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FROM CSW

This month we have lots of information about the ordinations and celebrations that have taken place around the South West. Unfortunately, we don't have space to fit them all in, so huge apologies to anyone that may have missed out. We will probably run the First Holy Communion and Confirmations page again in September to include any of the ones that we couldn't fit in.

We also have lots of information about marches and pilgrimages that have taken place and events that will be going on throughout the Summer. Try to take some time out to read our usual thoughtprovoking articles on Scripture, Spirituality and Feast Days over the next month.

Please continue to send in any articles or photos over the Summer and we'll try to include them.

We hope you have a wonderful time whether you are here or away!

CSW TEAM

Welcome the Sisters of Mary Morning Star

The Diocese of Plymouth is welcoming the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, (Maria Stella Matutina), a relatively new community of Contemplative nuns, who are making a foundation at Lynton, in North Devon.

Informing the Diocese about the new foundation, Bishop Mark O'Toole, the Bishop of Plymouth, said: "It is a great joy for us to welcome this new foundation of the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, (Maria Stella Matutina). I am sure that their prayerful presence and witness will bring many blessings, not only to the local area but also to the whole of our Diocese. We give thanks to God that a vibrant, young community, full of faith and the joys of Our Lady, is coming to make their home



among us. I am sure that they will help us all to be more ardent missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us entrust this new beginning to the Lord and His Mother."



Bishop Mark O'Toole with three of the Sisters of Mary Morning Star who are moving to Lynton; from left to right, Sr Rebekah Marie, Sr Florence Laetitia, and Sr Mary Magdalen

Initially, five sisters

will be moving into the former Poor Clare Monastery in Lynton, with some more due to arrive in the autumn. Bishop Mark celebrated a Mass of Welcome for the Sisters on Sunday, 14th July.

This international Community was founded in the Diocese of San Sebastian in Spain and now counts over 250 members in more than 20 convents, on 4 continents. The Sisters centre their life on the Eucharist and the prayerful reading of Scripture (lectio divina). They make a living through selling simple crafts and goods. Whilst they are contemplatives and therefore committed to a life of prayer, they have no strict enclosure. This allows the Sisters to be a presence of prayer in the heart of the world, and according to the needs and requests of the Church.

In response to Jesus' command to love one another as He has loved us, the Sisters strive to live fraternal charity bearing witness to the joy of being consecrated to God. A missionary spirit and great attention to the new evangelization are important aspects of their charism.

Clergy Moves in Plymouth

Parish Priests and Priest-in-Charge

Fr Paul Andrew to Helston (within Falmouth Parish), and part-time priestly ministry at Treliske Hospital Fr Michael Brandon to St Austell as Priest-in-Charge. Fr Michael joins us from the Archdiocese of Birmingham, with his wife

Fr John Conroy MHM to Ilfracombe as Priest-in-Charge

Fr James Courtney OSB to lvybridge and Modbury as Priest-in-Charge

Fr Guy de Gaynesford to Lynton as Chaplain to the Sisters of Mary Morning Star *(Maria Stella Matutina)*, and to work with the Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis Fr Andrej Jablonski to Kingsbridge and Salcombe, as Parish Priest and Chaplain to Dartmouth Catholic School

Fr Gilmour McDermott to take on formal oversight of Torpoint and Saltash, as well as Liskaard and Sclerder

Mgr Keith Mitchell to Bridport as Parish Priest

Canon Peter Morgan to Barnstaple as Parish Priest

Canon Kristian Paver to Tiverton as Parish Priest

Fr Paul Rea has resigned from

Fr Louie Rieunier to be Private Secretary and Parish Priest of Totnes

Fr Martin Stone to be Priest-in-Charge of Yelverton and Tavistock, priest chaplain at Derriford and sacramental ministry at ecclesiastical office
Assistant Priests

Fr Oscar Ardila to the Cathedral as Assistant Priest, whilst remaining Chaplain to Notre Dame School, and priestly ministry to the Missio as Gentes families of the Neo-catecheumenal Way Fr James Barber to Barnstaple as Assistant Priest

Fr Babu Mattappillil CM to St Peter's, Crownhill as Assistant Priest. Fr Babu joins us from the Indian Province of the Vincentians

Fr Cyriacus Ozochukwu to be Assistant Priest at Sacred Heart, Exeter

We congratulate these priests on their new appointments and remember them

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DATES

Catholic South West goes to parishes on the last full weekend of the month. It is printed around the middle of the month - so if you would like to advertise or send in editorial please do it as early as possible. Fr Ian Hellyer to Peverell as Priest-in-Charge

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES 1) Think of the readers: If you are writing about an event, think about the readers that don't know anything about it. Outline what happened, but focus on why people go, why it is important to them, or some teaching that was given. Make sure readers learn something from your

article - they don't just want to know who was there and what snacks were available!
2) Keep it brief: Make sure you make your point - but keep it brief and punchy.
3) Pictures: Send pictures as they are - even if they are very big to email. Don't reduce them in size or put them inside a Word document. They look fine on the screen but terrible in the paper!

