

# Hallam Bridge

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

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## Welcome to the June edition of the Hallam Bridge





Welcome to the final edition of Hallam Bridge which, after a brief summer recess, its successor will emerge in October as the beautiful butterfly. How beautiful this new newspaper is depends on you, the readers and contributors, of course. On page 3 you can read some words from the new addition to the editorial team, Michael McGeary, who is based in Middlesbrough and who, with CathComm, will be helping to produce the new newspaper, on line and 'in real life'. One of the worries about the previous hard copy of Hallam News was that too many copies were not taken away from the back of churches. That problem will be avoided in the future as each parish will have the opportunity to receive as many paper copies of the new newspaper as they think they will need. There are a number of stories in this month's Hallam Bridge which are celebrations of the building up of community which is our baptismal call. There is an interesting picture of Bishop Marcus looking technically resourced and focussed as he presents the BBC Daily Service (page 5). Page 8 has a brief report on the second diocesan consultation meeting Bishop Marcus held in Doncaster, on the pros and cons of recombining the three dioceses of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesbrough. A recombination of three dioceses, if that is the decision of Pope Leo, would challenge us to broaden and widen our community, and perhaps we have time now to reflect on what that might require of us.

Anne Peacey provides a moving reflection on the need to attend to Catholic Social Teaching, 'Dilexit Te' and living our lives as a loving community, as she was inspired by the inclusive conversations at the Caritas Social Network Conference.

How do we attend to and include those on the margins of our diocese? (Page 4).

How we pray together tells us something about what we believe and it is good to celebrate the examples of prayer and service

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across the diocese. There is news of the Good Shepherd Service, the honouring of Russel Byrnes for services to the community, and the pilgrim journeys which are springing up around the diocese (page 9) with invitations to join this pilgrim way of prayer from Rowan Morton-Gledhill, Bishop Marcus' Press Officer and a 'Perpetual Pilgrim'. There is a reminder about the joint diocesan pilgrimage to Padley Martyr's Chapel (Page 11), a pilgrimage to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption (page 12), and Mass for the Feast of St Benedict (page 12). Arthi Fernando sends news about the revived opportunities for Cantley Community in Doncaster (page 6).

The Formation and Mission Team (page 6) provide an idea of the content and aim of Lifelong Formation programmes which are to provide opportunities for everyone to respond to the call to holiness, whatever step they are on their faith journey. There is an invitation on Page 11 to learn more about your faith by studying for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS). Here is another invitation; you are invited to make your desires and ideas on formation known. Whether you want more academic input, more biblical studies opportunities, more weeks of guided prayer or more opportunity to develop a ministry around spirituality, let the Formation and Mission Team know; they can help. These formation programmes will also benefit from the sharing of resources of the three dioceses in the future, whatever the outcome of the consultation. Once again, the synodal method is seen as an important resource for building for the future and learning about the synodal method might be a useful formation focus.

Another invitation is to the Celebration Mass for Married Life on 19 September 2026. St Ignatius regarded ingratitude as a serious failing, so why not take the opportunity to go along to the Mass to celebrate and give thanks for the joy and blessing of your marriage, whether it was recent or long ago.

Three more opportunities for building community come from the welcoming invitation to join the Women Together in Hallam first meeting on 4 July (Page 11), the exciting invitation from Sue McDonald, Diocesan Youth Officer, to attend World Youth Day in Seoul next year (Page 10), and the invitation to the Golden Jubilee Mass for Bishop Ralph on 10th July (Page 3)

Finally, we offer respect and prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr Rory Geoghegan SJ, a long-time sojourner in the diocese, whose obituary is on page 5. May he rest in peace.

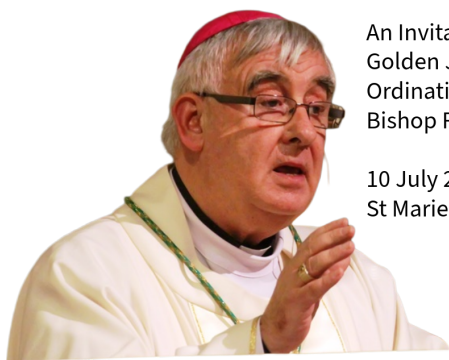
There will be no news in Hallam over the summer. Well, no newspaper anyway. But October will bring the new first issue of its successor. If you have news, articles, reports, poems, pictures, and you would like them to be included in the historic first issue, send them in before 4 September.

