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HOW CAN WE BE A PARISH COMMUNITY WITHOUT A RESIDENT PRIEST?

On Saturday, 14 April, sixty four people from fifteen Hallam Diocesan parishes gathered at the Pastoral Centre to consider, "How we can be a Church community without a priest resident in the parish". The session was organised by the Sheffield Deanery Liturgy and Spirituality Group and opened with Morning Prayer of the Church. Read the report of one participant on page 5.



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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | Tea Dance, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Uppertorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. |
| 6 | Hallam Ascent Group Retreat Day at Hathersage, led by Fr Martin Clayton. For more details telephone 0114 2306797, email ascent@jn.green.plus.com or visit hallamascent.weebly.com. | 17 Hallamshire Faith and Light Group meet at Mother of God Parish Hall, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX, 3pm. |
| 12 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 24 Garden Party in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Park Street, Worksop, S80 1HH, 12.30pm onwards, admission 20p. Refreshments, cakes, water and wine, raffle, children's games. Church open for viewing. All welcome. |
| 13 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD. | 26 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 13 | Sheffield Irish Association | |

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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| 3 | Corpus Christi |
| 10 | St Mary, High Green. |
| 17 | The Annunciation, Chesterfield. |
| 24 | St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends. |

'THY WILL BE DONE' LIVING THEOLOGY WEEKEND

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A flat 3 mile walk with no stiles has been arranged for Sunday, 10 June, around the Agden Reservoir, Low Bradfield. Meet at 10.30am at the car park in Low Bradfield (grid ref 262920). The leaders are Vi and Frank Bussey, tel: 0114 2481195, mobile: 07960 615174.

This month the walk will be followed by lunch (Sunday carvery £8.95) at 1pm at the Old Horns Inn, High Bradfield. The maximum number is 20 so please let Barbara know by the end of May if you require lunch, on 07773 275094.

If you interested in joining the group, please contact Barbara, the Secretary of the Rambling Club, on 07773 275094.

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Details will be in parishes or contact Francesca Flynn, 0114 2686247,
francesca@fmflynn.plus.com, or Ray Morrisroe, 0114 2749600.

WALSINGHAM – ENGLAND'S NAZARETH

Pilgrims have travelled to Walsingham, in Norfolk, since 1061, when (according to the ancient 'Pynson Ballad') Our Lady asked Richeldis de Faverches, Lady of the Manor of Walsingham Parva, to build a replica of the house in Nazareth, as a memorial of the Annunciation. The wooden house contained a statue of Our Lady, seated on a wooden throne, holding the child Jesus. By the end of the 12th century, a great Augustinian priory had been established there.

Along with Jerusalem, Rome and Santiago de Compostela, "England's Nazareth" was one of the main places of pilgrimage in medieval times, until the dissolution of the monasteries. Its priory was taken by the crown and the house and statue were burnt at Tyburn. Pilgrimages ceased, but were resumed in the 1930s and the village is again a centre of Christian devotion, attracting thousands of people yearly. There is a one day pilgrimage led by Bishop Ralph from Hallam Diocese

every year.

There are three shrines. A mile from the original site, pilgrims used to leave shoes in the ancient Slipper Chapel and continue barefooted. This is now the Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, hosting many annual pilgrimages. In 2015 Pope Francis raised it to the status of minor basilica (one of only four in England). St Seraphim's Orthodox Church has many icons, although the actual Orthodox shrine is within the Anglican shrine. The latter's peaceful garden is inspired by Pope John Paul II's Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. This and the Roman Catholic shrine's icon both show the ecumenical spirit of the place.

Walsingham Abbey contains the priory ruins, site of the original shrine. The great east window and some other buildings are all that remain. It has twin wells and a pack horse bridge, originally on the Norwich Road. A plaque marks the site of the original 'Holy House'.

JX10 JESUS CAME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY (JN X:10) STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS, JOIN US FOR THIS WEEKLY FESTIVAL OF WORSHIP, PRAISE AND HONOUR OF THE ONE WHO PROMISES LIFE.

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Special Celebration at Sacred Heart School



Left to right: Mrs Pilkiv (Head Teacher 2002-14), Bishop Ralph, Margaret Bowers (Head Teacher 1988-2002), Fr Shaun, Kate Kelly (current Head Teacher)

On Friday, 9 March, the children of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Hillsborough, came together to celebrate a very special Mass. It was the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of Fr Shaun Smith, their Parish Priest. Fr Shaun was due to retire on 1 April so the Mass was a wonderful opportunity for the children and staff to thank Fr Shaun and to let him know what a much-loved part of Sacred Heart Parish and community he had been for over 20 years.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Ralph with school governors, parents and many former members of staff attending, including two previ-

ous Head Teachers, Sue Pilkiw and Margaret Bowers.

