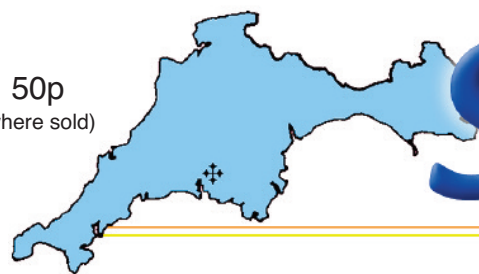


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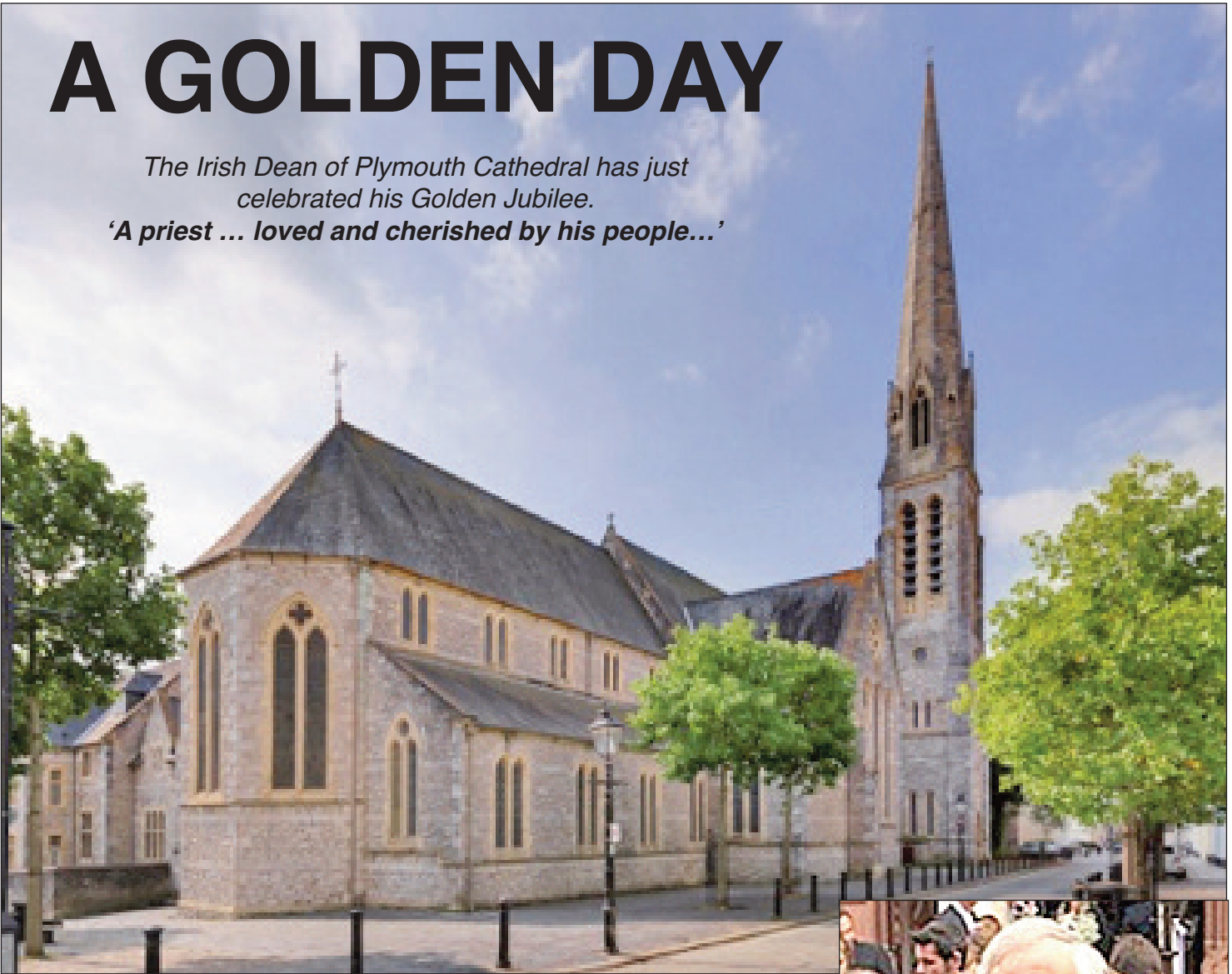
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# A GOLDEN DAY

*The Irish Dean of Plymouth Cathedral has just  
celebrated his Golden Jubilee.  
‘A priest ... loved and cherished by his people...’*

MONSIGNOR Canon Bartholomew Nannery, the Dean of Plymouth’s Catholic Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface, celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood at a special concelebrated Mass on 16th June. It was fifty years to the day since he was ordained a priest at All Hallows in Dublin in 1968. Monsignor ‘Bart’ is from Granard in the north of County Longford in Ireland, where many of his family live.

Mgr Nannery has served the cathedral and its parishioners faithfully for the last 28 years. He was appointed Administrator in 1990 and has been instrumental in overseeing many changes and improvements to the building and its surroundings. His pastoral care of the people has been exemplary.