Goodbye to Hallam Bridge? Would you say goodbye to a caterpillar, knowing it was going to continue existing in the form of a butterfly? Perhaps we do need to at least thank the team who has given us Hallam Bridge in the last few years. Thanks go to Catalina Cacia, who thought up the name, to Kevan Grady and Arthi Fernando who have managed the production and to all who have provided material for publication. The witness of your lives and prayers in the stories and pictures you provide are contributing to building community, building the Kingdom. Thankyou. Summer blessings, Editor

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## Golden Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR



An Invitation to Celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR

10 July 2026 11:30 am  
St Marie's Cathedral

You are invited to give thanks for the gift of priesthood as Bishop Ralph celebrates his fiftieth anniversary of ordination on Friday, 10th July. He will preside at Mass at 11:30am at the Cathedral Church of St Marie. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to give thanks to Almighty God for the priestly ministry of Bishop Ralph but also to thank him for the twelve years of his ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Hallam.

## A new chapter for your diocesan news



With the final edition of The Hallam Bridge drawing to a close, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as I look forward to joining forces with your editorial team to help produce our new monthly newspaper.

Our aim is to help shape a publication that truly reflects the life of our faith community – a balance of national and international Catholic news, thoughtful reflections and vibrant stories from the parishes.

Whether it is a milestone celebration, a special fundraising achievement or a community event that brought people together, these are the stories that make the diocese what it is.

We need your help to tell these stories and we are keen to receive your news and updates for our first edition, which will launch this coming October.

Please don't worry about drafting perfect, polished articles, as long as you send the key information – the who, what, where and when. Plain text or Microsoft Word documents are our preferred formats.

To help us capture the life of our parishes, here are a few tips for photos:

### **People make the story:**

Please ensure there are people in your photos whenever possible. We love to see smiling faces looking directly at the camera.

### **Mind the background:**

Try not to include too much empty space or background, as this often needs to be cropped, which can reduce the image quality.

### **The setting:**

Outdoor photos often work exceptionally well, providing great natural lighting for our pages.

### **Phone photos:**

It is helpful if these are taken 'landscape' and not 'portrait'

### **Format:**

Please send images as separate JPEG attachments rather than embedding them into a Word document.

### **Consent:**

Most importantly, please ensure that you have obtained the consent of everyone featured in the photos before sending them to us and confirm this has been done in your email. You should be the owner of the photograph or have permission of the owner to use it for copyright purposes and have permission of any people included to use their image in publicity from the diocese of Hallam including, Diocesan Website and Socials.

### **Continue to Send your stories to:**

communications@hallam-diocese.com

I am really looking forward to working with the team to produce a newspaper that celebrates our shared mission and serves our community well.

We look forward to receiving your news – the deadline for the first edition is Friday 4 September

**Michael McGeary**

## Flourishing Together: Building Compassionate Communities



*'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10*

In the chaos of our busy lives, we fail to recognise that we are constantly chasing time, trying to find time to catch up, time to fit in one extra task or another before time runs out, time to meet the next deadline.

Having the opportunity to step away, to use time in a different way is indeed a luxury. Being fortunate enough to be part of the Caritas Social Action Network Conference in Rome provided a wonderful opportunity to step back, taking time to reflect, share, rediscover our roots in the Gospel message of justice, peace, and love. All this in a tranquil environment allowing time for discernment and deep listening, to each other and to the Spirit working within and around our gathering.

In his introduction to the conference, Dr Austen Ivereigh reflected on the profound changes shaping our society, speaking of "anonymous power" and institutional uncertainty. Across society, many individuals and groups feel excluded and isolated, often scapegoated and blamed for economic and social fragmentation rooted in inadequate and unjust structures and systems. Faith communities are not immune to these pressures. Family dynamics have changed significantly, and building cohesive, vibrant parish communities—where everyone feels valued and accepted, and where our shared humanity is recognised—remains a challenge for the Church. How, then, can our parish communities become signs of resistance to rising populism? Dr. Ivereigh highlighted the continuity of social teaching contained in Vatican documents from Pope Paul to the current time, while Professor Helen Alford OP reflected on

keywords from Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical 'Magnificent Humanity' emphasising injustice, dignity, common good and love.

