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*Pope Francis*

Pope Francis has called for a “Revolution of Tenderness” and has challenged us all to see and hear each other and to respond with words and actions of love.

The community that makes up St Vincent’s Furniture Store has been working in just this way for thirty years now. On the Feast of St Vincent de Paul a special Mass was celebrated to mark this significant anniversary.



*Left to right: Mgr William Kilgannon, Fr Andrew Browne, Bishop Ralph and Fr Shaun Smith concelebrate Mass at the SVP Furniture Store*

## CHRIST AMONG US



*St Vincent de Paul*

On Wednesday, 27 September, the feast of our patron, St Vincent de Paul, a Mass was celebrated at St Vincent’s Furniture Store to mark our 30th Anniversary.

Bishop Ralph, Fr Andrew Browne, Fr Shaun Smith and Mgr Kilgannon concelebrated the Mass and it was a joyous occasion.

In his Homily, Bishop Ralph spoke of St Vincent’s early life and the fact that he was ordained a Priest at the age of 19. Following certain events in Vincent’s life an extraordinary transformation took place and he started to see Jesus Christ present in the poor.

Bishop Ralph also commented that the founding principle of the Furniture Store was the notion of recognising Christ in the poor .. see page 3

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| 1 | Hallam Ascent Group meet at St Francis of Assisi parish hall, 277 Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm, to celebrate All Saints' Day, with soup lunch for members and talk by John Green on Allhallowtide. For more details: 0114 2306797 or email ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 8 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. |
|   |   | 14 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.  |
| 8 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation   | 28 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.  |

## Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Sheffield

1 November, Quiet Day/Day of Retreat for All Saints: 9.45am-3.30pm, £12.  
4 November, Day of Retreat: 9.30am-3.30pm, £15. Booking essential.  
21 November, Simple Quiet Day: 9.45am-3.30pm, £12. Booking essential.  
23 November, We Who Sing, Pray

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For further information and to book: Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Whirlow Grange Drive, Sheffield, S11 9RX, tel: 0114 235 3704, email: team@whirlowspiritualitycentre.org.

## 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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| 5  | St Charles Borromeo, Sheffield.                     |
| 12 | English Martyrs, Mexborough.                        |
| 19 | Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and St Oswald, Sheffield. |
| 26 | Sacred Heart, Goldthorpe.                           |



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Theology of the Body  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7pm

Natural Family Planning  
(Naturally Managing Fertility & Infertility)  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7pm

Issues of Our Day  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7pm

St Michael's & All Angels Catholic Church  
23 Park Street, Wombwell, S73 0QH

An introduction to the theology of the body and natural family planning. Over a period of three weeks we will explore the beauty of God's creation and how we, as human beings and the choices we make, can and do affect our bodies, our interpersonal relationships and our relationship with God.

### Week 1: Theology of the Body

An introduction to the theology of the body including a look at Pope Saint John Paul II's famous work "Man and Woman he created them".

### Week 2: Natural Family Planning (Managing Fertility & Infertility)

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### Week 3: Issues of Our Day

We will touch on some of the most controversial and emotive issues including IVF, embryo experimentation, abortion and other family matters. The session will include discussion on Catholic social teaching.

### Overview

The evenings will take place at St Michael's & All Angels Catholic Church, Wombwell. There will be chance to deepen your knowledge and explore of a range of interesting topics that can help strengthen and underpin family life. Led by Amy Sheridan-Garritty, recently graduated as a natural family planning practitioner and long time pro-life supporter, this course is relevant for newly married and engaged couples, priests, deacons and those considering vocation, and single people interested in simply deepening their understanding of Catholic teaching. For further information or to register your interest in attending please contact Amy on 07530 209222 or email natural-familyplanning@outlook.com.

We look forward to seeing you at St Michael's & All Angels in November!

