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Nugent CEO

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Hello everyone and welcome to our Good Shepherd Appeal issue of **Together**.



This is an appeal that sits at the heart of who we are as a charity and provider of support to so many people. Having been initiated in the early 1900s it has continued to inspire children in schools across the region to take part in fundraising activities to support vulnerable children and young people. You may remember taking part at school yourself. If you do, we'd love to hear your memories. You may not have realised that it is still going, and that it supports Nugent.

We also have news of other fundraising events, including our fifteenth annual Phil Thompson Golf Classic hosted by our wonderful patron, which is on Thursday 21 May at Houghwood Golf in Billinge, a great day out and a chance to meet Phil! Strictly Nugent is back too, after a successful 2019. If you are interested in taking part, get in touch, it is a fabulous event and great fun whether you're a regular dancer or novice.

Please enjoy finding out about our work, and our Good Shepherd Appeal, I do hope you will support us.

Thank you.

## Normandie



# getinvolved

## Fundraising events and appeals in 2020

- 1-31 Mar Will Month
- 22 Mar Wag this Way (dog walk), Taylor Park, St Helens
- 22 Mar Nugent Sunday appeal
- 28 Mar Skyfall (sky dive)
- 1-30 Apr Bin bag challenge
- 21 May Phil Thompson Golf Classic, Houghwood Golf
- 1-30 Jun We are Nugent month
- 20 Jun Good Shepherd mass, Liverpool
- 24 Jun Good Shepherd mass, Leyland
- 11-12 Jul Nightrider (cycling)
- 15 Aug Vertigo (abseil)

For more information about any of our upcoming events visit [wearenugent.org](http://wearenugent.org) or call 0151 261 2000.



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# settling new neighbours

Two years on from the arrival of the first refugee family to be resettled by a community group in the UK, the Community Sponsorship Scheme continues to have a transformative impact on refugee families and Catholic communities.

Nugent is the lead sponsor for community sponsorship in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and is working with five parishes, two in Liverpool, one in Rainhill, one in Ormskirk and one parish in Warrington.

Parish volunteers typically describe the experience as *“the best thing I have ever done in my life”* and speak of the profound joy and blessing of befriending families of such immense courage, resilience and determination.

We welcomed our first family in December 2018. The family is living in Liverpool and is supported by a team of over 20 volunteers to help them settle and integrate into the local community. Three further

families arrived in 2019.

The Home Office and Local Authorities have been impressed with the patience, professionalism and dedication of Catholic projects.

With training and support from Nugent, these projects are increasingly seen as exemplars of best practice in this important work.

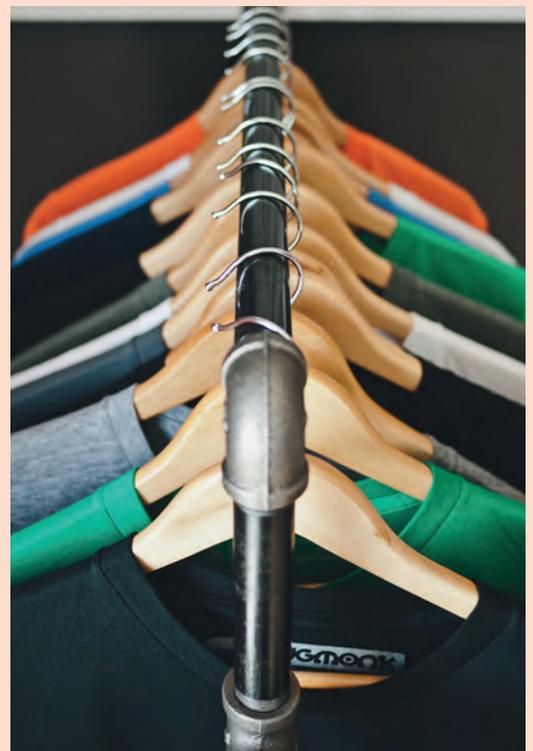
We look forward to welcoming more families in the future.

