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CAFOD'S Walk Around the World Reaches Sheffield Town Hall

CAFOD's current campaign SHARE THE JOURNEY calls on world leaders meeting at the UN in September to put the dignity of people on the move at the heart of the two compacts they will be discussing.

Over 80 people of all ages arrived from all points of the compass to meet at the Town Hall on Saturday. They clocked up nearly 200 miles between them to add to the 7,574 miles already walked by others towards the target 24,900 miles – the distance round the world – to highlight the problems of 250 million people on the move all around the world due to war, persecution, natural disasters and lack of livelihoods.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr Anne Murphy, was delighted to welcome the walkers to Sheffield Town Hall as they walked on behalf of CAFOD in support of migrants and refugees. "Great cause, great people," she affirmed. A message of support from Bishop Ralph was read out by seminarian, Henry Woodhouse.

Every minute, 20 people around the world are newly displaced. Half the growing number of refugees are children. So campaigners, motivated by CAFOD's Share the Journey campaign, are asking the Government to ensure there is a compassionate response which:

- respects human dignity;
- protects the vulnerable;
- supports host countries;
- keeps families together;
- tackles the reasons why people migrate.

The walkers in Sheffield, the first City of Sanctuary, heard from its Chair, Mike Reynolds, about the welcome and services provided here and the new Sanctuary on Chapel Walk. Then Pride, Mbi Agbor spoke movingly of his experiences as an asylum seeker from Cameroon. Louise Haigh, MP for Sheffield Heeley who is also on the All Party Parlia-

mentary Group on Refugees, spoke with conviction, "I'm honoured to have been invited to speak on this serious matter, and I'm glad CAFOD have committed to helping protect the vulnerable and raise awareness with events like this. Reuniting families who've been separated by war and persecution is so important for helping people rebuild their lives together after deeply traumatic events.

"The Government must meet its obligations to refugees by campaigning for these goals at the UN later in the year – we can't stand by and watch families be torn apart through no fault of their own."

Another walk is being planned in Doncaster for Sunday, 2 September but, if you'd like to organise your own, please get in touch with the CAFOD Hallam Volunteer Centre on hallam@cafod.org.uk or ring 0114 2687817.

There's no need to do anything on a grand scale, it would be great even if there's just two or three of you in your parish who would like to Share the Journey with us. You can find out more details about the campaign and add your name to the petition at: www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey.



Deacon Andrew Crowley shares the journey with a Muslim neighbour



The Lord Mayor welcomes the walkers

Read Bishop Ralph's message on page 7. Next month one participant gives his personal experience of this walk.



The group of walkers and supporters at Sheffield Town Hall

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 11 | Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance, Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Uppertorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. |
| 4 | Hallam Ascent Group meet for a tour of St Marie's Cathedral. For more details telephone 0114 2306797, email ascent@jn.green.plus.com or visit hallamascent.weebly.com. | 15 | Hallamshire Faith and Light Group meet at Mother of God Parish Hall, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX, 3pm. |
| 10 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 24 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |
| 11 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD. | 24 | St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Mass at Kirk Edge Convent, High Bradfield, Sheffield, S6 6LJ. Hymns 7.15pm, Mass 7.30pm. |

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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| 1 | Our Lady of Sorrows, Armthorpe. |
| 8 | St Mary, Edlington. |
| 15 | St Joseph, Handsworth. |
| 22 | Our Lady and St James, Worsbrough. |

Carmel Day of Recollection, Saturday, 11 August, 9.30am-3.30pm. At Kirk Edge Convent, led by Fr Chris Ainslie. All welcome.

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

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St Vincent de Paul Society National President visits Sheffield



Helen O'Shea, SVP National President, was guest speaker at the recent SVP Hallam Central Council Festival Meeting held on Sunday, 13 May at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

Helen gave an excellent presenta-

tion entitled 'SVP Fit For The Future'. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Ralph in St Charles Church before the meeting.

Pictured above, Helen O'Shea with Sister Pauline Mulcrone, Hallam Central Council President.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA SUNDAY

As Catholics, we take the sacraments and our local parish for granted. But if you are a Catholic seafarer, then you can go for months without any contact with the life of the Church.

Nowadays many ships are in port for literally hours before setting sail again to deliver or load up with their next cargo. These fast turnarounds make it impossible for the crew to go ashore.

Many of those who opt for a life at sea are Catholic. A high percentage of seafarers today come from Catholic regions of the world, such as the Philippines and Goa in India. For them, the brief time in port means there is no chance to attend Mass at a local church.

Sea Sunday 2018

This year 8 July is Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of Apostleship of the Sea, (AoS), whose chaplains and ship visitors provide practical and pastoral help in ports around the coast of Britain.

Following the death of a seafarer on board an oil tanker that docked in Immingham in Lincolnshire AoS was asked to provide a priest to go on board. The crew of Horizon Thetis were left shocked and devastated after one of their crew mates, an electrician, suffered a heart attack and died while at sea. AoS Immingham port chaplain, Bryony Watson, arranged for Fr Andrew Cole from St Mary on the Sea in Grimsby to visit the ship.

"We boarded the ship to find the crew very quiet and sad. The captain led us to the conference room and told us that while they had been at sea, the ship's electrician had had a heart attack and died within minutes, despite the crew attempting CPR," said Bryony.