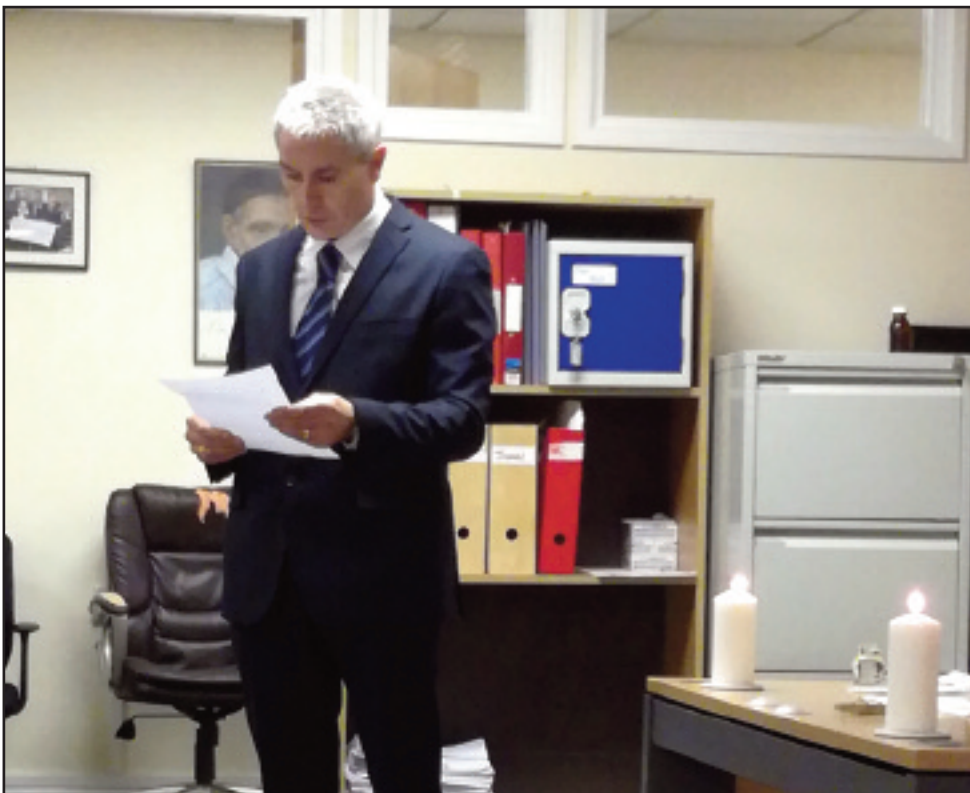
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# St Vincent's Furniture Store 30th Anniversary Mass



## ST WILFRID'S PLACE

The Grand Opening of St Wilfrid's Residential, now known as St Wilfrid's Place, took place on Friday, 6 October. In our next edition we will have the full story in words and pictures.

## Launch of Counselling Project

At the suggestion of Fr Gus O'Reilly, Sheffield South Deanery together with Hallam Caring Services have appointed Sandra Jean Louis, a qualified counsellor, (pictured on the right).

Sandra will offer a one-to-one counselling service for various experiences that affect mental health.

This exciting, much needed, new project is in response to the increase in people struggling with mental health issues. This free service will operate from Mother of God Parish Centre, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield on an appointment basis only. For an appointment telephone Bernie Ware, 0114 2566407 or 07980406198.



... and responding to their needs, and this remains the guiding principle today.

When you visit our website the first thing you see is '30 Years and Still Going Strong'. Bishop Ralph said that we are obviously proud and delighted to have reached this significant milestone and we should be, for the service we provide has made it possible for many people, perhaps already written off by some, to turn their lives around and make new beginnings.

The celebration of the Mass and the fact that it was held at the Store, where all the hard work is carried out

by staff and volunteers, made the evening all the more meaningful.

The Staff, Volunteers and Management Committee would like to thank everyone who attended on the night. Without your help and support we would not be able to carry out our vital work, which is as much needed today as when St Vincent walked this earth.

Bishop Ralph's words sum it all up ~ "May the Lord who began this good work, and who sustains it day by day, bring it to completion."

Lorraine Healy  
Manager of Furniture Store



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# HOLY SPIRIT, DRONFIELD, GOLDEN JUBILEE



The Parishioners of the Holy Spirit Parish in Dronfield celebrated a fabulous 50 years with a delicious afternoon tea, enjoyed by one and all. A special thank you to Fr Beattie for dropping in and joining the fun! Thanks to those who organised it and all who contributed.



