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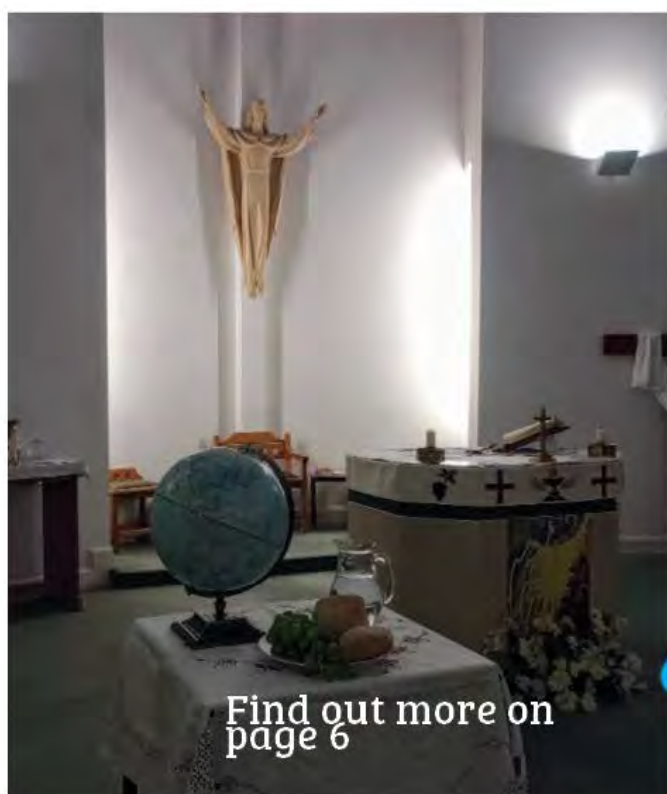
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A Community called to love one another as Christ loves us.



Laudato Si Week at St Vincent's, Sheffield Schools make the Jubilee Pledge

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Upcoming Events

- 27 June** Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
6 July Interdiocesan Padley Pilgrimage
8 July Schools Padley Pilgrimage
26 July Hallam Walsingham Pilgrimage
20 September Missio Mass St Joseph's, Wath upon Dearne
11 October Celebration for Married Couples, St Peter's, Doncaster
11 October Introduction to Accompaniment Pastoral Centre



Jubilee Events in the Diocese

- 6 July** Padley Pilgrimage and Mass Padley Chapel
20 July Annual Hallam African Community Mass TBC
20 September Jubilee of Altar Servers Holy Rood Barnsley
15 November Jubilee of Volunteers Immaculate Conception, Rotherham

Welcome to the June edition of Hallam Bridge

Time flies and already we are halfway through our Jubilee Year of Hope. How's your year of being a Pilgrim of Hope going? Schools and colleges are actively engaged in this mission, read about their Jubilee pledge (page 3). Mount St Mary's College were learning about refugees with the help of two Jesuit priests, and including a zoom call with David Mawa, a former refugee from South Sudan. An event announcing the winners of a Speaking Contest organised by the Catenians is described (page 5).

Pilgrimages to holy places continue with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. Our Pilgrim of Hope, Gerard Bonner, keeps us informed of ways to join in as pilgrims closer to home. (Pages 4 & 7)

Read about some special Masses celebrated this month; a Mass for Life was celebrated at Mother of God Church, a Laudato Si' week Mass at St Vincent's with a moving reflection provided by a parishioner which you can read on Hallam website or get in touch with us if you have any difficulties obtaining a copy. There have also been a number of celebrations of the ministry of priests in the diocese: Fr Len May who celebrated 75 years of priesthood was made a Chaplain of his Holiness with the title of Monsignor, Mgr Willie Kilgannon celebrated 60 years of priesthood with a joyful celebration at Mother of God, Sheffield,

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where he has ministered for the past 47 years; and Fr Christian Nwakamma celebrated his first anniversary with a lively celebration at St Marie's. We give thanks for their dedicated service and that of other priests who are celebrating a special anniversary this year. (Page 8)

