community and, instead of thinking 'somebody should do something about this', have rolled up their sleeves and done something themselves."

Reflecting on the past year, Julie says, "I have been overwhelmed by the thousands of dedicated volunteers that we have in South Yorkshire and particularly by the people who have seen a

During her year in office, Julie has supported local charities working with young people, including Therapies for Anxiety, Depression and Stress, South Yorkshire Eating Disorders Association, Sheffield Young Carers and Pitsmoor Adventure Playground.



# PADLEY

## PILGRIMAGE

### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017

**INTERDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE IN  
HONOUR OF THE PADLEY MARTYRS  
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## De La Salle Association Rambling Club Walks

### Sunday, 11 June

Meet at Calver Bridge (grid ref 248744, by school and church) at 10.30am for a 5 mile walk which follows a route to Bubnell, Baslow Bridge, Bramley Wood and returning to Calver. There is a hill up to Bramley Wood and then downhill to Calver. The leaders are Sheila and John Sheasby, tel: 0114 2367408, mobile: 077688304234.

The route is via Hardwick Park, Ault Hucknall, Rowthorne, part of Rowthorne Trail, Lady Spencer's Walk then back to the Hardwick Inn. There will be time to admire the Well Dressings at Ault Hucknall and Rowthorne, with a chance to stop at Hardwick Hall near the end of the walk. The leader is Ted Bennett, tel: 01246 4852964, mobile: 07831293356.

### Sunday, 16 July

Meet at the Hardwick Inn (post code for sat nav S44 5QJ) at 10.30am for a 6 mile walk, which includes one steady climb.





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## MARRIAGE ~ Love is never Jealous? Part 2

Jane and Charles Perryman continue their series about Marriage

In last month's *Hallam News*, in the first part of our consideration of how Pope Francis reflects on 1 Cor 13:4, we saw that jealousy does not arise always out of self-centredness, but often from a genuine anxiety that arises from fear or a sense of insecurity.

Jealousy can be understood as a feeling that arises within us when we judge that another person has something that we want. Last time the feeling that we wrote about was fear. This time we concentrate on sadness and disappointment. Pope Francis says, "Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another's prosperity." (AL 95) This is true but it is not the whole story. It is especially not the whole story in relation to certain fairly common situations between married couples.

Most married people will be engaged in activities which keep them separate both physically and emotionally. Obviously, unless they work together, their jobs will keep them apart for large parts of the normal working week. Outside of paid employment, many will be involved in other activities – sporting, charitable, political, religious, social and so on. All of these can be good in themselves. These activities can, however, start to take up a disproportionate amount of time and attention.

Marriages need constant and careful nurturing. Maintaining a close and intimate marriage requires spending time together. When one spouse starts to feel as if they are playing second (or third) fiddle to some particular activity of their spouse it would not be surprising if they felt disappointed or lonely. This sadness and disappointment, or loneliness, arises because the one thing they desperately want and expect and are unable to hold onto is that they hold prime place in their spouse's priorities. In an earlier article (January, 2014) we said that one of the key factors that holds couples together over the long term is the conviction that they hold first place in their spouse's priorities.

There are all sorts of reasons why we take up activities outside of our prime relationship in marriage. We enjoy them. We get a sense of exhilaration or satisfaction or achievement. We may also find that we are greatly appreciated in that other activity. Those good feelings that come with our activity may cause us not to hear the concern and disappointment our partner may be expressing to us.

One of the things that nurtures this conviction is appreciation. We all want to know that we are appreciated by someone important to us. When we are not receiving enough appreciation from our spouse there is always a temptation to look elsewhere, or

simply to spend more time where we know we will get appreciation. Of course, not all activities take us outside of our homes. Excessive time spent on home based hobbies – such as watching TV, using computers or social media – can have a similar effect on our relationship with our spouse.

It is a useful exercise to write down in order a list of what we regard as our priorities, and to compare the priorities with the actual amount of time we spend on them. It is also good to review from time to time what commitments we have undertaken and think about whether they meet our real needs. This is an exercise that couples should do together so that they can decide together if how they actually spend their time is how they really want to spend it.

But what if only one partner starts to believe that their spouse is spending too much time on some activity and they start to feel lonely and disappointed? They need to raise the problem but it is best to do that in terms of how they feel. "When you are spending so much time on ... I feel sad and lonely. It seems that we are not as close as we used to be. Is there something we can do about this?" This brings about the opportunity to explore what you both want in terms of time together and time on separate activities. The goal is to work out a plan so that both of you can ensure that your relationship needs are met. These needs are things like; to feel secure, to be supported, to be appreciated, to be seen as important to the other and so on.

In his book, "The Five Love Languages", Gary Chapman identifies five different ways in which we express our love for our spouse. Each of us has one or two of those ways which are particularly important to us. If our partner does not express their love in those ways then, whatever else they may do, we will not feel their love. The five ways that Gary Chapman identifies are words of appreciation, spending quality time together, giving gifts, acts of service and physical touch. Experience shows that small changes to provide the way of loving that our partner needs pay huge dividends. How do we decide which is our main need? A good clue is that we do the one that we want. If, say, our big need is for words of appreciation we will always praise our partner and tell them how important they are. It's as if we are saying "Look, this is what I really want and need."