## 13 Miles is a Long, Long Way ...



Left to right: Fr Shaun Smith, Marie Grant, Fr Andrew Browne, Bishop Ralph, Mgr William Kilgannon and Lorraine Healy

On a lovely Sunday morning, back in April, Fr Andrew Browne and Marie Grant lined up once again, to tackle the hills of Sheffield. For the fourth year in a row they had volunteered to run the Sheffield Half Marathon in aid of St Vincent's Furniture Store.

This year the fantastic amount of £1517.84 was raised. Since 2014 Fr Andrew and Marie, along with Vic Gould in 2014 and Dec Healy in 2016, have raised over £6,600 for the

Furniture Store.

Over the past four years the money raised has enabled us to buy new beds for 56 children and 44 adults. Lorraine Healy, Manager of St Vincent's Furniture Store, commented, "It is when you actually see the good that we can do with the sponsorship money that you thank God for Fr Andrew and Marie. They train all year round, in the sun, wind and rain, so they are able to complete the half marathon. They are not just turning

up on a Sunday morning in April and running, loads of preparation goes into it all and everyone at the Store is full of admiration for them."

The cheque presentation was carried out after the 30th Anniversary Mass at St Vincent's Furniture Store.

If anyone would like to join Fr Andrew and Marie in running the half marathon for St Vincent's Furniture Store in April, 2018, please contact Lorraine at the Store on 0114 2703990.

## Local Potter Renovates Nativity Statues for Parish

Caroline Worthy of "Pottering Around" in Chapeltown took on the commission of repainting and, where necessary, repairing the Nativity statues for the Parish of St Mary's, High Green. Caroline repainted two statues every month and said how much she enjoyed this commission. She was delighted to see the statues in place in the church after restoring them. Some parishioners commented how wonderful the statues looked and some pointed out how the small details were brought out on the Kings' gifts and crowns. Caroline advised on how to store the statues to ensure that they would not need repainting for years to come.





# Lourdes - The Message and Memories Continue



*The Rainbow as the Lourdes@Home celebrations begin*

## LOURDES@HOME

On Friday, 15 September our first ever Lourdes@Home event took place at St Bernard's Catholic High School. The event began beneath a stunning rainbow over the school. Students from across the diocese who had taken part in the Lourdes Pilgrimage earlier this year were invited to join up with the friends and youth leaders they had met in Lourdes. Many students and youth leaders opted to camp out on the school field overnight which, despite the cold weather, was great fun. The evening consisted of a BBQ, football

and table tennis and a great camp fire complete with a wide variety of songs. Bishop Ralph and several priests joined us in the evening and the Inreality team led a very moving night prayer.

The following morning hot coffee and bacon sandwiches warmed everyone up before preparation for Mass began. Fr Des, Fr Martin and Fr Lee joined Bishop Ralph in celebrating Mass with the young people and the youth leaders in the school chapel.

Tammy Neal

## Thank You to Volunteers

Peter and Lesley Brannan, parishioners of Holy Rood, Barnsley invited students from St Pius X, Wath-upon-Dearne and the McAuley School, Doncaster to join them for a meal at the Barnsley Circle September meeting of the Catenian Association. The invitation was a gesture of heartfelt thanks to the students for all the help they provided as volunteers on the Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

John Slade, Head of Modern Languages at St Pius X, a fellow pilgrim and student, Jack Saunders, each gave a presentation to the Catenians. They spoke about their memories of their visit to Lourdes. They each valued the friendships made with other pilgrims from around the Diocese, and especially emphasised the deeply spiritual experience of the Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Pictured below left to right: Ellie Doak, Adam Prior, Tapu, McAuley High School, Doncaster, Mrs Lesley Brannan and Mrs Peter Brannan, Lourdes pilgrims from Holy Rood, Jack Saunders, St Pius X School, Wath on Dearne, Clare and Paul Saunders - Jack's parents, Mr John Slade, Pilgrimage Student Supervisor and Teacher of Modern Languages, St Pius X School.



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# DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION



## László and Erzsébet Safrany

László and Erzsébet Safrany, of the parish of St Joseph's, Dinnington, were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hillsborough on 5 October, 1957, a year after arriving in the area as refugees from Tura, a village near Budapest in then-communist Hungary.

Known in the

parish as Les and Elizabeth, the couple were surprised to be called out at the end of Mass on Sunday, 1 October to receive a special blessing in front of their parish family ahead of their actual anniversary during the week.

