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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Bishop Philip Egan

'I danced in the morning When the world was begun, And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven And I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem	I had my birth. Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance', said he.
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'I am delighted to be able to greet you the readers of *Catholic South West* this Christmastide. May each of you and your families come to know the joy of this lovely time.'

Bishop Mark O'Toole



'I wish you a joyful Christmas praying that the New Year will bring you peace and peace to our World, especially within the countries of the Middle East where Christ was born in Bethlehem.'

Bishop Declan Lang

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Journey of The Magi

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sorefooted,
refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the
terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
and running away, and wanting their liquor
and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack
of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns
unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high
prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.



Then at dawn we came down to a
temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of
vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill
beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in
the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves
over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces
of silver,

And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we
continued
And arriving at evening, not a moment too
soon
Finding the place; it was (you might say)
satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down

This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen
birth and death,

But had thought they were different; this
Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our
death.

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old
dispensation,

With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

T.S. Eliot

'Lord of the Dance' (see extract above) is a hymn with words written by English songwriter Sydney Carter in 1963. He borrowed the tune from the American Shaker song 'Simple Gifts'. The hymn, following the idea of the traditional English carol 'Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day', tells the gospel story in the first person voice of Jesus of Nazareth with the device of portraying Jesus' life and mission as a dance. Journey of the Magi is a 43-line poem written in 1927 by T. S. Eliot (1888-1965). In the previous year Eliot had converted to Anglo-Catholicism. Eliot retells the story of the Magi who travelled to Palestine to visit the new born Jesus according to the Gospel of Matthew. It is a narrative, told from the point of view of one of the magi, expressing themes of alienation and a feeling of powerlessness in a world that has changed.

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Welcome to a new-look *Catholic South West* and a very special welcome if you are new to CSW

The south west of England is primarily associated with the diocese of Plymouth but the area of south-west England extends beyond the diocese of Plymouth, entering as it does into the diocese of Portsmouth, with which Plymouth is contiguous for approximately 30 miles, and into the diocese of Clifton, with which Plymouth is contiguous for some 130 miles. For this reason we carry Christmas and new year greetings from each of Bishops Michael (Plymouth), Declan (Clifton) and Philip (Portsmouth) to accompany the salute on our front page from the Bishop of Rome.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales includes 22 dioceses. Membership also includes the Military Ordinariate (UK armed forces); the Apostolic Eparchs of the Ukrainian and Syro-Malabar Churches in Britain; the Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham and the Apostolic Prefect of the Falkland Islands.

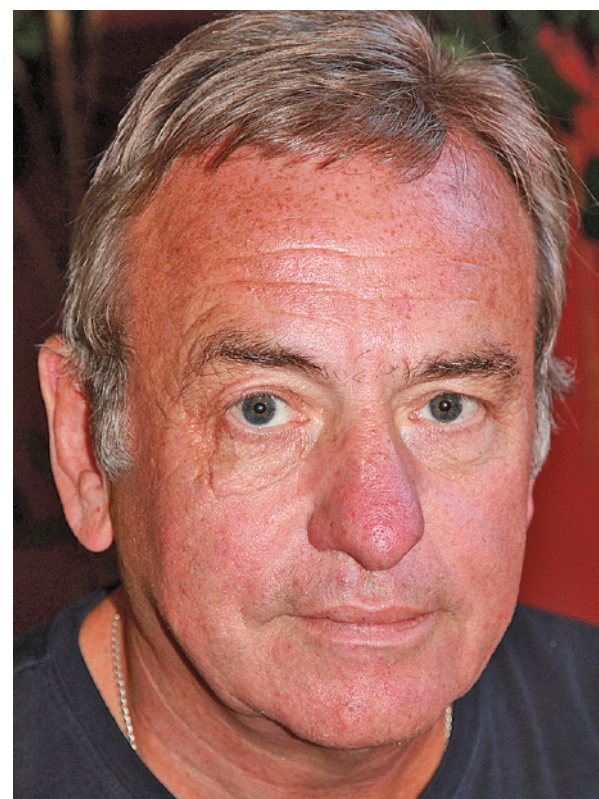
It was at the 2018 *Ad limina apostolorum* in Rome in September, when the Bishops of England and Wales reported to the Pope on the state of their

dioceses, prayed at the tombs of the apostles and met with a variety of Vatican officials, that Pope Francis encouraged his fellow bishops to pray, to proclaim God's word, to be close to their priests and to be close to their people.

The scandals reported within the Catholic Church, admittedly at a lower percentage than in society at large, continue to vex the Pontiff as he endeavours to bring to bear reform and development to the workings of our Church. The measures he continues to take, not to mention the number of cardinals appointed since his election, look to guarantee that his measures will carry the day.

What is similarly irreversible is the cyclical passage of time. It's with this issue of *CSW* that we return to celebrate Christmas, the birth of the Christ child and the start of a fresh New Year.

I join with all my *CSW* colleagues in wishing you a very Merry and Holy Christmas and a very Happy and Holy New Year.



Jay Kettle-Williams



TO BRINGING UP BABY BILINGUALLY

There is an unprecedented number of children in our region being brought up using more than one language.

We offer three precautionary yet factual 'tales of the unexpected'

1: Born to Spanish parents living in London, she had been encouraged to embrace the language of Mum and Dad while they in turn did their best, simultaneously and at every opportunity, to develop their daughter's English. The development of this practice meant that all three family members employed a blend of Spanish and English vocabulary. When they switched language they simply switched grammars – all the while using the same vocabular mix.

2: Being brought up bilingually by a native speaker of Russian (Dad) and a native speaker of English (Mum), the two daughters were fed one language or another randomly, choosing from between English and Russian. The young girls, at a tender age unable to differentiate between the two languages, soon developed their own private language, intelligible only to people who could speak both English and Russian. When they were old enough to go to school, their academic development was hampered because nobody could understand the jumbled language they spoke. They then needed to be de-programmed.

3: The family lived in France. The father was a White

Russian. The mother's native language, like that of the house-keeper, was Spanish. When alone with his two sons, when other members of the household were in another room or had gone out, Dad spoke with his two sons only in Russian. If they were joined at home by Mum, or the housekeeper, Spanish would be the order of the day. Walking out together through the front door, or when French visitors came in, all family members would switch immediately into French. The young boys grew up to be effective trilinguals.

As to the moral of these precautionary yet factual accounts, the received wisdom for bringing up minors bilingually or plurilingually - so that they respect the culture of their birth, yet integrate with that of the community at large - is to determine and hold firm to the strictures of who speaks what language to whom and when.

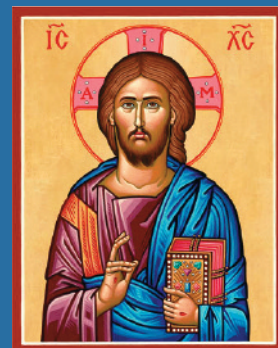
The instances above are drawn from formal linguistic research into bilingualism undertaken by Dr J L Kettle-Williams.

**Please feel free to cut this out
and pop it into your wallet**

Service

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connections and between persons. I shall do good and be a preacher of truth in my own place."

Blessed John Henry Newman (adapted)



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**As a Catholic I,
am called to:**

Share with others the joy of knowing Jesus Christ

Pray

Celebrate the sacraments regularly

Love my neighbour as myself

Use the gifts that I've been

given wisely

Forgive as I have been forgiven



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MEET THE ARTIST:

Pierre Bamin

El Sacramento The Sacrament



I had been commissioned by Fr Eduardo Vargas, a visiting priest from The Americas to paint him something small: he wanted a depiction of The Sacrament. With time against us (he was en route to Rome to complete his studies) I had to work quickly.

Starting a painting never poses much of an issue but what does is finding the inspiration from which to draw a narrative.

One quiet evening, and running parallel to this story, I was at a vigil held for a dear friend who was silently and bravely battling a health issue. Although his news wasn't positive, he remained stoic and truly inspirational. During the ceremony, my focus would flit between prayer offerings, the yet-to-be-discovered commission and an elderly man, standing directly in front of me with a rosary clasped behind him. The beads would run through the palm of his weary hands, each drawn one by one via thumb and index finger. So quickly

would he feed them through that I found it near impossible to focus on the service at hand.

I looked closer, this time locking in on the hands: one clasping the wrist of the other so tightly it seemed to cut off the very life blood running through. Both limbs had now become two different entities: one full of life, grasping as if to pull and support the other which looked tired, limp and almost lifeless. The rosary beads, lost in the folds of skin and bone, bled out from the centre into the chapel's evening light... my painting could begin!

Sparing the detail, my dear friend who would often pay a visit for tea to share in banter about art, music and movie history finally lost his battle sometime soon after. The Sacrament left our shores for a new home. He loved the painting and its narrative. I was fortunate to hand him a one-off framed print



with a personal message written on its lower border.

Many months after his passing I visited his resting place to pay my respects. My message, in part, had been inscribed on his headstone: RIP Peter Lesser, a true gentleman.

Born in Brighton, Pierre spent much of his earlier life in Freetown, West Africa before coming back to the UK in pursuit of an illustrative career. No sooner had that vocation been realised than he found himself gravitating quite naturally towards the digital world embracing all it had to offer. He feared initially that his artistic capabilities might suffer as a consequence. On the contrary it worked out quite the opposite. Pierre works mainly in acrylic and oil: www.pierrebamin.com



BRUSHSTROKES

Fr Tom Grufferty invites us to pray at Christmas, inspired by this work of art

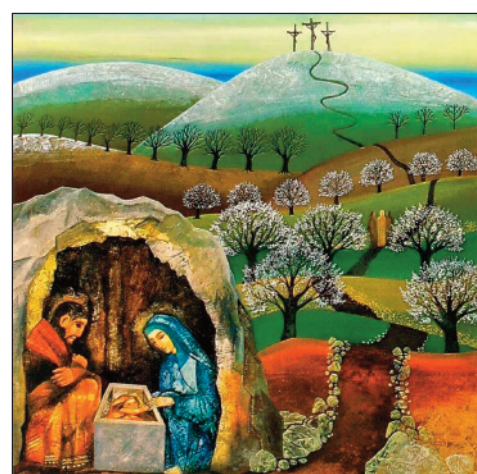
I was at Notre Dame de Paris a few weeks ago. At 9.30 am I joined a group of about 400 people as we queued to get inside the famous building. Once inside it became instantly clear that the greater part of the crowd gathered to gaze at the three Rose Windows in the building. These windows must be the greatest masterpieces in glass in the whole world. People of all religions and none were transfixed as they absorbed the vibrant colours. In many ways, this is a powerful way of prayer. As I looked at these people I could see immediately that some, if not all, were praying.



Notre Dame de Paris

Of course, we have prayed with images for centuries, and we are sometimes ridiculed for it, the reformers and the iconoclastic movement being two examples of those who did so. I would like to invite you to pray this Christmas with this painting. Mary Huntley, who is a friend, sent me this Christmas card many years ago. From the moment I first saw it, I loved the symbolism and I have kept the card in my treasure chest. It is by a German artist called Beate Heinen who created the work in 1986.

Before you read any further, just spend a few minutes looking at what the artist has done. Pause for a little while. Now read the nativity story as told by St Luke very carefully. Stop to ponder whenever you wish. Luke 2:1-20.



Beate Heinen's Notes for a New Day

(This is the year of Luke) Now look again at the painting. Your eyes are immediately drawn to the nativity scene. It is small and compact and easy on the eye. Like most nativity scenes you are drawn to the crib. Hold on to some of the things that Luke has just said to you personally. Notice that the scene is full. Mary is in blue as you would expect, Joseph is dressed in brown. Mary lovingly touches the hand of her Son. Look at Jesus. The crib is a marble coffin which comes as a shock. But all will be made clear shortly.

Imagine you have the powers of a panorama photo lens and move your eyes out to capture what the artist really wants you to see. The immediate surroundings are full of vegetation, colour and vibrancy. This is strangely unseasonable for the middle of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. The first thoughts that came to my mind were that there could be some surprises in store in this painting. In the wider panorama we have winter when it should be spring. Here the landscape is cold, bleak with snow and frost. Then you see the three crosses on Calvary ... winter has become spring and spring has become winter. The artist knows only too well that the crib and the cross are integral parts of the same story. Christmas and Good Friday come together.