Dartmoor Prison

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in our prayers as they start their new mission.

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Gathered at St Brendan's College in Bristol to reflect

On Saturday 6 July, hundreds of parishioners from the Clifton diocese gathered at St Brendan's College in Bristol to reflect, to celebrate and consider once more what it means for us to be at Church and to enjoy and engage in a full Diocesan day.

Fr. Denis McBride led everyone in reflecting upon our response to the invitation to engage in a deeper relationship with God and the Church.

Fr. Denis is a Redemptorist priest and author who has written extensively on the Gospels. His warm and engaging approach will gave new insights into how different personalities within the scripture respond to the voice of God. He helped people reflect on what this means



for us. How do we respond to God's invitation in our own life?

A series of workshops were held throughout the day and there were many events for the younger members of the Diocese to enjoy.

The day ended with Mass being celebrated by Bishop Declan.





New Deacon for Clifton



David McConkey, a seminarian for Clifton Diocese, was ordained to the diaconate on Saturday at St Mary's College, Oscott.

David, a former Anglican Clergyman, was received into the Catholic Church a couple

New Priest for Plymouth



Father James Barber was ordained at Plymouth Cathedral on Saturday 22nd June in a beautiful mass celebrated by the Bishop and many of the other priests of the diocese. It was a major celebration in the life of the Cathedral and the Diocese of Plymouth. The following day he celebrated his first mass at the Cathedral. New Candidate for Holy Orders for Clifton



On Thursday 27th June, Thomas Lawes, one of the Clifton Diocese seminarians, completed the end of his fifth year of seminary formation with a special celebration. Thomas was admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders. This means, God-willing, that he will be ordained as a deacon later this year and priest next year.

Thomas was admitted to Candidacy by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, formerly of Southwark Diocese. The special Mass of the Sacred Heart was celebrated in St John's chapel in the seminary at Wonersh. Five other men in Thomas' year were also admitted as candidates.

Around the South West Clifton Faith in Action



Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry has been holding information and training evenings across the diocese to help all parishes prepare for Faith in Action. The Faith in Action award scheme is launching in the Clifton Diocese soon and it will provide a new way for Clifton parishes and schools to engage young people.

Pope Francis Award for Plymouth Student

Hannah Forrest a student from the Diocese of Plymouth was awarded the Pope Francis Award for her amazing and



continued work with the Apostleship of the Sea. The prize was presented by special quest Cardinal Vincent Nichols at the awards evening on Wednesday 3rd of July. The AOS efforts in supporting seafarers across the word are huge. In Plymouth alone hundreds of ships come into dock every week so volunteer support from people like Hannah is so needed and appreciated. Hannah regularly visits these ships in-port and her work has been vital to the seafarers who come across the world and arrive isolated and fatigued.

CWL Party – Esme Nicholls 50 years a member



A party was held by the CWL in Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish

in Weymouth this month. During the party Esmee Nicholls was presented with flowers to celebrate the fact that she has been a member of the CWL in

of years ago. He is a parishioner of St Gregory's, Cheltenham. After discernment and a year in the seminary in Oscott, he was ordained deacon along with 10 other men from different dioceses.

Deacon David will serve in the parish of St Gregory's for the next few months and will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 28th September.

Please keep Deacon David in your prayers.

His passage through seminary and experience within the Diocese of Plymouth has been a true journey – you can watch an interview with him one week prior to his ordination and the beginning of his priestly life at www.plymouthdiocese.org.uk/ordinationdjb/

Please keep Fr James in your prayers.

Fr Matt Anscombe, Vocations Director for Clifton Diocese was at the Mass, along with Fr Gary Brassington, who hosted Thomas last year on a 9 month placement at Holy Family, Swindon. Fr Matt said:

"It is great to see Thomas one further step towards Ordination. The prayers of so many people in the diocese are really important and we are starting to see fruit from this faithfulness." Weymouth for 50 years!

Mass Time change at Blessed Sacrament, Exeter

From 7 July the new times will be 8.45am and 10.45am. The 6.00pm will not change.

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Canon Richard Meyer 17th April 1944-13th June 2019

The Catholic parish of Bridport is mourning its much loved parish priest - Canon Richard Meyer, who died at the presbytery in Victoria Grove, Bridport, on 13th June after a very short illness.

His Requiem Mass was in two parts: the first on Monday 1st July at the Catholic church in Bridport, then on Tuesday 2nd July, Canon Richard's coffin was taken to Sherborne Abbey for a second Requiem Mass. The use of the abbey for Mass was by kind permission of Canon Richard's old friend, Canon Eric Woods, Rector of Sherborne Abbey

The Requiem Mass at Bridport was celebrated by the Right Reverend Christopher Budd (Emeritus Bishop of Plymouth) who spoke warmly of his confrere. Children of St Catherine's School took part in the offertory along with parishioners representing each of the 3 churches in the parish. The Mass was attended by members of Canon Richard's family, Christine - his dear friend, Faith - his parish secretary and parishioners from all the three Catholic Churches: Chideock, Beaminster and Bridport. Also present were many local colleagues and friends from other denominations. The homily was given by Fr Barry Hallett who drew on memories of his long association with **Canon Richard. Medwin Stephen and** Richard Godfrey played the organ. The church was packed to overflowing. Everyone had come to remember this much loved pastor.

