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THERE IS ONLY ONE ST WILFRID'S



St Wilfrid's Day Centre, Sheffield is a vibrant area of the work of our Diocese. The Centre is open to all homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded adults aged between 18 and 65 years of age.

The mission statement of St Wilfrid's Day Centre is, "We commit ourselves to creating a caring community based on Christian values where homeless and vulnerable people can find understanding, practical assistance, a sense of belonging and the support to regain their self esteem. In providing welfare and educational opportunities, we hope to help people overcome barriers of social exclusion and provide them with the opportunity to improve their quality of life."

On page 3 read about some of the activities the St Wilfrid's community have been engaged in and enjoying as they live out their mission statement on a daily basis.



The Bishop's Walk



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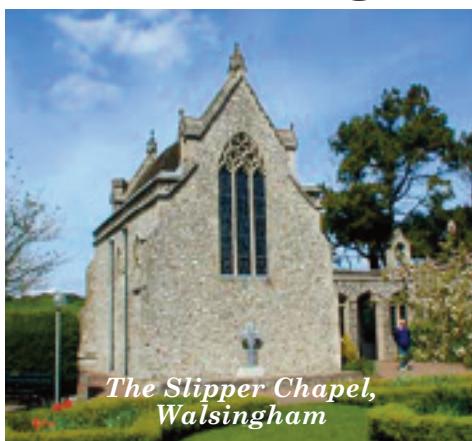
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| <p>1 Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i>.</p> <p>6 Hallam Ascent Group Northern Retreat Day at York. For more details telephone 0114 2306797 or 0114 2304633, email: ascent@jn.green.plus.com, website: hallamascent.weebly.com.</p> <p>9 Table Top Sale at St Joseph's Social Club, Wingfield Avenue, Worksop, S81 0SF, 11am-3pm. Lots of bargains, refreshments available.</p> <p>12 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> | <p>13 Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Chesterfield.</p> <p>16 'Seeking the Lord Together' - day of praise and reflection at St Mary Magdalene Parish Room, Maltby. Mass at 10am, tea and coffee 10.30am for 11am start. Please bring a shared lunch. Further details from Alessio Salvadori 0114 2664500, or Tony and Yvonne Lazenby 01302 742368.</p> <p>26 Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield.</p> |
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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham



The Slipper Chapel, Walsingham

The Diocese of Hallam 35th annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham this year is on Saturday, 18 July and will be led by Bishop Ralph.


Details of times, pick-up points, etc will be sent to parishes throughout the Diocese nearer to the date of the Pilgrimage.

We are in need of more organisers, eg coach stewards, helpers at the Shrine and other duties. Children of all ages are always welcome and are invited to serve at Mass at the Shrine. If anyone would like to help make the Pilgrimage a success, please ring 01226 242145.

Hallam Diocesan Assembly Event, 'Faith in the Family' Saturday, 9 May, at The McAuley Catholic High School 6th Form Centre, Cantley Lane, Doncaster, DN3 3QF. Registration and refreshments at 9.30am, finish at 2pm. Please bring your own lunch. Speaker: Jillian Wilce, Diocesan Advisor for Marriage and Family Life from the Diocese of Plymouth.

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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month

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

- 3 St Paul, Grimethorpe.
- 10 St Gerard, Thrybergh.
- 17 St Mary, High Green.

Hallam Cursillo Event 2015 will take place at the Briars Retreat Centre from 28-31 May. For more details please contact Terry Mortimer on 01246 590058 or mortimer504@btinternet.com.

Sheffield Irish Association hold an **Irish Tea Dance** with live music every second Wednesday of the month. Please contact Gerry, telephone: 0114 2618788, mobile: 07544979686, for more information.

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On Saturday, 16 May, bands, singers and dancers from local secondary schools, including All Saints and Notre Dame, will participate in the 'One Sheffield Many Cultures' festival.

This free festival is an opportunity for Sheffield's young people to showcase the variety of their music and dance talent. It will be a great day for all the family - featuring face painting and clowning.

The organisers are also very pleased to announce that the festival will be opened by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Peter Rippon, and addressed by speakers from local community organisations and campaigns.