The children raised the roof with their wonderful and enthusiastic singing, they read beautifully and there was a very moving liturgical dance to the Whitney Houston song 'I look to You'.

At the end of the Mass, the children presented Fr Shaun with a variety of gifts they had made for him, including a special, framed picture of a heart on which every child in school had put their fingerprint. Refreshments were served afterwards for invited guests, followed by a shared lunch with existing staff and governors. It was a wonderful day of celebration.



New 'Buddy Bench' for St Mary's School, Herringthorpe

A lovely 'Buddy Bench' has been donated to St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Herringthorpe by Mrs Vera Frost who has grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending school. Mrs Frost is known by everyone in the school and parish as 'Granny Vera'.

The bench was decorated by Mrs Frost's son-in-law and was located in the school playground for children to use after the Easter holidays.

The photograph below shows Granny Vera with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



APOLOGIES

We apologise for mis-spelling the name of one of the new altar servers at St Francis of Assisi parish in last month's Hallam News.

The correct name is Chrysi, not Chrysler as printed in the May edition.



HOW CAN WE BE A PARISH COMMUNITY WITHOUT A RESIDENT PRIEST?

Bishop Ralph acknowledged that the western Church is ageing, with diminishing numbers of priest and laity. There is great social change in the western world and the Church, which once had many confraternities and devotions. In considering what elements of church community are non-negotiable, he referred to Pope Francis's new encyclical on Apostolic Exultation. Church community is a response to the call to holiness that is addressed to all and to each personally, to let baptismal grace bear fruit in holiness, to be open to God and turn to him in every situation. We must allow God to love and liberate us and be guided by the Holy Spirit. This involves perseverance, patience and meekness, joy and humour, compassion, boldness and passion to evangelise, to leave a mark on the world and to belong to the universal Church, diocese, parish.

Deacon Andrew Crowley of St Patrick's, Sheffield then went on to speak about the experience of belonging to a parish without a resident priest. St Patrick's found out what happens, when a parish priest suddenly dies. Priests do many things that others in the parish could do. Parishes can function with good administration (including IT) and a pastoral leader. Those open to the Spirit will be guided. The nearby Sacred Heart parish had an "In case of emergency" plan that could be set into action if anything happened to the parish priest.

Deacon Andrew also referred to the call to holiness, our baptismal vocation to follow Jesus and do what he does. Cultural changes mean the Church no longer grows by generations of Catholic families carrying on the faith. More are baptised into the Church than die in it. We should not keep things as they have been for years, for the sake of it. We must become Church in a different way. What drove the apostles was not keeping tradition, but proclaiming the joy of the resurrection. Pope Francis' encyclical "Evangelicum Gaudium" says parishes should be evangelical sanctuaries, outward looking with missionary outreach, going out to the whole world proclaiming the good news. We may be downhearted, but Christ is with us. Andrew suggested that we can develop a holistic parish action plan, train welcomers, keep contact with new people, develop a parish leaflet.

He further suggested that we need to look at how our faith can become alive and our liturgy be a lived experience. He highlighted the need to care for the neighbourhood in the parish, to relate to the area by, for example, making the parish known to schools and care homes, to care for each other and build a common life together. A sense of humour is important. Jesus is with us. Jesus attracted people. His community grew.

Frank Mc Dermott is Parish Co-ordinator of Stainforth's Our Lady of the Assumption. He explained that Our Lady of the Assumption parish was built with subscriptions from local miners. Closing such parishes is the death knell for the Catholic community in those areas. Since 1995 this parish has experienced prolonged periods without a resident priest. This has made them a vibrant, welcoming, outward-looking Eucharistic community, a model for a strong, outgoing missionary Church, rooted in prayer, learning that no one is more important than anyone else. Years ago they washed each other's feet, as the Gospel tells us to do. Frank, however, reiterated the Bishop's words about being strongly linked to deanery, diocese and universal Church. It is dangerous if we all do our own thing, with fewer priests and people. Recent statements by parishioners show that they appreciate being open and transparent; liberating; emphasising welcoming; being a beacon and oasis; an important Christian presence; being open to think and be part of the mission of the parish; allowing all to flourish. They meet, not as a parish council, but as a parish in council, modelled on the Acts of the Apostles, with no separate, secretive finance committee, or elected pastoral committee.

For the past fifteen years the parish has had a weekly Saturday evening Mass, but none on Sundays. However, the people feel that their lives have been touched by many priests and deacons who have served them. They have a midweek service of Word and Eucharist and lay led baptisms and funerals. An annual bereavement service is tailored to suit the needs of those who use the church. The parish objectives are summarised on its banner, which reads, "WELCOME. We warmly welcome you to our Catholic Christian community, as we try to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Peace to all who enter here, grati-



tude for the past, enthusiasm for the present, hope for the future." Frank, as co-ordinator, values the regular support and guidance he has had from bishops and deans and feels very blessed to be part of Doncaster Deanery's Parishes of Hope.