Speaking on the day of celebrations, Mr and Mrs Safrany both said that it was hard to

believe how far they had come, since arriving in England as poor refugees. Their story is a romantic one: the village sweethearts risked everything to escape the crack-down after the 1956 Hungarian Uprising. Les trekked across Europe to get to England; arriving after Elizabeth, who



was smuggled out of the country to a Red Cross camp in Austria. Having very little to call their own, Elizabeth got married in a donated wedding dress courtesy of an article in the local paper. They started their new life in P i t s m o o r, Sheffield; moved to Brinsworth and then finally settling in Laughton en le Morthen, Dinnington.

Mr Safrany worked as a panel beater, before setting up his own car body repair business in Laughton which he ran until his retirement in 2000. His wife, a trained copy typist, turned her secretarial skills to

supporting the family business. They have two children – Laszlo, a primary school teacher and Stephen, a research professor – and five grandchildren.

Fr Andy Graydon, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, offered prayers for the couple and their family, who were there to add their prayers to those of Fr Andy. "I have known the couple for well over thirty years. They are outstanding Catholics and attend St Joseph's Church regularly. They have also been highly involved in the life of the community over the years. They have passed

on to their children and grandchildren the values and teachings of Christ and his Church. It is such a wonderful achievement to celebrate 60 years of married life together."

Les and Elizabeth received a congratulatory card from

Her Majesty the Queen and a special papal blessing from His Holiness Pope Francis, which took the form of a beautifully decorated parchment.

To celebrate the couple's milestone anniversary, their family arranged a lunch at Rossing-

ton Hall, Doncaster. As well as receiving gifts of flowers and a diamond anniversary rose bush, their daughter-in-law, Helen, made a beautiful cake for the family to share as the happy couple were toasted with champagne.



## Ninetieth Birthday



Kathleen Madigan, parishioner of Mother of God parish, Sheffield recently celebrated her Ninetieth birthday with a party attended by her many friends.

Kathleen was born to Irish parents. She was the youngest of four children.

She was a pupil at St Catherine's school and then went on to work at Claremont Hospital.

Kathleen, whose hobbies are embroidery and watching sport on TV, never misses Sunday Mass and describes her parish as a community of "wonderful peo-

ple, who are energetic and caring".

Celebrations are pictured above and right at the party on Kathleen's birthday, 27 September, following a parish get-together on Sunday, 24 September.





# DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION



Another couple celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary are Peter and Margaret Wolstenholme. Peter tells us, "I married Margaret (Madge) Bell at St Theresa's Church, Prince of Wales Road, Manor Estate, Sheffield on the 10 August, 1957. My elder brother, Tony, was ordained a Verona Father in Milan on 15 June 1957. He came home to Sheffield and as Rev Fr Anthony Wolstenholme assisted St Theresa's curate, Fr Duffy in celebrating our wedding ceremony. Following the Wedding reception we left for our honeymoon in Paris. "We moved to St Joseph's, Handsworth in 1962 where I joined St Joseph's conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. From 1974 to 2000, I was Vice President, President and Secretary of District Council.

"We are blessed with three daughters,

one son, one granddaughter, five grandsons, one great-granddaughter, three great-grandsons; with another great grandson due in October and identical twin great-granddaughters due in January, 2018.

"Fr Anthony, my brother now in his 94th year, is a resident in St Joseph's Nursing Home, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Glasgow.

"On 5 August at the Vigil Mass in St Joseph's, our regular Mass, we received a Blessing from our Parish Priest, Fr Mark McManus. This was followed by warm applause from the congregation.

Then on 10 August we were honoured when Sheffield's Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Murphy, and her Consort, Councillor Jackie Satur, visited our Woodhouse home and stayed with us for an hour," (pictured on the right).

## Peter and Margaret Wolstenholme



## Flower Festival in Wath-upon-Dearne



St Joseph's Parish, Wath-upon-Dearne, recently contributed to a Flower and Photographic Festival at All Saints Church of England Parish Church, Wath-upon-Dearne. Audrey Salmon created a stunning display entitled 'Our Lady, Queen of Heaven'.