## ready for a spring clean?

Our charity shop on Allerton Road is always extremely grateful for donations of clothing, shoes, handbags, bric-a-brac and books to raise funds for local services.

Donations can be dropped off at the shop, 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH, Monday to Saturday, 9am until 5pm or at our Central Office, 99 Edge Lane, Liverpool, L7 2PE.

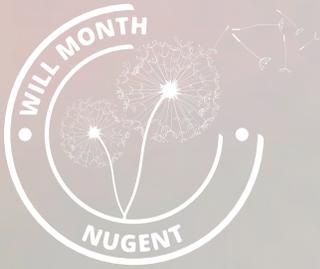
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# Where there's a will there's a way



A new decade has begun and, as we reflect on the years gone by and start 2020 afresh, what better time to take stock and look to the future?

Making plans for when you die might not be at the top of your 'to do' list for this year, but don't worry as you're certainly not alone. In fact, did you know that only around a third of adults who die in the UK are covered by a will?

But, however reluctant we might be to think about how best to ensure our affairs are in order for our loved ones when we're gone, creating a will is actually a really simple process which will give you peace of mind that your wishes will be carried out when you die.

This March is our Will Month and we are partnering with local solicitors Kirwans, who will waive their usual fee to create or update your will, and instead ask that you make a donation to Nugent in return for their time.



## The importance of a lasting gift

When you make your will, the solicitor will also ask if you'd like to remember a charity. There's no obligation to leave a legacy to Nugent, but if you did feel you'd like to, we can assure you that your lasting gift really will make a difference to the lives of the local people we support.

Zoe Donoghue, Nugent's Interim Fundraising Manager, said:

*"Making a will doesn't need to be a complex process, and we're hoping that our very first Will Month campaign will make it even easier for you to gain peace of mind whilst ensuring your affairs are in order."*

*"As a charity, gifts made through wills and legacies make a huge*

*difference. They really are a lasting gift that help us to change the lives of the people we care for. For example, we're able to provide lots of special extras that turn a young person's room into a home – whether that's new bedding, lamps and rugs, to more personal items such as photo frames for pictures of their loved ones, or a teddy bear to cuddle at night. We can never underestimate the value of a legacy gift on someone's life. The impact is huge."*

## Will you do something amazing this March?

One of the young people we support recently shared her aspirations for her future.

She said:

*"I know that since I've been at Clumber, my life has changed for*

*the better. When I first came here, I was on the verge of being hospitalised and separated from my sister. I never communicated with anyone because I was scared, and always had trouble fitting in. But, slowly and gradually, things have improved. My hygiene needs are met, I'm eating again, my social skills are good and I've started opening up to people."*

*"After a while I've started to go back to school, after two years off, and I'm working towards my GCSEs. I want to be a cardiologist."*

Thanks to the kind donation you make this Will Month, we can continue to support even more people like this amazing young lady to achieve their aspirations – where there's a will, there's certainly a way to make a real difference both to the lives of your loved ones, and the people we support too.

## Contact Kirwans

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Prenton: 363 Woodchurch Road, Prenton, CH42 8PE

Liverpool: Suite 631-632, Sixth Floor, The Plaza, 100 Old Hall Street, Liverpool, L3 9QJ



## Suggested donations

Kirwans are recommending a donation equivalent to their usual fee when you take part. Their suggested donations are £90.00 for a single will, £135.00 for a joint will or £40 for a codicil to an existing will.

Nugent Patron and LFC legend Phil Thompson hosts our annual Golf Classic



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## the fifteenth annual phil thompson golf classic

**Thursday 21 May 2020  
Houghwood Golf**

Billinge Hill, Crank Road,  
Crank, St Helens, WA11 8RL

### PACKAGE DETAILS

£450 per team of four includes:

breakfast  
full 18 holes  
shotgun start  
buggy hire  
on course refreshments  
hole competitions  
(longest drive/nearest pin)  
three-course dinner  
presentation and awards  
after dinner speaker

All funds raised at the Phil Thompson Golf Classic will go directly to help provide support for vulnerable children and adults at risk in our communities.

