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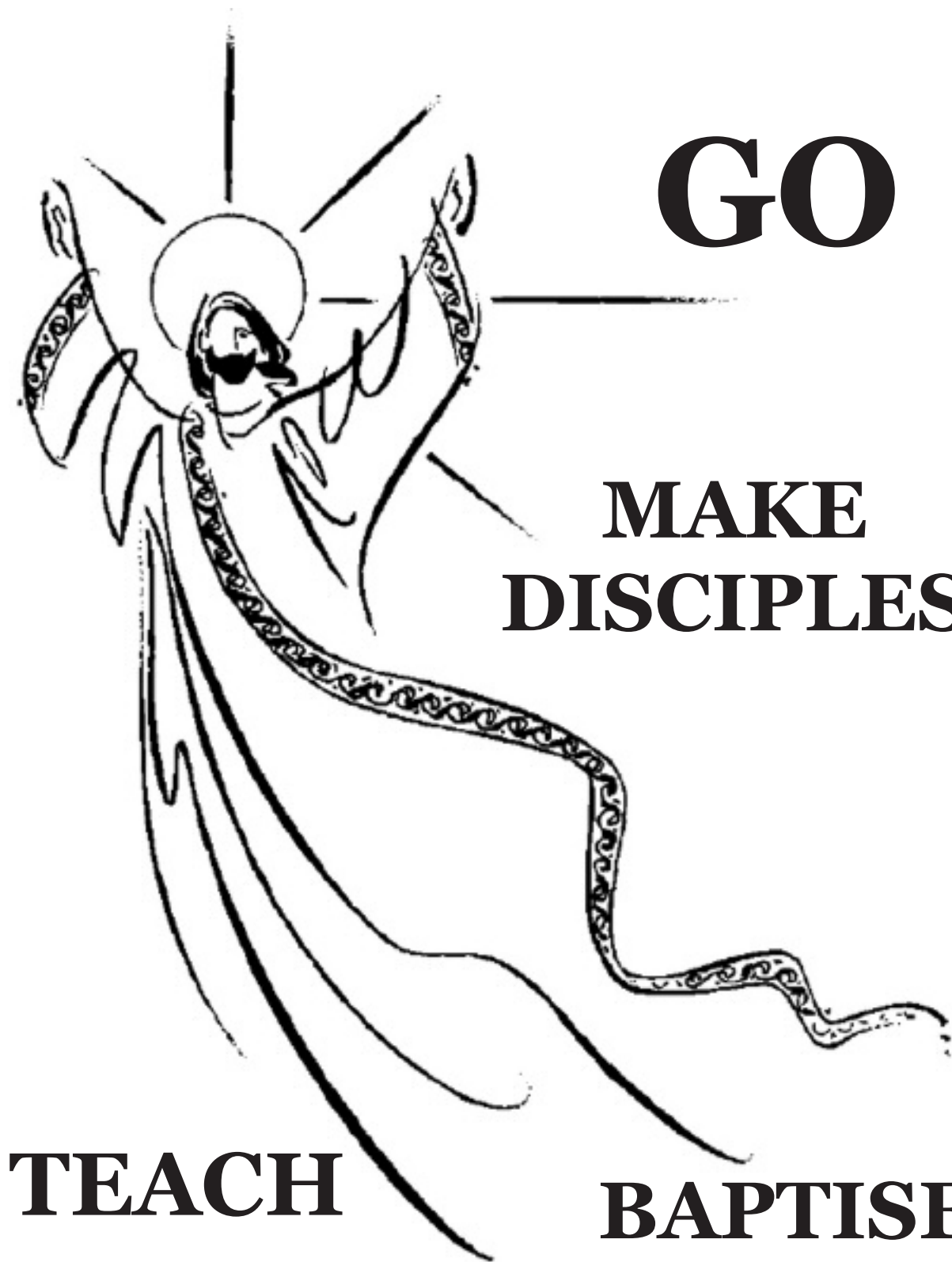
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I Am With You Always

**Pastoral Letter Read at all Masses
on the weekend of the
Feast of The Ascension 2017**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today's feast celebrates Jesus 'coming full circle.' He came to us from the Father to accomplish his own unique mission and now he returned to the Father having achieved what he was sent to do. It must have been a particular joyous moment for Jesus but one of the most difficult moments for the disciples on their journey with Jesus. Their Master and Teacher who had opened their eyes and had been taken from them in a most horrific way and returned from the dead and had walked with them.

