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A Community called to love one another as Christ loves us.



Pilgrims walk the "Three Altars Way"

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New Retreat Centre at Ampleforth



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DIGNITAS INFINITA

on Human Dignity

DECLARATION
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Upcoming Events

- 11 & 18 May-9:00 – 12:30pm CCRS Hallam Pastoral Centre
- 30 April Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse
- 12-14, June Catholic Parish Summit, Harrogate.
- 28 June -4 July Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
- 6 July Annual Safeguarding Event
- 7 July Interdiocesan Padley Pilgrimage
- 13 July 11:00am – 4:00pm Summer Retreat Day Hallam Pastoral Centre

Welcome to the April edition of Hallam Bridge

As we continue journeying towards the 2nd gathering of the Synod on Synodality in Rome in October 2024, and begin to incorporate ideas about Jubilee 2025 into the journey, Pilgrimage appears to be emerging as a beckoning way. Currently the Vatican Podcast is focusing on the spirituality of synodality and the second episode is a recording of Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP’s reflection on “Homecoming” which emerged at the first synod meeting. Fr Radcliffe talks about how whatever our differences, in our understanding of Church as our home, we may have different conceptions of home. He describes different images used by people from different continents to describe home. One (Asia) uses home as a place where you take off your shoes, another (Oceania) uses the image of a boat, another (Africa) uses image of family. But, he suggests, we all need somewhere to be accepted as well as challenged, somewhere to know we are safe and loved. But we are devouring our common home, and across the world, 350 million people are migrating to find safe homes. Fr Radcliffe suggests that none of us can feel at home while we do not all have a home and the crisis of homelessness and loneliness is an invitation to all of us to action. Locally, for example, the Framework Rough Sleeper Service suggests we

- donate to national campaigning charities like Shelter, who provide services as well as highlight the lack of appropriate housing and mental health and addiction services.
- Support local charities like Archer Project, St Wilfrid’s, Ben’s Centre
- You can respond to particular concerns about an individual by ringing the Framework Street Outreach Team on 0800 066 5358
- Contact our councillors and MPs to raise our concerns.
- Homeless people can feel isolated and cut

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off from other people, so saying hello or good morning, acknowledges the dignity and value of that person as a human being.

Fr Radcliffe says we need to renew the Church as our common home, to address the world crisis of homelessness. And we are united in the Eucharist.

In this edition of Hallam Bridge, we hear more from our intrepid all-weather pilgrims, who appear to have found the one day in March when it did not rain, to embark on an exploratory and pioneering pilgrimage to some of the holy places in the diocese which are to be placed on the diocesan pilgrims way, in readiness for the Jubilee. There is an account of two new documents, on respect and dignity of all people, one from the Vatican Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) and one from the Catholic Bishop’s Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). Both these are complex documents and require some study, reflection and prayer. A study event will be held in June 2024 date to be announced, to offer and opportunity to learn and think with others about these documents. Other opportunities to get involved in building the Kingdom are available to those who want to volunteer their time and talents. Keep an eye on the diocesan website for opportunities. Caritas, PACT and Safeguarding suggest some ways.

Although it seems like it might have been a quiet month in parishes across the diocese, we are aware that there were many baptisms and other sacramental events over Easter. Don’t hesitate to share your Good News and photographs. We look forward to hearing your news and sharing it across the diocese in the next edition of Hallam Bridge. Send your contributions to [...etc]

Editor

WORK EXPERIENCE

CAFOD and SVP are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults. Candidates must be over 20 years old and have a passion for social justice.



7th July-13th July



All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the Office throughout the week are covered.



CAFOD and SVP National Office, Romero House, Waterloo, SE1 7JB



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Around the Diocese

Walking the Hathersage Pilgrim Ways



'The Three Altars' Way'

Martyrs Window, Padley

Martyrs Window, Hathersage

Holy Trinity Chapel

A small group of Pilgrims, walked a 'trial', 'Three Altars Way' pilgrimage in Easter Week 2024. The Catholic, 'Hearts in Search of God', pilgrimage project, was an inspiration to explore the idea that each pilgrimage, no matter what the distance travelled, is in each and every step, a prayer.