For more information, and to book,  
please contact our fundraising team.



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# thommo tees up landmark golf day



*Participants at last year's Golf Classic at the ever beautiful surroundings of Houghwood Golf, Billinge*

Nugent Patron and LFC legend Phil Thompson hosts our fifteenth annual Golf Classic at Houghwood Golf, Billinge, on Thursday 21 May, sponsored by David M Robinson Jewellery & Watches.

At the Phil Thompson Golf Classic you and your team can enjoy a full 18 holes, with on course competitions, nearest the pin and longest drive, followed by a three course evening dinner with raffles and a charity auction, supporting our ongoing work with vulnerable children and adults in our communities, and a special guest speaker.

Our after dinner guests across the last couple of years have proved a big hit. Last year was no exception, as we were entertained by Liverpool legend Jan Molby. In previous years, both Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher have given up their time to support us and given our guests a chance to meet them.

Out on the course the teams have always been in good company too, not only with Phil

himself playing, but over the last couple of years we have been joined by ex-Liverpool players David Fairclough, Terry McDermott and David Johnson, and former Everton player Alan Stubbs.

The Phil Thompson Golf Classic is a great day out, to entertain clients, have a round with friends and relax. Book your team of four now and challenge Phil on the golf course.

It's only £450 for a team of four which includes:

- breakfast
- full 18 holes
- shotgun start
- buggy hire
- on course refreshments
- hole competitions (longest drive/nearest pin)
- three-course dinner
- presentation and awards
- after dinner speakers

To book complete the form at **[wearenugent.org](http://wearenugent.org)** or call our fundraising team on 0151 261 2000.

## Become a sponsor in 2020

The 2020 Phil Thompson Golf Classic is sponsored by David M Robinson Jewellery & Watches, who join us for a second year as headline sponsor.

Having started from humble beginnings in 1969, the Liverpool based jewellery and watch company David M Robinson, has a number of significant design accolades under his belt and alongside exclusive diamond jewellery collections, DMR boasts strong relationships with some of the finest luxury watch manufacturers in the world, including Rolex and Patek Philippe.

We currently have a range of sponsorship opportunities available for the event. All our packages are negotiable, therefore should you wish to discuss an opportunity please don't hesitate to contact the fundraising team.

As a sponsor of the 2020 Phil Thompson Golf Classic you will benefit from a host of brand placement opportunities before, during and after the event giving you multi-level exposure online, on site and in the media.

Opportunities available include:

- golf buggy sponsorship – £1,000
- club house (outdoor) sponsorship – £1,000
- drinks sponsorship – £600
- drinks buggy sponsorship – £550
- hole sponsorship – £100 per hole

**Call the team now on 0151 261 2000.**



# strictly nugent returns for fifth year

**Our annual dance competition and gala fundraiser, Strictly Nugent is back for a fifth year in 2020!**

Last year Strictly Nugent took place at the iconic Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, on Saturday 2 November. The event was a resounding success with the 12 dancers and their professional partners receiving standing ovations from over 200 guests, with three couples getting perfect 10s from the judges.

The atmosphere was electric from the start, as the dancers gave their all to compete for the winners' trophies. The Judges' trophy went to Klare Rufo who danced the American Smooth with James Wilson. Klare is the Lead for The Archdiocese of Liverpool Primary School Improvement Trust. Vicky Komrower, dancing the tango with Anton Du Cooke, was the audience winner. Vicky, a first-time dancer, is a consultant in acute medicine at Liverpool Royal Hospital.

The audience were buzzing from the moment the first dance started, and they continued cheering and waving banners

throughout. The event has raised over £140,000 in the last four years to help vulnerable children and families living with poverty.