The Rt. Rev. Mark O’Toole is the bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth which covers the South-west of England. He paid tribute to Monsignor Bart: “I want to express my thanks to him for the outstanding service and commitment that he has shown, both in the cathedral and in the parish, over the many years. Many have cause to be grateful for his generosity, warm welcome and faithful dedication.”

Plymouth Cathedral was packed for the Jubilee Mass. Among the 700 guests and parishioners was the new Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Councillor Sam Davey. He presented Bart with an illustrated scroll bearing the armorial crest of the Corporation of Plymouth which expressed their gratitude for all the monsignor had done for the city over the years. It

was accompanied by a personal gift of a beautiful Dartington Crystal carafe, engraved with the city’s crest. At the end of Mass, Monsignor Nannery expressed his ‘deepest gratitude and affection’ to all as well as thanking those who had put together such a wonderful ceremony with lovely music from the choir led by the cathedral’s director of music, Christopher Fletcher.

After the 11 a.m. Mass, all the guests were invited to lunch in a huge marquee in the bishop’s garden. There was a hog roast and a wide variety of dishes served by all the different ethnic communities who make up the cathedral’s diverse congregation.

Monsignor Nannery was interviewed on BBC TV News and the next day on BBC Radio Devon, saying how fortunate he was to have come to work as a priest in Devon immediately after his ordination: “I believe that our English Catholic parish structure is probably the best in the world,” he said. “In some Catholic countries, parishes can be too big but here they are small enough for us to have a close and intimate relationship with all the people and their families.”

Bart’s P.A. is Kasia Misztowt who was also interviewed by the BBC for last Sunday’s religious programme. “He cares about this place a lot,” she told the listeners, “it’s his life. He loves the people here and he’s loved and cherished by them in return.”

Monsignor Bart is one of five priests in the Diocese of Plymouth who are celebrating their golden



**Rev. Monsignor Canon  
Bartholomew Nannery, B.A.**

jubilee this year. They include one of the most senior clergymen, Monsignor Harry Doyle, who actually went to the same Irish boarding school as Bart – St Patrick’s College in Cavan. In fact, the present Bishop of Kilmore, the Rt. Rev. Leo O’Reilly was one of their classmates!

“I’m very glad that I chose the Diocese of Plymouth in which to minister as a priest,” said Monsignor Doyle. “I have been very happy in each of the parishes I have served. My thanks go especially to my parents as well as all my family and friends at home in Ireland who encouraged me to become a priest.”



**IRISH TRIO: (L-R) Mgr. Harry Doyle from St Columcille, Mgr. Bart Nannery from Granard and Bishop Mark O’Toole from a Connemara family – in the Bishop’s Garden after the Mass.**

(Photo: Ian Gray)



**CIVIC PRIDE: Mgr. Nannery thanking Plymouth’s Lord Mayor, Councillor Sam Davey for the city’s kind gifts.**

(Photo: Ian Gray)



# South Hams Catenians



On the evening of Monday, the 18th June 2018, The South Hams Catenians enjoyed a special evening with their ladies and guests from the Parish of Kingsbridge at the Thurlestone Golf Club. Following their meeting and an excellent dinner and we had a draw in aid of Widows and orphans in Rural Kenya (W.O.R.K) which raised £119.

Monsignor Adrian Toffolo, Kingsbridge Parish Priest, then gave us a very interesting talk about his 50 years as a Priest. The actual date of his

ordination being the 22nd September this year. The Circle, and those present, collected money and the President Trevor Davies presented Father Adrian with a cheque to help with the rebuild of his roof in Italy in preparation for his retirement.

President Trevor Davies then presented a cheque for £661.75 to Emma Cronin, Fundraising Manager for the Brain Tumour Research Charity which was the President's Charity last year. Trevor's daughter Sue, who has a brain tumour, raised nearly £6000



in two years for the Charity. Unfortunately following her second brain tumour operation Sue was left with a full left sided stroke.

The Charity require £2740 per day to keep the Research laboratory in Plymouth running. If you raise £2740 you have a tile on the Wall of hope in the Laboratory. Sue has two, one for the family and one for her late Mum.

The evening ended with Trevor telling some jokes to send everyone away with a smile.

## Axminster Catenians Final Celebration



Axminster Catenians, inaugurated in April 1971, celebrated a Final Dinner Night with their Ladies at the Lordleaze Hotel in Chard.

President Bruce Kahn (Centre in waistcoat) welcomed the many visitors and spoke warmly of the very many activities and friendships which had been achieved.

"While we are sad that the Axminster Catenians are disbanding, this is a celebration of the many events including fund raising for local and national charities that we have supported over the years", added Bruce.

The members will now disperse to other Circles in the area.

## Share the Journey

Parishioners at St Mary's Poole were inspired by Pope Francis' call to share something of the experience of the millions of our displaced brother and sisters – migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. To mark both Life Sunday and the start of Refugee Week, a thought provoking "journey" around the church took place. Coloured footsteps linked the different stations, where displays captured both the plight of refugees and the many causes of migration.