The route connects the altars of the Martyrs' Chapel Padley, St Michael the Archangel Church, Hathersage and the remains of Holy Trinity Chapel, North Lees. Churches are places where we gather around the altar, as the General Instruction on the Roman Missal says. "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist."

In Easter Week, there was a theme at each altar site of past, apparent destruction, to be followed by the joys of resurrection and new life.

1. Padley Chapel's altar was buried by the Fitzherbert family 1588 to preserve it for the future. It was found 1933 and re-consecrated 1934. The 90th anniversary of that re-consecration is 12 May 2024.

2. St Michael the Archangel's Church along with its altar, was destroyed 1692 and rose again in the re-build, which was completed in 1806.

3. Holy Trinity Chapel, possibly on the site of a Beauchief Abbey Grange Farm, was likely to have been re-built c 1685 and destroyed in 1692. The altar is likely to still lie n the ruins of the chapel today.

The Route

As part of 'The Three Altars' Way', Fr Sexton celebrated mass, on the site of its altar. With one pilgrim, receiving Holy Communion, for only the second time, after being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil in St Marie's Cathedral. Fr. Sexton reminded us, that what was most important, was commemorating, individual's personal sacrifices, to maintain the Catholic faith, in the Hope Valley . We were all standing on the shoulders of past local 'giants' of the faith.

1. the 13th century Praemonstratensian Canons of Beauchief Abbey, bringing Mass to the Hope Valley.

2. the martyrdoms of the Blesseds Garlick , Ludlam and Simpson, on St Mary's Bridge, Derby 1588.

3. the 'in prison' deaths of the Fitzherberts, Sir John (1591) and Sir Thomas (1592) as 'Confessors of the Faith'.

4. the determination of Matilda Fitzherbert (daughter of John), to ensure Mass, continued to be celebrated in the Hope Valley, at Nether Hurst Farm, following her arrest in 1588, and imprisonment in Derby gaol for three years.

5 Sir Richard Fenton, North Lees, (Holy Trinity Chapel) arrested 1588 and after repeated periods of imprisonment and being the spokesman for recusants, jailed in York Castle, died in 1604.

6. Fr William Southworth, the Mission priest of St Michael the Archangel, following the Second Catholic Relief Act 1791, registered the wrecked

chapel, as a place of Catholic worship. The church was re-built by 1806.

6. Mgr Payne and Canon Busch led the campaign to purchase and restore Padley Chapel (1929-1933).

7. The determination, of Barbara M. Smith, to preserve the history of the Catholic faith, in the Hope Valley.

8. The commitment of John Rigby, representative of so many other local people, over many years, in making the spiritual treasure, that is Padley Chapel, available to all.

All remembered and prayed for, as 'Pilgrims of Hope', in this Year of Prayer 2024, in preparation for the Year of Jubilee 2025. If you would like to help make Padley Chapel more available to visitors (April-September 2024) please contact, friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com

Gerard Bonner
Friends of Padley Chapel
Eastertide 2024

New chapter in the hospitality apostolate of Ampleforth Abbey



A new chapter was opened in the hospitality apostolate of Ampleforth Abbey when Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster,

travelled to the Benedictine monastery in North Yorkshire on 19 March to bless Alban Roe House, a retreat and visitor centre which has been extensively refurbished with the help of a generous donation. The building brings together residential accommodation, a Tea Room, Shop and Visitor Centre, all of which opened to the general public on 22 March.

The blessing on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph (19 March) was preceded by the celebration of Mass in the Abbey church attended by more than 100 invited guests including employees and volunteers, contractors who had worked on the refurbishment project, representatives from local parishes, and staff and students of Ampleforth College. More than 800 people also followed the Mass by live stream. Cardinal Nichols presided and celebrants included the Abbot of Ampleforth Abbey, Abbot Robert Igo OSB, the bishops of Middlesbrough and Salford dioceses, and members of the monastic community.

