

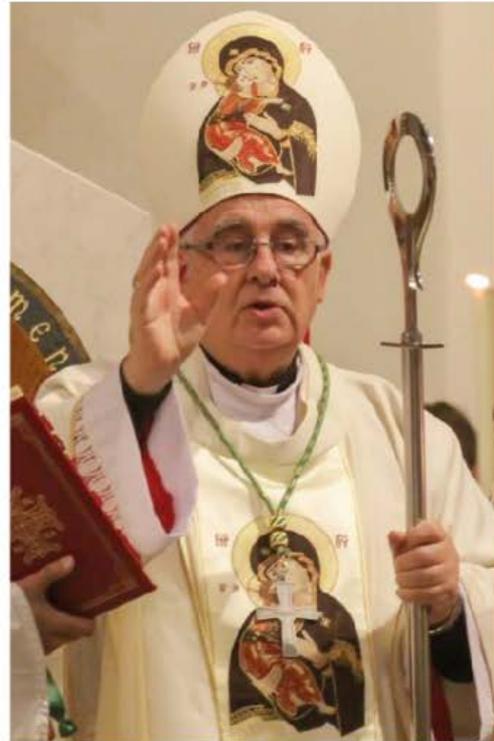
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A Community called to love one another as Christ loves us.

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18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July Spiritual Reading Group at 10:00-12:00 at Pastoral Centre,

25 April, 9 & 15 May CCRS Pastoral Centre

5 May Prayer for Survivors of Abuse, Holy Spirit, Dronfield

26 June- 2 July Lourdes Pilgrimage

4 July Women Together in Hallam Pastoral Centre

12 July, Padley Pilgrimage

25 July Walsingham Pilgrimage

Welcome to the March edition of the Hallam Bridge

Here in Hallam, the March edition of Hallam Bridge carries the news for us all of the change in leadership within the Catholic Church in Hallam. Bishop Ralph's letter to us all telling us of his retirement came as startling and sad news for many. (Page 3) We must take time to think and mourn this loss for the diocese. But how to say goodbye and express the love, warmth and appreciation of the People of God in Hallam? We must find ways of communicating these things, and already there are murmurings about how to celebrate Bishop Ralph's time in Hallam, as well as the Golden Jubilee of his ordination in July. Plans are afoot, watch this space...!

Another thanks and goodbye is to Mrs Kathleen Nunn, retiring from Holy Family Catholic Primary School after 35 years (Page 8)

And the other aspect of the news in Hallam is the incoming welcome to Bishop Marcus Stock, as Apostolic Administrator for the the Diocese. In his role as Apostolic Administrator, Pope Leo has directly appointed him to govern the diocese whilst it is vacant. His letter is welcomed, as he shares with us the task entrusted to him by Pope Leo, to consult with the People of God in Hallam about the possibility of unifying with the diocese of Leeds. We will need to think hard about what this might mean and make sure we take the opportunities that will be offered to share the different perspectives on such a change. It will be an opportunity to use and develop synodal Conversations in the Spirit. Pope Francis followed Vatican II to lead the way to involving the People of God in their ongoing co-creation of Church, with the Synod on Synodality, Pope Leo clearly continues that journey and we in Hallam can find ways of joining the Implementation Phase of the synod, using the synodal method, especially as we now have this task of discernment about the future of the diocese to reflect on, as

