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Brian and Jayne with Bishop Ralph on the 2017 Lourdes Pilgrimage



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The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is an important event for many people.

On page 3 Alex Prior, the Pilgrimage Director, tells us about this year's Pilgrimage, which was a particularly special journey for Jayne and Brian Lawson.

Parishioners of St Patrick and St Thomas More Parish, Sheffield, Jayne and Brian met in Lourdes thirty-three years ago.

They have been regular pilgrims ever since.

Their sons Matthew, James and Thomas have also been frequent pilgrims.

This year Jayne and Brian celebrated thirty years of marriage.

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What's on in September

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| <p>1 Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i>.</p> <p>6 Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi parish hall, 277 Sandycote Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, for a talk about Coping with Loss by Catherine Hand. For more details: 0114 2306797 or ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com.</p> <p>12 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> <p>13 Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD.</p> | <p>13</p> <p>17</p> <p>26</p> <p>30</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>Hallamshire Faith and Light Group meet at Mother of God Parish Hall, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX, 3pm.</p> <p>Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> <p>Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Vincent's Church Hall, Pickmere Road, Sheffield, S10 1GY, 10.30am-12.30pm. Teas, coffees, cakes, good company, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. All very welcome.</p> |
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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>3</p> <p>10</p> <p>17</p> <p>24</p> | <p>St Joseph, Handsworth.</p> <p>Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough.</p> <p>Sacred Heart, Balby.</p> <p>Our Lady of Sorrows, Bamford.</p> |
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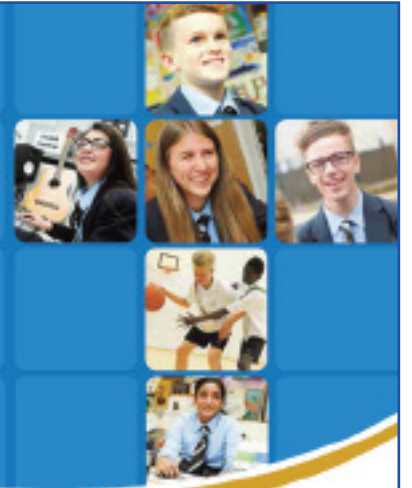
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All Saints Catholic High School Year 6 Open Morning will be held at All Saints Catholic High School on Saturday, 23 September starting at 10am and finishing at approximately 12pm.

This is an opportunity for Year 6 children starting in September, 2018 and their respective parents/guardians to explore All Saints Catholic High School and meet staff and students.

We hope you will be able to join us in what will be a very informative and enjoyable morning.

2017 Three Day Cursillo Weekend

Friday evening 20 October to Monday pm 23 October

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Contact: Eileen Owens, 07938 578942

Email: austincorcoran@blueyonder.co.uk

Pilgrimage to Crypus

9-16 May, 2018

St Mary's Catholic Church, Penistone has a few places available on their "St Paul in Cyprus" tour next year. Half board in a four star hotel in Limassol is the base for the tour. The journey that St Paul travelled will be part of the daily included excursions. Mass will be celebrated at different locations.

The price of £1099 per person includes flights, coach travel, admissions and gratuities. For brochure and further information contact Brendan Lally, tel: 01226 763220 or bplally146@sky.com.

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2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes took place from 2 to 7 July led by Bishop Ralph, with over four hundred and sixty pilgrims, including two hundred and fifteen with Hallam Youth travelling from all the High Schools in the Diocese. Two charter flights operated from Doncaster Sheffield Airport direct to Lourdes, together with five Youth coaches.

There were many highlights during the Pilgrimage – Mass at the Grotto with the Diocese of Derry, Anointing of the Sick and many inspiring homilies. We took part as a Diocese in the Torchlight Procession on Monday night and in the Blessed Sacrament Procession on Wednesday afternoon. Many pilgrims commented on the very powerful Holy Hour in St Joseph’s Chapel when Fr Lee Marshall led us in Adoration. Our young people follow the main pilgrimage programme but with some additional items, so on Tuesday afternoon all of Hallam Youth spent time together. Due to the temporary closure of the High Stations,

at very short notice they improvised and created their own Stations of the Cross with some of the youth leaders, before a liturgy in the chapel up at the Youth Village.