Fr Shaun Smith, 'One Sheffield, Many Cultures' chair, said, "Our fourth annual festival is a great way to show the unity and diversity of where we live and who we live alongside. The musical and dance talent on show from

Sheffield's young people will be a real inspiration for all who want to celebrate the contribution by people from all communities and backgrounds to the well-being of Sheffield. Our movement is non-party political and urges people from all walks of life to speak with one voice in opposing racism, bigotry and prejudice."

The event has been supported and organised by local people including Sheffield faith leaders, Yorkshire and Humber TUC, UNISON Northern General Hospital branch, Unite Against Fascism, Football Unites Racism Divides, University of Sheffield Students' Union, Northern Refugee Centre, Sheffield BME Network, Islamic Society of Britain, Hope not Hate, Love Music Hate Racism and the National Union of Journalists. For more information see the website www.onesheffieldmanycultures.org.uk

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St Patrick's Day Fun at St Wilfrid's



St Patrick's Day at St Wilf's was celebrated this year with music, dance and song. Clients dressed up for the occasion and St Wilfrid's singing group, who had rehearsed a beautiful medley of Irish songs including Danny Boy and Molly Malone, performed confidently to their audience. A couple of clients who had never sung in public before were bursting with pride in their achievements. Sheffield University Irish Association kindly came along on the day to dance for the clients and this was followed by our very own Rachel who expertly

played a few jigs on the violin. Everyone joined in with clapping, singing and dancing and generally had a great time. After all the entertainment Pamela and the kitchen volunteers served Irish Stew for lunch, which was followed by delicious apple pie and a nice cup of tea. St Wilfrid's events are planned by the staff team and they are very grateful to anyone who offers their talents to make these occasions very special for the homeless and vulnerable people who attend the Centre.

Election Forum

In the lead up to the General Election, St Wilfrid's Centre has invited Parliamentary Candidates for the Sheffield Central Ward to face questions from their clients. Homeless and vulnerable people often do not have an opportunity to voice their opinions personally to people who could ultimately be making decisions which affect them. St Wilf's decided this needed to change, so Jillian Creasy from the Green Party, Paul Blomfield from the Labour Party, Joe Otten from the Liberal Democrats and

Stephanie Roe from the Conservative Party have all been asked to attend St Wilfrid's to listen to the clients, who will pose questions on their policies and plans should they be voted in as Members of Parliament. These events will be interesting and stimulating opportunities for the clients to be involved in the political process and the Centre has enabled some of them to register to vote. Pictured above: Jillian Creasy (3rd from left front row), at the first Election Forum at St Wilfrid's.

St Wilfrid's Goes to Northern College

Nine clients from St Wilfrid's recently attended a residential learning weekend at Wentworth Castle, Northern College, Barnsley. Arriving Friday afternoon, the clients soon settled into learning to use digital cameras and Photoshop skills. Lessons took place in the beautiful gardens, the restored Victorian glass conservatory and inside the magnificent study library. They stayed over till Sunday afternoon and worked in groups, creating their banner of favourite and inspirational pictures. Staying and working together created a really positive atmosphere that the clients have been keen to share with others at the St Wilfrid's Centre. We are really grateful to all at Northern College who facilitated the visit and look forward to a return trip.





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Holy Trinity Pupils' Message of Hope to Ebola Medics

Pupils from Holy Trinity School gave army medics a welcome Christmas surprise when they sent cards and gifts to cheer members of the Ministry of Defence Medical Unit as they worked to help victims of the deadly Ebola virus.

The crisis caused by Ebola has led to the Ministry of Defence Medical Unit being deployed to Sierra Leone in order to care for health workers who have caught the disease. Holy Trinity pupils came up with the idea of making sure that soldiers serving with the unit – who were away from their families for three months – had something to open on Christmas Day, after leading a school assembly about 'hope'.

Holy Trinity teacher, Chela Wilson, whose brother-in-law is a medic in the army, coordinated the project, alongside art teacher, Louise Seagrave.

Chela explained how the idea had come about, after the pupils had seen the Sainsbury's advert about the First World War soldiers at Christmas. "The kids were really quite moved by the theme of the Sainsbury's advert and soldiers being away from home in tough places, so we decided to make and write cards for the soldiers in our British Forces who are away from their families at Christmas. Our aim was to give them some 'Hope'. The parcels contained useful items for the soldiers, such as toiletries, which they often run out of and cannot replace as there are no shops nearby."