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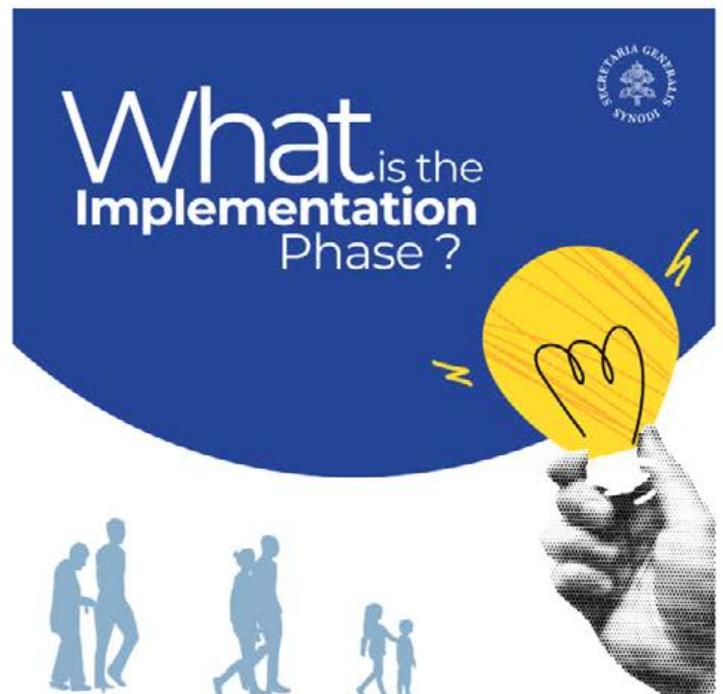
In other news, we hear from pilgrims to Rome from All Saints School, (page 6), along with invitations to meet with the visiting Franciscan Friars (Page 12) and to join a pilgrimage to Assisi in November. We hear more of the ongoing story of the vibrant life of the Padley Chapel, which reopens to welcome visitors for the summer season from the beginning of April (page 8). The CAFOD report highlights the Jubilee Year video available on the CAFOD website and Care for Creation update feature is on page 10; there is an account of the very successful Day of Recollection on the subject of this at St Vincent's (page 7).

Dominic Maloney reports on the continuing evangelising mission with the story of the repair of the Ecumenical Cross in time for Holy Week. (Page 10), and the parishioners of St Francis parish bring us the invitation to meet the 3 visiting Franciscan Friars and hear how they are evangelising in their home town of Charlotte in USA. (page 12).

There are 2 more invitations, one for the Annual Service of Prayer and Reflection for Survivors of Abuse on 8 May 2026, and one to join the Women Together in Hallam group on 4 July. (page 11).

And finally, a reminder that we welcome your reports, poems, pictures, stories, letters and opinions for publication. Blessings of Easter and April on you all.

Editor



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Message from Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR



Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR
20 March 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in
Christ

With a heavy heart but with trust in Divine Providence, I write to you today to announce that in accordance with the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law, Canon 402 § 2), I recently submitted my resignation from the office of Bishop of Hallam to Pope Leo XIV.

This decision was prompted by a sense of my declining health, which I judged was beginning to impede my ability to exercise fully the pastoral responsibilities entrusted to me. I can now inform you that the Holy Father has accepted my resignation and that he offered me and you all his blessing and prayers at this time.

For almost twelve years it has been my immense privilege and joy to serve as your shepherd. Your unwavering support, prayers, and collaboration have sustained me, reminding me daily of the words of Christ: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). I am deeply grateful to the Lord for each of you - my brother priests who have shared the burdens of the flock; the deacons, religious, and consecrated persons whose witness inspires us all; and you, the lay faithful, whose holiness in ordinary life builds up the Body of Christ.

This moment of transition calls us to deeper faith and hope. Resignation does not mark the end of my love for this diocese or my commitment to pray for you unceasingly. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, when a bishop offers his resignation for serious reasons, provision is made for his suitable support while ensuring the Church's mission continues without interruption. Accordingly, Pope Leo has Appointed Bishop Marcus Stock, the Bishop of Leeds, as Apostolic Administrator.

Let us entrust this time of change to the intercession of the Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, our diocesan patron and embrace the challenges it may bring with the same spirit of openness and joy that has characterized our diocese.

As I prepare to step aside, I carry with me the memory of your kindness and the assurance of your prayers. May the Lord bless you abundantly and keep you always in His love.

In communion with the Holy Father and united in the one flock of Christ,

Yours sincerely in Christ, the Redeemer,
+ Ralph

Bishop's Message to the Dioceses of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesbrough



While the potential changes that we are being asked to study together may present us with challenges, they will also offer us opportunities to strengthen our service of the mission which Christ has entrusted to His Church and to renew our vigour in responding to the work of evangelisation.

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for the ministry that Bishop Heskett has given so devotedly as Shepherd of the Diocese of Hallam over the past twelve years and pray that the Lord will grant him health and strength as he begins his retirement from office as a Diocesan Ordinary.

I ask you kindly to keep me in your prayers and pray too for all the people of our Dioceses. As we explore together the future for our local Churches, may Christ Our Lord send the Holy Spirit into our minds and hearts to guide us and grant us the gift of wisdom.

