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ST WILFRID'S PLACE

- open for business

St Wilfrid's Place is a newly built block of twenty self-contained flats with communal facilities on Oueens Road next to St Wilfrid's Centre.





Soon after St Wilfrid's Centre opened in 1991 our enthusiastic volunteers suggested that we build a place to accommodate homeless, vulnerable and socially-excluded adults. Kevin Bradley championed this idea with the Management Committee over a pint back in 2006.

What followed was making the dream a reality and raising £2million to build somewhere where people with a history of homelessness can live and get support. This has been an incredible achievement in fund-raising fuelled by sheer will-power by everyone involved.

Full story and more photographs on page 6-7.



Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to all our readers



What's on in January

- Deadline for articles for next issue of the *Hallam News*.
- 3 Members of Hallam Ascent Group meet for Carols and Christmas Celebration at St Francis of Assisi parish hall, 277 Sandygate Road, Sheffield, S10 5SD, 1.45-3.45pm. For more details: 0114 2306797 or email ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: hallamas cent.weebly.com.
- 9 Sheffield Branch Walsing ham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathe dral, Sheffield.
- 10 Chesterfield Bereavement
 Support Group Drop-in/cof
 fee morning, 10.30am12noon, The Annunciation
 Centre, Spencer Street,
 Chesterfield, S40 4SD.
 - 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.
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month

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

- Sacred Heart, Sheffield.
- 21 Holy Family, Sheffield.28 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doncaster.

CONSENT FORMS

In order to comply with National and Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines all photographs of children sent to the Hallam News for publication must be accompanied by the official Diocesan consent form. It is Diocesan policy NOT to publish photographs of individual children accompanied by their name.



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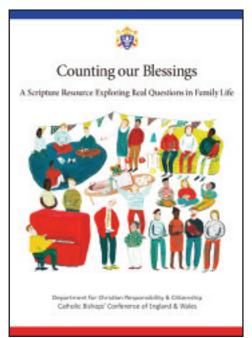
COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Counting our Blessings is a new Scripture-based resource produced by the Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

It is designed for use in a variety of pastoral/catechetical settings and consists of seven stand-alone sessions to support parish and school communities in accompanying families.

Counting our Blessings is part of an ongoing invitation from the Church to talk about our life experiences and, through gentle engagement with Scripture, grow in awareness of God's presence in our lives. In a guided small-group process using 'everyday' language each Counting our Blessings session explores a Real Question in family life.

Bishop Peter Doyle, Chair Bishops' Committee for Marriage and Family Life, comments, "As Pope Francis says in *The Joy of Love* (#187), "All family life is a 'shepherding' in mercy" and our aim in *Counting Our Blessings* is to reveal and celebrate this 'shepherding' going on in the complexities of our family life."



Bishop Ralph is providing a free copy of *Counting Our Blessings* which will be sent to all parishes in the New Year.

It is a useful tool to prepare for the World Meeting of Families which will take place in Dublin in August, 2018.

Visit the website at: http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/http://www.catholicfamily.org.uk/related-work/counting-our-blessings for more information.

Creativity at Carmel Care



The Art Group at the Carmel Care Centre have just completed a therapeutic art course led by Helen Boutle. The participants are pictured above with their creations. Everyone really enjoyed the course.

Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Sheffield

6 January: An Introduction to Christian Meditation, 10am for 10.30am-2.30pm, cost £15, need to book.

There will be plenty of time to explore silence and stillness, with times of meditation as well as information and instruction.

16 January: Simple Quiet Day, 9.45am-3.45pm, cost £12, need to book.

The day starts with weekly Reflective Communion (open to all).

18 January: We Who Sing, Pray Twice, 7.30-9.30pm, no need to book, all welcome.

Learn simple, sacred rounds and chants in four-part harmony.

25 January: Praying Without Words, 7.30-9pm, no need to book, donations only, all welcome.

A group for anybody drawn to silent prayer and meditation. Practise, share experiences and learn in a group context.

For further information contact: Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Whirlow Grange Drive, Sheffield, S11 9RX, 0114 2353704, spiritualitycentre@whirlowgrange.co.uk.

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Doncaster Catenians 1000th Meeting



oncaster Circle of the Catenian Association celebrated its 1000th meeting in style at Castle Park, Doncaster on 10 November.

The evening commenced with Mass concelebrated by Bishop Ralph and Fathers Darren Reid, John Mc-Namee, Michael Hall and Nigel Barr.