The soldiers were overwhelmed by the packages and Chela was delighted to receive a phone call, asking

for their thanks to be passed on, followed by an email and photograph from one of the soldiers who had received a parcel. Now back in the UK, Private Emma Caton told of how well the gifts had been received. She said, "The parcels absolutely lifted the spirits of everyone that received a surprise parcel from the children. Especially on Christmas Day, as not everyone had something sent out to open from their families. It was really heart-warming that the children had put time and effort to put them together to make us smile on Christmas Day. I'd like to say a massive thank you."

The pupils at Holy Trinity were delighted with the response – their comments are printed around the photographs.

"It was great when we heard that we got feedback from the soldiers. It was also good that they got cards for Christmas."

"Knowing the soldiers in Sierra Leone had received our cards made me glad. It's brilliant that we managed to make somebody happy over Christmas and when they replied, I was so surprised, but we were all very pleased."

"I was relieved that they actually replied back to us and was grateful that they appreciated it and hope they had a wonderful Christmas."

"It was really exciting when someone replied to us."

"It was a nice way to show how we appreciate their work. It was also a touching reply."

"I feel happy that they were grateful for our cards."

"It was lovely when they replied back to us."

"I was very happy that they received our cards and liked them."



Pupils from Holy Trinity School

"Christmas is an expectant time of waiting to celebrate Jesus's birth. The soldiers spent their Christmas in Sierra Leone fighting Ebola. It was lovely to make the soldiers feel loved and feel the Christmas warmth and love they would have experienced from their family. It was an unexpected surprise when we received a reply from the soldiers, especially as they are so busy and our efforts have been appreciated."

"I am happy that I brought a smile to someone's face at Christmas. I feel like a ray of sunshine has shone on my life and hopefully others too."



Pte Emma Caton, of the Ministry of Defence Medical Unit

"As a form, we thought of what we could do to bring hope to soldiers in Sierra Leone. We thought Christmas cards, containing poems and hopeful wishes, would tell them how much we appreciated their help. We were glad they were overjoyed!"

World Book Day at St Pius X Catholic High School

On World Book Day the staff of St Pius X Catholic High School dressed up as characters from their favourite novels.

Characters included; Atticus Finch, Mrs Bennet, Anne Frank, Juliet, Alice, Lyra and Professor McGonagall.

A range of World Book Day activities took place throughout the very enjoyable day.

Mr Tony Bishop, the Headmaster (Atticus Finch) commented that, "I've been getting some great questions from students about the character I dressed as. A few students were going to get a copy of the book to read. That's what it's all about. It's been a really good day."



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Immaculate Conception Catholic Primary School, Spinkhill

Recently, the children and parents from Immaculate Conception Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy, went on a walk around the village of Spinkhill to raise awareness of the CAFOD campaign to help the people of Myanmar, who were affected by Cyclone Nargis. Each child donated money towards the campaign and brought with them a backpack to represent the emergency packs carried by the people of Myanmar

when they are threatened with a natural disaster. The children also carried a tin of fruit in their backpacks which was later donated to St Wilfrid's Centre in Sheffield; over 200 tins of fruit were collected! After the walk, an assembly was held in the school hall and the tins of fruit were collected ready to be taken to St Wilfrid's Centre. This project was part of the school's Lent preparations. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The children of Y3 and Y4 at Holy Rood Catholic Primary School recently put on a production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Proceeds from the concert went to 'Let the Children Live', a charity that helps homeless children in Colombia. Headteacher, John Gregson said, "Many congratulations to everyone involved with the Y3/4 production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" which was absolutely amazing. It had so many good points that it is hard to know where to start. The acting, costumes, singing, narration, stage pro-

duction were all superb and there were some children who showed prodigious talent that we never knew they had - and this in many ways is what is so good about giving children opportunities like this to really shine and discover for perhaps the first time that they really have a special gift for drama or singing. The children clearly enjoyed performing it and it has been one of the longest shows in running time school has done. "Both children and staff have worked so hard and we really appreciate all their efforts."