Bidding prayers by Year 5 children moved many to tears. From the Children's Liturgy the outcome of different activities – such as attempts to cram life's necessities into backpacks – were brought to the sanctuary and placed in a life raft with flowers and life jackets. The Mass concluded with Fr Colin Groombridge processing to each station to read key messages between the newly resonant verses of 'Christ be our light'.



### Around the South West

#### Recreated Show Garden



The garden created by the Gardens Department at Buckfast was first displayed at the Royal Horticultural Society 2017 - Malvern Spring Festival - it won the RHS Show Garden SILVER MEDAL and also the BEST IN SHOW from the public vote. It has been rebuilt at Buckfast Abbey and was blessed by the Prior on Saturday 2nd June, at the start of the Garden Fayre.

#### Being encompassed by God's love

The Sewing Group at St Joseph's Church, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth sewed this cloth for the Children's Liturgy Group. The cloth shows the children being encompassed by God's love. The Children are aged from 0 to 10 years old and, with their dedicated catechists, make an exceptional liturgy group. The whole parish benefits from the questions and answers they share with the congregation when they return to Holy Mass after the homily.



#### Run to the Son at Buckfast

A weekend for Transformation and Mission took place at Buckfast on 22nd-24th June.



There was a night vigil of prayer with an outdoor midnight procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Followed at dawn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel a Dawn Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark O'Toole.



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**No parish news? Maybe you should start something!**





On the 26th May 2018 the Catholic Women's League Section in Torquay based at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, in Abbey Road celebrated the 50th anniversary of its formation in style. The celebration consisted of Mass followed by a buffet lunch. The fact of the anniversary came to light because Jacqui Hoath while researching the section archive came across the minutes of the inaugural meeting dated 24th May 1968.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Kieran Kirby and was attended by members of the CWL, visitors and parishioners. It was a beautiful and memorable Mass. The response to the psalm was "Let my prayer be before you like incense O Lord". There was plenty of incense during the Mass to demonstrate this. Father Kieran Kirby preached a homily drawing inspiration from the words of St James in the First Reading, where we are told to enjoy being happy, but in times of trouble to support each other physically and spiritually, in faith and prayer. Touched on too was the Gospel reading from Mark which was the passage in which Jesus urges us to love little children and absorb and emulate their innocence, which all adds up to not a bad summary of what the CWL is for.

There was a beautifully produced Order of Service produced by Father Kieran and Joy Wells which we can treasure as a souvenir.

After Mass we all gathered in the amazing parish room which has all the facilities that most of us can only wish for. An imaginative and delicious buffet lunch was served, spiced up by a fruit punch aperitif which had to be treated with respect especially if you were driving. The Superman Grace was led by Father Kieran. The Grace consists of words thanking God for food and friends, taking turns to stretch out arms and all accompanied by the Superman theme tune sung with gusto. You had to be there to get the full effect.

As is customary on these occasions there was a beautiful cake or rather cakes, shaped as a five and a zero, one was fruit cake made by Olive Easter and the other a sponge so, all tastes were provided for. Joy Wells made the sponge and iced both cakes

Although the atmosphere was jolly and convivial just in case the conversation flagged a quiz was



provided. This really tested the broadest knowledge and if you know where the final of the World Cup was held in 1994, Well done. Just in case you don't, it was Los Angeles.

Thanks were extended to Julia Partenheimer and her team who organised the event - to Fr. Kieran and also to Teresa Bailey who was responsible for the beautiful floral display in CWL colours in the

Church and the ladies who made the cakes.

The occasion was also marked at Buckfast Abbey four days later at the annual CWL pilgrimage when the Abbot David Charlesworth OSB gave the members of the section a special blessing.

*Frances and Edward Canning*



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IN A PREVIOUS article I was excited to be writing about the busy evangelisation team at the Church of the Assumption, Torquay, who are hosting a series of events to help spiritually enrich the lives of their parishioners, with enormous success. The most recent of these took place on 7th – 10th June when The Little Way Healing Ministries visited the parish.

### TRULY MEMORABLE

Fr. Laurence Brassill O.S.A. Pauline Edwards and their team arrived on the Thursday afternoon and after spending time with Fr. Kieran Kirby and the parish evangelisation team, the healing evening commenced. This event had been advertised outside the parish and as a result it was wonderful to welcome visitors from both other parishes and denominations with us for the evening. Singing and praise, prayer, testimony and of course laying-on of hands prayer for healing made the start of the mission truly memorable. What took place was very informal and relaxed, so that everyone, even if lapsed or of no particular religious persuasion, could feel completely at home.

On the Friday, after Mass in the church, Fr. Laurence, Pauline and their Team saw people for individual prayer ministry. This happened throughout the day and every available appointment slot was filled.

Saturday was a full day of healing beginning with Mass, followed by coffee and then a day of praise & worship, witnessing from those who have

already felt the Lord's touch, teaching and the laying-on of hands prayer. It was another very relaxed day and more healing took place.

Finally, after Mass on Sunday, Fr. Laurence and Pauline encouraged those who had received healing to come before the congregation to give their witness of what the Lord had done for them. They also invited those present to stay behind after both Masses so that there was an opportunity for all to receive laying-on of hands prayer. I can safely say that it was a truly awesome sight to see the parishioners queuing all the way down the central aisle as they waited to come up for healing and prayer. Some members of the parish evangelisation team were also involved in praying for others, and this made the event an even more special one for them.

