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FRANCIS
ON THE HUMAN AND DIVINE LOVE
OF THE HEART OF JESUS CHRIST



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17 November 2:30 pm Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Hallam - St William of York Church

5 December 2:00 pm Breaking a world record with the strenght of Jesus - Powers Martial Arts Centre

1-7 December Week of Guided Prater - Jesuit Institute - Online

14 December Advent day of Recollection Fr Eamonn Mulcahy - Pastoral Centre

Welcome to the October edition of Hallam Bridge

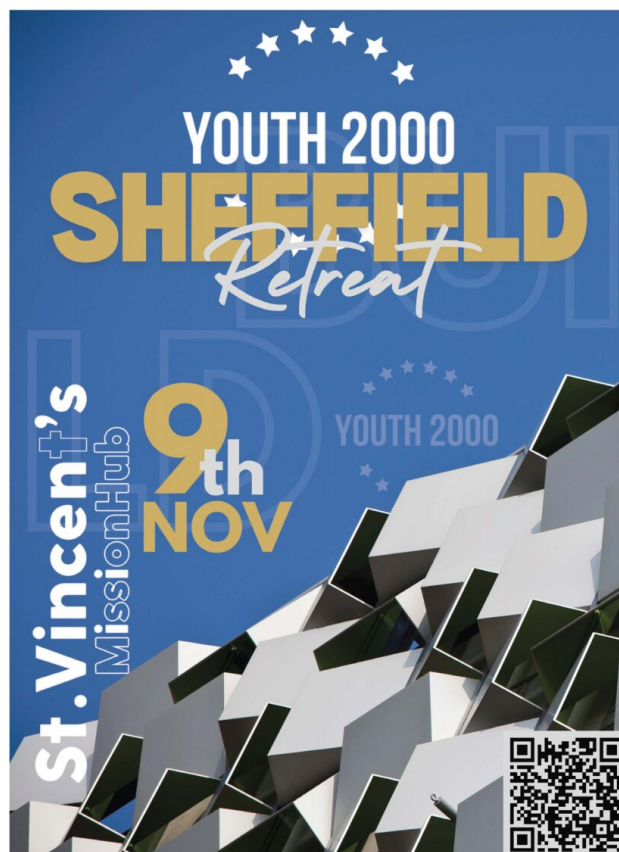
Here at Hallam Bridge we like to stay in touch with the universal church as well as our local news. This month we hear about two major international - events, the Synod on Synodality (3) and publication of the new encyclical from Pope Francis, "Dilexit Nos" (3).

As with all encyclicals, the name is taken from the opening phrase which is in Latin: "Dilexit Nos" means "He loved us". This encyclical has been welcomed as a gift from Pope Francis to all the People of God. We invite you to read it and send us your thoughts. You can read the document is on the Hallam website. Locally, there is an invitation to say farewell and thankyou to the Sisters of Mercy (4) , who have served the diocese for many years. We hear of the Sheffield Furniture project (4) which welcomes your donations of unwanted furniture. Sustainable living is encouraged in the diocese and St Vincents organised a car boot sale (6) to promote the re-use message. We publish the Bishop's homily and pictures from the Mass of celebration for married life (5). If you missed this annual celebration of married life this year, perhaps remind yourself to look out for it next year and celebrate your life together. We are reminded again of the importance of Safeguarding (6); it continues to be everyone's business and the committee are holding an open session to you to hear more about it. Have you chosen your pilgrimage for next year yet? Gerard Bonner gives us some words of encouragement (8) and we hear about the report on our website from the friends of Padley (7) , which lets us know what has been going on there. Do you like cartoons, animé, mascots or logos? Then meet Luce (8) , (the name is from the Italian for 'light'), who is the mascot for 2025 Jubilee you. Reception of Luce has been very mixed; what do you think?