Frank has produced several publications, "Communities of Hope", a practical workbook, with Christine Dodd; "Walking with my God", a prayer journal, with Donal O'Leary; "The Easter People", foundational tools for a forum of priests and people and "In Sure and Certain Hope" for use of lay leaders of Christian funerals.

Group discussions followed, with

decisions about what parishes could do over the next year. The workshop gave useful, encouraging insights into what can be achieved by prayerful communities, focused on Christ's call to, "Be holy because I am holy", empowered by the Holy Spirit and linked closely to deanery, diocese and universal Church. We need gratitude, enthusiasm and hope. Parish life is in crisis, but we are parishes of hope. We are baptised. We are the Church.

Pictured above: left to right, Deacon Andrew Crowley of St Patrick's, Sheffield, Bishop Ralph and Frank McDermott, Parish Co-ordinator of Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth. Photograph: B Souleymane

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Rosary on the Coast at St Marie's Cathedral



One hundred and twenty two people gathered at St Marie's Cathedral on Sunday, 29 April, following the 12.30pm Mass. They came to participate in the National Day of Prayer of the Rosary in the UK at one of the inland locations as part of the Rosary on the Coast initiative, which aimed to encircle the British Isles in prayer.

St Marie's was one of the prayer locations of nearly two hundred in the country praying the Rosary on the afternoon of 29 April.

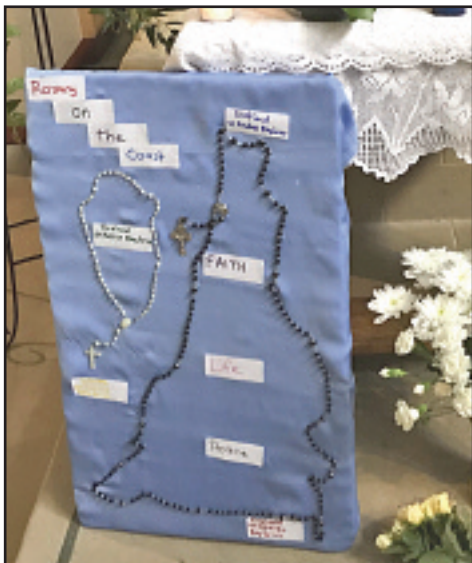
All these locations of prayer were joined up together in praying for faith, life and peace through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary.

This message was reinforced by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in his message of support, saying that "in a secularised world in which we live, public praying is a vital component in witnessing to the truths of the Gospel".

The photograph of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (left) was taken at St Marie's Cathedral on the occasion of the Visitation of the Relics and Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Both events are linked through Our Lady who named herself at Fatima as "Our Lady of the Rosary".

Joseph Durham

More photographs may be seen on the Hallam News website: www.hallamnews.com.



Divine Mercy Sunday at Moorends



Parishioners of St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends and Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth came together at Moorends for a special service to celebrate the Feast of The Divine Mercy on 8 April, led by their new parish priest, Fr Santosh Vazhappally.

Fr Santosh had created a wonderful display of

flowers and candles before the image of The Divine Mercy.

The feast is of great significance to Fr Santosh. He was ordained on Divine Mercy Sunday, 2003 in Delhi and was greatly involved in the development of the Parish of the Divine Mercy at Pitampura in Delhi.

JACK GOODWIN RIP

The Diocese mourn the loss of Jack Goodwin, who has died at the age of ninety two.

His family tell us that Jack was born in Sheffield and was a parishioner of St Vincent's parish and attended the parish school. After school Jack became a plumber.

He met his future wife, Joan, when he went to a job in a house where she was babysitting. They decided to marry and Joan converted from Judaism to become a Catholic.

Throughout his life Jack put his plumbing skills to good use to the benefit of many parishes in the Diocese including St Anthony's, Gleadless, Our Lady of Lourdes, Hackenthorpe and St Theresa's, Manor. He organised work at St Wilfrid's Centre, refurbishing the shower and kitchen.

Joan and his children were very supportive of his parish work and together the family organised games evenings for people with disabilities. These evenings were great fun and ended with bingo and a fish and chip supper.

He regularly visited sick parishioners in addition to providing entertainment in local Care Homes, where residents enjoyed his rendition of Albert and the Lion.

Jack was a Minister of the Eucharist for twenty five years.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

May he rest in peace.