With the assurance of my prayers and every blessing, I remain, Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

+Marcus Stock
Bishop of Leeds

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following the resignation of the Right Reverend Ralph Heskett C.Ss.R. as Bishop of Hallam, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed me as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam. This appointment is in addition to my office as Bishop of Leeds and my responsibilities as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

I feel very humbled by the trust which His Holiness has placed in me with these appointments.

The Holy Father has requested that I begin a consultation with the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Hallam about a possible reunification with the Diocese of Leeds, from part of which Hallam was created in May 1980.



Care for Creation Update - March 2026



Indigenous Peoples have been recognised as Guardians of the Earth

Indigenous Peoples play a vital role in protecting life on Earth and caring for creation. The world has now acknowledged this truth.

Indigenous peoples were formally recognised as leaders in the planet's protection and stewardship at the UN COP16 biodiversity summit last year.

They were given an official voice in global decision-making on conservation and a formal, ongoing role in shaping global biodiversity decisions affecting their lands and knowledge.

Although Indigenous territories cover only about 22% of the planet's land, they are home to 80% of the world's remaining biodiversity. Unlike Western cultures that treat nature as something to be exploited, Indigenous cultures emphasize responsibility, balance, and living in harmony with the natural world. They manage their lands through sustainable farming, careful water use, traditional medicine, and a deep spiritual respect for the Earth.

Their ecological wisdom has been shaped over countless generations through close relationships with the land, water, plants, and the animals that sustain them. Their knowledge is increasingly recognised as essential for restoring damaged ecosystems and protecting endangered species. It offers resilient and sustainable alternatives to technological solutions, which often overlook or misunderstand local environments and cultures, with harmful consequences.

The Value of Indigenous Knowledge for a Sustainable Future

Indigenous knowledge is increasingly being combined with modern science and technology to develop a sustainable future for us all.

For example - In Australia, Indigenous Rangers use traditional fire practices to reduce the risk of destructive wildfires while encouraging native plant growth.

In the Andes where water is scarce, ancient farming techniques like terracing and crop rotation, are combined with drip irrigation technology that conserves water leading to increased crop yields and improved water efficiency.

Indigenous knowledge was used for the development of many drugs including aspirin, malaria and heart treatments. Traditional medicine is now being heavily researched for chronic and hard-to-treat conditions, including cancer, diabetes, arthritis and infections.

These partnerships show what is possible when ancient wisdom and modern innovation work together.

The Importance of Land Rights for Indigenous People

Secure land rights allow Indigenous communities to continue to care for their territories and protect biodiversity. Supporting Indigenous land rights is not only a matter of justice, it is essential in the global response to climate change and environmental protection.

Challenges and Ongoing Risks

Despite their vital role, many Indigenous communities face serious threats. Logging, mining, industrial farming, and pollution often encroach on their lands, often with the backing of governments or corporations. Those who defend their territories and rights are frequently exposed to intimidation, violence, and

discrimination and even death. 2,253 defenders were murdered from 2012 to 2024. Protecting Indigenous land and cultural rights is crucial—not only for their survival, but for the wellbeing of the entire planet.

Recognition of the Role of Indigenous People is growing

New commitments were made at the COP16 Biodiversity and COP30 Climate Summits last year to support indigenous land rights, including the creation of 10 new protected territories in Brazil. Global pledges were made to recognise Indigenous land rights across millions of hectares of tropical forest. \$1.8 billion was pledged to support Indigenous communities to secure land rights. \$6.6 billion was raised to protect forests, with at least 20 % earmarked for Indigenous and local community initiatives.

As people of faith, we are reminded that caring for the Earth is a shared responsibility. Honouring and supporting Indigenous stewardship is an important part of that calling—and a hopeful path toward a healthier, more just world. **Christine Parrott**

All Saints Students Greeted by Pope Leo



On 15 February at the end of a Pilgrimage to Rome a group of fifty students and staff from All Saints School in Sheffield managed to brave the crowds and the security in St Peter's square to join Pope Leo in praying the Angelus. At the end of the prayer, standing directly under his window, they were extremely surprised to hear Pope Leo greet them with the words "Saluti ai professori e student di All Saints School di

Sheffield". Earlier that same day they had celebrated Mass in the Vatican Grottoes and received greetings from fellow Yorkshireman, Cardinal Arthur Roche. Dakota Flint shares some of her experiences of the visit...