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And don't forget to attend to your prayer life. There are opportunities for prayer, learning and reflection coming up; you are all welcome to join these. Learn to listen more, take advantage of the opportunity to talk to someone, experience spiritual accompaniment for your prayer journey, and register to attend the Advent Prayer day. As always, we welcome news of your parish happenings and plans, send to communications@hallam-diocese.com or to the Hallam Diocese Pastoral Centre.



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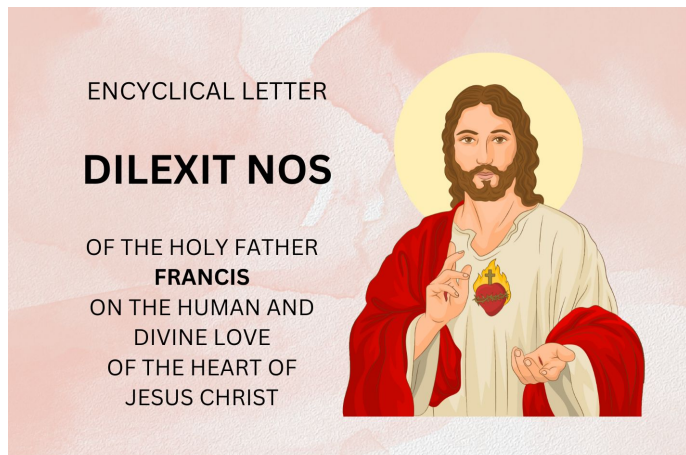
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Dilexit Nos



Pope Francis has issued a new encyclical "Dilexit Nos" (He Loved Us) about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is the fourth encyclical of his pontificate, after "Lumen Fidei," (co-written with Pope Benedict XVI), "Laudato Si'" and "Fratelli Tutti."

In Dilexit Nos, Pope Francis suggests that: "The heart is the dwelling-place of love in all its spiritual, psychic and even physical dimensions" (No. 21). It is a reminder to us to stay in touch with the feeling and knowledge and faith that we are loved by God and there are many biblical references to reflect on to understand more about the nature of God's love for us. He reminds us that such love calls us to action to love others. Next month's HB will have more on Dilexit Nos; Have you read the encyclical yet? There is a link [HERE](#). What do you think? Do you have a devotion to or a special image of the Sacred Heart you would like to share? You are invited to contribute your understanding and response to Pope Francis encyclical, by letter or email to be included in November Hallam Bridge edition.

A reflection on love by Pedro Aruppe S.J.

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in Love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect
everything.
It will decide

what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

Synod News



The 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, commonly referred to as the Synod on Synodality, concluded on October 27, 2024, marking the end of a transformative three-year journey toward a more inclusive and responsive Church. Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the process, from postcards and meetings and Conversations in the Spirit over the past 3 years. What now?

"We must not behave as dispensers of grace who appropriate the treasure by tying the hands of our merciful God.. we are all in need of mercy." Pope Francis said during his closing remarks at the Synod on Synodality. "We must live out our differences in conviviality.".. "Open doors instead of erecting walls. We are all part of the Church."

At the end of the month long meeting, delegates voted and agreed on each paragraph of the text. Pope Francis then immediately approved the final Synod document to be distributed to the Catholic Church throughout the world. There are many ways we can put synodality into action in the diocese, and we will have an opportunity to assemble and think together, lay people and ordained, about what are the next steps for the

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diocese.

More on this to come in the next issue of Hallam Bridge. Meanwhile, look out for the English translation of the Final Document to be published soon, or if you read Italian you can find it on the Vatican website.

"We're on a journey. This is a gift of the Holy Spirit." Pope Francis said. And we agree with him!

Award-winning Sheffield charity thanks city-wide supporters for their loyalty to the centre despite a difficult year



Sheffield Furniture Project, which helps alleviate furniture poverty in the city by collecting and redistributing old items and helped nearly 3,000 people last year, recently won an award for their commitment to helping those who need help the most, despite one of their toughest years.