In previous years, one important feature of the pilgrimage, particularly for the Youth, has been the opportunity to spend time at the Grotto late at night, when it is particularly quiet and peaceful. Due to the increased security measures in Lourdes, access to the Grotto is currently not permitted after midnight, but the Sanctuary generously granted our pilgrimage exclusive access after midnight on Tuesday night. For around two hundred and eighty pilgrims, including all Hallam Youth, this was the very much the highlight of the week, and the Vice Rector of the Sanctuary commented on the quiet and prayerful way that our pilgrimage used this opportunity.

From the feedback forms received from pilgrims it is clear that 2017 was a very special pilgrimage and everything ran very smoothly. One particular comment flowed through all the feedback received,

and that was how wonderful the young people from our Diocese are! The care and friendship they provided to the eighty plus “Assisted pilgrims” using wheelchairs in Lourdes was exceptional, and everyone on the pilgrimage commented on how wonderful this was to experience. All of the Hallam Youth are a credit to their parents, their schools and to themselves. Thank you to all our youth helpers, and the leaders, school staff and Chaplains who travelled with them.

During the pilgrimage we each served one another – not just the sixty plus volunteer Helpers, Doctors and Nurses and two hundred and fifteen Youth Helpers helping our Assisted Pilgrims, but all pilgrims served one another in different ways, eg spending time talking in a café, or reflecting on what we’ve heard at a liturgy, or a simple word of encouragement or support. Thank you to everyone involved. If you haven’t experienced the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, please do consider travelling in 2018.

Alex Prior, Pilgrimage Director



Mass at the Grotto



Blessing of Helpers at the Opening Mass



During Mass at the Grotto



Sharing a sign of peace at the Mass at the Grotto

Dates for Your Diary

There will be a follow up event “**Lourdes@Home**”, for those who travelled with Hallam Youth, at St Bernard’s Catholic High School from 6pm, Friday, 15 September to 1pm Saturday, 16 September. Further details available by email from hallamlourdespilgrimage@gmail.com.

The **2017 Lourdes Reunion** will take place at St Bernard’s Catholic High School, Herringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham, S65 3BE at 7.30pm on Friday, 27 October. All welcome.

Our **2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Sunday, 1 July to Friday, 6 July**. Booking forms will be available towards the end of the year. Enquiries: 01302 247910 or 07724 650066 or hallamlourdespilgrimage@gmail.com.



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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padley



The Annual Pilgrimage to Padley honours the martyrs of the late sixteenth century, who died for their Catholic faith. This year Deacon Bill Burleigh gave a homily based on the Gospel read at the celebration of Mass at Padley. The full homily is available on the Hallam News website, www.hallamnews.com.

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest ...” How that gospel message must have rung and resonated in the ears of Tudor Catholics. And especially here in this household, the Fitzherberts, the family and servants who must have thought they were living safely, deep in forest land, well away from the prying eyes of greedy informants ready to betray Catholic observance to the State enforcers.

Now, with Fr Ludlam and Fr Garlick taken and brutally executed, their world was finally broken apart, a way of life shaken to its roots.

We rightly honour today and ask the prayers of the Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick. May their prayers guide and renew our dioceses. But there’s more, much more. We pray, too, for the prayers of the other martyrs stemming from this place as well as our two Padley martyrs – the prayers of Blessed Richard Simpson, strengthened in prison by his fellow priests to accepting death. And we ask the prayers, too, of the unnamed woman, reconciled through sacrament in prison by the martyrs, who was hung alongside them after declaring her faith. A martyr, surely.

And the Padley family too; John Fitzherbert preserved from the death sentence for harbouring priests so that he could pay fines until he was broken. He died of disease in prison squalor three years later. He could have left prison on any day simply by renouncing his faith. He chose not to, and died there. Another martyr?

The ten servants of the Padley household, too, were imprisoned in Derby with the priests and with their employer, John, protector of their faith so quietly lived at Padley. By Christmas, six months later, there were thirty-seven Catholics still in prison at Derby. Among these was James Cleyton of

Sheffield, dying there later of the squalor; death by gaol fever. Another martyr?

