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A great trip to Buckfast Abbey

St. Mary's Catholic Church Falmouth enjoyed a great trip to Buckfast Abbey. The weather was glorious and Fr. James gave us a wonderful in depth tour of the Abbey and the grounds. The whole day was enjoyed by us all.















COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE

McConville, has been elected to the national steering committee of Care Chaplains (CHCC)

The College is a multiinterdenominational, professional organisation, which exists to promote the professional standing of healthcare chaplaincy and that of its members both nationally and within health and social organisations. Deacon Declan is Head of Chaplaincy at Poole

in Dorset. Declan will



represent the interests of chaplaincy members in the South Central region





THE FOR SOMETHING



New Catholic South West

We are relaunching Catholic South West for Christmas! This will be more than just a make over! CSW will have a new editor, a new vision, a larger readership, more news and a wider appeal. We will have regular features and contributors as well as more local, national and international news.

It will be informative, evangelising and thought provoking. We want to appeal to as many people as possible in the South West - so what would you like to see?

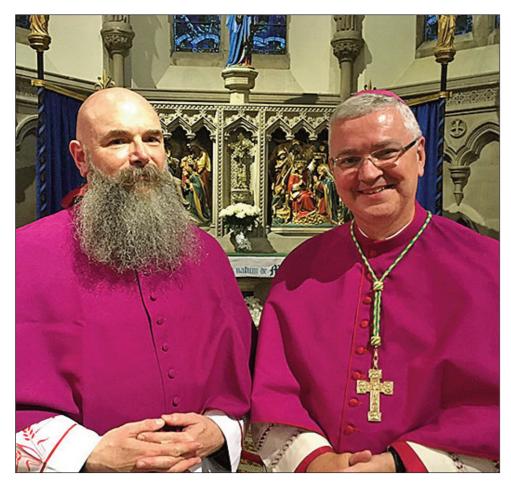
We'll give you more information about the re-

launch in the December edition and then the new edition will come out on 22nd/23rd December. In the meantime we would love to hear what you would like to see in the paper. Do let us know by contacting us at csw@cathcom.org or you can write to Catholic South West, CathCom, N2 Blois

Meadow Business Centre, Steeple Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 7DG and we will pass this on to the new editor.

Help us make CSW a vibrant, active and engaging publication for the South West!

New Cathedral Canon





In a very moving ceremony at the Cathedral, Bishop Mark installed Fr Kristian Paver as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. Canon Kristian was surrounded by family, friends and parishioners from Totnes as well as the Cathedral Chapter and Priests of the diocese. Congratulations Canon Kristian. May God continue to bless you in your service of the people of our diocese.



Sea (AoS) in Falmouth on September 26 to pray for seafarers and to celebrate the feast of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Stella Maris.

Fr Brian Kenwrick was the main celebrant. Dean of Cornwall Fr Peter Morgan concelebrated and AoS Wales & West Country Senior Regional Port Chaplain Rev Roger Stone BEM was in attendance.

Mass was attended by AoS Plymouth & Teignmouth Port Chaplain Ann Donnelly, AoS Falmouth & Fowey Port Chaplain John Pinhay, AoS ship visitors, parish contacts, supporters, volunteers, head office staff and local parishioners. Also present was a group of crew members from the ship The World.

Fr Peter commissioned two new AoS ship visitors during Mass - Hannah Forrest (ship visitor for the Ports of Plymouth) and Evelynne Magennis (Port of Teignmouth).

Hannah and Evelyn, along with other AoS ship visitors in the Diocese provide pastoral and practical support and a listening ear to seafarers arriving at ports in Devon and Cornwall.

Royal Navy for 29 years, said Our Lady Star of the Sea has special meaning and significance to seafarers and the AoS.

He said, "Inspired by the Blessed Virgin, AoS provides pastoral and practical support to seafarers via their port chaplains and ship visitors in ports around the world.

