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

Young Pilgrims walk in the Footsteps of St Cuthbert

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Why Catholics no longer come to church?



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Upcoming Events

8 June-9:00 – 12:30pm CCRS Hallam Pastoral Centre
 12-14, June Catholic Parish Summit, Harrogate.
 16 June 2:30 African Community Mass Sacred Heart, Hillsborough
 28 June -4 July Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
 6 July Annual Safeguarding Event
 7 July Interdiocesan Padley Pilgrimage
 13 July 11:00am – 4:00pm Summer Retreat Day Mount St Mary's (note changed venue)
 27 July Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage
 28 September 12:00 Celebration Event for Married Couples- St Peter's, Doncaster

Welcome to the May edition of Hallam Bridge

Welcome to the May edition of Hallam Bridge. We look back and look forward this month. Along with the worldwide Church, we celebrate the life of Blessed Carlos Acutis and news of his upcoming canonisation. (Page 8). There were 30 young people who celebrated a joyful, exuberant and noisy confirmation Mass on Pentecost Sunday and we congratulate them. We also gratefully acknowledge the quiet reliable ministries of stewards, flower arrangers, welcomers, altar servers, priests, catechists, and (not so quiet) contributions from the musicians and singers which all work together to accompany the young people on this stage of their faith journey.

The story of the welcome to the diocese of the resettlement of refugee friends is a look back with pride and joy at how this opportunity to witness the faith was carried out, a blessing on all who gave and all who received. [Page 4]. St Vincent de Paul Society also reflects on distribution of 3000 pieces of furniture and their continuing good works for the people of God. Pilgrimage has begun to be a recurring theme in this diocese and elsewhere. Sue McDonald, our diocesan Youth Director, writes about the Young Pilgrims walking in the steps of St Cuthbert. Padley, one of the diocesan Pilgrimage sites, welcomed visitors from Ireland (Page 4). We begin to consider what needs to happen to prepare for the year of Jubilee called

by Pope Francis for next year and which has as the theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'. {See page 3 for a summary and link to the Papal Bull which describes what we might expect for the Jubilee Year, here, in Rome and across the world.}. We also hear about a group of people who have walked away. The work of the synod in the diocese did identify some people of God who no longer come to church and this in-depth research from the University of Durham gives some information which might help to understand why some Catholics stop going to church. (page 6). As we end this month of May, traditionally one of devotion to Our Lady, there is also a reminder of the opportunity to pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Ralph and people of God from across the diocese. Remember that it is important that no one feels excluded from this event by reason of finances. If you need help in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the organisers or formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com.

Editor

From CBCEW on the General Election 2024

The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday, 4 July. In this section you will find information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote.

Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest. Throughout this election season we will be seeking answers which will help the poor, the marginalised, and the vulnerable. We seek a society in which all families can flourish and where we care for our common home, where we offer a welcoming hand to strangers in need, where we look out for those struggling to get on. Families are the heart of our communities and society. We seek, therefore, political leaders who can reflect and share these values. But this is not just about leaders, it is about us. We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead. We hope that these resources will help in that endeavour. Registering to vote Please note, if you haven't registered to vote in the general election, you must do so by 23:59 on Tuesday, 18 June 2024. If you are eligible, you can do so here: gov.uk/register-to-vote. Photo ID is necessary

Summer Day of Reflection and Prayer with Fr Peter Scally sj



For further details and to book



Plague, War, Famine & Death: Praying when the world is in crisis.
 Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill 13 July 11:00-4:00

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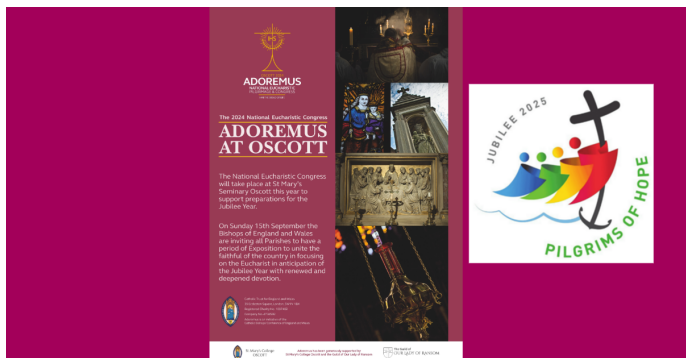
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Preparations for the Jubilee 2025