After the 1000th meeting, over one hundred brothers of the Circle and guests enjoyed a three course celebration dinner.

The Guest of Honour was John Hogan, Great Britain National Vice-President of the Association.

Doncaster Circle first met on 20 October, 1927 at the Catholic Institute, Doncaster. The foundation members included seven doctors, three dentists, a mineral water producer, two licenced victuallers and a ventriloquist! It has met on a monthly basis (except in August) ever since.

The Catenian Association has Circles in Hallam Diocese in Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster and Chesterfield.

For details of how to contact your nearest Circle contact Tony Brookes, Provincial Secretary, on 07721 834084 or bonytrux96@btinternet.com.

Pictured above at the celebration, left to right: John Hogan, GB National Vice-President, Pauline Hogan, Andrew Hartley, President, Doncaster Circle, Barbara Hartley, Fr Darren Reid, Fr John McNamee, Bishop Ralph, Fr Michael Hall, Fr Nigel Barr, Christine Deighton, Tony Deighton, Director, Province 3.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

The Passion Play in Oberammergau has worldwide appeal and is invariably "sold out" months in advance. The event takes place from May to October every ten years and is about the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Residents of the Bavarian town have carried out the tradition for over 380 years. There are about 100 performances. Anyone interested should be making plans now. The most expensive seats for 2020 are already fully booked!

have carried out the tradition for over 380 years. There are about 100 performances. Anyone interested should be making plans now. The most expensive seats for 2020 are already fully booked! The parish of St Mary's, Penistone is proposing an eight day air and coach package (including Category @ seating plus excursions to Austria) and accommodation in a 4 star hotel. The estimated cost is in the region of £1250 per person

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Anyone wishing to register an interest, please contact the group leader, Brendan Lally, giving their name and address, at bplally146@sky.comor, text 07949241108.





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Fr Stan Maciuszek Retires





Fr Stan Maciuszek has now retired as Parish Priest of St Ann's, Deepcar and St Mary's, Penistone.

Parishioners marked the occasion with a Faith Lunch.





SHEFFIELD LAY CARMEL ANNUAL MASS



Fr Lee Marshall was the welcome celebrant on Saturday, 11 November for Sheffield Lay Carmel annual Mass for deceased members, held at Mother of God, Sheffield.

Following refreshments Fr Lee stayed with the Carmelite community and spoke about how what we call Carmel is really a way of life in which we try to be aware of the presence of God in the most every day things.

The group is pictured on the right with Fr Lee Marshall.





The children of St Charles' Parish, Sheffield celebrated All Saints' Day in style by each dressing up as a saint.

Parishioners were very grateful for all the hard work of the children and the adults who helped them prepare the very authentic outfits.

Fr Santosh celebrated the feast day Mass and his homily emphasised the fact that we are all called to be saints. We need to just give ourselves completely to God who will help us to live life to the full and to become the person he wants us to

St Peter's Parish Fun Day



The Polish community of St Peter-in-Chains in Doncaster recently organised a Parish Fun Day.

The day included pony rides, bouncy castles, face painting, cakes, tug of war, sack races and a Poland v Rest of the World football game.

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St Wilfrid's Place - open for business

Josie Brooks, Director of St Wilfrid's Centre, tells us how the plan for St Wilfrid's Place developed.

Since joining St Wilfrid's Centre in July, 2016, I've led stage 2 of this project – putting together the partnership with a not-for profit housing association called Great Places, while ensuring that the new-build and grounds are ready for the eager residents. Great Places staff started on 18 September and the first residents moved in at the end of September. Residents will be able to live there – with individual and group support for up to two years. St Wilfrid's Centre along with other local agencies will refer prospective residents to the new Residential via a Panel that Louise Finnigan, Welfare Manager, and I will be part of.

This is great news for Sheffield, for

other residential projects who can refer to St Wilfrid's Place and so free-up spaces in their projects for people in need and, most importantly, for vulnerable people in Sheffield needing stability and safety while preparing for their next steps. My thanks to every single supporter of this dream and to the Diocese of Hallam for their guidance and expertise over the past year.

We held a

Grand Opening of St Wilfrid's Place on 6 October where major funding organisations, other local charities and local authority representatives met up to celebrate the opening. Kevin Bradley, former Director of St Wilfrid's Centre, ceremoniously cut the ribbon. We watched a film about the development of St Wilfrid's Place. looked around one of the flats. heard from new residents and joined a blessing of the building led by Bishop Ralph.