In his homily, Cardinal Nichols recalled bringing a group of sixth-form students from Wigan to Ampleforth in 1973. "For the youngsters", he said, "it was an eye-opener. Some had never been away from Wigan, never experienced the pitch black of night without street lights, never sensed the spirit of prayer of the monastic Divine Office. Nor, more importantly, had some ever experienced the unconditional welcome they received from this community".

Referring to the qualities of Saint Joseph, whose feast was celebrated on 19 March, the Cardinal referred to the special protection he gave to Mary and Jesus. "So too, here at Ampleforth", the Cardinal continued, "there is great care now exercised for the protection of the young and vulnerable. May I suggest that this Feast Day is such a suitable moment for the blessing of this new House, in which visitors will learn about the God-given dignity of their lives; in which they will grow in the deep spirit of listening for the prompting of God in their lives and the willingness to follow God's call; and in which they will be welcomed into a safe and life-enhancing environment. May St Joseph always give his blessing and protection to this

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new venture”.

After the celebration of Mass in the Abbey church people made their way to Alban Roe House, a short walk from the monastery and church. There, while the Litany of Saints was sung by the monastic community, the Cardinal, the Abbot and some of the monks blessed rooms on the different floors of the building. After a buffet lunch served in the Tea Room, guests were invited to tour the refurbished building.

The history of the building dates more than one hundred years. The first headmaster of Ampleforth College, Fr Edmund Matthews, appointed in 1903, felt the need for a preparatory school, but, as is recorded in the book *Ampleforth & Its Origins*, “Catholic preparatory schools in the south tended to dissuade parents from sending their sons to the savage north”. Undeterred, the monastic community chose a site for such a school at the west end of the campus and the first sod was cut on the feast of St Laurence, 10 August 1914, six days after the first shots of the Great War were fired, and the work was eventually completed in summer 1916. For more than seventy years the building served as a preparatory school for Ampleforth College. In 1993, following the re-location of the prep school, the building was renamed Alban Roe House and became a centre for youth groups and others visiting Ampleforth, particularly groups from other schools using the old dormitory accommodation. Leading retreats for school groups from across the North of England provided a new focus in ministry and over the last 20 years the monastic community has welcomed to Alban Roe House thousands of young people from Catholic schools, enabling them to discover and experience something of the monastic life.

In October 2020, Ampleforth Abbey Trust received a significant, generous donation to develop the Ampleforth Retreat Centre project and enable Ampleforth Abbey to become a vibrant centre for retreats and for Christian life and formation in the north of England and beyond. The donation expressly desired to see

the expansion of the hospitality apostolate to young people and to those who may not be able to afford such experiences as Ampleforth is able to offer.

Work on the refurbishment of Alban Roe House began in October 2021 and was completed in February 2024. The accommodation has been modernised with seven dormitories for school groups and ensuite rooms for group leaders and retreat guests. There are also recreation and activity spaces, and larger spaces suitable for exhibitions, conferences, training, and corporate / community events.

At its east end, Alban Roe House also includes a Visitor Centre, Tea Room and Shop. The refurbished visitor experience consists of four main interpretation rooms providing an engaging and interactive experience themed around Ampleforth’s history and the monastic life. Refreshments will also be available in the Tea Room, open seven days a week from 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m., and gifts, including Ampleforth produce and goods, spiritual books and devotional items, can be purchased in the small retail outlet located in the Shop within the Tea Room and Visitor Centre.

In his introduction to the blessing of Alban Roe, the Abbot of Ampleforth Abbey explained that when the event was first being planned the Trust’s Executive had approached him to ask if, among his contacts, he knew of anyone “big” who could perform the ceremony. “That was a great lesson in humility”, he said. What a wonderful coincidence that the blessing occurred just over 50 years after a young Fr Nichols brought those sixth-form students from Wigan to experience the prayer and welcome of the monastic community. “I pray”, said Cardinal Nichols in his homily, “that the flow of youngsters to this new centre will become a flood, enabling many, many people to share the experience of my small group all those years ago. In these days we speak much about a Church of deeper communion and mission. Alban Roe House is surely a fine expression of these aspirations being put into practice”.
the full article is available on our website