Grandpa Joe, Charlie and Willy Wonka in the Holy Rood production

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Leading Parent Partnership Award for Emmaus School

A nationally recognised award has been granted to Emmaus Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy, Sheffield in recognition of their excellent parent partnership work. Clare Fairclough, Learning Mentor at the school in Wybourn said, "We recognise the importance of working in partnership with mothers, fathers and carers and really value their support and views".

Since March, 2014 the school has been working towards gaining the Leading Parent Partnership Award. "We have many amazing parents and carers who support their child's learning in various ways," said Mrs Fairclough. "Our parents help run the breakfast club, come into school for showcase activities and celebration events. Recently, over 100 parents celebrated Shakespeare week in school and many parents will be coming to Forest School next week."

During a visit to the school, Andy Taylor, the Leading Parent Partnership Award Advisor, said, "There is a very warm and welcoming atmosphere and the pupils are very well behaved, engaged in their learning and well mannered. Parents are fully involved in their children's education and the school has provided many opportunities to enable families to learn and celebrate together."

"The pupils were very eager to discuss all the ways in which their parents are involved in the school. One pupil said,



Miss Adams, Chantel (parent), Mrs Fairclough, Tasha (parent) with pupils from Emmaus School Council

"...this is a school which includes everyone's ideas." All the pupils interviewed enjoyed going to a really friendly school which arranged lots of events for parents and children to learn together."

EXCITING TIMES AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTERFIELD

One of the Best in the Country for Student Progress and Attainment at GCSE

St Mary's Catholic High School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy, has received national recognition for the value it adds to enable students' high achievement at GCSE. The Schools, Students and Teachers Network, recently undertook its annual in-depth analysis of official Department for Education data on all state-funded schools in England and identified St Mary's

Catholic High School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy's success. The school has qualified for two Schools, Students and Teachers Network Educational Outcomes Awards by being in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress made by pupils between key stage 2 results at primary school and GCSE results at age 16, and in the top 10% nationally for

high attainment. The school was invited to receive their award at a regional celebration ceremony hosted by the Schools, Students and Teachers Network at Gartree High School in Leicestershire on 28 April. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of Schools, Students and Teachers Network said, "St Mary's Catholic High School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy

should be congratulated for their exceptional achievement. They have proved themselves to be leading the field in improving GCSE outcomes for their students. There is so much good practice that this school could share, and I hope they will join us at the celebration evening for the chance to network and share strategies with award-winning schools. "These results are testament

to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at St Mary's Catholic High School, a Catholic Voluntary Academy, and show what can be achieved when skilled teachers have high expectations and ambition for every young person. I am proud that this school is a member of the Schools, Students and Teachers Network."

St Mary's High School Named as Regional Finalist in Pupil Premium Awards

St Mary's High School has been named as a national runner-up in the 2015 Pupil Premium Awards by the government, for leading the way in helping disadvantaged children reach their full potential.

The school was awarded £10,000 at the Pupil Premium Award ceremony. The awards ceremony, held in London on 25 March, provided an opportunity to reward and recognise the schools doing the most to raise attainment and close the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers. Schools who receive this award are encouraged to share examples of best practice with other schools.

The awards were handed out by the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg and David Laws, the Minister for Education.

The staff at St Mary's are immensely proud that the achievement of the school in this area has been recognised. Maria Dengate, the Deputy Headteacher, attended the event, alongside Pippa Sharp and Rachel Shaw.

Maria Dengate said, "Staff at St Mary's are totally committed to helping all children fulfil their potential, so it is wonderful to be recognized at national level, for supporting our most disadvantaged pupils."



Maria Dengate receives St Mary's Pupil Premium Award from David Laws, Minister for Education, accompanied by Pippa Sharp and Rachel Shaw

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS

Mylnhurst Comes to the Crease

School and Cricket League Partnership Builds for the Future and Supports Local Cricket

At a time when our great national summer sport of cricket is struggling to achieve at the highest level, the work and dedication of local leagues, clubs, schools and community groups to build for the future have become essential.

The Yorkshire and Derbyshire Cricket League is delighted to announce that Mylnhurst Preparatory School will become their headline sponsor with both parties working to encourage, develop and support cricket. This partnership will bring together clubs, children, young people and established players to help rebuild the great sport of cricket in the area. Mylnhurst, located in Ecclesall, Sheffield, offers excellent facilities for training and development, links into local communities and primary schools and significant support for design and presentation.