Last week the Sheffield Furniture Project won The Community Impact Award at the Sheffield Business Awards after being recognised for the positive changes they have made to the people who live, work and visit Sheffield – and want to thank those who have supported them to make this possible.

Earlier this year, the centre put out an urgent call for help after demand was outweighing donations and the centre needed more furniture to help those who were living without basic essential furniture. At times staff and volunteers at the centre were receiving up to 60 requests for help a day.

"Just like any other charity in the current

economic climate, we were struggling, and we continue to do so, but we also want to say thank you to everyone who has donated, volunteered, or even just mentioned us to someone they know," explains Centre Manager Tracy Haycox.

"The work we do here is vital to ensuring that the people of Sheffield don't go without basic furniture. A kitchen table to eat at, a bed to sleep in, a chest of drawers to put clothes in... these are simple things that most people don't even consider a luxury to own, but for many people in Sheffield this just isn't the case."

The centre always welcomes donations of unwanted furniture of all kinds from bedding to mattresses, 2-seater sofa to storage and more. Donations can be dropped off at the centre on Queens Road, or area-dependent can be collected.

For more information about a collection or to arrange a drop-off, please contact the centre directly on 0114 270 3990.

An Invitation to Give Thanks for the Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Hallam



Sisters
of Mercy



Sr Clare Smith RSM recently left the diocese and has moved to Derby. She is the last Sister of Mercy to minister in the diocese, ending an association with the Sisters which stretches back 141 years. To mark the end of her ministry in the Diocese of Hallam, a celebration Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 17 November 2024 at 2:30pm at St William of York Church, Ecclesall Road Sheffield. Sr Clare together with some of the other Sisters who have ministered in Hallam will be present. Bishop Ralph will preside at the Mass together

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with Bishop John. Parking spaces are limited, although the Car Park at the Co Op store near the church has time-limited paid car parking. If you are planning to attend, please inform the parish office at St William's office@stwilliamofyorksheffield.org.uk by 1 November.

Diocesan Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage



28 September 2024

The sacred bond of marriage was joyously celebrated at St Peter's Church in Doncaster this past 28th of September. The event brought together couples commemorating significant wedding anniversaries alongside those commissioned to prepare future couples for the sacrament of marriage in the Diocese.

During the Mass, Bishop Ralph delivered a thoughtful homily that connected with everyone present. He shared a light-hearted story about a man who sought his doctor's advice on feeling unmotivated and being lazy at home, using humour to illustrate deeper truths about true love and commitment. The Bishop underscored the need for self-sacrifice in marriage, encouraging couples to embrace both the challenges and joys of their journey together.

After the Mass, we gathered to enjoy some refreshments and engage in cheerful conversation. The atmosphere was warm and inviting, it was a wonderful opportunity for couples to connect, reflect on their journeys, and share with others on the same path.

Homily

"A man tells his doctor that he is incapable of doing the things around the house and in the

garden that he used to do. When the examination was over the man said to the doctor: "Now doctor, tell me in plain English, what is wrong with me?" "Well", said the

doctor, "in plain English, you are lazy." The man nodded and said, "Now give me the medical term so that I can tell my wife!"

In the Gospel chosen for today's celebration Jesus expresses the hope that we will continue to follow his example to choose to keep on giving of ourselves in love even when things hurt, even when we feel that we have nothing left but are tired ourselves. For John, there is only one commandment - the commandment of mutual love - to be limited only by death. Never more visible than the love between the husband and the wife.

"Love one another as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends"

This is what Jesus meant, when at the beginning of the meal the night before his death he washed the feet of his disciples and told them to wash one another's feet; they are to love each other as he has loved them, and he showed them and, through them, us, that the cost of authentic love - is not less than everything.

Living out this Commandment of mutual love - choosing each day to try and think, act, and speak wholeheartedly, and self-sacrificing love, I am sure that this is what has sustained you in your marriage and family life, that has brought you to this moment.