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What's on in July

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | | dral, Sheffield. |
| 5 | Hallam Ascent Group meet with Fr Colum Kelly, Apostleship of the Sea Chaplain at Immingham Docks, (Sea Sunday 9 July), at St Francis of Assisi parish hall, 277 Sandgate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm. For more details: 0114 2306797 or ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 12 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD. |
| | | 12 | Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance with live music at the Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All very welcome. |
| 11 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 25 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |

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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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| 2 | St William, Sheffield. |
| 9 | St Joseph, Dinnington. |
| 16 | St Paul, Grimethorpe. |
| 23 | St Gerard, Thrybergh. |
| 30 | St Mary, High Green |

PADLEY

PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2017

**INTERDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE IN
HONOUR OF THE PADLEY MARTYRS
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WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2017



Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place on Saturday, 15 July.

Bishop Ralph will lead the pilgrimage.
There will be pick up points throughout the Diocese.



A procession will begin at 2.15pm from Friday Market, along pilgrim way to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham for Holy Mass at 4pm, which will be the vigil Mass for the 15th Sunday in ordinary time.



There will be a programme of the day's proceedings for each Pilgrim included in the price of the coach fare, which is £17 for adults, £11 students and children.

To book seats and other information, ring Tom McNicholas on 01226 242145.

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Pastoral Letter Read at all Masses on the weekend of the Feast of The Ascension 2017

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Now, it would seem, they are going to lose him for a second time.

But today's feast is also about 'passing on the baton'. At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus set out his stall announcing that the Kingdom of Heaven was close at hand, calling the people to repentance and to believe in the Good News. Now the responsibility for the task/ministry was being passed on to the apostles and disciples. He mandates them to continue his saving work, drawing all nations to the truth of the gospel. He knows that his life's project will only continue if those whom he commissions are committed to make it work.

Matthew reminds us that Jesus' mandate to his disciples, then and now, is to go, to make disciples, to baptise, and to teach.

To go: Communion and Mission are intrinsically linked. At the end of every Eucharist, for example, we are dismissed with these or similar words: "Go forth. The Mass is ended."

To make disciples: As Jesus called the fishermen and trained them up as "learners", imitating his way of life and, little by little, understanding his message, his followers ever since have been entrusted with the responsibility of calling others and training them to understand his message and follow his ways.

To baptise: Baptism is not an optional extra for the followers of Jesus. Rather it is the public and visible way by which we are marked out as his disciples and share in the name of the living God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To teach: The Gospel of Jesus promotes a lifestyle that is different. As his disciples we are to give the time and energy to learning and practising this lifestyle ourselves and sharing it with new disciples.

Last weekend marked the third anniversary of the announcement of me as your Bishop. It has been an interesting period in my life to say the least! As I have moved around the diocese, I have been touched by the warmth of your welcome and encouraged to see for myself the many good initiatives that are happening in the parishes. It has been my special joy to visit the schools in the diocese.

But as I have moved around the diocese I have also observed for myself a diocesan structure created to serve a Mass-going population of over 30,000 when the diocese was set up and now serving a Mass attendance of under 12,000. My judgment is that the present cannot be sustained and the work of renewal can no longer be deferred.

In Evangelium Gaudium, Pope Francis spells out my role as Bishop in this regard:

The Bishop must always foster this missionary communion in his diocesan Church, following the ideal of the first Christian communities in which believers were of one heart and one soul. (Acts 4:32). To do so, he will sometimes go before his people pointing the way and keeping their hopes vibrant. Other times he will simply be in their midst with his unassuming and merciful presence. And yet at other times, he will have to walk with them, helping those who lag behind – above all – allowing the flock to strike out on new paths.

With this in mind, in recent weeks there have been discussions and consultations across the diocese about the future of the diocese in general and about the shape of our parish communities, in particular, and, how we might, given our present resources, make them 'a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of missionary outreach.' EG28. Some of these discussions have concluded and decisions taken. Other discussions are on-going and there will be more difficult decisions to be taken at the end of these. I know that my name will be held less than 'hallowed' over the next few weeks and months that lie ahead!

Inevitably, there will be a sense and experience of personal loss for some as we look to the possibility of mergers and closures. Of all, I seek understanding, flexibility and spirit of self-sacrifice. I genuinely fear that not to act now, would risk the future of our diocese. I am conscious, too, that one day I will have to give an account of my stewardship as the Bishop of the diocese.

One thing I wish to make clear is that the decisions I have already made and will take in the future are not about managing decline, but rather preparing and planning for the future of the diocese, so as to enable it in the years to come to effectively carry out Jesus' mandate in this corner of the Lord's vineyard: **to go, to make disciples, to baptise and to teach.** Above all, we must not give way to pessimism for we have his promise in today's gospel, 'And look, I am with you always; yes, until the end of time.'

Yours sincerely in Christ, the Redeemer
+Ralph

First Holy Communion at St Hugh's



On a lovely sunny Sunday morning in May nine children from St Hugh's Church, Newbold, Chesterfield, made their First Holy Communion.