On Saturday, 14 October, supporters of St Wilfrid's Centre and the local community were invited to drop in during an open morning to find out more, meet Great Places staff and to take a look around. Great Places will hold further events throughout the year. From now on, St Wilfrid's Place will be managed by Great Places.

You may have noticed that we have





At the opening ceremony, left to right: Matthew Harrison from Great Places, Josie Brooks, Director of St Wilfrid's Centre, Kevin Bradley, former Director, Councillor Anne Murphy, Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

refreshed our logo. We've kept the check out our new website circle and toned down our famous yellow but we wanted our logo to show people as that is, after all, what we are about.

> We have also refreshed our website and made it easier to see what events we have got coming up. For all the details please

www.stwilfridscentre.org.

Please like and share our facebook page to help spread the news about St Wilfrid's Centre.

Get in touch if you would like St Wilfrid's Centre to visit your local group to talk about the work that we do and to show the film that we presented at the Grand Opening - it amazingly crams into five minutes all the wonderful things we do each day!





First images of St Wilfrid's Residential







ANGELA RETIRES



t Wilfrid's said a heartfelt worker. thanks to Angela Satur on Her contribution to every aspect her retirement.

since the beginning - first as a volunteer and then as a welfare members, "She's the best".

of the centre has been huge and in Angela has been with the centre the words of one of the Women's Group (which Angela set up)



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Operation Christmas Child at St Patrick's School



Operation Christmas Child A phrase which many of us will know.

This year, the children, parents and staff have worked hard together at St Voluntary Patrick's Academy Primary School sixty-seven shoe boxes.

These boxes are carefully wrapped, filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items and become literally an opportunity to show God's unconditional love in a box, sent to chilworld, regardless of their background or religion.

The campaign has received a wonderful, humbling response from the children who have shown great empathy, parents and carers who have to create and complete dren in need around the shown great generosity

and from the staff who have spent a great deal of time sorting the donated gifts, shopping and organising the donations.

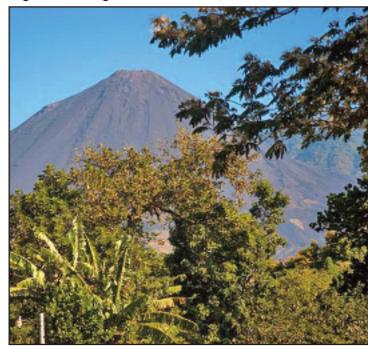
Headteacher, Mrs Nuala Nelis, commented, "We now have a target to work towards next year!"



connect2: El Salvador

Sacred Heart, Hillsborough

In 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed for speaking out against poverty. Decades later, many people in El Salvador still live on less than a dollar a day. A group of parishes in North Sheffield has signed up to Connect2 El Salvador and is committed to raising funds to help CAFOD educate, support and protect poor communities. Their journey is with the people of Puentecitos, a small village near the border of Guatemala, who are improving community life by opening small businesses and using organic farming methods.



On Friday, 10 November, a Games Night was held in Sacred Heart Hall, Hillsborough, to celebrate their con-

nection with El Salvador. Fr Michael Umameh presented a CAFOD powerpoint demonstration of what life is like for the villagers and how we can connect with each other. It was an all-age gathering of about forty people, who joined in a quiz and a raffle, played bingo and beetle, and enjoyed a semi-Salvadorean supper of tortillas, cheese, dips, beans, spicy tomato sauce and coleslaw.

Over £500 was raised to send on to Puentecitos, thanks to those who came, and those who sent donations. And messages were written on Christmas cards to send with the gift. It was a very worthwhile evening, and participants are looking forward to the next event, probably another variety show.

Photographs by CAFOD: left Puentecitos, below the closing session of a workshop for women set up with the help of CAFOD which ran for one year.



Not With Words but With Deeds

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission Day on Pope Francis' World Day for the Poor

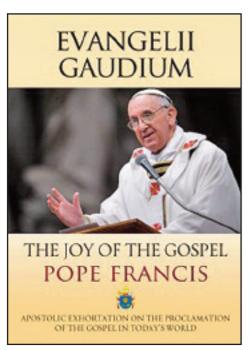
was a great success, reports Dominik Kocbuch, Newsletter Editor on the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission.