Madeleine L'Engle was an American writer best known for her Young Adult fiction. She was born in New York in 1918 just after the

First World War and died in 2007, aged 88. She met her actor husband in 1942 and they were married in January, 1946. They were married for 23 years when he died of cancer. After his death, she wrote a book about their marriage. In the book, she shared these insights about their marriage:

"Our love has been anything but perfect and anything but static. Inevitably there have been times when one of us has outrun the other and

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has had to wait patiently for the other to catch up. There have been times when we have misunderstood one another, demanded too much of one another, been insensitive to each other's needs. I do not believe that there is any marriage in which these things do not happen. The growth of love is not a straight line, but a series of hills and valleys. I suspect that in every good marriage there are times when love seems to be over. Sometimes these desert times are simply the only way to get to the next oasis which is far more lush and beautiful after the desert crossing than it could possibly have been without".

Now my guess is that you can all sign up to the sentiments expressed by Madeleine, and that they accurately reflect, in part at least, your own experience of marriage.

May the Lord who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion."

Look at some pictures on our [website](#)

Sustainability in Action



In the spirit of Laudato Si and the Season of Creation the St. Justin's group in St. Vincent's Parish in Sheffield organised a car boot sale. The St. Justin's group raises awareness about justice and peace issues and raises funds to support a variety of projects usually, but not exclusively in African countries. St. Justin's has direct links with various groups and gets regular updates on how the money has been used.

In the spirit of reducing one's carbon footprint a car boot sale was held on 21st September. This

was a great way to re-cycle things, particularly clothing. The United Nations states that the fashion industry is responsible for 8-10% of global emissions, more than aviation and shipping combined. Apparently, British shoppers buy more clothes than any others in Europe. So, it was a win-win event and with the opportunity to buy bacon butties and vegan alternatives many people went away happy and an amazing £746 was made.

Updates from the Safeguarding Office



Diocese of Hallam Audit

Since our last update in July 2024 the Safeguarding Office have been working hard to implement the recommendations of our recent audit, whilst bringing these into our ongoing developmental Action Plan for further development of safeguarding practice within the Diocese.

Our audit outcomes can be accessed via the following [link: https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/audits-and-reports/cssa-audit-reports/](https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/audits-and-reports/cssa-audit-reports/)

There will also be an open session at Hallam Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 between 6.00-7.00pm, where the Chair of the Safeguarding Committee - Catherine Bailey will present the audit outcomes and provide an opportunity for you to meet with the safeguarding team.

The session is open to all who may wish to attend.

Police Officer Representative for Hallam Trustee Safeguarding Committee

We are pleased to report that Detective

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Inspector Matthew Bolger will be joining the Safeguarding Committee and RAM (Risk Assessment and Management Group) meetings from November 2024.

DI Bolger is from the Major Crime Unit of South Yorkshire Police and is also a PIP3 accredited Senior Investigating Officer. We are extremely grateful to DI Bolger for agreeing to attend our meetings and his contribution, knowledge and expertise will be invaluable to the safeguarding team.

Safer Together: How we contribute to keeping others safe across our Ministries

As a community, we all have a role in ensuring that our Churches are safe places.

The ongoing cost of living crisis continues to have an impact on many of our parishioners. The strength of community support and engagement is vital in responding to the needs and challenges that others may face.

Our Parish Safeguarding Reps regularly share with us the good work of their parish, whether this is by being a member of their parish care group who take the time to visit others in the community who may be experiencing isolation and loneliness. Or, the parish may offer a food/clothing bank or provide a warm hub and coffee morning.

We would love for you to get in touch with us to share and celebrate your stories of working safely and caringly, or to make suggestions for good practice in our parishes.

We would like to feature some of these stories, with consent, in the Hallam Bridge. If you would like to share with us please contact the safeguarding office via email:

jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Parish Safeguarding Rep then please contact the safeguarding office for more information about the role.

We currently have a number of vacancies in various parishes across the Diocese.