We need to be jealous of our marriage relationship. If we see that we are drifting apart, it is critical that we take action to rebuild the closeness that we want and need to sustain us for the long term.

## Wedding Anniversary

Many congratulations to Roy and Kathleen Staniland on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, (pictured below). They were married on 10 June, 1957.

The couple are parishioners of St Joseph Parish in Staveley. Kathleen is a past Diocesan President of the Hallam Union of Catholic Mothers.



## Training to Lead Parenting Programmes

Six people from parishes and schools in the Diocese completed a training day in skills to run parenting programmes.

St Thomas More and St Patrick parishes in Sheffield sponsored volunteers, and St Mary's High School, Chesterfield and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Doncaster sponsored staff to attend.

The training was delivered by Laura Rendell and Susan Tym from Hallam Caring Services.

Look out for details of parenting programmes in these schools and parishes.

The group is pictured below with Laura Rendell (left) and Susan Tym (right).



## Following in the Footsteps of St Teresa

Discover more about St Teresa of Avila's way of prayer and the spiritual tradition of the Carmelite Order which she reformed.

The St Elizabeth of the Trinity Secular Carmelite community, based in Nottingham, are offering two retreat days which will explore this Teresian Way.

Even if you aren't especially drawn to St Teresa you might be a bit confused about the different modern approaches to prayer such as lectio div-

ina, mindfulness, meditation or simply want to go deeper into prayer. If so, there will be something here for you, too.

The retreat days will take place from 10.30 am – 3.15 pm (Mass at 10am) at St Michael the Archangel, Main Rd, Hathersage, S32 1BB on Saturdays, 3 June, 8 July.

Bring a packed lunch, drinks will be available.

If you'd like any further information please contact Heather Ward OCDS, telephone: 01773 599982, e m a i l : heatherward55@gmail.com.



St Teresa of Avila

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days For Life campaign in Hallam Diocese held its seventh prayer vigil outside the British Pregnancy Advisory Service abortion facility in Doncaster during Lent. Forty-five people gathered at various times to pray peacefully and to offer support or information to women wanting an alternative to abortion.

This is part of a campaign which began in 2004 in Texas, seeking an end to abortion through prayer, fasting and outreach.

We believe that the lives of two babies were saved in Doncaster this Lent. Prayers are requested for the parents of these children who have decided, despite their personal difficulties, to give them a chance of life.

If you would like more details contact us at hallam40daysforlife@gmail.com. More information about the international campaign can be found at <http://40daysforlife.com>.

# Marriage Preparation Weekend



Sixteen couples spent the weekend of 25-26 March at Hallam Pastoral Centre, Sheffield preparing for their forthcoming marriages. Most were from Hallam Diocese but one couple travelled from Hull and another from London. One participant from outside the Diocese com-

mented, "My brother told me we **must** experience an 'Engaged Encounter' weekend and so we have booked to stay over". The weekend was delivered by a team of skilled and dedicated volunteers - three couples and a priest - trained by Worldwide Marriage En-

counter. The engaged couples were led through an intense programme of listening, reflection and practice which ended with the celebration of Mass. Pictured above are The Team with the engaged couples. Photograph: Kathleen Baster.

## Girls and boys come out to PRAY

Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ has chosen an intriguing title for the Living Theology Study Day she is leading at the Bar Convent in York in July. Misquoting the well-known nursery rhyme, it actually indicates that the theme for the day is to be 'Men and Women in Today's Church'.

Sr Gemma is Director of the Religious Life Institute at Heythrop College in London, with an international reputation as a speaker and writer on spirituality and pastoral issues. However, since Sr Gemma is a religious sister of the Congregation of Jesus, in coming to the Bar Convent she is, in a sense, coming home.

She is basing the day on the dream of a new community in the risen Jesus that has inspired generations of Christians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus". In practice, this dream has never entirely overcome the pressures of historical and cultural attitudes to gender. Different parts of the Christian communion have made their own decisions regarding ordination, leadership and ministry - but it is argued that there



Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ

is still much to debate regarding deeply embedded prejudices.

Sr Gemma asks, "How can we create a faith community in which the specific gifts of each gender are recognised, while the equality of each gender in Christ is practised to the full?"

This Study Day at the Bar Convent is on Saturday, 15 July; it is one of the Jesuit-inspired 'Living Theology' courses held in different venues across the country.

The day starts at 10am, and finishes with 5pm Mass in the Chapel. The total cost, including lunch and refreshments, is £20 (students £10). Booking is essential. For more details see [www.living-theology.uk](http://www.living-theology.uk), email Brenda on [fazikasbrenda@btinternet.com](mailto:fazikasbrenda@btinternet.com) or phone Patricia on 01642-645732.

All are welcome, - men and women!