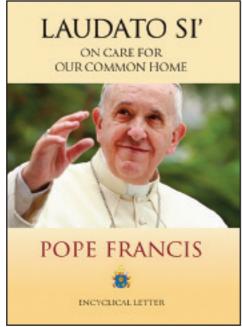
There was no doubting that the year was moving on and the seasons changing as visitors made their way to reach the Blessed Trinity Church in Wickersley, Rotherham. It is here that the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission hosted its annual conference which focused on poverty and especially on the Holy Father's first World Day for the Poor, which took place on 19 November, 2017.

The day began at 10am, with refreshments and registration. The ominous and overcast skies outside were a stark contrast to the warmth and joviality of the parish hall in Blessed Trinity, where seats very soon filled up. The clattering of teacups and shuffling of chairs made for a pleasant hubbub, as conversations soon subsided for Helen Donlan, the chair of the Commission, to open proceedings and welcome the thirty visitors present.

She introduced the conference and



read out the letter from Bishop Ralph who, unfortunately, was unable to attend in person. The bishop's letter highlighted and encouraged a true "encounter" with the poor rather than a passing "appeasement of conscience"; the bishop drew on the papal letter which announced the World Day for the Poor.



After the letter was read out and everyone welcomed, Helen gave way to Greg Ryan, who invited the assembly to reflect upon a couple of very fundamental questions, one of them relating to how we waste one of our most precious commodities, namely time. Answers ranged from puzzles and reading the news to gazing at trams and making lists. The exercise allowed those present to see that very often, "poverty" could take several forms and sharing in "wealth" could be as simple as giving someone a bit of our time.

Input was also provided by the

Commission's Tony Singleton, who shared his fascinating experiences during a research trip to Bangladesh in 1998, and Anne Peacey, who provided the audience with an in-depth consideration of "the poor" and "poverty". The former exposed the horrendous conditions which face workers in Bangladesh - a plight tackled head-on by Catholic social teaching as early as 1891 when Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum was penned. Anne's presentation exposed the damaging effects of labelling and the dehumanising quality of the temptation to organise, order and categorise people according to labels which actually tell us very little about the intricacies of the human person.

Offering a fresh insight on Pope Francis' works - Laudato Si and Evangelii Gaudium, was Sheena Field, who opened up discussion on the key concepts in papal teaching enshrined in Laudato Si, namely the interconnection of caring for nature, providing justice for the poor, committing to improving society and resultantly, achieving internal peace.

The Day concluded with a commitment for participants to return to parishes with a fresh will to revisit their local Covenants with the Poor, taking into consideration the challenges and changes that came about since the century began.

Following a brief liturgy, the day ended. Everyone departed with the desire to act upon the urgent need to not only recognise but also approach poverty, in whatever form it might take, in our parishes, communities and families.



Friday evening February 16, 17, 18 2018 For men and women thinking of becoming a priest or religious

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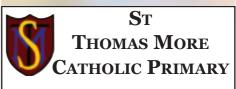
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Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

The Baptism of Jesus

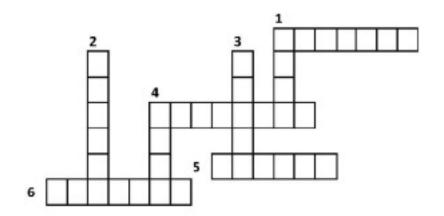
This month, we think about a very important event in Jesus' life here on earth; the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

John was the cousin of Jesus (he was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah), but he was also a preacher, a teacher. He was sent to tell the people, who had done wrong, to repent. When we repent we turn back to try to live the way we should. We admit that we have made bad choices, say sorry, and ask for God's forgiveness.

John told the people that he would baptise them with water so that they could wash away their sins. John didn't want to baptise Jesus, as he had **never** done anything wrong, but Jesus knew that this was part of God's plan for him. The Baptism of Jesus reminds us that we, like Jesus, can be children of God.