You can also see a invitations to a number of diocesan events and other opportunities: to couples celebrating anniversaries of their marriage at a celebration with Bishop Ralph our Marriage Mass (page 12); to the Missio Mass (page 9); to learn more about how to contribute to becoming a more synodal church, by learning about synodality (see School for Synodality link page 9) or learning to listen and how to have a Spiritual Conversation. (Page 12). To the Catholic Union's Summer Gathering at Worth Abbey (page 10). And we finally have the exciting details of the new Pastoral Leadership course being offered by Liverpool Hope University (page 9). This replaces the Loyola Pastoral Ministry course which has run in the diocese for some years, and whose graduates are active in all sorts of ways across the diocese, fuelled by the fresh learning and thinking about the Church derived from adult learning. If you want to learn more about your faith, as an adult, now is a good time to apply, depending upon your interest and what you feel called to follow. There's the Spiritual Conversation course if you want to develop your spiritual life. There's CCRS or the Pastoral Leadership course if you're interested in the aspect of your faith that is about rooting your life and actions in Scripture and the theology of the church. And there are doubtless lots of opportunities in your parish for you to labour for the Kingdom in other ways. As always, we are pleased to hear from you about what's been happening in your parish or what will be happening if you want some extra publicity. Finally, the diocesan Communications group will this month be meeting to consider how communication across the diocese might be improved. One request has been for the return of a hard copy of the Diocesan Year Book. Your views on this or any other aspect of Catholic life would be welcome contributions to Hallam Bridge. Keep us informed.

Editor



Appointments:

Mgr Len May has been appointed as a Chaplain to his Holiness Fr Paddy Walsh: will retire as Parish Priest of St Vincent's in September.

Fr Lee Marshall: has been appointed as Parish Priest of St Vincent's. He will also remain as Chaplain to the Mission Hub. Pippa Baker, has been appointed as Mission Director at the Mission Hub.

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Jubilee for Schools - Making the Jubilee Pledge



It doesn't seem that long ago when, back in January, we celebrated the Jubilee Year Launch Day for schools and colleges. A flurry of activity saw pupils and teachers across the nations come together to mark the start of this landmark moment in the Catholic church.

Pope Francis called on us in this Jubilee year to be Pilgrims of Hope; to build a better world for everyone and experience the joy which comes from taking action together in a world where many experience poverty, injustice and conflict. As we remember Pope Francis and give thanks for his life, we continue to be inspired by his invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing God loves each one of us.

Since January we have seen schools celebrate with many different activities: creating jubilee icons and proudly displaying banners, classroom talks and cross-town pilgrimage walks, painting windows and dressing in Jubilee colours. As part of living out their Jubilee pledge, schools have joined the wider community in asking for debt relief for the world's poorest countries. And now it's time to take the next steps on the journey!

"We're delighted with how schools have responded to Pope Francis' call to journey together with hope in this Jubilee Year," says CAFOD's Head of Education, Monica Conmee. "The creativity and enthusiasm have been inspiring – and we look forward to seeing more of it this summer!"

In June or July, all Catholic schools are invited to make a Jubilee Pledge to live out Catholic Social Teaching; to commit to a 'sign of hope' and stand in solidarity with communities experiencing poverty and advancing justice and

harmony locally, nationally, and globally. Our new pope, Pope Francis, carries on Pope Francis' work and invites us to build a Church that "seeks peace, seeks charity and wants to be as close as possible to people who suffer".

A better world needs all of us, and the Jubilee Pledge will be a whole school, long-term commitment to take concrete actions to build a fairer world, putting Catholic Social Teaching into action, just as Pope Francis and Pope Leo have asked us to do.

The Jubilee Pledge:

We are pilgrims of hope.

We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys.

We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally.

We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

There are a wide range of resources to support schools in preparing for and celebrating Jubilee Pledge Day, including a guide, a pledge poster, a liturgy and a short, downloadable CPD session for staff. To inspire and enthuse pupils, there is a short film that celebrates all that has been achieved so far in this Jubilee Year and looks ahead to making the Jubilee Pledge in June or July.

Jubilee Pledge Day will be a day to remember for the whole school community, with celebrations taking place in a variety of ways, with liturgies or assemblies with parents, carers and parishioners invited, or celebratory learning and fundraising activities. To share their commitment, schools will contribute to the online Pledge Map, ensuring their school name is plotted on the map, receiving a Jubilee Pledge Certificate as a reminder of their long-term commitment to justice, peace and love.

