

Directory of who we care for:

<p>Learning Disability Services Positive services delivered in residential and supported homes that focus on people's abilities and not their disabilities.</p>	<p>Gianna: Pregnancy & Parenting Services Confidential, one-to-one support and helpful advice.</p>
<p>School & Family Social Work Services Our qualified team of professionals provide advice, support and counselling for children, young people, families and teachers.</p>	<p>Children & Young People's Services Services that make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people in our residential care.</p>
<p>Older People's Services Community based groups to support friendship and tackle loneliness, and provide practical support to maintain independence.</p>	<p>Mental Health Services Services that focus on mental, physical and spiritual needs, delivered in supported accommodation.</p>

Our Mission
In everything we do, we strive to show how the teachings of Christian love, charity and justice can shape the way we live together

We aim to achieve this by taking the Caring Church into the Community and offering practical services and support for anyone who is weak and vulnerable, regardless of their faith.

Love is gentle and beautiful
But there comes with it a terrible fear:
Fear of the future
And of the risk of getting too involved:
Fear that it will only lead to death
Of our so-called freedom,
Fear too of being hurt,
For to love is to become vulnerable;
To love is always a risk
Jean Vanier, The Broken Body

Facts and figures from our financial year ended 31st March 2013

Income	£
Good Shepherd Appeal in the Schools	48,709
Annual Appeal in the Churches	15,804
Bequests	4,831
Individual Donations	14,335
Sale of Christmas Cards	1,112
Gift Aid recovered on donations	1,632
Business Donations	1,750

Many thanks to all those who have given either individually or collectively, your contributions are much appreciated.

The income that Catholic Care receives from voluntary sources is vital to maintaining and indeed strengthening our work in the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information on ways you can contribute towards the ongoing work of Catholic Care.

Remember us in your will. Your bequest can bring new life to someone who needs our help.

Children & Young People's Services Children and young people in the age group 10 years and over who were cared for over the year	14
Post Adoption Service: Number of post adoption enquiries	29
Reunions facilitated	12
Mental Health Services: Number of service beneficiaries	37
Learning Disability Services: Number of service beneficiaries	54
Schools & Families Social Work Services: Catholic High Schools/College served in the Leeds Diocese	14
Non Catholic High School served in the Leeds Diocese	1
Catholic Primary Schools served in the Leeds Diocese	44
One to one sessions delivered to school pupils	14,463
Number of sessions delivered to groups	170
Number of school staff supported on an individual basis	74

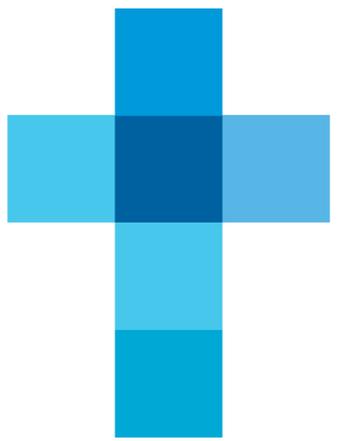
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Catholic Care 150th Anniversary 1863-2013
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Welcome, from Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter and I hope you are all refreshed after the holiday season and the glorious summer weather we have had this year. Our summer edition includes items of general Charity news, service developments and news of our continuing celebrations to mark our 150th Anniversary.

2013 Anniversary Events

Our celebrations are planned to continue throughout the year as follows:

Open Day - Wednesday 18th September 2013, from 10am to 4pm at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX. There will be lots of information about the Charity, covering the past, present and our future plans together with talks given throughout the day.

Bacon & Cabbage - Friday 4th October 2013, from 7.30pm at Leeds Irish Centre. Tickets are £10 (available from Head Office). Please come and join in the fun.

Sapphire Ball - Saturday 16th November 2013, pre dinner drinks from 7.30pm at Oulton Hall, Rothwell, Leeds, LS26 8HN. Tickets are £50 - available from Head Office. Please bring your friends and enjoy an evening with us at this premier fund raising event.

Christmas Cards - Our hugely popular 2013 Christmas cards are now on sale. Please see the enclosed brochure. All the profit made on the sale of the Christmas cards and any additional donations go directly to support our work so your contributions are a very practical way to support us.

For tickets or further information on any of our events call Janet Flynn on 0113 388 5400.