### JOY

Since the close of the mission, the team have been overjoyed to hear so many accounts of relief from troublesome pain, both physically and mentally and how much joy was experienced during the whole event. Indeed, many say that their joy is ongoing still.

In conclusion: An enormous 'thank you' to The Little Way Healing Ministries! But most of all — thank you Jesus, thank you Lord!

*By Julia Beacroft – for and on behalf of the Parish Evangelisation Team at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Torquay.*





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# Live simply Award



Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Joseph, Wool, Wareham and Lulworth, are celebrating having become the second parish in the diocese of Plymouth to gain a livesimply award.

The award is an opportunity for Catholic parishes, and other communities, to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

Parishioners had to demonstrate how, over the past three years, they had been living

- simply;
- sustainably with creation; and
- in solidarity with people in poverty.

## Living simply

Living simply can be a difficult concept to grasp, but Pope Francis explained it in *Laudato Si'* like this:

"It is the conviction that 'less is more'.... It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack.... It is not a lesser life or one lived with less intensity. On the contrary, it is a way of living life to the full.... Happiness means knowing how to limit some needs which only diminish us and being open to the many different possibilities which life can offer."

To express their undertaking to live simply, parishioners chose to take part in parish pilgrimages or walks to help them to appreciate God's creation personally. These walks have included a beautiful afternoon at Blue Pool, near Wareham, followed by a delicious cream tea and cakes; a walk around the lake on the Lulworth estate; and walking lovely gardens and along the river Frome near Bindon Abbey.



Parishioners are continuing to invite fellow parishioners and people from the surrounding area to a weekly coffee morning at St Joseph's church in Wool. They have also made additional cushions for the concrete pews in the church and are now restoring the old cushions originally made more than 20 years ago.

## Living sustainably with creation

Parishioners enthusiastically supported CAFOD's Climate Change campaigns seeking to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions to

prevent global temperatures reaching dangerous levels and to help communities overseas who are already suffering from more adverse and life-threatening weather conditions.

Specifically, parishioners were provided with periodic tips and advice how to reduce the amounts of energy they used in their homes and generally in their everyday lives. They also looked at the amount of car sharing between themselves, for example to and from mass in order to reduce costs and reduce harmful emissions.

Another idea which was adopted was to enable parishioners to find a new life for clothes no longer worn but still in good condition. This was conceived as a "swap shop" where parishioners and the public could exchange items between themselves, or purchase items from the "racks". The latter quickly became the normal method of operation, with clothes being donated under the "Nearly New" banner.



Cash raised has, to date, been given to Harlequin Care which supports Carers throughout Dorset who are looking after a relative, friend or neighbour with a life limiting or restrictive illness.

In light of the huge reduction in the world's forests and its significant effect on the environment, a large number of parishioners signed a paper recycling pledge:

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  - Telling people about local suppliers of recycled paper goods and local places where used paper can be recycled "
- In addition, all parish paper, including the weekly newsletters, is now recycled.

## Living in solidarity with people in poverty

The parish has sold Fairtrade goods after mass in Wool once a month for some time and this is continuing. Similarly, parishioners in Wareham regularly sell Fairtrade goods there and also in the community. Wareham is a Fairtrade Town and St Joseph's is a Fairtrade Parish.

In addition, each of the three churches in the parish are continuing to donate a substantial amount of goods to the Foodbank in Wareham.

The parishes have supported CAFOD's social justice campaigns very well, for example "Power to Be" which seeks more government funding for renewable energy installations in countries where poorest people live, Share the Journey in relation to refugees and migrants, Climate Change campaign and others.

They are also giving their ongoing support for the "Connect 2" scheme under which the parish has connected with a community, Puentecitos, in EL Salvador, representing three or four communities there which are supported by CAFOD through its local partner. Parishioners have raised more than £2,000 sent to the communities to help with various needs there including materials and goods for the locally run shop and small businesses, such as basket making, farming support of various kinds and contributing to the new church in Puentecitos. Parishioners also sold some baskets at the annual fete in Wool bought from Puentecitos.



**Making Christmas wreaths for Puentecitos**

In addition to raising funds, there is a two-way exchange of letters, with pictures. The people of Puentecitos let parishioners know what has been happening there in the community and about individuals. For example, in March 2018, we learned that:

Edelmira lives in Puentecitos with her husband Martir. She loves cultivating her fruit and vegetables, and being part of the savings group committee. Martir is learning how to preserve soil quality and conserve water by planting living barriers of trees to protect against wind and rain. "The farmers were all so impressed with this barrier technique," says CAFOD's Sophie. "It has really prevented the land drying out and keeps nutrients in the soil."

## Summary

The parish has greatly benefitted from working for a Livesimply award. We might have done some of the things we undertook to obtain the award but, probably, not all of them. In addition, we quickly found that doing the various activities took on a meaning and life of its own. Having the award in our church serves mainly to remind us why we did them and encourages us to do more.