Visit jubilee-schools.org.uk for Jubilee Pledge Day inspiration and resources. Sharon Matthews

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The Hearts in Search of God project



The aim of this three-year project is to promote walking pilgrimage in England & Wales by developing Pilgrim Ways between the cathedral of each Catholic diocese and one or more shrines within the same diocese. The Ways are an opportunity for Catholics and other Christians to deepen their faith, and for people of all faiths and none to share in the experience of walking a pilgrimage in a Catholic context. The hope is that walking pilgrimage will contribute to the common good of our nations through encouraging encounter with others, hospitality, and respect for the environment. The project is supported by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The 2025 National Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage of Hope opens for day pilgrim registration

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage for England & Wales with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025, the eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is an initiative of the Hearts in Search of God project.

The Ways start at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich and London (see map above) and will bless our nations with a Sign of the Cross. The routes use established hiking routes and are off road as much as possible. A small group of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance of each Way, with up to 20 day pilgrims joining for day stages. There are potential feeder routes to the four main Ways from all the other Catholic cathedrals of England & Wales.

It is now possible for pilgrims to register for day stages. Parishes enroute can also be involved and support the Pilgrimage by:

Praying for the safety of pilgrims and for the success of the Pilgrimage of Hope.

Opening the church and parish hall.

Providing simple hospitality for the day and perpetual pilgrims, such as tea & coffee.

Helping to transport the 4-6 perpetual pilgrims' rucksacks from the start to the end of the day's walk by car.

Providing simple overnight accommodation for the 4-6 perpetual pilgrims.

The 2025 Jubilee has the motto 'pilgrims of hope' and the logo (see below) shows people coming from the four corners of the earth in solidarity. Pope Francis has written:

"Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full." [1]

The Hearts in Search of God project lead, Phil McCarthy said:

"We live in times when despair would be easy. The Pilgrimage of Hope will be a way for Catholics and other Christians to witness to their faith and hope in the crucified and risen Christ across England & Wales. It will be an opportunity to experience walking a sustainable pilgrimage on foot as pilgrims of hope."

For more information visit: Pilgrimage Walk | The Pilgrimage of Hope Phil McCarthy

[1] Spes Non Confundit, Bull of Indiction of the 2025 Jubilee, p5

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Mass for Life



More than fifty people gathered at Mother of God Church, Sheffield, to attend a Mass for Life, celebrated by Bishop Ralph. The Mass was followed by a series of powerful and thought-provoking talks from key speakers in the pro-life movement.

Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, co-director of March for Life UK, and Rachel Mackenzie, coordinator of Rachel's Vineyard, shared heartfelt testimonies and insights into the harsh realities of abortion and the deep emotional pain it can leave behind. Their words opened many eyes and ears to the often unseen and unspoken impact of abortion on women and their families.

The audience also heard from Dr John Edwards, Pro-Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Nottingham, who spoke about the vital work of St Colette's Centre. The Centre offers free emotional and practical support to any woman who is struggling during pregnancy or with the challenges of caring for a young baby.

The event was organised by the Sheffield SPUC Group, which meets four times a year at Mother of God Church. The group is committed to defending life from conception to natural death and welcomes all those who share this mission.

For more information about the Sheffield SPUC Group please contact Rachel on 07368 297 872. Susan Tym

Catenian Speaking Contest



Another year, another excellent contest for the Province 15 Public Speaking Trophy. This year, there were 11 entrants from our Catholic schools. We were pleased to welcome Bishop Ralph Heskett from Hallam diocese, National President Andrew Sowerby and Maria as well as National PS Coordinator Graham Sivills who recently took on the mantle of overseeing contests across the UK.

Our youngest contestant, a 16-yr old from St Martin's Catholic Academy in Stoke Golding, spoke enthusiastically about which animal he might be and illustrated his speech with some appropriate examples from his "bag of tricks". Others spoke movingly about the need for forgiveness and the qualities that are demonstrated by recognising our own failures. Some chose to debate the benefits of technology, whether there is a gap growing between generations, the perception of beauty and the need for government intervention on matters of conservation. All spoke with authority beyond their years and gave us both entertaining and enlightening speeches.

The eventual winner was judged to be Shanley Robinson, from St Mary's High School, Chesterfield whose teacher was thrilled to discover that they have now won on 6 occasions since the inception of this contest in 2008. Bishop Ralph, who is also Bishop for Youth and led us in prayers at the start of the afternoon, was delighted that St Mary's had won as it is one of his diocesan schools.