Fr Andrew listened to the crew while they recounted the experience and talked about their friend. The captain spoke of the years they had spent at sea together, and how both families - the family of the electrician back in Bulgaria and the family on board the ship - had experienced a great loss.

"The crew requested that Fr Andrew bless the ship, and most particularly the cabin of their dead friend. It was very shocking and totally unexpected as he had been a healthy 62 year-old and had died within minutes," said Bryony.

She added, "The captain was great and took good care of the crew. They were also grateful for our visit, for the blessing and for being there to listen and offer some comfort."

Seafarers' Crucial Role

Seafarers play a crucial part in all our lives. Airports rather than ports might figure more in our minds. Yet around 90% of the goods imported into the UK arrive by ship. That's everything from cars and computers to oranges and coffee. The chances are that many items in your kitchen have come by sea.

"Strangely, as shipping has grown, it

LOVE IN ACTION



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Caritas Diocese of Hallam have been asked by Caritas Social Action to circulate information on 'Love in Action', produced by the Diocese of Westminster. Thoughts and suggestions please to Stuart Hanlon, Co-ordinator, shanlon@hallam-diocese.com.

View the Love in Action website here: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/love-in-action.php>.

What is 'Love in Action'?

'Love in Action' is an engagement programme which is designed to introduce your parish, youth group, school or faith-sharing group to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Once you have completed the programme you will have the tools to start your own social outreach projects.

Why 'Love in Action'?

As members of the Catholic Church, we are all called upon to preserve the dignity of all human

beings, to care for creation and to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need. These principles form part of Catholic Social Teaching, a body of work developed by Church leaders over the centuries. Pope Francis emphasises that it is our duty to work together to bring about a more just and peaceful world: to put love into action.

How does it work?

Through 'Love in Action', you will be introduced to the six principles of Catholic Social Teaching through Sunday Liturgy, group activities and school assemblies. The seven-week programme includes an introductory week to 'Love in Action' and then each week you will explore a different theme from Catholic Social Teaching.

The 'Love in Action' pack includes the following resources:

- Parish leaders and liturgy sheets
- Take-away leaflets and sheets
- Notes for children's liturgy leaders and primary school staff
- Resources for groups of young people
- Media resources



Port Chaplain, Bryony Watson, chats with a seafarer

has also become less and less present in the media," said Bryony. "Fifty years ago, shipping news was news. Nowadays, shipping news is only found in specialist magazines, if you really look for it. And the ships, and more importantly the seafarers and the lives they lead, are invisible."

Practical Help

Much of what Bryony does is practical, such as providing SIM cards or mobile phone top-up cards so seafarers can contact their families back home, or arranging transport to the local shops.

However, a key part of her role, she says is simply being present. Working at sea can be a lonely experience. Given the long contracts in the maritime industry, many seafarers go months without speaking to their family or anyone apart from fellow crew members.

"The main thing I have learnt as a port chaplain is the importance of really listening to someone; being there, being open, giving the time to allow them to talk. Also, never to under-estimate the power of a woolly hat and bars of chocolate!"



**Apostleship
of the Sea**
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

St Vincent de Paul Society History of the Society in England and Wales

In this first of a series of 'chapters' chronicling the history of the SVP in this country, we look at its inception in 1844, eleven years after Frederic Ozanam established the first conference in Paris, and the socio-political context in which it was to work.

The first Conference of the Society in England and Wales

One of the members of Frederic's Conference was a young Englishman called George Wigley who planned to set up the Society in England. Frederic's advice was to contact as many influential people as possible in English public life.

Wigley contacted Frederick Lucas, editor of The Tablet and an influential Catholic. As a result, Lucas published a series of articles entitled "French Charity". The whole series of articles had considerable influence, and a meeting was arranged at the Sablonniere Hotel, Leicester Square, in London.

The hotel was owned by Mr Pagliano, who attended the meeting with Wigley, Frederick Lucas, George Blount (later to become prominent as a long-serving National President) and eight others. This led to the foundation of a Conference on 12 February, 1844. Brother Pagliano became the first English SVP President. Before 1845 dawned, there were five separate Conferences in London. Five years later in 1849, there were fourteen Conferences in England and Wales with a membership of 274 'brothers'.



Sablonniere Hotel

One of the articles in The Tablet, written by Lucas, described the desperate conditions of the poor in general. He also referred specifically to the apathy of the State towards them, and to the indifference of influential Catholics, expressing the view that they could have done much more:

"Who except the clergy visit the poor? As far as we laity are concerned, the approved plan seems to be to manage all by a secretary, to avoid all dirty work whenever it can be avoided and to labour by a committee. We have already endeavoured to introduce to the favour of our readers a French society for lay persons. We refer to the Society of St Vincent de Paul." Although Frederick Lucas simply used the word "poor", a new expression had come into use during the 1830s and 1840s. The word "pauper", which meant "the poor who need to turn to others for help".

When Frederic Ozanam visited The

Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace in 1851, some SVP brothers arranged for him to visit the London slums where, amongst the teeming poor, lived many of the Irish Catholics. Later he wrote of these visits, aware of how the well-off could be snubbed by polite society if they were foolish enough to help the poor, person-to-person:

"What courage the English brothers need to shake hands with down-and-outs, in an aristocratic land, where contact with the poor is thought to declass and degrade".