They were supported by family, friends and members of the whole community. The children were very involved in the celebration; welcoming everyone to Mass,

doing the readings, bidding prayers and Offertory Procession.

At the end of Mass Fr Joseph Okeke, Parish Priest, thanked the children, parents and everyone present for coming along and making the event special; and both catechists, Sandra Asquith and John Harden for preparing the children for reception of the Sacrament.

On 7 July Lawrence Whyte will give an illustrated talk, 'Walking The Camino' at St Vincent's Church, Crookes at 7.15pm. Tickets £8, to include Spanish refreshments. Proceeds are for the St Justin group, based in the parish, supporting projects in developing countries. Contact Steve Foley: 0114 230 5254, or Marie Miller: 0114 2683202.



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Bishop of Salford Delivers Inspiring El Salvador and Nicaragua Talk

The Bishop of Salford, Rt Rev John Arnold, visited Sheffield to deliver an inspiring speech about his experiences of poverty and development.

The talk, entitled "Poverty or Simplicity? Survival or development?" was hosted by Bishop John Arnold, who visited the Central American countries of Nicaragua and El Salvador in November, 2016.

El Salvador was badly affected by a civil war which lasted over a decade from 1980 until 1992.

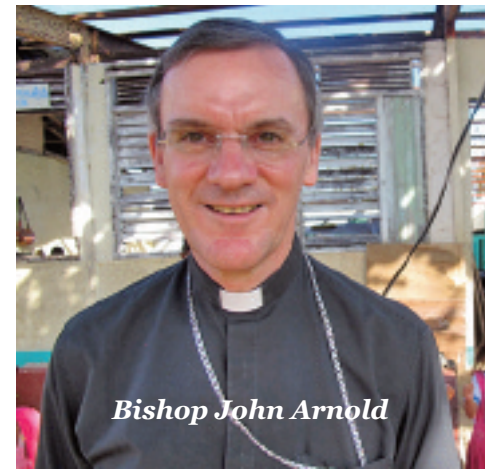
Bishop John, who is chair of the Catholic aid agency CAFOD, shared his thoughts from his ten-day trip to Central America, where he saw for himself some of the important work the charity does with communities in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

He said, "Many young men in

El Salvador were pressed into the army. The area has suffered in recent years by the increasing control of gangs."

Bishop John continued, "For some years I have had meetings in one of the conference rooms at CAFOD's Romero House where there is a lovely picture on the wall of a beautiful and smiling family – presumably from Central America. On the trip I met them! We stopped to talk to a driver who had come to give directions and I thought 'I recognise you!' I asked and it was confirmed that he, Fidel Ramos, and his family were in the photograph in London."

CAFOD supporter, Clare Gardner, was at the talk and felt inspired by the stories which were shared by Bishop John. She said, "Bishop John brought to life the work that CAFOD is doing in Central America. It was a privilege to hear from someone who has seen it first hand and I'm sure everyone who attended



Bishop John Arnold

went away reinvigorated in their commitment to CAFOD."

The talk was part of CAFOD's Connect2 scheme which links communities in England and Wales with people in Brazil, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Cambodia and Peru.

Connect2 is built on CAFOD's values of solidarity and partnership, where parishes in the UK are able to stand alongside communities overseas to fight against poverty and injustice. For more information, visit cafod.org.uk/connect2.



Fidel Ramos with his family

MARRIAGE ~ Love is Not Boastful or Arrogant

Jane and Charles Perryman continue their series about Marriage

When Pope Francis discusses the next characteristic of love that Paul highlights in 1 Cor 13: 4, he refers to 1 Cor 8:1 where Paul says that "love builds up". Francis comments, "Some think that they are important because they are more knowledgeable than others; they want to lord it over them. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern, and embraces the weak". (AL 97).

No parents are perfect – even the best parents! As a result we grow into adolescence and adulthood with some emotional hurts. Those hurts may be soothed or added to in other relationships before we come to marriage. We all want to feel good about ourselves and we all want the approval of other people. These are two fundamental emotional needs. If a child is constantly being compared unfavourably to a brother or sister; if a child is never praised and only receives criticism, then they will grow up believing that they are never going to be good enough in someone else's eyes; that they are unlikely ever to get the approval they desperately need. They are also unlikely to feel good about themselves because they will have come to see themselves as failures.

In those circumstances, what people do is to try and cover up or deaden the pain. They often do this by trying desperately to promote themselves, sometimes exaggerating their achievements or by becoming overbearing. This is not very attractive but it is understandable. John Powell SJ, a well-known spiritual writer in the 1980s, asks in one of his books, "Did you ever have a toothache?" He is pointing out how difficult it is for someone who is hurting badly to be able to

reach out to others.