The League, through its clubs, offers strong coaching

and development experience, links to the county and national networks, umpires and a desire to help clubs and schools build their youth programmes.

Chris Emmott, Headmaster of Mylnhurst, said, "As a lover of this great game it is a pleasure to be associated with the Yorkshire and Derbyshire Cricket League and all they stand for in promoting cricket in our communities."

Cliff Evans, Chairman of the League, said, "This partnership is not primarily about money, although the contribution will help the League keep costs low for our clubs. The Mylnhurst Yorkshire and Derbyshire Cricket League will work to share the enthusiasm for our great national sport and enable all ages to participate and develop together. The national game depends on healthy grassroots and we will work together to improve the nurturing and growth of cricket for all."



Left to right: Chris Emmott, Headmaster, Cliff Evans, League Chairman and Ian Enters, League Secretary, along with children from Mylnhurst at the Mylnhurst Sports Pavilion



CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARY'S

Parishioners of St Mary's, Penistone are looking forward to a year of celebrations to mark the Golden Jubilee of their parish.

Their parish church was consecrated by Bishop George Dwyer on 31 May,

1965.

Work to enhance the lighting, upgrade the electrics throughout the building and decorate the interior of the church has just been completed, (pictured on the left).

Promise Auction Raises £800

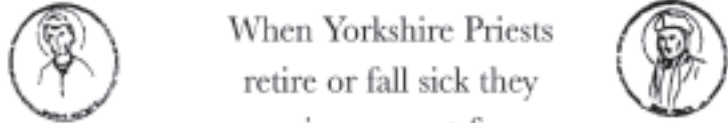


A promise auction was held at Our Lady and St Thomas Church, Woodseats in aid of the diocesan charity, the Hallam Bethlehem Fund.

Parishioners had offered services such as cooking meals, trips to museums, gardening, home energy check, tuition,

as well as wines, spirits and artwork! Bob Sawyer, who volunteered to be the auctioneer, enticed everyone to dig deep into their pockets for this important project. As a result the auction raised over £800 for the Hallam Bethlehem Fund. Participants are pictured above.

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Barnsley 205 Catenian Events

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Secondly the Circle hosted the final of the provincial Rex Kirk Quiz. This event, running through the year, planned, staffed and organised by the Circle through Andrew Hartley and his happy bunch, culminated in a win for Huddersfield Circle, beating Bradford and Grimsby in the final. David Brinkley presented the Huddersfield captain, Paul Bareham, with the trophy, (pictured on the left). David is relinquishing the role of Provincial Director this year to be replaced by Tony Deighton.



Finally the provincial Public Speaking Competition was held at Holy Trinity School. There were competitors from all over Yorkshire. Alex Bruce from York was the winner.

Pictured with the contestants is Bob Krause, Chair of Governors at the school. This event, in its second year, goes from strength to strength.

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Cardinal Nichols in the historic chasuble



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CELEBRATIONS OF WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AROUND OUR DIOCESE

Women's World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of women, who each year, together observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March.

The group's motto is "Informed Prayer and Action", which conveys their message that both prayer and action are inseparable and both have great influence in the world.

This is how some members of groups from our Diocese celebrated the Women's World Day of Prayer.

St Alban's, Denaby Main

St Alban's Parish hosted Women's World Day of Prayer in Conisbrough and Denaby Main. Women from St Peter's Church, Conisbrough, Conisbrough Baptist Chapel, All Saints Church, Denaby Main and St Alban's Church, Denaby Main attended. Everyone was welcomed by Fr Bill Bergin, Parish Priest. Afterwards there was a buffet in the Sister De Sales Parish Centre. Pictured below: Eloise Sutton, Norah Hanley and Cath Wood, on the right Karen Morley, Rose Mullen, Anne Wilkinson, Rita Dudhill and Pat Kirby, below right Julia Gascoigne and Trish Stafford.



St Bede's, Rotherham

St Bede's, Rotherham hosted the afternoon service for Women's World Day of Prayer. The celebration was well attended by people of many faiths.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Rotherham, Mr and Mrs Foden, attended the service, which this year had been prepared by the women of the Bahamas. They are pictured on the right with Mary Hirst and Monica Grant.

