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## 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



St John Fisher Primary, a Catholic Voluntary Academy, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield celebrated sixty years as a school community on 22 June, the

Feast of St John Fisher.

The celebrations began when the school chaplaincy team welcomed Bishop Ralph and Fr Paul O'Hara, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Hackenthorpe, to share a specially prepared lunch with the school community.

In the afternoon everyone came together in their church to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving

concelebrated by Bishop Ralph, Fr Paul and former Parish Priest, Fr Chris Posluszny.

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# What's on in August

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| <p>1 Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i>.</p> <p>2 Hallam Ascent Group meet for social time at St Francis of Assisi parish hall, 277 Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, with afternoon tea and fund raising. For more details: 0114 2306797 or ascent@jn.green.plus.com, or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com.</p> | <p>9 Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.</p> <p>9 Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance with live music and refreshments at the Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All very welcome to meet old friends and make new.</p> |
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## 2017 Three Day Cursillo Weekend

Friday evening 20 October to Monday pm 23 October  
 The Briars, Catholic Youth Retreat Centre, Briars Lane, Crich, Matlock, DE4 5BW  
 Contact: Eileen Owens, 07938 578942  
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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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| <p>6<br/>13<br/>20<br/>27</p> | <p>The Annunciation, Chesterfield.<br/>                 St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends.<br/>                 Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe.<br/>                 St Mary, Edlington.</p> |
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## OPEN DAYS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH Park Street, Worksop, S80 1HH

St Mary's Church, Worksop has been refurbished due in part to a grant from Historic England (formerly English Heritage).

**The Church will hold Open Days every Wednesday until 7 September, 11am-5pm and every Sunday until 3 September, 8.30am - 10.30am and 12.15pm - 4.15pm**

Please take the opportunity to visit the church and look at the stained glass, carved Stations of the Cross and beautiful altar. Or just take time out to sit and reflect in the peaceful atmosphere. Guide books will be available either for purchase or just to use as you explore the church.

## News from the Union of Catholic Mothers

The Union of Catholic Mothers celebrated Mass at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Victories, Clowne on 23 May. Mrs Pat Marsh and Mrs Rachel Austick were enrolled into the UCM.

Mrs Janice Walshe, who was a member of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Victories UCM, died in June. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



Janice Walshe

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## St Hugh's Bereavement Support

St Hugh's Bereavement Support Group recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. Over that time the group has developed a number of initiatives to support those who have been bereaved, including an annual bereavement service for the whole parish and 'drop in' coffee mornings. The latter starts with a social gathering including bacon butties; an invited speaker on occasions; and ends with a short remembering service at the end of the morning. Most recently the theme for the service was developed around the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, where each person placed a candle beside the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in memory of their loved ones, (pictured right). Over the past few years a rose garden of remembrance, (pictured below right), has been developed as a place of reflection and prayer. Bereaved families select a rose bush which often reflects or captures something of personality or essence of the deceased person such as Wild Rover, Super Trouper, Special Mum, Golden Wedding, Heart of Gold and many more. Former Parish Priest, Fr Pat Murphy, has been remembered with a rose called 'Simply Gold'. A 'peace' rose was also planted to remember Fr Jacques Hamel, who was killed in France as he celebrated Mass, and for all who suffer a violent death. As St Hugh's, Newbold, and St Joseph's Church, Staveley, are both due for closure on the Feast of Christ the King in November, the rose garden is to be relocated to the Eyre Chapel, Newbold, thanks to the kindness of the Chapel's trustees.



## A Thousand Miles, Fourteen Days, Six Men



Jeremy Tym, is riding from Land's End to John o'Groats to help purchase a Jumbulance. In October, Jeremy will be one of six men taking on the endurance challenge, cycling approximately 1000 miles in just 14 days, in the hope of raising £20,000 towards a new Jumbulance which makes travel possible for adults and children who are disabled or have serious or complex health conditions. "For the past 2 years I've been a volunteer on the yearly ski trip to Austria. I've seen the huge difference it makes to people's lives - witnessing the fun and excitement that this trip brings to people and hearing of its importance in their lives sets us all up for the year ahead. I'd never been on a pair of skis before

and I've also never cycled more than about 20 miles, but the Jumbulance Trust needs a new vehicle to help continue this vital work so we thought we'd try and help out." All the men, a plasterer, a BT engineer, a dental student, Jumbulance drivers and Jeremy, an Accident and Emergency nurse at the Northern General Hospital, will use two weeks of their annual leave in a bid to achieve their goal. If you would like to support their efforts you can go to Jeremy's 'Just Giving' page or contact him on j.tym@hotmail.co.uk, or his mum (a parishioner at Mother of God Church, Sheffield) on bootym@blueyonder.co.uk, tel: 0114 2553326. Visit [www.jumbulance.org.uk](http://www.jumbulance.org.uk) for more information about the Jumbulance Trust.