In one of his earliest homilies about marriage and family life Pope Francis spoke of the importance of "please", "thank you" and "I'm sorry". In the context of the comments of Paul saying love builds up, it is the "thank you" that is important and the one that we focus on here.

In the inevitably busy lives that most married couples live today it is very easy to take each other for granted; to overlook the effort that our spouse has put into the work that they do day in and day out. For those who are unsure of how valued they are, the failure to find any appreciation hurts. On the other hand those who feel secure about their sense of self-worth need less appreciation. Because they don't need the appreciation it is easy for them to overlook the needs of their spouse. In last month's article, we referred to Gary Chapman's book, "The Five Love languages" and we gave the example of how very often when we need to be loved in a particular way by our spouse we model that behaviour for them. A person who needs appreciation will often show their appreciation in the hope that their partner will notice. Relationships thrive on appreciation. Being appreciated confirms that we are important to our partner.

Marriage provides a wonderful opportunity for healing. If, over the years, a person is constantly affirmed as lovable, desired and appreciated then it is possible that all of the doubts about themselves, all of the hurts of the past, can be transformed. Then the temptation to boast about oneself and to push oneself forward and become overbearing will diminish.



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St Vincent's Furniture Store Celebrates 30 Years

On Friday, 19 May, St Vincent's Furniture Store celebrated 30 years of helping the vulnerable and those coming out of homelessness in Sheffield.

To mark this fantastic achievement a Celebration Dinner and Dance was held at Baldwin's Omega. With almost 100 people in attendance a great night was had by all.

Lord David Blunkett was our guest speaker and we also had entertainment from our Mother of God's Got Talent winner, Connie Campbell.

Bishop Ralph, Mgr Kilgannon and the new Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Anne Murphy, were also welcomed on the evening, along with our long-time supporter and 'Mother of God's Got Talent' Judge, Radio Sheffield presenter, Paulette Edwards.

The BBC news report which had been put together for our 25th Anniversary by 3 young reporters from All Saints Catholic High School was also shown. The report outlines the work that is carried out at the Store, with interviews from staff and volunteers, along with a journey on the van.

Following a delicious 4 course meal, David Blunkett addressed everyone, telling many funny stories about his time as an MP and also his younger days growing up in Parson Cross, when they were so poor that their double glazing was the ice on the inside of the windows. He also touched on the fantastic work that the Furniture Store carries out and its importance to the City. He finished by thanking the staff and volunteers for all they do.

Following David's speech we then had two songs from Connie ('Mother of God's Got Talent' 2016 winner); both songs

were from the shows, one from Les Misérables and the other from Miss Saigon.

The Honourable Mike Murphy, who is an Ambassador for the Store, spoke about the work that takes place and the help that is given to people who have nothing and are in so much need. He thanked the staff and volunteers for all their efforts in keeping the Store going and also congratulated them on achieving 30 years.

Along with our own Little Ant and Dec (from 'Mother of God's Got Talent'), Mike then carried out the funniest raffle draw in history.

Back in 1987, 4 members of the Mother of God and St Wilfrid SVP Conference had an idea to help people who were struggling and in need when it came to buying beds for their children, having a table to eat at or just a chair to sit on. Who would have thought that 30 years later from this little acorn, nearly 100,000 people have been assisted with almost 10,000 tonnes of recycled furniture and household goods? Every individual and/or family receives our assistance completely free of charge.

Lorraine Healy, Manager of the Furniture Store, said, "This could not be done without the donations of both money and furniture that people have made to the Store over the years, so thank you to everyone and please continue your invaluable support."

"Thank you from the Store to all who attended on the night and helped in any way. A special word of thanks to Mike Murphy, an Ambassador for the Store and a true gentleman."

Lorraine Healy



Left to right: Kayto, Paulette Edwards, Ralph Dickins, Lorraine Healy, Mike Murphy, David Blunkett, Anne Murphy, Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Margaret Blunkett



Ready to dine



Lord David Blunkett



Nick Hardwick (aka Little Ant) (left) and Mike Murphy

St Vincents Furniture Store and St Wilfrid's Centre at the Garden Party

On Tuesday, 23 May, Lorraine Healy from St Vincent's Furniture Store and Louise Finnigan from St Wilfrid's Centre, Sheffield attended the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham

Palace.

It was a wonderful day and a tribute to all the staff, volunteers and supporters of both charities that Louise and Lorraine were invited to attend.



Louise Finnigan (left) and Lorraine Healy at Buckingham Palace



THE VIRGIN EYE
by Robin Daniels

The Virgin Eye by Robin Daniels inspires us to see the world anew through the innocent eyes of a child, so as to become more aware of God's presence in everyday life and encounters.