This contradiction leads us to Jesus himself when he explains the chief reason for the Incarnation. In John's Gospel, Jesus says to Pilate, 'I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth and all who live by the truth listen to my voice'. John



18:37. Just before his crucifixion, death and resurrection, Jesus takes us to the Christmas Crib. What does Christmas really say to you? How can you pray Christmas? We can only pray Christmas in the context of Calvary, and at the empty tomb. The crib is full, the tomb is empty. There is a powerful and inseparable correlation between the two places.

Now look at the painting again. Did you notice the Road of Life? There are three people on it, and I don't know who they are. Peter, James and John perhaps? They were with Jesus at least in Mount Tabor and in the Garden of Gethsemane, so why not here?

But I really like to think these are three women for they look like women. Mary the Mother of Jesus, his great friend Mary of Magdala and Mary of Cleopas in John 19:25. All three are directly connected with Christmas and Easter. Mary as Mother is central to the crib, Mary Magdala is central to the crucifixion and Mary of Cleopas is engaged directly too.

But let me lead you into THE MOST PROFOUND contemplation - the three people are us. You and me on the road of life between birth, death and the RESURRECTION!

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Scripture Notes

by Father Jeremy Corley

'While shepherds watched their flocks by night...' Our traditional view of Christmas owes much to Luke's account of Jesus' birth: Mary and Joseph finding no room at the inn, the child Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger, and the shepherds coming to adore the newborn Saviour.

Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem because of a census decreed by Caesar Augustus. Since at the time a Roman census would often lead to the imposition of a poll tax, it sometimes caused riots, but this census was marked by the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Luke emphasizes how the coming of Jesus fulfils God's ancient promises made in the scriptures. Already the very first verse of Luke's Gospel mentions 'the events that have been fulfilled among us.' Now when Jesus is born, we see how God's plan is being fulfilled through Mary: 'The days were fulfilled for her to deliver her child.'

By the very act of being born, Jesus took

human flesh and joined the mortal human race. Theologians and artists have linked Jesus' birth with his death. Mary heard Jesus' first sound when he emerged from her womb and cried with thirst for his mother's milk. Mary also heard his final cry, when he said, 'I am thirsty' and was offered cheap wine, before yielding up his spirit (John 19:28).

'Mary placed her newborn child in a manger'

Luke tells us that when Mary had given birth to her son, she wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Although he was the royal Son of God, he shared our full humanity. In the Book of Wisdom, King Solomon notes that monarchs have the same kind of birth as the rest of humanity: 'I too when I was born drew in the common air. I fell on the same ground that bears us all. Crying was my first sound, as for all the rest. I was nursed in swaddling clothes, with every care. No king has known any other beginning of existence.' The messianic descendant of David was also wrapped in swaddling clothes as a baby.

Because the nativity took place in an inn,

Mary placed her newborn child in a manger, where cattle and donkeys would normally feed. The manger recalls the opening of the Book of the prophet Isaiah: 'The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib. But Israel does not know, and my people do not understand.' After his birth, Mary gently placed the infant Jesus on the wooden manger, but before his death, the soldiers roughly pushed him onto the wooden cross.

'The good news came first to the shepherds'

Luke says that when Jesus was born, the good news came first to the shepherds on the hillsides outside Bethlehem. Though Moses and David had begun looking after flocks, shepherds were often despised in Israel, because their duties meant that they could not regularly attend religious ceremonies. But Luke suggests that their farming duties have a kind of liturgical function, because the shepherds were 'keeping watch' by night. A similar Greek expression describes the task of the Levites assisting the priests by 'keeping watch' in God's sanctuary, according to the Book of Numbers (3:5-8).

'The good news creates joy'

Luke's account of the Christmas story emphasizes some favourite themes of the Gospel. The good news creates joy, just as the shepherds receive the 'good news of great joy'. In a gospel full of significant women, Mary stands out as the mother of our Saviour. In addition, Luke's focus on the poor is evident in the way there was 'no room at



the inn', and the first hearers of the news of Christ's birth were the shepherds.

'God's heart has a special place for the poor'

In his document, Joy of the Gospel (#12), Pope Francis explains: 'God's heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself became poor. Salvation came to us from the 'yes' uttered by a lowly maiden from a small town on the fringes of a great empire. The Saviour was born in a manger, in the midst of animals, like children of poor families. He was presented at the Temple along with two turtledoves, the offering made by those who could not afford a lamb. When he began to preach the Kingdom, crowds of the dispossessed followed him, illustrating his words: The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.'

At Christmas, we join the poor shepherds in adoring the newborn Christ, and we join Mary in pondering these strange and wonderful events fulfilled among us. Let us open our hearts to receive the joy he brings us this Christmas.

With this issue we go

BACKSTAGE

with Christian Editors' Fora.
It's through the Editor that CSW is represented in two associations

The Catholic Diocesan Editors' Forum (CDEF) is composed of some 30 editors representing the major diocesan publications across England and Wales. Generally speaking the specific Catholic publications - be they newspaper or magazine format - appear on a weekly, monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly basis.

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ciation's membership.

ACE holds an Annual Meeting and there are also some regional groups which meet from time to time to share ideas. The association runs an annual Awards scheme, covering various categories of publication. Practical workshops are run where there is sufficient local interest and ACE members are encouraged to run workshops and offer other support in/from their area (CSW is prominent in encouraging syndication of copy, both text and image). A key part of ACE's service is a regular Ideas Forum which provides tips, suggestions for articles and items of news. Much of the content of a church publication will relate to that particular fellowship, but ACE encourages outreach into wider local communities and beyond.

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PRIEST'S PROFILE

With this issue of CSW we feature Bishop Mark O'Toole

22nd June 1963 Born in London, the youngest son of Marcus and Maura O'Toole who originally came from the Irish-speaking community of Connemara, Galway, Ireland. Attended St Ignatius Primary School, Stamford Hill and St Thomas More Secondary school in Wood Green. Left school with four 'A' levels in 1981

1984 Graduated with a B.Sc. in Geography from the University of Leicester

1984 - 1989 Studied for the Priesthood at Allen Hall Seminary, graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity in Theology

1989 - 1990 Pastoral work as a deacon in St Joan of Arc Parish, Highbury

9th June 1990 Ordained priest of the Diocese of Westminster by Cardinal Basil Hume

1990 - 1992 M. Phil in Theology at the University of Oxford. Wrote a thesis on the relationship between Divine and Human freedom supervised by the Lady Margaret Professor, Dr Rowan Williams

1992 - 1997 Assistant priest in St Mary Magdalene parish, Willesden Green; part-time lecturer in Catechesis

1997 - 2002 Member of Staff at Allen Hall Seminary – Lecturer in Theology and Formation Adviser to seminarians. Sacred License in Theology from Pontifical University, Leuven granted in 2000

1999 - 2002 Dean of Studies, Allen Hall Seminary

2002 - 2008 Private Secretary to Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster

6th Sept 2008 Appointed Rector, Allen Hall Seminary

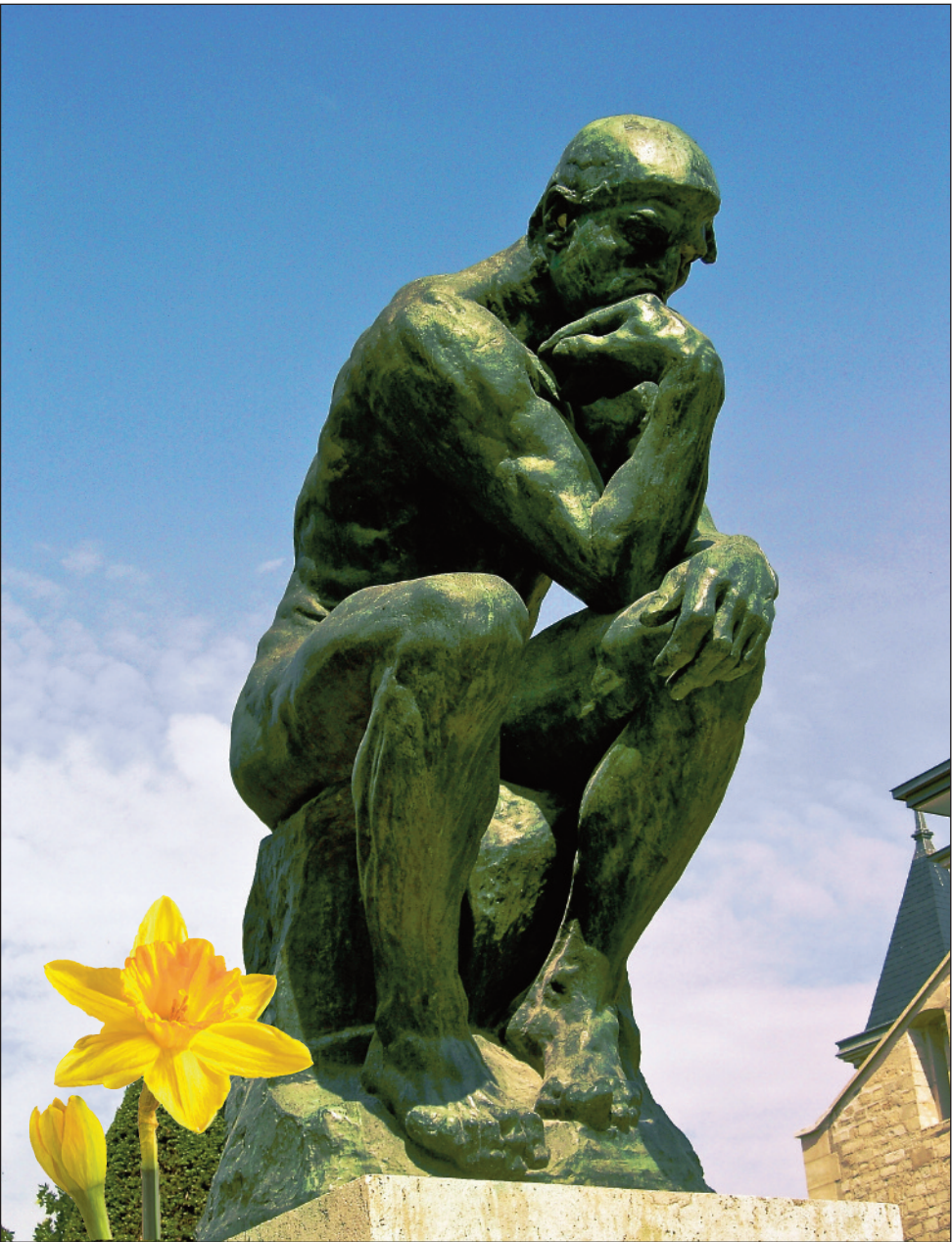
28th Jan 2014 Ordained ninth Bishop of Plymouth