# Become a *livesimply* award community



The livesimply award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

Why livesimply? So others can simply live! We have heard that phrase no doubt many times. And it is likely that at some point in our lives, we do consider what life is like for the poorest in the developing world.

One of our motivations for the livesimply award scheme has been the reality of the state of the world for the poorest one billion people on earth.

## What is the *livesimply* award?

It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living **simply**, in **solidarity** with people in poverty and **sustainably** with creation.

There are many reasons to undertake the livesimply award:

- To take up Pope Francis' challenge to work for justice, peace and caring for creation
- To recognise all the work our communities are doing
- To bring the parish or school community together
- To achieve more by working together and showing leadership in the Catholic community

Some livesimply award communities have encouraged people to walk or cycle to church or school, install solar panels, start recycling schemes, join a climate change campaign, support Fairtrade stalls or donate to a local food bank. The award celebrates what you have already done and inspires you to do more. It helps your community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully.

## How can we apply for a *livesimply* award?

You can sign up on the CAFOD website

[cafod.org.uk/livesimply](http://cafod.org.uk/livesimply)

Next, develop a simple plan, using an action plan template, based on current activities and new projects you'd like to undertake, and send it to CAFOD. When we receive your form, we will send you a livesimply award registration certificate to display in your community.

We'll support you with an email group, resources and the opportunity to share ideas and experience.

When you're ready, let us know and we'll come and

visit your community, find out what you've been doing and help you celebrate and share your achievements. Working together on the livesimply award can bring parishes and school communities together.

It can nurture our spiritual lives, strengthen the bonds of friendship, support those taking practical steps towards sustainability and help us to play our part in tackling the big issues while making connections with the wider community.

You need the backing of your parish priest, and a small enthusiastic group to encourage people to get started.

It should be possible for any active community who has taken on board the three key principles to achieve the award within a year.

Any questions? Contact [livesimplyaward@cafod.org.uk](mailto:livesimplyaward@cafod.org.uk)





# Celebrations in Falmouth



On Sunday, June 24th, after morning Mass, parishioners gathered from all corners of the parish (Falmouth, Mawnan, Helston, Mullion) to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Ordination of our parish priest, Fr Brian Kenwick. Guests included Fr James Courtney O.S.B (Helston) and Fr John Gilbert (Truro).

The day dawned with blue skies and sunshine and spirits were high as we all made our way to the Membly Hall Hotel on the seafront, overlooking the bay. Over 130 guests assembled for this special luncheon celebration which had been organised by Falmouth Social Committee. As always, Membly Hall were outstanding in their hospitality and cuisine. Guests at Fr Brian's table included members of Bethany Sisters Community (Les Filles de la Croix), some of whom had known Fr Brian for most of his priesthood years. No details had been omitted, with an exhibition of photos of Fr Brian on view. As a Plymouth mas, Fr Brian is known to be an ardent support of Plymouth Argyle Football Club. Accordingly, each table had a little posy of flowers in Argyle colours – green and white. Each table had a saints' name, and with a touch of humour Fr Brian's was St Jude's!!

After our meal, parishioner Clive Morris paid tribute to Fr Brian on behalf of all present for his thoughtful goodwill and loving care of his parish family, and a presentation was made. Fr Brian's wit and sense of humour was especially mentioned. In 30 years of priestly life, Fr Brian had served in many parishes, including Weymouth, Exeter, Barnstaple, Newquay, Cambourne and Falmouth.

In reply, Fr Brian recalled happy memories of his time these parishes – some of his stories caused much laughter from the assembled company!

He especially thanked all those who had been helpful and supportive in the ups and downs of priestly life. He felt privileged to be a priest, to be called to witness to and serve Our Lord and those to whom he had been sent.

He extended his special thanks to the religious sisters of various communities, especially the Sisters of Less Filles de la Croix in Torquay and Falmouth.

A toast was proposed to Fr Brian as we wished him many more years of joy and fulfilment in his ministry as Parish Priest.

# Flower Festival in St Austell



Clustered around the shared Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul on 29th June, a 4-day Flower Festival themed "Pillars of Faith" was held at St. Augustine of Hippo Church, St. Austell. Despite the call of tennis, football, and the seaside a steady flow of people came from far and wide. The journey of these two ordinary men Peter and Paul who did great things for the Church was expressed through 27 insightful flower arrange-

ments created by parishioners and members of local flower groups.

An excellent entrance booklet, with bible references and refreshing explanations guided the visitors along these journeys of faith. Do you know why St. Peter requested to be crucified upside down? What is known as the Hymn of Love? What is the significance of books, swords, cockerels, keys and chains? What is buried under The Basilica of St. Peter Ad Vincula on Rome's Op- pian Hill? It's all in the booklet, a treasure in itself to be pondered on again at home, with thoughts of your own journey of life, love and faith. When did you last realise that Jesus really had been walking by your side?

Throughout the 4 days of the festival, eighteen members of The Cornwall Organist Association and friends provided gentle background music on the much-respected Copeland organ. The ever popular NoteAbility Choir gave an excellent concert on the evening of the first day and received a standing ovation after singing the much loved "Give me oil in my lamp..." Arts and Craft Stalls provided great interest, and the delicious, all day refreshments were very much appreciated. The event was a great success. Because of the weather the windows and doors were literally wide open and perhaps one of the most wonderful of remarks by visitors was quite simply "I have walked passed this church for years but never been inside. It is a beautiful church and everyone is so warm and friendly." This might be the beginning of another journey of a saint.