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# EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

## Diocesan Headteacher Chosen for Key School Support Role

Fiona Rigby is one of more than seventy Headteachers to be appointed to the role of National Leader of Education in the latest recruitment round. She and staff at St Catherine's Catholic Academy, Sheffield, have been selected for a top role supporting schools in challenging circumstances. National leaders of education, along with staff in their school - designated a National Support School - use their success and professionalism to provide additional leadership capability in other schools. National Leaders of Education are deployed to suit the needs of each school needing support. The type of support provided is flexible and can sometimes involve National Leaders of Education

becoming Executive Headteachers. They also have responsibility for developing the next generation of National Leader of Education and National Support Schools. Fiona Rigby said, "St Catherine's has a long history of supporting other schools both within the Diocese of Hallam and within Sheffield. Support involves members of staff at all levels. Our school community has grown from strength to strength as a result of the process of supporting others. In each situation we find that we learn something new and grow as a result. Staff are confident in supporting other schools and their expertise and passion for education ensures that the work they do is successful and rewarding."

Many National Leaders of Education/National Support Schools report improved outcomes at the schools they support. Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said, "It's fantastic that heads like Fiona Rigby have the passion and ambition to help improve the life chances of young people, not just in their own but in other schools as well. The aim of National Leaders of Education is to drive improvement in underperforming schools. We now have over 1,200 National Leaders of Education and we're working to increase this number further to spread educational excellence everywhere." Successful Heads have been invited to attend a formal induction and training



Fiona Rigby

event for the role in driving school improvement.

## Holy Week Experience at St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy



The children in St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy Key Stage 2 planned, created, wrote, narrated and sang through a moving interpretation of 'Journey to the Cross'. The children are a credit to a warm, devoted school community that shared in this inspirational presentation. The parents, families and parishioners filled the church and were mesmerised by this rich presentation. The singing was powerful and ensured every child shone brightly. The maturity displayed by the children embraced their school, their community and their faith. Pope Francis, reflecting in the let-

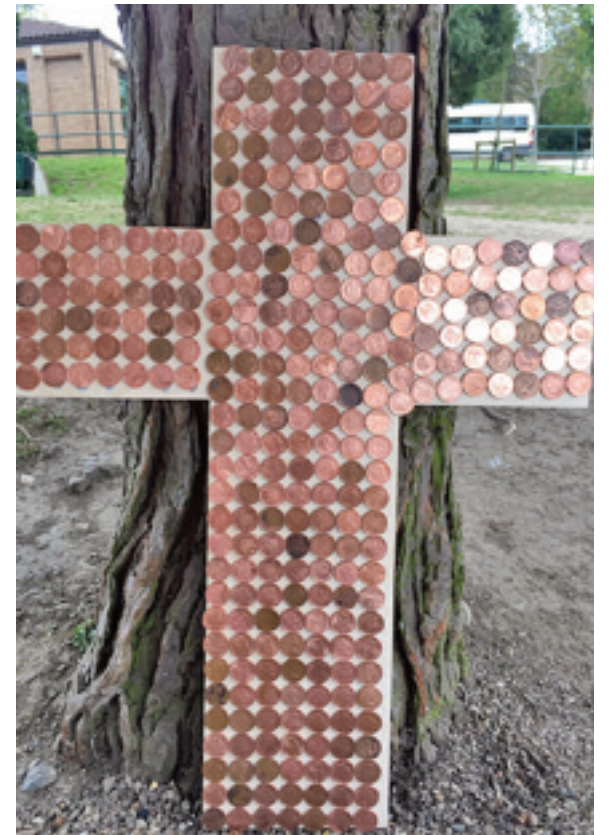
ter, 'The Joy of Love,' emphasised the importance of celebrating our faith as a family: "... the family, often called the "domestic Church", remains a foundational part of society. Its health and vibrancy are vital for the health and vibrancy of the planet. Our Catholic teachings and traditions, if properly administered, can nourish the family and help it to be ready for whatever it faces." Many Catholic schools offer the opportunity for adults to return to the Church and reflect on their own faith. This is one of many influential ways schools can have impact on individual lives and mindsets.



## NOTRE DAME'S EASTER PREPARATIONS Paid in Full

Josh Neal, RE Teacher at Notre Dame, explains, "As part of the Easter reflection this year at Notre Dame we have been focussing on how Jesus paid the debt for our sins by being crucified. To help us remember and reflect on this students have been sticking pennies onto a wooden cross to represent the price Jesus paid for our sins. These sins are our debt that Jesus paid in full, through him we are given a second chance and can start again with a clean slate. The questions for the reflection were:

- Jesus died to take away our sins - what have you done that needs to be taken away?
- Jesus died for you and me - what do you do for other people?
- How can you thank Jesus for paying our debt?"



## Easter Bake Off

The Y8 students at Notre Dame finished the half term with an Easter themed Bake Off in RE. The results were delicious and looked amazing! The students were even graced with their very own Paul Hollywood (Mr Pender) and Mary Berry (Mrs Cleary) to do the judging.



It was very close and all of the entries were amazing. The winner of the bake off (pictured above) was Hope Sefton with her Last Supper cake!

# Youth 2000 on Retreat in Hallam



Youth 2000 seeks to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, lived at the heart of the Catholic Church.

Youth 2000 has been active in youth ministry for the last 25 years.

Recently it has been very active in the Hallam Diocese. This edition of the *Hallam News* looks back with Isaac Withers as he reflects on his experiences of the The Release Retreat in Rotherham: *Light up the Sky*.