## Mass Celebrated in Miners' Memorial Chapel



On Spring Bank Holiday Monday Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest of St Alban's, celebrated Mass at Denaby and Cadeby Miners Memorial Chapel in All Saints Church, Denaby Main. The Mass was attended by parishioners from St Alban's and English Martyrs Parishes. Fr Desmond stated that, "It is important that we remember our miners who worked at Denaby Main and Cadeby Main Collieries. They and their families created the parish of St Alban's in partnership with their priests and religious sisters. We are in their debt. A special thanks to Rev Reg Davies, Vicar of All Saints Parish, and his parishioners for allowing us to celebrate Mass in the Miners Memorial Chapel."



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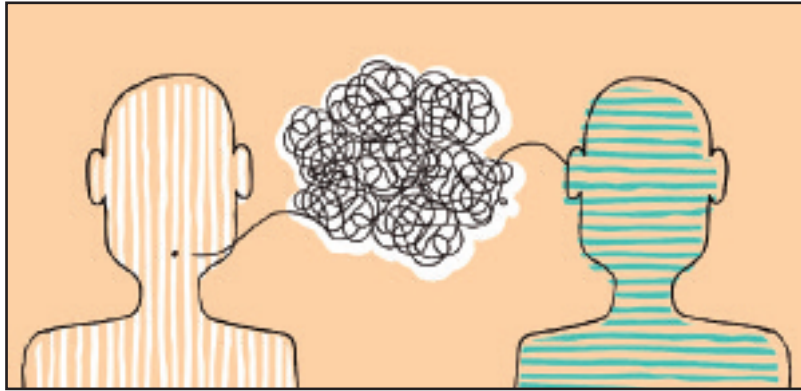
# MARRIAGE ~ Love is Not Rude

Jane and Charles Perryman continue their series about Marriage

When Pope Francis discusses the next aspect of love that St Paul highlights, "Love is not rude or arrogant" (1 Cor 13:5), he writes about the importance of gentleness, thoughtfulness and courtesy. Quoting the Mexican Nobel Prize winning poet, Octavio Paz he says that courtesy "is a school of sensitivity and disinterestedness" which requires a person "to develop his or her mind and feelings, learning how to listen, to speak and, at certain times, to keep quiet" (AL 99).

The key here is listening. Over the years that we have been working with married and engaged couples we have come to believe that listening is probably the most important virtue that married couples must practise constantly.

Married couples are called to intimacy. In the second chapter of Genesis God says, "it is not good for the man to be alone" (Gen 2:18). Man here should be understood as human beings. This is why God creates Eve, so that each will have a companion. They will be able to grow together. This is the meaning of the comment, "for this reason a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife and they become one body" (Gen 2:24). We are created to be connected to others and it is in our marriages



that we are called to be most closely connected. This is one of the greatest gifts of marriage - to be securely emotionally bonded to our spouse. It is through listening to our spouse that we build that deep intimacy.

Listening, actively listening, goes far beyond the words we exchange. Indeed psychologists tell us that only 7% of the messages we communicate are conveyed by the words. The rest comes through facial expression, eye contact, body language and tone of voice. Active listening means looking out for all of the emotional reactions behind the words - the anxiety, disappointment, frustration or excitement. It means being on the alert for those things not said but only hinted at, but which are causing concern. Above all it means being prepared to be influenced by what we hear. It is no good understanding all that our spouse has to convey and then making no response.

Of course not all conversation takes place at this deeper level. Ordinary everyday chit-chat is just that, chit-chat, small talk. Small talk is necessary and helps to keep in touch with each other. When, however, there is a serious matter to talk about then we need to be aware of what can get in the way of real listening. Firstly, there is timing. All couples who have raised a family know that when there are small children around you cannot have any serious conversation between tea time and bed time. We all have good times for serious conversation and times to avoid. We also need to avoid distractions. It is impossible to listen to someone with the television on in the same room - even if the sound is switched off!

The biggest obstacle to real listening, however, is our own disposition. If we don't want to listen, if we are not open to listening, then we won't. Mostly what gets in the way of listening is fear; fear that we may hear something that we won't like; fear that if we really listened to our spouse we would be called to change. Putting aside our own fears in order to really understand our spouse is very challenging.

How do we know if we are good as a listener? The key here is that we cannot be certain for ourselves. The only person who can say that that we are a good listener is the person that we are listening to. Only they can say if they have the experience of being listened to. For example, if Charles thinks that he listens well to Jane but Jane does not have the experience of being heard and understood, real listening is not happening. We need to be courageous enough to ask our spouse how well they think we do as a listener and to ask about the areas where we do not listen well.

Quoting St Thomas Aquinas, Pope Francis says that an essential requirement of love is that, "every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him. Every day, entering into the life of another, even when that person already has a part to play in our life, demands the sensitivity and restraint which can renew trust and respect." (AL 99).

We don't think that Francis expects that couples will agree all the time about everything. Indeed, John Gottman, the founder of the Relationship Research Institute at the University of Washington, says that 85% of happily married couples have irreconcilable differences. What Francis does call for is that couples live agreeably with their differences and manage them together.