During the week, we visited the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and took part in a round table meeting at Caritas Internationalis. Attending the Papal Audience with Pope Leo was unforgettable, reminding us that we belong to the wider worldwide Church community.

Much of the formal dialogue and reflection centred on four thematic workstreams: Dignity of Work, Young People, Flourishing Communities, and Organisational Challenges. Across the groups, common themes emerged: the need for belonging, acceptance, inclusion, outreach, collaboration in a challenging world, communities of resistance, and a deeper commitment to valuing every individual and group.

The conference was deeply enriching and joyful, offering much to absorb and reflect on. For me, the working groups were especially effective because they used the Synodal Process, or Conversations in the Spirit, which involves:

*Responding actively to our changing world by reading the signs of the times*

*Creating prayerful, honest, and safe conversations shaped by gracious listening and courageous speaking*

*Seeking the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

*Allowing the stories we hear to move us towards action*

School for Synodality, "Four Steps"

This process is a powerful way to foster inclusive conversation, ensuring that each participant feels heard and respected. When used well, it creates a strong sense of empowerment.

the preparatory document for the Synod stated:

"It is clear that the purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission"

Synod 2021-24 Preparatory Document

For Conversations in the Spirit to be meaningful and community-building, participants need a clear overview of the process and its intended outcomes, guided by an experienced facilitator. Everyone should commit to the process and agree to its ground rules. Although this may initially feel somewhat formal, shared commitment can help build trust, strengthen relationships, and foster a more cohesive parish community. Care should also be taken to respect the personal information shared, with an appropriate level of confidentiality.

We would do well to consider the powerful vision of our Church articulated by Pope Leo in *Dilexi te*

*'A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today'*

*Dilexi te 120.*

**Anne Peacey** National Justice and Peace Network  
*chair@justice-and-peace.org.uk*

### **Bishop Marcus Presents BBC Daily Service for the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More**



The BBC's Daily Service for the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More on was presented by The Right Reverend Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds and Apostolic Administrator of the Dioceses of Middlesbrough and Hallam. It was recorded with the Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls Choir and Scholars and visiting singers from Vanderbilt University, conducted by Choral Director Joseph Tilling and accompanied on the organ by Benjamin Newlove. The programme will also be available for you to 'listen again' for 29 days after this first broadcast.

### **Fr Rory Geoghegan SJ RIP**

It is with sadness that we report that Fr Gregory Geoghegan SJ died this morning, 22 June 2026. May he rest in peace.

Rory Geoghegan was 95 years old and in the 77th year of Religious Life. He was born on 28th April 1931 to father, Laurence, and mother, Mona Rosa, and baptised at SS Mary & Walberga in Shipley, W. Yorkshire, where he was also confirmed. After school at Mount St Mary's, Spinkhill, Rory entered the Society in 1949 at Roehampton in London, taking his first vows at Harlaxton. After a Juniorate at Roehampton, Paul studied philosophy at Heythrop in Oxfordshire. In 1956, he set sail for what was then Rhodesia, where he studied indigenous languages until his return to theology back at Heythrop. There he was ordained deacon and priest (1962). Tertianship was at St Beuno's and he took final vows in 1965. In 1964, Rory studied art while at Campion Hall and then at Corby Hall in Sunderland. Art figured much in his life later on when he became well-known for his sculptures. He taught at St Michael's, Leeds, and at St Ignatius, Enfield, before moving to the Bristol university chaplaincy. In 1977, Rory developed a new ministry among the oil workers in Aberdeen and Shetland. After this work, he was at Leeds university for ministry before a spell at Mount St Mary's and Barlborough Hall. In 1999 Rory went to St Beuno's to help direct retreats. There he also further developed his abilities as a sculptor. In 2022, Rory's last move was to the Corpus Christi Jesuit Community in Boscombe to get the good care he needed. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for those who mourn his passing.

**Stephen Power SJ**





## Expanded Neighbourhood Centre Brings New Opportunities for Cantley Community in Doncaster

Residents in Cantley are benefiting from the recent expansion of the Neighbourhood Centre at St Wilfrid's Court, which now offers enhanced facilities for community activities, support services and social events.