John Charles (Jack) Goodwin

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBERED

On Saturday, 27 April the Sheffield branch of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) commemorated the fiftieth anniversary

of the 1967 Abortion Act.

Members lined the approach road to Meadowhall with placards giving a phone number for ARCH, a counselling service for those af-

fectured by abortion.

ARCH can be contacted seven evenings a week, 7pm-10pm, on 08456038501.

BISHOP RALPH VISITS ST ALBAN'S PARISH

On Saturday, 21 April Bishop Ralph made a pastoral visit to St Alban's Parish, Denaby Main.



Bishop Ralph was presented with a Spiritual Bouquet by Fr Desmond at the end of Mass

Bishop Ralph was accompanied by Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest, when he visited the sick, met representatives from St Alban's Parish Council and Finance Committee, concelebrated Mass and met parishioners after Mass in St Alban's Catholic Club.



Bishop Ralph and Fr Desmond with representatives from the Parish Council and Finance Committee



Bishop Ralph with Celia Phillips in St Alban's Catholic Club after Mass

Hallam Diocese Charity Night 2018

This year the annual Charity Fundraising Dinner will be on Saturday, 29 September at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Sheffield (on the By-Pass at the top of Meadowhead).

Over the past ten years the Diocesan Charity Night has donated over £60,000 to charities in the Diocese and elsewhere.

The organising Committee is happy to receive donations and prizes in support of the event.

Reserve the date in your diary and come and make the event a huge success.

The Organising Committee invite applications from charities who would wish to benefit from the proceeds of the evening. The application letter, addressed to the below named, should set out details of the applicant and the purpose for which the donation is being sought, together with how it is intended the money will be spent.



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Goodbye to Our Friend Anne White 1934-2018

Lorraine Healy, Manager of St Vincent's Furniture Store, Sheffield, remembers a special lady.

On Saturday, 17 March, we learnt that our friend Anne had gone to her heavenly home. Anne died in St Luke's Hospice following a two year battle with cancer.

Anne was a much loved lady who, as a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, did such a lot for so many people. Most of her good works remain unknown and were kept between Anne and the people she helped. However, a big part of Anne's life was her involvement with the Furniture Store.

Anne often told the story of when, as a teacher, she took early retirement and she went to her Parish Priest at Holy Family Church and asked him if there was any work she could do in the parish. His reply to her was, "I have just the job for you, Anne, join the SVP." Anne took his advice and was a member of this fantastic organisation for nearly 35 years.

She became involved with St Vincent's Furniture Store in Sheffield at the beginning and remained a volunteer and a member of the Management Committee up until health issues meant she had to retire in November

2016. Anne was also a member of the Management Committee at St Vincent's Shop on Abbeydale Road in Sheffield.

Anne dedicated her life to helping others and she often told us many a funny story of those early days at the Store. Her 'can do' attitude was something to behold and she would try her hand at anything. When we introduced computers to our donation process, Anne told me she had never used a computer in all her years; however, she would, "give it a go" and she did. She would be the first to admit that she never fully mastered that keyboard; however she kept on going and never gave in. Her telephone manner, good humour and her overall nature to help everyone will never be forgotten.

The photograph below is of Anne, on her retirement, at our Annual Meeting in November, 2016, receiving one of her many gifts, a statue of St Vincent de Paul, something that I know she treasured dearly.

Anne, I can say without hesitation that I have not met many like you and I am sure you are reaping all the rewards you deserve in your heavenly home. RIP Anne, a true lady definitely walked this way.



Anne White (right) receiving her retirement gift from Lorraine Healy

Marriage Preparation Programme Preparing for a Lifetime Together Revised Programme

In the letter to the Ephesians St Paul says that the love of husband and wife is a model of the love that Christ has for His Church. The revised Marriage Preparation Programme, "Preparing for a Lifetime Together" shows engaged couples how they can live their marriages so that they become visible images of Christ's love. This is their marital vocation.

Recent research has presented a clear picture of what enables marriages to thrive for the long term. The Diocesan programme uses that information to show couples how they can be that visible sign by providing them with the essential building blocks to live out the vision of marriage as a sacrament and covenant. Pope Francis has said, "A marriage is not successful because it endures. It's the quality that counts."

The programme sets out in plain language the Church's teaching about marriage and encourages the couples to reflect on the meaning of the promises they will make to each other during their wedding. One key feature of the programme, which is highly valued by the engaged couples, is the profile of their relationship which is derived from an on-line questionnaire. This shows the couple where the strengths of their relationship lie and the areas that they

should work on.

This revised version of the programme builds on the earlier edition. Analysis of the feedback from the hundreds of couples in Hallam who have taken part shows how highly they rate it and their great appreciation of the effort put in by the married couples who lead them through the course. Is this a ministry that you think that you might like to offer? What you do need is to be able to share a little of your experience in your marriage. Please give it some prayerful

thought. For more information please contact Susan Tym, stym@hallam-diocese.com, 0114 2566407.