### Catholic Men's Society - St Vincent's Branch, Sheffield

The next meeting of the Catholic Men's Committee (all members) will be on Monday, 13 November, 8pm at St Vincent's Church Hall, Pickmere Road, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1GY.

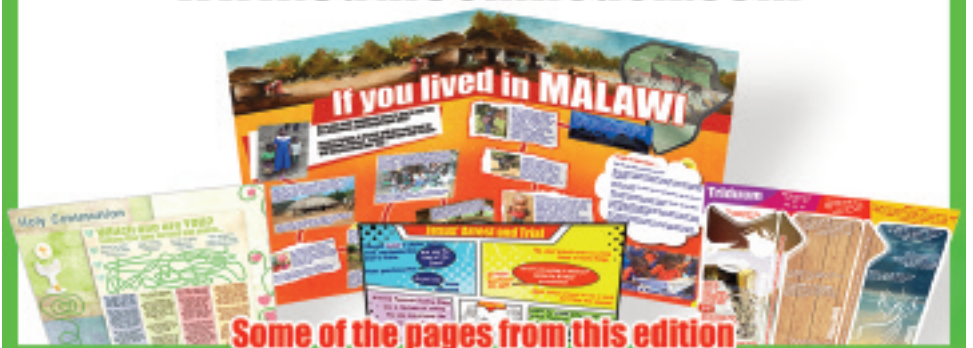
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### Day of Celebrations at Saint Francis Xavier

On Monday, 2 October the staff and pupils of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, Balby, welcomed dignitaries and invited guests to the blessing of the new building within the school. Among those attending were Bishop Ralph, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Doncaster, representatives from Doncaster Local Education Authority and the Doncaster Deanery, as well as the Schools Department of the Diocese of Hallam and Hallam Caring Services. Executive headteacher, Mrs Bernadette Nesbit and her staff were also pleased to welcome members of the Board of Governors from both St Francis Xavier and

Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Stainforth.

The morning began with a warm welcome from Mr Joe O'Connor, Assistant Head at St Francis Xavier, who referred to the day as a day of celebration for the children and said that, "We have started a journey which will take St Francis Xavier to be a place of excellence in learning and teaching". Mr O'Connor also referred to the exceptional level of support from the Diocese and Doncaster LEA. Class members of Year 6 presented a short assembly on 'New Beginnings' which was warmly greeted by guests. Following the blessing by Bishop Ralph,

everyone enjoyed a guided tour of the school, visiting each classroom and spending time with the children.

The leadership team of St Francis Xavier would like to thank everyone for their support, their generosity and all the goodwill from which the school has benefited.

Pictured below left to right: Joseph O'Connor, Frs Kieran Fletcher, Pat O'Connor and Darren Reid, Andrew Gregory, Annette Dews, Bishop Ralph, Samantha Benson, Bernadette Nesbit, Fr Declan Brett, Civic Mayor Of Doncaster, Councillor George Derx and Mayoress of Doncaster, Mrs Pauline Derx.



**Former pupils who left St Theresa's Roman Catholic School, Prince of Wales Road, Manor Estate, Sheffield between 1951 and 1953 held their 15th Annual Reunion at The Noah's Ark, Intake, Sheffield on Saturday, 30 September.**

**Anyone interested in the 2018 reunion should telephone Bernard Dowling, 0114 2510416.**

**Photograph: Peter Wolstenholme, St Theresa's pupil 1940-1947**

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*The Chapel in the Bar Convent*

For Catholics this is a special place. We began our visit with a guided tour led by one of the Sisters who explained how much the present congregation owed to Mary Ward (1585-1645).

At a time of persecution and great difficulty for Catholics, her vision was for women to live a new kind of religious life based on the principles of the Society of Jesus. They would not be enclosed in their convents, shut away from the world but free to respond to the needs of the people they served. She believed passionately in the dignity and worth of women and that girls should be educated to play a full part both in the Church and in society.

This was radical thinking, way ahead of its time and did not find favour with the Church authorities. Mary Ward's Institute was originally suppressed but her vision and her work now live on in the Congregation of Jesus (to which the Sisters of the Bar Convent belong) and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Loreto.

The Bar Convent was established in

1685, in great secrecy to avoid punishment or even death. Frances Bedingfield purchased a house just outside York's walls and set up a school for girls. It flourished under the care of a small group of dedicated women who endured poverty, persecution and imprisonment.