And there’s more. The daughters of John and Catherine Fitzherbert present at Padley at the capture, now separated and singled out to be converted from Catholic faith. Jane effectively under house arrest and religious re-instruction with one Protestant minister and Mary with another. The re-education failed. Faith was unbroken. Maud, the oldest sister, fared worse, imprisoned in the squalor at Derby, and then at York, for her faith.

All these - Padley martyrs, Padley persecuted, Padley faithful.

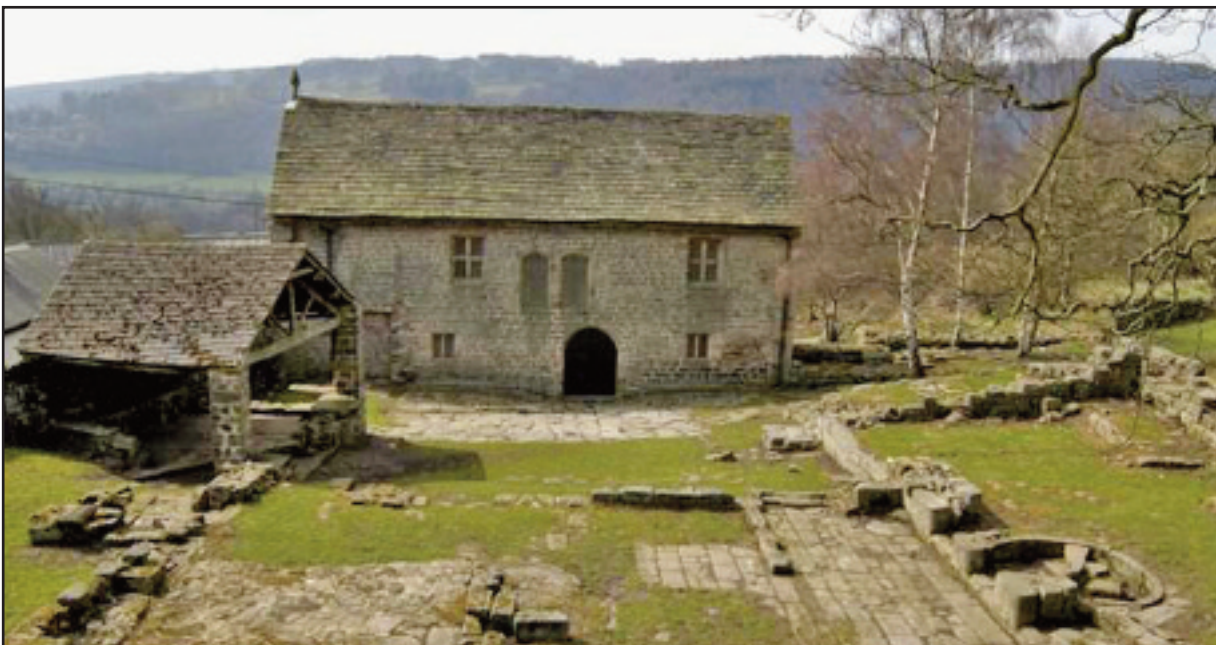
“Come to me all you who are overburdened and I will give you rest”. A gospel for these people, a gospel for Tudor Catholic England.

How the world had changed! Only 50 years earlier their faith had thrived.

We, in our changed and still changing situation, we are so different - so blessed, so able to rest in order to discern, to re-align, renew the living of true Catholic faith for others. Pope Francis is right. Maintenance is not enough. We are each called to be missionary disciples, going out to announce the gospel, to live our lives, our faith, our Catholic values openly, confidently, firmly united with others in whatever communities regroup around us. Rest, yes, and careful discernment, in times when change is needed, so as to engage with a newly non-Christian society, peppered with people thirsting for roots, for truth, for what is spiritual. So much missionary territory, such a harvest, when we are ready, matured and renewed in knowing our faith more fully, with deepened love for our neighbours struggling or without faith and clearer witness in our lives, lived for them.

So in this Mass we reach upwards and ask for the prayers of the blessed martyrs of Padley, yes, and the prayers of all those from round here who share their heavenly reward, those whose faith was true ‘til death. We ask their prayers for our dioceses, our faith communities and for faith in our families.