'Preparing for a Lifetime Together' will be dedicated and blessed by Bishop Ralph at a Mass in Celebration of Married Life at the Cathedral on Saturday, 7 July at 12.30pm. If you are engaged to be married, newly married, celebrating an anniversary or preparing couples for marriage, you and your family are warmly invited to join Bishop Ralph to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of marriage.

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The SVP's Newest Conference

The SVP's newest group is up and running with members from St Gerard's, Thrybergh and Immaculate Conception, Herringthorpe combining to form an enthusiastic, vibrant and dynamic conference on the outskirts of Rotherham.

Parish priest for both churches, Mgr Desmond Sexton, who is also Vicar General of the Hallam Diocese, said, "The reintroduction of the SVP conference serving the parishes of St Gerard's and the Immaculate Conception is very good news and I am grateful for the generous response from the volunteers and for Lance's work in helping us to reach this moment. A parish must have a missionary vision reaching out to people in the wider community and the work of an SVP conference contributes to the missionary call by making contact with people in need and providing practical support. May all of us in the two parishes continue to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit."

The group was formed following an appeal for volunteers at the churches' Masses by SVP Membership Development Officer, Lance Philpott. He said he was very impressed at the commitment and de-



termination of all the new members to embrace the Vincentian mission and was looking forward to the St Gerard's and Immaculate Conception conference getting started after their initial training and induction into the society.

The aim of the SVP is to pursue the primary aim of its founder, Frederic Ozanam, to love one's neighbour, showing this love through serving Christ by helping those who are in need of assistance, comfort and support. Whilst the SVP is a Catholic lay organisation, it offers help to anyone regardless of age,

race, gender or creed. The new conference will be seeking out those in need in their community and, through person to person contact, offer friendly, practical support to alleviate suffering and deprivation wherever it is found.

If you know someone who might benefit from support from the SVP please get in touch with your local SVP conference or else contact Lance Philpott on lancep@svp.org.uk. Likewise, if you are interested in finding out more about the SVP please contact Lance on the same email address.

The Founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Frederic Ozanam was born on 23 April, 1813, of committed French Catholic parents.

His father was a doctor but, in an age where medical provision had to be paid for, he gave his services to the poor who constituted at least a third of his patients, for free.

His mother formed a group of women to tend at the bedside of the sick and poor. In this way, Frederic was schooled by their marvellous example in the importance of helping those less fortunate than himself.

At 18 he went to the Sorbonne University to read law. Forty years previously, the epoch changing French Revolution had taken place. The Church had always been viewed as part of the royal establishment so Catholics were viewed with much suspicion.

Frederic decided to form a discussion group with a few friends of like mind. They called themselves "Conference of History". Their method was to write a response to all the anti-Catholic lectures.

The "Conference", however, was mainly a talking shop. Frederic and his friends were spurred to action when a student attending a discussion challenged Frederic himself, by asking "What are you doing for poor people today?"

For Frederic this was a turning point. He and his band of friends resolved to help the poor in imitation of Our Lord. He had two major influences in his early life. The first was an older man, a journalist called E m m a n u e l Baily. He was

the one to encourage their enthusiasm, keeping their spirits up when the going got tough.

Emmanuel introduced them to the second, a Vincentian Daughter of Charity, Sister Rosalie Rendu, who was experienced in working with the poor of Paris.

Sister Rosalie Rendu became their mentor and she gave them two pieces of advice. "Be Kind and love," she said, "for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you can bring them."

The second tip she gave them was, "When you meet the poor, you meet Christ."

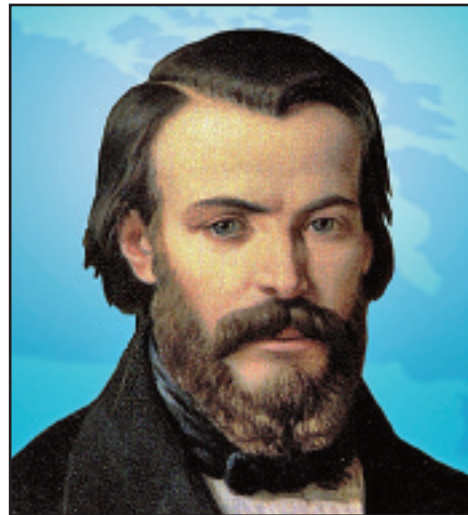
Adopting St Vincent as its patron saint, Frederic established the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP). It continued to grow and by 1841 it had 2000 members across Europe and the Americas. The SVP came to England and Wales in 1844.