The Youth 2000 team arrived on site at St Bernard's Catholic High School, Rotherham, for the first Youth 2000 retreat since 'Conquerors' at Walsingham. There was a lot of unique things about this retreat, new things that we were excited about:

- This was a brand new location, Youth 2000 returning to the Hallam diocese after many years.
- It was the first retreat lead by the new leadership team dedicated to this year, 'commissioned' at Walsingham.
- This was also the first time we'd ever streamed any of a retreat live to the internet (and even live, nothing went wrong!)

So there was a lot of new, and we were all kind of excited about it. Over the course of the weekend 183 people were with us and from day one the tone was great. Maybe there's just something about the hospitality of the North ...

The theme of this weekend was, The Release, the subtitle 'light up the sky' being loosely taken from the scripture, '... for as the lightning flashing from one part of heaven lights up the

other, so will be the Son of Man when his Day comes.' (Luke 17:24) Because of this theme, a lot was spoken about light and darkness, it ran through a lot of the conversation of the weekend. But even beyond the talks and planned input, it cropped up. I went to confession on the first night and the priest brought the theme, I think unintentionally, into where I was at.

I shared with him that the tangible feelings I had once had for confession, the Mass and praise and worship, were fading for me. I didn't feel them as strongly as I had before, on a physical level, and a lot of my recent struggles had been very real, tangi-



ble, attractions and that part of life. I wasn't expecting an answer really, but he brought it. He said that these times of a lack of excitement, of feeling less in your relationship with God, were normal. The early years of a marriage are amazing, and then it cools down, and it deepens beyond feeling. It becomes that person just being there for you when you come home, feeling rubbish. Or, if it was a relationship always based on just feelings, it could break.

And then he spoke about Jacob, the story of him wrestling the stranger in the night. Fighting for hours, until in the morning, the person revealed themselves to be God. He spoke about how sometimes, the struggle of faith is just holding on in that fight, until the morning, when you can see God again. Sometimes it's just letting your punches be caught, until the sun rises. I'm not really doing his words justice, but it just gave me a great deal of peace.

The idea of God being not distant from our struggle was there again in

Saturday morning's talk from Barbara Onuonga, "God is not afraid of your reality, the darkness of your heart'. The world tells you that greatness is reserved for the few. But God's not got that point of view. Each of us is necessary. We are called to light up the sky."

And it was never more visible than on Saturday night. Br Joshua Kidd had heard our theme and been inspired. He told us about how at an American Youth 2000 gathering he had seen them turn the lights out so that it was just the light of the burning bush

that lit the room. Then the priest had reached to one of the candles and taken a light, which spread to candles that everyone else was holding. Gradually the light had spread and pushed the darkness away.

So, from somewhere, candles were sourced, and we watched as the same thing happened in Rotherham. And over this scene, the beginning of John's gospel was read. 'In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be made. Not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him, and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.' (John 1:1-5)

And so light filled the room. And only a few songs in, I felt it. On the hairs standing on end. In the bass drum. In the atmosphere. And as praise came to silence, everyone was left in their moment with Jesus. And these moments continued until morning light. (Which took longer because of the clocks changing - leading to an extra hour of adoration for some, and an extra hour of sleep for others. Everybody wins!)

On Sunday morning, we had a truly remarkable final talk from 95 year old priest, Fr Leonard May. I can't overempha-

size how much he made the room laugh, and how captivated everyone was by what he was saying. Words that you knew had the wisdom of a lifetime behind them.

Again, speaking on the struggle and darkness, he had this to say, "I have had some bad times in life. That's where fidelity was forged. You're Christian, you are in the fire. That's the time to trust, the time my love, my friendship with the Lord Jesus, has deepened."

And these last words, are just what I think it's worth ending on.

"It's not easy to be the friend of Jesus. But then, it never was, was it? Friend of enemies. It runs right against our culture ... We few we happy few. Do not be afraid that you are the few. That is the time for courage!"

It was such a gift of a retreat, so from all the team, a huge thank you to Bishop Ralph Heskett of Hallam and Bishop Patrick McKinney of Nottingham for being with us, and to all the priests and people of the Diocese who hosted us amazingly.