Karol Grabowski

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Laudato Si week 2025



In May, at our regular Tuesday evening Mass at St. Vincent's, Sheffield, Father Paddy Walsh gave us the opportunity to compose a special liturgy to celebrate Laudato Si' week – a time dedicated annually by the Catholic Church to Pope Francis' prophetic encyclical on environmental and economic issues. The title Laudato Si', 'Praised Be to You', was taken from the opening of St. Francis of Assisi's hymn praising God for Creation. Its text was addressed not just to Bishops and theologians, but to all of us, urging us to recognize God in Creation and cease our casual abuse of the earth. It inspired the 'Laudato Si' Movement' – a global network of over 900 Catholic organizations, working together to care for the earth and its creatures.

See

<https://laudatosimovement.org/who-we-are/> for a better understanding of the international breadth of this movement.

We chose three symbols to display by the altar :

A globe: humanity's common home, a gift created by God for us to tend with respect and care. Water: beautiful of itself, indispensable for survival, refreshment, for cleansing, and renewal.

A dish of bread and grapes: wheat and fruit nurtured by soil, by water and by our labour, transformed into nourishment for body and soul.

The first reading was taken from God's majestic answer to Job's lamentations (Job 38:4ff).

The gospel was John (21:1-19) from the 3rd Sunday of Easter: Jesus, God incarnate and gentle, guides his bereft disciples to a good day's work, and welcomes them with breakfast on the

shore. Our fellow parishioner, Gerry Burke, followed with a reflection, beautifully weaving together the themes of the Mass.

All were thankful for a quietly inspiring time together.

It is impossible to do justice to Gerry's reflection here: read it in full on the Care for Creation Pages on the Website. Columba Timmins

Refugee Day at Mount St Mary's College



On Thursday 19th June, Mount St Mary's College in Derbyshire held a day of reflection on the situation of refugees, to mark UNHCR World Refugee Day which falls on 20th June.

Fr Tony O'Riordan SJ, an Irish Jesuit who has spent the last ten years working with the Jesuit Refugee Service in South Sudan, Kenya, Syria and now Ireland, was the main speaker in an all-day programme for Lower Sixth (Year 12) students, including visitors from Jesuit schools in Mexico, Italy and France.

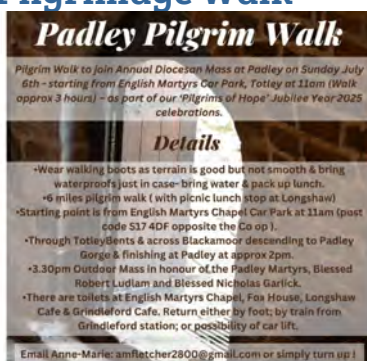
The day was led by Mr Michael Jones, Head of Religious Studies at the College, and included a live Zoom call to South Sudan, allowing students to engage with Mr David Mawa, a South Sudanese national who, as a child, was forced to flee with his family to Uganda. He emphasised to the students that refugees are normal people who have hopes and dreams, and are not looking for sympathy but for recognition of their potential. David is now back in his own country, having established a primary school for 700 boys and girls in Juba, many of whom are refugees from Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. David had the

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opportunity to complete his education with a Masters degree at Bradford University, and when asked by the students how he felt refugees were treated in Britain, he said that in his experience, refugees are very well received by British society.

The afternoon was given to a simulation exercise in the college grounds in which the students, role-playing family units, had to simulate various stages of the refugee experience - fleeing from their home region, coping with chaotic and dangerous situations, crossing international borders and applying for asylum. Particularly powerful was the experience of arriving at a country's border, unable to speak its language and feeling powerless in the face of hostility and exploitation. This was simulated very effectively with the help of armed officers from the College's Combined Cadet Force, and gave students a new insight into the need for laws and procedures that ensure refugees and asylum seekers are treated fairly, and the importance of the "four verbs" that Pope Francis used to characterise the Christian response to refugees: "Welcome, Protect, Promote and Integrate." Fr Peter Scally SJ (ICN)Source www.indcatholicnews.com/news/52644

Padley Pilgrimage Walk



Pilgrim walk to join Annual Diocesan Mass at Padley on Sunday July 6th -starting from English Martyrs Car Park, Totley at 11 am (walk approx. 3 hours)-as part of our 'Pilgrims of Hope' Jubilee Year 2025 celebrations. Email Anne-Marie:amfletcher2800@gmail.com or simply turn up! Anne-Marie Fletcher

Register for the National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope (September 2025)



Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies: and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16

St Mark's Way (North), is now open for 'Day Pilgrim' registration.