Poverty in General

In the early part of the 19th century, large workhouses were built with the resources of a number of smaller areas acting in union – Union Workhouses resulted, and were, generally speaking, forbidding places. Members of families were segregated. Workhouse clothes were provided; meals were often spartan and eaten in total silence; visitors were not allowed, and smoking and drinking alcohol were forbidden. Yet, although it is easy to criticise the workhouse system, it did at least provide shelter, clothing, a regular, if meagre, diet and burial when people died. Outside the workhouse, conditions for the poorest were often appalling.

The Workhouse

In 1801 some £4 million had been spent on a population of 900,000. By 1832, the cost had risen to £6 million for a population of 1.5 million. A Royal Commission in 1832 concluded that too much money was being spent on the poor and that the cost was ruining the country. The resulting Poor Law of 1834 was designed to discourage people from claiming relief.



The Workhouse

By 1844, when the infant SVP was set up in England, relief was refused to people except in exchange for work. However, those already in work complained that if work was given to the inmates of the workhouse, there was a loss of employment outside. As a result, the only work available to workhouse inmates was stone-breaking or oakum-picking (untwisting thick old ropes to use for waterproofing ships).

In the next 'chapter' we will see how the SVP brought practical aid and support to the poor during times of epidemic illness, including the cholera outbreaks.

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PARTY AT THE PALACE



Nellie McNicholas, of St Francis's parish, Sheffield, (centre), former housekeeper to the late Fr John Tomblin, and Francesca Flynn, of St Vincent's, Sheffield, Secretary of Sheffield Walsingham Association, with Cardinal Vincent Nichols at a recent garden party in Buckingham Palace.

May Procession in Worsbrough

On Tuesday, 22 May, Our Lady and St James Church, Worsbrough, Barnsley, held their Annual May Procession.

A parishioner told Hallam News, "It was attended by people from both Barnsley and Doncaster Deaneries. It was wonderful to see so many people from across the

Deaneries supporting the evening. We had readings, prayers and a brief history to celebrate the 160th anniversary of Lourdes.

"People brought their petitions, flowers and mementoes to present to Our Lady on what was a wonderful event blessed by such lovely weather."



St Alban's Looks to the Future

Jo Warren, Historic Churches Adviser appointed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, recently visited St Alban's Church, Denaby Main, to discuss strategies for raising funds from a number of sources to improve the fabric of this historic church and to pro-

vide ideas to promote its Christian heritage and history.

Pictured below, left to right: Tom Garrud, Diocesan Property Manager, Jo Warren, Historic Churches Adviser, Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest and Sebastian Rowe, Architect.



Moorends Goes to Padley



Parishioners of St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends, celebrated one of their patronal feasts with a pilgrimage to Padley Chapel.

The first pilgrimage led by the new parish priest, Fr Santosh Vazhappally, took place on 1 May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Holy Mass was celebrated in the morning. After Adoration during the afternoon session, the pilgrimage concluded with Benediction.

The picture above shows Fr Santosh with some of the pilgrims outside the chapel.

Miners Memorial Mass in Denaby Main

On 28th May Fr Desmond Edozie, Parish Priest of St Alban's Parish, celebrated Mass in Denaby and Cadeby Miners Memorial Chapel at All Saints Church, Denaby Main.

Pictured below, shortly before Mass, are parishioners from St Alban's Church with Rev Reg Davies, Vicar of All Saints Church.



Using an Amoris Cube

Parents of First Communicants at Mother of God Parish, Sheffield, were each given a pack to make an Amoris Cube. Printed on the cube are six messages from Pope Francis' letter, 'The Joy of Love'.

Families roll the cube, read the message and talk about it together.



The group are pictured above with Parish Priest, Mgr William Kilgannon.

Colette Hammill joins the Hallam Diocese as Safeguarding Coordinator

Colette was previously employed by West Yorkshire Police for nine years, gaining a commendation for good work. During the last five years of her career, Colette worked within the Leeds District Safeguarding Unit covering Child and Adult Safeguarding. Colette was also a force advisor for matters of Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage.

Colette has an undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of Leeds and a foundation degree in Police Studies from the University of Huddersfield.

The Safeguarding department will be hosting a **coffee morning on Thursday, 5 July, 10am-12pm at the Hallam Pastoral Centre**, which will be open to Parish Priests and Safeguarding Representatives throughout the Diocese. The event will be an opportunity to meet the



team and discuss any issues. Further information will be distributed to representatives shortly.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Angela Higginson of the Diocese of Hallam, who has completed the five year term of office as National Treasurer for the Union of Catholic Mothers.

On 16 May, during holy Mass at the Hayes Centre, she received the Bene Merenti award from Pope Francis. This was presented to her by the Rt Rev Alan Williams, Bishop of the Brentwood Diocese, (pictured below).



Bishop Ralph's Message to those Taking Part in the Share the Journey Walk of Witness

I am sorry that that I am unable to be with you on your walk of witness this afternoon. As many of you will know, the delayed Caritas Launch in the Diocese takes place today at Wickersley and I need to be present and as yet I have not been gifted with bi-location!

Strangely, I think that it is a god-incidence that these events are taking place on the same day. Pope Francis says a 'Church without charity does not exist'. Inspired by Gospel values and the Catholic Social Teaching, Caritas shares in the Mission of the Church, promoting human development and, where necessary, being a voice for those caught up in poverty and conflict and, in particular, responding to the movement of displaced persons through international cooperation and a shared responsibility.