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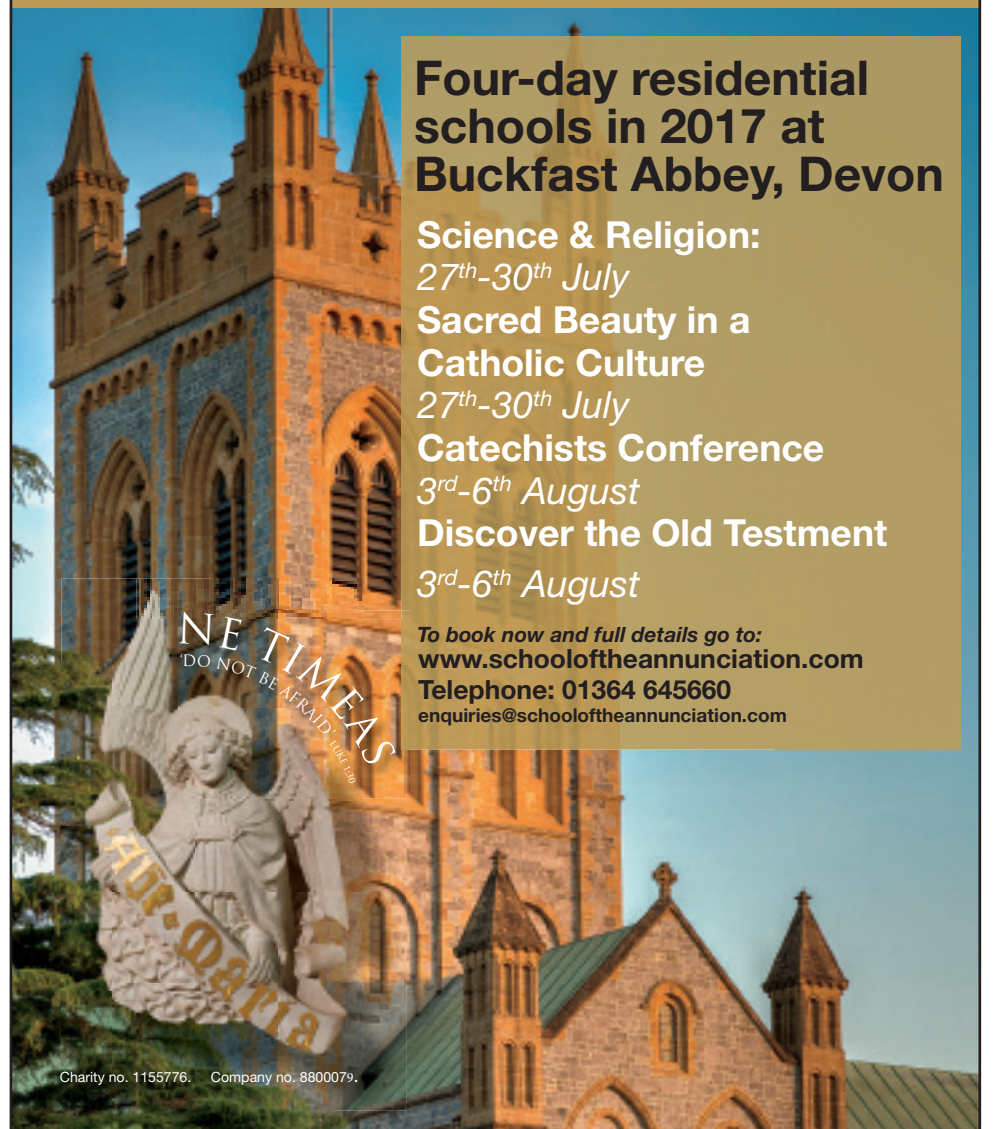
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# FATIMA CENTENARY

Nearly one hundred years ago, from May to October 1917, Our Lady appeared to three young shepherd children, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Lucia dos Santos, at Fatima in Portugal. In 2017, the World Apostolate of Fatima in England and Wales is promoting the Centenary of the Fatima apparitions through a programme of visitations to Cathedrals by the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco.

Centenary celebrations started with a Visitation of the Statue and Relics to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 18 February, when Cardinal Vincent Nichols crowned the statue and celebrated Mass. **Celebrations continue until October with visits to 18 of the Cathedrals in England and Wales, including the Cathedral Church of St Marie from 12-13 August.** For details about these Visitations go to: <http://www.worldfatima-england-wales.org.uk/visitation.html>.

The work of the World Apostolate of Fatima involves promoting the message that Our Lady gave at Fatima, when she spoke of the necessity of personal conversion, penance, and prayer, and particularly the importance of praying the Rosary for peace. She also asked for the Five First Saturdays devotion of reparation and the consecration of Russia, and promised that in the end her Immaculate Heart would triumph and a period of peace would be given to the world. The international World Apostolate of Fatima was officially approved by the

Church as a Public Association of the Faithful of Pontifical Right in October, 2010.

The Fatima message is more relevant than ever today, especially for the family. Pope St John Paul II said that the Church accepted the message of Fatima because it repeats Our Lord's call, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1: 15); and after the beatification of Francisco and Jacinta on 13 May, 2000, he said it is, "a message of conversion and hope which is the true Gospel of Christ".

In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI expressed the hope that, "the message of Fatima will be increasingly accepted, understood and lived in every community," and Pope Francis, too, has been very supportive of Fatima, and is due to visit the Shrine in May, 2017.

A special Centenary Crown was made in Portugal for the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This accompanies the statue as it journeys around England and Wales, and is used to crown it during the Visitations.

Pope Francis granted a special Fatima Centenary Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, from 27 November 2016 to 26 November 2017, for those who go on Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Fatima, or visit an image of Our Lady of Fatima which is being publicly venerated on the 13th of each month from May to October 2017. Those who cannot travel can fulfil the conditions in front of a small image of Our Lady of Fatima.

The centenary year is important since it offers the Church a chance to look again



at the message of Fatima – which is really a compendium of the Gospel for our times – and realise that the Fatima message and the Rosary are powerful weapons against modern secularism. The most important thing is not to let the centenary go by without doing something to deepen one's knowledge of Fatima.

More information about the World Apostolate of Fatima and the Message of Fatima can be found on the website of the World Apostolate of Fatima International Secretariat, at: [www.worldfatima.com](http://www.worldfatima.com). There are more details about the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales at: [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk).