By 1845 Frederic was married with a daughter and his life became a balancing act between work, family life and involvement with the poor through the Conference of the SVP. He used his influence in the academic world to speak out against injustice. He started talking about basic wage, the length of the working day, pensions, and legal protection of children.

Tragically Frederic, having suffered ill-health for some time, died in 1853. Even in times of convalescence, he worked to found SVP conferences wherever he could.

Frederic was beatified on 22 August, 1997 by Pope John Paul II.

Next month our focus on the SVP will take up the story as the Society developed its work in England and Wales.



Frederic Ozanam



Sr Rosalie Rendu

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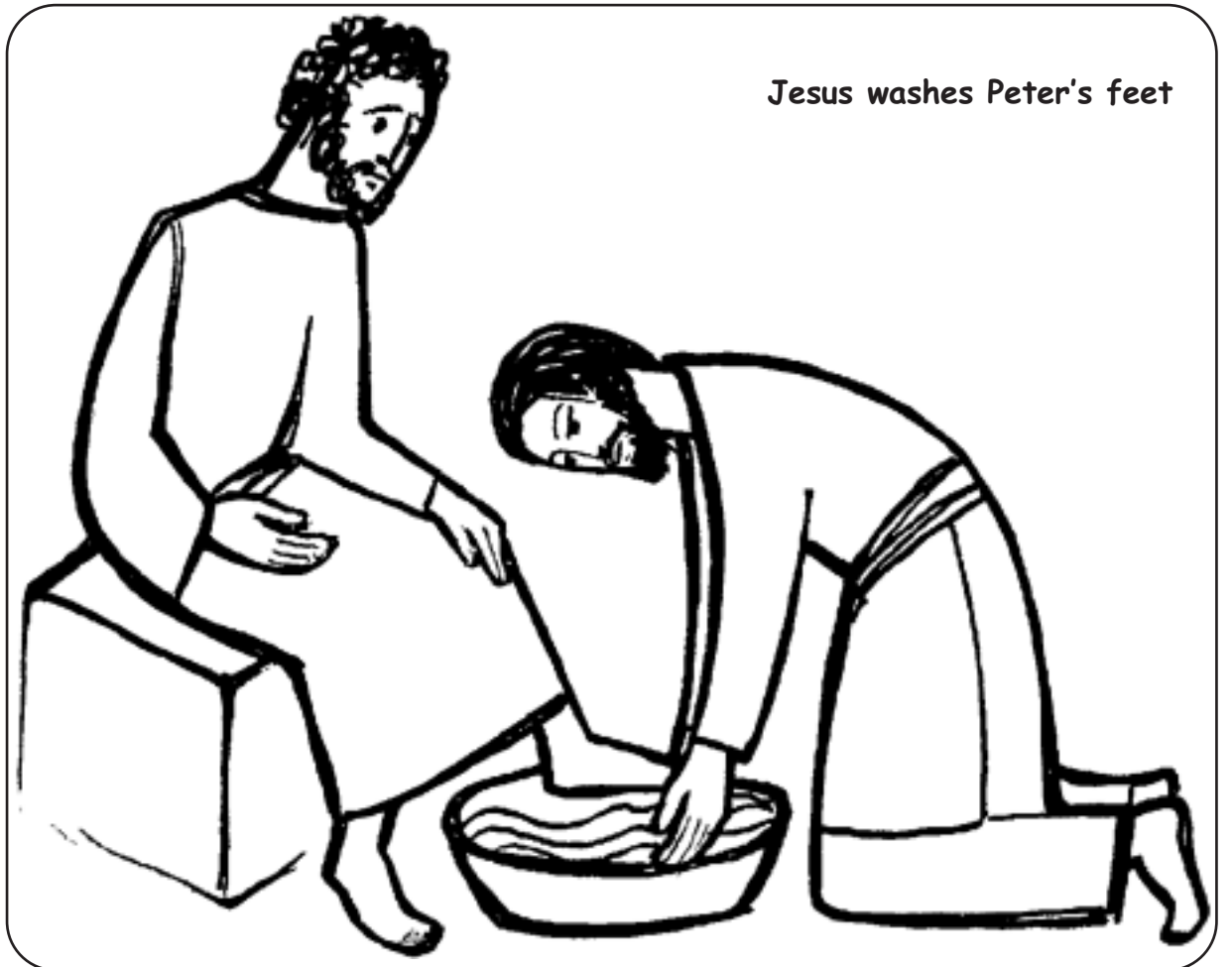
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Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

In this month we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on 29 June and our activities are based around these two special disciples of Jesus.