The centre celebrated the opening of its newly refurbished café on 3rd June with a lively event featuring performances from dance groups who are member of St Paul's Parish. The café, along with the rest of the centre, is open from 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

For over a decade, the Neighbourhood Centre has been at the heart of the local community, providing a welcoming place for people to meet, seek advice on wellbeing and housing, and access practical support through its community food and clothing shop. The expansion will enable the centre to continue growing its services and supporting even more local residents. **Arthi Fernando**

## A Conversation about Formation for Missionary Disciples



Whatever the outcome of the discernment about the recombination of dioceses of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesborough, our mission remains the same; helping people of all ages and stages of faith development to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

While structures, boundaries, and resources may change, through Baptism, every Catholic is **called to holiness** and to participation in the mission of Christ. A challenge for all of us and particularly for the Formation and Mission team, is how best to support that calling.

One theme that has emerged repeatedly from the Synod and across the Church is the need for **lifelong formation**. Formation is not simply education, nor is it limited to preparation for the sacraments. Rather, it is the lifelong process of growing in faith, deepening our relationship with Christ, participating more fully in the sacramental life of the Church, and discovering how God calls each of us to serve. The Second Vatican Council reminded us that all the baptised share in the life and mission of the Church. Pope Francis spoke of the need for "missionary disciples"—Catholics who not only know their faith but are equipped to live and share it in their families, workplaces, schools, parishes, and communities. Pope Leo XIV has recently reaffirmed this vision, encouraging pastors to recognise in the lay faithful "the grace of Baptism and the charisms that flow from it" and to help them find "the courage and enthusiasm to commit themselves to help the life of the Church and society."

For some, the next step in formation may be an **initial encounter with Christ** through parish outreach, prayer groups, pilgrimages, or opportunities to explore the Gospel. For others, it may involve a **deeper understanding** of Scripture, prayer, the sacraments, and Catholic teaching. Others may be **discerning** a vocation, **servicing** in ministry, supporting catechesis, **leading** parish initiatives, or **accompanying** others in faith. Seen in this way, formation is not a programme for a select few but a **shared culture** that touches every aspect of diocesan and parish life.

Such a culture is rooted in four essential dimensions of Christian growth: human formation, spiritual formation, intellectual formation, and pastoral or missionary formation, drawing upon the rich resources already available within the Church and seeking to strengthen collaboration between parishes, schools, clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

The Bishop's ministry of leading in teaching and shepherding, central to the life of the local Church, is assisted by such a culture of formation, collaboration and co-creation, where responsibility for fostering faith belongs to the whole People of God, each according to their vocation and gifts.

Whatever shape our dioceses may take in the future, the need to form disciples, nurture vocations, support families, and equip people for mission will remain.

The Formation and Mission teams in Hallam, Leeds and Middlesborough are beginning to meet to think about shared resources and energy. A possible pathway might look like this:

#### FORMATION OF FORMATORS

Level 5 Forming Others

#### LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION

Level 4 Leading Communities

#### VOCATIONAL & MINISTERIAL FORMATION

Level 3 Discovering Gifts & Calling

#### FOUNDATIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Level 2 Prayer • Scripture • Sacraments

#### EVANGELISATION & ENCOUNTER

Level 1 Meeting Jesus Christ

BAPTISM The Call to Holiness and Mission

#### Can you help?

Some questions for reflection: Where do you see yourself on this pathway of discipleship and what is your next step in faith?

What opportunities for formation would help you grow as missionary disciple? How can our parishes, schools, and dioceses better support people of all ages to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and participate more fully in the mission of the Church?

Your reflections and experiences are an important part of our ongoing conversations.

Please share your thoughts and ideas with us at [formation-mission@hallam-dioces.com](mailto:formation-mission@hallam-dioces.com)

## Caritas News



This year's Good Shepherd Services took place at St Marie's Cathedral on Tuesday 19th May and at St Peter in Chains Doncaster on 20th May.

Children, young people and staff joined us for a joyous morning at St Marie's Cathedral where Monsignor Mark McManus led the service. At St Peter in Chains Doncaster the service was led by Monsignor Desmond Sexton. This year's Good Shepherd theme was Peace, children and young people explored ways of bringing more peace into their own lives and the lives of others. Children and young people shared art and poetry around this theme. We would like to thank all of the schools across the Diocese for their hard work and support in fundraising for Caritas, all your donations enable us to support more children, young people and adults with counselling across the Diocese.