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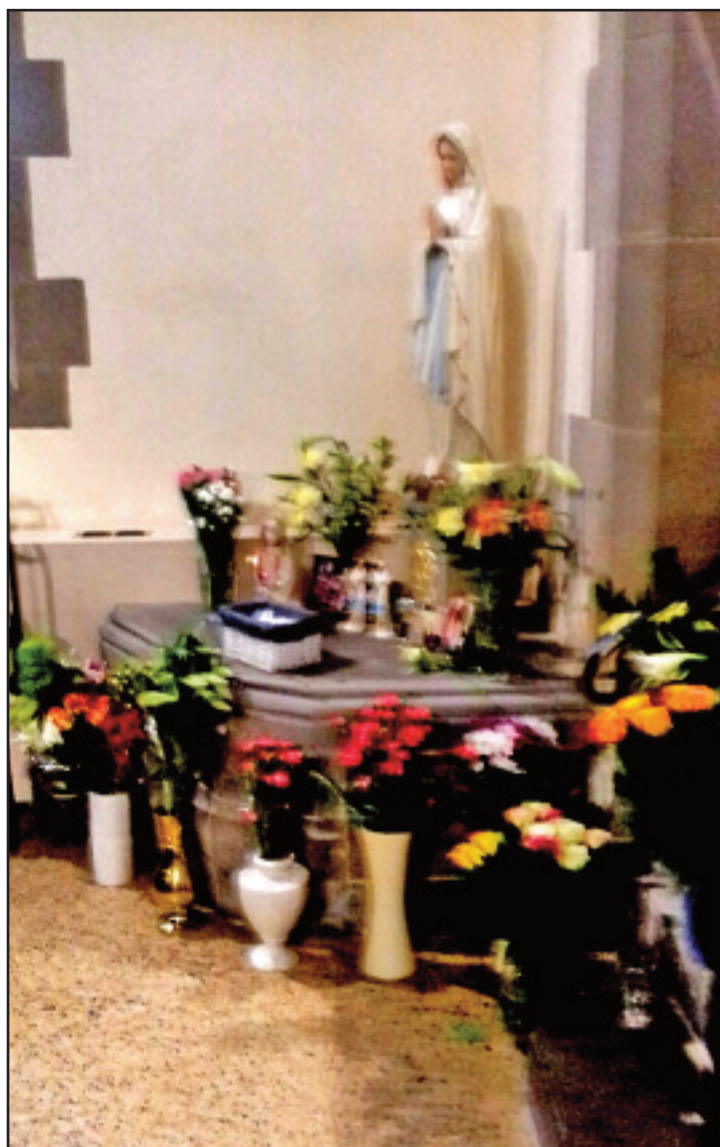
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## May Day Procession in Worsbrough



Following a now well established tradition, parishioners of Our Lady and St James parish, Worsbrough, held their May Procession to honour Our Blessed Lady on Tuesday, 2 May at 7.30 pm.

The event was well attended by parishioners from Our Lady and St James and also from other parishes. Refreshments were served afterwards in the parish hall and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Prayer petitions presented were taken by a pilgrim to Medjugorje the following weekend.

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# NEW KITCHEN FOR CARMEL!

A key feature of the care and support we offer to vulnerable people who visit Carmel Care Centre is the midday meal. For some time we have been considering the need for the refurbishment of the kitchen. This was a development very close to Bridget Warren's heart, and we would like to honour her wishes. Readers will know that she recently died and was paid a wonderful and well deserved tribute at her funeral.

To date we have received £1200 from

Vivacity Choir who nominated Carmel to receive the proceeds from their Christmas Concert. In addition to this we have received a generous donation from the Cooperative Group and, together with part of the proceeds from the Bards Concerts, the Kitchen Fund now stands at £5000.

The estimated costs of the kitchen will be in the region of £12000. If any groups or individuals would like to contribute, their donations will be gratefully

received. Carmel continues to thrive in no small means due to the work undertaken by Bridget and the volunteers over the years. If readers know anyone who would benefit from visiting Carmel please telephone 0114 2335727 or drop in on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, 172 Dykes Hall Road, Sheffield, S6 4GS.

Stuart Hanlon,  
Diocesan Caring Services Co-ordinator



Vivacity Choir, based in Sheffield

# Seven Dwarfs in the Seven Hills

St Wilfrid's Players were proud to present their pantomime, 'Seven Dwarfs in the Seven Hills' recently at the Mother of God Parish Centre, Sheffield.

The Centre for homeless and vulnerable people run a drama group every week and have fourteen committed members. Together with their drama tutor, Rachel Wood, who encouraged everyone to bring their ideas and suggestions to the group, the clients put together the plot and gradually 'Seven Dwarfs in the Seven Hills' was



created.

This year's show, based on what the dwarfs got up to after Snow White had gone off to get married, was full of comedic moments and showed the characters of the cast at their very best. The performances were, as every year, bright and colourful with lots of singing and dancing. Enthusiastic audience participation really made the whole experience for the cast a memorable one.

St Wilfrid's Centre Director, Josie Brooks, opened the event with an entertaining version of 'The Little List Song' from the opera 'Mikado'. In the song Josie gave her observations of her first few months at the Centre, accompanied by Terry Scully, the multitasking Finance Officer, (pictured left).