On Thursday, 9 May Pope Francis read the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year 2025. The Papal Bull, called SPES NON CONFUNDIT. "Hope does not disappoint" is the official document which states the opening and closing dates of the coming Holy Year and the theme of the Jubilee. For this jubilee year, 2025, the theme chosen is "Pilgrims of Hope." The theme of "pilgrims of hope" is particularly important at a time like this; in a world ravaged by wars, poverty and threatened by climate change, and with many people facing increasing economic challenges. This Holy Year can help us to keep lit the torch of faith that we have been given, so that everyone can look to the future with hope.

On Sunday 15 September the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country together to focus on the Eucharist, in anticipation of the Jubilee Year.

The faithful, as pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, granted by the Holy Father, if they undertake a pilgrimage to a holy site in the Jubilee Year which is followed by Holy Mass or Anointing of the Sick or a celebration of the Word of God or the Liturgy of the Hours or the Rosary or a penitential celebration. In the Diocese of Hallam a Jubilee 2025 Coordination Commission has been meeting to make preparations for the Jubilee Year. There will be a Diocese of Hallam Pilgrim Passport provided for 2025 with an events calendar which will include information about holy sites in the Diocese, which will be designated by the Bishop for individual or group pilgrimages. A pilgrimage is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and

simplicity of life. In the coming year, as pilgrims of hope we can travel ancient and more modern routes in the Diocese in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. The Jubilee Year will start on Sunday, 29 December 2024, when Bishop Ralph will celebrate Holy Mass in the Cathedral as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. Tony Strike

St Vincent De Paul Society



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

A Sheffield-based project has helped nearly 3,000 people with essential furniture in one year alone

SVP Sheffield Furniture Project, part of the St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales), has given nearly 3,000 pieces of furniture to those who would otherwise be without – with more than half of that figure going to children. Based on Queens Road, the project collects furniture and household donations from across the city where they then redistribute these to those in need. Items can range from anything to a table, chairs, mattresses, beds, and even furnishing entire homes. Since the start of the Cost-of-Living Crisis, the furniture project has seen a dramatic increase in people turning to them for help, alongside agencies referring people too. Back in 2021, the project helped equip nearly 1,800 with basic furniture and this figure has increased significantly since then with nearly a staggering 3,000 turning for help. Centre Manager at the Sheffield Furniture Project, Tracy Haycox, said: "The work we do here is changing lives, yet we're only giving families and people in need the basic furniture

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that should make every house a home. "Not only do we serve people in need, but we're saving many household items from going to landfill and recycling what we can to give as many items as possible a second home. "Things have only been made worse since the COVID-19 pandemic, and now we have the Cost of Living Crisis which is causing even more marginal divides in society meaning people are forced to choose between heating or eating, they can't even begin to think about furniture. We're just giving them something which they should be able to afford but simply can't." SVP Sheffield Furniture is part of the St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales) which is a thriving Christian voluntary movement which is dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to those in need. 2024 marks the 180th year of the SVP helping people across England and Wales. For more information about the SVP Sheffield Furniture, please visit their website on: <https://svp.org.uk/sheffield-furniture-store>

From Ireland to Padley



On Saturday 20 April 2024 a retired priest, Father Michael McGourty from Co. Fermanagh, celebrated Holy Mass in Padley Chapel. For many years he has visited Walsingham in honour of our Blessed Lady and this year he continued his pilgrimage to Padley. He was accompanied by his brother John from Kilkenny and his sister Geraldine Kelly. The sun shone brightly depicting the two martyr priests in the

stained glass window. Mass was celebrated with his family, volunteers and visitors. It was a joyous occasion which Fr. McGourty would like to repeat in the future.