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 Blessed Robert Ludlam – pray for us
 All you holy martyrs of England – pray for us



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SVP Presentation to Long-serving Member

This year Austin Corcoran of St Wilfrid's and Mother of God St Vincent de Paul Conference in Sheffield celebrates 50 years' membership of the SVP.

At a Mass offered for the work of the SVP on 26 June, Mgr William Kilgannon, parish priest, presented Austin with a long-service medal and certificate on behalf of the Conference.

Austin's many roles in the SVP in Hallam Diocese include two terms as Conference Treasurer, five years as President of the Conference and a further five years as President of Hallam Central Council. He has been Chair of the St Vincent's Charity Shop Committee since 1998.

Mgr Kilgannon referred in his remarks to Austin as 'a man of faith and prayer' which sustains his work and noted that the SVP was something of a family concern; Austin's father was a long-time member and several of his children are also involved.



Mgr Kilgannon presents Austin Corcoran with long-service medal and certificate



Mgr Kilgannon and Austin Corcoran with other SVP Conference members

Red Letter Day for Sheffield Lay Carmel

Martin Humphreys tells us that 8 July was a red letter day for Sheffield Lay Carmel, as the group started their novena for the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with a Mass celebrated by Fr Shaun Smith, who was assisted by Deacon Chris Ainslie.

At the reception that followed Deacon Chris, who is a professed member of Lay Carmel, received the congratulations and warm wishes of his Carmelite confreres.

This wonderful occasion was completed by the monthly formal talk, which was given by Fr Grant Naylor, who was accompanied by Rev Tom Crowley, an ordinand at St Stephen's House, Oxford.

Fr Naylor encouraged everyone to ask Our Lady to give us a simple, deep faith and devotion well rooted in our hearts, leading us to discover every day the good news of the Gospel and encouraging us to announce it with courage and authenticity.



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Stuart Hanlon, Co-ordinator Hallam Caring Services, writes - one of the highlights of the year at Carmel has been the annual concert ably organised by Bridget Warren, who sadly died earlier this year. The concert by the Irish band, The Bards, had been held for twenty-one years.

As a tribute to Bridget for the time and effort she gave to the concert, we have decided to hold a musical evening. For many years Bridget was the backbone of Carmel and we are deeply indebted to her for the skills and care she dedicated to those in need of hospitality and acceptance. RIP.

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.
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I wish it had been available years ago. It should be required reading.
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It will be a blessing for all into whose hands it happens to fall.
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Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group Raise Over £3,000

Hilary Myers, a member of St Vincent's Foundation, Sheffield and a past Union of Catholic Mothers President, relates her experience of Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group's fundraising event.

On Saturday, 17 June the Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group and their guides faced a tough challenge in completing a 17 mile walk over Sheffield's hilly terrain, well over the distance of seven miles which they normally walk four times a month.

My thoughts when I took on the

challenge and asked my friends and parishioners to support me as a visually impaired walker was, I don't mind how long it takes me but I hope the weather is kind and not too hot.

We set off from Endcliffe Park at 9am on a warm sunny morning, soon to become a very hot and sticky day. The nice thing about Sheffield is that there are plenty of parks and woods along the route which gave us some much appreciated shade from the hot sun. Everyone on the walk, about twenty of us, was in good spirits.

Being blind or visually impaired



does not stop you from walking; you just need the arm of a trained guide and we have some wonderful volunteer guides always willing to walk with us. We change guides usually every few miles to give them a break from 'guiding', so there's always a different person to talk to.

The route started at Hunters Bar, up the Porter Valley to Ringinglow, down the Limb Valley into Ecclesall Woods and across Abbeydale Road at Dore and Totley Station; then on to Ladies Spring Wood and to Beauchief Abbey in time for a packed lunch.

Nicely refreshed, we continued through Chancet Wood to Graves Park and the Gleadless Valley;

then onward through Meersbrook Park, across London Road, up the last hill to Brincliffe Edge and Chelsea Park to reach the finish at Hunters Bar at 6pm, where there was lots of chatting, laughing and good camaraderie. We were all in very high spirits and so delighted with each other that we had all finished the challenge. A day well spent!