"Members of AoS, inspired by the example of Mary, make themselves available to serve seafarers and serve their families. Many seafarers who AoS help are often vulnerable powerless and helpless, a long way from home in need of a friendly face and a helping hand."

Fr Brian added, "So often seafarers have a natural awareness of the presence of God and look to Mary, Star of the Sea, to guide them to a safe harbour. Our Lady's care, love and concern for seafarers does not cease when they arrive at port. This love continues to them as expressed and proclaimed by the AoS.

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The Church Triumphant! November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints



November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. According to the Roman Missal, this feast day celebrates all God's holy ones in heaven, known and unknown, from the first martyrs to the recently canonized, and everyone in between. This feast day spans 2,000 glorious years of the Church's history.

HISTORY OF THE FEAST DAY

Today's solemnity, a Holy Day of Obligation, originally began in the 4th century to commemorate all the Christian martyrs during those centuries of brutal persecution before Christianity was legalized.

There were so many martyrs that a separate feast day could not be given to each one individually, yet, the Church did not want to leave any martyr without proper veneration. A common feast day developed and was usually celebrated in the Easter season.

In the 9th century Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to all the saints and moved the feast day to November 1st. His successor, Pope Gregory IV, extended the feast to the universal Church.

ALLHALLOWTIDE

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and thus a major feast on the liturgical calendar. All Saints Day is preceded by Halloween (the vigil of All Saints Day) and followed by All Souls Day. These three days taken together are traditionally called Allhallowtide, Hallowtide, or Hallowmas ('hallow' means to honor as holy). This is great festival is a celebration of the communion of saints, the time of year when the living (i.e. the Church Militant) collectively honor all the dead in Christ: all the saints in heaven (i.e. the Church Triumphant) as well as all the Holy Souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven (i.e. the Church Suffering).

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN What are the saints in heaven experiencing as we celebrate their feast?

All of the saints presently in heaven are enjoying the same thing, beholding God face to face, also known as the 'beatific vision'. The beatific vision—the blissful union with God—is our final end and our true happiness. It is the ineffable joy that comes from perfect union with the Holy Trinity. It is what we were made for. Beatific means, 'exalted joy', 'holy bliss', 'blissfully happy', or 'making

happy

St. John the Evangelist captures the happy scene the saints enjoy in heaven in a vision he relates in Revelation 7:9-12:

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

ONE CHURCH, THREE PLACES

Christ's Church, although one through him, exists in three places. The Church triumphant are the saints in heaven; the Church militant are those of us still on earth struggling to love God and turn away from sin and the devil; the Church suffering are the dead in Christ who must pass through purgatory before entry into heaven.

Those who have died in God's favor but have not yet attained the beatific vision await in purgatory until their final purification is complete before entering God's presence. We remember these souls on the All Souls feast day on November 2nd. So between the two side-by-side feast days on November 1st and 2nd, All Saints and All Souls, we remember all the dead in Christ together

Today we should ask for the intercession of the saints in heaven to pray for us; and tomorrow we ourselves should pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. Through the Communion of Saints each part of the Mystical Body of Christ helps every other.

Today's solemnity is a very special time of year indeed, and a reminder of the true purpose of every human life: to live for God, and to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

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Bishop Mark together with the other bishops of England and Wales have just completed their visit "Ad Limina Apostolorum", a pilgrimage normally made every five years to the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome. Bishops as well as visiting the various Dicasteries, offices of the Holy See, also have an audience with the Holy Father. On this visit each bishop is required to render an account of the condition of his Diocese. In this picture the Bishops are seen after visiting the tomb of St Peter in the Vatican.



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Statement from the Bishops of England and Wales

As we end our visit, 'ad limina Apostolorum', we offer these reflections on our days together in Rome.

On Friday 28 September, we were immensely privileged to share conversation with Pope Francis for over two hours. It was a most remarkable and intimate experience.

We asked the Holy Father for a message which we could bring back to our dioceses, to our priests and people. His message was simple: we are to live the gift of our faith with joy. Joy was his great emphasis.