Fr Richard came to Bridport as our priest in October 2010 and unusually

something red in his honour.

The school children had made a book in his memory filled with memorable things that he had said or done and they made a brightly coloured wreath of prayers for him. Fr Richard had been instrumental in making the school part of the parish and the parish part of the school. His visits to lead prayers, say Mass or simply visit the children at St Catherine's were always looked forward to and enjoyed by staff and pupils alike.

For the second Requiem Mass at Sherborne Abbey, we saw the beautiful old church filled with about 500 people. The celebrant was the Right Reverend Mark O'Toole (Bishop of Plymouth). Canon Richard's son, daughter and their families, Christine and close friends, as well as staff and pupils of Leweston School (where Fr Richard had taught, been chaplain and chair of governors) many clergy from the Diocese of Plymouth and so many people came from far around. A coach was also laid on to bring a contingent from Bridport. The organ was played by **Richard Godfrey and beautiful choral** music provided by Leweston School Schola and Bridport New Elizabethan Singers.

After the Mass, the family, Christine, Fr Barry, Fr Cor, Deacon Mark and Faith accompanied the coffin to a private burial in Milborne Port.

On both these occasions, the church and the abbey was packed with all the

He was curate at Up Hatherley, 1973-74, at Wotton St Mary, Long Levens 1974-77, vicar at St Andrew Hampton, Evesham 1977-92 and Chaplain to Evesham Hospital 1988-92.

He became Hon Canon of Worcester Cathedral in 1991, Rector of Odcombe, Brympton, Lurton and Montacute 1992-94.

A significant change came in his life when he was received into the Catholic Church at Downside in the summer of 1994. He left the Anglican ministry and became a teacher at St Mary's School, Ascot and then at Leweston School 1994-2002.

Always feeling that he would like to return to the ministry, and now as a Catholic, he began a short training for the priesthood and in 2002 he was ordained a priest in the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, by the Right Reverend Christopher Budd. The ordination was held at Leweston Catholic School for Girls, where he was teaching.

Father Richard was also appointed Chaplain of Leweston School and fulfilled that role from 2002-10.

In October 2010 he came, with Jan, to Bridport parish as our priest. He quickly became a very popular pastor and the Catholic Churches in Bridport, Chideock and Beaminster flourished under his guidance. It was a novel experience for us to have a married priest with a family and the parishioners were more than delighted to welcome the Meyers.

Fr Richard gave us witty, erudite sermons, and we always sat up and listened when he was on his feet. In pastoral matters he was always available to listen and discuss problems and constantly showed great empathy. He was active and interested in all parish affairs and he worked tirelessly for his flock.

Sadly, Jan Meyer died in 2014 and his parish mourned with him.

In 2017, he was made Honorary Canon of Plymouth Cathedral. He was a Director of CAST and also, at one time, Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

He will be very much missed by us all.

There is a Book of Condolence at Bridport Catholic Church, Victoria Grove.

If desired, donations can be sent to CAFOD, RNLI, Cancer Research.

Pat McEvoy, Bridport

Fr Conrad Lowry



It is with sadness that we announce that Fr Conrad Lowry from the Clifton Diocese died on Tuesday 9th July 2019.

Father Conrad's body was received into St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon on Monday 22nd July at 6.00pm and was followed by the celebration of Mass by Bishop Crispian Hollis and

concelebrated by visiting priests.

The Funeral Mass took place at St Thomas More on Tuesday 23rd July at 11.00am followed by a private burial at Perrymead Cemetery.

May he rest in peace.

for a Catholic priest, was a married man with a wife, Jan, as well as children and grandchildren. We soon discovered that this was a real bonus for us, giving him a great empathy with those of us who had families.

Canon Richard was well known for his wearing of red socks, so as a tribute to him the children from St Catherine's School wore red socks and members of the congregation came, also wearing people who loved him and who came to give him a good send off.

Fr Richard was born in Bath in April 1944 and educated at Monkton Coombe School and St John's College, University of Durham. In 1965 he married Jan. He taught at King's school, Gloucester from 1966-71 before training for the priesthood at Mirfield College.



Poetry Corner

By Wendell Berry

"THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS"

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Facts, Figures and Fake News

Below are various facts and figures. One is not true - see if you can work out which one is Fake News! The answer is at the bottom - just so you know that all the others are true.