See details of 'day stages' at

<https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/become-a-pilgrim-for-a-day>

The National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope, is a national walking pilgrimage: an initiative of the 'Hearts in Search of God' project. There are four main Evangelist entitled Ways, each starting at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff (St Matthew) Leeds (St Mark), Norwich (St Luke) and London (St John), blessing our nations with the Sign of the Cross. Those walking the Ways will converge at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13 September 2025, the eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

St Mark's Way links the dioceses of Leeds, Hallam and Nottingham. The Diocese of Hallam was created from the Dioceses of Leeds and Nottingham on May 30th 1980. It will set off from St Anne's Cathedral Leeds on September 6th 2025.

St Mark's Way 'day stages'. It will travel through our Diocese on the following days. Day 2 (September 7th) St Austin's & the English Martyrs Wakefield (Diocese of Leeds), via Monk Bretton Priory, to St Michael and All Angels (Parish of Corpus Christi) Wombwell (Diocese of Hallam). Day 3 (September 8th) St Michael and All Angels to St Marie's Cathedral Sheffield.

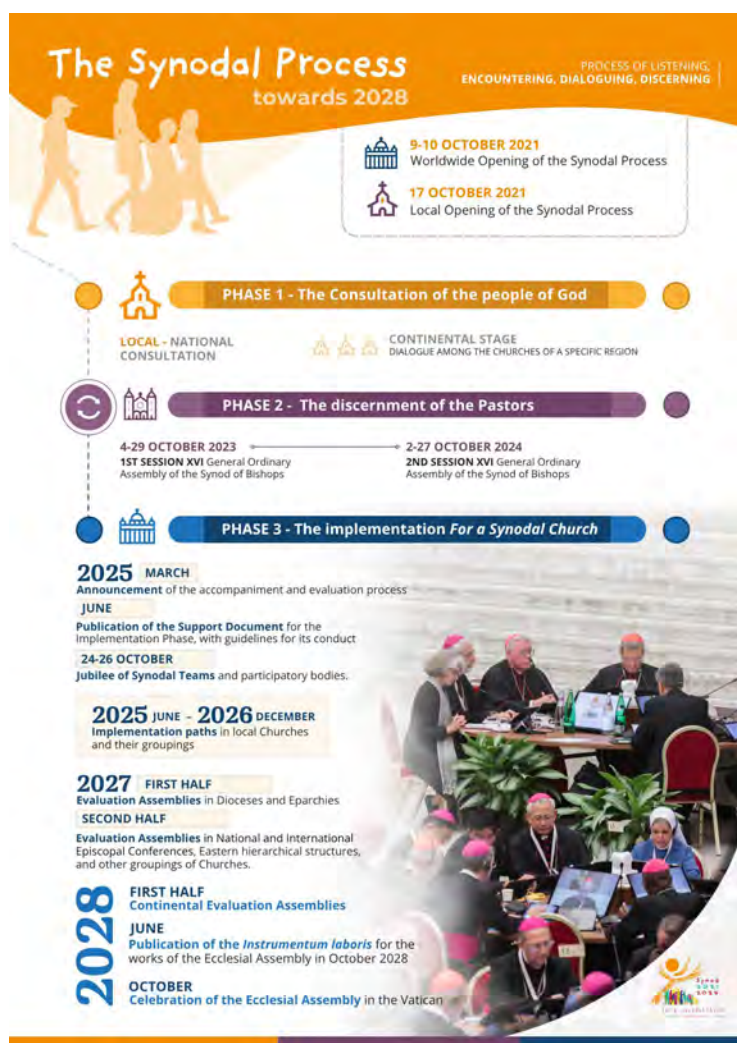
Day 4 (September 9th) St Marie's Cathedral to Padley Chapel Shrine Grindleford. Day 5 (September 10th) Padley Chapel Shrine, travelling to Our Lady and St Joseph's Matlock (Diocese of Nottingham).

Parishes in the Diocese of Hallam, on or near the route, can support the Pilgrimage by praying for the safety of pilgrims and for the success of the Pilgrimage of Hope, Opening the church for prayer and the parish hall for simple hospitality eg tea/coffee and toilet access, helping to transport the 4 – 6 perpetual pilgrims' rucksacks from the start to the end of the day's walk by car, and/or help with finding accommodation for the 4 – 6 'perpetual pilgrims' who will travel from Leeds to Nottingham.