Normandie Wragg, Nugent's CEO said: *"What an amazing night, celebrating dance whilst supporting our children's services. We are so grateful to all our guests for their support and the dancers who worked so hard!"*

*The support we receive helps us go the extra mile for those in our care to help them reach their full potential."*

The event was sponsored for the fourth year running by Lynbrook IT & print technology providers, Director Ian Morgan said: *"Every year we are overwhelmed by the hard work the dancer's put in and are very proud to be part of this excellent evening. We didn't hesitate to come back this year to support such an important charity."*

Funds raised will help to support our children's services, Clumber Care, Marydale Lodge, Nugent House School and Nugent House Residential.

**You could take part in the charity dance event of the year!**

This year will be the fifth year of Strictly Nugent and we're looking for new dancers to take part and help us make Strictly Nugent 2020 a huge success both on the dancefloor and for the people we support.

You'll be supported all the way, training for six weeks with a professional dancer and performing with them on the night.

2019 winner Klare Rufo from LACE said:

*"This experience has been so fantastic, I loved every second of it! So happy for all the support people gave me and being able to raise all that money for Nugent."*

If you fancy yourself as the next Kelvin Fletcher or Debbie McGee and want to have an epic experience and help us raise vital funds to support to families living in poverty, get in touch today!

Contact Zoe Donoghue at **[zoe.donoghue@wearenugent.org](mailto:zoe.donoghue@wearenugent.org)**

For more information and to see footage of previous Strictly Nugent events go to **[wearenugent.org](http://wearenugent.org)**.

# Can you imagine not having a bed of your own?

**There's no food in the house, no clean clothes and no toys.**

Sadly, some children living in our communities simply don't have the basics that we just take for granted, there is no food in the house, they have no clean clothes and no toys.

Whether it's a family living hand to mouth, struggling to pay the rent, a homeless mother and child fleeing domestic abuse, or a young person, passed around the care system, until they find a sanctuary and safe place with us.

Across the last 139 years Nugent has been at the forefront of

campaigning for and supporting children and young people living in poverty, in crisis or just struggling with life; restoring their sense of dignity and purpose.

As one of the major charities in the North West, we offer a diverse range of support to adults and children in Merseyside and surrounding areas through our schools, care homes, community and adoption services, working at the heart of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

## One of the oldest charities in the UK

Traditionally based in schools, our Good Shepherd Appeal is one of the oldest charity appeals in the UK. With its origins in Victorian Britain and built around children helping children, the appeal has helped support families struggling to support themselves in difficult times for over 110 years.

The Good Shepherd Appeal was an initiative of Bishop Thomas Whiteside, the first Archbishop of Liverpool, who wanted to *“enlist for the homeless little ones of his diocese the sympathies not alone of the grown-up people but even of the little children, both those of the well-to-do and those of the poor, but self-supporting, working people.”*

Across 110 years generations of schoolchildren from all over the Archdiocese have continued to support Nugent through Good Shepherd, raising millions of pounds and helping thousands of children and young people by taking part. More recently things are no different with local schools across the parishes raising over £50,000 per year on average.

This amazing support helps us to continue to provide support and care where local government funding and austerity is impacting most and creating hardship and this means that the Good Shepherd Appeal has more relevance in helping children and young people **in our local communities, right where it's needed most.**

Pupils at all the schools taking part really use their imagination and come up with some amazing ideas that their friends and staff can take part in.

Lottie and Hope (pictured) from Christ the King Catholic Primary School in Wavertree, Liverpool, held an Easter bonnet parade last year to support our Good Shepherd Appeal.

### Do you remember taking part in Good Shepherd at school?

Recently we have been researching the Archdiocese archives for articles featured in the Catholic Pictorial about how schools across Merseyside have supported the Good Shepherd Appeal since its early days.

We found some great pictures, showing how young people selflessly worked to help others, be it bringing in pocket money, having a jumble sale or dressing up. We also found some personal stories of young people taking part in Good Shepherd at school and the success they had.





Marie and Anne today

## Good Shepherd mass 1976

This picture was taken outside the Cathedral following a Good Shepherd Mass and shows Archbishop Worlock thanking everyone for their support.