Report on Visitor Activity to Padley Chapel



31st March to 30th September, 2024

Padley Chapel is a 14th century chapel and gatehouse forming part of Padley Manor, the remaining ruins of which lie adjacent to the chapel. The Grade 1 listed chapel is best known for its association with two Catholic priests, Robert Ludlam and Nicholas Garlick captured here in 1588. They were later executed for high treason for being Catholic priests and bringing the sacraments to recusant families during a period of history when Catholicism was suppressed by the Crown. Therefore, Padley Chapel is a special piece of local and national history, it is testimony to the preservation of the Roman Catholic faith in England.

Padley has been a place of pilgrimage since 1892 when the first pilgrimage took place in honour of the men who were martyred for their Catholic faith and the pilgrimages continue to this day. Every July, there is a pilgrimage held jointly with the Dioceses of Nottingham and Hallam, The Hallam Diocese Schools also hold a pilgrimage in July. There are other smaller pilgrimages by the St Vincent's Mission Hub and other individuals.

There is now a renewed interest in pilgrimage and the significance of Padley Chapel as a shrine is growing as a result. The British Pilgrimage Trust has published The Padley Martyrs Way, a Pilgrim Way for the Catholic Diocese of Hallam. The chapel now has its own Pilgrim stamp for use in the Pilgrim Passport, ready to welcome Pilgrims from the project "Hearts in Search of God" and in the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

The recently formed Friends of Padley group is working to make the chapel more accessible to visitors of all faiths and none. The chapel opened every Sunday between 2pm and 4pm during the summer months. It can be opened at

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other times by appointment by contacting the Friends of Padley.

This is a report on the number of visitors and the reasons for their visit to Padley Chapel between 31st March and 30th September, 2024. Unfortunately, there are no comparative data to allow for assessment of whether the renewed interest in the Padley Story has shown an increase in visitor numbers.

The full report is available on our website

The Diocese of Hallam's 'Pilgrim Ways'



Pilgrimage sites and routes across the Diocese of Hallam are being explored. The Diocese of Hallam's 'Pilgrim Passport' will soon be available, with further information. It will be a tremendous way to explore the spiritual meaning of Pilgrimage and the faith heritage of our Diocese.

Pilgrimages do not all have to be 'walking journeys'. A journey by whatever means, with a spiritual purpose and destination is a pilgrimage. In that sense, every time we go to Mass to receive the Blessed Sacrament, is a pilgrimage in itself.

Pope Francis has asked members of the Universal Church to go on one special, additional pilgrimage as 'Pilgrims of Hope' in the Jubilee 'Year of Hope' 2025. Our 'Pilgrim passport' information sheet will help with this. We look forward to sharing details of 'Hallam's Pilgrim Ways'. Those already established in our Diocese and to explore new ones for the future.

Gerard Bonner

Luce, the official mascot of the Jubilee 2025 makes her debut



During a press conference on October 28, Archbishop Rino Fisichella officially presented the mascot of the 2025 Jubilee, "Luce".

This character, designed by the illustrator Simone Legno, was designed with the intention of reflecting pop culture, popular among young people, and brings with it a message of hope and welcome.

Luce is a pilgrim dressed as a typical traveler: a yellow anorak to protect herself from the elements, dirty boots that bear witness to the path she has already traveled, a missionary cross around her neck and the pilgrim's staff in her hand. Particularly evocative are Luce's eyes, which shine with an intense light: they symbolize the hope that is born in the heart of every pilgrim, and reflect the desire for spirituality and connection with the divine. They act as a reminder of the universal message of peace and brotherhood. The choice of a mascot like Luce is part of a broader context, aimed at reaching new generations and promoting intergenerational dialogue. The mascot not only represents the Jubilee, but is also a symbol of community, of welcome and of sharing.

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Oppose Assisted Suicide



We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

In early September 2024, when parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

That call is renewed now as on Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater.