Professor Jim McManus
appointed new Chair of Prison
Advice and Care Trust



Prisoners · Families · Communities
A Fresh Start Together

Pact is the national Catholic charity providing support to people in prison and their children and families. Jim is the National Director of Health and Wellbeing at Public Health Wales and has previously held a number of senior posts in the health sector. He holds a range of academic and advisory roles reflecting his expertise in public health, psychology, influencing and strategy, at the highest levels. He is a Catholic and was, between 2002 and 2023, a healthcare reference group member for the Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales. He is a Fellow of the International Society of Science in the University of Glasgow and has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Hertfordshire's School of Life Sciences since 2012. Jim's arrival comes at a time when Pact is increasingly focusing on the healthcare of prisoners and what more can be done to ensure that families can play a greater role in the care of their loved-ones inside. The health of people in prison is at historically low levels – prisoners have a life expectancy 20 years younger than the general population. Half of prisoners have a mental health problem; rates of self-harm are near record levels and one in three prisoners has a serious drug addiction. In the last 12 months Pact has:

- Published its 'Nobody's Listening' report, which set out the experiences of families caught up in the justice system. It concluded that involving families more proactively in prisoners' healthcare would reduce deaths in custody,

relieve pressure on the NHS and reduce reoffending.

- Ramped up delivery of its 'Listen to Families' pilot project with NHS London. The first of its kind, the pilot offers families the chance to shape how prison healthcare services are delivered and developed.

- Signed an innovative new partnership with Oxleas NHS Foundation to improve the experience of patients and families in the prison system. Professor Jim McManus said: "This is a great time to be joining Pact as the charity continues to grow and provide its crucial services to ever greater numbers of people.

It's an honour to represent an organisation whose staff work so tirelessly to support prisoners and their families to make a fresh start. "The challenges facing the criminal justice system are well documented but Pact makes a difference to people's lives every day. In particular, there is a major opportunity to improve prison healthcare by involving families and carers more proactively in the care of their loved-ones. "I'd like to pay tribute to Phil Taylor, my predecessor as Chairman. Over the last decade he has steered Pact through a period of significant change and growth. The charity would not be where it is today without his long-standing service and dedication." Andy Keen-Downs, Pact CEO said: "We are all delighted to have Jim on board. His reputation, across the spheres both of public health and the Catholic church, speaks for itself. Jim is a person who takes his faith seriously. It is fantastic to know that his skills and experience, so generously offered, will support Pact to continue to thrive and grow in the years ahead."



Pope – Pilgrimages – Padley



A reflection by 'Friend of Padley Volunteer' Anne-Marie Fletcher

Have you noticed an emerging interest, within the culture, for walking ancient pilgrimage routes, through beautiful countryside? Enjoying Creation with outdoor exercise and good company has many blessings, yet the journeying to a spiritually significant place is also an important part of pilgrimage.

Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 to being a 'Year of Prayer' & writes: "Pilgrimage is a very particular form of prayer, a time when we don't only speak words to God, but act with our bodies to come to a particular place."

Recently, I re-read an article written by Fr Slavko of Medjugorje about Pilgrimage: "[Pilgrimages]... are an expression of a person who searches for God in places where He has revealed Himself in a special way; where He has offered persons the possibility to feel His presence more easily."

Aligned with this interpretation of pilgrimage, I have noticed the Celtic Christian term 'Thin Places' becoming re-popularized, especially on the internet. These are places where people sense that the 'veil' between heaven & earth seems thinner; hearts seem to naturally open up more freely to the things of God; to easy fellowship; to blessed conversations. The 'Friends of Padley Chapel', who volunteer to open up this 'Chapel Shrine' near Grindleford, on Sunday afternoons, would say that Padley is one of these 'Thin Places' & people sense it! It is the Shrine associated with the martyred priests, Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick/Garlic, of 1588; the place where the Fitzherbert family kept the Holy Mass & Jesus' Eucharistic presence alive to Catholics in the Peak District, against every persecution. This was at a time in our history, when practicing the Catholic faith or being a priest was deemed to be treason. This sacrifice transcends time.