Over £3,000 were raised in support of the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind and the Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group. What an achievement!

Hilary Myers
Social Secretary
Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

Paul and Margaret Helliwell recently hosted a Sunday celebration to mark Paul's term as President of Sheffield Hallamshire 218 Catenian Circle. After attending Mass at St

Marie's Cathedral, and joining parishioners for tea and coffee, the celebration moved to Sheffield Manor Lodge, where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned for fourteen years in

the 16th century.

For many of those circle members, relatives and friends it was their first visit, even though they had lived locally for many years.



Pictured above: Paul enters fully into the spirit of the visit by dressing up in period costume. On the left: The group enjoy a stimulating and informative guided tour. Margaret is on the right of the photograph.

EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

St Marie's Catholic Primary School, on Fulwood Road, has unveiled a new prayer garden to provide pupils with a quiet space to foster learning and reflection.

The garden was built following contributions from the Sheffield Town Trust and the school and parish communities.

The stone Easter cross at the centre of the garden, which was chosen by pupils, was designed and made by local sculptor Richard Watts and includes the school motto. Richard has had a connection with St Marie's for the past 19 years with all five of his children attending the school.

St Marie's headteacher, John Fernandes, said, "The spiritual garden is intended to be an active



The stonework of the base of the cross

space, providing pupils with opportunities for learning, for being creative and being engaged in growing and developing their own space.

"These learning opportunities, paired with the thoughtful and reflective aspects of the prayer garden, will ensure that it will become a much cherished part of the school for many years to come. We are grateful to all."

Mr Watts said, "The design the children chose – from three pos-

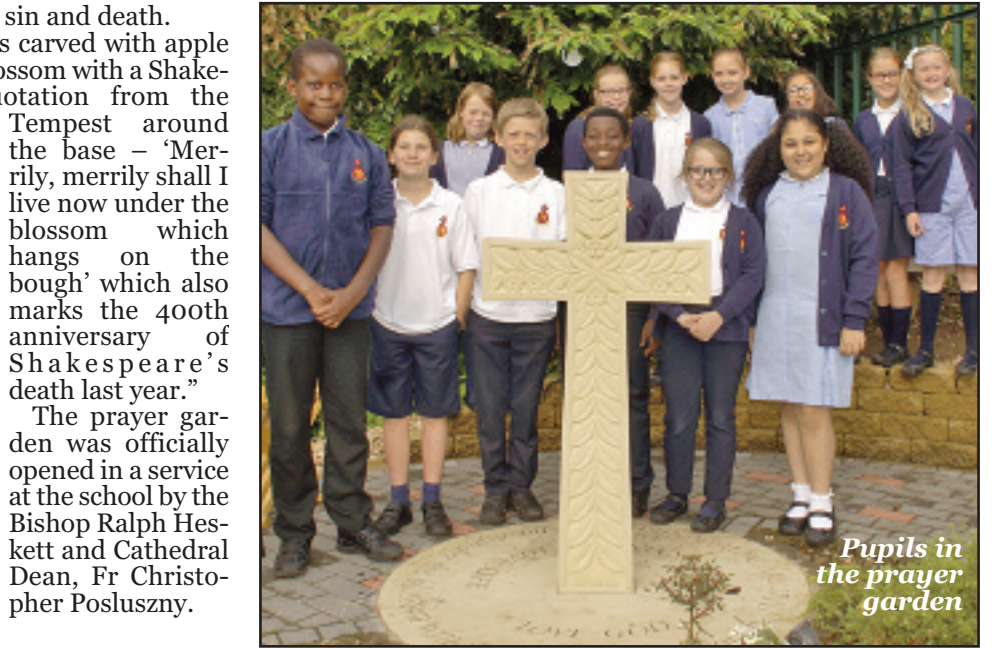
sible options – was for a cross carved as the 'Tree of Life', a symbol of Our Lord's resurrection and triumph over sin and death.

"The cross is carved with apple leaves and blossom with a Shakespearean quotation from the

School Unveils New Prayer Garden



Bishop Ralph with pupils and Mr Fernandes



Pupils in the prayer garden

Tempest around the base – 'Merrily, merrily shall I live now under the blossom which hangs on the bough' which also marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death last year."