That degree of peaceable living is only achieved by deep understanding of one another, through attentive listening to each other.



# GOLDEN CELEBRATIONS



Fr Stan Maciuszek presents John and Helen Civico with their Papal Blessing at St Mary's, Penistone on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Gerald and Pat Deakin, who were married at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Athersley, Barnsley in June, 1967, are pictured receiving their Papal Blessing from Fr Stan Maciuszek at St Mary's, Penistone on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

## Papal Blessing for Luca

Luca Edgeley, a pupil at St Marie's Catholic Primary School, has received a letter from Pope Francis in response to a letter asking a question about the words we say at Communion.

Luca, who has recently made his First Communion at Mother of God Church, was overjoyed with the Papal Blessing for his family and a medal of Pope Francis.

## EASTER PAINTING COMPETITION

Sofia Crowder, a pupil at St Mary's Catholic High School, Chesterfield, won the Easter Season Painting Competition. Jim Johnson of the Sheffield Council of the Knights of St Columba presented Sofia with a £20 book token.

The competition is organised by the Knights of St Columba for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. Sofia won the Sheffield prize and her entry, which was greatly admired, will now go forward to the Provincial Competition.

Well done Sofia.

# GOLDEN CELEBRATIONS



Martin and Catherine Hamstead of Corpus Christi Parish, Wombwell, Barnsley, were presented with a Papal Blessing by Fr Martin Stone on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 3 June.

## OBE Awarded to Former Catholic Headteacher

**Sue McDermott, former headteacher of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bircotes, National Director and voluntary Non-Executive Director of Rainbows, has been awarded the OBE.**

The honour recognises a lifetime of service to education and particularly for her outstanding impact in supporting children and young people grieving a significant and often devastating loss in their lives.

Sue has supported grieving children and young people for twenty five years in a range of roles: as a bereavement support facilitator, co-ordinator, regional development worker, National Director and now voluntary Non-Executive Director and Trustee of Rainbows Bereavement Support GB. This national charity now operates in over 1,260 schools throughout Great Britain, and continues to expand.

For 25 years she has listened to those grieving; given hope where there was despair; calmed the angry; challenged the depressed and encouraged and supported acceptance of the loss and belief in life itself.

Her practical experience and expertise, her depth of understanding, empathy, personal warmth and wisdom which she has openly shared with those grieving, have had a huge impact on the thousands of lives she has touched.



Sue McDermott OBE

In accepting the award Sue said, "I'm delighted to accept this honour on behalf of Rainbows and everyone who contributes to our important work for grieving children and young people.

"From my own personal experience I've always acknowledged that the loss of someone significant in our lives has massive life changing implications. It's so very important that all those grieving have the opportunity to express their feelings to someone they trust in a safe, secure setting.

"To be able to help grieving children and young people express their feelings and develop coping strategies is essential. Every grieving child and young person needs to be understood and supported appropriately. Not to do so may well have a negative impact on their mental health and general well-being. That's why I'm so delighted to accept the honour – Rainbows matters!"

Further details of Rainbows Bereavement Support GB are available on [www.rainbowsgb.org](http://www.rainbowsgb.org).

# Marriage Preparation Programme



**Diocese of Hallam**  
*Caring Services*

Twenty years ago the Diocese developed a programme for engaged couples. That programme has served us well but, since the original programme was written, lots of research has been published to help us understand how couple relationships work and how to sustain them over many, many years.

Last year the Bishops of England and Wales published guidelines for the preparation of couples for marriage. It was opportune, therefore, to review and refresh our programme. That process is nearing completion and the new outline will be launched in the Autumn by Hallam Caring Services Family Focus Project.

The programme is built around two major themes. One is focussed on communication which is the lifeblood of any relation-

ship. This theme deals with such topics as understanding feelings, how well we listen, and what gets in the way of listening, and how we deal with conflict. We also help couples to identify issues where they don't see eye to eye, particularly in areas such as roles in the relationship; attitude to each other's family and friends; leisure activities; attitudes to their sexual relationship; attitudes to children and parenting; financial management; communication; conflict resolution and marital expectations.

The second theme is built around what it means to live out the promises that the couple make on their wedding day, where we explain the significance of the sacrament and vocation of marriage.

The course is run over five evenings of about 1½ to 2 hours, with one, two

or three engaged couples.

Currently, nineteen trained married couples present the course but we have an urgent need for more presenters in all areas of the Diocese, especially in Sheffield North, Rotherham, Barnsley and Chesterfield Deaneries where provision is sparse.

