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## QUEEN OF THE MAY



Glorious sunshine in Moorends on Sunday May 23rd blessed the very first joint procession to honour Our Lady of Walsingham, a shared initiative of the Anglican parish of St. Wilfrith's and of the Catholic parish of St. Joseph and St. Nicholas, Moorends.

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was carried from St. Wilfrith's to St. Joseph's in a celebration of the love Christians have for Mary the mother of Jesus and as a Christian witness to the society in which we live. Walsingham is England's very own pilgrimage site in Norfolk, where a shrine to Mary was established in 1061. After several centuries of dereliction the shrine at Walsingham has been restored to vibrant life and it is often thronged with pilgrims from all over Britain, Europe and the world who come to seek the spiritual values, which have sometimes been displaced or lost in our technological age. The original statue of Our Lady was blessed by Pope John Paul II on his visit to Britain in 1982.

Many parishioners from both churches, as well as other welcome visitors from parishes in Thorne and Doncaster took part in the procession. Prayers were shared in a brief act of worship at St. Wilfrith's before the procession

set off, with the rousing accompaniment of the brass band from Skelmanthorpe playing well known hymns and ended in St. Joseph's with prayers by the two parish priests Fr. Richard Parker and Fr. Roy Pannell.

Marching in the sun is thirsty work so the refreshments, a splendid spread of cakes, sandwiches and lots of tea and coffee were greeted with enthusiasm. Great thanks must go to the two priests for the idea of the procession and to all the organisers and participants for what proved to be a very happy coming together of friends. Britain was once described as an island of saints, perhaps it will be again.



### WELCOME TO OUR MAGAZINE

Hello and welcome once again to the "Messenger". Many thanks for all the articles and especially all the photographs, for this edition. Please keep them coming in! Should you have any news, views or other items for the parish web site, [www.ourjo.org.uk](http://www.ourjo.org.uk) then please pass them on to Kate.

### THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July is the third anniversary of Father Pannell's ordination to the Priesthood. On behalf of the parish, we would like to wish him much joy and happiness and many blessings on this special day. Thank you Father for all your hard work here in Moorends and Stainforth.

# CAFOD SUDAN EMERGENCY APPEAL

## ONE MILLION AT RISK IN DARFUR

IN 1984, 250,000 PEOPLE DIED FROM HUNGER IN SUDAN. TWENTY YEARS ON

OVER ONE MILLION VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE AT RISK IN DARFUR AND

### HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED

Many of the lives lost in the last Sudanese crisis were in Darfur. Their deaths were long foretold by many actors who then failed to act quickly enough to save them.

In the Sudanese famine of 1984/85, food aid was committed late, delivered late and failed to reach the right people. For a long time, attempts to deliver aid were thwarted. Failure to deliver food to remote districts before the rainy season meant that many areas received little or no help.

In Darfur today, Sudan is facing a very similar scenario and all signs are pointing in the wrong direction.

#### ORIGINS OF THE CONFLICT

The Darfur conflict began early last year after two local rebel groups took up arms against the government of Sudan, claiming that the region was being neglected by Khartoum. The fighting escalated last year and now around 1.2 million people have been displaced from the region by the conflict and a wider campaign of looting, killing and rape by a militia known as the Janjaweed.

CAFOD partner Nils Cartensen is just back from Darfur and reports that the insecurity continues to leave people in an extremely precarious situation:

“When they venture out from their compounds, just a few hundred metres from the safety of the group they are snatched by the Janjaweed. Every day women are being raped as they go out to collect firewood and the men claim that they cannot protect the women because then they will be abducted and killed.”

#### NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN AID AND PROTECTION

While there has been a ceasefire between government and rebel forces in place since 8 April, attacks by the Janjaweed have increased. Many of those desperately in need are refusing to accept aid for fear that they will become a target for attack. There have also been worrying incidents of attacks on aid convoys and vehicles by rebel forces.

In this situation, a large scale humanitarian response is necessary, but must be accompanied by increased protection of civilians or else there will be a widespread loss of life. The Catholic agency CAFOD urges the British government, the Sudanese authorities and the international community to learn the lessons of the past and act now to save lives in Darfur.

CAFOD partners in the region are already seeing the signs of severe malnutrition and disease amongst the displaced people of Darfur. The rainy season has already started and will soon cut off huge areas. This is currently the worst humanitarian crisis in the world.

