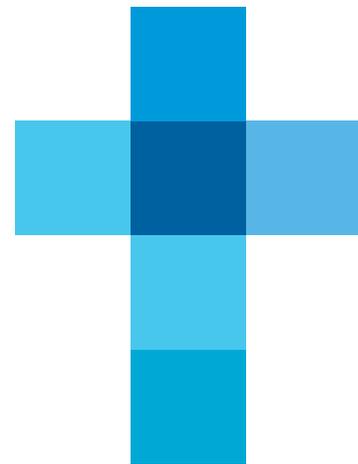


Catholic Care news



Welcome from Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care



Welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of the Catholic Care newsletter.

Summer is a wonderful time of year when we enjoy good weather and the opportunity to enjoy a holiday. For the people we care for and support, this is no exception and our homes are busy planning and preparing to go away on holiday or enjoy days out locally. I look forward to sharing all the adventures with you next time.

In this newsletter we welcome Bishop Marcus and, I am very proud to be sharing the news with you about the opening of our new children's home, the first in nearly 20 years, offering short term and respite care to children with a learning disability; and at the other end of life's spectrum, the opening of our apartments for senior ladies and gentlemen at Leopold Villa in Harrogate.

I hope you enjoy your read and wish you happy holidays and safe journeys.

A Warm Welcome to Bishop Marcus

Following his Episcopal Ordination last November Bishop Marcus has been getting to know about all the good work we carry out here at Catholic Care; caring for and supporting the more vulnerable members of our society and making a positive difference to their lives.

The Bishop has now kindly agreed to become the Charity's Chair of Trustees and was warmly welcomed to his first Trustees Meeting on 3rd March. We are so pleased that Bishop Marcus is sharing his valuable time with us and Catholic Care looks forward to his support and spiritual guidance.

We have also recently welcomed two new Trustees, Mrs Sue Rix and Mr Joe Hester. Sue is a retired Deputy Headteacher at St Joseph's Catholic College in Bradford and has a wealth of experience to contribute towards our School and Family Social Work service, while Joe is an excellent fundraiser and works in the construction sector which will assist us greatly as we evolve and develop our services. Both were warmly welcomed with Bishop Marcus.



Chrissie Moran celebrates the beginning of a new chapter

On the 28th March, friends and colleagues past and present came together to celebrate Chrissie's contribution to helping others throughout her working life, as we marked the retirement of Chrissie Moran, Head of Catholic Care's School and Family Social Work Service.

Chrissie joined Catholic Care in 2002 and on becoming Service Manager in 2007 she became an influential force in the Senior Management Team of the Charity. Chrissie has contributed a huge amount both to the Service and the Charity over the past 15 years. Colleagues from across the Diocese came to thank Chrissie for her dedication, commitment and contribution.

Colleagues from throughout Chrissie's career gave speeches to mark this special event in a "This is your Life" style. We heard about some of Chrissie's time in the police force along with her role as an educational welfare officer. A number of head teachers and school staff from current schools receiving the Service talked about Chrissie's care and commitment to children, families and school staff.

Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care, concluded the speeches by thanking Chrissie most sincerely on behalf of herself, the Trustees and all her colleagues at Catholic Care for her fantastic contribution over the last 15 years.



Bishop Marcus leads the Good Shepherd Celebration

On Friday 1st May 2015 children, students and teachers from over 70 schools across the Diocese gathered in St Anne's Cathedral for the much loved annual Good Shepherd Celebration.

As is now tradition, the service commenced with the procession of banners. This year pupils and staff from Corpus Christi College led by Mr Steve Mort (Headteacher) and Miss Nicola Couttie (Head of RE) presented the Liturgy, based on Benediction, for the service. Their prayers, readings and singing were both moving and joyous, "truly inspirational" commented Janet Kent (Service Manager for the School & Family Social Work Service).

Carol Hill (Director of Catholic Care) welcomed everyone to the Cathedral and thanked everyone for their generosity and for "helping us to help others and making a positive difference to the lives of those in need".

During Lent the schools and colleges are busy finding wonderful ways of raising money for Catholic Care and they really are very creative.



This year we have seen the popularity of the "Smartie Challenge" continue with children enjoying the sweets and then re-filling the tube with coins. Other imaginative ideas included "name the Easter bunny", "guess the number of mini eggs in a jar", "silly socks day", "Film Night" with plenty of popcorn of course! And the Bishop's favourite, "throw a custard pie at the teacher!"

After the Liturgy the children and young people presented their cheques, totalling £38,351 to Bishop Marcus who was both interested and highly amused at their stories of fundraising, told to him as only children can.

After the celebration many gathered in Wheeler Hall for refreshments and an opportunity to talk to Bishop Marcus.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who have supported us with donations either financially or in kind, individually or collectively, your contributions are much appreciated, and have helped us to continue our work in supporting the disadvantaged in the Leeds Diocese.

This Charity and its work are founded on the kind support we receive from people such as yourselves.

On behalf of the Charity I would like to thank you for your continued support that you have given to Catholic Care. In these economically challenging times and to keep postage costs down to a minimum, we cannot respond to all donors individually and have adopted the policy of thanking donors through our newsletters and website. Thankyou for your understanding. Please remember the work of the Charity in your prayers.

2015 Events

Friday 27th November 2015 – Christmas Party Night, Leeds Irish Centre, 7.30pm. Tickets are available now, contact Joanne Cunningham on 0113 388 5400 or email joanne.cunningham@catholic-care.org.uk. All very welcome.

Hog Roast – an enjoyable summer evening



The garden at our Head Office in North Grange Road, Headingley proved the perfect setting for the Catholic Care summer social event held on 5th June.