Photos and captions about the arrangements will eventually appear on our website: [www.augustineofhippo.org.uk](http://www.augustineofhippo.org.uk)



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# An Assumption Day Gift

In 1226 Richard Earl of Cornwall instituted, by Royal Charter, a three day fayre to be held on "the eve, the day, & the morrow" of the feast of the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Liskeard in Cornwall.

To celebrate the historical event this year, a free e-book download is being offered on the same three days explaining the history of the shrine which gave rise to this declaration.

The fayre features on a civic mural in the centre of the present-day town of Liskeard, beside a depiction of the shrine of our Lady of the Park, the remains of which were re- discovered in 1955.

A beautiful icon, painted in 2015, for "the advancement of devotion to Our Lady of the Park" can now be seen in the Church of Our Lady and St Neot in Liskeard, and this has shifted the new focus of interest away from the original site, which is in private hands, to the church and the public mural. These have cause renewed interest in what

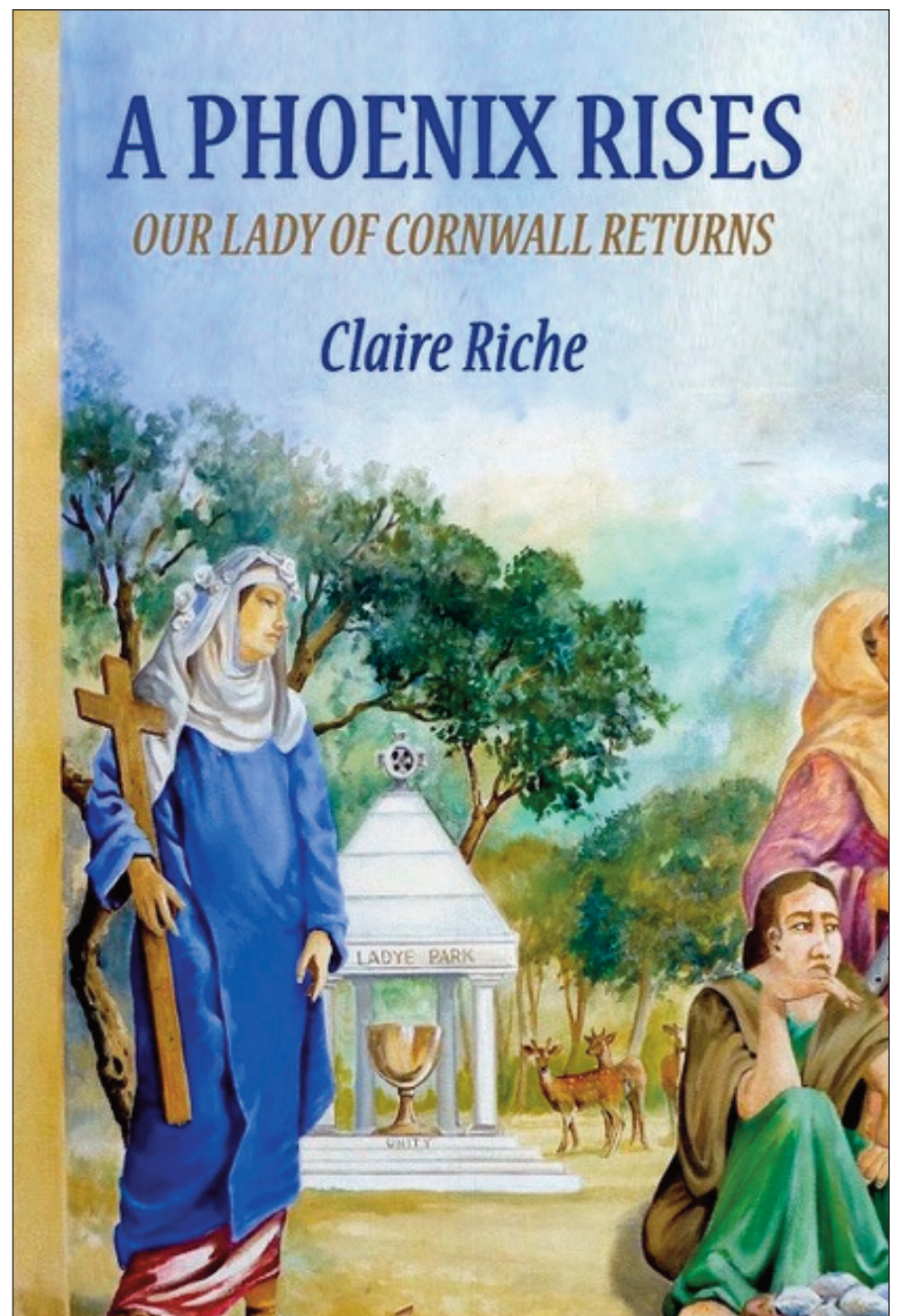


could be the oldest sanctuary of Our Lady in England.