### Time is running out to help the people of Darfur

As a response to the recent emergency appeal and as part of our parish covenant with the poor £700.00 was immediately forwarded to Cafod.

The parish covenant with the poor will be presented to the Bishop in the Cathedral in Sheffield, together with other parishes, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June.



If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.  
If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.  
If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.  
When there is order in each nation, there will be Peace in the world.

*Very Old Chinese Proverb*

## DEANERY NOTES

Even since as recently as the Hallam Assembly, there have been changes to the Church in this locality. There have been more Mass time alterations and further reductions in clergy numbers. To some parishes this has come as a surprise and a steep learning curve. It was felt that an initiative was necessary to deal with the issues of change facing the Church at parish level.

Accordingly representatives from all the Deanery Parishes met earlier in the year. Fr O'Reilley pointed out that there are generally fewer clergy so there could now be no supply from Doncaster in times of need. In addition, the Prison Chaplaincy and the School Reviews are stretching church resources.

From that original meeting a Steering Committee was set up to collect information. To face the future it was recognised that an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses was needed and so each representative carried out a Skills Audit of their own parish. The reasoning behind this is to try to help one another and to encourage the sharing of resources between parishes. The results were collated onto a database to create a skills bank. It became clear that the Deanery is moving into areas not touched before. Facing these challenges presents practical problems. To give an example, if one parish has only one wedding a year, or even none, there is little point in training a Marriage Preparation Team. A neighbouring parish may have a Team and be willing to extend their preparation course to parishes with none. Equally a parish without a team might have a parishioner interested in that ministry, so he/she could perhaps take part in the Team's work. We have many things in common and a case for sharing.

This approach holds good for other ministries; so two parishes are already developing a co-ordinated Eucharistic Ministers' preparation. This ministry is seen as different from, say, the Readers' Ministry as coming from a different background and could be enhanced by a specialisation. There would therefore be a case for sharing experience. This idea of developing ministries goes further into, as yet, untapped areas so that there is a suggestion of lay leadership for funerals, where this work load could be shared with the clergy.

It is emphasised that we are still part of our communities. It is not the intention to strip out skills from our parishes, but it will be necessary to meet challenges and to promote a sense of "Deanery" so that we are not by ourselves. From a more developed sense of common purpose across the Deanery, representatives might meet together as a sort of Think Tank to pool resources, skills and experiences towards a possible Deanery Pastoral Council. This would be a new development, because, whilst Diocesan Pastoral Councils are recognised in Canon Law to act as advisors to the Bishop, there is no such creature at Deanery level. However advice has been taken from a Canon Lawyer, who will address the next meeting of the Forum on the possibility of a parallel being drawn from the diocesan model.

A Forum/Pastoral Council at deanery level might foster School Chaplains, Youth Workers, help Finance Committees, produce ideas and materials for Children's Liturgies and Catechetics, inform Sacristy Management and maybe promote a Deanery Newsletter. We in this parish have already had to create a lay response in some of these areas, but it now needs to be a process of development instead of response to crisis and to develop a new sense of mission. This Forum/Council, although advisory, needs input from each parish to be truly representative, and parishioners are needed to take ideas, support and practical help forward.

## THORNE ROVERS FOOTBALL TEAM



In the previous edition of the "Messenger" I gave a brief report on Thorne Rovers Under 16's and what they were hoping to achieve in the season.

In the league the team was unbeaten for the whole season, and won by four points. They played eighteen games; won fifteen and drew the other three, scoring over one hundred goals.

Another trophy to come Thorne's way was the Goole and Thorne Cup. In the final Thorne played Armthorpe Rovers, and were victorious by two goals to nil. However, not everything went Rovers way. In the League Cup they lost to Scunthorpe Scorpions at the semi-final stage, losing three goals to two in the replay, after a one all draw in the first game.

The last game of the season was the West Riding County Cup Final where Thorne played Farsley Celtic. Thorne had

tremendous support on the evening. They took two coach loads of supporters with them, and several more made their own way to the ground. Amongst the spectators were three players who had played for Moorends Amateurs, the last team from our region to win the trophy, in 1954. Although it was a hard fought game, Thorne lost one goal to nil. Overall, the season has been a very good one; winning two trophies and finishing runners up in a competition of approximately one hundred teams, entered from all over the country.