Rwanda has the highest percentage of female MPs in the world with 61%. (The UK has 32% and ranks 39th in the world)

The US has the highest prison population in the world with over 2.2 million inmates

One child in every 14 born in a low-income country will die before their fifth birthday

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nations with Nauru having the highest rate of 61%

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Women outlive men everywhere in the world – particularly in wealthy countries

In more than 90 per cent of low-income countries, there are fewer than 4 nursing and midwifery personnel per 1000 people

Fake Fact: More people go on holiday to France than anywhere else in the world with over 87 million tourist arrivals per year not Spain

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Scripture Focus

By Fr Jeremy Corley 🞆



THE CHALLENGE OF THE GOSPEL

The challenging Sunday gospels for August shake us out of our complacency. On the 18th Sunday of the Year (4th August) our first reading from Ecclesiastes reminds us of the vanity of our earthly wealth. However much money we have saved during our lives, we will have to leave it behind when we die. As the saying goes, "You can't take it with you."

We see the same point in Jesus' parable of the Rich Fool. After filling his barns with piles of crops from a bumper harvest, he says to himself: "Take things easy, eat and drink—have a good time!" But God intervenes: "This very night the demand will be made for your soul." What use are all these possessions now? Instead of storing up riches for ourselves on earth, maybe we can think about becoming rich in God's eyes.

All of us will face the end-time judgment when we come before God. But there is another ecological judgment that our planet is now facing. Many of us continue to burn fossil fuels like there is no tomorrow. We may often think we are prosperous and everything will be OK. But perhaps climate change is giving us a wakeup call. Drought or flooding, heatwave or storms—maybe we will not be able to enjoy all our treasures. Instead of selfishly storing up riches for ourselves, perhaps we can think about preserving the rich natural resources of our planet for future generations.

The gospel on the 19th Sunday of the Year (11th August) continues the theme of seeking treasure in heaven, where it will be immune from damage by thieves or corrosion. Generosity to those in need will bring a sure heavenly reward, without the vagaries of stock market swings or company insolvencies.

We have not yet reached heaven. Instead, we are like servants waiting for our Master to return. We can easily be side-tracked from our prayers and our action for God's kingdom. The loud noises of the media can distract us from cultivating a listening heart, able to pray, reflect, and hear God's voice.

A special warning exists for those entrusted with a steward's role within the church. It is easy for such persons to misuse their power to take advantage of others. Clerical abuse of the vulnerable has hurt many victims and caused untold damage to communities. Instead, all the Lord's servants are encouraged to carry out their Master's wishes. We know what God wants of us; let us just do it.

During the summer, we often hear of wild fires devastating wooded areas. In these cases, we can see the destructive power of fire. Hence we are startled by Jesus' statement in the gospel for the 20th Sunday of the Year (18th August): "I have come to bring fire to the earth." In the New Testament context, we think of the Holy Spirit, who came upon the first apostles at Pentecost like tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit warmed their hearts and gave them energy to be Christ's witnesses to the people around them. We can ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with the same fire.

We are also startled by Jesus' declaration that he has come, not to bring peace, but rather division. While his message is one of love for all, it can cause divisions, even within families, by upsetting the comfortable status quo. Ultimately the family of Israel was divided about whether to accept or reject his message. Whereas the apostles accepted it, the religious leadership rejected it and even brought Jesus before Pilate to be condemned to death. The coming of God's kingdom is not costfree or painless.

The challenge of Jesus' message is restated in the gospel for the 21st Sunday of the Year (25th August): "Try your best to enter by the narrow door." Our salvation is not something automatic. We cannot just drift into heaven. Instead, we need to put in some effort ourselves, before it is too late. It is not enough just to have been familiar with Christ: "We once ate and drank in your company." Relying on past acquaintance is not sufficient to guarantee entry into heaven. In our generation, it is sad to see churches half-empty, because people have drifted away from their faith. A church building is of little use if people do not regularly come inside to pray.

Jesus promises that people from east and west, north and south, will take their places at the heavenly banquet, while his hearers run the danger of being left outside. In much of Europe, many people have drifted away from the Christian faith, whereas many communities in Africa have wholeheartedly embraced the faith. Increasingly, many dioceses are seeking priests from Africa or India because there are not enough European priests to meet the needs. Let us ask God to renew our faith, so that we may redouble our efforts to enter by the narrow gate.

Life Matters

Defence Against the Dark Arts: The Anscombe Centre

It is just not true that "all you need is love". There are well-intentioned actions which can lead to horrifyingly cruel results if not checked by accurate information and clear ethical thinking. Those behind the 1967 Abortion Act meant to help women but have harmed them as well as killing millions of innocents. Most people who are pro-euthanasia want to spare others from suffering, but they frighten and put at risk the disabled, elderly and chronically ill. Dr Guillotine was sorry for victims of botched beheadings, and Dr Nitschke wants easily available means of killing oneself instead of messy suicides. The blaming of "unwed mothers" has been replaced by the unhappiness of thousands of children growing up

without a father. IVF practitioners sympathise with the infertile and end up killing tiny human beings. Britain, but one of the finest in the world, Christian or secular'.

Our defence against this is the moral teaching of the Church, about which we need to be well educated. A vague feeling that something is probably wrong is a poor basis for combating it, and there is danger that we can be taken in by the secular media's superficial plausibility.