If you are interested in visiting Padley Chapel with a group; getting inspiration for pilgrim walks to & around the area; or wish to support the 'Friends of Padley' Volunteers in any way, do email us: friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com

Christian leaders oppose moves to "criminalise" rough sleeping



Clergy from the West End of London have voiced concerns about proposed changes to the Vagrancy Act, which they fear risk "criminalising and jailing" rough sleepers. The cross-denomination group of clergy, which includes Fr Dominic Robinson, Chair of the Diocese of Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, have taken the step ahead of the

Government's Criminal Justice Bill returning to Parliament after the Easter recess. Part of the Bill contains measures to repeal and replace the Vagrancy Act 1824 with a new set of measures. These include powers for the police and local authorities to "address" rough sleeping which is considered a "public nuisance." Failure to comply would make people liable to a £2,500 fine or one month in prison, something the group say is "in no way proportionate" and would target "some most vulnerable people in our parishes."

The Catholic Union has helped the group of 15 priests and pastors to raise their concerns with a letter to local MPs, Nicke Aiken and Sir Keir Starmer, who is also the Labour leader. There are particular concerns about the lack of consultation with relevant groups and stakeholders before these changes were announced as part of the Bill. The proposals were announced in a policy statement from the Home Office earlier this year without a public consultation.

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, comments: "When this new legislation to criminalise the homeless was proposed the clergy across the West End of London were of one voice in expressing their horror and disbelief and demanding to be consulted. It is clear to us all, who serve on the ground in parishes and churches of different traditions, that rough sleeping is a complex matter which deserves an integrated response. This response needs to see the homeless we serve in our parishes not as people to be punished for begging but which treats the poorest of our flock with care and respect for their human dignity.

Fr Dominic continues: "Any policy or law needs to get to the roots of the issue in trafficking and find ways to help people get back on their feet. All this requires funding for dignified accommodation and professional help rather than fining those who have nothing to give. It is clear to all of us who work with the street population that the proposed law will simply result in locking people away in prison where they can be conveniently forgotten by the rest of society. And that must be resisted strongly by

the Christian community and by anyone who cares about creating a civilised society".

Catholic Union Deputy Director, James Somerville-Meikle, comments: "We are pleased to have played a very small part in helping clergy in the West End of London to raise concerns about these proposed changes. Churches are at the coal face in efforts to support the homeless and rough sleepers. It is extraordinary that these changes are being proposed without first consulting groups and charities involved in supporting people rough on our streets. It is increasingly clear that the Criminal Justice Bill risks doing more harm than good in a whole range of areas. Hopefully this letter will add further pressure to the Government to think again before pushing forward with this Bill." Louisa Collyer-Hamlyn

Bishops' Conference department welcomes Vatican declaration on Human Dignity



Two bishop members of the Department for Social Justice at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have welcomed the Vatican declaration on human dignity *Dignitas infinita* released by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on Monday, 8 April 2024.

Department Chair, Bishop Richard Moth, and Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington assert that the promotion and defence of human dignity lie at the heart of the mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales welcomes the declaration on human dignity, *Dignitas infinita*, published by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith earlier this week. In our troubled times, it is important for Christians to proclaim the inherent and unconditional dignity of all human beings, without exception, as being the basis for authentic human rights. Although human rights have increasingly been codified in secular documents, such as in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, our dignity and rights originate in the Gospel preached by Christ. As Cardinal Fernandez states in presenting the document: "we cannot separate faith from the defence of human dignity, evangelisation from the promotion of a dignified life, and spirituality from a commitment to the dignity of every human being." The promotion and defence of human dignity continues to be at the heart of the mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

There are many areas where human dignity is misunderstood and human rights are under attack. These include questions about the dignity of human life from conception to natural death as well as the recognition of the unity of the person, body and soul, created as masculine and feminine. Although our faith and reason teach us that human rights are inviolable and apply to the most vulnerable in society including the unborn, our abortion laws promote a false understanding of human dignity based on age, level of development, and mental capacity rather than on our shared humanity from conception until natural death. In addition, our laws and culture must allow us to recognise the difference between and complementarity of male and female whilst resisting the sometimes intolerant imposition of a gender theory that

"cancels differences in its claim to make everyone equal". In addition, our laws and culture must allow us to recognise the difference between and complementarity of male and female whilst resisting the sometimes intolerant imposition of a gender theory that 'cancels differences in its claim to make everyone equal'. (*Dignitas infinita*, 56).