Refugee Resettlement...Faith in Action



Home from Home Hallam, formed exactly 3 years ago when 25 Hallam Diocese parishioners volunteered to resettle a refugee family, has completed what it set out to do, and disbanded. Seeing the trees blossom at this time of year, it is impossible not to think of 'our' family. They, too, have blossomed. The children are flourishing at school, discovering what they enjoy, and proud of their achievements. Mum and Dad have established a comfortable home, and delight in (British) birthday, as well as Eid celebrations.

In June 2022, after a year of training, research and preparation, we welcomed the family. One year for support after their arrival became nearly two, as we and our family, communicating through interpreters, struggled with complex financial, health and educational needs that often required creative thinking, and bewildered us as volunteers. It's been a voyage of discovery; exciting, frustrating, joyful and surprising, but at its centre, a family escaping

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trauma and uncertainty now have a safe, happy home.

So it is with pride in our family's achievements (and our own!) that we have accepted their suggestion that we move to a new phase in our relationship, supporting, befriending and celebrating with them as friends.

God worked through us to discover the range of expertise needed – and incidentally to find new friends in the group. Our success has depended on our monitoring everything we did, meticulous online communication and a safe system of online record-keeping which became our communal 'brain'. At monthly meetings a stream of new and ongoing issues were discussed, always starting and ending in prayer.

We would happily share what we have learned with others and some of us may even volunteer again. We are certainly grateful for the opportunity we were given; to be prayerful, accepting, and hopeful. Rita McManus

St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury seeks a new Damian Lundy Song to celebrate its 50th Anniversary



St Cassian's, Kintbury, the Lasallian youth retreat centre, is preparing to celebrate 50 years of ministry to young people from across Britain and beyond. As part of the festivities they are asking for musical submissions setting the lyrics of one of its founders, Damian Lundy, to music.

Damian Lundy FSC is remembered with fondness for many things. Friends and family remember his kindness and fun; young people continue to experience his legacy through retreats. For many more people, he is

associated with hymns - from The Spirit lives to set us free (Walk in the Light) to Laudato Sii.

Emma Biggins, the director of St Cassian's Centre is excited about the project

"We've taken the lyrics from 3 different pieces from Damian Lundy's files that don't have accompanying music and are looking for contributors to bring life to these words. This isn't a competition, but a community project where we want as many people as possible to take part. It could be the first time you set words to music, or it could be your profession. You might do this alone, or work with friends and community to create something, just as Damian did."

This is one of several events planned to mark the Centre's golden jubilee. Brother Armin Luistro FSC, the Superior General of the De La Salle Brothers, will be taking part in a youth retreat for all the UK Lasallian schools, as well as young people from the wider province.

Appeal to past team members and retreatants

Tens of thousands of young people, teachers and chaplains have come through the doors of St Cassian's Centre and followed the much loved programme to explore their faith and relationships. Each year, a set of young people volunteer their time to bear witness of Christ's love and help. It is an incredibly formative experience and the Centre are very keen to reach out to those who have been part of that community.

"The network of past team members is thriving but we only have contact details for about a third of past team members. Most connections are through social media and we aren't in touch with as many people as we'd like from a pre-internet age.

"We would love to hear stories and reconnect with anyone who lived and worked at St Cassian's, especially those we have lost touch with" urged Nick Smith, a member of the Centre's management committee. Information about the song application is available on the Kintbury website theKintburyexperience.com/song

Believing, not Belonging



Believing, not Belonging –

A research into why Catholics no longer come to church: understanding ecclesial drift, estrangement and disaffiliation.

The

Believing, not Belonging

research carried out during the summer of 2023, created a space through which Catholic women and men who no longer regularly practise their faith might be seriously listened to, so as to understand the complex decision-making and reasoning which has led to a scenario in which many Catholics still believe, yet no longer feel as though they belong in the Church.