The Anscombe Centre (formerly known as the Linacre Centre and now based in Oxford) engages with ethical questions of this sort. It has been described as ' not just the premier Christian bioethics institute in It provides "scholarship, support and advice to healthcare professionals, policy makers and the general public" including schools, on matters such as embryology, IVF, organ donation, and end-of-life questions.

The Anscombe Centre's work is at least as vital and entitled to our support as the pro-life practical help or political action of other groups. To join, or see what is on, or for podcasts of past talks, see www.bioethics.org.uk or telephone 01865 610 212

Education





Raymond Friel, Chief Executive Officer of Plymouth CAST Multi- Academy Trust has been speaking of his confidence in the future of Catholic education across the Southwest, as he reflects on his first few months in the role.

Plymouth CAST CEO sets out ambitious vision

Plymouth CAST is a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) consisting of 33 primary schools, 1 nursery and 2 secondary schools across Cornwall, Devon and Dorset, employing over 1500 staff and educating around 7,200 pupils.

The newly-revised mission statement of CAST is "to be a community of outstanding schools in which pupils flourish, in safe, happy and stimulating environments," while embedding the gospel values of humility, compassion, kindness, justice, forgiveness, integrity, peace and courage in the life of each school.

"When I was appointed in July 2018," says Raymond, "there was a great deal of work already well underway to improve the quality of education in the Trust. This year we have had 15 Ofsted inspections and in most cases the grades have improved. The Regional Schools Commissioner has commented very favourably on the overall improvements in CAST. Lord Agnew, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System, has also commented publicly about the great strides we've made to improve our financial system and to bring together mission and standards in our vision."

There are still many challenges to face, not least with school funding, but with secure systems in places and improving outcomes, the future is looking bright for Plymouth CAST. Raymond is hoping that teachers and support staff consider looking to join the Trust. "Our Catholic schools have a unique atmosphere," he comments. "When the community is well led and inspired by the Gospel, you will find a caring and supportive ethos, with a clear focus on improving the life chances of children."

The priorities for the future are the introduction of collaborative working in school groups, the development of curriculum and pedagogy in line with the new Ofsted framework and the teaching of the Church and the investment in school leaders to participate in nationally recognised professional development courses such as NPQEL.

A phrase which Raymond Friel often uses is "a vision for excellence" and that indeed is what inspires him and his colleagues.



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Brush Strokes

By Fr Tom Grufferty

The Martyrdom of St John the Baptist, Thursday August 29th

This is one of the oldest Christian Feasts in the Christian Calendar for both the East and the West. Before you start this piece, read Mark 6:17-29 and focus on the work of Art for as long as you wish. Examine the details.

I was in Malta at Easter this year. The Street theatre for Holy Week and Easter was a remarkable display of dedicated faith. Good Friday in the village of Zebbug was outstanding with an estimated 7000 people taking part and many in costumes costing 3,000 Euro. The religious experience was crowned only by the magnificence of the beheading of John the Baptist by Caravaggio. I never go to Malta without viewing this painting.

The young Michelangelo Merisi from Caravaggio had a tumultuous life to say the least. On May 29th, 1606 he killed a young man called Ranuccio Tomassoni during a brawl about a gambling debt and a tennis match. His famous Patrons had previously protected him, but murder was a step too far. The Young genius went on the run first to Naples where he did some famous works including "the seven works of mercy". But even in Naples his life was in danger, so he fled to Malta which was very fortunate for the great Maltese People. He hoped that the Grand Knight of the Knights of St. John would obtain pardon. The Grand Knight even made him a member of the Order, this did not last, but was long enough for Caravaggio to leave his mark on Maltese history forever.



This famous work of Art displays the final moments of the life of John the Baptist. The executioner has already attempted the killing as indicated by the blood of the Martyr on the floor. The jailer orders the executioner to finish the job quickly, so he draws his sword. On the left we have Salome holding a golden dish as she has requested the Head of John the Baptist on a dish. Mark 6:20. I like to think that the woman beside her is the jealous and revengeful Herodias who is horrified at the wrong she has done. There are two other prisoners looking on casually as if this an everyday event. Very few people who examine this masterpiece notice the lamb protruding from the feet of John the Baptist beneath the feet of the executioner. Most people miss the Lamb as indicated in the sacrificial lamb of sacrifice, but Caravaggio never missed a trick, he knew his scriptures. "There is the Lamb of God,





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The Grand Master commissioned him to paint his largest work of Art as an Altar Piece. The now famous "Beheading of St. John the Baptist" hangs in the Co-Cathedral of St. John in Valetta. who takes away the sin of the world". John 1:29

There is one fi**nal and very ironic detail in this work,** it is the only painting Caravaggio signed and the signature appears in the blood of the Baptiser.

Now, read St. Mark again and this time stay with the Painting for a much longer time. There are many wonderful prayer sites on "Lectio Divina" associated with this Feast Day.