12th Oct 2014 Installed as honorary Canon at Truro Cathedral

18th Sept 2016 Installed as honorary Canon of Exeter Cathedral

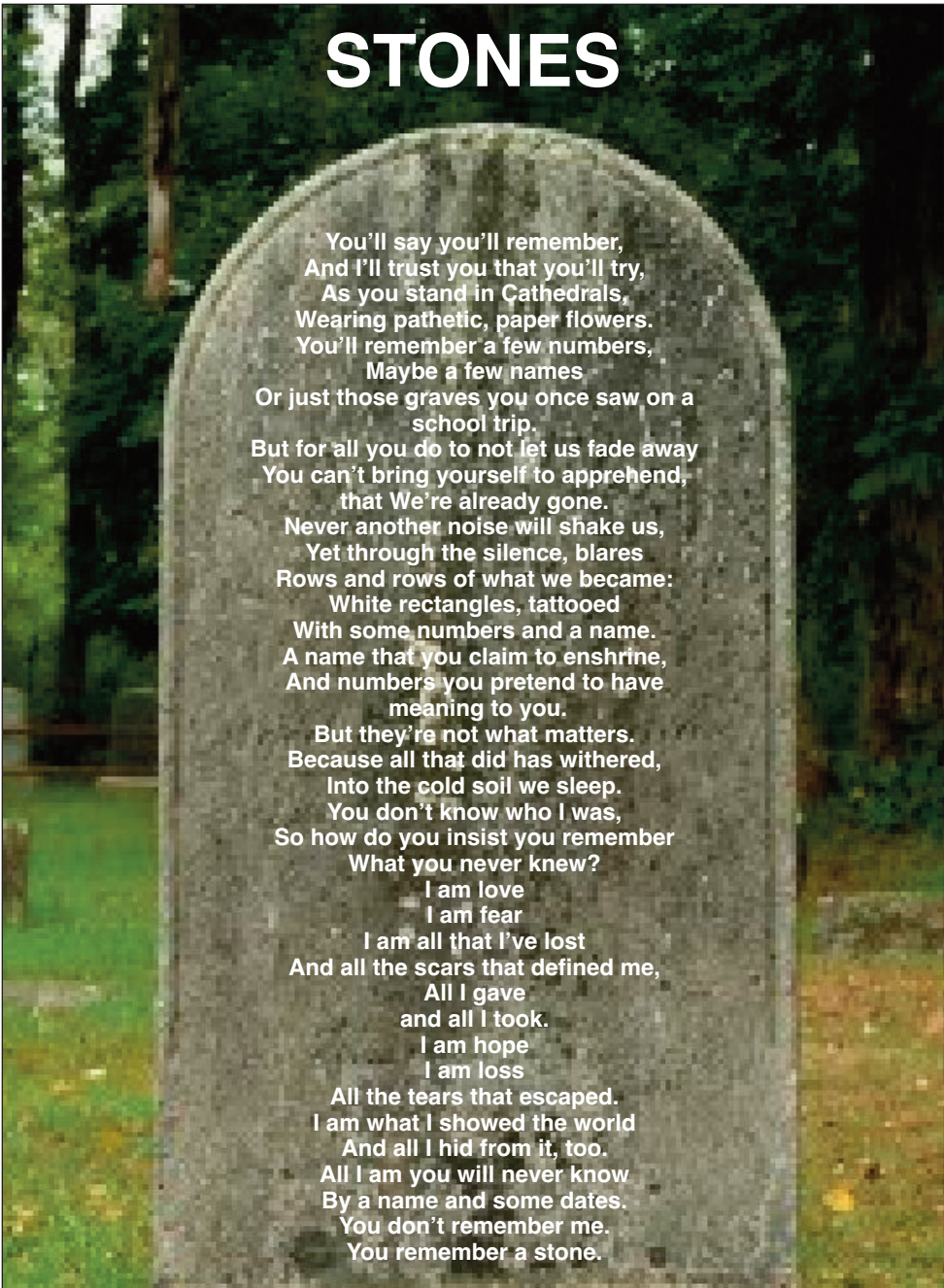


POETS' CORNER



*We mark the 100th anniversary
of the cessation of WW1 hostilities
in 1918 with this poem
by Lucy Albuery.*

STONES



Lest we forget! 14-year-old Lucy Albuery recently scored a coveted top-three spot for her poem in the voice of a First World War soldier in a Never Such Innocence (NSI) First World War centenary poetry competition, beating more than 6,000 applicants in the process. The contest drew talent not only from the UK, but also collected entries from dozens of other nations including Greece, Malaysia, New Zealand, France, Canada, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Rwanda and the USA.

PRIE-DIEU

MOTHERING GOD

Loving Lord,
you are also Loving Lady!
For you are Mother as well as Father,
you are a giver and sustainer of life.
You nurture and bring out the best
in each one of your human creations.

Loving Lady and Lord,
wrapped in the dark womb of your mystery,
you enfold each one of us
with an awesome tender-gentle
lovingness
that has a tingle-factor,
that sends a shiver of delight
up and down the spine,
once I begin to realise that I, yes I,
am on the receiving end
of such life giving and life-enhancing
love.

Loving Lady and Lord,
just as a mother holds her child close
and shares herself at the breast,
bringing consolation and satisfaction,

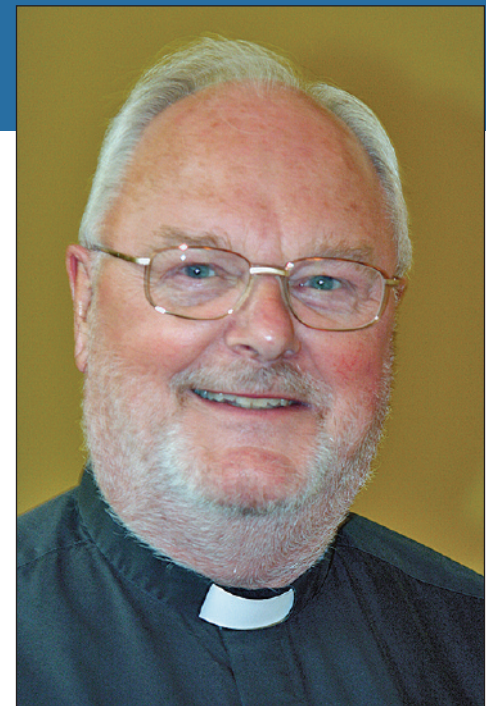
filling full with strength and
nourishment,
so you hold each one of us
close to a heartbeat,
cuddling us with reverent gentleness,
mothering without smothering,
giving that breathing space
to grow and blossom as a unique
individual.

Loving Lady and Lord,
help each and every single one of us
to recapture something of that sense
of delight and
dependence-in-independence
that is at the heart of genuine
humanness.
Help us to see that the love of a human
mother
is an echo of your own wondrous love.
Enrich us with that growing gift
of the female side of our human
character,
so that we are not afraid of tenderness,
touch, affection, cuddliness,

vulnerability,
encouragement, nurturing, and
presence,
that special gift of just being there.
and being open to need.

Loving Lady and Lord,
bring out the best in each of us,
that we may be worthy
of such overwhelming love showered
upon us,
day in, day out,
night in, night out,
for we are celebrating our sonship
and our daughtership.
Thank you for having so much to
celebrate.
Amen.

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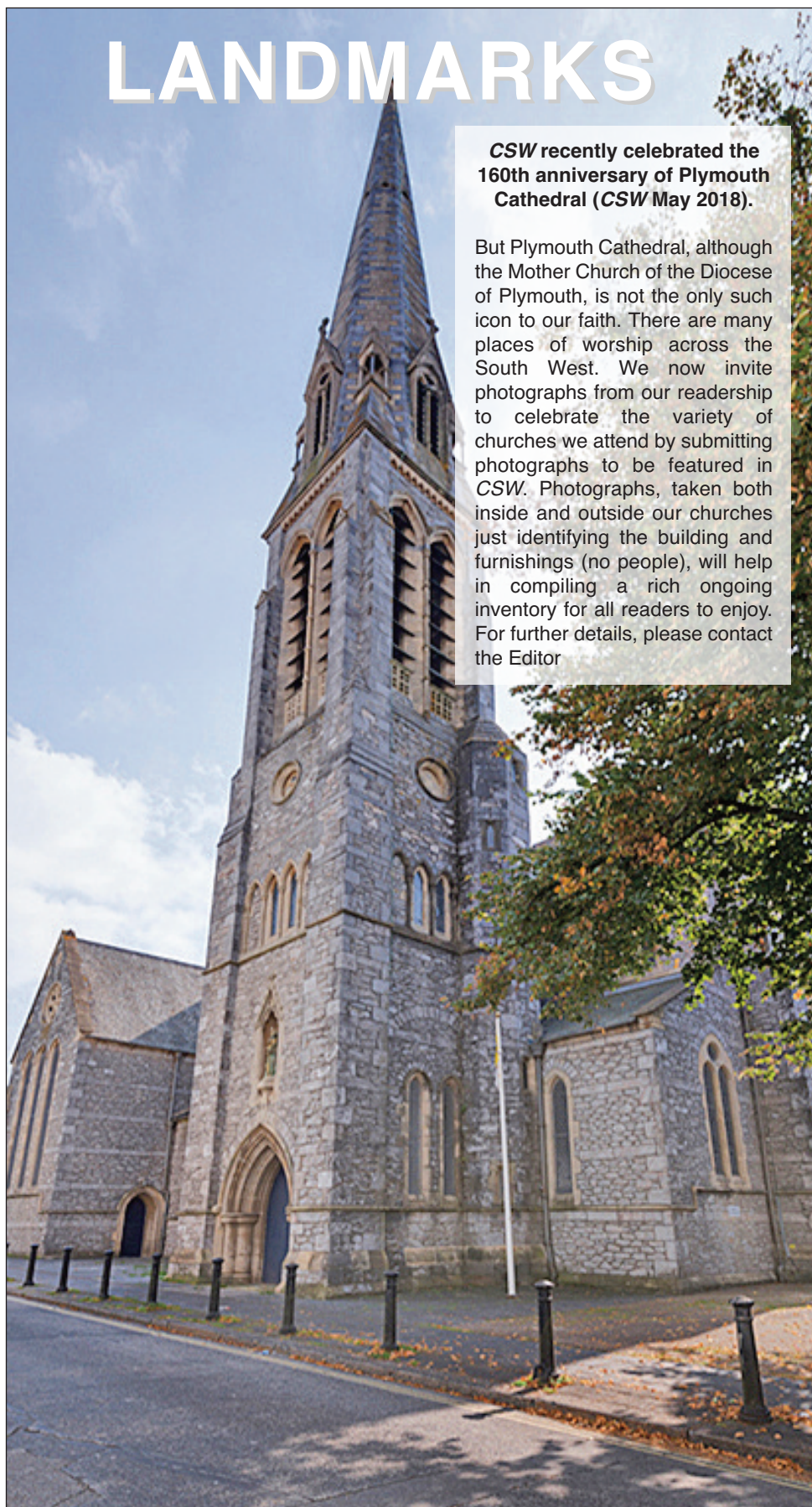


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LANDMARKS

CSW recently celebrated the
160th anniversary of Plymouth
Cathedral (CSW May 2018).

But Plymouth Cathedral, although
the Mother Church of the Diocese
of Plymouth, is not the only such
icon to our faith. There are many
places of worship across the
South West. We now invite
photographs from our readership
to celebrate the variety of
churches we attend by submitting
photographs to be featured in
CSW. Photographs, taken both
inside and outside our churches
just identifying the building and
furnishings (no people), will help
in compiling a rich ongoing
inventory for all readers to enjoy.
For further details, please contact
the Editor



ACE Magazine Awards 2019

The Association for Church Editors is launching its next Awards to celebrate and recognise the work of church magazine editors and their editorial teams.

Who will be eligible to take part?

- * The 2019 Awards are for A5 size magazines using colour printing.
- * A5 magazines which have colour on the front cover only are eligible to take part.
- * The Awards are open to all Christian denominations.

Types of Awards

- * The Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will receive an inscribed trophy to keep, together with a framed Certificate of Excellence.
- * The Gold Award winner will receive the John King Trophy, to be held for one year.
- * The winning entry in each of the following categories will receive a framed Certificate of Excellence:

Cover design

- Overall layout & structure
- Creativity of headlines
- Use of graphics
- Clarity of the Christian message

Appeal to a wider community

- * Entries not selected for one of the main Awards, but are considered to be of a sufficiently high standard, will receive a framed Certificate of Achievement.

How to submit your entries:

- * Please send two copies of two different issues of your magazine/newsletter produced during the last twelve months.
- * One of the issues should cover either Easter or Christmas.
- * The closing date for entries is Monday 4th February 2019.
- * The review process will be based on paper magazines and not electronic versions.
- * Please send your magazines to: John Farrow, Hamilton House, East Common, Harpenden, Herts AL5 1DA. (Ring him on 07932 961569 with any queries.)