For more information, to sign up as a 'Day Pilgrim' Pilgrimage Walk The Pilgrimage of Hope Gerard Bonner

Giving thanks for Priestly Ministry

We give thanks for their dedicated service of priests who minister in the diocese and for those who are celebrating a special anniversary this year especially Fr Len May who celebrated 75 years of priesthood who was made a Chaplain of his Holiness with the title of Monsignor, Mgr Willie Kilgannon who celebrated 60 years of priesthood with a joyful celebration at Mother of God, Sheffield, where he has ministered for the past 47 years; and Fr Christian Nwakamma celebrated his first anniversary with a lively celebration at St Marie's.



Looking Ahead

School for Synodality



The School for Synodality exists to embed synodal habits and practices in the life of the Church so that we can grow and journey together. This means making some of the key practices of synodality accessible and easy to try across our Catholic communities. We have a wealth of practical wisdom on listening and speaking graciously to one another, but have often forgotten it in our day to day community life. We hope these resources will help brush up your skills and give you the confidence to give it a go!

<https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/>

Synodality 101: Conversations in the Spirit
A series of online workshops

JUL 8

SfS Book Club
Reading the Final Synod Document together

Part 5: Forming a People for Missionary Discipleship
We need everyone in the boat
With David McCallum SJ and Sandra Chaoul

Reading the Final Synod Document Together
Online Book Club

JUL 9

SfS Book Club
Reading the Final Synod Document together

Part 6 Conclusion: A Feast for All Peoples
What next for our Church?
With Archbishop Jason Gordon

Check out their YouTube channel to watch recordings of all the events.

<https://www.youtube.com/@School-for-Synodality>

The School for Synodality is a project to help support the development of synodality in the Catholic Church. Through conversations, the development of resources and programmes, the aim is to foster an openness to the Holy Spirit through listening, sharing and discernment. Talks and discussions are accessible on YouTube following [this link](https://www.youtube.com/@School-for-Synodality) <https://www.youtube.com/@School-for-Synodality> and see the School for Synodality website for more resources.

Missio Mass- St Joseph's, Wath

You are invited to join Bishop Ralph for the diocesan Missio Mass at St Joseph's, Wath, 2:30 pm, 20 September 2025



We'll save you a seat!

Mission Mass
Sat 20 September 2:30pm

**St Joseph's Church,
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You will take 4 modules over 2 years:

The Word of God The Synodal Church
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You will follow the course online. You will do most of the work at a time to suit yourself - with occasional synchronous sessions.

There are two ways you can take this course. All students will review the material presented online and do some assessed work to complete the course (total cost £1900). Or you can take this course as a postgraduate certificate (60 credits) at extra cost and with additional work (total cost £2400). Participants from the Diocese of Hallam may be offered financial support. This is a shared cost between their parish community and the diocese. It is administered by the Formation and Mission team.

To find out more, please contact formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com and visit the Liverpool Hope website <https://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/catholicpastoralleadershippgcert/>

There will be Zoom information session hosted by the Archdiocese of Liverpool 7.00-8.30pm on Tuesday 15 July. If you would like to attend this please email m.mui@rcaol.org.uk letting him know that you are from Hallam Diocese and he will send you a link.

Catholic Union Summer Gathering



We are delighted to invite you to the Catholic Union's annual Summer Gathering at Worth Abbey on Saturday 12 July. The day will include an address from our President, Baroness Hollins, and a chance to meet fellow members of the Catholic Union in congenial surroundings. Fortuitously the day coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of Worth Abbey Church and we are lucky enough to be able to join in their celebrations. It also falls within the Jubilee Year which is a special time for grace and forgiveness. Arundel & Brighton Diocese has designated Worth Abbey as one of its three "special places of pilgrimage, where Holy Year Indulgences may be gained".

In the afternoon we will go to Worth Abbey to hear from Rt Rev. Jeremias Schröder OSB, Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation. The Abbot Primate's talk, titled "St Benedict's Message for Europe in 2025," comes as the Church marks 60 years since Pope St Paul VI declared St Benedict Patron of Europe. Drawing on his background as a historian, Abbot Jeremias will explore how Benedictine values remain vital in today's religious and secular landscape.