This book offers insights into contemplative prayer and mindfulness; making wise decisions; enjoying a creative relationship; slowing down; and managing change and stress. Daniels demonstrates how we can put St Paul's challenge request to 'pray without ceasing' into practice. He explores how we can turn suffering and trial into opportunity and growth, as we learn to see God, ourselves and other people with a pure heart and a pure eye

This book is a treasure.
Sister Wendy Beckett, Art Critic, BBC's Sister Wendy's Odyssey

I wish it had been available years ago. It should be required reading.
Roy Godwin, Executive Director, The Ffald-y-Brenin Trust and author of The Grace Outpouring

Highly recommended!
Brian M. Noble, Emeritus Bishop of Shrewsbury

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Pupils from Barlborough Hall School



Pupils from Immaculate Conception School, Spinkhill with Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Nicola Field

Hallam Schools and Hallam Caring Services Celebrate Together

On Tuesday, 16 May, St Marie's Cathedral was packed with young people from Hallam diocesan Catholic schools for a special May devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The liturgy was also the annual celebration of schools' fundraising for the Good Shepherd Appeal for Hallam Caring Services.

Pupils, students and teachers arrived with their banners, flowers and donations, many carrying their own version of the famous icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patron of our diocese.

The congregation started to celebrate with the help of the InReality Youth team, before partaking in the beautiful liturgy organised by Bernadette Jenkinson and the pupils of St Mary's Catholic Primary, Herringthorpe. The congregation was told about the apparitions of Our Lady in Lourdes, Fatima, Knock and Guadeloupe, accompanied by ritual presentations, such as the scattering of rose petals and a torchlight procession, and joined in enthusiastically with a number of Marian hymns, before listening to a short address from Bishop Ralph and the presentation of cheques and flowers during the singing of 'As I Kneel Before You'.

Stuart Hanlon, Co-Ordinator of Hallam Caring Services, said, "This was a marvellous celebration. Having looked at the cathedral full with young people, I told Bishop Ralph that the Church is certainly alive in Hallam diocese! It would be lovely to repeat this shared event between our charity and the schools."



Pupils from Corpus Christi Federation present their cheque to Bishop Ralph and Stuart Hanlon, Co-ordinator of Hallam Caring Services



Pupils and members of staff from St Mary's Primary School, Chesterfield with Bishop Ralph



A member of the InReality Team leading part of the celebration

EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

Devotion to Mary **CAFOD** Pupils Report on CAFOD Fundraising

The children of Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Worksop recently took part in a school pilgrimage as a devotion to Mary, in the month of May.

The children were encouraged to look at the many ways she has revealed herself to us, the various interpretations of her through centuries of Catholic artwork and the significances of each.

Each class had been given a different image of Mary to focus on and spectacular pieces of art were created.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the pilgrimage around school exploring the different shrines and taking part in reflection and prayer.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School raised approximately £305 for CAFOD's 'Big Fish Little Fish'. From Reception to Year 6 all pupils participated in 'Big Fish Little Fish'. Children were asked to bring in any coin from 1p-£2. Mrs Hayes and some children helped draw fish with scales for the coins to be placed on.

Every £4 would buy 26 thumb sized fish which would eventually become big fish. These big fish will be used to help other people around the world for different reasons; some would be eaten and others sold to earn money for the poorer parts of the world.

Year 3, however, were raising money themselves by doing a Water Aid bake sale in the playground. They were selling buns and biscuits and raised around £52. All the money we raised went to CAFOD's 'Big Fish Little Fish'.

It is good to raise money for others and to know that our money is going to a very good cause.

By Anastasia Antoniow and Thomas Wynne



Happy Birthday Rainbows!



Children and staff at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Primary School, Armthorpe, Doncaster have been celebrating 25 years of Rainbows GB.

The children and staff all dressed up in as many different colours as possible to help raise money for this fantastic charity. It was a great day and over £100 was raised. Children spoke in assembly about how Rainbows has helped them through difficult times in their lives.

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The Prodigal Sons Movement

In April a small group of young men from the Hallam Diocese joined together with other like-minded men from around the country to help form what is becoming known as 'The Prodigal Sons Movement'. Here is one of their reflections.

The Prodigal Sons Movement is a group of men, who meet to spend time in the outdoors, interspersing this time with some teaching on the Spiritual life. However, we believe that hidden within this structure is a theme that is broad enough to be inclusive, but specific enough for a Catholic man to build his life around. Our focus is an attempt to enable men to live out their graces bestowed upon them at their Baptism.