Arrivederci per ora Roma! I had the pleasure of spending four days in the beautiful city of Roma. The Vatican is something quite out of the ordinary, the kind of place where your heart forgets to beat for a second, as you're enthralled by its grace. The luscious architecture and art make you stop and stare, unable to fully focus because each vision is more beautiful than the last. Although small, the Vatican is very impressive, a must see for anyone to visit. No matter who you are, or what you believe, the Vatican is a vision of faith and beauty colliding. There are, however, some things that catch your eye for the wrong reasons. Beggars, scammers and the homeless in the most holy place doesn't feel right. But if we put half our energy into following Jesus's teachings of helping the poor, then we do judging people, then maybe there would be less suffering in the world. The walk-up St Peters Dome takes your breath away figuratively and literally. But although the climb is worse than the stair-master at the gym, it's worth it for a once in a lifetime view of the Vatican. However, what really made my trip was knowing that the Pope knows me, okay I am embellishing it, he knows my school. Still, witnessing the Pope above me, saying my school's name, is a feeling I won't forget. During our stay we explored other parts of the city. Seeing the colosseum warmed my history-nerd heart. Sadly, although no Gladiator called Maximus Decimus Meridius gave a speech some tour guides tried to. The trip was enhanced by chocolate ice cream, pasta, and an abundance of pizza. It had its funny moments too like when I desperately tried wishing for love on Valentine's day by throwing a coin in the Trevi fountain but only ended up hitting an unassuming bystander instead. At least that makes for a very good story. Overall, I've been blessed to visit this wonderful city and would recommend it to anyone.

Dakota Flint

Getting to grips with Catholic Social Teaching and Care for our Common Home



On 21 March 2026 eighty people from seventeen parishes across the diocese of Hallam gathered at St Vincent's church in Sheffield for a day of reflection. They were joined by nine other groups including representatives from the Anglican and Methodist Churches and Crookes Joint Eco Churches. The day was organised by St Vincent's 'Live Simply' group and it formed part of the Lent programme for the Hallam Formation and Mission team. The speakers were Dr Maria Exall and John Arnold, bishop of Salford. Maria is an Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University and an alumna of the University of Sheffield; Bishop John is the spokesperson for the Catholic Bishops' Conference on the environment and President of Pax Christi.

Until the publication of *Laudato Si'* (Pope Francis, 2015) many Catholics were unaware of the established theology around caring for our common home. Bishop John outlined the developments in thinking around Care for Creation and what is called Catholic Social Teaching (CST), stressing that these concepts were not new. In the Book of Genesis, God commands humans to "till and keep" the earth, which implies stewardship rather than exploitation. Early Christian writers placed a huge emphasis on justice, charity and human dignity. In more recent times it was Pope Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum* which further developed CST, addressing the rights and duties of both workers and employers, and affirming the Church's concern for social justice amid rapid industrialisation. Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis all issued encyclicals making it clear that

the concepts of "solidarity" and 'care for creation' are core Christian virtues; these ideas should be central to our lives as Catholics. Maria dug deeper into the importance of Catholic Social Teaching simplifying some of the terminology ('technocratic paradigm anyone?) and exploring its practical implications. It was demanding stuff, leaving little room for us to 'be bystanders' to local, national and even world events; CST reinforces our Christian responsibility through principles such as the common good, solidarity, and care for the poor. Maria said simply: all these things are connected, outlining how environmental damage such as pollution, climate change and deforestation usually affects the most vulnerable people first, especially those who rely directly on natural resources for survival, leading to food shortages, displacement, and health problems. As Catholics we need to understand these issues so that we can act from knowledge.

In group discussion later, ideas were shared, frustrations aired, and practical solutions offered with an overwhelming emphasis on not giving in to a sense of hopelessness. One image that has remained with me from the day is that we are all like individual drops of rain; without each drop there would be no rivers, dams, seas or oceans. Our small actions matter. Practicing Catholic Social Teaching in relation to the environment involves making practical choices: reducing waste, using resources responsibly, and advocating for policies that protect the planet, actions demonstrating love not only for God but for neighbour and future generations. The day of reflection reinforced our belief that the natural world is not just a resource to be used but a sacred place revealing God's glory and reflecting God's presence. Caring for creation, truly hearing the 'cry of the poor and the cry of the earth', is an expression of faith in action, uniting belief with responsibility.