He explained that this joy is rooted firmly in our relationship with Jesus. It is a joy of knowing that he is with us; of knowing the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, drawing and guiding us towards the will of God; a joy of knowing our Heavenly Father is waiting for us, longing to hold us in his embrace of loving mercy. This is the joy of the faith by which we are to live. He added that this joy is the source of lasting peace in our hearts and lives, no matter our circumstances.

As we spoke with Pope Francis we realised, more and more, that he simply radiates this joy and peace. He is indeed gifted with a unique grace of the Holy Spirit of God.

Even in this time of turmoil, the Holy Father is so clearly rooted in God and blessed by God. His peace is secure. His life is serene. We know, because he showed us his heart. It is the heart of a loving father.

In our turn, we affirmed our deep communion with him and promised him our love, support and prayers. We expressed confidently these sentiments on behalf of all the faithful Catholics of England and Wales.

We spoke with the Holy Father about the difficulties of fulfilling



our role as bishops. In turn he reflected on the importance of prayer and preaching in our lives, and of paternal closeness to our priests and people, with care and with firm justice. He spoke of the encouragement he wishes to give to priests today, who. can sometimes feel vulnerable in the face of difficult circumstances, in a critical environment. He spoke, movingly, of the wounds inflicted by abuse and neglect, wounds that wreak such harm in the lives of its victims and in the life of the Church. Wherever they are found, these are wounds in the Body of Christ and are painful to touch. He encouraged us, in our

pastoral work, never to neglect even the tiny flames of faith that exist in so many communities and people.

departments of the Roman Curia. We were asked to speak freely about our endeavours and problems. In the officials of the Holy See we have found a spirit of true cooperation. Everywhere we have been encouraged and given helpful advice. We have seen clear evidence that the life of the Catholic communities of England and Wales is generally well respected and even admired here in Rome. Our reports of the Eucharistic Congress 'Adoremus' have been well received, as has the strength of our compassionate outreach to those in need. Indeed, the leaders of our Diocesan charitable works were present in Rome at this same time, at the instigation of the Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN) and we were able to spent time and pray together. In encouraging this work of outreach, Pope Francis urged us always to walk with those engaged in its projects so as to draw them nearer to the Lord who is the source of compassion and mercy. We know so well that it is from our prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, that the mission of each of the baptised truly springs.

Young people want a passionate faith that is "intellectually and practically reliable"

First-time Synod Father Bishop Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth and Chair of the Bishops Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, gave this intervention to the Synod of Bishops discussing 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'.

Bishop O'Toole said that young people want a

passionate faith that is "intellectually and practically reliable".

His full address is as follows

Holy Father, brother Bishops, dear brothers and sisters, From the age of 17, Jesus has exerted an attraction over my heart; no other can match the

magnetic pull of His love, or the peace that His friendship brings.

The young are looking for a passionate faith, one that is intellectually and practically reliable. Nobody wants to be part of something which has died the death of a thousand distinctions. In the mental or personal fragility that many witness to, faith which is held deep in the heart, also opens up the possibility of beginning anew each day. Only walking this path ourselves, will enable us to be with young people in a humble way.

As you, Holy Father, have said, credibility and authenticity are crucial. The cases of historic abuse within the Church, recorded in so many parts of the world, are a counter sign. Young people rightly expect that we put victim survivors at the centre of what we do. Lay experts, and just statutory authorities, are an essential part of how we review such situations, in order to make assessments with us, of these difficult matters. This is also true for us Bishops. We, too, must be subject to processes as robust as those we would expect for our priests.

In the face of such challenges we are to embrace more deeply the Marian dimension of the Church's life. On this day we recall, of happy memory, Pope Saint John XXIII, and his description of the Church as "the loving mother of all... gentle, patient and full of tenderness." (Opening Address of the Second Vatican Council, 11 October, 1962).