We started trying to track down some of those young people in the picture and find out what they are doing now. As it turned out, one of those young people is our very own Caritas Manager, Marie Reynolds, pictured with her friend Anne Casey (circled).

Marie has been working at Nugent for over 30 years, and originally led the fundraising team and the Good Shepherd Appeal. Marie's Caritas work involves engaging with the communities we work in, managing Nugent's Catechist team, the Deaf team and the volunteer and community team

and she leads on Community Sponsorship.

Marie and Anne have remained close friends, and Anne, a parishioner of St Oswald and St Sebastian, is also a lifelong supporter of Nugent and runs a Faith in Action youth group which raised funds for us last year.

Marie Said:  
*"What a surprise to see Anne and I on the old photo, we were both at Notre Dame Everton Valley and were representing our school at the Mass. I have lots of happy memories of fundraising for the Good Shepherd Appeal and it's great to be still part of it. Seeing the impact the appeal has on local people and the difference the donations continue to make is remarkable."*

Where you at the Good Shepherd mass that year? Are you in this picture?

You may remember taking part in the Good Shepherd Appeal when you were at school. What did you do to raise money? What events did you and your teachers organise to help support Nugent?

We'd love to hear your stories; contact us at [fundraising@wearenugent.org](mailto:fundraising@wearenugent.org) or through social media - we can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn search [@wearenugent](https://www.instagram.com/wearenugent).

You can keep up to date with our Good Shepherd Appeal activities by searching [#NugentGS](https://twitter.com/NugentGS) on social media.



## Your generosity makes a difference

The funds our supporters donate can help provide everything a family needs, a new bed, a cooker, basic kitchen items and bedding, along with clothes and pyjamas for the children, bringing smiles and tears to the children and their parents, as they began a new chapter in their lives.

You could be part of helping to create those smiles, by donating today to help us relieve the pressure on children living in hardship and crisis, giving them the helping hand they need to survive.

You can donate online at [wearenugent.org](https://wearenugent.org), via PayPal, by phone on 0151 261 2000 or complete the form on the accompanying letter.

### Thank you

A massive thank you to everyone who took part in our 2019 Good Shepherd Appeal, which raised an amazing £41,850.15 for Nugent.

The last twelve months has seen us visit many schools across the Archdiocese to hear about their fundraising events and activities. We have enjoyed visiting many schools to talk about our work and the impact your kind efforts in aid of the charity have on the thousands of people we help each year.

We would not be able to continue to support the children, young people and adults in our local services and communities without the generosity of our schools.

Keep up to date with our Good Shepherd Appeal by searching **#NugentGS** on social media.



### In memoriam

#### Father Kevin Ashton

1921–2019

Father Ashton, the longest serving priest in the Archdiocese and former Chaplain at Nugent House School, passed away in November in the 75th year of his priesthood.

#### Sister Agnes Vernon

1929–2019

Sister Agnes passed away peacefully in December, aged 90, and will be sadly missed by all the Sisters of the Little Ones and all her loving family and friends.



# nugent reaches out

In October last year, Nugent launched a brand new outreach service in the Chester, Neston and Ellesmere Port areas. Since opening the service we have supported 19 individuals, who have commissioned packages of support through Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The model of support for the outreach service is based on assessed needs and Nugent Community Choices provides tailored packages to individuals who may be experiencing mental health difficulties, and as a consequence may experience greater social isolation.

With this in mind, Keith Wilde, Registered Manager, has introduced a community mapping project, which is a signposting tool for people to access community based activities, support groups, housing related forums and group based sessions.

Our outreach support in Chester has three core staff, who each have their own clients that they visit daily/weekly, and have built up trusting relationships with. The enthusiasm of the staff has been valuable and has positively impacted on the delivery of the service. We are providing consistent approaches for

people and relieving people's anxieties by providing staff who are familiar to the individual.