View from the Pew

By Dr Jay Kettle-Williams







Sacré Coeur, front

Notre Dame, flank





Sacré Coeur, dome

Notre Dame, twin towers



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The word 'evangelise' comes to us via Late Middle English from ecclesiastical Latin 'evangelizare' which in turn comes from Greek 'εὐαγγέλιον' (euangelion) meaning 'the good news'

To Convert or seek to convert (someone) to Christianity.

Late Middle English from ecclesiastical Latin evangelizare, from Greek euangelizesthai, from euangelos

Evangelist

Evangelism

The verb form of euangelion, (translated as "evangelism"), occurs rarely in older Greek literature outside the New Testament, making its meaning more difficult to ascertain. Parallel texts of the Gospels of Luke and Mark reveal a synonymous relationship between the verb euangelizo (εὑαγγελ(ζω) and a Greek verb kerusso(κηρύσσω), which means "to proclaim".

St Denis



La Madeleine, High Altar

I've become a sort of peripatetic parishioner of late, although still firmly wedded to my home parish church where I feel in harmony with my fellow parishioners. But being mindful of contradictory stresses, both general and specific, within the Church today, it does me good from time to time to change pews, to refresh my spirit ...

PARIS, Île de la Cité, Sat. am: The Cathedral of Notre Dame still stands barricaded behind metal screens, access denied to the general public. Scaffolding climbs the charred walls flanking the nave. The twin towers, iconic sentinels over the centuries, stand staunchly to attention, hardly scarred by their experience. For me to think of the charred skeleton not by its French name but by the English translation - The Cathedral of Our Lady strangely adds poignancy to the tragedy. The faithful and those otherwise inquisitive stand and gape, mainly in silence with occasional comment in whispered tones. Others, grinning apeishly to the obvious wonderment or even disapproval of onlookers, take selfies against the sorry backdrop.

PARIS, Montmarte, Sat. afternoon: The Basilica of the Sacré Coeur, by contrast, stands proudly intact, brilliant white, unblemished except for the effects of the Parisian acid rain blackening the windows from without. Sacré Coeur is no battered icon. Far from it. Particularly at weekends, a dense line of visitors snakes its way constantly across the square with its panoramic view across Paris, everyone eager, jostling to get in. The square is littered with street vendors, their wares, predominantly miniature Eiffel towers in all sizes and guises, marshalled in lines on mats on the ground. Mass is out of the question.

Those attending Mass would be like players on a pitch surrounded by tightly packed onlookers gawking at proceedings. The side streets round and about teem with hostelries and street artists eager to win tourists' attention and money, not always in a reputable fashion. The martyrdom of St Denis has given name to the hill on which the basilica stands. According to his hagiographies, St Denis, bishop of Paris in the third century, was martyred for his faith by decapitation, having joyfully anticipated being crucified like Christ. A popular story claims that the decapitated bishop picked up his head and then walked several miles while preaching a sermon on repentance.

PARIS, Arrondissement 8, Sat. evening: The Church of La Madeleine, by contrast, with a commanding view down the short avenue leading to the Place de la Concorde, the river Seine beyond, stands like the intact version of The Greek Parthenon. Not a battered icon, not a religious theme park, La Madeleine, where Fauré's Requiem was premiered in 1888, is perhaps better suited to the few faithful who continue to do this magnificent church proud.

The priest at today's Mass is black, speaking clear, accurate French at an intelligible pace for even those with a small smattering of the local lingo to be able to follow. The congregation - old and young, individuals and families of myriad nationalities – is in awe of, yet not cowed by, the majestic austerity surrounding them. Mass continues with communion, intinction, the host placed into the hand. Plus ça change?

The word evangelist comes from the Koine Greek word $\varepsilon \dot{u} \alpha \gamma \gamma \dot{\epsilon} \lambda_{IOV}$ (transliterated as euangelion) via Latinised evangelium as used in the canonical titles of the Four Gospels, authored by (or attributed to) Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (also known as the Four Evangelists). The Greek word $\varepsilon \dot{u} \alpha \gamma \gamma \dot{\epsilon} \lambda_{IOV}$ originally meant a reward given to the messenger for good news ($\varepsilon \ddot{u}$ = "good", $\dot{\alpha} \gamma \gamma \dot{\epsilon} \lambda \lambda \omega$ = "I bring a message"; the word "angel" comes from the same root) and later "good news" itself.

Evangelism in Vatican II Documents

In the very first sentence of its Constitution on the Church, Lumen gentium, the Second Vatican Council affirmed that Christ had sent the Church to preach the gospel to every creature (LG 1; cf. Mk 16:15). Evangelism is a theme in multiple Vatican II documents. These documents mentioned "gospel" 157 times, "evangelise" 18 times, and "evangelisation" 31 times

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Confirmations and First Holy Communions





On Sunday May 12 Bishop Mark came to the Blessed Sacrament church in Exeter to confer the sacrament of confirmation on thirteen young people from the Exeter parishes.