Our first retreat, named 'On the Mountain', took place at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick, Cumbria. Drawing together approximately twenty-five men we took our first tentative steps into the subject of identity and sonship. During the weekend, we were able to set out time for a three-hour hike taking in some of the surrounding scenery before ending off with some abseiling; interspersing this time with prayer and talks. Our next retreat 'Into the Wild' built on our first as we delved deeper in the mystery of the sonship bestowed on us at our Baptism. Basing ourselves in a mountain club in Snowdonia, Wales we made exploration of the surrounding hills a big component of the retreat, but still left time for the more prosaic activities of a barbecue fish dinner on the Friday and some social time around the campfire on the Satur-

day.

However, our main reason for coming together on both weekends was to spend time with the Father. This, we also accomplished. In Wales we made use of a disused Chapel allowing us to attend Mass courtesy of the two priests accompanying us, including a Palm Sunday procession through a sleepy Welsh village. Also, Confession was available throughout the weekend, along with Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity to pray for and with each other. This simple format is what we hope to base all of our future retreats on.

Looking forward, we are keen to discern the call to what exactly we are attempting to offer; this group is still very much in its infancy. When we started, we knew we had to do something and left the details to gradually evolve. This approach appears to be bearing much fruit. However, we are not simply adding another male spirituality group to a clustered calendar of Catholic events. There is a focus. We believe that many men are hampered by an identity crisis. As old certainties pass away and as the foundations on which a man had previously staked his identity slowly crumble, the Catholic man is faced with a crossroads. Either he heeds to the world and allows its fashions and whims to dictate the most fundamental questions of his life, or he decides to step back into the arena and stakes his claim on the inheritance that was lost in the Garden but won back on the Cross.

Our aim is to free men from the spiri-



tual bondage that can prevent them the living out the fullness of the Christian life. We therefore focus on spiritual warfare, acknowledging there is an enemy and that one of the many strategies he employs is to blind us to the extraordinary power we have as adopted sons of God, partakers of the Divine nature and temples of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1265). To counter this attack, we concentrate on the five keys of repentance, faith, forgiveness, renunciation and taking authority in the name of Jesus. Through the building up of identity we hope to move on to tackle the big questions of life, helping men formulate a life vision that provides answers to the questions of what am I being called to do, where does my mission fit within the Church and how can I keep growing. By developing within a group of men, we hope to be able to hold each other accountable to this vision, encouraging and building each other up to produce fruit, fruit that will last.

There is much work to be done. The fact that ever increasing numbers of men have shown up for our retreats indicates that there is a demand. The specific nature of what this group will grow to or how exactly it will serve the wider Church is something we do not have hold of at this time. At this moment, all we have is the palpable excitement to be at the birth of something that is, we hope, in some small way, bringing about the Kingdom on earth and advancing us, one step at a time, home, into the life of the Father.

We require joiners not followers. If you want to participate somehow in our group, attend our retreats, help us financially or logistically, you can contact us at prodigalsonsuk@gmail.com. Our website will hopefully be up soon, as will our new more developed social media presence but, for now, email communication is the best way to get in and stay in touch.

Joseph Labre



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News from the Shekelton Brothers in Barcelos

Hello all

The last two weeks before Holy Week saw me take a two week trip up the river to visit communities. Peter stayed behind in the town and then I arrived back for Holy Week. This year we celebrated Holy Week in two places. Here in the town in the centre, and in one of the furthest areas of the town that is growing quickly. During the week there was a retreat and missions for young people, which were well attended, and Easter celebrations in the different schools.

Holy Week was accompanied by plenty of rain and cool weather. Colds and coughs abounded but we seem to be on the mend once again. At the moment we are working on different projects amongst which is an Easter celebration for the sick and housebound.

The cemetery here in Barcelos is an interesting place. Not really the sort of place where you would want to walk through, never mind leave a departed loved one. Bit of an eye sore! Dirty and depressing are words that come to mind but anyone who dies around these parts necessarily finishes up in the cemetery. The state of the cemetery is not really surprising. In the mindset of a person who has come from anywhere in the modern civilized world, the opinion of this place would be that the majority of people here live amongst dirt, falling down, half built rickety old houses, little hygiene, no sense of décor or care to details. Here it is normality. And if life is spent this way, why should the cemetery be any different? There are overgrown, muddy graves, some half open with the odd bone sticking out, graffiti and rubbish strewn about the place. It's a sad state of affairs. But what can be scandalous for some is a normality for others. Having said this, there are universal truths such as the dignity of life. No matter what the culture or continent, dignity of life should always be something that is present but often it's the last thing on people's minds.

Our contribution is always like a drop of water in the ocean but we



try to promote a bit of dignity in ways we can, helping people to live and die in a dignified way. Easter celebrates the passion, death and Resurrection of Christ. It's this wonderful mystery that gives us reason to hope and purpose in life.