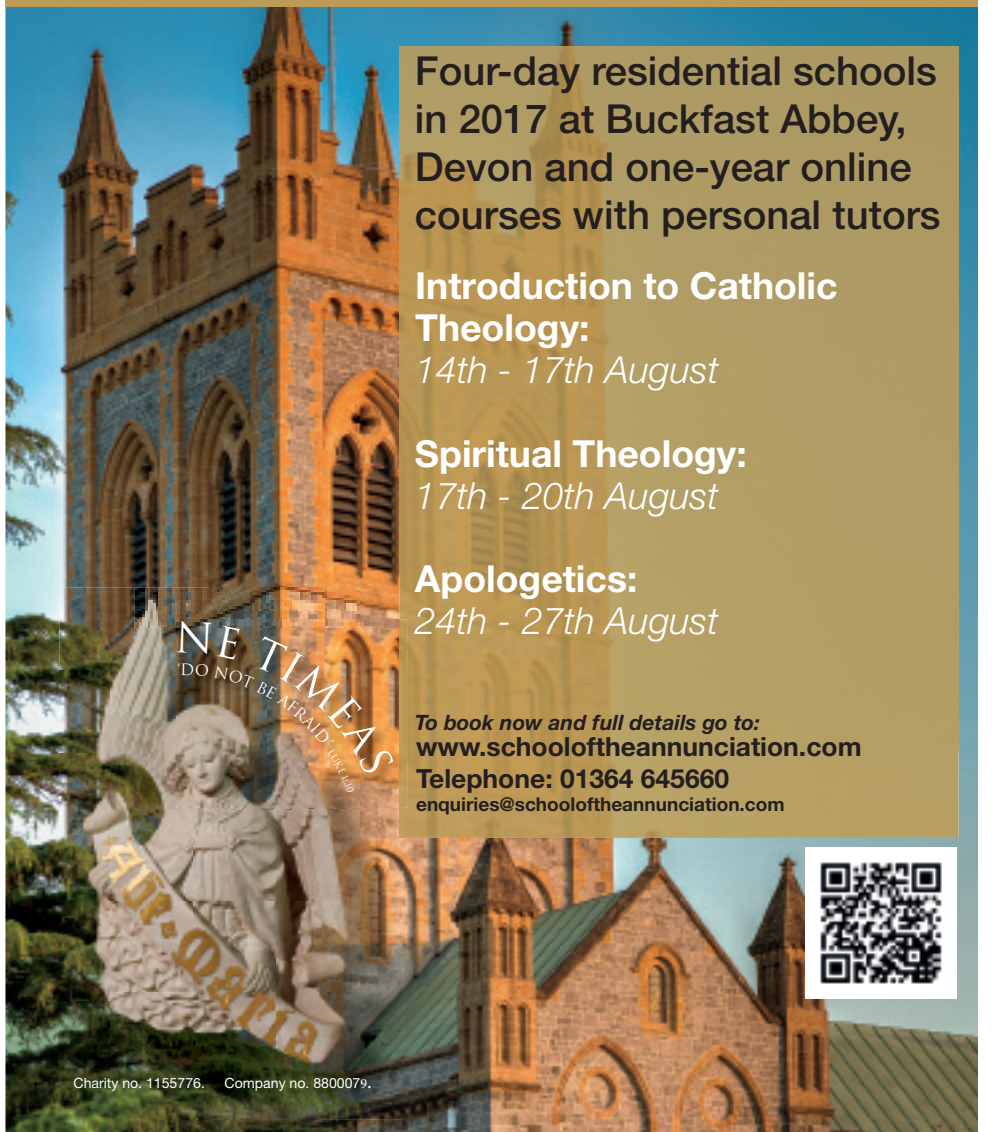
**Are you interested?**

Is this a ministry that you think that you might like to offer? Don't think for one moment that you have to be some sort of perfect married couple to be suitable - they don't exist! What you do need is to be able to share a little of your experience in your marriage.

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# EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY



Fr Paul O'Hara opens the celebratory garden party

## 60th Birthday Celebrations at St John Fisher



The Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Anne Murphy, was shown around the school and introduced to children, parents/carers, staff, governors, Parents, Teachers and Friends Association members and former staff. She was very interested in the school and wanted to meet as many people as possible.



Liam McGurrin, former Headteacher of St John Fisher, with members of his staff



Events started with a Jubilee Balloon Race

## Day of Prayer and Reflection for Sheffield Teachers

On the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Patron of our Diocese, Deputy Heads and RE Subject Leaders from Sheffield Catholic Primary schools gathered in the Houlden Hall at St Marie's Cathedral for a day of prayer and reflection.

Alan Dewhurst and Sr Susan lead the morning session on prayer. Staff were invited to move at their own pace around a series of prayer stations containing various props as varied as 'Gospel Footwear', 'Touching the hem of Jesus' cloak' and 'My Compass'. The emphasis was on Ignatian Spirituality, recognising difficulties in prayer and staying with them, so as to go deeper in faith.

All were agreed that these stations would work very well with the children and staff in school as well; indeed some schools are already using

them with great results.

After a very reflective morning we joined a wonderful midday Mass in St Marie's Cathedral concelebrated by Bishop Ralph, Fr Chris Posluszny, Fr Gus O'Reilly and Fr John Cooke. It was the ideal end to a morning spent growing our own relationship with God.