In God's holy people we find all we need to help heal the wounds of this present crisis. Pope St

John Paul spoke of the "genius of women" (Mulieris Dignitatem) as an important part of this Marian dimension. Mothers, including consecrated women who are spiritual mothers among us, can help us to be tender and loving to the young, whilst also protecting the little ones from the wolves, and so ridding the Church of this evil. This, in turn, can be a service of healing and lead to the prevention

Dear young people, thank you for being among us in these days. Please tell your peers that each of them has a place in the heart of Jesus, for each is a beloved child of the Father, and called to be with

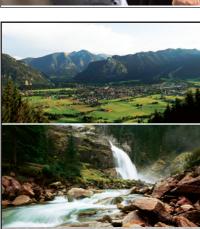
of this, and other forms of abuse, which have been

shared so poignantly by many brother bishops and others, and which are so widespread in our

Jesus wants great things of you, for the Church and for the good of society. He is the One who can lead you to where you could never imagine it was possible to go.

Thank you.







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Day 3. The Krimml Waterfalls and

the Pinzgaubahn. Our excursion today, takes us by coach to Krimml in the Hohe Tauern National Park, the second largest wildlife preserve in Europe and home to the glorious Krimml Waterfalls, the largest waterfalls in Austria and thought to be the highest in Europe. After some time here. we transfer to Mittersil for a journey on the wonderful narrowgauge Pinzgauer

Lokalbahn Railway which treks to Zell am See, offering marvellous views across the

Day 4. The Grossglockner High Alpine

Road. Today sees us visit the Hohe Tauern National Park and journey along the superb Grossglockner High Alpine Road. Regarded as one of the world's finest roads, this section provides us with unparalleled views across the stunning valleys and mountains, crowned by the ancient and magnificent Grossglockner, Austria's tallest mountain. We stop at the pretty town of Heiligenblut on our way.

Days 5-6. The Passion Play. Leaving Zell am See today, we travel by rail to Oberammergau where we check into our hotel, in or around the Ammergau region. Day 6 features the highlight of our tour: the magnificent Oberammergau Passion Play. Divided into two halves, this behemoth of a production showcases the final days of Jesus Christ's life, chronicling his Passion in a performance which features over 2,000 villagers as both cast, crew and members of the live choir and orchestra. It is only performed once every ten years, making it an event of huge importance.

Days 7-8. Return home via Cologne.

Bidding Oberammergau a fond farewell today, we travel by rail through Germany to Munich, and then on to Cologne where we stay overnight. The following day on Day 8, we continue to Brussels where we transfer tour comes to an end



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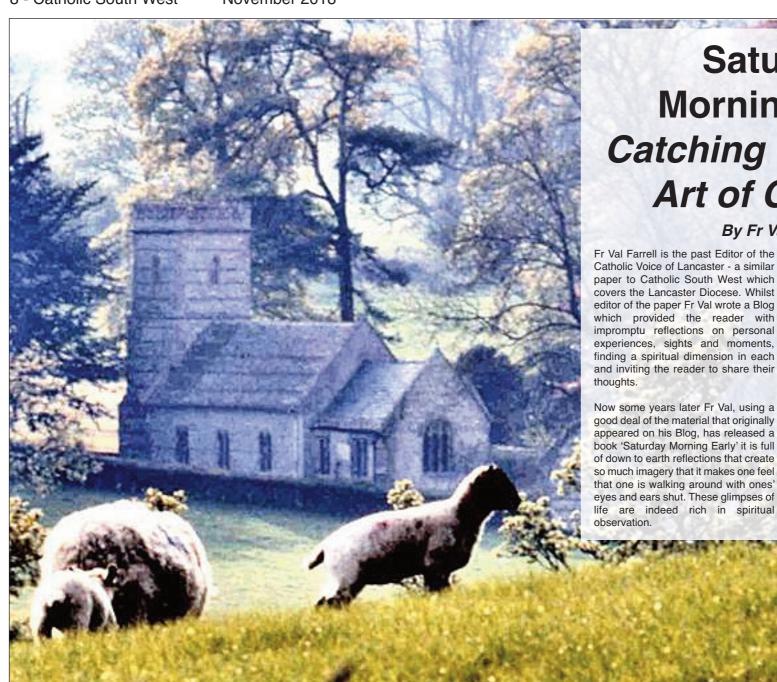
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Saturday **Morning Early** Catching God in the Art of Creation