The prayer garden was officially opened in a service at the school by the Bishop Ralph Heskett and Cathedral Dean, Fr Christopher Posluszny.



Pupils spend some time with Bishop Ralph

St Marie's Pupils Design Romero Cross

The Year 6 leavers at St Marie's School, Sheffield have made their own Oscar Romero cross which was completed and displayed during the school's Arts Week in July.

It was designed in the style and colours of the internationally recognised Salvadorian artist, Fernando Llort, who designed the large Romero Cross that is in



Southwark Cathedral, London.

The class took inspiration from the different aspects that they felt made up St Marie's School such as Jesus, football, Sports Day, CAFOD, Padley Pilgrimage, house groups and beads for behaviour.

The children worked in small groups and painted these images onto different parts of the cross.



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EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY
Boxing Champion Visits Notre Dame High School

A Sheffield school welcomed a Commonwealth boxing champion and his trainer as special guests at its annual sports award evening.

Middleweight boxer, Sam Sheedy and trainer, Glyn Rhodes MBE joined pupils, parents and staff at the event at Notre Dame High School on Fulwood Road, Sheffield.

The sports awards evening has been running for three years and has quickly become established as a highlight in the school calendar.

Headteacher, Steve Davies said, "You can see how much it is valued by the children, their parents and the staff by the turnout and the effort everyone goes to in getting dressed up for the occasion."

"We were delighted to be joined by Sam and Glyn who spent the whole evening meeting students, presenting awards and answering questions."

"Theirs was a very positive message and it was a real inspiration to our students to meet successful sports people from their own city."

Mr Davies, who thanked the PE department and other staff members for their role in supporting students in sport, added, "Sport's benefits to physical health are obvious and well documented, but we know too what a positive impact involvement with sport can have on our mental health and wellbeing."

"Through sport, our students develop confidence, leadership skills and learn how to work as part of a

team. They experience success, but just as importantly, they learn how to deal with failure, how to face it with grace and how to learn from it."

The awards recognise students for their commitment, participation and how they act as role models as well as recognition for success in competition.

Glyn Rhodes said, "It was a room full of sports people which was fantastic."

"Many people are now afraid of failure, but sport demonstrates how you can bounce back and learn from the experience."

"You don't have to be the best, just do your best. That's what I tell them in the gym."

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Pictured left to right: Commonwealth boxing champion Sam Sheedy, Notre Dame headteacher Steve Davies and boxing trainer Glyn Rhodes

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Stainforth Catholic Headteacher Chosen for Key School Support Role

The headteacher and staff at Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Doncaster are delighted to have been selected for top roles in supporting schools in challenging circumstances and helping support teachers and leaders in driving forward standards.

Mrs Bernadette Nesbit was successful in her application and assessment to be awarded National Leader of Education and Holy Family, Stainforth as a National Support School.

Despite the school being in a significantly deprived area itself, Mrs Nesbit has also taken on the role as Executive Headteacher at St Francis Xavier, Balby, Doncaster which again is an area of high deprivation and poses challenging circumstances.

Bernadette Nesbit is one of more than seventy-five headteachers to be appointed to the role of National Leader of Education in the latest recruitment round, and one of only a few in the Diocese of Hallam.

National Leaders of Education, along with staff in their school – appointed as

national support schools – use their knowledge and experience to provide additional leadership capability in other schools in need of support.

Mrs Nesbit said, "This award reflects the hard work and dedication of staff and the whole school community in supporting schools and the drive to raise standards for children everywhere. Despite the difficulties we face in recruitment and the area we serve, we settle for nothing less than the best for our children across both schools."

Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said, "I'd like to congratulate Mrs Nesbit at Holy Family Catholic Primary on being appointed as a National Leader of Education and national support school. They should be very proud of this achievement."

"National leaders of education are at the heart of school improvement. They're supporting other schools and developing the next generation of leaders. At the National College for Teaching and Leadership we want to do all we can to support their work."



Bernadette Nesbit National Leader of Education

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Peak District Walking Pilgrimage for Mary's Meals

On Monday, 26 June an intrepid group of adults from across the Diocese completed a ten-mile sponsored walking pilgrimage in aid of Mary's Meals, a charity whose aim it is to feed children in the world's poorest communities.