After lunch the Deputy Heads continued by planning priorities for the 2017-18 year so as to most effectively serve the school communities in which they work, as well as promote their own continuing professional development.

Participants thanked Sr Susan and Alan Dewhurst for a truly grace-filled morning, and Bishop Ralph, the clergy, the staff and volunteers at St Marie's and all the fellow worshippers who helped to make the day so memorable and blessed.



## Mental Health First Aid Training for Diocesan Schools

Fourteen people from Diocesan schools and Hallam Caring Services have recently completed Mental Health First Aid Training.

This will equip them to identify early signs of a mental health issue and give them the confidence to provide initial help to those experiencing it.

Juliett Barrott, Counsellor in the Diocesan Caring Services Schools and Community Service Team, delivered the training to staff from All Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield, McAuley Catholic High School, Doncaster and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Rossington.



They are pictured above with the Hallam Caring Services Team.

# Hope Valley Welcomes Refugees for Walk

Saturday, 20 May was a very special Christian Aid day at St Michael's, Hathersage. We were delighted to welcome back forty five visitors from the Doncaster Conversation Club to our small church in the Hope Valley. They had visited us last September and clearly we hadn't done too bad a job in welcoming them and plying them with both breakfast and lunch.

Our visitors were young people, refugees from Afghanistan, Albania, Eritrea, Iran, Sudan, Vietnam, Pakistan, Ethiopia – and last but not least (and not quite so young) volunteers from Doncaster Conversation Club.

It was lovely to see many familiar faces (and a very friendly dog) from last year and to welcome new friends. The Peak District National Park did us all proud by providing five Park Rangers,

dressed in red, to guide a walk and make sure no-one got lost. Two young men, one on crutches and another in a wheel chair, put us to shame by completing more of the walk that anyone could have expected.

The weather as always in the Peak

District was not to be relied on. A short sharp shower as the group set off, and another as they neared the end of the walk, could have dampened spirits but only dampened coats.

There was fun and laughter and cups of hot soup, sandwiches and cakes as the coats gently steamed on the pews.

These are some quotes from the group:

*"Going to the Peak District gave me the opportunity to enjoy one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. I wanted to stay there. It was impossible to see anyone without smiling."*

*"The location of the Church is very pleasant and the beautiful situation seemed to make the people friendly and calm."*

*"The food was delicious and the people were so lovely."*

*"I liked everything and very good soup. The hills are like Sudan..."*

*"I'm happy today because good time. I taste delicious foods. Good*



*people here. Thank you so much."*

These are lovely words but what our visitors maybe don't realise is that they gave us much more than we gave them. We had the privilege not only of sharing their stories and their anxieties but of welcoming them into our hearts and our church in the beautiful Peak District. We so hope they will come again.

Thanks must go to our Parish Priest, Fr Martin Clayton and to members of both Hope Valley parishes – Our Lady of Sorrows, Bamford and St Michael's for making all this possible.

Maria Kenyon



# Farewell to Laura Claveria



On Wednesday, 31 May, a group of volunteers, including Fr Chris Posluszny, gathered to say a huge "Thank You" to Laura Claveria, St Marie's Cathedral Heritage Engagement and Learning Officer.

Over the last two and a half years, as part of Heritage Lottery Funding, Laura has worked with volunteers to promote the Cathedral and the many things it can offer.

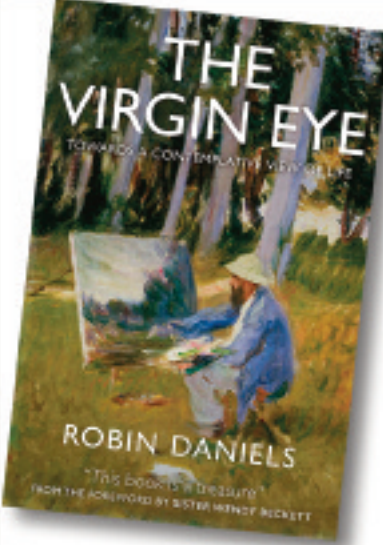
These include guided tours for adults and schools, exhibitions in both the Cen-

tral Library and the Cathedral, new guide books, stewarding during the day and a number of outreach events.

Fr Chris made a presentation and thanked her for her enthusiastic vision and her hard work and dedication.

Everyone wished her well in her new job in Leeds.

Pictured in the centre above wearing a white top, Laura is with many of St Marie's volunteers and Fr Chris (front right).



**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.

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**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 Ffold-y-Brenin Trust and author of The Grace Outpouring

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

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## First Holy Communion at Corpus Christi Parish

A packed, very warm church was the backdrop for fifteen children of Corpus Christi parish, Dearne Valley, to make their First Holy Communion. They had been well prepared by Pat,

Marie-Louise, Julia, Clare, Ann, Kate and Maureen. Fr Chris Posluszny led the celebration though Fr Martin Stone, Parish Priest, will be available to hand out the certificates for this wonderful event on his return from a

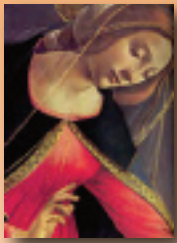
well-earned break.