Catholic Voice of Lancaster - a similar paper to Catholic South West which covers the Lancaster Diocese. Whilst editor of the paper Fr Val wrote a Blog which provided the reader with impromptu reflections on personal experiences, sights and moments. finding a spiritual dimension in each and inviting the reader to share their

good deal of the material that originally appeared on his Blog, has released a book 'Saturday Morning Early' it is full of down to earth reflections that create so much imagery that it makes one feel that one is walking around with ones' eyes and ears shut. These glimpses of life are indeed rich in spiritual

Fr Val says that he is still 'work in progress' but that could be said of us all. As he quite rightly asserts it takes longer than a lifetime to find out 'who

If you can imagine an onion with its many layers of tightly fixed skins that is how best to describe our lives. Fr Val's book using Creation as the backdrop will help readers to slowly peel away those layers and gain spiritual nourishment from everything around

The final word from Fr Val "I come away from all this thinking and writing convinced that if I watch with the heart and mind of Jesus, I can still catch sight of my creator at work on me, day after day, year after year".

SATURDAY **MORNING EARLY**



Catching God in the Act of Creation

Val Farrell

"A Sheer Joy" -Fr Tony Keefe, Windermere

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SATURDAY MORNING EARLY



Catching God in the Act of Creation

Val Farrell

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"Fr. Val offers us a spiritual challenge to echo in our own lives, the prayer of St. John: "It is the Lord Rev P Marley, Blackpool

DETAILS

THE FLOWERS OF WAR

I am there, unseen. Every year and each November As you gather to remember, Standing under battle-grey skies With murmured prayers and stifled sighs, Or wait in churches' cold-walled gloom Near a long-dead soldier's tomb. Where forgotten battle flags Hang down in faded, dusty rags. I am there, unseen, As you sing a hymn or two Because it is the thing to do, And poppies, brave bright flowers of war Are laid to rest on stony floor, Or are worn, like scars, on coat or scarf, Each one a warrior's epitaph.

I am there, unseen,
For I am the timeless warrior.
I died with a belly full of wire.
I fell from the sky in a hell of fire.
A sniper's shot saw the end of me.
I drowned in a turbulent, war-torn sea.
An arrow entered my heart: I died.
The hot thrust of cold steel pierced my side.
I died in meadows of summer green.
I choked in desert dust, unseen.
My blood stained red the winter's snow,
And bathed the field where flowers grow.
A whole army fell to its knees,
But there was nobody there, for me.

I watch and hope. May poppies, brave bright flowers of war Be free wild flowers of peace once more, Not held fast with badge or pin But scattering petals in the wind. I am there, unseen, For I am the timeless warrior Who waits for the day-When shall it be? When you no more remember me. No more a time of grief and regret, But a time to rejoice, a time to forget. No Last Post to honour the dead But a trumpet blast for life, instead. A day when hatred and war shall cease. And I, at last, may rest in peace.

SUSANNAH CLEMENS



Taunton Rotarians help Somerset Remember

Members of The Rotary Club of Taunton have organised a musical tribute to all in the County who served in the First World War. On Saturday 10 November 2018, the eve of the centenary of the signing of the Armistice that concluded hostilities, the community is invited to join civic dignitaries 'Somerset Remembers' at the Temple Methodist Church, Upper High Street, Taunton commencing at 7.00

Past President of the club, Ian Ramus, is heading up the

organising team and says, 'The Rotary Club of Taunton has a distinguished record of service stretching back nearly 100 years. It seemed appropriate that our annual fund raising concert, which this year falls on the eve of the centenary of the Armistice, should honour the memory of all who served in the First World War and help raise funds for the veterans of conflicts in subsequent years.