May the earth remain a safe and beautiful home for everyone and for those who follow in our footsteps. **Ann Burke** St. Vincent's Live Simply Group

Mgr Charles Payne's—three projects for the 'HolyMass'



Mgr Charles Payne established Padley Chapel as a shrine in 1933, honouring the martyrdoms of Blessed Garlic and Ludlam (1588). His third significant project, to build and restore church sites for the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Project 1 St Philip Neri (Mansfield) 1921
The construction of the current church, consecrated 1925. He established a Mission church in New Ollerton and supported the community in Shirebrook, which led to the building of St Joseph's.

Project 2 St Mary's (Derby) 1926
He tackled the 'Tower crisis', as the upper levels of Pugin's masterpiece of prayer were crumbling. He set a target of raising £3,000 (modern equivalence c £250,000). Bazaars, music events and 'buy a stone' engaged Catholics and Christians from other denominations, to help raise the funds. The City of Derby was determined to preserve this treasured element of its spiritual skyline.

Project 3 Padley Chapel Shrine (Grindleford) 1929-33

Mgr Payne and Canon Busch of Hathersage, campaigned to buy Padley Manor farm and its gatehouse chapel. Padley was promoted as a shrine of regional importance. He encouraged pilgrims to come and created the 'Red Martyrs Book', where names could be written and placed near the altar.

Named marble plaques, were bought by families and institutions to honour their commitment to the restoration eg Ellen Harrison, William Braughan and 'St Damians'

Mgr Payne's request to be buried in Padley Chapel Shrine, was honoured in 1944

Padley Chapel Shrine will be open in 2026 on Sundays 5th April to 4th October 2.00 - 4.00 pm. If you would like to help as a Welcomer, please contact friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com.

Gerard Bonner

Celebrating the Retirement of Kathleen Nunn



A Cherished Member of Our Holy Family School Community. After 35 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Kathleen Nunn, affectionately known as Kath, is retiring from Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Worksop. Since joining us in 1991, Kath has worn many hats with grace and enthusiasm—serving as a teaching assistant, midday supervisor, librarian, crossing patrol, and cleaner. Through every role, she has given her all, always greeting each day with a warm smile that has brightened the lives of pupils and colleagues alike.

Kath's talents extend beyond her school duties; she is a gifted florist who has generously shared her beautiful creations, bringing joy and colour to our community. Her commitment to the parish and unwavering support for the children and families of Holy Family have been a cornerstone of her time here. Over the decades, she has supported hundreds of children—many of whom have grown up and now work within our school, a true testament to her lasting impact.

More than a colleague, Kath is a dear friend whose kindness and positivity have enriched the lives of all who know her. As she embarks on her well-deserved retirement to explore the world through her beloved cruises, we send her off with heartfelt love and prayers.

Kath will always remain a treasured member of our school family. We wish her and her family a long, healthy, and adventurous retirement filled with happiness and new discoveries. Holy Family: Together in Love.

Alexia Fox

Stella Maris a lifeline for seafarers and fishers when crisis strikes



Being a seafarer or a fisher can be a dangerous and difficult job. When crisis strikes, the consequences can often be devastating, especially if there is no one to turn to for help.

When the worst happens, Stella Maris stands alongside seafarers and fishers. Through its ministry, and the work of its chaplains and volunteer ship visitors, seafarers and fishers can get support when they are most vulnerable.

Crisis support
The support Stella Maris provides can be a lifeline when help is needed urgently. This could mean assisting a seafarer who needs to return to work after a serious accident or supporting a retired fisherman with the cost of fixing a broken boiler or a struggling young cadet pay their rent when no other help is available.

The charity's Centenary Emergency Fund, established in 2020, exists specifically to provide help for seafarers, fishers and their families in urgent need. Grants can fund anything from food, accommodation and medical care to legal help and livelihood training. Often it is a last hope when no other support is available. Every grant is distributed through a local Stella Maris chaplain, ensuring help reaches those who need it quickly and personally.

In one example, following a serious accident at sea, full-time fisherman Matthew was trying to rebuild his livelihood. But repairing his fishing vessel used all his wages – and Matthew relied on food banks to survive.

The Stella Maris grant meant Matthew could buy a fridge freezer to store his catch and return to fishing faster, and his dignity and income was restored.