Please note:

- * The Awards will be presented at our Annual Meeting on Saturday 22nd June 2019 at Westminster Central Hall in London. It is an open meeting, so please come with anyone else who is interested in good editing.
- * The ACW website is: www.churchmag.uk Email is: johnfarrow@outlook.com

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Children's Page

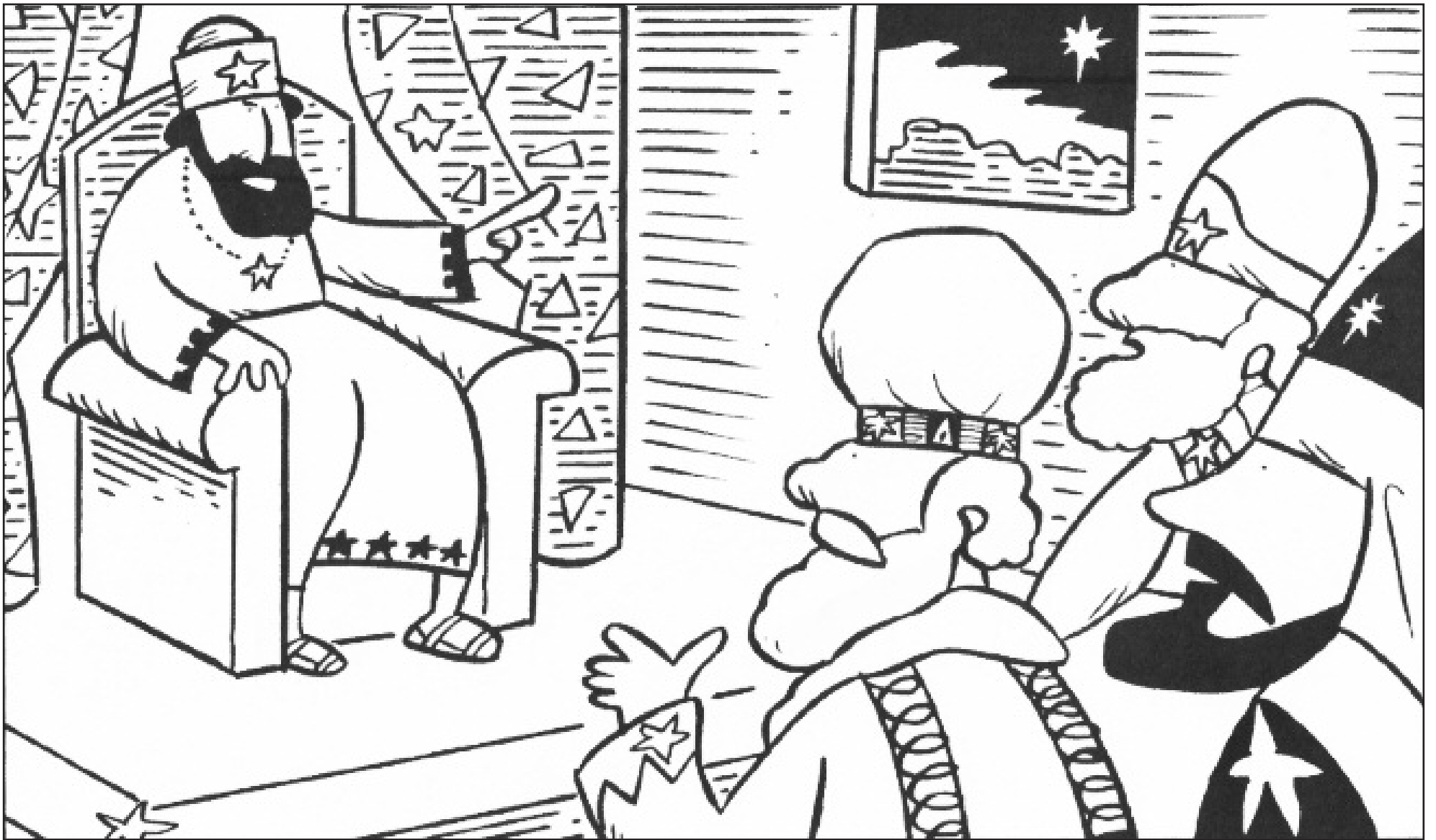


The baby Moses is hidden among the reeds. Why was Moses put into the water like this?
 How many deliberate mistakes can you find? Circle them all.
This story is in Exodus 2:1-10



Mary was astonished when the Angel Gabriel told her she would have a baby son, Jesus.
 Can you find twelve brooms hidden in this picture?
Look up the story of the angel's visit in Luke 1:26-38.

Children's Page



King Herod plotted to kill the baby Jesus when the wise men visited him, looking for the newborn King.
Can you find all seventeen stars hidden in this picture?

Look up the story of Herod and the wise men in Matthew 2:1-12

JUMBLIES

See if you can re-arrange
the following capital letters:

PIN SHAPES

to make one word

HI! TRY ANTICS

to make one word

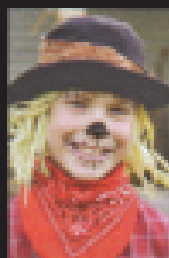
AS MANY SUDS

to make two words.

When you're ready, turn this page
upside down to read the answers.

Happiness; Christianity; Sunday Mass

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Charlie challenges you to
find the names of the
4 Gospel Makers:

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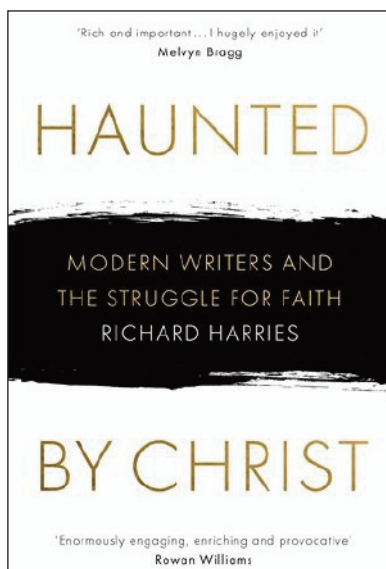


HAUNTED BY CHRIST

Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith
Richard Harries

SPCK, pbk, pages xvi, 240, 2018, £19.99

In his introduction to this haunting book, the author states: 'So much of the language we use is recycled cliché, the linguistic sludge of a lazy culture. This is especially true of religious language, which has for many become tired, stale and lifeless.' (pp x-xi). Thus his basic desire is to show how poets and novelists bring a freshness and sharpness, hinting at the 'ultimately elusive mystery of the divine' (p xi). This he does by considering 19 novelists or poets who have touched him deeply over the years.



give retreats to bishops, and who can get them to wash each other's feet is a master of the Spirit! There is such limpid honesty, humility and humour dotted through-out these life-giving pages, which exude a practical, down-to-earth-holiness. Jean is what he utters, literally a word made flesh.

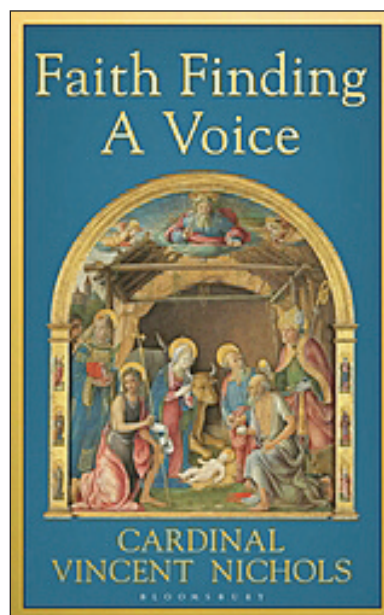
Throughout his life Jean has lived as a pilgrim, searching for the will of God. His radical Catholic Christianity comes across, and his gift of hospitality. The story of L'Arche is well known, as well as that of Foi et Lumière. Here is a man who has changed the face of people with learning disabilities, providing true homes where each member is of equal status, both helped and helpers. In fact, Jean shows how those who are helpers end up more helped than helping!

There are so many rich veins to excavate here, and the book is in itself the source of many a retreat. It is a real gem, and priceless. Here is a cry that without demanding will be heard, as it is such a clear and clarion call to peace and unity within each individual and within our one world.

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FAITH FINDING A VOICE

Cardinal Vincent Nicholas
Bloomsbury, pbk, 338 pages, 2018, £12.99



This is a deeply personal account of how over the years Cardinal Vincent has grown in his faith and found his voice proclaiming that faith. There are four sections to the book, beginning with God Revealed, personal theological reflections on the Trinity; going on to Education for Life; then to Religious Dialogue and the Hope for Humanity; and ending with Ministry: Treasure in Earthenware Vessels.

As he states in his Introduction, the book is an exploration of 'our openness to the presence of God' as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, given the task of finding an authentic 'voice' that will communicate the faith. He starts with the fascinating phrase 'the lure of God', and is humbly tentative in his approach to the fathomless mystery of our living God. In his approach to the mystery of Christ he is much influenced by The Nativity with Saints altarpiece by Sienese painter Pietro Orioli [c.1485-95], which reveals the panorama of God's salvation through his Beloved Son. In dealing with the Holy Spirit he moves into community and creation, with reference to Laudato Si.

Had he not become a priest, he says he would have been a teacher, and the second part of the book centres on his work for education. He is convinced that Catholic-based education remains of vital importance 'for the common good of society in its search for compassion and harmony'. Bede and Newman are his guiding lights.

Religious Dialogue with other Christians and with other Faiths has been a striking part of his ministry as priest, Bishop and Cardinal. He stresses three key pivots: the dignity of every human being; the desire to serve the good of humanity; and that the road of inter-religious cooperation is long and difficult to travel, and needs much patience and good will for the journey.

The fourth section is perhaps the most personal and most affectively touching part of the book. He focuses on Papacy, Episcopate, Presbyterate, Diaconate, Consecrated Life, and The People of God. His homily at the Episcopal Ordination of Patrick McKinney is particularly beautiful and moving.

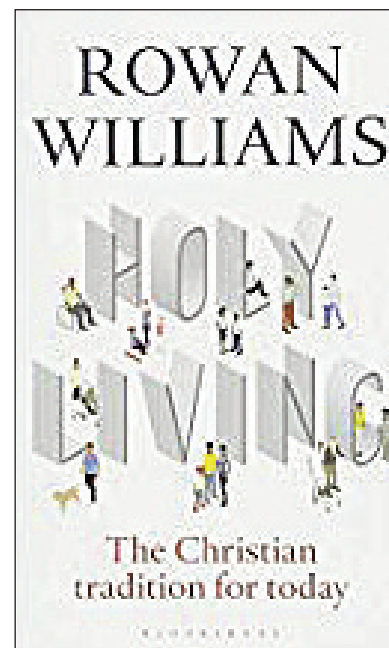
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HOLY LIVING

The Christian tradition for today
Rowan Williams

Bloomsbury, 222 pages, pbk, 2017, £12.99

The thirteen essays in this deeply personal volume show the depth of one man's lived Christian spirituality. In these truly moving and inspirational pages Rowan shares his soul, and what has shaped his incarnational living devotedness to Jesus. We meet him in his praying and contemplating, not least with icons. He shows how contemplation and mission go hand in hand. He shows us the genius of St Teresa of Avila and St Julian of Norwich. He puts sexuality and spirituality in perspective. He shows the centrality of scripture and the Bible, and how this is 'decisively and authoritatively illuminated by the Eucharistic setting of biblical reading' [p49].



In speaking of evangelisation, he says it 'must be rooted in a profound confidence that we have a distinctive human destiny to show and share with the world...To be fully human is to be recreated in the image of Christ's humanity.' [p95] For him contemplation 'is far from being just one kind of thing that Christians do: it is the key to prayer, liturgy, art and ethics, the key to the essence of a renewed humanity that is capable of seeing the world and other subjects in the world with freedom...To put it boldly, contemplation is the only ultimate answer to the unreal and insane world that our financial systems and our advertising culture and our chaotic and unexamined emotions encourage us to inhabit. To learn contemplative practice is to learn what we need to live truthfully and honestly and lovingly. It is a deeply revolutionary matter.' [pp96-97]

A man who can write: 'He will not wipe the tears from our eyes unless we have learned to weep' [p12] is a man who lives in a resurrection world, but marked for life by the scars of the passion of Christ. Thank you, Rowan, just for being you, and for giving us this inspired work.

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A CRY IS HEARD

My Path to Peace

Jean Vanier with Francois-Xavier Maigre
DLT, pbk, 144 pages, 2018, £9.99

As the book says on the front cover, this is 'a memoir, a spiritual autobiography and a call to unity'. This is as it were the last will and testament of a remarkable and beautiful man. His twinkling, youthful, penetrating gaze challenges, with the close-up of his face lighting up the cover. Jean has had multiple chats with Francois-Xavier, two generations younger than himself: the result is the book, containing 46 mini-chapters covering the nonagenarian's life.

There is a deeply refreshing simplicity, and a richness of character which shines throughout this conversational narrative. It is no exaggeration to call Vanier a modern day mystic: he speaks matter-of-factly of his time in prayer, but there is a profundity throughout. A man who can be asked to

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LIFE MATTERS: 2018 has been a bad year

2018 has been a bad year for prolife matters close to home, but globally the news is not all bad.

The pro-abortion vote in the Republic of Ireland, fuelled by loss of trust in the Church, censored on-line information and some downright lies by pro-death activists, was a dreadful blow, a disaster for Irish women as well as babies. Attempts to impose abortion on Northern Ireland, and the pressure to decriminalise it completely in England and Wales, are relentless.