The story of this shrine is told in the book "A Phoenix Rises: Our Lady of Cornwall Returns" by Claire Riche, available on Amazon in paperback and as an e book. It is this ebook which is being given away as a free download this year, as an Assumption Day gift, on the 14th, 15th and 16th August.

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**Days 4-6. Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castles.** Our excursion today takes us to the glorious Neuschwanstein Castle. This fantastic fortress is a stunning sight, and is famously the inspiration for Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty' castle. We also visit the delightful honey coloured castle of Hohenschwangau in the pretty village of the same name. Day 5 is at leisure to enjoy the charms of the quintessentially Bavarian Füssen.

**Day 6. The Oberammergau Passion Play.** This morning, we travel to Oberammergau where we check into our hotel. Today is the undisputed highlight of our tour - the Oberammergau Passion Play, and our top tier tickets grant us some of the best seats in the house. This extraordinary once-a-decade event

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**Days 7-8. Nuremberg.** Leaving Oberammergau this morning, we travel by rail (Standard Class) to Munich, and continue to Nuremberg, where overnight. On Day 8, we travel in First Class to Frankfurt before connecting with the Eurostar back to London via Paris.



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# CONFIRMATIONS



## Weymouth

Bishop Mark O'Toole came to Weymouth to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 11 young parishioners from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.



## Buckfast

Buckfast Abbey were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark to Buckfast on Sunday 10th June 2018 to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on six of our young people. It was a really joyous occasion for the whole parish.

# Youth Rally Reps!



Blazing hot skies and an England World Cup match couldn't stop our two teams - Austens Angels and The Blessed Six, from getting stuck in to the action at this year's Youth Rally in Honiton.

Taking place in the grounds of St Rita's Conference Centre, the teams could take part in a variety of events from skittles to netball, penalty shoot-outs and even a tug of war.

It was also an opportunity to make new friends from across the diocese with churches from Okehampton, Sidmouth and Exeter well represented.

Our merry band of 12 were slightly disadvantaged

as we had to play children that were younger in both teams (our 8-12's had a 6 and 7 year old in and our 12-17's had a 9 and 10 year old!). However, we had some individual successes with a Gold medal for Maddie in the Skittles and two netball medals for the Needham boys - Henry with a Bronze and Ralph with a Silver. Our Blessed 6 team also won Bronze medals for the 'It's a Knockout' challenge.

The afternoon was capped with a BBQ and later a Mass on the field to finish the day off. All in all a great afternoon with the youngsters keen to go again next year as they have their eyes on the Cup!

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# Truro to Falmouth

*'The crowd stood on the ferry deck  
Our hearts were all a'quiver  
We gave a cough; the chains fell off  
And we floated down the river.'  
(With apologies to Felicia Hemans).*

Following numerous requests from the people of the parish for another day trip on the river, twenty intrepid parishioners, together with Fr John, ventured forth from Truro to Falmouth, aboard the Enterprise ferry, on the last day of May this year.

As with last year, the weather came up trumps and after a misty start the sun shone on us for the whole day.

A fully laden ferry left the pretty village of Malpas mid-morning, and as we meandered along, following the channel, we passed other folk taking advantage of the glorious weather in all manner of craft.

Although no seals or dolphins accompanied us, there was plenty of other wildlife to be seen: the

ever-present seagulls wheeling overhead, the occasional pair of swans paddling by, and several herons standing motionless, looking for their next meal within the watery depths.

Falmouth was alive with people: a vibrant town at the best of times, but on this occasion, with a Bank Holiday weekend imminent, the place was brimming with early tourists. Weaving through them we made our way to our favourite fish and chip shop, the 'Gem', overlooking the town. Thankfully we arrived there safely and our appetites were more than satisfied with the

excellent fare on offer.

All too soon, but fully replenished, we made our way back down the hill to the Prince of Wales Pier, where we boarded the afternoon ferry back to Truro. The combination of a calm sea and the welcome warmth of early summer sun relaxed and reminded us of how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country. It was with these thoughts that we were carried on a high tide right into the centre of Truro and journey's end. Everyone agreed it had been 'a right grand day out'.

## Faith in Public Life – an evening with Ann Widdecombe

*By Dan Sobey – Membership officer, Plymouth circle*

It was with great excitement and expectation that our Catenian 'new year' got underway with an evening of wives, friends and brothers enjoying some great company and chat with Ann Widdecombe.

Organised by our newly installed President – John Modley the evening proved to be an exciting event.

Needing no introduction, Ann has been a prominent figure both in our political scene and in more recent years on our TV's. Where in both arenas she has caused quite a stir, and whether you agree with her points of view or not, she has always been able to back her statements up with reasoned logic, and quite often with good old common sense.

Making it very clear that all topics were open to discussion, from Brexit and her political views to her time in the Big Brother house and flying through the air with Anton in Strictly, Ann was keen to talk to everyone about anything, and she made it clear that if you had a question that could cause offense then please ask away!!

Obviously, a person who has grown up with Faith, Ann converted to Catholicism in 1993 after feeling that the Church of England had lost its direction.

