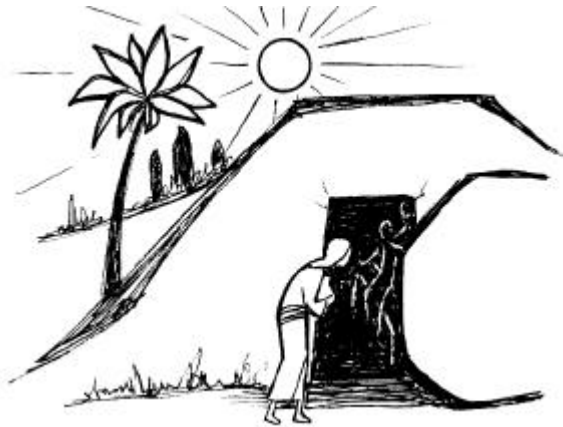
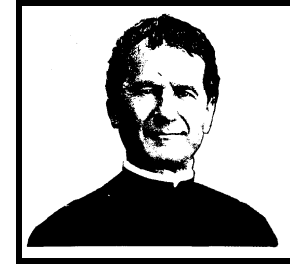


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## A 'NEW' YOUTH GROUP AT THE DOMS!!

As Salesian Cooperators, for a long time, we had been wanting to start a new youth group - 'salesian style'. Our desire for this type of club is rooted in our love of St John Bosco. Salesian youth clubs throughout the world have in common - a christian ethos. This is what makes these clubs special. As well as providing a safe environment for our local young people to play in, it also promotes the values of the Christian faith.

We owe a big thank you to Fr Robson who provided us a room for the club. We also wish to thank North Huyton New Deal for Communities - Small Change who funded equipment to assist us in starting up.

The Club successfully opened on 19 January and we have twenty-one members. We know it is a success by their eagerness to arrive 20 mins early. Activities consist of snooker, pool, table football, table tennis, board games and a general 'chill out'. The young people have made the club their own. We are proud that they show respect for each other and share the games.

Below are a few comments from the young people:-

"I think the club is a great idea because it is a good place to meet new people"

"Good place for young people to go - a safe environment"

"You get to see your mates"

We had our first trip to the bowling alley - a great time was had by all.

Vera, Christine & June (Huyton)

## CONGRATULATIONS MARGARET!!

Margaret McHugh, a Salesian Cooperator from Cowley was delighted and surprised to receive the 'Anglia Brooch' - a prestigious award for her work with Girlguiding. Margaret went along to Our Lady's Brownie pack to help out for a few weeks in 1973 and has been guiding ever since. Working with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides before taking up her present position as Assistant County Commissioner in 1995. The award is highly prized and Margaret considers it a great honour to have been selected for it. Well Done Margaret!! it is well deserved.



### A Daily Celebration

by Tracy McConnell, Croxteth

May each celebration be for us a special day,  
Filled with happiness in following the Salesian way,  
A way of life, each day we commit ourselves to,  
Don Bosco and Our Lady are with us, in all that we  
do,  
Reaching out to the young with a generous heart,  
Joy and cheerfulness are such a big part,  
Of the spirit of the Salesian family,  
Becoming a Cooperator is a wonderful mystery.

## A WARM WELCOME TO ALVERTOKE!

On Sunday 29 February 2004 a 'new' cooperators group was inaugurated. The ceremony took place during Mass and was officiated by Fr Bernard Parkes SDB, Provincial Delegate and witnessed by Therese John, Provincial Coordinator, Matt Murphy, Council representative and Sr Eileen McGarry FMA Provincial Delegate. During the ceremony Brian Watson was appointed Coordinator and Sr Ann Hoskison FMA as the Delegate for the Group.

During the service existing members renewed their commitment and Norah Mathews was enrolled as a new member. After the service Fr Bernard gave a short slide show and discussed our role as Salesian Cooperators. This was followed by a celebration lunch.

Meetings are held at St John Bosco House which is a Salesian Centre on the South Coast very near the Solent. It was the family home of Sr Ann and has been used for young people to have short breaks at the seaside. It was extended to include a small chapel, sleeping accommodation for 16 and a recreation / study room. At present it is used for prayer and leadership courses, Duke of Edinburgh Award work, educational visits and respite holidays. This work has been going on for the past 28 years.

We hope in the future to interest more local people, young and not so young in the work we do in the Centre. At present services for local people are held in the house which include Masses said by visiting priests and during Lent, weekly stations of the cross led by Brian and Helen.

by Brian Watson, Alverstoake Coodinator

## ALVERSTOKE COOPERATORS



Left to right: Terry Matthews, Norah Matthews, Sr Ann Hoskison FMA, Brian Watson & Helen Watson.



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Jesus came that we might have life to the full. He took our sins with him on to the Cross and into the grave. When he rose on the first EASTER our sins stayed in the grave and we can share in the risen life of Jesus through our Baptism and the other Sacraments.

We have every reason to wish each other

## HAPPY EASTER !

**REMEMBER!!** we are looking for articles from all centres

## ST DOMINIC'S PARISH - HUYTON

St Dominic's took up the 'CaFE' programme recommend by Liverpool Archdiocese. Each Wednesday evening during March, **THE DOMS CaFE** was open for business. Our Parish Meeting Room was set out as an attractive Cafe with table cloths and flowers. Tea and coffee with biscuits were served by the welcoming team and everyone was made to feel welcome.

This was not just any ordinary Cafe: to begin with there wasn't any price list with the menu! **CaFE** also has another meaning. The letters stand for **Catholic Faith Exploration**. The attractive setting was a way of getting us together in friendly small groups so that we could grow a little in our Catholic Faith. We used a series of Videos.



### KNOWING GOD BETTER

There are seven videos and we used one each week. They are very attractively produced and everyone found them interesting and inspirational. The first video is an introduction to the series and stresses the importance of letting God be a real influence in our everyday life.

Themes for the following weeks are:

- \* Knowing God's Love
- \* Knowing God's Forgiveness
- \* Knowing God's Help
- \* Knowing God's Word
- \* Knowing God's Spirit
- \* Knowing God's Hope



Fr George Robson SDB (Huyton)

## Cooperators Formation Day at Cowley

Sat 28 February 2004



Cowley Cooperators were delighted to host the Formation Day for the Southern Centres. We were joined by our friends from Henley and looked forward eagerly to hearing from the Team. Frs Bernard & Martin, Sr Eileen, Tess and Ina. We were not disappointed.

Those of us who were unable to attend the Cooperators retreat in Kendal really appreciated the opportunity to share something of that weekend. Ina started the day with a beautiful prayer moment. Sr Eileen spoke about Pastoral Charity, adding some moving examples of her own to those of Sr Pauline, who was unable to be with us. Tess gently encouraged us to think about the meaning of Eucharist and held us spell bound as she shared with us her own personal experiences and memories. Fr Martin emphasised the unity and interdependence of the Salesian family and Fr Bernard concluded the day with an impressive power point display explaining the Preventive System of Don Bosco.

**What a wonderful day ... full of SALESIAN joy and family spirit.**

by Kathleen Pill, Cowley Coordinator