Proceeds from the event will be shared between the Taunton Branch of The Royal British Legion and The League of Friends of Musgrove Park. We are delighted that civic leaders and local uniformed cadet units have embraced the concept and agreed to participate, adding dignity and distinction to this specially-themed occasion '

Distinguished guests include Deputy Lieutenant Brigadier Tom Lang, QVRM, RD*; The Mayor of



Deane, Councillor Catherine Herbert; The Chairman of Somerset County Councillor Council, Nigel Taylor and the MP for Taunton, Rebecca Pow. Royal British Legion Standard bearers from across Somerset will join members of Taunton Sea and Royal Marines cadet unit, 41F Air Training Squadron and Taunton Police cadets to share in a brief Act of Remembrance

conducted by Rotary Club member Adrian Prior-Sankey who is also chaplain to the local British Legion branch.

Music and songs will be performed by Taunton Military Wives Choir, The West Somerset Brass Band and talented young soloists with a guest appearance by The Taunton Rotary Choir. Much of the music will reflect the war time theme but some audience participation and some contemporary favourites will ensure that the programme concludes on an optimistic note.

Tickets for the evening are priced at £12.50 each for adults and £6 for under 18s. They can be purchased on the door or in advance by telephoning lan Ramus on 01823 461 393.

If members of the community would like to join with the Rotary Club of Taunton in support of this and similar community initiatives please visit www.tauntonrotary.com



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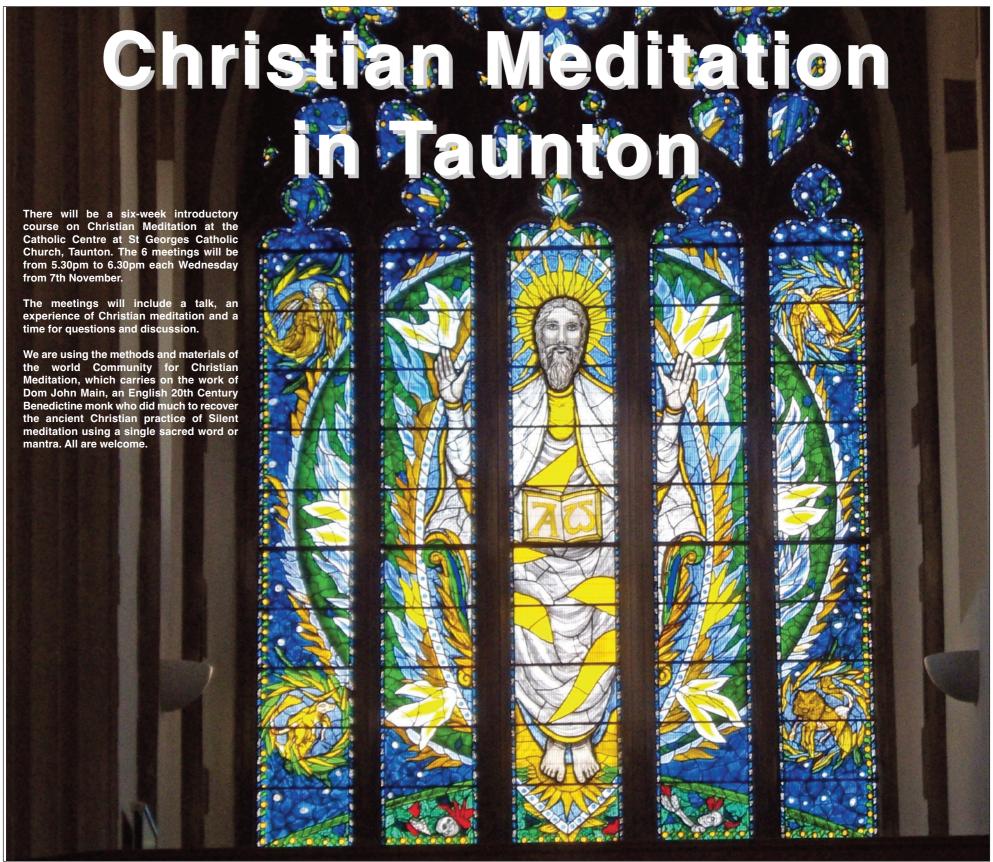
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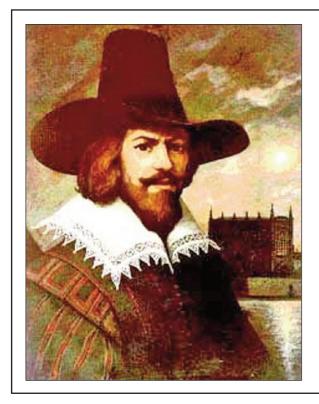
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(1) Except in December when on 2nd Sunday.
(2) Preceded by Rosary and sermon.* denotes change from usual time