Frequent attacks are made on the laws against euthanasia and assisted suicide, which at present protect the disabled, elderly, and chronically ill. As in the film Dalek Invasion of Earth, our opponents say 'Resistance is useless'. Their underlying attitude is another Dalek saying: 'This is not murder; this is pest control.'

But they are entirely wrong. We are resisting.

With prayer and truthful information prolife groups in the UK are not allowing a complete victory of the forces of evil. And elsewhere in the world, good things are happening.

In the USA pro-abortionists are seriously worried that Roe v. Wade will be overturned. Several States including West Virginia and Alabama have voted, for example, that there is no right to abortion in their own State's constitution. Even without that, several States have saved many lives by making it more difficult in practice.

President Trump has spoken out for adop-

tion, and for the right to life of children with Downs syndrome, and made some progress towards defunding abortion providers. The film Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer, in spite of efforts to prevent its being made and then shown, has converted many who were previously ignorant of the horrific reality of abortion.

Brazil has elected a strongly pro-life President. Hungary is stoutly resisting pro-abortion EU pressure. The African countries mostly value children and see the imposing of contraception and abortion as neo-colonialism.

Good news can often be found at www.mercatornet.com and LifeSiteNews.com



Dominica Roberts is active in several pro-life groups

With prayer and practical help we can turn the tide.



A LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE

Greg Watts reminds us that there's no such thing as Christmas holidays for many seafarers

For most of us Christmas is about spending time with our families and friends. For many seafarers, however, they are likely to find themselves in a port hundreds or thousands of miles away from home. If you work on a ship, there's no such thing as Christmas holidays.

Seafarers tend to be family men, who go to sea in order to provide for their wife and children back home, typically in poorer parts of the world. Christmas is a time when they particularly feel lonely. They miss their loved ones and know they won't see the excitement on the faces of their children when they open their presents.



John Pinhay

To help seafarers feel part of the Christmas celebrations, John Pinhay, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) chaplain to the ports of Falmouth and Fowey, distributes shoe boxes.

These contain items such as socks, chocolate, toiletries, and woolly hats, and are put together by volunteers. Parishioners at St Mary Immaculate in Falmouth and St Augustine's in St Austell have been doing this for a number of years.

The four Catholic schools in Cornwall, where

John sometimes gives talks or leads assemblies, also get involved in supporting seafarers by making Christmas cards. When seafarers are given the shoe boxes they often receive them with an air of disbelief that someone actually cares.

In some cases, the shoeboxes will be opened when they are at sea, with the crew gathered in a circle on Christmas morning, opening the boxes one at a time, just to make the occasion last a bit longer.

John became port chaplain to Falmouth in 2012 after retiring from his job as a regional manager for a chain of retail outlets. He had first got involved with Apostleship of the Sea when he became a volunteer ship visitor twelve years ago.

'Whenever you go on board a ship for the first time, you always feel a little apprehensive as you do not know what kind of reception you will receive,' he said. 'I overcome this feeling by saying a quick prayer, which gives me the confidence to board whatever vessel needs

to be visited.'

'Once I find someone to talk with, my apprehension disappears, as the vast majority of seafarers are pleased to see a friendly face that reminds them that they have not been forgotten.'

Seafarers are an invisible workforce. Most of us never see them or meet them. Even



Gregg Watts

people who live near a port have little idea about seafarers. Yet around 95% of the goods that we buy – everything from fridges to bananas and cars to coffee – are brought by ship.

And many of the presents that we give to each other this Christmas will have been transported by sea.

The Apostleship of the Sea, AoS, is a registered charity and agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England & Wales and Scotland. It is wholly reliant on voluntary donations and legacies to continue its work.

90% of world trade is transported by ship, and more than 100,000 ships visit British ports every year. However, the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely with up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones, often working in harsh conditions.

AoS chaplains and ship visitors welcome seafarers to our shores – regardless of their colour, race or creed – and provide them with pastoral and practical assistance.

For more information contact John Green, Director of Development on 020 7901 1931 or 07505 653801 or email johngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk



**Apostleship
of the Sea**
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

NEWS ...AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CODEX AMIATINUS is the oldest complete Bible in Latin and the last surviving Bible of a trio produced in the early eighth century by Benedictine monks at Wearmouth-Jarrow. Having been sent to Rome in AD716, it is now temporarily back in Britain. The *Codex Amiatinus* is normally at the Biblioteca Laurenziana in Florence but until 19 February it forms the centrepiece for the British Library's Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms exhibition in London. Further details: www.bl.uk

CATHOLIC? PERHAPS NOT YET. But if you'd like to get moving and learn more about the Catholic faith, now is the time to ask. Simply contact your nearest Catholic church.

THE FISH: ichthys or ichthus is a Greek word meaning 'fish'. The fish symbol was adopted by early Christians as a secret symbol. This Greek term is an acronym or acrostic which translates into English as 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'.



ACTA - A Call To Action: a group of Catholics, some of whom are ordained, brought together by love of Christ's Church and anxiety about its future. Still inspired by the Second Vatican Council,



ACTA members want to contribute fully to the life of the Church by fostering openness and dialogue both with each other and with church leadership through channels of free and frank communication in a climate of trust and respect for all where such dialogue may be fostered. Diocesan coordinators: Nick Weeks (Clifton); Peter Farrell (Plymouth); Andrew Hornsby-Smith (Portsmouth) on www.acalltoaction.org.uk

CAFOD stands for the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development, an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CAFOD stands beside people living in poverty – whatever their religion or culture. Through local Church partners, CAFOD helps people directly in their own communities, and campaigns for global justice so that everyone can reach full potential. Regional contacts: Liz Baldwin (Clifton) ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk; Simon Giachi (Plymouth) sgiarchi@cafod.org.uk and Jo Lewry (Portsmouth) jlewry@cafod.org.uk

ON THE MOVE: If - as a Catholic and for reasons of work, study or family commitments - you have moved across or into the South West, do please ensure that you are registered with your local parish and, if a student in HE, with your University Chaplain or other appropriate officer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date Event Venue Details

ANNOUNCE YOUR FORTHCOMING EVENT HERE

Send details to csw@cathcom.org

DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S: There are currently some 570,000 people in the UK with dementia. The number is expected to double over the next 30 years with one more person in the UK contracting dementia every 3 minutes. The Alzheimer's Society estimates that Alzheimer's disease affects 1 in 14 people over the age of 65 and 1 in 6 of those over the age of 80.

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ON THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE: few people realise that many of the sayings in common parlance today are biblical. Ten examples - plus one for good luck - from among many:

- 'I escaped by the skin of my teeth' (Job 19.20)
- 'No more than a drop in a bucket' (Isaiah 40.15)
- 'In the twinkling of an eye' (1 Corinthians 15.52)
- 'A scapegoat' (Leviticus 16.10)
- 'A little bird told me' (Ecclesiastes 10.20)
- 'No rest for the wicked' (Isaiah 57.21)
- 'The writing's on the wall' (Daniel 5.5)
- 'Pride comes before a fall' (Proverbs 16.18)
- 'By the sweat of your brow' (Gen 3.19)
- 'Out of the mouths of babes' (Psalm 8.2)
- 'Wits end' (Psalm 107.27)

RECYCLING: the earth's resources are limited and recycling can stop potential waste. For further details of how to recycle what, and where your nearest recycling plant is, visit www.recycle-more.co.uk

FIGHT FOR YOUR WORLD: humans are wiping out life on earth says the World Wildlife Fund (www.worldwildlife.org). Many species are in danger of disappearing. The latest global report claims wildlife is dying out faster than ever and says nature needs international 'life support'. Tanya Steele, WWF chief executive, said: 'We are the first generation to know we are destroying our planet and the last one that can do anything about it.' www.worldwildlife.org

CSW IN GREYSCAKES is being made available on line for those with problems of colour differentiation. Full details to follow.

THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER in the US suggests that in the UK, if current trends continue, the proportion of the population identifying themselves as Christians will fall from 64% in 2010 to 45% by 2050, while the proportion of Muslims will rise from 5% to 11%. The proportion of the population claiming no religion in the UK - the 'unaffiliated' - will also rise significantly, from 28% to 39%.

HELP AT HAND: Anyone feeling emotionally distressed or suicidal can call Samaritans for help on 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org in the UK.

COMMUNICATION goes hand in glove with evangelisation - Jesus Christ being our archetypal example. If you have responsibility for outreach from within your parish, school, deanery or wider afield, the Editor would like to hear from you and to have your details for the purposes of identifying and sharing best practice: (e) csw@cathcom.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD (registered Charity No. 1160367) is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion: a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment where women and men can deal with painful post-abortive emotions. Further details: Rachel's Vineyard UK, Potter's Wheel, 29 North Street, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS22 6NU www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk (t) National 07801 337 233 (Marene); Midlands 07734 059 080 (Rachel) South East 07851 331 816 (Pam) South West 07900 734 207 (Sona) Scotland 07816 942 824 (Andrea)

A RECENT STUDY by academics at University College London and the University of Liverpool concludes that in excess of 230,000 youngsters in the UK under the age of 14 are battling depression, with more than two-thirds of sufferers (166,000) being girls. The study suggests that parents underestimate the signs of depression among teenage girls, namely: changes in sleep patterns; lack of motivation, loss of interest; social isolation; lack of personal care or obsessive concerns about appearance; changes in eating habits; mood changes.

WANTED: COUNTY QUILLS i.e. volunteers from around the counties of the SW region who might on no regular basis submit by email any alerts, notices or reports of events and happenings deemed of potential interest to our readership. Contact the Editor: (e) csw@cathcom.org

To receive the regular news digests of the CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES (e) communications@cbcew.org.uk

In Veritate

There are an estimated 1.2 billion Roman Catholics in the world, according to Vatican figures. More than 40% of the world's Catholics live in Latin America but Africa has seen the biggest growth in Catholic congregations in recent years.

Founded in Italy in 1472, 20 years before Columbus' epic voyage across the Atlantic, Banca Monte dei Paschi is the world's oldest surviving bank.

BBC staff have been told to use non-binary pronouns such as 'they' and 'them' rather than 'he' and 'she' when addressing gender-fluid or transgender employees to ensure that 'Auntie' does not develop a 'heteronormative culture'. Banana plants are the world's largest flowering herbs. A banana is an edible fruit, botanically best referred to as a berry.

37% of British 15-year-olds are 'ex-

treme' internet users: they spend more than 6 hours a day online over a typical weekend. That percentage drops to 24 out of school hours on weekdays. The average percentages across developed nations are 26 and 16 respectively.

11 of the EU's 28 (?) member states allow gay marriage.

By 2026, according to the Department for Education, there will be at least half a million more secondary school-age children in the UK than there are now. 267 more average-sized secondary schools will be needed to cope with that rise in demand.

Nearly 75 per cent of the world's population practise one of the five most influential religions of the world: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Christianity (2.4 billion adherents) and Islam (1.8 billion) are the two religions most widely

spread across the world.

28% of births in England and Wales in 2016 were to foreign-born mothers.

Britain is responsible for less than 1% of the world's plastic waste.

More than 230,000 youngsters under the age of 14 are battling depression, with more than two-thirds of sufferers believed to be girls: this according to researchers at University College London and the University of Liverpool. Tell-tale signs of depression might be: changes in sleep patterns; lack of motivation, loss of interest; social isolation; lack of personal care or obsessive concerns about appearance; changes in eating habits; mood changes.

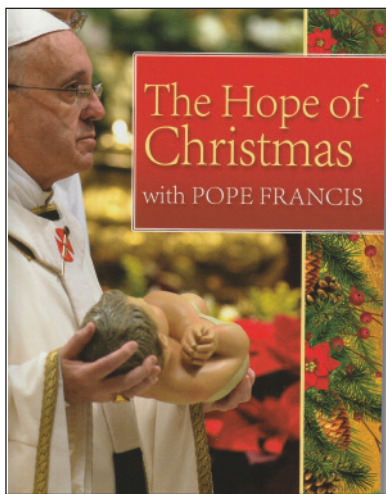
Recent reports indicate that schools are putting digital clocks into exam rooms because many GCSE and even A-level students struggle to tell the time on a clock with hands.