Pictured below is the display table which was set up in St Bede's with symbols of the Women's World Day of Prayer and the theme for this year.



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TWO NEW SAINTS FOR CARMEL

The Sheffield Lay Carmel Community received with great joy the announcement of two new Carmelite saints. The parents of St Therese of Lisieux, Blessed Zelig and Blessed Louis Martin, beatified by Pope Benedict in 2008, are to be canonised in October, 2015 to coincide with the Synod of the Family.



Blessed Louis and Zelig Martin

They are presented as models of holiness in family life. They simply lived ordinary lives extraordinarily well. Blessed Zelig and Blessed Louis are not being canonised because they are the parents of St Therese. Rather St Therese's spirituality was formed by her sainted parents who lived lives of perseverance, faith and fortitude in the graces offered by Holy Mother Church throughout the circumstances of their life span. Which means namely, they were born, worked at their own trade, met, fell in love, married and had children. It was in this family that fostered so many vocations where Blessed Zelig and Blessed Louis lived a full life, had a business, experienced joys and tragedies, including loss of children, of a wife to cancer and the suffering of a

mental illness. They lived a life deeply grounded in prayer, faith and a great love of the Church. The Sheffield Carmelite Community are inspired and encouraged as we see in this devout family a model for our own families and the living of our lay Carmelite vocation as secular Carmelites, whose charism is prayer, community and service. Blessed Zelig and Blessed Louis Martin, who are the first married couple to be canonised together, are worthy models of holiness in family life. We pray that our families may be places of love and charity. And that this love may show itself in devotion and service of the poor and helpless and to the glory of God and the sanctification of all his people.

If you would like to discover more about the faithful following of Jesus in the Carmelite tradition, the Sheffield Carmelite Chapter meets at 12.30pm on the second Saturday of each month at the Mother of God Chapel, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX, or visit www.carmelite.org.

Forthcoming events include:

- 9 May Talk by Fr Joseph Okeke from St Marie's Cathedral
- 13 June Talk by Fr Michael Edem from St Marie's Cathedral
- 12 September Day of Recollection at Kirk Edge Convent

ANOTHER NEW PUBLICATION

Part Two of A History of St Marie's Church and Parish has just been produced. It is on sale at the back of the cathedral or directly from bill.burleigh1@btinternet.com or 0114 246 2367.

This book continues from Part One of this history of Catholicism in and around Sheffield which covered from 1549 until 1850. The new publication tells the story of the Catholic life in Sheffield from the opening of St Marie's in 1850 until 1920. So this 65 page history, with lots of old sketches and photographs, covers the

poverty of Sheffield in Victorian times and the growth in Catholic life and involvement in the emerging city. Importantly, in these centenary years, this book provides, for the first time, information about each of the parishioners killed in World War One and listed on the memorial within St Marie's. Deacon Bill Burleigh, the author, explained that he has deliberately gone beyond a history of buildings and priests and tried to capture the conditions of parishioners, the contribution to Sheffield life of lay people living out

Catholic faith for others and the big issues for Catholics of the times, especially Catholic education.

Deacon Bill confesses that he's already working on Part Three which will cover the period from 1920, through the Great Depression and Second World War and right up to the founding of the Diocese of Hallam in 1980. He is keen to meet and talk with anyone who has memories or pictures of parish life at any time between 1940 and 1980.



Belgian refugees 1914

American Author Addresses Gathering at St Vincent's, Sheffield

Nearly 50 people crowded into a room at St Vincent's Church, Crookes, recently to hear the well-known writer and speaker from the USA, Anastasia Northrop, speak about practical ways to live St John Paul II's teaching on the Theology of the Body.

Anastasia Northrop spoke on the topic 'Living Life as a Gift – what God's plan means for you' and afterwards answered questions from the audience on topics as diverse as the beauty of marriage, the Church's teaching on homosexuality and the universal call to chastity and holiness.

Miss Northrop is the founder of the Theology of the Body International Alliance. She is an expert on St John Paul II's teaching about the human person, including its implications for single people. She is also the founder and Director of the National Catholic Singles Conference in the USA.