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Remember, Remember

By Julia Beacroft



'Remember, remember the fifth of November of gunpowder treason and plot.

I know of no reason, why the gun powder treason should ever be forgot'.

(Alan Moore)



November is now upon us, a month which many of us find somewhat dreary, cold and a reminder that winter is only just around the corner. The name November actually comes from the Roman word 'novem' meaning nine, because November was the ninth month in the Roman calendar. The Anglo-Saxons, in their turn, called November 'Wind monath' because it was the time when the cold winds began to blow and Sir Walter Scott wrote of the month:

'November's sky is chill and drear November's leaf is red and sear (withered)'.

So all in all, not always a month which we particularly look forward to! Yet the first week of November has always been a time of festivals and celebrations, marking the end of harvest and the beginning of winter. Bonfire Night, of course, is one of these.

RELENTLESSLY

Even now, I can vividly recall an incident some years ago when my elder daughter was attending nursery. As usual, I had collected her at the end of the session and was waiting to hear all about her morning there. But apparently this was not to be! The children had been learning about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night which was fast approaching and had been taught the rhyme 'Remember, Remember' (above). Unfortunately however, she had only remembered half of the first line: 'Remember, remember the fifth of November',

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which she then proceeded to relentlessly sing over and over again all the way home. And we were not in the car – we were walking!

MADE PRESENT

The great festivals of the Church at Easter and Christmas are traditionally the times when we particularly reflect upon our faith, and of course by November, Christmas is already starting to permeate our thoughts. But it seems to me that the words 'Remember, remember' are particularly apt for all Christians. Our faith journeys always involve our remembering our Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins, was resurrected and gave himself wholly and completely out of love for each and every one of us. And there is more. During the Catholic Mass, Jesus is made present over and over again at the table of the Eucharist – in fact every time that the celebration and the sacrifice of the Holy Mass takes place.

And so we count ourselves lucky that not only can we remember Jesus in our thoughts and prayers as we go about our daily lives, but we are enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit to encounter Him each time we go to Mass.

And so during this month of November – a traditional time for remembering – we give grateful thanks as we remember our Lord, because there is no reason why He should ever be forgotten.

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In a number of our visits we have been accompanied by two bishops of the Church of England, Bishop Martin Warner and Bishop Christopher Foster. On one occasion we were joined by Sister Frances Orchard CJ of the Conference of Religious in England and Wales. We also visited the Pontifical Commission for Communication, whose Prefect, Dr Paolo Ruffini, is a layman. These are all 'firsts,' examples of openness and change.

Our 'ad limina' visit is now completed. We have celebrated Mass together in the four great Roman basilicas, at the tomb of St Peter and the

tomb of St Paul. We have been embraced by the Successor of Peter, Pope Francis. Our pilgrimage has been richly blessed and we are glad to share this sense of the deep encouragement and powerful grace we have received.

Pope Francis commended us to our Blessed Lady, Mary our Mother, reflecting beautifully on her role as the 'untier of knots', a deep devotion in his own life. May she always be at our side.