Josie said of her first experience of St Wilfrid's pantomime, "The performance was great, full of laughter and camaraderie and obvious enjoyment amongst the cast. Clients, volunteers and staff worked very hard, particularly in the week building up to the show. Very well done everyone!"

The pantomime raised over £800 for the Centre. Thank you to all who supported the event.

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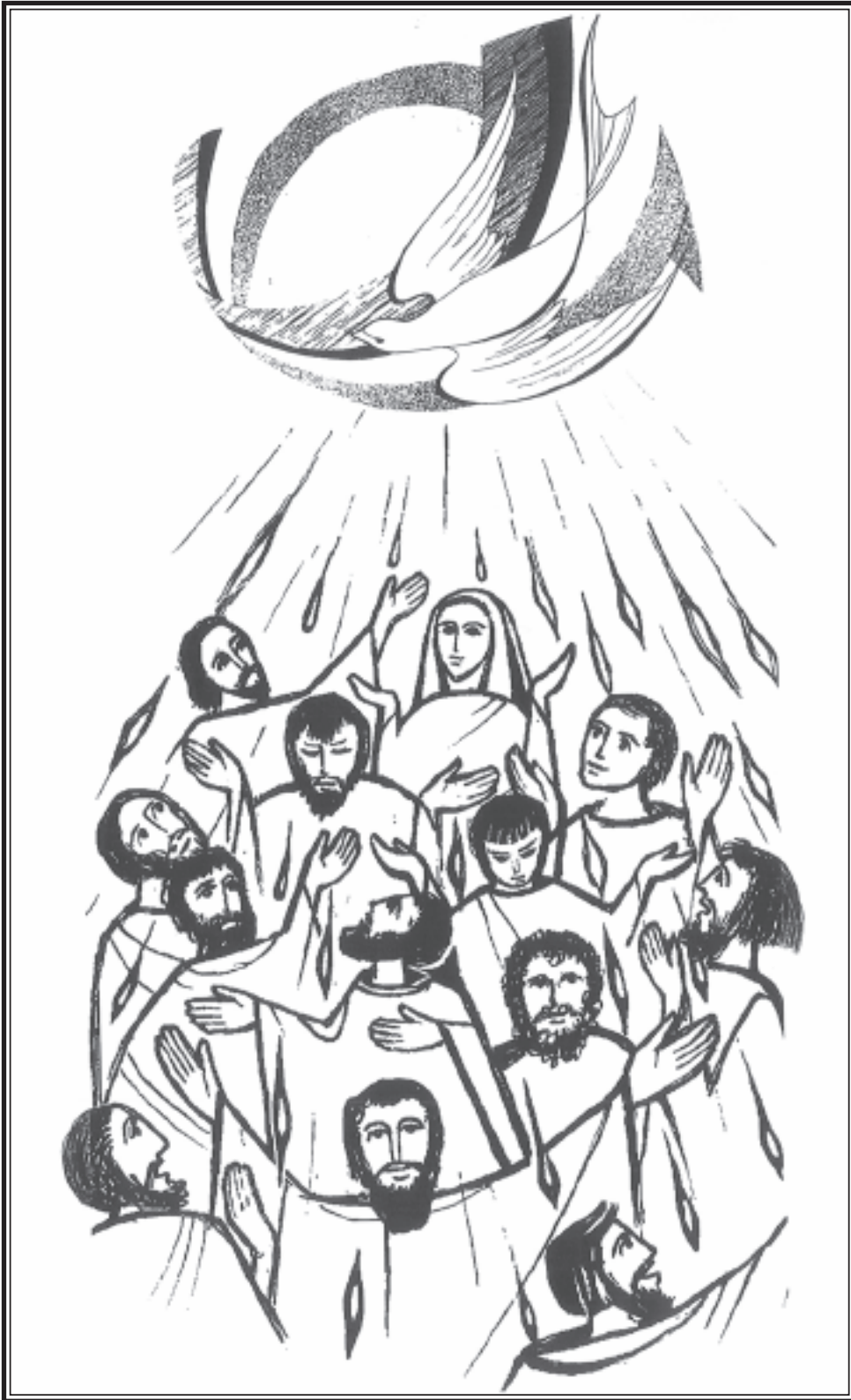
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# Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

## The Story of Pentecost

This month we celebrate Pentecost

It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the Church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. Then, it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

God's Holy Spirit is like the wind: we can't see him, but we can know that he is there, just like we can know that the wind is there. We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can hear him. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20). The Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts.

Another way we can know that the Holy Spirit is there is that we can see him moving people to do God's will. The Bible says that the Spirit of God moves his people to speak and to do things for him. (Peter 2, 1:21). We can't see God, but we can see people doing things that God's Holy Spirit has moved them to do. We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel his presence - "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me" (Psalm 23:4). The Bible also says that "if we love one another, God lives in us."

So we may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because if we look carefully, we can feel his presence in our life. Give it a try!

Colour in our picture of Pentecost



I wonder ...

how do you think the apostles felt when Jesus had left them and ascended to heaven?

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how do you think they felt at Pentecost when they knew the Holy Spirit was with them?