In 2017, Caritas launched the Share the Journey campaign to promote a global effort in creating increased opportunities for communities to find

out more about migrants and refugees, to join in its shared experiences and initiatives and to promote what Pope Francis calls a 'culture of encounter'. So you might say, today is one event in two different locations.

With prayer for a successful walk of witness and solidarity
+Ralph

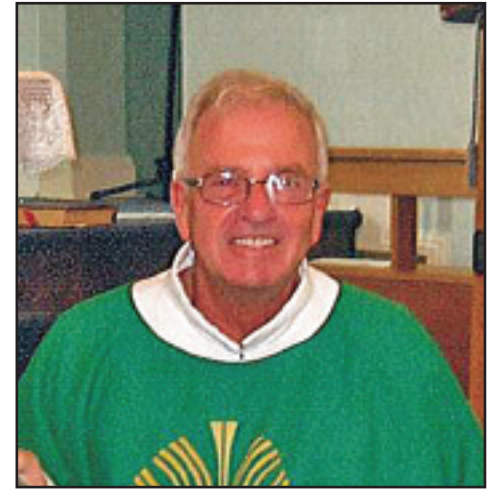


Fr Kieran O'Connell RIP

Fr Kieran O'Connell was born on 3 February, 1949. He was educated at All Hallows College and Trinity College, Dublin. On 17 June 1973 he was ordained to the priesthood. He spent his early years as a priest serving as a curate in the parishes of St Catherine of Alexandria, Sheffield and Holy Rood, Barnsley.

Ten years after ordination he became a Parish Priest, initially at Our Lady and St James, Worsborough and then St Joseph and St Teresa, Woodlands. More recently he was Parish Priest of St Joseph, Rawmarsh, St Joseph, Wath upon Dearne and St Gerard, Thrybergh.

Fr Kieran died on 28 March, 2018 and his funeral was held on 27 April at St Mary's, Herringthorpe. At his Requiem Mass his friend and fellow priest, Mgr Kieran Heskin, spoke of Fr Kieran's many talents. His compassion for anyone who was suffering was evidenced in his work as Chaplain at Sheffield's Northern General Hospital. His sense of



humour was known to many. May he rest in peace. The full eulogy is available to read on the Hallam News website, www.hallam-news.com.

Deacon Henry Meahan RIP

A Requiem Mass was celebrated on 14 May for the repose of the soul of Deacon Henry Alexander Meahan, who died on 11 April, 2018 at the age of 73.

Henry was a Deacon at the church of Christ the King, Rossington, Doncaster.

He was one of ten children from Scotland. In 2005 he was ordained at St Marie's Cathedral and was a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The last five years he spent in a nursing home with dementia. May he rest in peace.



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On Wednesday, 23 May, schools from across the Diocese came to St Marie's Cathedral for the annual celebration of their fundraising for the Good Shepherd Appeal for Hallam Caring Services.

Around 200 young people, representing 27 schools, participated in a special liturgy highlighting the importance of prayer.

Year 5 pupils and staff from St Marie's School, led by teacher, Bernadette Twomey, planned and led the service, which involved acting, procession, singing and liturgical dance, with students from the Diocesan secondary schools also contributing.

Each school had brought a colourful hand with their name written on and had placed it on one of a series of yellow boxes at the entrance to the Cathedral. When these boxes were brought to the altar, they fitted together to form a giant cross.



The congregation was reminded of Pope Francis' "five finger" prayer procedure; many had brought large hands which they brought up in procession when they presented their donations for the appeal to Bishop Ralph, before ending the service with a rousing rendition of the hymn "Great Big God".



Stuart Hanlon, Co-Ordinator of Hallam Caring Services, was very appreciative of the generous contributions made by schools, "which are crucial in maintaining and developing the service to chil-

dren, young people and their families. Everyone was impressed with the prayerful contribution and the efforts of Bernadette Twomey and St Marie's," he remarked.



CARITAS LAUNCH

On Saturday, 12 May, Caritas Diocese of Hallam was launched at Blessed Trinity Church Hall, Wickersley.

A gathering of fifty were addressed by the Co-ordinator, Stuart Hanlon, who gave the background to the decision by Trustees of the Diocese. He outlined the advantages of being a member of the Caritas network together with results from the questionnaire sent to all parishes. The extent of social action in the Diocese was a surprise to all – in total 143 projects, some clearly linked to CAFOD, SVP and Justice and Peace. Eighty were initiatives from the parishes themselves.



Stuart Hanlon



Dr Phil McCarthy

Bishop Ralph followed this talk noting that this event was essentially a celebration of social action. This was enacted in the form of prayer, worship and song prepared by Sr Clare Grimes setting the event in its true context, to quote Pope Francis: "Everyone should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God, the joy of Salvation! It is a gift that one cannot keep to oneself, but it is to be shared."

Catherine Hand, Irvine Peacock and Fr Shaun Smith (representing Coping With Loss, Credit Union and Food Banks) gave presentations and described the positive benefits of their projects to people they serve and participating parishes.

We hope Caritas will offer support as required to projects and develop meaningful networks to extend the outstanding work of social action in place.

If you have any comments, enquiries or suggestions please contact Susan Tym, stym@hallam-diocese.com, 0114 2566407.