St Peter - Peter, the first pope, was a fisherman from Galilee. Jesus invited Peter to follow him, saying, "I will make you a fisher of men." Peter was a simple, hard-working, honest and generous man and he loved Jesus very much. This great apostle's name was Simon initially, but Jesus changed it to Peter, which means "rock." "You are Peter," Jesus said, "and on this rock I will build my Church."

It was Peter who denied Jesus three times just before he died. Peter was also with Jesus when he ascended into heaven and he asked Peter to, "Feed my lambs and feed my sheep". This meant that Jesus wanted Peter to be the head of his church on earth. Peter soon realised that he must suffer and die for his love of Jesus and so he went out and told others of the love that Jesus has for us all. St Peter's Basilica, in Rome, was built where it was thought that Peter was buried.



Jesus washes Peter's feet

Colour in our pictures of St Peter and St Paul



Paul on the road to Damascus

St Paul - Paul also loved Jesus very much even though he never met him. He started, after Jesus had returned to heaven, by making things very difficult for Jesus' followers but Jesus appeared to Paul and his heart was changed.

After this Paul lived most of his life as a **missionary** telling people of the good news of Jesus. Paul faced much hardship in his life, but he never stopped believing in God. You can read more about Paul in Luke's **Acts of the Apostles** beginning at chapter 9. St Paul preached to the gentiles - those who were not Jews - and his teaching took him all over the world. Because of Paul's teaching then we can hear the story of Jesus today.

WONDER

I wonder ...

I wonder what was important about Saint Peter and Saint Paul?

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I wonder how we remember them?

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I wonder if they can help us today?

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Activity: Make a "Love is" Poster

Read Corinthians 1:13 and write down, or get an adult to write down for you, the ways that St Paul talks about love.

Then have a think about what love means to you?

It may be a cuddle or playing a game with mummy or daddy.

It might be a special trip out with your grandparents or friends.

You could draw and colour your ideas and stick things on that remind you of these lovely times in your life.

"I remember how all the colours looked. My favourite was yellow even though I can't see it now." Milly, 14

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The Marriage and Family Life Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is committed to listening to the experience of separated, divorced and remarried Catholics. It is intending to make a short testimonial film which will be shown at a closed forum of diocesan Marriage and Family Life workers. If, subsequently, the Bishops' Conference decides there is merit in sharing it more widely, permission of participants will be sought.

Questions will be provided in advance to give participants time to reflect and prepare for a sensitively conducted interview.

First names only will be used in the film and these can be changed if participants prefer. Physical identities can be obscured in the film if participants prefer.

The filming will take place in London and the Marriage and Family Life Office will cover travel or incidental expenses incurred by the participants.

It may be possible for those that would like to participate, but are unable to travel to London, to send in a short written or recorded testimony instead. This would be played or read by a member of Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales staff in the film.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, contact Susan Tym, stym@hallam-diocese.com, 0114 2566407.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) was founded in 1911 as the Guild of St Luke, Cosmas and Damian, later being renamed the Guild of Catholic Doctors. Only doctors and dentists were admitted as members until 2006 when it was again renamed the Catholic Medical Association and became open to all Catholic healthcare professionals, hospital chaplains and managers.

The CMA helps integrate faith into clinical practice by:

- Representing Catholics in the medical community
- Creating and organising educational resources and events
- Acting as advocates for members of the Church and medical profession in public forums
- Providing guidance for bishops, politicians and others on healthcare ethics and policy
- Supporting the next generation of doctors and healthcare workers

The Sheffield Branch covers the whole of the Hallam diocese. Regrettably in recent years the number of members has dwindled and now stands at approximately twelve, all of them being doctors and no other health care professionals. We hold an Annual General Meeting at the University of Sheffield Catholic Chaplaincy, where we discuss events of topical importance. We are involved in teaching medical ethics in the medical course at the University of Sheffield. Topics covered recently include palliative care with stress on end of life care; organ donation and transplantation and termination of pregnancy. We have also held talks on embryo research, stem cell research and the role of Roman Catholic chaplains in war situations. We seek to encourage students to attend these talks.

We are keen to establish a more active branch which includes not only doctors and dentists, but other healthcare professionals such as nurses, physiotherapists, pharmacists and others. At the present time the medical profession is faced with many new developments and trends in

modern health and social policy. These include such controversial issues as embryonic stem cell research, assisted conception, transplantation ethics, living wills, care pathways and euthanasia. We are also faced with financial restraints and limitations in healthcare. We need the help and advice of the Catholic Medical Association in responding to these within the teachings of the Church.

Our aims are to provide professional support, informed opinion and an effective voice making itself heard at the highest government level. We can only do this by increasing our numbers and becoming more active. At national level our local President, Dr Steve Brennan, is the National Secretary of the Catholic Medical Association and attends national meetings.