Welcome refreshments naturally followed!

The First Communicants are pictured below with their Catechists.



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## First Holy Communion at St Joseph, Wath



First Holy Communicants celebrated at St Joseph's Parish, Wath-upon-Deerne, on Sunday, 18 June. They are pictured above with Parish Priest, Fr Evangelist Ohaejesi.



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### BARNSELY CATENIANS PRESENT CHEQUE TO BARNSELY HOSPICE

Barnsley Circle welcomed Dr Clare Farrington to their June Circle meeting and presented her with a cheque for £1300 for the Barnsley Hospice Trust. Clare is a consultant with the Hospice and a parishioner of Sacred Heart, Hillsborough, Sheffield.

The photograph shows (left to right) Andrew Hartley, current President of Barnsley Circle and fellow parishioner, Dr Clare and Mike Starford, last year's Circle President and parishioner of St Martin de Porres, Wakefield.

Cheques from the Catenian Bursary Fund were also presented to two pupils from St Pius X School, Wath upon Dearne, at the School, to help them both participate as volunteers accompanying those who took part in this year's Lourdes Hallam Diocese Annual Pilgrimage.

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**FRANK REMEMBERS**  
 Frank James stands by the plaque, which commemorates the opening of St Joseph's, Staveley in July, 1933. Frank witnessed the stone being laid when he was a 12 year old altar boy at the church.

**Hallamshire Faith and Light Celebrate Twentieth Anniversary**



Marie Ann Casey tells us, "On a very hot Sunday afternoon recently, Hallamshire Faith and Light Group, along with former members and representatives of retired Faith and Light Communities, came together to celebrate their Twentieth Anniversary in the Mother of God Parish Hall, Sheffield, (pictured above).

"We were really grateful to Fr Tom Goonan SM, our loyal Chaplain for sixteen years, who made the long journey from Walsingham in order to celebrate Mass for us. We were very happy to welcome Fr Donal Lucy from Harrogate; our National Chaplain. It was good to get together and share stories from the past two decades."

**Re-installing Cathedral's Historic Organ**

Work has begun on re-installing the refurbished Lewis Organ at St Marie's Cathedral. The organ dates back to 1875, was a gift to the Cathedral by 15th Duke of Norfolk and is the ONLY large Lewis organ in a public location, which remains tonally unaltered.

Repairing and replacing the organ will cost £200,000 in total, but, thanks to a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, the church only has to raise £38,000 towards the work. By June, £3,300 had been raised from parishioners and more fund raising initiatives are planned.

According to independent organ adviser, Paul Hale, the number of tonally unaltered original T C Lewis organs is tiny. It is believed that only three remain and only two of those date from 1875 - one at Studley Royal, and the other in St

Marie's. St Marie's is the larger and more impressive example with 1,500 individual pipes ranging from 16ft feet to half an inch in height.

Refurbishment has been carried out jointly by organ builders Nicholson & Co and A J Carter, with Nicholson's being responsible for the specialist design and installation of the new mechanical action, the refurbishment of the soundboards and chests, and the repair and regulation of the pipework.

Donations to the organ restoration fund can be sent to Cathedral House, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the Cathedral and, if you are a UK taxpayer, using the gift aid envelopes will increase the value of your donation by 25 per cent.



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# Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

# The Assumption of Mary

On this feast day we celebrate our belief that Mary the Mother of Christ, was taken body and soul - which means both physically and spiritually - into heaven to live with her son, **Jesus Christ**, for ever. We have to wait until **the end of time** for this but Mary was able to go straight to heaven, body and soul, because she had been "conceived without sin." It was as if Mary had been baptised even before Christ had given us baptism so that she was ready to be his mother.

Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on **15 August** each year.

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of \_\_\_\_\_,

the Lord is with \_\_\_\_\_.

Blessed art thou amongst

\_\_\_\_\_ and blessed is the

\_\_\_\_\_ of thy womb, \_\_\_\_\_.