Kathleen Baster, who coordinates a Theology of the Body study group at St Vincent's and has helped to run a number of short courses on the topic in the diocese, said, "We were thrilled that Anastasia could take time out of her busy schedule to visit us in Sheffield and explain how St John Paul II's teaching calls us to make a gift of ourselves in order to live life to the fullest. It was great that so many people could attend her talk, both those who are familiar with the teaching and those coming across it for the first time. What impressed all of us, I think, is how the Theology of the Body is not a dry theory but is meant to be lived and casts all of the Church's teachings in the area of sexuality in a wholly positive light."

Miss Anastasia Northrop is pictured below centre with Fr Patrick Walsh and Mrs Kathleen Baster.



Society of St Gregory Summer School



Participants at the Summer School 2014

The Society of St Gregory was founded in 1929 to encourage people's participation in the liturgy – at that time by means of congregational singing of plainsong. It has never lost touch with its original purpose, though the means of doing so was dramatically changed by the Vatican Council. In the renewed liturgy after the Second Vatican Council, the Word of God has a special place. The selection of readings at Mass was greatly expanded so the treasures of the Bible were opened up. The revised Lectionary has become a shared gift across the denominations. Scripture has not only been the source of words we proclaim but also those we sing and pray.

Over the last couple of years, the Summer School has reflected on the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and how it deepened our appreciation of liturgy, not only in the Constitution on the Liturgy, but in the other documents as well. The Consti-

tution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*, expressed the Church's understanding of the place of scriptures in the life and faith of the Church.

This year's Summer School entitled "The Word that is Life" will be held at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire from 27-31 July. The meeting will continue to explore the riches of the Second Vatican Council, concentrating on *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Revelation, promulgated 50 years ago this year.

For the last two years, the Society has funded a number of free Summer School places for younger people involved in liturgical ministry. The scheme has been very successful, not least in terms of the calibre of people it attracted. This year, a further 15 free places for young people aged between 18 and 35 are being funded by the Society.

Further information can be found on the website: www.ssg.org.uk.

CAFOD Hallam's Young Leaders at Flame 2

So how do you communicate Pope Francis' encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*, to around 8,000 Catholic young people and their group leaders? Flame 2, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation national youth congress held at Wembley on Saturday, 7 March, aimed to do just that – to inspire young people with the joy of the Gospel and to go out and share it. Those present were blessed first of all by the keynote talk from Cardinal Tagle – what an inspiration! His message to everyone was “be the living sign of the joy of the Gospel of mercy”. Throughout the day we saw so much evidence of that joy and mercy. Pope Francis sent his own

personal message. Matt Redman inspired us with his personal testimony and beautiful music. We watched some inspirational dance on the Beatitudes. Fr Timothy Radcliffe, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, David Wells and Baroness Sheila Hollins all spoke about how much young people are valued. According to Bernie, one of this year's CAFOD gapers, the messages confirmed an unconditional love between young people, the Church and the joy shared with each other. During lunch, 35 CAFOD young leaders, including 9 young people from the Hallam Diocese, volunteered as ‘Flame-makers’!



CAFOD Hallam's Molly helping deliver the lunchtime activity

Through a fun 'chat-box' challenge, 100s and 100s of those present tweeted, Instagrammed, Facebooked, sang and danced about CAFOD, raising awareness of our 'One Climate, One World' campaign.

CAFOD Hallam's Upcoming Events

Sign up for May Day Trek – Monday, 4 May!

The CAFOD and Christian Aid May Day Trek is a fun way to fundraise for our vital work overseas. The sponsored walk will take place on Monday, 4 May starting off from St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor. The event offers 3 spectacular walks past Redmires Reservoir and beyond to Mayfield Valley, Fox House, Longshaw, Grindleford to Hathersage, Stange Edge, depending on which of the 3 routes you choose to sign up to.

Routes in detail and maps can be downloaded from www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk and registration takes place on line or by telephoning the CAFOD office on 0114 2687817.

CAFOD and Christian Aid are committed to the eradication of poverty. CAFOD works to reduce poverty and to enhance dignity, because despite their best efforts millions of people in poor countries continue to struggle to make a life for themselves and their families, and many lack the most basic needs. Please join us in solidarity with our partners.