Fr Shaun Smith

Dr Phil McCarthy, Director of Caritas Social Action Network, spoke about the origins of Caritas which was started in Germany by a local priest and then extended to Caritas Internationalis and now to the UK. His aspiration is for all dioceses to join the network, and he was delighted to welcome Hallam as its latest member.



Irvine Peacock



Catherine Hand



Doncaster Secular Carmelites

Doncaster Secular Carmelite Community pictured at their monthly gathering at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Doncaster.

On 11 May they were joined by their National President, Annette Goulden and Pauline Mulcrone was received into formation at Mass by Fr Andrew Browne.



Many Reasons to Celebrate

On Sunday, 20 May, Bishop Ralph kindly came to celebrate Mass as the highlight of Hallamshire Faith and Light's monthly gathering. It was Pentecost Sunday; the Birthday of the Church, Hallamshire's 21st Birthday, five community members' birthdays and the Royal Wedding Weekend.

Hallamshire Faith and Light meets at 3pm on the third Sunday of each month (except August) at Mother of God Parish Hall, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX, for a time of worship, an activity and fellowship over a simple meal. We welcome people with an intellectual disability, their family, carers and friends.

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Education Sunday will take place on Sunday 9th September 2018. It is a day of Celebration for all those involved in Education.

It is an opportunity for Schools and Parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic Schools.

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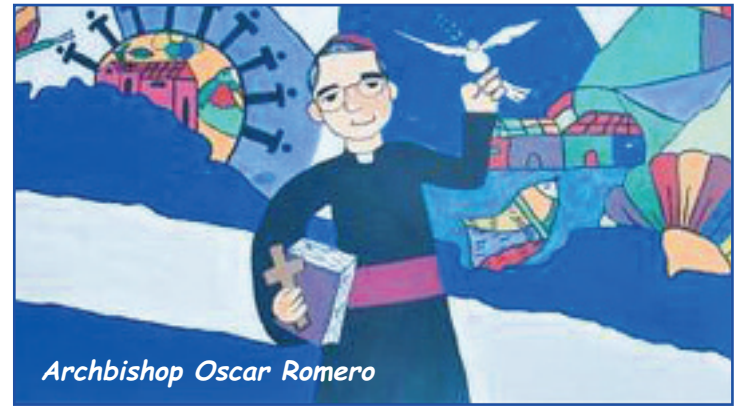
Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

This month our page features an extraordinary person, who showed people what God was like, called Oscar Romero. He was 'beatified' (called Blessed) by Pope Francis in 2015 and is due to be 'canonised' (called a Saint) in October, 2018. You might already know a bit about Oscar Romero, as you may have done some work on him in your RE lessons at school.

Oscar was an Archbishop in San Salvador and he was born in 1917 in Ciudad Barrios. Look at the map on this page to locate this place. He died in 1980. He was **martyred**, meaning that he died for his faith. He was killed while he was celebrating Mass in a church.

Oscar Romero spoke out about poverty and social injustice in one of the poorest countries in the world. Because of this he made some enemies, as to some people he was considered a threat. When he died, there was sadness all over the world, but his **legacy** (what we remember about a person after they have died) means that he is remembered as someone who spoke about the way the poor are badly treated and reminded us that we must all love each other.

We can all honour Oscar Romero by making even small changes in our lives so that our world is a kinder and better place.