His Holiness Pope Francis sends a message to Catholic Care to mark its 150th Anniversary

A message from His Holiness Pope Francis was read out at a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Nichols at Leeds Cathedral of Saturday 22 June 2013 to mark the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of the Leeds Diocesan Charity, Catholic Care.

The Cathedral was packed with many people who Catholic Care has helped and is helping today together with their families, past and present staff, supporters and donors. All were gathered to mark the occasion, to hear the Archbishop speak and to give thanks together for this remarkable achievement.

Mgr John Wilson welcomed everyone to the Cathedral and then there was a wonderful surprise for the congregation as he read out the Pope's message which included these words:

"The Holy Father encourages all those involved in the work of Catholic Care to remain ever-attentive to the needs of the weaker members of society and to show them Christ's love by providing for their material and spiritual welfare."

The Mass that followed was a truly inspirational occasion. It was made very special by the Archbishop who with his natural warmth and eloquently spoken Homily, which encompassed so many direct and important messages fitting for the occasion, made the Mass an enjoyable and spiritually uplifting experience for all who attended.

The choir from St Austin's Church in Wakefield provided the most fabulous and beautiful accompaniment throughout the service and just added to the sense of occasion "it was simply wonderful" remarked one worshiper.

In her closing address, Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care thanked people for joining in with the celebration and making it such a memorable occasion. She also told the congregation that "150 years ago Catholic Care was founded as the Catholic Church responded to the challenge posed by the social conditions towards the end of the Victorian era." She continued "society still poses a challenge to those who are weak, vulnerable and disadvantaged. The Catholic Church in Leeds is still responding to this challenge through its Diocesan Charity, Catholic Care."

A reception was held in Wheeler Hall after the Mass giving people the chance to meet the Archbishop, catch up on old friendships and to view the displays depicting events from Catholic Care's history and the services carried on today.

Many people attended the Celebration Mass who had their own connection with Catholic Care in the past and the occasion gave them the opportunity to make connections and new friends - there were many happy stories to tell.

It was a remarkable day and one thoroughly enjoyed by all.



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Good Shepherd Celebration 2013

Friday 10 May 2013 saw a truly marvellous event in St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds for the Annual Good Shepherd Presentation and indeed Celebration of the excellent fundraising carried out by Schools and Colleges throughout the Leeds Diocese.

The doors of the Cathedral opened at 9am and the representatives from the schools started to slowly arrive, then all of a sudden teachers, students and their banners arrived from all directions. The Cathedral was bursting at the seams. The noisy excited chatter of children could be heard above the organ, quietly playing away in the background, and the air was filled with excitement and expectation. As 10am approached still there were schools queuing to enter and be part of the celebration.

At last we were all ready to start. The procession of banners commenced and the roof of the Cathedral was almost raised by the sound of hundreds of children singing their hearts out with the opening hymn - Be Still for the Presence of the Lord.

Carol Hill (Director of Catholic Care) gave a welcome address in which she expressed her joy at seeing so many happy smiling faces. She went on to say why the schools had been undertaking so many weird and wonderful events to raise money and that it was all in a good cause and that good cause was Catholic Care. Carol also explained that 2013 was a very special year for the Charity as it was celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

This celebration was also a very special occasion for the staff and pupils from St Patrick's Primary School, Torre Road, Leeds. They sang beautifully and had the Good Samaritan as the theme for their liturgical presentation. The story was read and acted out so well and the modern day interpretation really highlighted the messages that are applicable to us all today. It was very moving and enjoyed by all who saw it.

The school representatives were then invited to bring their gifts to Mgr John Wilson. The children and students shared their experiences with the many activities they had enthusiastically undertaken including bun sales, non uniform days, "swim the channel", raffles, book sales, toast sales, mad hair days and pyjama days where Mgr Wilson asked if they had managed to keep awake all day!

Mgr John Wilson then spoke to the congregation about the importance of helping others including your neighbour and that meant everyone. He then invited everybody to join him in singing "Happy Birthday" to Catholic Care before ending with a blessing and thanking the children for all being Good Samaritans.

The celebration continued afterwards with a huge picnic in Wheeler Hall



Congratulations Anthony!

Anthony Hill a student at St Wilfrid's Sixth Form College, Featherstone, ran his first Leeds Half Marathon on Sunday 12 May 2013 and helped to raise funds to support the weak, vulnerable and disadvantaged people cared for by Catholic Care.