This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

Act Now! Contact your MP

The charity [Right to Life UK](#) has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

Pray

We are a praying Christian community and, as Bishop Sherrington says, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. “The Catholic Church accompanies those suffering and nearing the end of their lives with hope and affection, but also reminds them that their life is precious until the very last breath,” he says. “In preparation for these challenging debates, let us offer our prayers for those facing the end of their lives, that they may receive the care and support they need to live their final days with respect for their dignity.

“Let us also pray for our politicians and our

country that wisdom and compassion may guide their decisions. I also urge all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide.

[Find more resources on our website](#)

Bishop calls for employers to “recognise and respond” to the mental health needs of workers



“I was sick and you visited me” (Matthew 25:36)

Care and compassion towards those who are sick in mind, body and soul are central to what it means to follow Christ. Christ identified himself with those who were unwell and called for his followers to pay the same attention to those in need.

On World Mental Health Day 2024, we particularly remember the important issue of workplace mental health. For many of us, our workplace is a central hub of our daily life. It can provide a sense of purpose, belonging and connection, strengthening our mental health in the face of life’s challenges.

The dignity of work has long been recognised as a central principle of Catholic social teaching. As Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si’* (2015), “work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment”.

In practice, however, workplaces can also be sources of stress, depression and anxiety, which can harm our mental health. It is estimated that 15% of UK workers have an existing mental health condition; 875,000 workers suffered from work-related stress, depression and anxiety in 2022-23; and mental health was the fifth most common reason for sickness absence in 2022.

[Read the full article on our website](#)

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Spiritual Listening and Accompaniment

Week of guided prayer

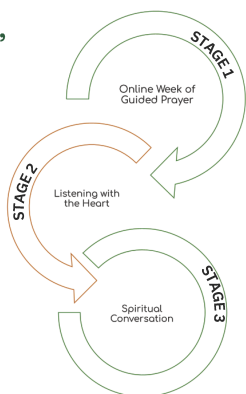
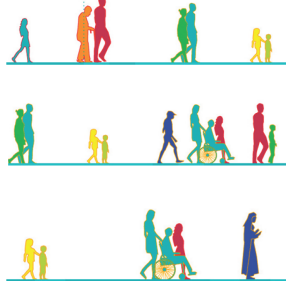
Spiritual Listening and Accompaniment

“Growing as missionary disciples means answering Jesus’ call to follow him... learning to accompany each other as a pilgrim people journeying through history towards a common destination, the heavenly city”

Intrumentum Laboris 2, Synod on Synodality 2024

“Where are you going?”

John 13:36



Join us to learn the synodal method of ‘Listening in the Spirit’, currently being practiced and promoted as a good way of learning to be a diverse and inclusive church on mission. **Learn how to listen** to the other and to listen also to **the Holy Spirit**.

Contact: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com or 0114 256 6410



What is it?

This programme is a combination of in-pur and experiential learning, on-line and in-person, in three stages, with teaching, spiritual accompaniment, faith sharing and learning, being offered by the Jesuit Institute and the team from Hallam Diocese Formation and Mission.

You will learn ways to build understanding and skills in praying and listening to help you to develop your relationship with God. In time, you will also have the opportunity to consider your mission and whether God is inviting you to further study, towards the ministry of accompanying others on their spiritual journey.

For further information get in touch with Formation and Mission by: Email: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com or Phone: 0114 256 6410

Week of Guided Prayer

Sunday 1st to Friday 6th December



Perfect for busy people

- Deepen your relationship with God
- Explore new ways of praying
- Find help with making decisions

Opening meeting

Online: Sunday 1st December - 3:30pm to 4:45pm
It is important to be at this to meet your guide for the week.

If you cannot be at this meeting please email Vron Smith: vrsmith@jesuit.org.uk or telephone 07548224359

Closing meeting:

Online: Friday 6th December – 8:00pm to 9:00pm

Guided group prayer sessions through the week (Optional)

- Online up to 1 hour
- Monday 6:00pm, Imaginative contemplation
- Tuesday 6:00pm, Examen
- Wednesday 6:00pm, Praying with images

REGISTER HERE!