Within the last two months of operating, we have supported a client's move into a new area of Chester and we have already seen a rapid drop in anxieties. This is just one of the success stories so far and as the service grows and develops into 2020 and beyond, we hope to see more people achieving personal outcomes.

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## normandie wragg

### **Chief Executive Officer**

It's an exciting time at Nugent. We'll be celebrating our 140th birthday in 2021, and as well as looking back and reflecting on what's gone by during more than a century of service, we'll also be looking ahead to what's next as we start to deliver our ambitious plans for the future.

Our CEO Normandie Wragg hails from Canada, but has called Merseyside her home for more than 20 years. Here, she tells us more about what it means to be part of the Nugent team, what she's looking forward to most about our future plans, and shares some of her passions – including why a song written by rapper Eminem strikes such a chord with her...

### **Nugent has a rich heritage in the local community - what's it like to be CEO of such an important, long-standing charity?**

Humbling. Incredibly humbling. I am currently reading the book

about Father Nugent, written by Canon Bennett, one of my predecessors with a foreword written by Bridget Fann. Bridget was the first female CEO in Nugent's history, and also one of my predecessors. The history of our charity is remarkable. It's my privilege to be the holder of the baton as the tenth CEO in our 139 year history.

### **How has Nugent changed since the organisation was established?**

The world around us is changing drastically since the charity was established and we are doing our very best to ensure we are here for a further 139 years. Nugent has always been about providing a service to those who need us, and Father Nugent's rallying cry: "save the child", still resonates today. Today, however, we provide services from the start of life to the end of life, aspiring to support anyone that needs us.

### **What makes you most proud when you are at work?**

Seeing our values at work makes me most proud. IACCORD is so very prominent in all that we do. They are significant and underpin all our decisions.

### **You work with so many different communities in the region, and support so many people of all ages at a really vulnerable time in their life. Is that a big responsibility?**

We support many people in the North West. It's a humbling responsibility to be accountable for all of this work. Thankfully, I have the support and challenge of our Trustees, and an excellent team of people to help me hold this responsibility.

### **What are you most excited about in Nugent's future?**

I am most excited about leading

our charity into an era where we are able to have an increased positive therapeutic impact on the people we serve. We have some really ambitious plans for our future – these will be shared more widely with the charity in the spring following ratification by the Trustees.

### **The Good Shepherd Appeal has been running since 1902. Why do you think it has remained such an important part of so many local people's lives?**

Nugent can sometimes be Merseyside's best kept secret. We've been doing so many good things to support communities for decades and decades, yet the name Nugent isn't always on people's minds. However, if you ask people if they remember the Good Shepherd Appeal from their youth, they are immediately taken back to a time where they, as a child, raised money to help other children. Then it clicks. People like to help people, no matter how complicated the world gets.

### **What would you say to people who have been involved in the Good Shepherd Appeal when they were younger, but perhaps not so recently?**

You remember Good Shepherd as a child, now please, if you can, remember it as an adult. The need is so much greater now, and communities need to rely on each other even more.

### **Why are appeals like the Good Shepherd, or fundraising events and activities so important to Nugent and the people you support?**

Appeals help us to have flexibility to put resources where we know the need to be greatest, where we can add value and make a difference. Reliance on state funding will be a challenge in the

future, so appeals like this will only increase in importance.

### What gets you up in the morning?

Every morning I get excited to see the results of the efforts from the day before. On my tough days, it helps me to remind myself that our efforts will help tomorrow look brighter.

### What keeps you awake at night?

Being accountable for the lives of the many people we care for, educate, protect and inspire, and never truly knowing each unique individual and their own story.

### What do you like to do to unwind?

I like to dance to unwind. I dance vintage Swing Dance – Lindy Hop, Charleston, Blues and Balboa. None of them particularly well, but I have fun!

### Who would be your dream dinner party guests?

My family. Being an immigrant to England, my family is not with me. A perfect dinner party would be all of my family together, sharing food (and wine!) and telling tall tales.