We visited the beautiful chapel built in 1767 when anti-Catholic feelings were still running high. Its cupola is hidden beneath a slate roof so it could not be seen from outside. It has eight exits for a quick escape and a priest hole where the priest, vestments and chalice could be hidden if the house was searched. It was our special privilege to have Mass here, celebrated by our own parish priest, Fr Martin Clayton. We felt embraced by history and by the endurance, devotion and suffering of the faithful women who lived in this place.

There was no shortage of history. The Exhibition tells the story of the Bar Convent using up to date technology and a variety of displays. You come away with a real sense of how the sisters lived and the obstacles

they faced in 17th Century Penal times.

We left the Bar Convent for a leisurely stroll (yes, there was shopping!) through the city to St Wilfrid's Church, opposite the Minster. The Parish Priest, Fr Richard Duffield, entertained us with a gallop through the history of York followed by a walk that took most of us to places in the city that we had never visited before. We ended in the Shambles at the shrine of Margaret Clitherow, English Saint and Martyr who died for her faith in 1585. She had been arrested for harbouring Catholic priests but refused to plead, thus avoiding a trial in which her family would have been made to testify. She was executed in the Toll Booth at Ouse Bridge by being crushed to death under the weight of rocks placed on the door of her own house.

She died within 15 minutes without a word. Margaret Clitherow, the Pearl of York, is the patron saint of the Catholic Women's League.

The parishioners of St Michael's, Hathersage and Our Lady of Sorrows, Bamford and their guests and friends ended the day in style with supper at the Designer Outlet outside York.

We had left home in torrential rain but the sun shone on us in York. A most perfect day!

*Maria Kenyon*



*The visitors from Hope Valley outside St Wilfrid's Church with Fr Martin Clayton and Fr Richard Duffield (left)*

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# Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

November is the month when we think about different saints.

What is a saint? A saint is someone who is a great example of how to live our Christian faith. Our Church tells us that they must now be in heaven.

All saints, known and unknown, are celebrated on 1 November. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and this means that we should go to Mass on that day. All Saints Day is celebrated all over the Christian world but in different ways. In Poland and France, flowers are taken to the graves of people who have died. In Portugal, children receive gifts of cakes, sweets and nuts, by going door to door.

The following day, All Soul's Day, is when we remember those who have died and are continuing their journey to heaven.

November is often thought of as the month of remembrance

## Colour in our picture of the Saints



and 11 November is **Remembrance Day** when we remember those who have died in wars. Can you remember what flower

we use to remember those who have died in wars?

There are lots of different activities for you this month.

You may need the help of a grown-up for some, but others you should manage on your own.

**Wonder**

**I Wonder ... ..**

**I wonder how we remember someone who has died?**

.....

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**I wonder what we can do if we feel sad or alone?**

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**I wonder how the Saints knew what choices to make in their lives?**

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### Guidance for Parents/Carers:

You can research the lives of Saints on the internet, or your parish may have some books for you to borrow.

Alternatively, you can buy the following:

- The Children's Book of Saints by Louis M Savary (Amazon £7.95)
- The Book of Saints (Loyola Kids) by Amy Welborn (Amazon £12.26)

Read selections from books on the lives of the saints to your child. Talk about the lives of saints and their characteristics.

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**Can you research the life of a saint and prepare a newspaper front page about them? Choose one event from the life of your saint for the headline. Make the main story about that event. Don't forget to give your newspaper a name!**

**Adult Led Litany:** In your home, with your child pray to the saints. Find pictures of saints and put them near you as a focus point. These pictures could be your family's patron saint, your parish's saint, your country's saint, your name saint.

Begin the litany with the adult saying aloud: Saint \_\_\_\_\_ pray for us! With each saint's name, repeat this sentence, inviting your child to respond with you: Pray for us!

End the litany experience by singing with your child "Oh When the Saints Go Marching In."



# Celebrating Feasts in Barcelos

Fr James Shekelton, working in South America, sends his latest news ...

Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you all well. It is particularly hot at the moment and the summer here is just beginning. A cool 40 degrees is the norm.