Once again, we have managed to keep the price low at £32 per person. This includes lunch and refreshments. St Thomas More Circle Associates, Supporters and Benefactors are entitled to one complimentary ticket, but are still required to register. For more information about how to join the St Thomas More Circle, please click [here](#).

To book please make a bank transfer to: HSBC Account No: 40217492 Sort: 40 05 20 Essential Reference: SG25/surname. For any queries or problems please contact info@catholicunion.org.uk or telephone 020 87491321-Louisa Collyer-Hamlin

Celebration of the Life and Legacy of 'Servant of God'



JBMS

John Bradburne Memorial Society

John Randal Bradburne at Westminster Cathedral, London, UK – 13th September 2025 – The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) is proud to announce a special event celebrating the extraordinary life of Servant of God John Randal Bradburne, taking place at Westminster Cathedral from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

This commemorative gathering marks the 30th anniversary of the JBMS and honours the enduring spiritual legacy of John Bradburne—a man whose life journey from wartime service in the Malayan jungle to profound spiritual devotion in Zimbabwe continues to inspire people across the globe.

A Memorial Mass will begin at 2:00pm in Westminster Cathedral. Following the Mass, attendees are invited to the Cathedral Hall for an enriching programme featuring:

Live music by Zimbabwean musicians and the London Strings

An exhibition of John Bradburne's relics and personal items

Talks by inspiring speakers reflecting on his life, faith, and service

Light refreshments

Tickets for the post-Mass programme are £25 pp and include all activities and refreshments.

Spaces are limited, and early booking is recommended.

John Bradburne devoted the final decade of his life to caring for a marginalised leprosy community in Mutemwa, Zimbabwe, where he has become an inspirational figure, ultimately sacrificing his life in their service. His cause for beatification is currently underway.

In a significant gesture, the government of Zimbabwe has posthumously declared him a National Hero, recognising him as a figure of profound national importance. This honour is a powerful testament to Bradburne's selfless dedication to the leprosy patients of Mutemwa and his unwavering commitment to the most vulnerable in society.

Though national hero status is a civic distinction, and beatification is a religious process within the Catholic Church, the two are meaningfully connected. Such national recognition can elevate public awareness of his life and virtues, potentially encouraging more testimonies of his holiness, miracles, and devotion.

Reserve your place now at www.johnbradburne.com or call 07979 187498.

Catholicism for the Next Generation



Lord Lemos CMG CBE, social policy expert and author, will deliver the Catholic Union's 2025 Craigmyle Lecture on Tuesday 16 September at Notre Dame London. The lecture, entitled 'Catholicism for the Next Generation', will be Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union.

Lord Lemos says: "The world is becoming ever more complicated. Navigating a path is not easy, but encounters with the Catholic faith, albeit via education or parish life, can enhance the life experience of children in today's world".

The Craigmyle Lecture is the Catholic Union's annual flagship lecture, giving a platform to a prominent public figure to talk about a matter of importance to Christians and wider society in this country. Some of the previous speakers have been Dame Rachel de Souza, Baroness Hollins, Lord Bird, Professor Tom Shakespeare, Baroness Scotland, Sir James MacMillan, Field Marshal Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank, Rt Hon Anne Widdecombe and Sir Rocco Forte.

Lord Craigmyle (Donald) was a former President of the Catholic Union after whom the lecture series is named and we are delighted that the current Lord Craigmyle is a supporter of the Catholic Union. The event will be free to attend and booking will go live later in the year, space will be limited. The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception where the conversation can be continued. Louisa Collyer-Hamlin the full article is available on our website

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Spiritual Conversation Introduction to accompaniment

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Where: Hallam Pastoral Centre and Online

Dates :

Saturday 11th October 2025	10am-5pm In person
Thursday 23rd October 2025	7pm-9pm On-line
Saturday 8th November 2025	1pm-5pm On-line
Thursday 20th November 2025	7pm-9pm On-Line
Saturday 6th December 2025	1pm-5pm On-line
Thursday 18th December 2025	7pm-9pm On-line
Thursday 15th January 2026	7pm-9pm On-line
Saturday 31st January 2026	10am-5pm In-person

Cost: Donation

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An Invitation to Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage

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 11 October 2025, 12:00 Noon

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

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Have you just got married during 2025 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 11 October 2025 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 this Google form or using the QR Code above. Further Details from marriagepreparation@hallam-diocese.com