Archbishop Oscar Romero

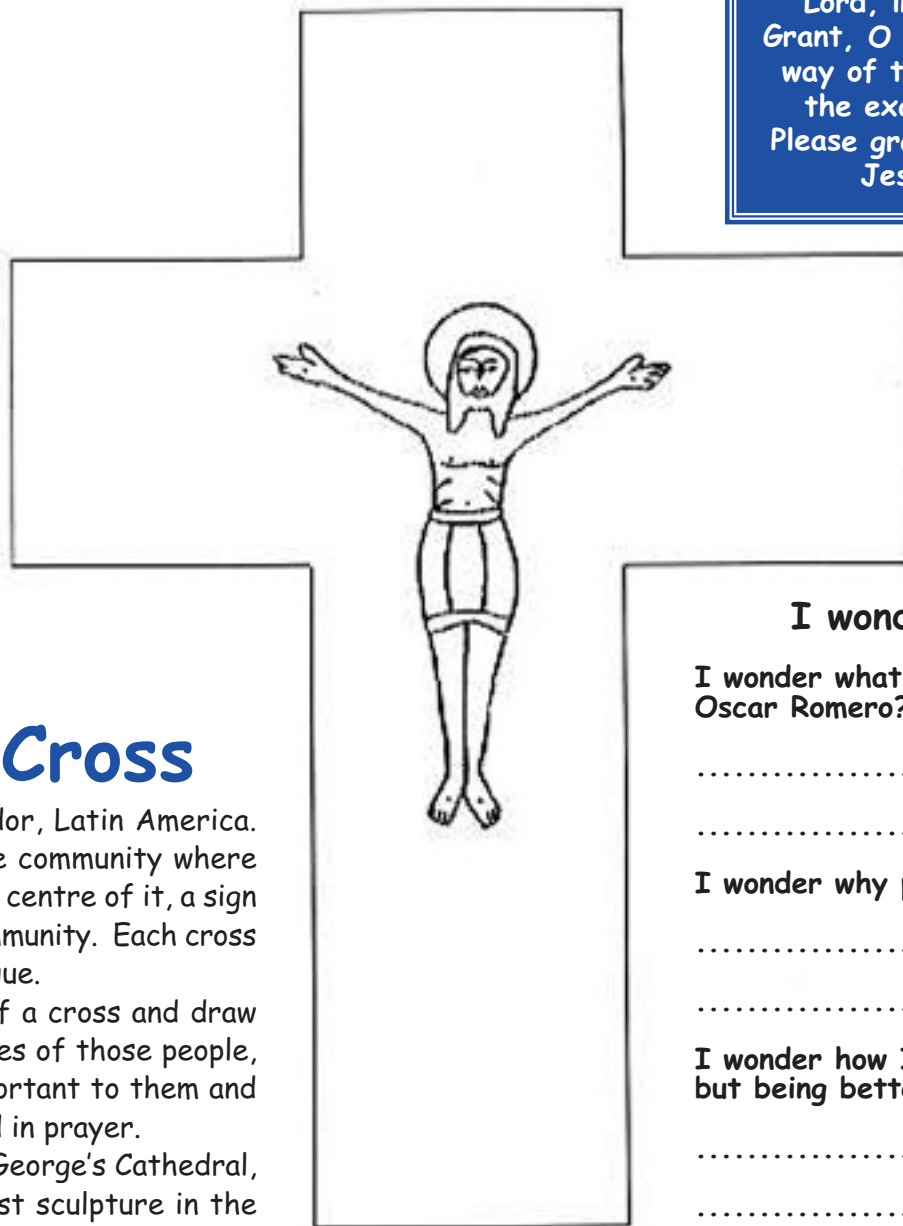
Prayers inspired by Oscar Romero

For the poorest people and communities across the world: that the example of Blessed Oscar Romero will help us to bring all peoples to love and care for each other.
 Lord, in your mercy ... Hear our prayer
 Grant, O God, that we may learn to live the way of the gospel of Jesus and remember the example of Blessed Oscar Romero.
 Please grant all that we ask of you through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

In the blank outline of a cross, or using the template, design a cross with drawings or cut-out photos for your own school, parish or other community of faith.

Think about the background landscape, colours that reflect your surroundings and which aspects of your community's life to include.

As you work, bring your community's joys and sufferings to Jesus on the cross.



I wonder ...

I wonder what was the most important thing about Oscar Romero?

.....

I wonder why people remember him?

.....

I wonder how I can be happy not having too much but being better than I am now?

.....

The Romero Cross

Romero Crosses come from El Salvador, Latin America. They have symbols of the lives of the community where the cross was made, with Christ at the centre of it, a sign of his presence at the heart of the community. Each cross is individually made by hand and is unique.

Ask people to take a blank outline of a cross and draw Christ at the centre. Then draw images of those people, situations, communities which are important to them and as they do so to hold them before God in prayer.

There is a large **Romero Cross** in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London. This is the newest sculpture in the Cathedral and was installed in 2013. The sculptor was Fernando Llort. If you are visiting London, see if you can visit this Cathedral and see the cross.

El Salvador is in Central America. Get an atlas, or look online, and see if you can find it on a bigger map. Talk with a grown up about the location and some of the problems that this country might have.



The information, prayers, pictures and activities on our page are from CAFOD.

Please have a look at the CAFOD website if you want to find out more, www.cafod.org.uk.

EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY CONGRATULATIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Primary School in Doncaster is judged to be 'Outstanding'! Section 48 Inspection Report March 2018



The Catholic Life of the school is outstanding because the well-being and personal and spiritual development of pupils and staff is at the heart of the school's vision and mission.

The quality of Religious Education is outstanding because staff know their pupils well and consistently teach lessons which enthuse and engage pupils, ensuring progress and achievement is at the

highest level. Leaders and managers ensure that monitoring and evaluation is accurate, timely and embedded in the work of the school.

The quality of Collective Worship is outstanding because it is central to the life of the school. Staff and pupils plan and lead high quality Acts of Worship and pupils act with the deepest reverence and respect.

The Three Little Pigs Visit St Mary's School, Edlington

Children from St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Edlington, Doncaster are great supporters of CAFOD. In April a CAFOD schools volunteer was invited to tell them how money raised by CAFOD supporters helps people rebuild their lives after catastrophic natural disasters, in places like the Philippines.

Through the story of the Three Little Pigs, they discovered that the gift of a pig and the gift of cement have given hope and joy to people who have lost livelihoods and homes, and enable whole communities to regain pride and dignity.

The children from St Mary's subsequently sent beautiful hand-made 'thank you' cards to their visitor, who was delighted to receive them. These now have pride of place, displayed in the Hallam CAFOD office.



Doncaster schools love to hear about CAFOD's work, which not only reminds us of our social responsibilities to our brothers and sisters around the world, but which adds to children's understanding about many other issues related to our Catholic faith and to the world in which we live.

Do you live in Doncaster and WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT BEING A SCHOOLS VOLUNTEER? You can contact Rose at rkrzyz@cafod.org.uk for details. Or ring Rita on 0114 2557204.

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A Journey of Some Sleeping Bags

Lilian Hollidge, a member of the Justice and Peace Group in the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth, recently spent some time in a camp for refugees and Asylum seekers and shared her experience with the Hallam News.

During the Advent season, donors from different churches in the Doncaster Deanery, especially St Paul's, Cantley and Our Lady's, Stainforth, made contributions towards buying sleeping bags for Asylum seekers and Refugees living in makeshift tents in freezing winter conditions at Moria Camp on Lesbos Island, Greece.