Advent Day of Reflection and Prayer with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp



14 December 2004 11:00 am-4:00 pm Hallam Pastoral Centre

Looking forward to Advent and as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of the Incarnate Word, Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp will help us to

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prayerfully reflect on the centrality of the Word of God through Dei Verbum, the Second Vatican Council's document on Divine Revelation...

so that by hearing the message of salvation the whole world may believe, by believing it may hope, and by hoping it may love.

Eamonn Mulcahy is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). Originally from Manchester and a priest since 1980, he has been on mission in Congo-Brazzaville, Nigeria, and Kenya. He has extensive experience of deepening the Faith Formation of Adults in the UK and leading spiritual retreats to lay-people, priests and religious in Europe, North America, Australia, Africa, and Asia. He is passionate about communicating the beauty of our Faith to others and loves the interface between Scripture, Theology, Spirituality and Literature. Since October 2023, Eamonn is based in the Spiritan Parish of Hanley/Stoke-on-Trent.

You can book for this event on the Formation & Mission Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433>

Schools competition launched by Columban Missionaries in Britain



The Columban Missionaries in Britain have launched their 2024/25 Schools Media Competition, which has the title Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope.

Encouraging creativity and faith engagement with issues in the world today, this year's competition welcomes both written and image entries until 7 February, 2025, with winners being announced on 10 March. Cash prizes will

be awarded to the winning entrants and the first prize is an impressive £300!

High-profile judges from the world of journalism have been secured and winning entries will be published in the Columbans'

Far East magazine, Vocation for Justice newsletter, Columban websites in Ireland and Britain, Columban social media and in other Catholic media. The Columbans are delighted that Ruth Gledhill of *The Tablet* and Jo Siedlecka of Independent Catholic News, are among the judges in Britain.

The competition is targeted at students aged between 13-18 years old. Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme he has chosen is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he urges us to look for signs of hope in the world around us and work for peace and justice. "May the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope," he says.

Young people are invited to highlight one community or group bringing hope in the world today. This might be one they are part of or one that inspires them. The community/group chosen should act in some way for the common good, responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the poor (Laudato Si' #49).

In his role as Columban Justice and Peace Education Worker in Britain, James Trewby visits young people in schools and sixth forms and runs workshops, retreats and assemblies to promote justice, peace and the integrity of creation. He said: "I'm delighted that the Columban Schools Media Competition this year focuses on the theme of Jubilee, linking into the Jubilee Year in 2025 declared by Pope Francis. The Columbans are keen to nurture the student voice and provide an opportunity for young people to explore positive initiatives on the theme."

A core aspect of Columban mission is justice, peace and ecology. The biblical Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the Earth, and land being restored to landless communities. Poor and vulnerable

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communities were given the opportunity for a fresh start on a more equal footing, and that need is there in today's world. Internationally, Columban Missionaries support inspirational communities assisting migrants and asylum seekers, caring for the environment, and calling for Jubilee debt cancellation.

Students will find the Columban Competition website:

<https://www.columbancompetition.com/> an essential resource. It includes information on the theme of Jubilee and Pilgrimage plus examples of Columban projects and inspirational communities. There are also details on submission of entries and a helpful FAQ page. The website provides material suitable for students, teachers and parents.

St Vincent's Sewing Bee Experience



St Vincent's Sewing Bee Experience
 Saturday 2nd November,
 2024 10am to 4pm
 St Vincent's Furniture Project
 280 Queens Road, Sheffield S2 4DL

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On Thursday, December 5th, at 2 PM, 20-year-old William Bolger will attempt to break the record for the most one-legged raised push-ups in one hour, currently set at 534, while carrying a weight of 27.22 kg on his back.

The message William wants to portray is "how Jesus can be the strength in our lives!"

We warmly invite you to join us at Powers Martial Arts Centre, located at 252 Deer Park Road, to witness this inspiring event and support William.