Staff, volunteers, supporters, donators and of course the people we care for and support gathered for a very enjoyable evening with a real family atmosphere.

We all enjoyed excellent food with a roasted hog, beautifully cooked and served by the aptly named caterers “Heavenly Hog Roast Catering”, followed by delicious strawberries and cream and a selection of cakes. Many enjoyed a flutter on the raffle and “guess the name of the pig” proved a real attraction: the name was eventually revealed at the end of the evening as “Pinky Winky”. As always the tombola stall proved to be very popular, there was even a competition amongst some of the guests as to how many prizes they could win!

Our volunteer knitters must have had their needles clacking fast as there was a beautiful array of knitwear for sale and the donation of cup cakes proved to be irresistible to all who passed the stall.

Thanks to everyone’s generosity we raised £490 and all had a fabulous evening.



A Grand Opening for the apartments at Leopold Villa, Harrogate, for mature ladies and gentlemen

The banging has stopped, the dust has settled and the fabulous new apartments at Leopold Villa are now complete and awaiting their first occupants.

June saw the official opening of the apartments which was a lovely afternoon attended by many interested themselves or for a friend or family member. All were treated to afternoon tea and the opportunity to view the fabulous show apartment and to talk to members of Catholic Care staff about our flexible approach to independent living with support on hand when it is needed.

One interested lady commented “this is perfect for my mother, she would love it here.”

At Leopold Villa there are a range of 1 & 2 bedroom apartments, each including a quality fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, ensuite bath/shower room as well as access to a number of communal facilities.

These new apartments are ideally suited to those wishing to maintain their independence and come and go as they please, safe in the knowledge that they have support tailored to suit their individual personal needs.

Leopold Villa is in an excellent location, situated in the centre of Harrogate, close to local amenities, shops, a Waitrose and St Robert’s Church just across the road.

For further details or to arrange a viewing please contact Joanne Cunningham 0113 388 5400.

Catholic Care opens a new Children’s Home for the first time in 17 years – Francis House welcomes Children & Young People

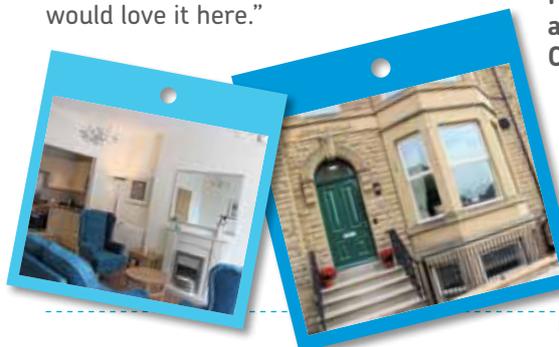
After months of preparation and registration we have opened a new Children’s Home offering short term and respite care to children and young people with learning disabilities, particularly those on the Autistic Spectrum

Our wealth of experience has taught us that respite breaks are invaluable in giving families an opportunity for a break whilst at the same time providing a supportive environment for children and young people to achieve positive outcomes.

At Francis House we care for children and young people from 6 years to 17 years, offering a tailored, comprehensive and specialist range of support services to meet the individual needs of the child. We also aim to help the children and young people develop better coping skills by developing a behaviour management plan which can assist at points of crisis both at Francis House and in their own home.

Francis House is located on the outskirts of Bradford, open all year and is available for respite and short term care for children and young people across the Diocese. Day care is also offered for those who do not want to stay overnight. Catholic Care also runs a complimentary family support service, supporting children and young people in a family setting within their own home or out in the community. Our service also extends to schools where we can support the school with appropriate strategies on behaviour management and offer 1:1 support actually in the classroom with the child.

Francis House is having its official opening on Friday 17th July 1pm to 3pm. Please come and join us to view the home and talk to members of staff regarding our approach to care.



A fond farewell

It was with much sadness that we heard of the sudden death of our good friend and colleague Peter McHale. Peter died at his home on 11th June 2015.

Peter was well known throughout not only Catholic Care but the Diocese as well and many of you will have fond memories of him. Peter joined Catholic Care in 1985 and stayed with us until his retirement in 2011.

During his 26 years at Catholic Care Peter held many posts. A qualified social worker he came to us from the local authority bringing vast experience to his initial role of Team Leader of the Social Work Team.

His main forte was in development and he was instrumental in setting up the mental health services.

In his latter years he was involved with services for older people, as well as representing Catholic Care on many groups and committees throughout the Diocese of Leeds.



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.

Annual Appeal 2015

Churches throughout the Diocese held the Annual Appeal for Catholic Care during Lent. The response this year was very generous and £25,076 has been raised so far.

The Annual Appeal and the Good Shepherd Appeal held in the Diocesan Schools are the two main voluntary income streams from the Catholic Community during the year. They really do make such an important contribution to our work.

They support our funded services where in to the current economic climate, cuts have been made. If we are to continue providing a quality service to meet the individual needs of those we care for and support, we need to supplement with our voluntary income.

The appeals also allow us to undertake work in our local communities on a charitable basis especially for needy families.

We are very grateful for your generosity, thank you so much for helping us to make such a positive difference to those in need.

Father of all goodness,
Your Son brought healing of mind and body
to show that your Kingdom is here.
In our hour of need, we look to you,
we seek to understand your purpose.
We pray for those whose lives we share
and who live with the knowledge of
weakness, whose memory now fades,
whose enjoyment of life's story is
changing.
Make us aware of the needs of others,
of the dignity of life at every stage,
of the collective memory that we own.
Nurture those who care and support
those with dementia, who share the
journey.
Your Kingdom come, your Will be done,
in your good time.
We ask this through the same Christ
Our Lord. Amen

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