The research has uncovered significant experiences of ethical, ecclesial and liturgical discord, that have significantly contributed to the ecclesial drift, estrangement and disaffiliation of baptised Catholics amidst the wider pervasive influence of the global Covid-19 pandemic that afforded many Catholic men and women a period of reflection and re-appraisal with regards to the role that faith and Church occupies in their life. It is such experiences of discord that this research shows often find a resolution in a movement away from the life and practice of the Church.

the full article is available on our website

CAFOD launches emergency appeal to support 'world's worst crisis' in Sudan



CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal to support families in Sudan, as Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations says that Sudan is in the grip of the world's worst hunger and displacement crisis.

With over eight million people having fled their homes to escape violence, after fighting erupted a year ago between government forces and paramilitaries, and with 25 million in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, CAFOD says there is a short window to act before the growing season in Sudan starts in June, as fears grow of an impending - yet preventable - famine.

Jo Kitterick, CAFOD's director of participation, said: "Many aid agencies exited Sudan when the current fighting erupted a year ago. Right now Catholic agencies in the Caritas network that CAFOD is part of, supported by the Church of Sudan, are some of the only organisations able to deliver aid to support the Sudanese people. The communities we serve in Sudan have issued a desperate cry for help and we are inviting the Catholic community to stand alongside us and the local Sudanese organisations we fund in responding to their call."

CAFOD has been working alongside communities in Sudan for over fifty years. Donations made to its Sudan crisis appeal – whether online or via collections in parishes this weekend – will go towards supporting families in Sudan and surrounding countries, who are already contending with extreme hunger, as communities strive to stop the crisis becoming the worst in living memory.

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Speaking at the weekend, Ambassador Barbara Woodward, the UK's permanent representative to the United Nations, told the UN Security Council that while Sudan is in the grip of the world's worst hunger and displacement crisis, "it is not too late for Sudan to return from the brink," as she urged the warring parties in Sudan to engage in political negotiations to bring about peace, and for greater access to humanitarian access to reach those most in need.

Donations can be made at cafod.org.uk/SudanAppeal

Young Pilgrims Journey in the Footsteps of St Cuthbert



After Easter a few of our young adults joined together with Fcj youth network and the Sue McDonald, youth director for Hallam and embarked on a 4 day pilgrimage along St Cuthbert's way. Here is a reflection from one of the participants from Hallam.

On our recent pilgrimage to Lindisfarne (Holy Island), we encountered the story of St. Cuthbert, a missionary monk who captured the essence of living the gospel in an authentic witness of simplicity.

The pilgrimage took us through the stunning Northumbrian countryside allowing the time and space for deep inward reflection as well as forming fellowship with our other pilgrims. Supported by the Sisters of The Faithful Companions of Jesus, the collective of pilgrims came from all walks of life. Together we shared in daily tasks of cooking, cleaning, preparing for the next days walk, and in supporting each other. What first was a group of strangers became a fellowship of pilgrims ultimately

aiming for the same goal, who supported each other in doing that through the wind, rain, mud, and sea.

The pilgrimage was a great opportunity to share in a journey of continuous reflection and in understanding of what it is to be a part of a wider Catholic family. Going on pilgrimage reminds us of the universal pilgrimage we are all travelling on; the one to heaven. And so in going on pilgrimage to honour the saints, we are honouring not only the paths they trod but the lives they lead to reach the beatific vision.

In this pilgrimage honouring St. Cuthbert, the takeaway was his respect of obedience to the Church, the deep prayer life he had, and needing nothing but God. All of these things are a reminder of what really matters, but to get there we need to embrace the cross, share the journey with others, and prioritise what really matters. Sue McDonald

Giving Hope through Water, essential for life



Water Infographs courtesy of B'Tselem Report, May 2023.

Friends of the Holy Land is very pleased to announce the completion of Phase 1 of their

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Water Emergency & House Rehabilitation Project in Bethlehem. This project has directly improved living conditions for 48 families living in the area by installing water tanks and solar panels in the houses of families in need, giving them access to clean water and the ability to cope with water shortages. The investment in Phase 1 of this project has been £50,000.