We will be gratefully accepting donations throughout the year. **Janet Kent**

## Russell Brynes of St Vincent's Catholic Church, Sheffield, Awarded the Order of St Sylvester



The Order of St. Sylvester is one of the highest honours that the Pope can bestow on a lay person (someone who is not ordained as a deacon, priest, or bishop) in the Catholic Church.

Its full name is the Order of Saint Sylvester, and it is awarded by the Holy Father to recognise outstanding service to the Church, particularly in professional life, public service, the arts, education, business, or other areas where a person has given exceptional witness to Christian values. The order is named after Pope Sylvester I, who was Pope from AD 314 to 335 during the time of the Emperor Constantine and the early growth of Christianity in the Roman Empire. Recipients are often: Faithful Catholic lay men and women. People who have given many years of distinguished service to the Church. Individuals whose professional work has brought honour to the Church or benefited society in a significant way.

Those honoured are invested as members of the Order and receive: A papal certificate signed in the Pope's name. The insignia (medal and ribbon) of the Order. The title of Knight or Dame of the Order, depending on the class awarded. It is relatively rare and is considered a very prestigious papal honour. Nominations are usually made through a diocesan bishop and then submitted to the Holy See for approval. In the United Kingdom, recipients are often long-serving Catholics who have made exceptional contributions to their parish, diocese, Catholic education, charitable works, or public life.

**Colette Sharp**

## Second Diocesan Consultation Meeting Held at St Peter's, Doncaster



Sixty seven people gathered with Bishop Marcus and facilitators for the Consultation Meeting for the Eastern part of the Diocese on 11 June at St Peter's, Doncaster. There was an opportunity for representatives from parishes to listen and share their ideas about the future of the diocese. The feedback from the two diocesan meetings together with ones that have taken place in Leeds and Middlesbrough and the online consultation will form the basis of the report that will be submitted to the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome for further discernment. There is still an opportunity for anyone in the diocese to complete the online consultation which can be accessed here:

: <https://forms.office.com/e/fDJRiRxj25>

**THE POSTGATE RALLY  
2026**  
IN HONOUR OF THE  
ENGLISH AND WELSH  
MARTYRS AND BLESSED  
NICHOLAS POSTGATE  
**UGTHORPE**

**SUNDAY JULY 12**

LED BY BISHOP MARCUS  
HYMNS FROM 2.30PM  
MASS AT 3PM  
PREACHER: FATHER PHIL CUNNAH

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SEATING,  
REFRESHMENTS AND SUITABLE  
CLOTHING

## The Longest Way!



This September, a small band of pilgrims from Leeds and Hallam Dioceses will walk England's Longest Way to Walsingham!

Starting with Mass at Leeds Cathedral on 12 September, the group of 'Perpetual Pilgrims' will follow the St Mark's Way route of last year's Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope, via St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield and the Catholic Cathedral of St Barnabas in Nottingham – and then, striking out east through the Diocese of East Anglia, on the St Luke's Way to Walsingham.

Those walking the whole route will cover a total distance of at least 230 miles: that's 50 miles longer even than the revived mediaeval route of the London to Walsingham Camino!

'Day Pilgrims' will be welcomed to walk a stage of the pilgrimage through their parish or deanery and may join for devotions or provide hospitality at the beginning or end of each day.

In this Year of St Francis, this sustainable diocesan pilgrimage will pass through the English countryside on foot, and occasionally on public transport. Visiting the Padley Martyrs' Shrine and other sacred sites along the way, this new Camino will celebrate our country as the Dowry of Our Lady, as well as having the aim of closer collaborations between three linked-yet-distinct northern Catholic dioceses: Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough.

The pilgrimage came about because late last year, the Holy Father appointed the Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Marcus Stock, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough,

and arrangements were made for the Bishop to lead the two dioceses' annual day-pilgrimages to Walsingham as a joint event on Saturday 26 September.

When, just a few months later in March of this year, Pope Leo added Hallam Diocese to the Bishop's responsibilities, the idea was born of a Camino Walk to Walsingham, through Hallam, setting off two weeks in advance, and scheduled to reach the National Catholic Shrine in time to greet the Bishop and pilgrims who have travelled down for the day by coach from Leeds and Middlesbrough.