I am preparing to go on the longest trip away to visit the furthest communities from the town. It's 3 days by boat to get to the one furthest away which is called Vila Nunes. To get there we have to go down the River Negro and then up another river called the Unini. There are 8 communities on this river and it is an area protected by a government organisation to help conserve the fish and wildlife. The people make a living doing what most people do here - processing Manjoca to make Farinha and tapioca, working with the Açaí berries, fishing, cultivating of bananas, pineapples and other fruits that grow in the region.



As I have mentioned before, each community has its patron, usually a Saint whose statue will always be found somewhere in the community decked in ribbons and colourful decorations. A lot of these statues are in bad condition and very old, but have always been kept as sacred objects by the communities. One of the communities had its annual feast on 8 September. As always there were many people who travelled to the community to participate in the feast. There was a procession and I celebrated Mass and offered baptisms, along with the usual football tournament and games. These people just love to party. Any excuse is good to have a party!

Observing the communities and the way of things here, the feasts often become moments to just forget about the hardships and struggles of life. Hard work, days spent under the sun with little rest, poor nutrition, conflicts and problems in family, relationships that don't work, and many other reasons make people look forward to a feast as a way of breaking with the miseries and difficulties. A kind of way for people to drown their sorrows. So the feasts that were once very religious have now become quite pagan in many of the communities of the interior. It's very hard to understand the mind-set, and even harder to try and explain it, but as always our presence here has to be one of giving hope. Sometimes you can ask whether our presence here makes any difference at all, but only God knows all that goes on and sowing seeds of kindness and hope is never wasted ....

Back in Barcelos now and the trip went well. The river is quickly drying as it does in the summer months. God bless and keep us in the prayers.



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## A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP

On 1 September Rotherham Parent Carer Forum became the new tenant of the Presbytery at St Joseph's, Rawmarsh. The Parish are delighted to have the forum as their tenants. The house will be the forum's office base.



A considerable amount of work has been done by parishioners to get the house ready for the forum; installing an appropriate fire alarm system, changing the status of the house from a residential dwelling to a place of business, widening the access for parking and a whole host of other tasks.

This parish/forum relationship is a real gift to the parish. The forum is a registered charity run by and for families of children and young people (aged 0-25) who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

In April this year the forum received the Duke of York community initiative award.

The principles or cornerstones of their work align with our own gospel values - Welcome and Care, Value and Include, Communicate and working in true partnership, developing and nurturing a climate of trust.

This follows the teachings outlined in Populorum Progressio, 'To take a prefer-

ential option for those in need'.

Jayne Fitzgerald, Strategic Lead for participation and engagement, said, "The Forum is really excited about this new move. Whilst we work nationally and regionally effecting change, it is here in localities, in partnership with local communities, where voice and experience really makes a difference to local services. We have almost 1000 families as members in Rotherham from all cultures and backgrounds, working together to reduce isolation, reach out to other families and make a real difference to outcomes for children and young people with SEND in partnership with local services and organisations. Our partnership with St Joseph's will provide opportunity to extend our reach to families, supporting them in navigating the maze and giving more time to celebrate our amazing families.

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## Work Progresses on Re-installing Cathedral's Historic Organ

The first of the giant organ pipes and decorative panels made from Austrian oak from St Marie's historic, unique Lewis Organ have been returned to the Cathedral and are waiting to be re-installed.

The organ dates back to 1875, was a gift to the Cathedral by the 15th Duke of Norfolk and is the only large Lewis organ in a public location, which remains tonally unaltered.

From the start of June to the end of

September, all three of the keyboards, many of the stops and part of the pedal board had been installed, together with associated linkages.

While specialists from Wakefield-based A J Carter Professional Organ Building Services have been re-installing the refurbished organ components, fundraisers have so far succeeded in raising more than £11,000 towards the £38,000 that the Cathedral must raise as its part of the £200,000 refurbishment costs.

Fund raising events have included a series of concerts at St Marie's and other churches, parish socials, Table Top sales, second collections and a novel Smartie Tube Challenge.

Gift Aid on donations so far should raise £1,500, but more needs to be raised to add to the major grant towards refurbishment from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Donations to the organ restoration fund can be sent to Cathedral House, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB. Gift Aid envelopes are also 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.

Only three of the tonally unaltered original T C Lewis organs are believed to still be in existence, and St Marie's is the only one easily accessible daily to the general public in the UK.