'Quote - Unquote'

- 'God didn't make junk'
Edith Eger
- I have had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it'
Groucho Marx
- The biggest danger we face is becoming hardened by an endless stream of tragedy and trauma so that we stop seeing those in front of us as humans with a story to tell'
Siobhan Robbins
- 'Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere'
G K Chesterton
- A double negative is a complete no no'
Kathy Lette
- Hatred is the anger of the weak'
Alphonse Daudet
- History repeats itself / Has to; no one listens'
Steve Turner
- 'A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both'
Dwight D. Eisenhower
- 'If I am selling to you, I speak your language. If I am buying, dann muessen Sie Deutsch sprechen'
Willy Brandt

MOVERS ...AND SHAKERS

'Pope Francis considers Advent and Christmas to be the first sign of hope in the flesh. We know that through the resurrection of Christ, our hope of salvation is confirmed, and the Church looks forward to the time when Christ will return in glory.' **The Hope of Christmas with Pope Francis** by Amette Ley. Publication date: 1 September 2017; RRP: £2.50; Format: Paperback; Dimensions: 10.5cm by 14.8cm; ISBN : 9781784691967; Number of Pages: 84. To order: CTS Bookshop, 25 Ashley Place, London SW1P 1LT (t) 020 7834 1363 (f) 020 7640 0046 (e) orders@CTSbooks.org



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS for 2019 as entrusted to The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer): January EVANGELISATION: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world. What is the process in the preparation of the prepared prayer intentions? The faithful from around the world suggest papal prayer intentions to the international office of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network in Rome. Through prayerful discernment the international office selects a large number of them and submits them to the Vatican for further selection, with the Pope making the final selection. The Vatican then entrusts to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network the official set of monthly prayer intentions, which are then translated into the major world languages and published in print and digital formats.

TWAM, Tools With A Mission, collects unwanted tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade kits and sends them across the world for livelihood creation. Further details: (t) 01473 210220; (e) twamhq@twam.co.uk; www.twam.co.uk

JBMS, The John Bradburne Memorial Society, has been set up in honour of John Bradburne, an Englishman whose unusual and saintly life is under investigation for a Cause for Beatification. Martyred in 1979, John Bradburne was neither

a nurse nor doctor but dedicated his time to supporting the downtrodden and those rejected by society caring for those at the Mutemwa Leprosy and Care Village in Zimbabwe. For further information and to contribute to the JBMS: (t) 01568 760632; (e) info@johnbradburne.com; www.johnbradburne.com

BIKE IT, ELEPHANTS LIKE IT: The traditional postmen's bikes used for over 100 years in the UK are no longer suitable for our posties. Krizevac Project (UK registered charity 1115608) has been saving these iconic velocipedes from landfill and giving them a new lease of life as supporting the successful growth of social enterprises in Malawi, Africa – one of the poorest countries in the world. There was only one initial problem; elephants would get angry at 'seeing red' and chase the hapless rider. But with the bikes painted green, no elephant goes bananas. The 'Elephant Bike' was born. The mechanics of the operation are simple: the robust and sturdy bikes with carrier and basket are sold in the UK for £280, it having cost around £200 to collect, store, process, shot-blast, powder coat, transport, purchase spares and baskets, give a final quality check, retail and deliver to the buyer. 100% of the remaining £80 is then used to ship one bicycle or more to Malawi where owning a bike can mean securing work, generating an income or getting an invaluable education ... and the elephants don't get into a flap. For full and further details: www.elephantbike.co.uk and www.krizevac.org



THE MEDAILLE TRUST is a charity founded by Catholic religious congregations to work for the eradication of human trafficking and to offer support to those who have been trafficked. Contact details: Medaille Trust, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP or www.medaille-trust.org.uk

CATENIANS: the Catenian Association of Catholic laymen has changed a great deal since it was founded as the 'Chums' over 100 years ago in Manchester. The Latin word catena means a link or a chain, and signifies the bonds of faith and support for family life which link the association's 10,000 members - known as 'brothers' identified with 'circles' - across much of the English speaking world. To find the circle nearest you: www.thecatenians.com

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Note: The term 'Movers and shakers' was coined by poet Arthur O'Shaughnessy in his 1874 poem Ode.

Wool campaigner headed to Poland to call for action on climate change

A 72-year-old man from Wool recently headed to Poland in December to join thousands of people calling for world leaders to take action on climate change at a major UN conference

Bernard White, who is a volunteer for the Catholic development charity CAFOD, travelled to Katowice, Poland, from the 5-11 December for the 24th Conference of the Parties – known as COP24.

Passionate about tackling climate change, Bernard [pictured] made the trip to call on UN member states to ensure the full implementation of the 2015 Paris Agreement. Campaigners are hoping that member governments will show greater ambition in restricting global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees and take action to have net zero emissions by 2050.

Bernard joined campaigners from across Europe to share ideas for bringing about action back home in Dorset to live more simply and sustainably. Bernard said: 'I believe that climate change is the biggest threat to the planet



and all the people and other living things in it. Governments must be made to take this seriously and lead action to arrest it.

'The trip to Poland for COP24 was a stimulating experience and i've returned home inspired to encourage all of the parishes in Plymouth diocese to ask their MPs to support CAFOD's call to reduce global temperature rises to 1.5 Celsius.' Bernard White

'Public pressure can be very powerful. In addition, the more people who take personal actions to minimise their burning of fossil fuels and otherwise contributing to harmful emissions the better.'

CAFOD's Head of Advocacy, Neil Thorns, said: 'It is great that Bernard was able to travel to COP24 in Katowice to represent Catholics in Dorset. COP24 represents an opportunity for CAFOD alongside its partners and sister organisations to ramp up the pressure on national governments to follow

through on the commitments they made as part of Paris Agreement in 2015.

['The historic agreement that so many of CAFOD's supporters like Bernard pressed to be signed has now been ratified by 183 of the 197 Parties to the Convention. However, as the recent IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels so clearly illustrates, the current global ambitions are not going to prevent this global temperature rise.

'This is why CAFOD will push for greater ambitions to be set and an agreed framework that ensures immediate and effective action on climate change at the national level at the upcoming COP, highlighting the need to keep to 1.5, particularly for the poorest and most marginalised.'

Catholics in England and Wales have shown a widespread response to Pope Francis's letter, Laudato Si', which calls on us to care for our common home by pledging to live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with poor communities. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/climate

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LETTERS

HELPING GOD'S WILL

CSW has been good with publicity about past parish celebrations but such are just history, albeit recent history, for other parishes across the Diocese.

CSW has, for me, done little to re-enforce my faith vis-à-vis evangelisation. What are parishes actually doing about falling numbers at Mass? Are they simply saying, 'It's God's will. He will sort it out for us sometime or the other. It'll get better when He wants it to!'

Whilst I accept totally 'God's will be done' surely there is a great need for us to think seriously about evangelisation. I personally would prefer to use the words 'Taking the message of God to his people' by way of reference to our friends and neighbours next door and along the street.

Please tell us what other parishes have done about this problem. Have their efforts been successful? How did they start? Did they have the total support of their clergy? If not, did they consider why? How did they cope with whatever sort of problem?

What do other parishes do about the Christians Together (sometimes known as Churches Together) movement? An example of my dilemma is that locally there are 9 churches in my town. For numerical convenience, let's say 10. Assume every Church has a congregation of 100 regulars, then 1000 people attend. But there are around 26,000 people living in the town so 25,000 or thereabouts need/deserve help to find God.

Finally, how many conversions did your parish celebrate last year? Or in the past couple of years? Compare the current baptism numbers with those of a few years ago. If your numbers have increased, your parish could be unique and others may want to follow your example of good practice.

So please tell us what is actually happening on the ground in your parish, in your street.

Concerned Parishioner, Brixham

Well, *CSW* offers a great way of getting the word out there. Ed.

ST JOHN'S SEMINARY

The seminary has been involved in the formation of priests for England and Wales for over 125 years. It is now in need of help to refurbish and redecorate 30 of its bedrooms, which have little or no upgrading in over 40 years, at an estimated cost of £2,000 per room. If you can help in any way, do please send a cheque made payable to St John's Seminary.

Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice-Rector)
St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford
Surrey GU5 0QX.

POETRY

I read with interest in the November issue about plans for *CSW* which I have taken for years. It is good news that it is to have a 'New Look'.

Over several years some of your editors have accepted the religious poems of Joseph O'Shea, a writer, fervent Catholic and regular contributor to the Christian magazine *Areopagus*. For some time now, however, there has either been no space in the newspaper, or a lack of enthusiasm for the inclusion of poems. I personally feel this is a mistake, especially as some of our parishioners used to comment on the poems when they were included. At one time I wrote to ask if they would consider setting up a regular 'Poetry Corner' in the newspaper. I'm still convinced that this would lighten the often serious and purely factual content of the paper.

Pat Griffiths, Wimborne Minster

CAN YOU HELP?

I am a member of St Peter/St Thomas More Parish in Plymouth which is planning a celebration in September 2019 of the 50th Anniversary of the opening of St Peter's Church.

A group of us have been asked to present in some form the history of the parish over the years and we are seeking memorabilia such as photos, programmes, invitations, news articles etc. We would appreciate any help with this task.

Thank you in anticipation.

Jim Coyne (e) jamescoyne32@aol.com

Please note that all letters must be submitted with the writer's name and locality. If the writer does not wish his or her name to appear, that request for anonymity in print can be respected. Ed.

The Editor welcomes your letters but regrets being unable (1) to enter into correspondence other than through the pages of *CSW* and (2) to accept for publication any copy, including LETTERS, submitted other than electronically. Unless by special arrangement LETTERS carry the writer's name and general location. Anonymous LETTERS cannot be accepted for publication.

CROSSWORD FOR THOSE EAGER WORD BUFFS AMONG OUR READERSHIP



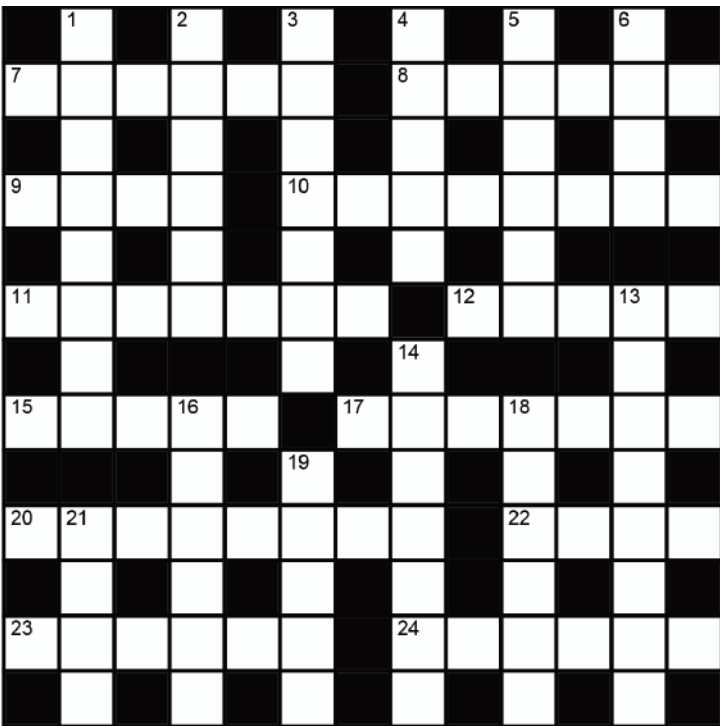
You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution. Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

- CRYPTIC Across**
- 7 Judge disheartened Vatican scholar (6)
 - 8 Jordan valley where a local chap finds a leader among Hittites (6)
 - 9 Part of the church is in a Dublin avenue (4)
 - 10 Jack has a nasty turn at home earlier – he's put in charge of the Ark (8)
 - 11/12 Chilean had my workings: he's a composer of masses (7,5)
 - 15 Bishop shortly is to run against boy – or not (2,3)
 - 17 Flock's built-in bearings are leading one along the Nile (7)
 - 20 Female's first out: instead is about to spin on ice, being a gymnastic type (8)
 - 22 Muslim one imprisoned Persian leader contracted (4)
 - 23 To infuse divine grace, nation must change (6)
 - 24 Biblical canon police popularized? (3,3)