'Perpetual Pilgrim' **Rowan Morton-Gledhill** from the Diocese of Leeds said: 'Taking 'The Longest Way' to Walsingham isn't a record attempt or endurance test - and these events are not just "joint jaunts"! However the Way is travelled, and whatever the distance, the People of God from Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Dioceses will be following in the footsteps of Catholic pilgrims throughout the ages, as we make our spiritual journey in praise of God and to honour Our Lady: walking together along the well-trodden paths of prayer and penitence, which are at the heart of every pilgrimage.'

## World Youth Day Seoul with the Northern Dioceses

1-10 August 2027

The highlights of World Youth Day are the celebrations attended by Pope Leo, such as the Papal welcome of the pilgrims, the Way of the Cross, the vigil and, on the last day and the Closing Mass. Young people from all over the world will gather for moments of prayer, socializing and recreation together with a Youth Festival, Vocational Fair, and opportunities for Reconciliation in different parts of Seoul. More details from [youth@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:youth@hallam-diocese.com)

**Sue McDonald**

## Register for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies Starting in September 2026

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES



### CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Are you interested in deepening your understanding of the Catholic Faith? The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies may be for you

CCRS is a certificate course validated by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It offers a basic foundation in Catholic theology and practice through teaching, discussion, study, and personal reflection. It is aimed at anyone who wants to undertake some serious, but accessible, study into Catholic theology. It is particularly well-suited for staff in Catholic schools, parish catechists and those involved in various aspects of lay ministry.

It consists of six core modules:

- ❖ Bible I (The Old Testament)
- ❖ Bible II (The New Testament)
- ❖ Jesus Christ
- ❖ The Church
- ❖ The Sacraments
- ❖ Christian Morality

And two Specialist modules currently offered in Hallam include:

- ❖ Catholic Religious Education
- ❖ Liturgy
- ❖ Catholic Social Teaching

The course will recommence in late September. If you would like to register then please use this QR Code and complete this Registration Form



## 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.!

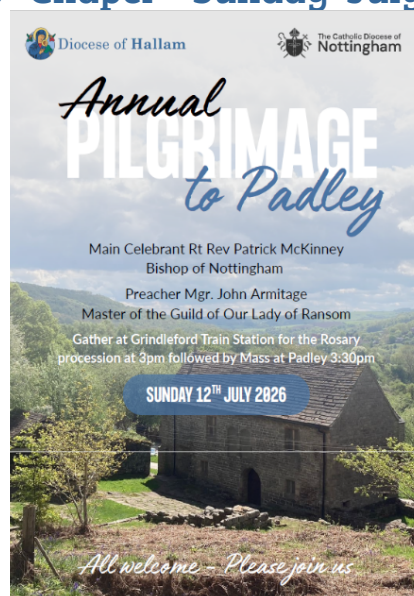
Join us for friendly conversation, coffee, tea, and plenty of cake, followed by a short time of prayer and reflection. Contributions of cakes and bakes are always appreciated and help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Join us at the Hallam Pastoral Centre on 4th July 2026, 10am-12pm To join remotely, email [afernando@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:afernando@hallam-diocese.com)



First meeting of Women Together in Hallam, at The Hallam Pastoral Centre Sheffield, on the 4th of July 2026 between 10 am and 12pm. Women Together at HallamDownload

## Joint Diocesan Pilgrimage to Padley Martyrs' Chapel - Sunday July 12th 2026



The main celebrant will be the Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham. Mgr John Armitage, Master of the 'Guild of Our Lady of Ransom' will be preaching.

Gather at Grindleford Railway Station for the Rosary Procession at 3.00 pm, followed by Mass at 3.30 pm. The 'Guild of Our Lady of Ransom' (founded 1887) is integral to the history of Padley Martyrs' Chapel. They were inspired by 'The Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy', the Mercedians, who ransomed some 70,000 Christians, imprisoned as a result of war and slavery. They now work to support the 'marginalised' in our world's society.

The Guild led the first post reformation pilgrimage to Walsingham August 20th 1897, on St Bernard of Clairvaux's day, to honour his Marian devotion. A plaque inside the Chapel records the Guild's involvement in Padley's history.

Canon Oswald Dolan of St Maries Sheffield, invited the Guild, to lead the first 'official' Padley Pilgrimage 19th July 1898. Current research is exploring the role played by the clergy and parishioners of 'St Michael the Archangel' Hathersage, in laying in the foundations for this significant inaugural Pilgrimage.