The evening started with Ann presenting a cheque to Mrs Louise Robinson for £1400 made payable to Keynsham and District Mencap Society, on the behalf of The Catenians which was the chosen Presidents charity from last year, a charity close to Immediate Past President Paul Robinsons heart.

Between courses of the meal, Ann gradually made her way around the room spending some time with each table and engage in conversation, her easy to approach manner made it very comfortable to talk too in a very relaxed and comfortable manner – the



**Ann Widdecombe presenting Mrs Louise Robinson with last years charity cheque, £1400 in total for Keynsham & District Mencap Society.**

'no-nonsense' and very opinionated persona was no where to be seen.

Ann has a very clear idea of what it means to be 'Faithful'. This was made very clear in her after dinner talk.

Her topic was titled 'Faith in Public life' and was based on answering those who argue "having Faith or a Religious background contradicts being Political"

Ann however, really beautifully pointed out that having values, be that of any religious or faith basis, is very important in making policies and living in the public realm, why? Because they offer the point of view of a percentage of the population, and in a world of Political compromises of both traditional, modern, conservative and liberalism, all points of view must be considered.

It was a real pleasure to meet such a great character and listen to some interesting points of view.



**Some of our Catenian wives and guests enjoying talking with Ann about her collection of published works.**



**Ann with current Plymouth Circle President John Modley**



**Ann with Plymouth membership officer, Dan Sobey and his wife Lisa**





You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.

**CRYPTIC Across**

1 King's great, putting a strong appearance in Arsenal-Reds meeting (6)  
4 Clergyman's almost late backing prisoner (6)  
8 Job's friend's sanctimonious volte face Hazel, in a spin, accepted (7)  
10 Alternatively father and husband to Ruth woman (5)  
11 Increase fringe benefits first mentioned at rallies (5,2)  
12 They will inherit songs you are listening to (5)  
13 Will's book, available in an old and new edition... (9)  
17 ...targeted media misrepresentation (5)  
19 He dictated at home to one girl earlier on, on reflection (3,4)  
21 Travellers stop at the last place in Oldham to get free meal (5)  
22 Canaanite's popular, exempting hospital from Church's tax (7)  
23 Order chap to prostrate himself, not being ordained (6)  
24 Second of articles in worker newspaper's found wanting (6)

9 Warner's wandering in a haze around pub? (9)  
13 Forget to return your KJV to Paul's mate... (7)  
14 ...and a couple of letters with his name on one in records let out (7)  
15 Mount streetcar, 'Melbourne Central' (6)  
16 Cut before depression that's popular – topside (6)  
18 Character of the Nile where it meets the sea:... (5)  
20 ...'State of Oceans' report? (5)

**QUICK Across**

1 ----- Brendel, much-travelled Austrian pianist with an honorary KBE (6)  
4 Cleric ranking just below a priest (6)  
8 The Temanite, one of Job's friends (7)  
10 Less-famous daughter-in-law of Naomi (5)  
11 Revitalizes (5,2)  
12 Those who inherit estates, titles or offices (5)  
13 Either of the two main parts of the Christian Bible (9)  
17 Directed; shot for (5)  
19 Former Ugandan despot (1971-1979) (3,4)  
21 Hotel designed for the motorist; cheaper style of hotel (5)  
22 One of an ancient people of Syria and Asia Minor (7)  
23 Non-ordained member of a church (6)  
24 Suffering from unrequited love; forlorn (6)

**CRYPTIC Down**

1 Drink, very quietly getting a round, in Syrian city (6)  
2 One in the habit of regularly shooting British guns into wood (5)  
3 Roughly pushes on east to get to biblical site in Asia Minor (7)  
5 With number in English church, one who may be taken by God? (5)  
6 Canterbury-fringe head of house cut short time of one from the Med (7)  
7 Ammonite king owns old family retreat on the perimeter (6)

**QUICK Down**

1 Troubled second city of Syria (6)  
2 Male member of a religious order that originally relied solely on alms (5)  
3 NT city, site of the Temple of Artemis (7)  
5 Son of Cain, father of Methuselah (either

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spelling) (5)  
6 Nationality of Barnabas (7)  
7 Ammonite king, first victim of the united Israelites under Saul (6)  
9 Minor prophet and book of the OT (9)  
13 Book of the New Testament – recipient of two of Paul's 14s (7)

14 Letter in KJV parlance (7)  
15 Mountain range where Elijah challenged prophets of Baal (6)  
16 Bind as an apprentice or servant (6)  
18 River feature, classically of the Nile (5)  
20 USA's most easterly state: capital, Augusta (5)

**Solution**

Across: 1 Aired, 4 Deacon, 8 Eliphaz, 10 Orpah, 11 Perks up, 12 Heirs, 13 Testament, 17 Aimed, 19 Idi Amin, 21 Motel, 22 Layman, 23 Layman, 24 Bereft. Down: 1 Aleppo, 2 Friar, 3 Ephesus, 5 Enoch, 6 Cypriot, 7 Nahash, 9 Zephaniah, 13 Timothy, 14 Epistle, 15 Carmel, 16 Indent, 18 Delta, 20 Maine.

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