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. While the largest pipes have been returned to the Cathedral and are awaiting re-installation, a further 30 trays of pipes are still waiting to be returned.

Images of the stages in the St Marie's organ rebuild can be found on the Cathedral web site - <http://stmariecathedral.org/> - and at [https://drive.google.com/open?id=oBx\\_TMhNKdfHacFNodHhYUoYoeXc](https://drive.google.com/open?id=oBx_TMhNKdfHacFNodHhYUoYoeXc).



The newly refurbished T C Lewis organ in St Marie's Cathedral  
Photograph: Bob Rae



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution. Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

### CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Angel of the bottomless pit's one rotten fellow (7)
- 5 Check car's tyres at the front (5)
- 8 Picnic things are put in this stylish container (4,3)
- 9 Poke around firm in Israel (5)
- 10 It amplifies the matter of fruit on the turn (5)
- 11 Within visual range for observation (7)
- 12 Total lack of interest to cross a yard by track (6)
- 14 Zambia's evacuated, following small brown lines on a page (6)
- 17 Say farewell to lion-hearted after salute... (7)
- 19 ...awards partly leave them mystified (5)
- 22 The rise of Southwell? (5)
- 23 Rat one that double-crossed (7)
- 24 Somewhat dark Welsh river seen in a wasted day (5)
- 25 James' and John's dad, retiring bishop, drifted away during last Letter from America (7)
- 5 How meats are cooked in France, on Sunday, in early summer months (2,3)
- 6 One of ten sides last month suffering no end (7)
- 7 Dorcas the Greek gets to name it on headgear, but not all (7)
- 12 Charged with using cue cards, Rabbi pulled out (7)
- 13 On English vessel find a set forever young (7)
- 15 Jesus Christ the Gambler, said John? (3,4)
- 16 Conquistador, the first in Colombia with, surprisingly, zero time in there (6)
- 18 The event to broadcast? (5)
- 20 Greek character with very little English, Theodorus, is turned down (5)
- 21 Eastern wrap snacks are easily tucked into (5)

### QUICK Across

- 1 Hebrew version of the Greek Apollyon (7)
- 5 Inspect (5)
- 8 Insulated container which keeps food cold (4,3)
- 9 Progenitor of the Israelites (5)
- 10 Electronic receiver that detects and de modulates and amplifies transmitted signals (5)
- 11 Perception (7)
- 12 Absence of emotion or enthusiasm (6)
- 14 Group of lines in a poem, play, etc (6)

### CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Racing here is one from an Aberdeen, perhaps (5)
- 2 Bother with navy getting deck out (5)
- 3 Judge's board he upset (7)
- 4 Note number on top have the spirit to support head (6)

### QUICK Down

- 1 Racing venue in Berkshire (5)
- 2 Festoon (5)
- 3 In the Book of Judges, the only female judge (7)
- 4 Small measure of spirits; mug (6)
- 5 Of meat cooked in its own gravy (French) (2,3)
- 6 Ten-sided figure (7)
- 7 Woman in Acts, from Joppa (7)
- 17 Toodle-pip! (7)
- 19 US TV Awards (5)
- 22 Increase in size, magnitude, number, or intensity (5)
- 23 Someone who he trays his country (7)
- 24 Dark-skinned (5)
- 25 Father of apostles James and John (7)

- 12 Defendant in a criminal proceeding (7)
- 13 Eternal (7)
- 15 Euphemism for Jesus Christ in John (3,4)
- 16 Hernando -----, 1486-1547, conquistador (6)
- 18 Pass on (5)
- 20 Subdued (5)
- 21 Rane's wrap (5)

### SOLUTION

Across: 1 Abaddon, 5 Audit, 8 Cool bag, 9 Jacob, 10 Turner, 11 Insight, 12 Apathy, 14 Stanzas, 17 Cheerio, 19 Emmys, 22 Swell, 23 Traitor, 24 Dusky, 25 Zebbede. Down: 1 Ascot, 2 Adorn, 3 Deborah, 4 Noggin, 5 Au jus, 6 Decagon, 7 Tabitha, 12 Accused, 13 Ageless, 15 The Lamb, 16 Cortez, 18 Relay, 20 Muted, 21 Saree.