In another example British Army veteran John (not his real name) wanted to return to work as a fisherman but could not afford the five-day mandatory safety training course for working at sea.

A Stella Maris grant covered the fee for John – and he sent this message once he passed: “I really can’t thank you enough. This will literally change my life. I can finally look forward rather than dwelling on the past.”

You can bring hope
This life-saving support provided by Stella Maris is made possible through donations towards the Centenary Fund. Last year, demand was so great that the fund was exhausted by August. This year Stella Maris aims to raise £100,000 to ensure they can support any seafarer or fisher who needs it.

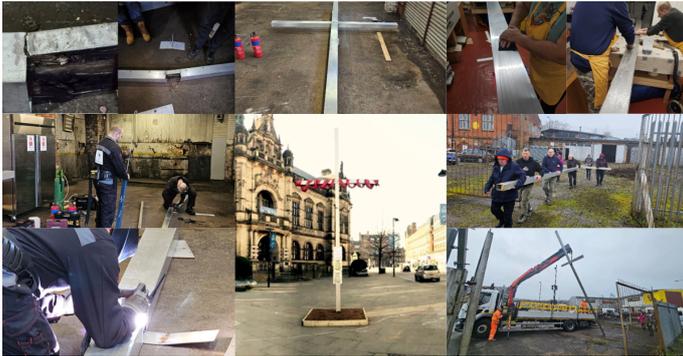
This Lent, Stella Maris invites you to be a light and bring hope to a seafarer, fisher or their family members who is desperate and at breaking point. Your generosity can be life-transforming. It will help Stella Maris chaplains and ship visitors continue to provide critical help.

Please also keep in prayer the many seafarers, fishers and their families during this holy season.

Visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/lent/ to make a donation or find out how you can help.

Nathaniel Xavier

Sheffield Inner City Churches – Ecumenical Cross



In January St Wilfrid's was commissioned to repair and restore the famous Sheffield Inner City Churches Cross.

The Ecumenical Cross is a massive (10 metre high) steel cross that is erected outside the Sheffield Town Hall during Holy Week as a public, ecumenical symbol of the Easter festival. The cross serves as a focal point for Christian witness and community prayer in the city centre. The cross stands from Palm Sunday through to Easter Saturday for Ecumenical public worship service. Volunteers from City centre churches offer prayer and conversation with passers-by during 11 am – 3 pm. A sandbox is placed around the cross, where over 1,000 "prayer sticks" are often placed by members of the public. On Good Friday a guided prayer walk brings worshippers to the cross at noon and on easter Sunday the cross is adorned with cloth.

Over a period of six weeks, clients, staff and metal workers rose to the challenge repairing and restoring the Cross ahead of this year's Easter celebrations. The Cross arrived at St Wilfrid's in a very sorry and damaged state – exhibiting many signs of metal failure / fatigue and damaged couplings. With a dedicated team working hard to bring the Cross back to its former glory, we achieved the task in good time. Here below is the story of this journey in pictures. Please come and see the Cross outside Sheffield Town Hall from Sunday 29th March 2026. The Cross will be in the city centre, outside the town hall, from shortly before Palm Sunday until shortly after Easter Sunday

Dominic Maloney

New video released to mark Hallam schools' participation in Jubilee



Children and young people from across Hallam diocese are part of the wider celebration captured in a new video marking highlights of the Jubilee Year.

Catholic schools in England and Wales received international recognition from the Vatican, for their extraordinary contribution to the 2025 Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope.

Available on CAFOD's website cafod.org.uk/jubilee-schools, the film shows how schools demonstrated creativity, compassion and action in embracing Pope Francis' call to celebrate the Jubilee with "deep faith, lively hope and active charity".

50,000 pupils gained a deeper understanding of global debt and learned how to speak up for the vulnerable and take action on global justice. Pupils from one school even wrote to Downing Street and got a reply from the Prime Minister!

Visit jubilee-schools.org.uk to find out more.

Over 1200 schools made the Jubilee Pledge, a whole school commitment to stand in solidarity with the world's poorest communities, living out Catholic Social Teaching now and in the future.

More than 2000 Jubilee banners were displayed on school gates, sharing a positive message of hope and unity with local communities.

600,000 Jubilee prayer cards were ordered, to be shared with pupils and their families.

Creative celebrations, liturgies, prayer trails and assemblies brought the Jubilee theme to life in classrooms and playgrounds.