Included amongst the pics is Lulu who sadly died before Easter. I adopted her a year ago after finding her abandoned in a community and, having a soft spot for man's best friend, I brought her back. She was good to have around as a parish dog and good company. She was a mongrel like all the dogs here, but she got the best food and treatment going! In the end she died due to infection caused by her dead puppies that she wasn't able to give birth to.

Anyway must get this mail off before the next batch of rain comes in so I'll end here.

Keep us in the prayers and God bless, Fr James and Fr Peter



Pictured at the top, Fr James out and about in the parish.

Above, Lulu, Fr James' canine companion.

Below, the cemetery in Barcelos after some tidying up work.



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Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

The Feast of Corpus Christi

First of all, big congratulations to all those children who have recently made their First Holy Communion! They have all worked hard to prepare for this big day, and from now on, they will be able to receive the bread and wine transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

In June we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi. Do you know what Corpus Christi means? They are Latin words. 'Corpus' means 'body', and 'Christi' means 'of Christ'.



Each time we celebrate Mass we remember when Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his friends. At this special meal, Jesus took bread and giving thanks, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this all of you, and eat it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you."

Then he took the chalice and once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."

Each time we share Holy Communion we are doing what Jesus did with his friends and we remember what he said to his friends.

Colour in our pictures of the Last Supper and the celebration of Mass

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I wonder ...

how the disciples felt sitting with Jesus?

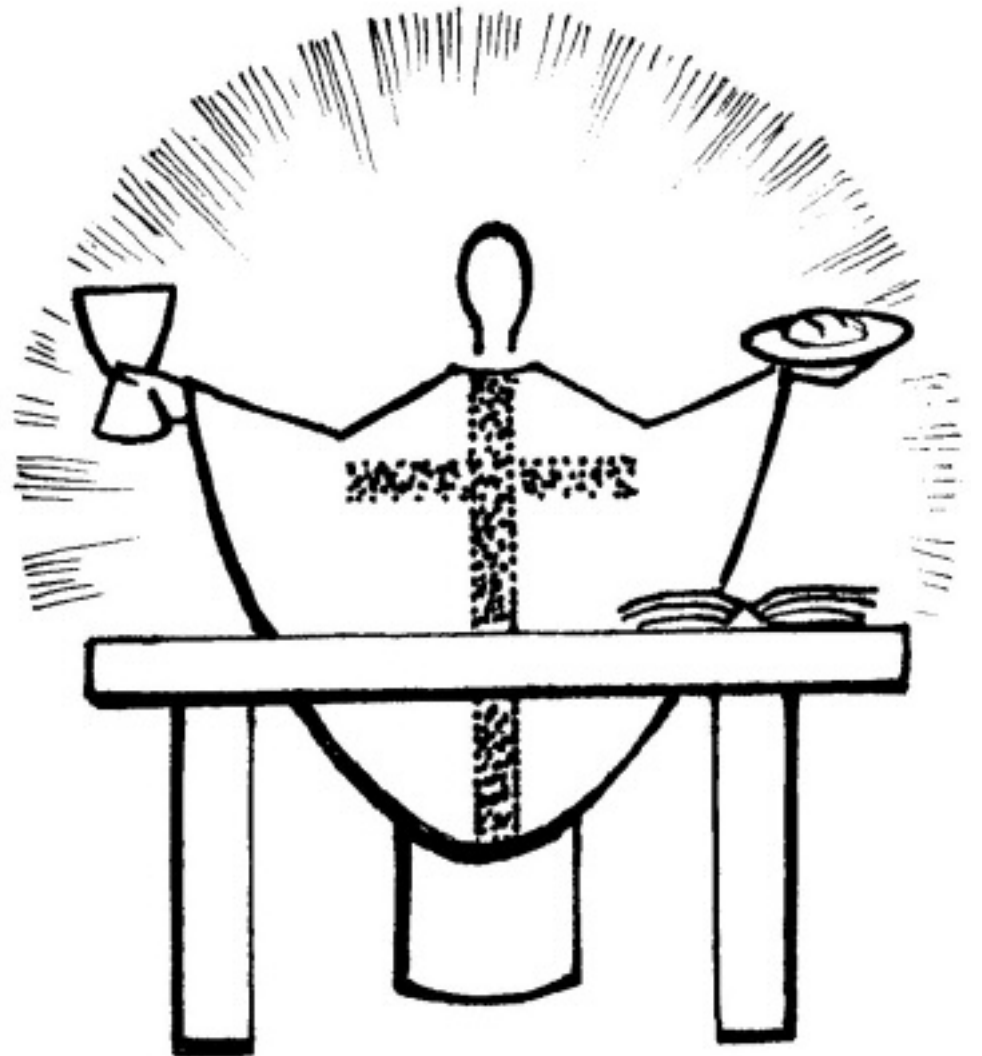
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if you see something like the tables in the pictures in church?