He spent the Saturday in preparation, resting and eating lots of high carbohydrate food including plenty of pasta! Sunday dawned bright and cool, ideal running conditions, and he set off enthusiastically to undertake the half marathon challenge. He was cheered on after a mile and half when all was going well. When next spotted at 12 miles he was finding it hard and making a desperate effort to continue. But he did keep going and completed the race in 2 hours and 15 minutes, not bad for a first attempt.

Through his efforts Anthony raised several hundred pounds showing that each one of his steps will make a positive difference to someone's life.

A Huge Thank You from us all.



A very sad farewell

Sadly, at the end of July, Redholt Residential Children's Home, closed its doors for the last time after 38 years of caring for children.

The Home first opened its doors on 1 September 1975 and since then there have been numerous and substantial changes in the way children are cared for with the service now heavily regulated under Ofsted. The doors did not close until children and staff enjoyed a night feasting on the culinary delights at Frankie & Bennies. Just how much can children eat?! The evening was a celebration of happy times with raucous games of 'Hangman' played in-between courses and reliving memories of the very happy times at Redholt.

All is not lost and a children's service will continue from Redholt in the Autumn when, after a refurbishment, the house will once again open its doors, this time offering respite care to children with a learning disability, particularly those with Autism Disorder.

Expanding - School and Family Social Work Services

The role of the School Social Worker and School Counsellor within our Academies and Schools nationally is probably one of the most understated roles within the field and quite often goes unrecognised in the arena of education. Ironically in Scotland and Wales and on an International basis, the above role is seen as an integral part of their schools and academies pastoral support!

Today in Catholic schools within the Leeds Diocese we are in fact making excellent progress by recognising the importance of this unquestionably much needed role

Engagement in the field of School Social Work demands passion, energy, good communication skills, and an abundance of enthusiasm. Each day brings with it new challenges which in turn demand 'social work in action' and which Catholic Care has the competence and capacity to meet.

In the past decade the School Service at Catholic Care has grown considerably, it has re-shaped and developed. Currently our team of qualified workers is commissioned by Schools and Academies to provide a variety of pastoral services - be it in the specialist areas of social work, education psychology, education welfare response, or therapeutic counselling.

We have a presence and deliver a selection of the aforementioned services in almost two thirds of Catholic schools in the Leeds Diocese.

Too often our children and young people become casualties to the many societal and familial pressures surrounding them and which often have a profound and adverse effect on their development, often academically, frequently emotionally, or all too often, physically.

All children have an expectation and a right to benefit from a positive experience when they attend their chosen Catholic school/academy.

If there is a need for them to receive extra specialist pastoral support and guidance to bring about requisite harmony and stability in order to cope with specific challenges of life, then such needs to be provided by our schools and academies pastoral support system.

It is well documented that if the basic needs of a young person are not met; it may form barriers to learning, and thus may fail to reach their full potential.

Catholic Care are committed to investing in and providing specialist support for our children, young people, school communities and families and most importantly working totally within the Catholic ethos. Catholic Care's highly regarded School Service has been heralded as a model for the future.



Monday Friends

We are very pleased that 'Monday Friends', our first Community Project for Older People in the Wakefield Deanery is well and truly up and running.

The group started in April and we now have 20 people regularly enjoying the Monday get together.

Tea/coffee and biscuits are always guaranteed to start the morning off on the right foot, before the group launch themselves into the week's activity including boccia bowling, curling, gentle exercise or skittles delivered by a professional instructor from Age UK. Great fun is had by all as our group of Monday Friends rediscover long lost movement.

A well earned lunch of nutritious homemade soup, provided by one of our volunteers is gratefully enjoyed and a great way to round off the morning. People with dementia are welcomed into the group with a carer or can attend on their own to give their carer a valuable couple of hours respite.

If you are interested in joining Monday Friends the fun starts at 10am at St John The Baptist Church Hall, Newland Lane, Normanton. All Welcome.



Double Celebration

After several days of glorious sunshine the morning of 5 June 2013 dawned grey and cool, yet undeterred the brave Head Office staff built the gazebos on the lawn and made the food preparations for the celebration lunch. At the appointed hour the sun broke through the clouds and a feast of delicious goodies was laid out. Staff, past and present, gathered along with friends in anticipation.

All this was to celebrate two very special events for two very special people, the 90th Birthday of Mgr Murphy and the Golden Jubilee of Canon Maguire. Although very different milestones, both men share the common bond of having devoted many years to Catholic Care.