- CRYPTIC Down**
- 1 Receive a boost after a hitch? (3,1,4)
 - 2 Carreras, with Egyptian leader seen in the wings, is one that worked there (6)
 - 3 Old Hindu city almost turned to a god of war (7)
 - 4 Language of the masses, or the elite? (5)
 - 5 Jews are besieged here, which is through Christmas, a danger (6)
 - 6 Bubbly Spanish-American states? (4)
 - 13 Gershwin passes on English bit of the Requiem (4,4)
 - 14 Communists at summit, many angry over international support Tibetans seek (7)
 - 16 Serpent turned a little girl white (6)
 - 18 Religious celebration oriental found pointless (6)

- 19 Paul's epistles, perhaps, as sent today? (5)
 - 21 Gold's next, after dropping half off by Sword Beach's river (4)
- QUICK Across**
- 7 Christian scholar; saint and Doctor of the Church (347-420) (6)
 - 8 In OT the name often used for the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea (6)
 - 9 Main part or body of a church (4)
 - 10 Man in whose house the Ark was temporarily stored (8)
 - 11/12 Composer whose Requiem in C minor was played at his more famous brother's funeral in 1809 (7,5)
 - 15 Bish? (2,3)
 - 17 Any of twelve Egyptian kings between 1315 and 1090 BC (variant spelling) (7)
 - 20 Nadia -----: multiple Olympic champion, 1976-80 (8)
 - 22 One of the two main branches of Islam (4)
 - 23 Consecrate (6)
 - 24 God's instruction on moral, social and spiritual behaviour laid out in the Pentateuch (3,3)

- QUICK Down**
- 1 Receive a boon; raise the spirits (3,1,4)
 - 2 Eleventh son of Jacob (6)
 - 3 Former name of the holy Hindu city, Varanasi, on the Ganges (either spelling) (7)
 - 4 'Vulgate' language of 7 (5)
 - 5 Ancient mountaintop fortress where the Romans besieged the Jews for a year in 72-73 AD (6)
 - 6 Spanish fizz (4)
 - 13 First words of a medieval 4 hymn describing the Last Judgment (4,4)
 - 14 Chinese communists, acolytes of the thoughts published in the 'Little Red Book' (7)
 - 16 Highly poisonous snake family which includes the



- cobra (6)
- 18 Oldest and most important Christian feast (6)
- 19 Passages from the Bible and other religious works used as subjects of sermons (5)
- 21 River of Normandy which flows through Caen (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 7 Jerome, 8 Arabah, 9 Nave, 10 Abinadab, 11/12 Michael Haydn, 15 Rt Rev, 17 Rameses, 20 Comaneci, 22 Shia, 23 Anoint, 24 The Law. Down: 1 Get a lift, 2 Joseph, 3 Benares/Benaras, 4 Latin, 5 Masada, 6 Cava, 13 Dies Irae, 14 Maoists, 16 Elapidi, 18 Easter, 19 Texts, 21 Orme.

JOHN MCEVOY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS

Pat McEvoy reports on a recent heart-warming development

Readers of *Catholic South West* (February 2013 edition) may remember that in October 2012 I made a journey out to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, to the island of Malaita, via Guadalcanal. It was here that my husband, John, had been a Marist missionary priest - a member of the Society of Mary teaching order. This was, of course, before our marriage in 1972.



Josephine Hasiaiu, Fr Cor Hooijmaijers and Rhoda Masi

John had left Ireland after ordination in 1952 and spent 18 years in a place called Buma on the island of Malaita. He was priest and headmaster of a 400-strong school before his return to Europe because of ill health. After his recovery, doctors advised against working in the tropics, so he was offered a parish in Paignton (Devon) or in San Francisco (USA). He chose Paignton, remembering walks in leafy lanes during his time as a student in the Marist House of Studies in Paignton, soon after the war. Paignton was my home town, and several years after his return we met, fell in love, and in 1972 he made the momentous decision to leave the priesthood, marry, raise a family and continue his other vocation - teaching. We had four daughters and a very happy marriage which lasted until his death in September 2009. After John's death, my daughters and I, with the support of family and friends, decided that we would set up a fund - John McEvoy Scholarships for Girls. This would be for Solomon Island girls so that they could have a chance to go to school. Education in the Solomons at secondary level is not compulsory or free, therefore very few girls get the opportunity of higher education.

'Very few girls get the opportunity of higher education'

In 2012, when I went to the South Pacific, I met many of my late husband's confreres and past pupils and through the bishop and Fr Cor Hooijmaijers (also a Marist father and Chancellor of the diocese of Honiara) I set up the John McEvoy Scholarships for Girls. Fr Cor and his staff selected and interviewed prospective candidates for scholarships and I, on the other side of the world, in Bridport set up the trust with a wonderfully committed group of trustees. We began fundraising to provide for the scholarships. Parishioners in Bridport parish, friends and family were so generous and in time we had provided 25 girls with scholarships and the means to carry on their education. The John McEvoy Scholarships for Girls continued until December of 2017 when Fr Cor retired at the age of 84. The Chancery Office in the Solomons was then without a Chancellor. Despite hailing from the Netherlands, Fr Cor chose to retire to Bridport where he has many friends and has settled happily in the role of 'honorary assistant priest'.

'We began fundraising to provide for scholarships'

I kept up my contact with the Solomon Islands - and so, of course, has Fr Cor and we began to think how nice it would

be if Rhoda - his housekeeper of 30 years, and Josephine - his secretary could come to the UK and meet all the folk in Bridport parish. They had both been instrumental in running the scholarship scheme. Between us and our families we raised enough money for their flights and on 13 September [2018] Rhoda and Josephine arrived at Heathrow. They stepped out into the cool, early autumn air - a complete shock after the humidity of the tropical Solomon Islands. They were so delighted to see their old boss Fr Cor again, but they were obviously a little nervous about this big step. Neither of them had been outside Oceania before so everything was completely new to them: double-decker buses, trains, horses, sheep, rabbits were all strange and exciting experiences for them. Our houses and buildings, churches and shops were things of enormous interest to them. A visit to the cinema and ten-pin bowling provided no end of excitement. Seeing the beautiful surrounding countryside on our trips to Buckfast Abbey, Exeter Cathedral, Lyme Regis, Burton Bradstock, Bournemouth and Dorchester was a continuing source of delight for them. They discovered the joy of charity shops and bought handbags galore and t-shirts with bizarre logos to take back as presents. Our food proved to be highly popular too, and was eaten with great relish, nothing was ever left on the table uneaten. At home in the Solomons, they had only one meal a day of sweet potato or rice so every meal-time was nothing short of heaven!

'Rhoda and Josephine had both been instrumental'

Rhoda and Josephine were warmly welcomed at church by Canon Richard Meyer, and all the parishioners made them feel so much at home and completely at ease. They felt loved and appreciated. They had many invitations out to lunch and tea, delighting in all the new experiences. They had a lovely visit to St Catherine's, our Catholic primary school, and enjoyed a question and answer session with all the children about life in the Solomon Islands. They spent almost 5 happy weeks in our parish and loved every minute.

Rhoda and Josephine arrived at Heathrow'



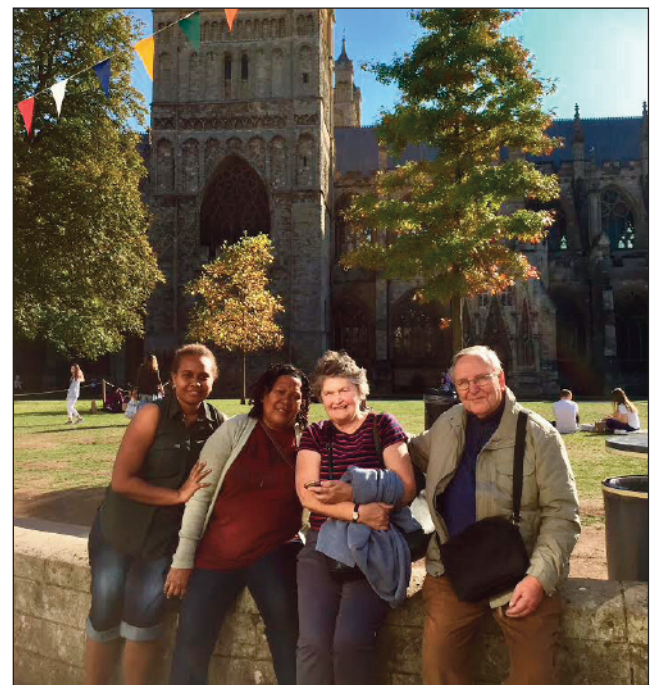
L to R) Roger Draper, Alan Wakefield, Deacon Mark Brown, Canon Richard Myers, Fr Cor and servers, Solomon Islanders Josephine and Rhoda with Pat McEvoy.

There were many tears when the time came to say goodbye. Josephine spoke, through tears, for them both from the pulpit after Mass, when she thanked everyone for making them so welcome. She said: 'On 13th September we arrived in a very foreign country with joy in our hearts - and also fear, fear of what we may encounter on our visit here, fear of what people would say about us being dark skinned - but a feeling of acceptance and friendship just came with the wind. Everyone warmly welcomed us everywhere we went in Bridport. Thank you all for being so kind, for making this holiday for us so memorable. But now our hearts have started to cry, knowing that we will soon have to say goodbye.' She thanked the John McEvoy Scholarship Committee, 'your help has brought a cool breeze to our doors in the Solomon Islands and helped many people'. She thanked Fr Cor, Pat, Canon Richard, Deacon Mark and all the parish and asked God to bless us all.



In reply, Canon Richard told Rhoda and Josephine that it had been lovely to have them both and thanked them for coming, they had enriched the parish by their visit and he realised just how much it had meant to Fr Cor to see them again. He concluded by saying that he would love to think we could organise a parish outing to the Solomon Islands!

'Tears when the time came to say goodbye'



Josephine, Rhoda, Pat McEvoy and Fr Cor outside Exeter cathedral.

Pat McEvoy, 75 years old, born and bred in Paignton (Devon) was married to John McEvoy, widowed in 2009. John and Pat have 4 daughters and 11 grandchildren. For the past 13 years Pat have lived in Bridport and worshipped at St Mary and St Catherine's Catholic Church.



Solomon Islands is a sovereign state consisting of six major islands and over 900 smaller islands in Oceania lying to the east of Papua New Guinea and northwest of Vanuatu and covering a land area of 28,400 square kilometres (11,000 sq mi). The country's capital, Honiara, is located on the island of Guadalcanal. The sovereign state is a constitutional monarchy with the Queen of Solomon Islands, currently Queen Elizabeth II, as its head of state.

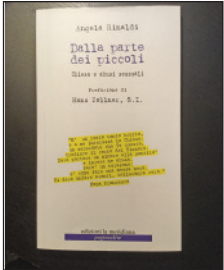
ON BEHALF OF LITTLE ONES

Angela Rinaldi has been looking into child sexual abuse in the Church

German Father Hans Zollner, President of The Centre for Child Protection (CCP) at the Jesuit-run Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, at the vanguard of addressing clerical sexual abuse, is a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, created by Pope Francis in 2014 to advise him on child protection policies. The publication in March 2018 of Angela Rinaldi's *Dalla parte dei piccoli* ['On behalf of little ones'], has had no small part to play in bringing greater focus to bear in Rome on the issue of child sexual abuse.

It was for her Master's thesis that Angela Rinaldi, a 28-year-old Italian research assistant at the Centre for Child Protection, decided to look into child sexual abuse. In her findings she argues that the problem of sexual abuse in the Church 'is a question of abuse of power'. Encouraged and supported by her moderator, Fr Rocco D'Ambrosio, the thesis was then taken forward for publication, currently available only in Italian.

Dalla parte dei piccoli, La Meridiana, flexicover and kindle, 150 pages, 2018 (ISBN-10: 8861536077, ISBN-13: 978-8861536074), €12.75 and €9.99.



After studying the abuse scandals of the past few decades, she says that a misuse of power can be identified both in the person of sexual abusers, who manipulate and insult the victims, and in the Church as an institution for trying first to protect its image instead of caring for those who suffered abuse.

For Rinaldi, the adoption of universal rules to address abuse cases by Pope Benedict XVI was a game-changer. She also recognizes the steps Pope Francis has taken, such as the creation of the **Pontifical Commission for Protection of Minors**.

Rinaldi, who has been working at the CCP since 2014, having been collaborating since 2013, is now engaged on a doctoral thesis at the Greg(orian) focusing on policies for unaccompanied minors who were forced to migrate to Italy.