Climate Coalition Lobby at Westminster – Wednesday, 17 June

Climate change affects all of us – and the people and things we love. On 17 June, you're invited to Parliament for a day of action, solidarity and celebration of all the things we love. It's the first chance to talk with our newly-elected MPs after May's general election and before crucial international climate negotiations in December, 2015.

Together we can show our new government, whoever they may be, how much we care that climate change is pushing people deeper into poverty. Please join us – and the whole The Climate Coalition - for a day to remember.

Coach travel will be available from the Hallam Diocese. If you are interested in coming along please email: hallam@cafod.org.uk or telephone 0114 268 7817.



CAFOD Hallam's Young Leaders meeting Cardinal Tagle

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Hallam Charity Night

The Annual Diocesan Charity Night will commence at 7pm on Saturday, 13 June at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Chesterfield Road South, Sheffield, S8 8WB. Last year the Charity Night raised £6000 for Diocesan Charities and Charities working in the Holy Land.

This year the Charities being supported are: The Hallam (Bethlehem) Fund; the SVP Furniture Store and Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury Outreach Group. The Outreach Group itself supports other Charities. We would like to make this year even more of a success.

The Charity Night will feature a Dinner and Dance with dancing to the Andrew Neal Sound; a five course meal plus coffee; a Grand Draw – 1st prize £1000; 2nd prize a holiday in an Austrian Chalet (one week – travel not included) ; plus other prizes. There will also be a Charity Auction. All Prizes have been donated so all proceeds of the evening go to the nominated Charities.

Tickets priced at £32.50 each can be obtained from:

Sheffield: Liz Mason 0114 255 1493; Des Keating 0114 230 2033; Sandra Brinkley 0114 230 4286; Philomena and Joe McNally 0114 236 4076; Ralph Dickins 0114 270 3990.

Barnsley: Derek Skitt 01226 245745

Doncaster: Kevin and Eileen Kerrigan 01709 865348

Crusade of Mary Immaculate

This painting is a new profile picture and logo of the Crusade of Mary Immaculate – MI Sheffield. It was painted by a Sheffield painter and artist Marcin Szuba at the special request of MI Sheffield. It shows Mary Immaculate and her devoted servant St Maximilian Kolbe. The painting was publicly blessed on 1 January 2015, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Sheffield and is now displayed in the church, next to the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. St Maximilian has become a special Patron Saint in the parish. We believe that God will bless and grant His graces to all who will approach the painting with trust and love to honour Mary Immaculate and St Maximilian.



Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you, and for all who do not have recourse to you, especially the enemies of the Church and those recommended to you".

For more information about the Crusade of Mary Immaculate in Sheffield please visit: www.mi-sheffield.com and follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/crusadeofmaryimmaculate.sheffield>.

Small images of this painting printed by the National MI Poland, based in Niepokalanow (where St Maximilian lived and worked), are now available at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and at St Anthony's Church, with the daily Crusaders' prayer on the reverse: "O

Free Family Fun Day, Hillsborough Park, Saturday 2 May



Clowning around at Family Fun Day 2014

Hillsborough Churches invite you to their fourth annual Family Fun Day in Hillsborough Park (Parkside Road section near the car park) on Saturday, 2 May, 1-4pm.

Everything is free - as a gift from the Churches to the local community.

The attractions include bouncy castle, giant games, face painting, teddy bears' picnic, circus skills, story telling,

arts and crafts, book stall, DVD stall, prayer tent and refreshments marquee. Activities include games, sports, tug o' war and races. There will be a sing-a-long with Stannington Training Brass Band, and Indian dancing, Bollywood style.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the day. Come and help to make it a great way to spend the first afternoon of the May Day weekend.

Whirlow Spirituality Centre

Coming up in May at Whirlow Spirituality Centre ~

Saturday 2nd, An Introduction to Myers-Briggs, 9.45am-3.30pm, cost £20, take your own lunch.

Thursday 14th, Day of Retreat, 9.30am-5pm, £10, take your own lunch.

Tuesday 19th, Simple Quiet Day, 9.45am-3.30pm.

All take place at Whirlow Spirituality Centre at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Whirlow Grange Drive, Sheffield, S11 9RX.

For more information about the events, telephone: 0114 235 3704, email: spiritualitycentre@whirlow-grange.co.uk, visit the website: www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org/whats-on and sign up online.

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