### Can you tell us one thing that no one else knows about you?

I moved to England in September 2001, with only a suitcase and a snowboard bag and no place to live. My flight was delayed due to airport closures in response to 9/11. In hindsight, I was either really brave or very naive. Probably a bit of both. I have yet to snowboard in the UK.

### What is your favourite food?

Curry or Sushi (but only when in Vancouver!)

### What is your favourite song?

Lose Yourself, written by Eminem. This may seem like an unusual choice of song for me, and perhaps it is. The song was released in 2002 – ultimately it is a song of resilience and not giving up. I was just finishing my studies, with no work to speak of and finding employment was almost desperate. This is the song, until this day that I play when I am going for an interview or a bid presentation. If you ever see me before something big, I am probably reciting the lyrics to this song in my head.

### Where is your favourite place in the world?

It's a tie. Vancouver or Paris.

### Any guilty pleasures?

Doritos – Chili Heat Wave.



## to my friends at margaret roper house

*by Clive Anderson, resident at Margaret Roper House*

In the glow of a twilight  
Winter trees shine through my window –  
The late sky is placid  
Though the north wind doth quietly blow.

My CD player plays Ave Maria  
The day gently sheds a tear;  
We can all go to bed tonight  
And need have no fear.

It is the middle of January  
And the winter time can only peer  
We are safe in god's hands  
And our minds couldn't be freer.

The moon and stars will be our sleeper  
The period of mental rest is near  
I for one, will awake to a mystic morn  
And feel glad that I was born.



# nugent's deaf team

Nugent's Deaf pastoral support and awareness team offers Deaf awareness sessions, training in British Sign Language (BSL), training in Catholic Liturgical sign language, pastoral support for Deaf people and we organise two BSL masses every month.

The team are Damien Mahon and Denise Armstrong-Hart, who are both profoundly Deaf and whose first language is BSL. Both Denise and Damien are dedicated and passionate about raising awareness of Deaf issues and are active within the Deaf community locally as well as regionally, they are a committee member of the National Catholic Deaf Association and represent Nugent on this board.

The services offered by the Deaf team are very varied and include:

- Deaf awareness talks about Deaf people, their culture and language
- Regular Sign Masses for Deaf people at different churches
- BSL courses
- Training sessions on Liturgical signs
- Pastoral care, home and hospital visits
- Organised national and regional events such as pilgrimages, retreats and conferences
- Social events, retreats and information days to prevent social isolation

- Monthly newsletters for Deaf and hard of hearing people

Damien delivers our BSL courses that aim to break down barriers to communication, raise awareness of BSL and of Deaf culture and community and can help develop your confidence and receptive skills.

The basic BSL course runs over 10 weeks and includes; 1:1 tutor support, interactive workplace focussed activities, activities based on group/pair work and a certificate upon completion. We also deliver the 30 week accredited British Sign Language Level 1 course (2.5 hours per week).

Courses can be delivered in-house or at an external venue and can be tailored to your requirements and business needs.

Damien is currently delivering BSL training to approximately 30 students at Cardinal Heenan 6th form and Broughton Hall school and they are all really enjoying the course.

The services listed are just a few of those that we offer to the Deaf community, wherever there is a Deaf person who has a service need, we will try to help.

For more information on all of our services and for further advice and guidance, please contact us.

## Contacts:

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## 2020 Deaf Mass Dates

First Sunday of the month, 4.30pm, Christ the King church, 78 Queens Drive, Childwall, L15 6YQ.

**5 April**

**3 May**

**7 June**

**5 July**

**2 August**

**6 September**

**4 October**

**1 November**

**6 December**

Each Mass is organised by the Deaf team at Nugent and will be celebrated in BSL and spoken English; Deaf and hearing people are welcome.

For more information, or if you are thinking of coming to Mass, please contact **Denise Armstrong-Hart** by mobile (text only) **07917 460791** or by email: **darmstrong-hart@wearenugent.org**

# nugent in numbers



Our annual report for 2018/19 is available to view online at [wearenugent.org](http://wearenugent.org).