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## Children's Liturgy

We missed receiving your pictures of your Parish Priests, but hope to have your contributions for the Picture Gallery very soon. We know there are some brilliant artists out in Hallam. When you send in your photographs please attach your name and age, the name of the Priest and the name of the Parish. We will try to include as many as possible in next month's edition, but all will be displayed on our website gallery.

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## Walking the Great Wall for Barnsley Hospice



John Gregson, retired headteacher of Holy Rood School in Barnsley, has been busy raising money for Barnsley Hospice. So far the total stands at over £1,500 and recently John spent 7 days on an organised trek on the Great Wall of China to raise more. He was accompanied by his wife and youngest daughter, and also Louise Mullany who was deputy head at Holy Rood School until she retired last year. They did 130,000 steps and over 1,300 flights of steps - so steep in places that they were using their hands to climb up! The wall itself is over 5,000 miles long and John visited three sections of it, staying in Chinese homesteads - very basic but with excellent Chinese food every night.



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# Sea Sunday - Apostleship of the Sea

Going to sea has often been portrayed in books and films as a romantic and adventurous life. The reality is very different. And one of the hardest things for a modern seafarer is coping with the isolation and loneliness on board.

9 July is Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of Apostleship of the Sea, whose chaplains and ship visitors provide practical and pastoral help in ports around the coast of Britain. Apostleship of the Sea is unique in being the only Catholic agency serving the maritime industry.

We might never think about seafarers, but they play a crucial role in all our lives. For around 90% of goods imported into the UK arrive by sea. That's everything from cars and coffee to bananas and fridges. If the world's 1.5 million seafarers went on strike, then many of our shops would soon be empty.

Nowadays ships have very small crews. For example, the largest British-registered ship, the CMA GCM Kerguelen, which can carry 17,000 containers and is the length of four football pitches, only has 26 crew members.



Rev Roger Stone, Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain in Southampton, said many seafarers talk to him about feeling lonely on long voyages. "Seafarers work closely with the same people for a long time, eat in the same place, sit opposite the same person every meal time."

A small crew has serious implications for seafarers, he explained. "The smaller the crew, the less variety seafarers have in their workplace. All it takes is for one awkward or difficult character and the atmosphere changes for the worse."

And the fact that a crew is usually made up of seafarers from different countries can also affect conditions on board, he added. "Sometimes there are culture clashes which can lead to isolation for seafarers. This applies as much to senior officers as it does to junior. Smaller crews mean it's even more difficult to go ashore and 'be normal' if only for an hour or two."

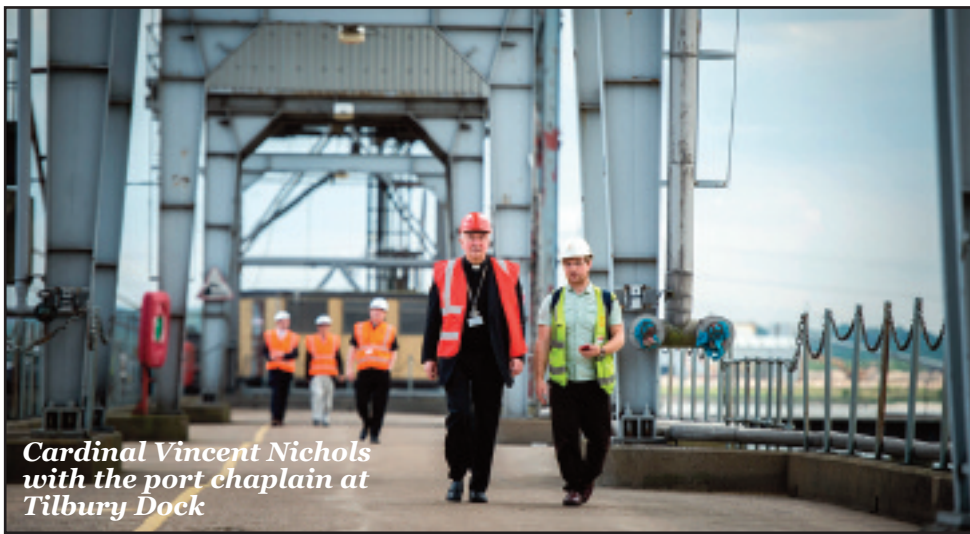
Most of us get to see our family and close friends regularly. But for seafarers, with nine-month contracts common on many ships, this isn't the case.

They accept this sacrifice stoically, as going to sea is often

the only way to earn enough money to support their families, who are often in poorer parts of the world, such as the Philippines, India, or Ukraine.

Few ships have internet access and using a satellite phone is very expensive. That's why when Apostleship of the Sea port chaplains go on board a ship they always carry a supply of mobile phone top-up and SIM cards.

Wojciech Holub, Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain to Tilbury and the Thames, recounted a conversation recently with a captain, "I asked him, when do you sleep?" "He smiled and said he slept when he could". "But how you can you sleep with all the noise from containers and cranes?" I said. He replied, "You get used to it. I know seafarers who cannot sleep without noise, so when they go home, they sleep close to fridge."



Cardinal Vincent Nichols with the port chaplain at Tilbury Dock



Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain in Immingham

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