The Catholic Medical Association also publishes the Catholic Medical Quarterly which has an international reputation as a leading Catholic healthcare journal, providing articles on key issues in medicine, helping to support healthcare professionals in their practice and

exploring such topics as conscience in contemporary healthcare. Conscience is particularly important and the Catholic Medical Association can assist in ensuring that the rights of healthcare professionals to object to participating in procedures against human life are legally protected.

At a time when Catholics in healthcare are facing difficult decisions, it essential to have a focal point for advice. We ask healthcare professionals in the Diocese to seriously consider joining the Sheffield Branch. Standard membership for doctors and dentists is £50pa, with a concessionary rate of £30pa for those who are not higher rate tax payers. Student rate is £10pa.

Full details of how to join may be found on the Catholic Medical Association website:

www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

Andrew T Raftery, Secretary Sheffield Branch, Catholic Medical Association



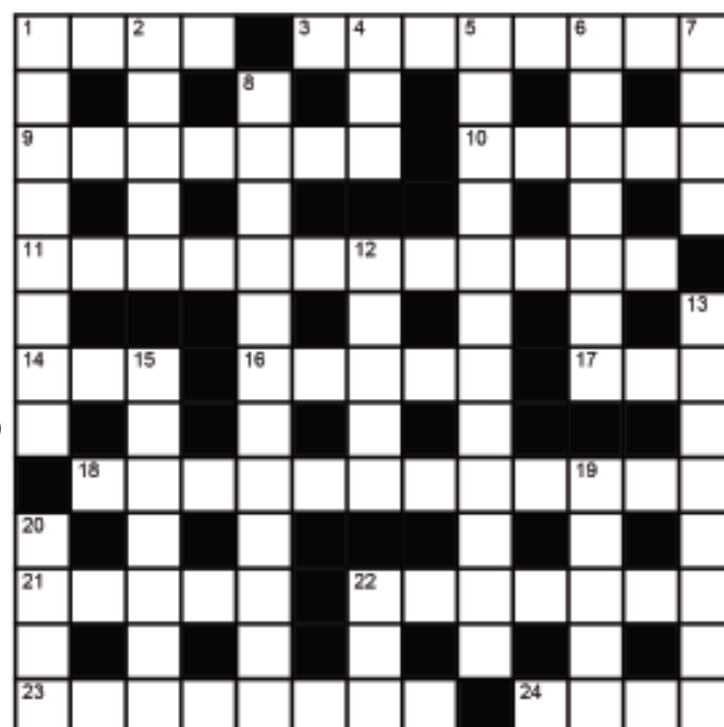
Use the clues to solve the puzzle: the solution is below

QUICK Across

- 1 Christian sect named after an Egyptian of Hellenistic and Roman times (4)
- 3 Follower – a title used to depict an Apostle of Christ (8)
- 9 Calls; dials (5,2)
- 10 Surpass; stand out (5)
- 11 14th century religious reformer whose adherents were called Lollards (4,8)
- 14 Centre; heart (3)
- 16 Existed; stayed (5)
- 17 East Anglican tributary of the Great Ouse (3)
- 18 Popular title for any of the RC medieval bands of nobles faithful to the Papacy (5,7)
- 21 Pious, often mystical, Jew (5)
- 22 Province of the Roman Empire in Anatolia visited by Paul, Silas and Timothy (7)
- 23 Tundra and forest peoples (aka Nenets) and spitz-type dogs of NW Siberia (8)
- 24 Detect; spot (4)

QUICK Down

- 1 Swiss philosopher (1876-1961) who originated the concept of introvert and extrovert personality (4,4)
- 2 Satirical magazine founded in 1841, aka The London Charivari (5)
- 4 Mischief-maker; little devil (3)
- 5 Natural region of northern Northumbria (7,5)
- 6 World's greatest ocean (7)
- 7 ---- Fitzgerald, 'The First Lady of Song' (4)
- 8 Day of fasting and repentance (3,9)
- 12 ----- in holy orders = cleric (5)
- 13 Legate (8)
- 15 Mature; develop (7)



- 19 Africa natives involved in the Rwandan civil war and subject to genocide (1994) (5)
- 20 As a result (4)
- 22 Divine being (3)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Copt, 3 Disciple, 9 Rings up, 10 Excel, 11 John Wycliffe, 14 Nub, 16 Dwell, 17 Cam, 18 Pope's knights, 21 Hasid, 22 Galatia, 23 Samoyeds, 24 Espy. Down: 1 Carl Jung, 2 Punch, 4 Imp, 5 Cheviot hills, 6 Pacific, 7 Ella, 8 Ash Wednesday, 12 Clerk, 13 Emissary, 15 Blossom, 19 Hutus, 20 Thus, 22 God.

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