"Mains water supply in the Bethlehem area is intermittent with supply being available perhaps only two days in a month. With so many people unemployed and stuck at home due to the war, the demand for clean water storage has hugely risen, so, this project addressed an urgent need for these families by replacing old, rusty and cracked water tanks. Their only option to these insanitary tanks is to buy in water by tanker at ten times the cost of mains supply. We are very happy that the works were completed as planned despite some of the increasing difficulties with restrictions on travel and supplies imposed due to the war." advised Brendan Metcalfe CEO of Friends of the Holy Land.

"The range of people helped by this project is across the spectrum of the local Christian community from large families to a young couple about to get married; all could not have afforded to even consider making this work without our help. Now, not only are their lives improved but they know that our supporters around the world love and care for them which is an emotional boost for them in these dark days. Hopefully this will also encourage them to remain in the Holy Land."

Also, as this project exclusively used local Christian suppliers and contractors, the financial benefits of the programme were multiplied as the project provided work and an income for them at a time where there are few construction jobs around as all construction project work has been stopped by the war. Moreover, as part of the project specification, young people from the Christian community were taken on as apprentices to learn the trade on the job.

The Office team of Friends of the Holy Land in Bethlehem worked in partnership with Pro Terra Sancta to identify and assess the families most

in need and to manage the project. We have a growing waiting list for Phase 2 of this project which we hope to start later this year. Should you wish to support the next phase of this project please make the note "Water Project" when you make your donation online on our website or call our office on 01926 512980.

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A saint for Our Age- Blessed Carlo Acutis to be canonised



Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis in St Gerard's, Thrybergh

It is unusual to hear news of Saints on BBC Radio 4, so the coincidence of encountering the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis at St Gerard's, Rotherham, who have custody of it, and then hearing on the national news that Pope Francis has formally recognised a miracle attributed to the intercession of of Blessed Carlo was a pleasant surprise. The cause for his canonisation can be seen at carloacutis.com, which tells something of his story.

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 in London to Italian parents. The family moved back to Italy. "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan" he wrote when he was 7.

At high school he began to design websites and develop computer skills, which he used to evangelise, for example, creating an online database of Eucharistic miracles across the world. He was referred to on the BBC as 'God's influencer' and his young age means that young people may find something in his story that they can relate to. He also did works of charity,

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volunteered at the soup kitchen, helped others. He was also interested in ordinary teenage things like football and played saxophone. His attended to his spiritual life, praying the rosary every day, and reverencing the Eucharist, which he said was the 'highway to heaven'.

He died of leukaemia on 12 October 2006 and is buried at Assisi. The cause for his canonisation is documented and two miracles now formally recognised means he is eligible for sainthood. For something to be deemed a miracle, it requires an act seen to be beyond what is possible in nature, such as a healing. There is a shrine to him in Cardin Grotto in Motherwell and a relic here in our own diocese of Hallam, which can be brought to other parishes by arrangement.

My mother always said the new saints were good ones to turn to for intercession as they were likely not to be so busy. Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us. Frances

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Oh God, Our Father,
thank you for giving us Carlo,
a life example for the young
and a message of love for everyone. You made
him become enamoured with
Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist
his "Highway to Heaven".

You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother,
and, with the Rosary, you made him
a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for
us.

Above all, gaze upon the poor,
whom he loved and helped.
Grant for me too, by his intercession,
the grace that I need ...
And make our joy fulfilled,
placing Carlo among the Saints
of your Church, so that his smile
may shine again for us in the glory of your name.