Note: Interestingly, Bishop Egan (Portsmouth) has called on the Pope for a synod to address the matter of abuse, focusing on the sexual, but abuse - as authorities acknowledge - comes in many generally accepted forms including: Abuse of authority; Abuse of corpse; Abuse of discretion; Abuse of dominance; Abuse of indulgences; Abuse of information; Abuse of power; Abuse of process; Abuse of rank; Abuse of statistics; Abuse of the system; Abuse of trust; Abusive supervision; Academic abuse; Ad hominem abuse; Adolescent abuse; Adult abuse; Alco-



hol abuse; Animal abuse; Anti-social behavior; Bullying; Character assassination; Child abuse; Church abuse; Civil rights abuse; Clandestine abuse; Clerical abuse; Cyber abuse or cyber bullying; Dating abuse or dating violence; Defamation; Detainee abuse; Disability abuse; Discriminatory abuse; Doctor abuse; Domestic abuse or domestic violence; Drug abuse; Economic abuse; Elder abuse; Emotional abuse; Employee abuse; False accusations; Financial abuse; Flag abuse; Gaming the system; Gaslighting; Gay abuse or gay bashing; Group psychological abuse; Harassment; Hate crimes; Hazing; Human rights abuse; Humiliation; Incivility; Institutional abuse; Insult; Intimidation; Legal abuse; Lesbian abuse; Malpractice; Market abuse; Material abuse; Medical abuse; Mental abuse; Military abuse; Mind abuse or mind control; Misconduct; Mobbing; Narcissistic abuse; Neglect; Negligence; Nurse abuse or nursing abuse; Online abuse; Parental abuse by children; Passive-aggressive behaviour;

Patient abuse; Peer abuse; Persecution; Personal abuse or personal attacks; Physical abuse; Police abuse; Political abuse; Prejudice; Prison abuse or prisoner abuse; Professional abuse; Psychological abuse; Racial abuse; Ragging; Rape; Relational aggression; Religious abuse; Resident abuse; Rudeness; Satanic ritual abuse; School bullying; Sectarian abuse; Self-abuse; Sexual abuse; Sexual bullying; Sibling abuse; Smear campaign; Societal abuse; Spiritual abuse; Spousal abuse; Stalking; Structural abuse; Substance abuse; Surveillance abuse; Taunting; Teacher abuse; Teasing; Telephone abuse; Terrorism; Transgender abuse or trans bashing; Umpire abuse; Verbal abuse or verbal attacks; Whispering campaign; Workplace abuse or workplace bullying.

The common factor in all forms of abuse is the exercise of power to the harm or detriment of a person or persons.

CURTAIN UP ON ...THE MESSIAH

written and directed by Patrick Barlow

A travelling theatre troupe of two actors supported by an opera singer sets about re-enacting the Christmas story. Hugh Dennis (political satire, improvisational and insult comedy) plays the absurdly talented director Maurice Rose, John Marquez (the dysfunctional policeman in Doc Martin) plays the alarmingly unpredictable Ronald Bream, and Lesley Garrett (Britain's best-known soprano) plays the distinguished diva Mrs Leonora Fflyte.

Marred only slightly by bordering at points on the slapstick with touches of undergrad-type humour and reminiscent of Rowan and Martin, Morecambe & Wise, even Monty Python, the production in the round is a masterpiece of entertainment with effective audience participation in parts showing full mastery of what could be pantomime. With limited props - basically an armchair, an upright chair and a scarf - Denis and Marquez display their professional artistry to perfection. Lesley Garrett bursts from time to time impressively into song with excerpts from Handel's Messiah and a full rendition of Silent Night.

Limited not only to a few props but to only three people, many scenes – for instance, three magi arriving on camels – have the audience in stitches.

It may be with some degree of enquiry that you sit down at the start of the play, wondering to what extent the enactment might ridicule the Christian tradition, despite Hugh Dennis being the son of a former Anglican Bishop. But, no. The Christian tradition is defended, if not promoted, by what is seasonally hilarious and highly entertaining for an audience of all ages.

Yet there is a deeper message being first alluded to and then conveyed: that the Christ child came to heal our human frailty.

Having been touring the provinces since October, the production has now settled down till 5 January at The Other Palace, 12 Palace Street, London SW1E 5JA www.theotherpalace.co.uk

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EDUCATING CORNWALL'S 'CATHOLICS'



**Paul Dixon
asks whether
Cornwall's
Catholics are
getting a fair
crack of the
whip**

Dr Paul Dixon is a parishioner of the Holy Family Parish, Penzance. He has experience teaching and examining in A-level and GCSE Religious Studies.

The diocese of Plymouth doesn't have any Catholic secondary schools within Cornwall. Of course, that said, those living in Cornwall within travelling distance of Plymouth can, if they think it worth their while, travel out of county and attend either Notre Dame RC or St Boniface RC.

'Within Cornwall, ... whatever they teach will certainly not be Catholic RE'

Notre Dame RC's most recent Ofsted grading is a 3 (requires improvement), and its most recent diocesan Section 48 Inspection Report (its focus being the Catholic nature of a school and the quality of its Religious Education) is a 2 (good). St Boniface RC's most recent Ofsted grading is a 4 (inadequate), and its most recent diocesan Section 48 Inspection Report is also a 4 (inadequate).

Within Cornwall, assuming the non-Catholic state schools are meeting their statutory obligation to teach RE (which is not a given), whatever they teach will certainly not be Catholic RE. And Clarke and Woodhead's recent report on Religious Education seeks to tell Catholic schools what they should and shouldn't teach. Challenging times!

Provisional figures from the Department of Education inform us that for the 2017-2018 academic year, 39 per cent of English non-religious state-funded mainstream schools did not even enter their pupils for a GCSE in Religious Studies.

Religious education is the main subject within Catholic schools; its importance is self-evident in helping to deepen our young Catholic's understanding of the faith. Therefore, Catholic youth not within the Catholic education system are losing out.

Catholic Education Service (CES) figures state that 68 per cent of pupils in Catholic schools are Catholic, where a baptism certificate is taken as proof of one's Catholicism. However, as we all know, many baptised Catholics are not practising Catholics; they are in effect 'Catholic' in name only.

If your school or other Catholic organisation in your area is doing something particularly well and if you'd like to share GOOD PRACTICE please send details to the Editor on csw@cathcom.org

Furthermore, CES figures also inform us that only 36 per cent of teachers within the combined total of English Catholic secondary, sixth-form and independent sector are Catholic themselves. Presumably, this figure of teacher Catholicity also contains a certain percentage of 'Catholic' teachers who are 'baptised' but not 'practising'.

Research in 2016 by St Mary's University, Twickenham, reports that of those adults surveyed in England and Wales who currently identify themselves as Catholic: (i)

only 27.5 per cent said they attend church once a week, and (ii) 59.6 per cent of cradle Catholics claim they never or virtually never attend Church.

'Many baptised Catholics are not practising Catholics'

The CES 2017 Census Data for Schools and Colleges in England informs us that in the Plymouth diocese, slightly less than 35 per cent of pupils in its Catholic schools are Catholic. And if the 27.5 per cent factor representing the proportion of baptised Catholics who attend church weekly is reflective of baptised Catholic parents sending their baptised children to Catholic schools, it suggests that less than 10 per cent of pupils in Catholic schools within the Plymouth diocese are practising Catholics (27.5 per cent of 35 per cent is 9.6 per cent).

Is it not pitiful to witness within parishes the ever-declining number of young people attending Mass? There are a faithful few but not many. The seed of faith is obviously not being handed on as well as one would like, with or without the existence of a local Catholic school.

The recent Vatican Synod on Youth acknowledged the need for the Church to use the digital world to help reach young people. In the next issue of Catholic South West, I consider whether it might be a good idea to establish an online Catholic Religious Studies school in England and Wales. This could help meet the needs of Cornish Catholics and others in the country not attending a Catholic secondary school (as well as add further support to those who do), and also provide an easily accessible and low-cost Catholic religious educational resource to support and develop adult catechesis within our parishes.

'Ever-declining number of young people attending Mass'

Perhaps we should focus a little more on educating 'practising' Catholics, young and old, and a little less on educating non-Catholics and non-practising Catholics.

What are your suggestions for improving the provision of Catholic religious education and catechesis within Cornwall, for the young and not so young. What works well? What's lacking? What needs a revamp?

Holy Trinity (Dorchester)

Holy Trinity recently put on a CAFOD concert featuring Pat Dalzel and Alison Wood playing the piano together; Charlotte Ballard, who plays the flute for the Wessex Youth Orchestra; Hannah McFarlane, cello, who is principal cellist in the Wessex Youth Orchestra; trumpeter Tom Bidwell, a student, who has played 'The Last Post' for the Dorchester Town Remembrance Service for the past three years; singers Kwangle Wangle and Close Harmony and Mustafa Mosta and Richard Sloan singing Kurdish and English songs. The CWL's Strolling Players gave us a funny sketch on Dick Whittington, skilfully written and produced by 90+ member, Audrey Farley. Congratulations due all round for a lovely social event raising £500 to provide water for the poorest people in the world.



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Word Perfect ... clarifying terms and terminology CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession is one of the seven sacraments recognised by the Catholic Church. The sacraments are an outward sign of inward grace.

The outward sign of Confession is the absolution, or forgiveness of sins, that the priest grants to the penitent. The inward grace is the reconciliation of the penitent to God.

The Sacrament of Confession - confession being the act undertaken by the penitent - is sometimes referred to as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that reconciliation being on the part of God, who uses the sacrament to reconcile us to Himself.

The sacrament has four elements: three on the part of the penitent (contrition, confession and satisfaction) and one on the part of the minister of the sacrament (absolution).

The institution of Confession first occurred on Easter Sunday when Christ appeared to the apostles following his

Resurrection. Breathing on them, he said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained' (John 20:22-23).

The Scriptural basis for this sacrament is further identified with James 5:16: 'Confess therefore your sins one to another: and pray one for another, that you may be saved!'

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MONDAY 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE
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7.00 pm - Christ the King - Perranporth
8.30 pm - Christmas Eve Carols - Most Holy Trinity
9.00 pm - Christmas Mass - Most Holy Trinity, Newquay
TUESDAY 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY
8.30 am - Mass - Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Agnes
10.30 am - Mass - Most Holy Trinity, Newquay

WEDNESDAY 26th December - ST. STEPHEN'S DAY
9.30 am - Mass - Most Holy Trinity, Newquay
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The Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne

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Night Mass of Christmas at 9pm at St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston

Tuesday 25th December, Christmas Day
Mass of the Dawn at 8.30am at Our Lady of Victories, Callington
Mass of the Day at 10am, St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston



ACE Magazine Awards 2019

The Association for Church Editors is launching its next Awards to celebrate and recognise the work of church magazine editors and their editorial teams.

Who will be eligible to take part?

- * The 2019 Awards are for A5 size magazines using colour printing.
- * A5 magazines which have colour on the front cover only are eligible to take part.
- * The Awards are open to all Christian denominations.

Types of Awards

- * The Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will receive an inscribed trophy to keep, together with a framed Certificate of Excellence.
- * The Gold Award winner will receive the John King Trophy, to be held for one year.
- * The winning entry in each of the following categories will receive a framed Certificate of Excellence:

Cover design

- Overall layout & structure
- Creativity of headlines
- Use of graphics
- Clarity of the Christian message
- Appeal to a wider community

- * Entries not selected for one of the main Awards, but are considered to be of a sufficiently high standard, will receive a framed Certificate of Achievement.

How to submit your entries:

- * Please send two copies of two different issues of your magazine/newsletter produced during the last twelve months.
- * One of the issues should cover either Easter or Christmas.
- * The closing date for entries is Monday 4th February 2019.
- * The review process will be based on paper magazines and not electronic versions.
- * Please send your magazines to: John Farrow, Hamilton House, East Common, Harpenden, Herts AL5 1DA. (Ring him on 07932 961569 with any queries.)

Please note:

- * The Awards will be presented at our Annual Meeting on Saturday 22nd June 2019 at Westminster Central Hall in London. It is an open meeting, so please come with anyone else who is interested in good editing.
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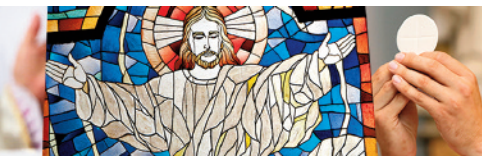


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