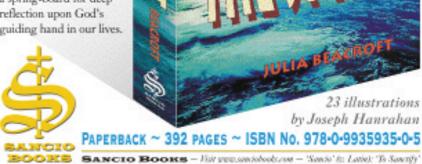
We pray that God bless and strengthen our Holy Father, Pope Francis. May God guide us in all our ways that we may share the joy of our faith and the ways of peace.

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CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Angel of the bottomless pit's one rotten fellow (7)
- Check car's tyres at the front (5)
- Picnic things are put in this stylish con tainer (4,3)
- Poke around firm in Israel (5)
- 10 It amplifies the matter of fruit on the turn (5) 11 Within visual range for observation (7)
- 12 Total lack of interest to cross a yard by
- track (6) 14 Zambia's evacuated, following small brown lines on a page (6)
- Say farewell to lion-hearted after 17
- salute... (7)
- 19 ...awards partly leave them mystified (5)22 The rise of Southwell? (5)
- 23 Rat one that double-crossed (7)
- 24 Somewhat dark Welsh river seen in a wasted day (5)
- 25 James' and John's dad, retiring bishop, drifted away during last Letter from America (7)

CRYPTIC Down

- Racing here is one from an Aberdeen, perhaps (5)
- Bother with navy getting deck out (5)
- Judge's board he upset (7)
- Note number on top have the spirit to support head (6)

- 5 How meats are cooked in France, on Sunday, in early summer months (2,3)
- 6 One of ten sides last month suffering no end (7)
- Dorcas the Greek gets to name it on headgear, but not all (7)
- 12 Charged with using cue cards, Rabbi pulled out (7)
- 13 On English vessel find a set forever
- young (7) 15 Jesus Christ the Gambler, said John?
- (3.4)16 Conquistador, the first in Colombia
- with, surprisingly, zero time in there (6) **18** The event to broadcast? (5)
- 20 Greek character with very little English, Theodorus, is turned down (5)
- 21 Eastern wrap snacks are easily tucked into (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 Hebrew version of the Greek Apollyon
- Inspect (5)
- Insulated container which keeps food cold (4.3)
- Progenitor of the Israelites (5)
- 10 Electronic receiver that detects and de modulates and amplifies transmitted signals (5)
- 11 Perception (7)
- 12 Absence of emotion or enthusiasm (6)
- 14 Group of lines in a poem, play, etc (6)

- **17** Toodle-pip! (7)
- **19** US TV Awards (5) 22 Increase in size. magnitude, number, or
- intensity (5) 23 Someone who be trays his country
- 24 Dark-skinned (5) 25 Father of apostles
- James and John (7)

QUICK Down

- Racing venue in Berkshire (5)
- Festoon (5)
- In the Book of Judges, the only female iudae (7)

10

12

22

- Small measure of spirits; mug (6)
- Of meat cooked in its own gravy (French)
- Ten-sided figure (7)

- 7 Woman in Acts, from Joppa (7)
- 12 Defendant in a criminal proceeding (7)

19

13 Eternal (7)

23

- 15 Euphemism for Jesus Christ in John (3.4)
- 16 Hernando -----, 1486-1547, conquistador (6)
- 18 Pass on (5)
- 20 Subdued (5)
- 21 Ranee's wrap (5)

SOLUTION

13 Ageless, 15 The Lamb, 16 Cortez, 18 Relay, 20 Muted, 21 Saree. Down: 1 Ascot, 2 Adorn, 3 Deborah, 4 Noggin, 5 Au jus, 6 Decagon, 7 Tabitha, 12 Accused, Stanza, 17 Cheerio, 19 Emmys, 22 Swell, 23 Traitor, 24 Dusky, 25 Zebedee. Across: 1 Abaddon, 5 Audit, 8 Cool bag, 9 Jacob, 10 Tuner, 11 Insight, 12 Apathy, 14















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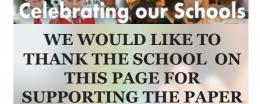
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