Pupils and staff gathered in prayer and in several dioceses they joined in a celebration of hope, presenting their Jubilee Pledges to the bishop.

“The Jubilee helped me put my faith into action... it encouraged me to hope more than doubt.”

— Primary pupil (Portsmouth Diocese)

Across England and Wales, the Jubilee Year has served as a reminder of the extraordinary and vibrant impact Catholic schools make every day. Through a continual commitment to living out the Jubilee Pledge, Catholic schools will continue to be living signs of hope, reaching out to their communities and the global family too.

Sharon Matthews

Day of Prayer For Survivors of Abuse Annual Service

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JOIN THE DIOCESE OF HALLAM AS AND WITH SURVIVOR'S OF ABUSE, AT OUR ANNUAL SERVICE OF PRAYER & REFLECTION FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2026 AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2 STONELOW ROAD, DRONFIELD, S18 2EP. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

Join the Diocese of Hallam, together with survivors of abuse, for our annual Service of Prayer and Reflection. This will take place on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7:00pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 2 Stonelow Road, Dronfield, S18 2EP. Refreshments will be served afterwards. **Marie O'Donnelly**

Diocese of Hallam

Women Together in Hallam

You are warmly invited to our first meeting to meet our new Diocesan link for National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW),
Judith Green.

This gathering aims to help build a strong network of women across the Diocese of Hallam,!

Join us for conversations over cakes, coffee & tea with a moment to reflect in prayer

At Hallam Pastoral Centre
On 4th July 2026
from 10am-12pm

 **NBCW**
National Board of Catholic Women

An exciting opportunity is being offered for a group of young adults to go to Assisi at the end of December. Liverpool Archdiocese will be exploring Assisi on 29 November to 2 December. Walking in the footsteps of St Francis during the 800th anniversary year, we will visit some of the key sites involving St Francis and St Clare as well as St Carlo Acutis. This price includes all meals (apart from one dinner), shared accommodation, flights, all transport and the itinerary attached. This trip is for people aged 18-35. For booking received by 10 April 2026, they offer ADVANCE BOOKING PRICE of £940 per person sharing a double or twin room. This saves £50 per person of the full tour price of £990. Advance booking will also benefit from a LOWER DEPOSIT* of £200 per person (instead of £500)

For more information and to book your space use QR code **Elizabeth Parsons**



Sent to Share Faith-Events

Three Franciscan Friars, Fathers Casey Cole, Tito Serrano and Jason Damon will be visiting the Diocese of Hallam to help us to remember that we are all Sent to Share the Faith on 17 April 2026.

The Three Friars have recently founded SEARCH (Seek, Encounter, Accompany, Renew, Convert, Heal) This is a bold new Franciscan ministry in the Diocese of Charlotte USA bringing the Gospel beyond church walls—meeting people on the streets, in coffee shops, and wherever real life happens.

Their mission is to reach young adults, spiritual seekers, and those disconnected from the Church through authentic presence, conversation, and compassion. Rooted in the spirit of St. Francis, SEARCH is about walking with others, sharing Christ’s love, and inviting hearts to renewal and healing.

They will be hosting two events the first aimed specifically at young people ,and young adults. This Event will take place in the Houlden Hall after the 12:30 PM Mass in the Cathedral. The session will involve Questions and Answers with the Friars. You are very welcome to come to the Mass before the talk. Please bring a packed lunch.

The second event at St Francis', Sandygate Road, will begin with the celebration of Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a Bring & Share Supper and Questions and Answers with the Friars.

For more information and booking for either event visit the Formation & Mission Eventbrite page or use the QR code

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AN EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & YOUNG ADULTS

Sent To Share Faith

Join Fr Casey, Fr Tito and Fr Damian, three Franciscan Friars from Charlotte, USA to think about how to share our faith today. Bring a packed lunch.



17 APRIL 2026 1:15 PM AFTER THE CATHEDRAL MIDDAY MASS

Houlden Hall, St Marie's Cathedral, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB

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FORMATION & MISSION AND ST FRANCIS PARISH INVITES YOU

Sent To Share Faith



An evening with three Franciscan Friars to think about Evangelisation today. Followed by Bring & Share Supper & Q&A



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17 APRIL 2026 6:00 PM

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 277 SANDYGATE ROAD, SHEFFIELD. S10 5SD