It is a blessing that mass will be celebrated on the same day and time for the 'Padley Martyrs' 1588 (Grindleford) and Blessed Nicholas Postgate 'Martyr of the Moors' 1679 (Ugthorpe). The Mass will be celebrated in Padley's courtyard, so please plan to cope with our summer's variable weather. Padley Chapel is open Sundays (2.00 - 4.00 pm) until October 4th 2026. If you would like to explore alternative visit times, join the Welcomers, or would like a copy of 'A Pilgrim's guide to Padley' please contact:

friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com. **Gerard Bonner**

## Celebration of Married Life



Bishop Marcus Stock

Invites couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year to a

### Celebration Mass for Married Life

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026,  
12:30 PM

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



Complete the application form at the back of Church or use this QR code  
Further details from:  
formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com  
0114 2566410



On Saturday 19th September, Bishop Marcus will preside at a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at St Marie's Cathedral at 12:30pm for couples and their families celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversary jubilees this calendar year. Newly married couples are also welcome to come. During the liturgy, there will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please use this QR Code to fill out this application form




Further details from:  
formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com, or  
Tel: 0114 256 6410

## Pilgrimage To Celebrate The Feast Of Assumption of Our Lady- Sunday 16th of August

SUNDAY AUGUST 16 2026

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT GRACE, OSMOTHERLEY DL6 3AP

**PILGRIMAGE TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**



- 2.30pm Rosary
- 3pm Mass
- Bring seating, suitable clothing and footwear and a picnic!

## Mass for the Feast of St Benedict at Fountains Abbey



Fountains Abbey Chaplaincy



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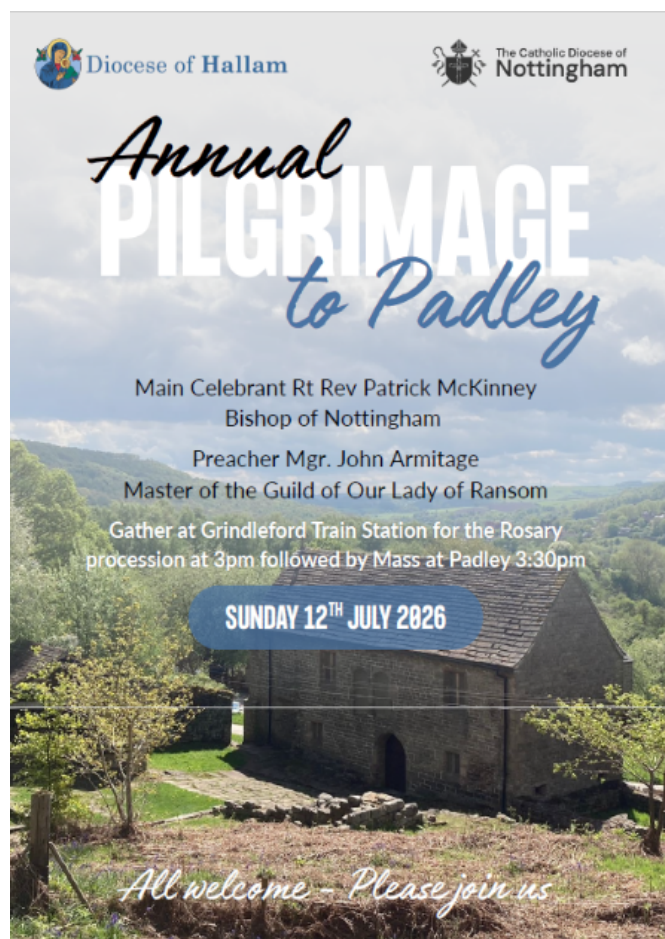
12.00 Noon Tuesday 14 July 2026



**Principal Celebrant**  
**Rev Fr Stephen Webb**  
**Parish Priest St Joseph, Batley Carr**

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**Diocese of Hallam**   **The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham**

# Annual PILGRIMAGE to Padley

Main Celebrant Rt Rev Patrick McKinney  
 Bishop of Nottingham

Preacher Mgr. John Armitage  
 Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom

Gather at Grindleford Train Station for the Rosary procession at 3pm followed by Mass at Padley 3:30pm

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

*All welcome - Please join us*

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