In our own country, we also face the threat of the legalisation of assisted suicide. *Dignitas infinita* emphasises the links between the dignity of the sick and dying, our duty to care for them, and need to resist the growing threat of assisted suicide and euthanasia. "Helping the suicidal person to take his or her own life is an objective offence against the dignity of the person asking for it, even if one would be thereby fulfilling the person's wish" (*Dignitas infinita*, 52). Instead, we must respond to the suffering of the sick and dying with appropriate forms of personal and medical care. As the Declaration reminds us, to undermine the human dignity of the most vulnerable is to undermine the human dignity of us all.

The protection and promotion of human dignity is critical to addressing many other social justice challenges. As the document explains, by proclaiming that the Kingdom of God belongs to the poor, the humble, the despised, and those who suffer in body and spirit, Jesus recognised the dignity of every person, especially those who were considered 'unworthy'. (*Dignitas infinita*, 19) In our parish, civic and political life, we must, therefore, never forget the human dignity and human rights of the poor, prisoners, the sick, and those living with disabilities.

We also echo the Dicastery's call to bring an end to all war and end the scourge of violence within our local communities and in our homes. There is an urgent need for all of us to be peacemakers. This requires us to welcome migrants, work to tackle human trafficking and speak up for women who "endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment, and violence" (*Dignitas infinita*, 44).

The Declaration concludes by reminding us: "Each individual and also every human community is responsible for the concrete and actual realisation of human dignity." (*Dignitas infinita*, 65). It is our hope that recognition of this shared responsibility will strengthen the social action of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and transform our civil and political life.

Bishop Richard Moth
Chair, Department for Social Justice

Bishop John Sherrington
Lead Bishop for Life Issues

Bishops issue pastoral reflection on gender



CBCEW

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender, highlighting the teaching of the Church but stressing that accompanying those struggling with gender dysphoria is "a complex but essential pastoral task."

The document, titled

Intricately woven by the Lord: A pastoral reflection on gender by the bishops of England and Wales, emphasises that all are welcome in the Church, but says that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely "cultural or social construction."

The document refutes the idea, proposed by Gender Identity Theory, that everyone has an 'inner' gender identity, which sometimes fails to match the biological sex of the individual. It upholds the value of the body and importance of sexual differentiation.

The bishops assert that we are all created in the image of God, with a dignity given to us by our creator and stresses that leading people to the fullness of life in Christ is a journey rooted in truth as well as compassion.

Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton, said:

"We have published this document because we know that those working in pastoral settings can find this issue complex. It is also an issue that needs to be handled sensitively.

"Accompaniment is crucial to the journey of faith, and we wish to emphasise that everyone is welcome in the Church. It is vital that as followers of Christ we imitate the boundless mercy and compassion of God as we deal with the complexity of another's life.

"But this needs to be done with a clear understanding of the Catholic vision and understanding of the human person and a holistic view of human sexuality."

The Formation and Mission Department is planning to host a discussion group to consider both the Vatican's Declaration on Human Dignity and the Bishops' Pastoral Reflection at a date to be confirmed.

Contact formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com if you would like to be involved and watch this space for further information.

the full article is available on our website

Looking Ahead

Volunteers Needed for St Gerard's and Immaculate Conception, Rotherham



Would you like to be involved in a group for parents/carers and children under 5?

Caritas Diocese of Hallam need volunteers to help establish a 'Musical Tots' group to take place at Immaculate Conception Church Hall and St Gerard's Parish Room.