The collections raised £1274 to purchase sleeping bags. A total of 74 sleeping bags were bought and 30 second-hand bags were also donated by parishioners and pupils of the Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Stainforth.

The sleeping bags, accompanied by warm winter clothes and shoes, began their journey in Oldham together with essential foods and blankets. They travelled across Europe until they arrived in Athens and were loaded onto the Mytilini Ferry en route to the Island of Lesbos.

A week later I flew out to begin my volunteer work in the Sultana Women and Children's

Camp. The hope was that the donations from home would arrive while I was there and they could be distributed to people who needed them. My first job was to meet up with Muhammad and Shafique from Sultana Refugee Centre and to discuss the practicalities of getting to the Charity and what I would be doing to help.

On day one I met some of the volunteers and we began to prepare the foods for distribution at 2pm that day and every day. We peeled and sliced potatoes, onions, carrots, garlic, leeks and other vegetables.

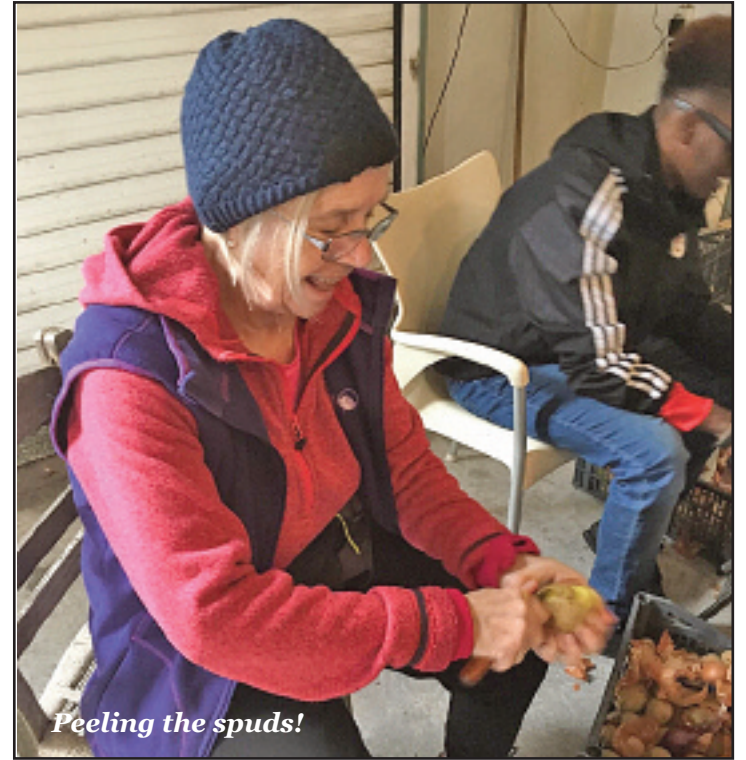
I had an opportunity to help with cooking the foods in the enormous pans whilst stirring the onions, garlic, tomatoes and oil to begin the various recipes of hot foods, Dahl, lentils, vegetable curries all served with rice or pasta to help to fill hungry stomachs.

Most days the queues for food would begin early at about 10.30-11am, waiting until the cooking was completed for each of 350-500 registered women to collect their own and their families' portions.

There were piles and piles of cardboard boxes stacked in the warehouse filled with donations of clothes for men, women and children from different countries. The donations came with good-will messages for the people who would receive them.

The work was hard and the days were long, but meeting with and getting to know the volunteers from Moria Detention Camp was exciting and satisfying.

I met many fantastic, warm and hardworking



Peeling the spuds!

people and I know I shall be returning, hopefully next year. I will have learned a little Arabic to be able to understand and to chat a little more with others.

And all because generous people in some Doncaster parishes shared what little monies they had and contributed towards buying sleeping bags to send to Refugees in the Greek Islands in a bitterly cold winter! A little love goes a long way.



Doing the washing up



Lilian with other volunteers



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.

CRYPTIC Across

- 1 One more duty to perform where Mosaic Law is restated (11)
- 9 Writing, adopting a certain kind of slant? (7)
- 10 When in Rome one loves to meet Italy's foremost instrument maker (5)
- 11 One follows a sick-looking, tailless, round bird (5)
- 12 A few almost lean at first, being light (7)
- 13 Tangle with the pop press she's unfortunately brought in (6)
- 15 Dog's blessing bishop initiates (6)
- 18 A deposit is committed (7)
- 20 Second American gets a call to go to dinner out east (5)
- 22 Boosucker : utter drain! (5)
- 23 Grace, the old film star, captivates a sailor (7)
- 24 All Tenerife, in a way, is for those who know God and are in Christ (7,4)

- 17 Mark's dishonour (6)
- 19 She names the book son knocked out to become solvent (5)
- 21 Impression Poles get loud if kept in (5)