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how you feel when you come close to Jesus in the Eucharist?

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PASSOVER	TEACHER	DISCIPLES
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GAVE	BROKE	TAKE
BODY	CUP	THANKS
DRANK	BLOOD	POURED

Children's Liturgy Gallery

The May edition of the Hallam News saw the start of the Children's Section of our paper. Our first gallery was a selection of children's art work presenting images of Easter. Children were invited to send in pictures of their priest for our next gallery. The pupils of Barlborough Hall School responded very enthusiastically with their pictures of and comments about their chaplain, Fr Michael Beattie SJ.

Here is a selection. The full range of pictures and comments is available on our website, www.hallamnews.com.

For next month's gallery we would like to see your pictures of The Last Supper. We will try to include as many as possible in next month's edition, but all will be displayed on our website gallery.

Please send to hallamnews@hallam-diocese.com.

Fr Michael helps you forget about the bad things that you have done and gives you ways to improve how you live your life.
Olivia Smith



He is great at doing Fidget Spinner.

Fr Michael makes Mass fun, even though I am not a Catholic.
George Beedham



Fr Michael is a kind, warm hearted person. He is always thinking of others and the stories that he tells us in Mass are very interesting.
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Confirmation at St Alban's, Denaby Main

The sacrament of Confirmation was recently celebrated at St Alban's, Denaby Main. Bishop Ralph, on his first pastoral visit to the parish, confirmed twenty-seven candidates from St Alban's and English Martyrs parishes supported by Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest, and Fr Pat O'Connor, based at English Martyrs Parish.

The Mass was very well attended with families, community and sponsors supporting the candidates. Young people and adults had been prepared for Confirmation by the InReality Team based at Denaby Convent.

At the end of Mass Bishop Ralph was presented with a spiritual bouquet from the parish.

Fr Desmond, Parish Priest, congratulated, "the twenty seven candidates who had been confirmed. It was a very special and moving occasion. Everyone who played a part should be very proud of what we have achieved. It was a great example of team work. Many thanks to everyone who has helped those confirmed on their journey of faith so far. I wish our young people and adults many blessings as the Holy Spirit guides them in the years ahead."

Afterward there was a buffet in St Alban's Catholic Club. Entertainment was provided by McRoibin School of Irish Dance.



Bishop Ralph, Fr Desmond and Fr Pat with the young people and adults after their Confirmation

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CRYPTIC Across

- 7 Coax old king to embrace a knave (6)
- 8 Feral feline spotted wildcat (6)
- 9 Army lost much artillery in the initial stages of Crimea battle (4)
- 10 As rich – as poor – as a tribal leader (8)
- 11 Act badly to rib one that may need rocking to sleep (7)
- 13 Kick out at alien snatching little boy (5)
- 15 Cheat out of demesne, a knight (5)
- 17 Quietly report to Bishop, perhaps (7)
- 20 Religion that's active, serious-minded, but has no see, which is strange (8)
- 21 'Blow up French capital', you texted with extreme menace (4)
- 22 Hardly make it from pub to cathedral (6)
- 23 Bait regular teachers to infiltrate island, the western end (6)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 The best student secured backing to flower (6)
- 2 River falls are a stellar phenomenon (4)
- 3 Entrance to internet being down's a cause of some irritation (7)
- 4 Western group exercises involved US intelligence in the old days (5)
- 5 One on a quest, English vicar's poor record's about to be overturned (8)
- 6 Ancient law for marbles, put together by

QUICK Across

- 7 Persuade (6)
- 8 South American wild cat (6)
- 9 ---- River, battle in the Crimean War, 1854 (4)
- 10 Patriarch son of Jacob and Leah (8)
- 11 Hanging bed of canvas or rope netting (7)
- 13 Dispossess (of property) (5)
- 15 Move quietly trying not to be seen (5)
- 17 Senior clergyman and dignitary (7)
- 20 Ancient Celtic religion (8)
- 21 Be mad or angry (4)
- 22 Just (6)
- 23 Malign (6)

QUICK Down

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SOLUTION

Across: 5 Mesopotamia, 7 Purr, 8 Tutelage, 9 Stir fry, 10 Twig, 12 Lead, 14 Elysian, 17 Amethyst, 18 Ruin, 19 Novatianism. **Down:** 1 Usurer, 2 Upstart, 3 State, 4 Amulet, 5 Mount Hermon, 6 Anglicanism, 11 Flotsam, 13 Dative, 15 Sordid, 16 Kyoto.

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