Holy Mary, \_\_\_\_\_ of God,

pray for us \_\_\_\_\_ now

and at the \_\_\_\_\_ of

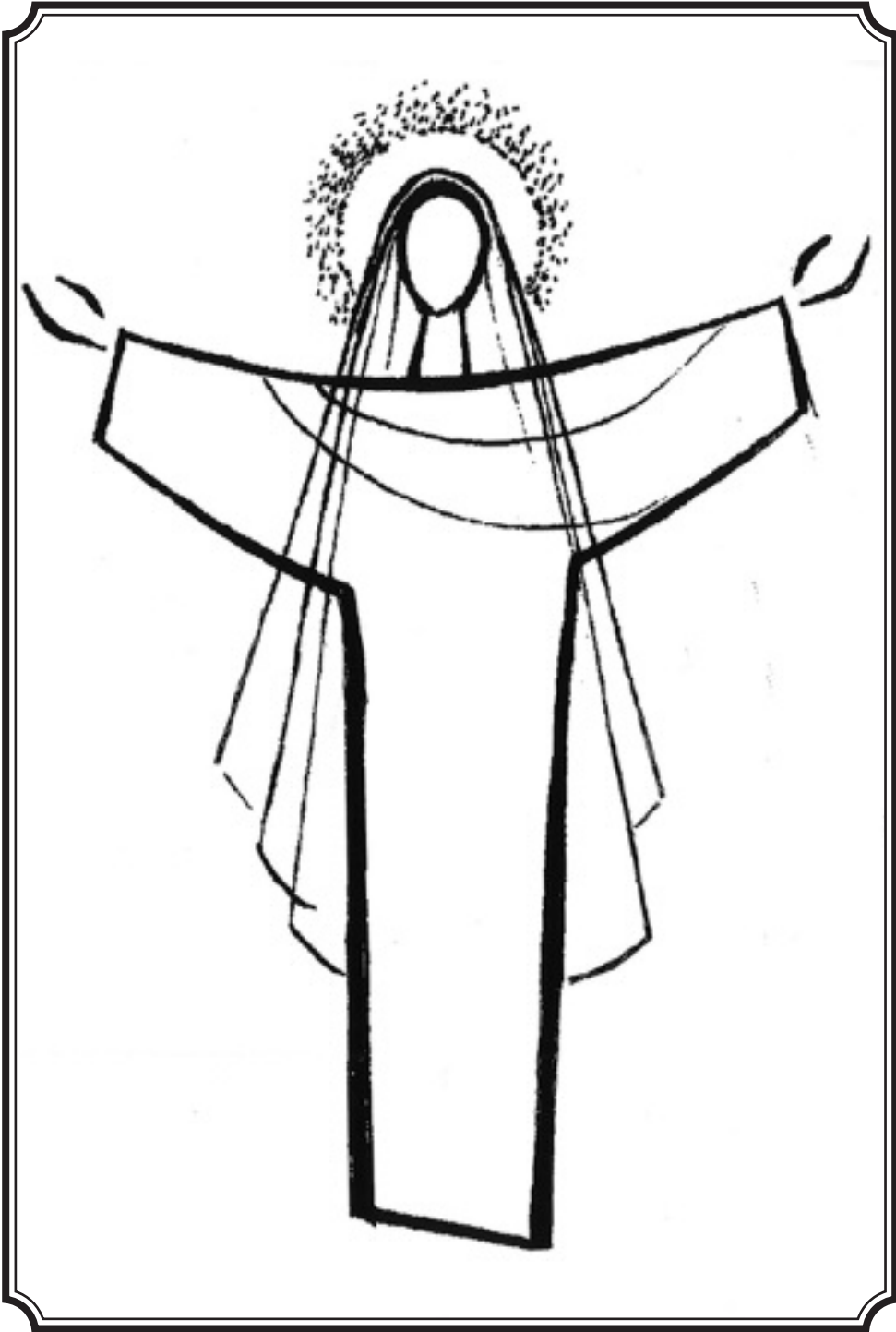
our death. \_\_\_\_\_.

## Word Bank

women	thee	Amen
Mother	sinners	fruit
grace	Jesus	hour

**Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst  
women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of  
our death. Amen**



Colour in our picture of Mary



I wonder ...

if there is a statue of Mary you like the most?

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why Mary is so important?

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what Mother Mary and the child Jesus enjoyed doing together?

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# Word Search

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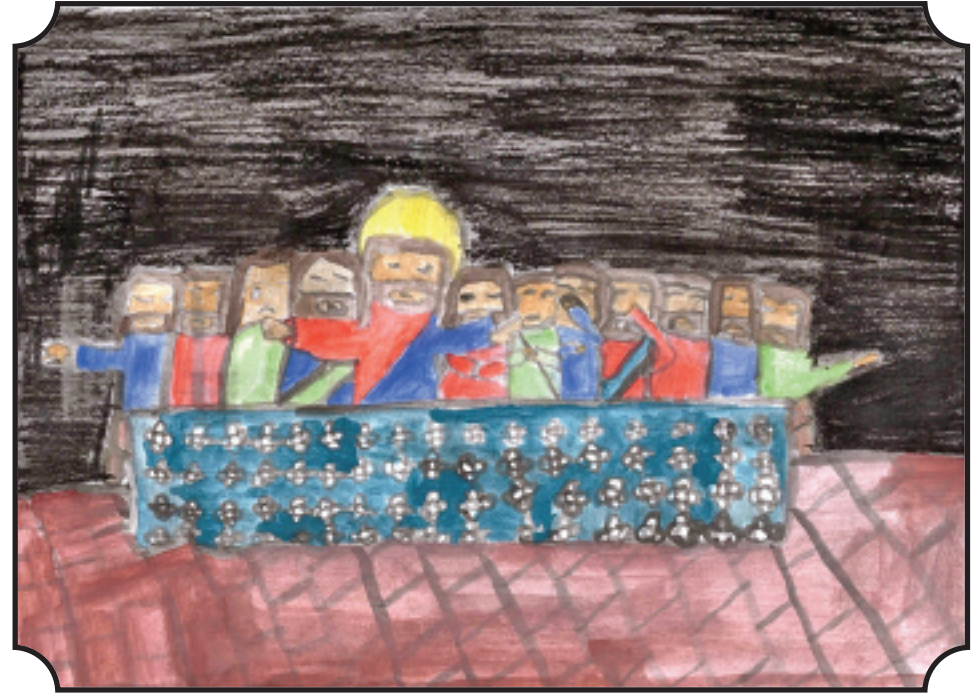
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WOMEN	FRUIT	JESUS	HOLY
MOTHER	AMEN		