This will be a fun group where children can enjoy music and playing instruments, we will also serve some healthy snacks and refreshments.

No experience needed!

For more information please contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Step into Summer - Wellbeing Group for women



Start the summer with a focus on wellbeing.

A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you, six weekly sessions online on

Wednesdays at 7- 8pm starting June 5th
Join us to explore;

Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.

-Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.

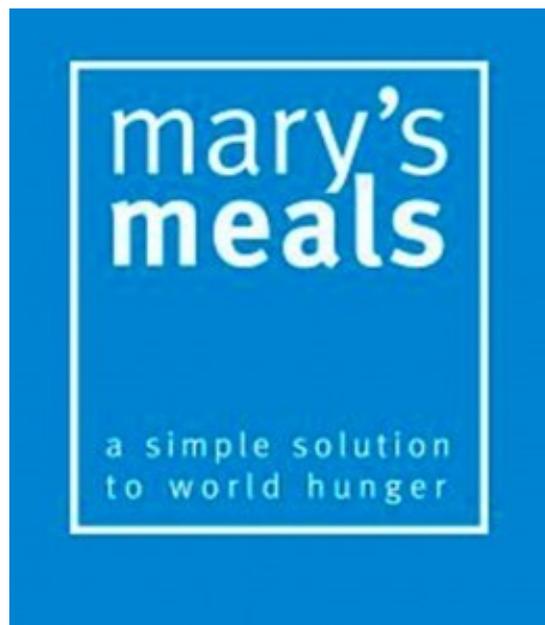
-Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.-Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.

-Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in your life.

-Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

-For more information and to book a place Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Pray in May -Ethiopia Crisis Appeal



Looking Ahead

Mary's Meals, who provide school meals to over 2.4 million children every day, invite you to join their Pray in May campaign. During the month of May, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty.

We pray particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia. We are hosting a special online session where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this under-reported crisis on Tuesday the 16th of May at 7pm, find out more at [Charity events | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](#)

Please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to access our Pray in May resources and find out more about our Crisis in Ethiopia appeal.

Police Officer Representative for Hallam Trustee Safeguarding Committee



The Diocese is looking to appoint a representative from the Police (serving officer) to join and support the Risk Assessment & Management Group (RAM) of the Safeguarding Committee. This is a volunteer role.

The Safeguarding Committee is accountable to the Trustee Board who have overall responsibility and oversight for safeguarding in the Diocese. If you are interested in the role and/or know someone who might be then please ask them to contact the office for more information.

As a member of the RAM Group, you will be expected to:

Attend 6 meetings per year (held bi-monthly on Tuesday evenings 4.30-5.15pm) at the Pastoral Centre, (or via zoom if unable to attend in person) Understand safeguarding best practice Input on safeguarding issues Facilitate engagement and participation

It is **not** essential for RAM Group members to be Catholic. However, as the role involves working collectively with others (many of whom are Catholics in good standing with the Church), the successful candidate will be expected to uphold the values and principles of safeguarding within the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

The position will be subject to completion of an application form and an interview with the Chair of the Safeguarding Sub-Committee and members of the Safeguarding Team.

For more information please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on 0114 2566453

Email: jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

Catholic Parish Summit- 50 days to go!



50 days to go!

"The way we've had to think has changed totally. We wanted a parish full of families, various generations, a parish that celebrates its liturgy well, and a parish that's evangelising and making missionary disciples." – Clare Williams, Runcorn

Is it time to dream big about your parish? Be re-inspired about what is possible.

Looking Ahead

5 reasons to join over 200 parishes from 16+ countries in Harrogate this June:

Hear

Sr. Miriam James Heidland

Speak about the role of self-leadership and rest in mission. Hear

Fr. Philip Conner and his leadership team

from West Cumbria share about their first year of leading renewal in their parish. Hear

Nicky Gumbel and Fr James Mallon

in conversation about how the years towards 2033 can be a world-changing, evangelistic decade in the UK. Hear parishes from Exeter to Yorkshire share about how they have shifted to **a radical new model for sacramental preparation**

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about how to reach those disconnected from your parish...

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