QUICK Across

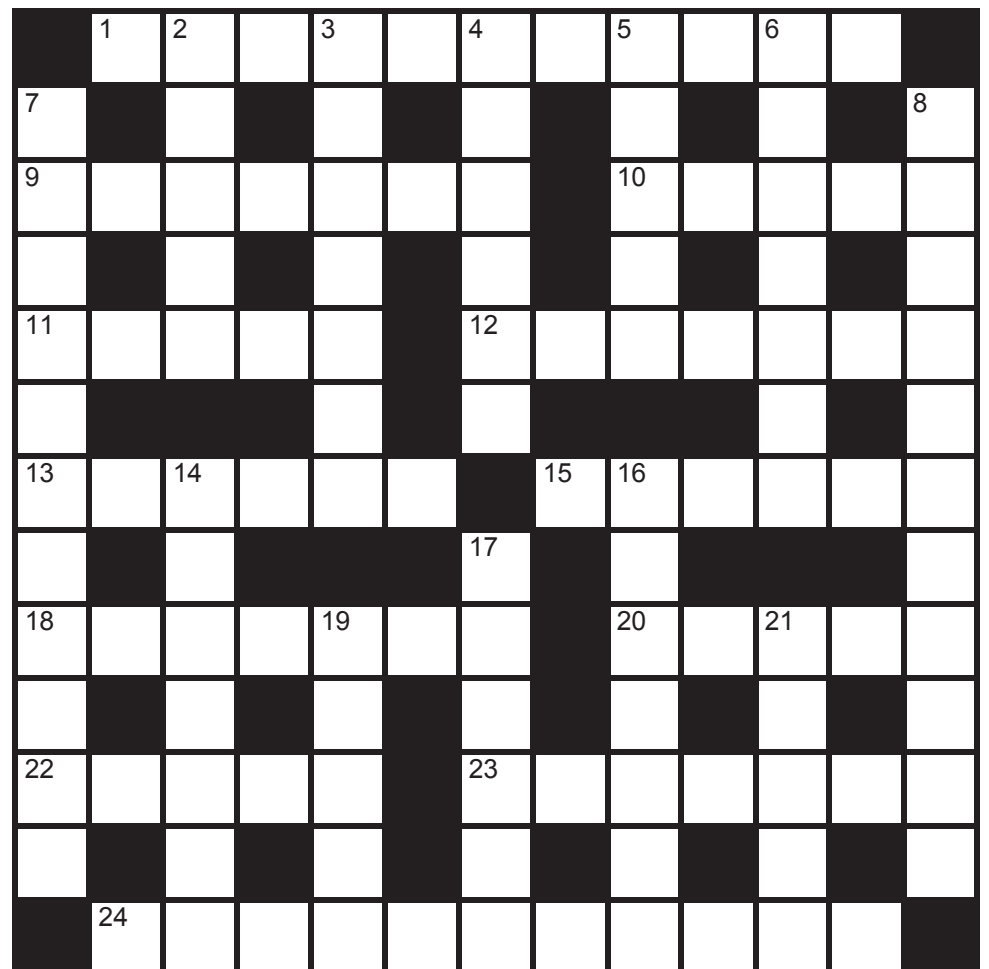
- 1 Pentateuch book (11)
- 9 Slopong type (7)
- 10 Italian family of violin makers (5)
- 11 Short-winged waterfowl (5)
- 12 Lithe (7)
- 13 Mix up; embroil (6)
- 15 Type of hound (6)
- 18 Ardent; intent (7)
- 20 Japanese food (5)
- 22 Seep; extract (5)
- 23 Embellish; decorate (7)
- 24 Immortality (7,4)

QUICK Down

CRYPTIC Down

- 2 Right to opt out of concern fills one with optimism (5)
- 3 Muscles into outings for the church (7)
- 4 Score from Ulster? (6)
- 5 Listeners are tracking the northern approaches (5)
- 6 Catcalls happening in pastoral areas (7)
- 7 Carol rings after ditty... (6,5)
- 8 ...is played around Christmas, for a change in its length (6,5)
- 14 Grim mountain Jacob's son explored, going after gold (7)
- 16 Southern road, it turned up, led out of the country (7)

- 2 Pump up; bring joy (5)
- 3 Large muscle at the back of the upper arm (7)
- 4 Outcome (6)
- 5 Approaches (5)
- 6 Pastures (3-4)
- 7 Popular Christmas song... (6,5)
- 8 ...and carol (6,5)
- 14 Scathing; pungent (7)
- 16 Of the south, particularly the Southern Hemisphere (7)
- 17 Stain; shame (6)
- 19 Organic chemical compound formed by the dehydration of alcohols (5)
- 21 Smell; hint (5)



Solution

Across: 1 Deuteronomy, 9 Italics, 10 Amati, 11 Grebe, 12 Lissome, 13 Emmesh, 15 Basses, 16 Austral, 17 Stigma, 19 Ether, 21 Sniff. Down: 2 Elate, 3 Triceps, 4 Result, 5 Nears, 6 Meadows, 7 Jingle Bells, 8 Silent Night, 14 Mordant, 18 Earnest, 20 Sushi, 22 Leach, 23 Garnish, 24 Eternal life. EXPLANATIONS Across: 1 Anag, 9 Pun, 10 Amat+I, 11 gre(b)(e)-(n), 12 lls(-t)+some, 13 NME in anag of 'she', 15 B+asset, 18 Double def, 22 Homophone of 'leech', 23 [Lillian] G(a+RN)ish, 24 Anag. Down: 2 (-)elate, 3 tr(C)ps, 4 Anag, 5 N+ears, 6 me(ad)ws, 7 Jingle+Bells, 8 Anag, 14 m(or+Dan)t, 16 Austral(-A[l]rev), 17 Double def, 19 E(-s)ther, 21 S+N((t)+t).