You can read more on the baptism of Jesus in the Bible; Matthew 3 Chapters 1-17.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ON JOHN THE BAPTIST



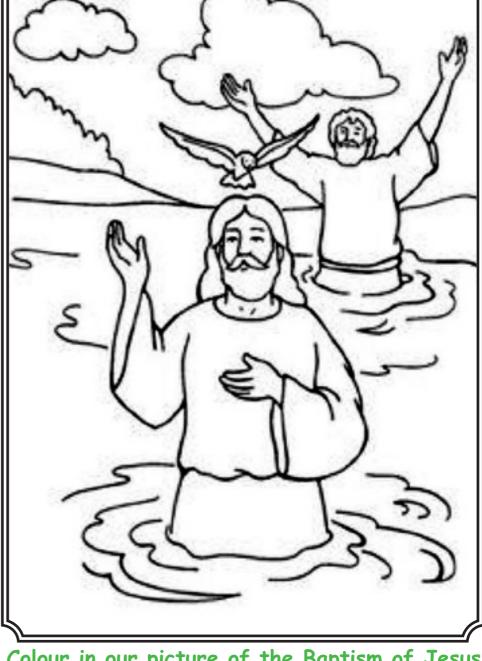
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- 1.To make ready ahead of time
- 4. Not having any curves or bends
- 5. A dry, barren region with only a few plants
- 6. To admit your sins to God

DOWN

- 1. A trail made for travelling on foot
- 2. The river where John baptised people
- 3. What people use for speaking
- 4. Actions that break God's Law

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Colour in our picture of the Baptism of Jesus



I wonder ...

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"Open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things."

- Psalm 119:18



Davis is living his childhood in darkness. Will you help a child see the wonder of God's creation?

Dear Hallam News reader,

As a fellow Christian, I wanted to share with you how incredibly powerful it is to witness a child seeing for the first time, after eye surgery.

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The cataract removal surgery costs £95, but his family can barely afford even basic necessities, so I am turning to you in the hope that you can help.

If you could send a gift of £95 today, you could pay for a child like Davis' surgery. You could open his eyes to the beauty of God's creation. And we'll send you an update on how Davis' surgery goes.

God bless you,

Andrea Brandt von Lindau Programme Manager for Inclusive Eye Health



Davis' cataracts means he's been living in darkness



He can hardly see objects in front of him



Your gift could help a child see and transform a life

Christian Blind Mission is a huge inspiration to me. It works in more than 60 countries, including some of the world's poorest communities, to restore sight, mobility and independence to people living with disability. It's putting Christ's love into action for the most marginalised people. Will you join Christian Blind Mission by supporting this amazing work?

Diane Louise Jordan, Friend of CBM



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The Big Thank You

was a special day for the parish of St Marie's Cathedral and those who volunteer for all the many ministries and tasks that need to be done in this busy parish.

There was a large congregation, including many of the volunteers, at the 12.30 Mass. The Music Group led the singing and Fr Chris Posluszny thanked all those

Saturday, 18 November who helped in so many var- thanked all the volunteers. ied ways to enhance the work of the parish.

> icent feast had been prepared by volunteers and over 150 individuals who organised by the Parish helped in the running of the Pastoral Council. Houlden Hall was decorated and had a really festive atmosphere. During the festivities, Candida Calvert, on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council,

She included everyone from the Altar Servers to the After Mass, a truly magnif- Youth co-ordinators and said that she had counted parish.

> The Big Thank You, which has now become something of a tradition at St Marie's, was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all the volunteers who attended.





HOLIDAY IN HORNSEA 2017

Each year, usually in early September a small group from Carmel Care Centre in Hillsborough make their way to Hornsea. There they are welcomed by the Sisters of Mercy who run a holiday home very near the sea.

Each day begins whenever you are ready to pick up a self-service breakfast in the bright and sunny dining room overlooking a colourful garden. The night before, people make plans for the next day. Some go on outings as a group, others prefer to do things alone. Hornsea itself has many interesting shops and coffee bars or you can take a bus or walk to Hornsea Mere, where there are all sorts of wild life, birds and boats on the lake. There is a bus which goes to an amazing shopping village complex with a great variety of shops. You could spend a whole day there if you are a shopaholic!

Other options are to take a bus to Bridlington, Scarborough or Beverley. This year a group went by bus to Beverley to visit the awe inspiring Min-

ster, parts of which date back to the 13th century. They even served coffee in the Minster so the group spent a good couple of hours there inspired by such amazing architecture and many artistic

Everyone meets together at 6pm for the evening meal, home cooked by a couple of Carmel volunteers. By this time people are all usually tired, hungry and happy and share tales of the day during the meal. Most people retire then to the TV room to catch up on The Soaps. For the more energetic there is a chance of a moonlit walk by the sea before bed and sleep.

The holiday lasts Monday to Friday and, towards the end of the week, the group gather to share what has been most enjoyed and to give thanks to God, the giver of all good gifts.

Some are already looking forward to Hornsea



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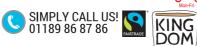
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