We can report some positive impacts across local communities where we work and in our services in terms of the number we supported across that year.

## share, promote, celebrate



We're very active on social media, with news and articles about what's happening and what our teams and services are up to.

You can help, simply by following, liking and sharing our posts.

This really helps us to raise our profile and showcase our work, so get involved and help us spread the word.

     
[@wearenugent](https://www.facebook.com/wearenugent)

# 221

221 people supported through crisis grants.

# 110

110 people supported in food poverty each week through our community food markets in Ainsdale and Kirkdale.

# 76

Special education for 76 children and young people with behavioural difficulties.

# 93

24-hour residential care and support for 93 older people.

# 24

24-hour residential care and support for 24 individuals with mental health difficulties and two respite placements.

# fantastic festive fundraising

**Our fundraising and community work in the lead up to Christmas was as busy as ever, with various events and appeals engaging lots of supporters across our local communities and parishes.**

## Light up a Life

We held two Light up a Life services in December, our regular service took place in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, led by Bishop Tom Williams, and brought in over 250 people who came together in memory of a loved one or for someone who may have been away from home this Christmas.

For the first time we held a second service at St Teresa's in Upholland, led by Father Philip Kehoe. We were welcomed so warmly by the parishioners, with over 100 people attending.

We are very grateful to staff and students from St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School, St. Teresa's Parish Faith in Action Group Members and staff from Delph Side Primary School and Kingsbury Primary School who were part of the service.

We had some lovely feedback from everyone at St. Teresa's and we are looking forward to visiting again later this year.

We must also say a big thank you for the wonderful musical accompaniment at both services provided by Peter Benson, High School Chaplain at Archbishop Beck Sports College, and Phil Johnson, High School Chaplain

and students from The Academy of St. Francis of Assisi.

*"We all found the service both moving, uplifting and fitting at this most family orientated time of our liturgical year. I personally found it to be a beautiful and poignant reflection on life and salvation. It was a wonderful and dignified commemoration of the sanctity and hope of Catholic life within a supportive community setting."*

- Mr Bowden, Head of RE department at St Peter's Catholic High School, Orrell.

Jointly we had over 380 dedications at the services, and the two events have raised over £2,500!

## Light up a Life 2020 dates

**Monday 7 December, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral**

**Sunday 13 December, St Teresa's Church, Up Holland**



## Tinsel Tea Dance

A new event last year was our Tinsel Tea Dance, held in December at the Liverpool Marriott Hotel. We hosted over 60 guests including service users from our adult homes, volunteers from our community team and supporters.

The event was a lovely, relaxing afternoon with dancers from Mersey Swing helping to fill the dance floor and provide some dance lessons for the novices.

*"This reminded me of my youth, I so enjoyed the dancing and meeting some new people."*



Staff from Vitaflo help pack our festive hampers

## Toys and hampers

Our Christmas toys and hampers appeal was a success again this year, we are so grateful to the many people across the parishes and schools who donate to this and help us provide a special gift for Christmas to so many in our communities and services.

We are very grateful to all the children and young people who attended and donated presents at the masses at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. We'd also like to thank staff from our charity partner, Liverpool Marriott Hotel, staff teams from Vitaflo and staff from Nugent for their time helping to pack and deliver the presents and hampers.

### Toys and hampers appeal in numbers

**95** hampers sent out

**221** children aged one through to teens received a sack of presents

**66** schools received parcels of food and toys for their children

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Many thanks to the Parish of St. John Stone, Woodvale for working in partnership with us and St Vincent de Paul to host the panto at the Parish in December.

With over 100 local children and their families in attendance at the show, it was a fantastic way to start the festive celebrations!





**There's no food in  
the house, no clean  
clothes and no toys.**

For 139 years Nugent has been supporting local children and young people living in poverty.

Donate to our **Good Shepherd Appeal** now and help us restore their dignity and purpose.

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