**Well done lads on your achievement!**

## ST. PATRICK'S EVENING

The evening began with a hymn to St. Patrick, followed by a duet from Michael Deacey and Shem Williams, accompanied by Father Roy on the piano. John Deacey followed with a song about a certain (not so) young bride who removed her wooden leg, and various other parts on her wedding night!

A game of Tombola, a delicious buffet, a quiz, and a game of "cheeky cheeky", (please don't ask) and finally a game of Irish bingo rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

Many thanks go to the Social Committee, and all those who worked so hard to make the evening such a resounding success.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Pentecost Sunday saw the first anniversary of our Children's Liturgy. If you would like your child to take part in the Children's Liturgy, or if you would like to get involved yourself, then please feel welcome to join us at 11.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday.

## PARISH WALK



For our third parish walk we decided to have a change and make it an evening walk. So on the 26th May a Wednesday evening we met at the Green Tree Public House Hatfield Woodhouse for a 7.00 p.m. start. The turnout was wonderful; we had 18 people turn up, the best response yet. We welcomed six new walkers, although some were keener than others. Paul Carolan came under duress and under the impression it was only going to be an hours walk (misled by Michelle perhaps?). Other new members were Ann Ward, Colette Davies, Angela Round and Eric and Alexis (friends of Beryl O'Neill). We enjoyed a most pleasant two hour stroll around the Hatfield Woodhouse lanes, up towards the peat works and on English Natures land. Stephen Hanstock, who once again planned the walk, took us through a bit of rough terrain just to add to the fun

of it. When we said we were retiring to the Green Tree for liquid refreshments afterwards, Colette, Angela and Ann (three sisters), set a gruelling pace and we finished the last leg in record time. A few walkers had to leave but the majority went to the pub and we rounded the evening off nicely with a few pints! As the evening walks proved so popular we are planning a few more through the summer months. Watch the parish bulletin for details of further walks and bring your friends, the more the merrier!

## S.W.A.G. ANNUAL SUMMER FAYRE SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 2-00P.M. JUBILEE HALL OUR LADY'S PARISH BENTLEY

Refreshments, Cakes, Raffle, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Games and more!!!!

Please go along and enjoy a family outing. Any donations of bottles, raffle prizes, or anything for the stalls, please take along with you on the day. All support is very much appreciated.

S.W.A.G. is the Starving world Action Group whom we have pledged to support in our covenant with the poor.

## A MINERS SON

I am the son of a miner  
A miner's son was he  
I came from a generation, none finer  
Alas, it will end with me.

Most young men in the village  
Leaving school had to beg for a place  
Maybe cleaning up spillage  
Before graduating to the coal face.

Perhaps a job on the face cutting coal  
Anything better than being on the dole  
Some had to work at the bottom of the shaft  
One thing for sure, it was all hard graft.

Shovelling coal in a seam barely three feet high  
Eight hours on end without seeing the sky  
Seven yards of coal, no time to slack  
Forget that terrible aching back.

Snap time, not an hour, just a quarter  
Four slices of bread, and a drink of water  
Not much chance of getting fat  
On a measly diet such as that.

Out of the mine in single file  
Greeting the sunshine with a smile  
Working in dirt was no disgrace  
Still you dashed to a bath to scrub your face.

A wonderful thing was that Friday pay  
Starting at two shillings and three pence a day  
Eleven shillings and three pence for working a week  
Less ten pence stoppages, what a cheek!

Working in the mine we were some times afraid  
Something you shared with a good comrade  
On a thread your future hung  
A broken limb or a damaged lung.

No need for miners any more  
No need to kneel on knees so sore  
They can get coal from the top  
With a Bulldozer working in an out crop.

Now that miners have almost gone  
Our memories still will linger on  
A moment of regret we try to hide  
Whilst retaining a bit of our miners pride.

*By a Miners Son*

## RACE FOR LIFE

Georgia and Nichola M'Cay are pictured (complete with medals) after finishing the Tesco Race for Life, in aid of Cancer Research. With the help of your support they successfully raised **£150.00**

**Well Done Girls!**



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**The following statements about the Bible were written by children during a Catholic Elementary school test. They have not been retouched nor corrected. (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in).**

In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.  
Adam and Eve were created from an Apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.

Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Moses led the Jews to the Red sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients  
The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert, Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.

The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.