Amen

"Our Father", "Hail Mary", "Glory be to God"



 **Diocese of Hallam**


Bishop Ralph Heskett

**INVITES ALL COUPLES WHO HAVE MARRIED THIS YEAR OR WHO
ARE CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST, TENTH, TWENTY FIFTH,
FIFTIETH, SIXTIETH OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY**

to
**A DIOCESAN CELEBRATION of
THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

**SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2024,
12:00 Noon**

**St Peter's Catholic Church
Chequer Road, Doncaster DN1 2AA**

**RSVP using this QR code
further details from
marriagepreparation@hallam-diocese.com**



Photo by wendel moretti: <https://www.pexels.com/photo/man-and-woman-s-hands-on-top-of-ball-bouquet-1730877/>

An Invitation- To Those celebrating a Significant Wedding Anniversary

Have you just got married during 2024 or are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary- one, 10, 25, 50 60 or more? If so, Bishop Ralph cordially invites you to join him at a diocesan celebration Mass in thanksgiving for the sacrament of Marriage on 28 September 2024 at St Peter's, Chequer Road, Doncaster DN1 2AA at 12:00 followed by refreshments. If you would like to attend then please add your details to the Google form using the QR Code above Further Details from marriagepreparation@hallam-diocese.com

Looking Ahead

Together for the Common Good Podcast Launched



As we prepare for the General Election Together for the Common Good have launched a new podcast series exploring the common good as a catalyst to spiritual and civic renewal.

Speakers, ranging from Lord Glasman to Sr Helen Alford, draw on the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching to show in practical ways how common good thinking opens up pathways to hope. These talks address the big questions of our time - economy, work, nature, social peace, civic life, what it means to be human - and much more. You can find the Together for the Common Good Podcast on Substack, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you normally listen to your podcasts. All are free to download, and are offered as we prepare for the General Election as a stimulus for reflection and conversation. Find out more at <https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/t4cg-podcast> Jenny Sinclair

Christ Church
Stocksbridge
22 June at 7pm
BOX OFFICE
07592 944810

St Andrew's URC
Upper Hanover St
Sheffield

Friday 21 June at 7pm
Tickets obtainable from above address (include S A E & cheque to St Andrew's URC) or on the door.



Pope Francis sets out his vision for the Jubilee Year



Pope Francis presided over a liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica on 9 May for the reading of the papal bull

SPES NON CONFUNDIT.

"Hope does not disappoint", or official edict, that sets out his vision for the Jubilee Year- a year of hope.

The Jubilee, last held in the year 2000, the tradition, which dates back to 1300, will see 30 million people visit Rome for a series of events and celebrations. Finding affordable accommodation may need a miracle, says a leading travel expert.

With just a few breaks for events such as the Napoleonic Wars, the Jubilee has become one of the world's oldest regular celebrations, far eclipsing traditions such as the modern Olympic Games, which only began in the year 1900.

Held every 25 years, the 2025 Jubilee will have the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Lily Smith, a leading travel expert from Monasteries.com, says: 'Events to commemorate the Jubilee will be held throughout 2025, reaching a peak in May and June. It's exciting news, but it is likely to create problems for people planning to visit Rome next year.

'Our research indicates that more than 30 million visitors are likely to visit Rome for the celebrations. That's 200% more than the 10 million visitors Rome normally receives and roughly eight times the city's entire population. For that reason, hotel accommodation is going to be at an absolute premium, especially during

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the peak summer months.

It's no surprise that many people planning to visit Rome are already thinking beyond hotels and traditional Italian "pensiones". What could be more in keeping with such a momentous event than staying in a monastery or convent?

Many have breakfast and dining halls, communal spaces and – especially in Rome – rooftop terraces with stunning panoramic views. While some monasteries are more basic, many come fully equipped with modern amenities. All are far more budget-friendly than hotels or holiday lets.

Rome's top-rated Casa il Rosario, for example, costs as little as €50 per night (in fact, there's currently a room available for just €42.99 next May), compared to the €90 you would typically spend for a night in one of Rome's hotels. There are three monastery guest houses offering accommodation to visitors within a ten-minute walk of the Vatican, and many others are sited near the basilicas that will be opened by the Pope for next year's events.

It's eternally difficult to find affordable accommodation in the Eternal City, but 2025 will see potentially record numbers of visitors. Staying in a monastery also enables people to become part of a community, regardless of whether they are religious. Common areas, such as dining rooms, offer ideal places to forge friendships and connections.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Jubilees are years of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation. Among the many special events next year to mark the 'Pilgrims of Hope' (Peregrinantes in Spem) theme will be a Jubilee of Children (24 May), Jubilee of Sport (14 June), Jubilee of Youth (28 July) and Jubilee of Choirs (21 November).