# Children's Liturgy Gallery

Here is a selection of your pictures of the Last Supper. The full range of pictures is available on our website, [www.hallamnews.com](http://www.hallamnews.com).

For next month's gallery we would like to see your pictures of Mary. 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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## Church Marks Centenary of Bell Ringer's First World War Sacrifice

The son of a former St Marie's bell ringer, who rang at the Cathedral for more than 20 years, had the centenary of his death during the First World War marked by a memorial peal, lasting more than three hours.

Arthur Ward was killed on 1 July, 1917, during an attack on German defences near the French city of Arras.

He was the fifth son of Theresa and Henry Ward, who had begun ringing in 1888 and rang for 22 years at St Marie's, where a Peal Board in the ringing chamber records he was among those to ring a muffled peal to mark the interment of Queen Victoria in the Royal Mausoleum on February 4 1901.

Arthur - a silver finisher - and his brothers all followed Henry as bell ringers. However, they all

rang at St John's Anglican Church in the Ranmoor district of Sheffield and it is there that a memorial peal was rung on Saturday, 1 July, followed by a quarter peal on the Sunday.

Arthur's death is commemorated in St John's ringing chamber by a brass plaque, which records that he was killed at Gavrelle, a village six miles north east of Arras.

Both Arthur and his brother Maurice were Privates in the York and Lancaster Regiment, while their eldest brother, Alfred, served as a driver with the Sheffield-based 3rd West Riding Royal Field Artillery, which also saw action in France.

Arthur sailed to France in November 1916 to join the Yorks and Lancaster's 14th Battalion - also known as the 2nd Barnsley Pals.

On 26 June, Arthur's Battalion was at Sainte Catherine-lès-Arras, to the North West of the city of Arras, getting ready to move east to capture the German-held Cadorna trenches, north of the village of Gavrelle, and Oppy Wood.

The one acre wood, west of the village of the same name, had been fortified and contained many German observation posts, machine-guns and trench-mortars. An attack on the wood in May

had been repulsed with many British casualties, but the new attack proved more successful.

Although Arthur's battalion suffered what were described as "unusually low casualties," he was one of those to die following the action. He now lies with 3,000 casualties of the First World War and 20 from the Second World War, who are buried at the 'Orchard Dump Cemetery' on the D 919, to the North West of Oppy.

Arthur Ward was posthumously awarded the British War and Victory Medals, which were given to his mother. Arthur's father, Henry, had died the year before, at the age of 59, but Arthur was survived by his mother, his two sisters, Elsie and Mary, and his four brothers.

## Visitation of the Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue to St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, from 12 - 13 August



Our Lady of Fatima statue in procession at Westminster Cathedral

The highlight of the Centenary Year of Our Lady's apparitions from May to October 1917, has been the canonisation at Fatima on 13 May of Francisco and Jacinta. They are the first children in the history of the Church to become saints in the ordinary course of their family life.

The World Apostolate of Fatima has organised Visitations of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue to the Cathedrals of England and Wales, together with relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta for veneration. The visitations began on Saturday, 18 February, when Cardinal Nichols received, blessed and crowned the statue in Westminster Cathedral. Since then the Dioceses of Cardiff, Southwark, Shrewsbury, Menevia, Nottingham and Plymouth have received the Statue, and the Visitations will continue until October.

In his homily Cardinal Nichols said that devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, "is a way for us to say 'yes' (like she did) from the depths of our hearts ... which is why today we consecrate afresh ourselves, our lives, our country, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that we can always be saying 'Yes' to the Lord,

with all our heart, with all our will, from the centre of our being. And only Mary can teach us how to do this."

He also emphasised the importance of the Rosary and of praying it in the family.

On 12 and 13 August the Statue and Relics will be visiting St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield, and the highlight of the weekend will be Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Ralph with a post-Communion Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass will be preceded by the enthronement and crowning of the National Fatima Statue, and followed by veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and enrolment and investiture of the Brown Scapular. Full details will be published at <http://www.worldfatima-england-wales.org.uk/visitation.html>.

Please make a note of the Visitation in your diary, and be sure to tell your friends and fellow parishioners about this important forthcoming event.

If you can help with the Visitation programme in any way, please email: [info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](mailto:info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk) or tel. 07786 487557.



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