On Saturday 29 June forty children of the Blessed Sacrament parish, Exeter received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

As there were so many there were two Masses on the Saturday but they all joined together for a celebration after the 10.30 Mass the following day when they received their certificates and gift from the parish and enjoyed cake baked and decorated by a parishioner.



The Parish of Sacred Heart, Tisbury and All Saints' Wardour

First Holy Communion - Feast of the Holy Trinity







Bishop Mark O'-Toole came to Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish in Weymouth to confirm 3 young people – Zuzia, Lewis and Renz. Pictured is Zuzia who wore Polish National Dress which was sent from Poland by her Grandmother as she couldn't attend.





The Sacrament of Eucharist was celebrated at All Saints Chapel, Wardour on Sunday with The Rev. Father Robert Miller, our Parish Priest, officiating, assisted by The Rev Deacon Michael Hughes.

Our candidates were full of joy and wonder as they managed to acquit themselves well with their an-

swers to questions during the homily. It was an uplifting and prayerful occasion.

After Holy Mass, families, parishioners and friends enjoyed the celebratory cake at Wardour Catholic Primary School.

First Holy Communion in Weston-Super-Mare

We will be celebrating First Holy Communions and Confirmation in the next 2 issues. Please send us your pictures, stories, reasons for confirmation or whatever you like! We would love to share your celebration! csw@cathcom.org



MARCH FOR LIFE UK Lifefest 19

This year's annual March for Life UK and Lifefest was an amazing event and the growing concern and awareness about abortion in the UK has made this year's event attended by the largest audience yet. I came up to London the day before the event as I was helping to register persons as they came into the venue. What surprised me was the number of persons attending from quite distant places: Gibraltar, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and Scotland. What also delighted me was the number of young persons who gave up their Saturday to come to the talks and march.

This year's speakers were so inspirational! I remember particularly Obanuju Ekeocha who reminded the assembled crowd when we reached Parliament Square that at first William Wilberforce was ridiculed for his vision of seeing the human person in the lives of slaves; this is the parallel: that we see the human person in the lives of those unborn.

Another speaker Melissa Obden was the survivor of an abortion attempt. She had been left to die, but a nurse had heard her very weak cries and took her to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the hospital. Her story highlights something often hidden away and not brought out in public discussion.

Another remarkable witness to the power of love came from Jeff and Jennifer Christe a husband and wife team who spoke about how Jennifer conceived a child in a brutal rape which left her nearly dead and with lasting epilepsy.

I hope this brief report will incentivise you to attend next year's March for Life UK. It was a joyful. informative and thought provoking day.



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PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA, VENICE, RAVENNA and ASSISI May 4-13th. 2019

oing on pilgrimage is now a familiar experience for The parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Family. Exmouth. This year's pilgrimage to Italy was the perfect way to spend time learning about the lives of St. Mark, St Anthony, St Luke, St Matthias, St Apollinaris and St Francis all of whose shrines we visited.

The theme of this meticulously planned pilgrimage was 'Opulence and Poverty'. This was a very apt title as on our visits to Venice, Padua and Ravenna we learnt about the opulence of the Venetian Republic and the Byzantine Empire which contrasted greatly with the life of poverty practiced by St. Francis who was born into a rich family but who 'renouncing all earthly goods, unfettered himself from the enchantment of the money-god who had seduced his family'. A review of the most memorable parts of the pilgrimage, written by each of the pilgrim groups, follows.

A very comfortable journey on a Redwood's coach to Bristol set us on our way. With swift self-service baggage check-in, overseen by very helpful airline staff, we all had time to enjoy the airport's varied food outlets before take off. On our arrival in Italy our coach driver was waiting, waving a 'Holy Ghost' sign and we departed Venice airport en route for Padua.

We arrived in Padua, a city which was much larger than most of us had expected, late at night with a driver who was unable to find our accommodation! St Anthony, obviously observing, guided us safely to our hotel, the Hotel Casa del Pellegrino which was just across the road from his resting place in the Basilica. The morning light brought the realisation that our hotel was centrally placed near to the Basilica housing St. Anthony's tomb. Whilst named after pilgrims, the hotel was very grand and true to the opulence theme at the start of our pilgrimage with excellent facilities in our rooms and friendly staff. The buffet breakfast including hot food, not usually thought of as continental, set us up for our long day's itinerary. At supper, fish was in abundance - even in the pasta course which I loved as it was tasty and well- cooked.

The next morning was a cold, wet Sunday but despite the rain Padua was a feast for the eyes. It was uplifting to visit the Basilica of St. Anthony with its opulent domes and towers. It was especially moving to visit the shrine of St. Anthony and to see people making their intercessions - a moment of calm amid the hustle and bustle. Here we celebrated the first Mass of our pilgrimage in



front of St.Luke's tomb in the Benedictine Abbey of Santa Giustina in Padua. The Basilica is very large, dark and somewhat austere in contrast to other churches we were to visit. Local circumstances did not allow us to say mass in English. Instead we all joined the local congregation with the monastic community at the conventual mass. We all started as a community of pilgrims journeying together in God's love and understanding.