Accommodation in monasteries, convents and abbeys is widely available next year in Rome. Some people may be surprised that they welcome everyone but, remember, they have offered sanctuary to pilgrims and travellers for centuries, with a vow of "hospitality" a feature for many religious orders. That means monasteries, convents and abbeys are often more encompassing and friendly than an anonymous hotel.

Visitors to the Jubilee will be in good historical company. It's thought the famous writer Dante (author of "Inferno") visited Rome for Pope Boniface's first Jubilee in the year 1300. For people wanting to learn more about the Jubilee, staying in monasteries, convents and abbeys an how to book,

see: <https://www.monasteries.com/en-GB/travel/inspiration/where-to-stay-in-rome-for-jubilee-2025> Advertising feature- Momasteries.com

The Journeying Team



Journeying was founded in 1988. Since then, it has been an adventure! We have travelled to many of the most remote and seemingly inaccessible places of pilgrimage in Britain and Ireland; shuddered and laughed together at some of the predicaments encountered along the way; and known the delight of discovering places where for centuries people have felt especially close to God - sacred places, places of pilgrimage...

Non-profit-seeking and ecumenical, Journeying comprises a team of people from a wide range of Christian traditions, who both run the organisation and plan and lead the annual programme of pilgrim-journeys. All are volunteers who have discovered a closeness to God through travel to remote places and have a passion to share this with others.

We are always pleased to hear from people interested in discovering more about team membership. For details please email: info@journeying.co.uk or write to: Journeying, 4 Main Street, Llangwm, Pembrokeshire SA62 4HP, Wales.

"Worshipping with islands, sea and sunset as a back-cloth is something I will never forget." Richard, Journeying pilgrim.

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Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham



Led by: RT. REV. RALPH HESKETT CSSR
Bishop of Hallam

Saturday 27 July 2024

Coaches to depart from Doncaster AND Sheffield

DONCASTER

Departing from St Peter in Chains, Doncaster DN1 2AA at 07:20. Car Park available

Picking-up at:- St Helen's, Oldcotes, S81 8JF at 07:45 Car Park available

St Joseph the Worker, Worksop S81 0SF at 08:05 NO Car Park

St Joseph's, Retford DN22 7BP at 08:20 Car Park available

Coach Fares:- £24 Adult £12 Child/Student
~Seat Reservation confirmed by Payment, either Cash or Cheque made payable To:- Marian C Johnson HDWP 2024. Receipts will be issued. For Bookings and further enquiries:- please contact Marian Johnson by TEXT ONLY on 07990588083 (hearing impairment) OR Email mcjohnson2512@gmail.com.

SHEFFIELD

Departing from ASDA, HANDSWORTH BUS STOP at 07:15

Picking-up at :- PENNY BLACK, POND HILL, S1 2BG at 07.30

Coach Fares:- £24 Adult £12 Child/Student
For enquiries/Bookings:- please contact Joseph Durham Tel: 07939152558 OR Email joseph.durham52@gmail.com

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Comfort Stop enroute. Arrive at the Coach Park, Walsingham Village app. 12:15pm.

(Optional)

Pre-booked Meal served at Elmham House at 1pm :- £16 Adult £8 Child age 4 -16 (Sml plate) Under 4 FREE. A choice of 3 Mains and 3 Desserts +Tea and Coffee/Squash. Special diets are catered for. Please let your Deanery Rep. know at the time of Booking.

Programme Provided:

The Rosary Procession to the Shrine will leave Friday Market at approx. 2.15pm.

Those Pilgrims with disabilities will be escorted by Coach to the Shrine.

Vigil Mass will be Celebrated at 4.00pm. Depart Walsingham Shrine at 5.30pm.

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The National Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's Seminary Oscott this year to support preparations for the Jubilee Year.

On Sunday 15th September the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

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