Setting off from breath-taking Curbar Edge in the morning sunshine, the pilgrims followed a scenic route through the beautiful Peak District, merging with fellow pilgrims at Longshaw for the challenging descent through boulder-strewn Padley Gorge to the ancient Padley Chapel.

Mass was celebrated in the chapel grounds by Fr Lee Marshall from The Annunciation and Holy Family Parish in Chesterfield. Fr Lee, who also completed all ten miles of the pilgrimage wearing one of the Mary's Meals T-shirts, said, "This was a blessed day and a wonderful opportunity to

raise vital funds for Mary's Meals."

After a picnic lunch in the sunshine, the pilgrims put best foot forward and successfully completed the return leg of the walk along the picturesque valley to Curbar.

A sum of approximately £1,300 was raised in sponsorship for Mary's Meals. Maria Volpone, who coordinated the walk, said, "I had no idea when I first suggested the sponsored walking pilgrimage that we would raise such an amount. Some of our walkers even overcame health challenges and mobility issues to take part. It was a real family affair for me, as my two sons



took time off work to take part in the walk – and Mylo, our dog, joined us too!"

Mary's Meals can make a lasting difference to the lives of children in some of the world's poorest countries. It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year, so even the smallest amounts can have a huge impact. Anyone interested in finding out more about the work of Mary's Meals, sending a donation, or hosting a fundraising event in their parish can do so by visiting their website www.marys-meals.org.uk.



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THE BAR CONVENT

Living Heritage Centre

The Bar Convent in York, the oldest living convent in England, is launching a new drive to attract Catholic groups to pay it a visit.

The house was founded in 1686 as a Catholic school for girls. It is still home to members of the Congregation of Jesus. The convent has housed a guest house, museum, café and conference rooms since the school closed in 1985, but two years ago it relaunched as a Living Heritage Centre. The museum was replaced with a brand new interactive exhibition and the whole site was given a much needed boost.

"We've had a real upsurge in visitors since we re-opened," said Audience Development and Education Manager, Jerry Ibbotson, "but what we really want is to welcome more Catholic Groups. They appreciate the history of the Bar Convent and have a real connection to the place."

"We need their support, basically. By visiting us, they'll help ensure the Bar Convent continues to thrive for years to come."

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When your parents chose to have you baptised, you became a special member of GOD's family. As you journey through your life, you will get chances to show and renew your love for God.

You may belong to a sports club. The people who live near you, your neighbours, may help you to belong to your local community. We are all part of a number of groups. So have a chat with your grown-ups about them as you work through the activities on this page.

Colour in our picture of Belonging



My name is:

My teacher says that I am good at:

My teacher is:

I support (insert your favourite team):

My school is:

My friends say I am:



I wonder ...

why your family chose your name?

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which part of the Sacrament of Baptism you like the best?

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how it feels to be part of God's family?

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For next month's gallery please send in colourful pictures of the harvest.

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A Great Forthcoming Concert At St Marie's Cathedral

The world-famous choir, The Tallis Scholars, are coming to St Marie's for a Christmas concert on 16 December. The programme includes Advent and Christmas works by Monteverdi, Palestrina, Praetorius and Isaac.

Tickets are available online at <http://stmariecathedral.org/event-items/christmas-with-the-tallis-scholars/>, by telephone: 0114 2233777 and over the counter at Sheffield City Hall box-office. A part of the proceeds will go to the Organ Restoration Fund.

Referred to on BBC Radio 3 as, 'One of the UK's greatest cultural exports', The Tallis Scholars have performed in churches, cathedrals and venues in every

continent on the planet except Antarctica! These include the Sistine Chapel, the Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in New York, St Mark's Venice, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Royal Albert Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

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Traditional Ordinariate Mass, Missa Cantata, will be offered on **Monday, 25 September** at 11am at the Parish Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 30 Spring Water Avenue, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, S12 4HJ.

A Garden Party will take place afterwards at 4, Rylstone Court, Sheffield, S12 4NJ. Tickets are £8.50 in aid of Ordinariate funds.

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