This set the scene for the rest of the pilgrimage with our entire group blending together to help, pray for and support each other throughout our stay in Italy. By the end of the pilgrimage we knew and understood each other better than before and new friendships were formed. Hopefully these new bonds will be reflected in the future life of the Parish.

ST. LUKE PILGRIM GROUP

We walked the old city's empty streets and huddled beneath arcades for shelter. Our rewards were the splendidly restored frescoes of the Cathedral Baptistry and a warm welcome at the elegant Caffe Pedrocchi, even in our bedraggled state.

By Tuesday Padua sprang into life in the sunshine, busy with shoppers and cyclists. Fruit markets and street cafes filled the piazzas, flanked by grand civic buildings such as the City Hall, the Theatre and the huge Pallazza della Ragione. The interior of this building, the home of guilds and trades since Medieval times, was decorated throughout with astrological murals. We had time to explore and then to relax over lunch and buy souvenirs such as Sapori del Sancto (Biscuits of the Saint) and also to marvel at the ancient University where students thronged to hear Galileo teaching in this still fine city.

ST. ANTHONY PILGRIM GROUP



Cinzia first showed us the exterior of the Basilica and explained to us how it became dedicated to St. Mark who is the patron saint of Venice. St. Mark had been sent by St. Peter to be Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt where he was martyred in 68AD. In 828AD the remains of St Mark were shipped from Alexandria to Venice by two Venetian merchants. They had been to Alexandria on business and had gone to venerate the saint's relics in the church which had been dedicated to him. The merchants were told that Christian churches are being plundered so they removed the remains of St Mark and concealed them in a basket of vegetables and pork. After a voyage full of dangers the remains of St. Mark arrived in Venice and were received by the Doge who ordered the construction of a Basilica to house them. All the episodes relating to the stealing of the body, its arrival in Venice and the construction of the church are portrayed on the facade of the Basilica, in the mosaics on the vaults, at the side of the presbytery and in the small enamels of the Pala d'Ora. When we went Inside the Basilica we were able to have a close look at The Pala d'Ora which contains over 200 pearls and precious stones. It stands in the centre of the presbytery and is an exquisite antique marble ciborium standing on four alabaster columns, behind the tomb of St Mark, sculpted with the stories of Mary and Jesus as told in the Gospels. After our tour of St. Mark's Basilica we had time to look around Venice on our own and find lunch.



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Sister Assunta was overjoyed to welcome us again and to

introduce us to her new cohort of novices. She beamed

throughout our stay and we were treated to the Sisters'

angelic singing along with her guitar playing quite a few

times. Our 'last supper' treat on Sunday lunchtime was at

the Hotel La Rocca where we were welcomed again by the

staff with their usual efficient hospitality and we enjoyed a

delicious long Italian lunch in a restaurant packed with lo-

cals, which is always a good sign. A final afternoon wan-

der around Assisi was needed by all to walk off the

ioners better. This pilgrimage has been full of both

spirituality and fun. Attending Mass and saying daily

excellent food and wine we had enjoyed. Is this really

Going on pilgrimage brings many blessings. It gives us

time to be alone with God in quiet prayer and contempla-

tion and an opportunity to get to know our fellow parish-

prayers together has been uplifting and has given us time

and we have shared delicious food and lively conversation.

ST. MATTHIAS PILGRIM GROUP

for peace and reflection. During this pilgrimage we have

been on many well-planned and informative excursions

Our experiences in Italy have given us the opportunity to

learn, to give thanks, to petition and to return to our

homes and to our Parish spiritually refreshed.

hind the scenes in the kitchen.

poverty I asked myself?



ladian Basilica of San Giorgio Maggiore to us, explaining that its architecture was a major change in the design of churches as it was styled on the temples of ancient Rome whilst incorporating a classical church design. Some of the group then took the lift to the top of the campanile (bell tower) and were rewarded with spectacular views of St. Mark's across the water. There was then an opportunity to have a drink in a cafe alongside the marina or to relax in the hot sun on the steps of the church before hopping aboard a boat back to St. Mark's Square.

ST. MARK PILGRIM GROUP

We left Padua by coach on Tuesday afternoon for Ravenna, stopping to visit the Basilica di Sant' Apollinaris in Classe. The visit here was our first introduction to the beautiful mosaics that Ravenna and Classe are famous for. We arrived at the Hotel Mosaica, and checked in. We later walked to a local trattoria for our evening meal where the food, local wine and beer was plentiful.

The following morning we began our tour of Ravenna by meeting our guide, Cinzia. We made the short walk to the city centre via an underpass where we saw our first art of the day - murals on the underpass walls. The first stop on our tour was the Basilica di Sant' Appolinaris Nuova. Cinzia gave us a background to the history of Ravenna. She explained that there were eight UNESCO monuments in the city and that we would be visiting six of them. She further ex-

plained that there was a mixture of Arian and Christian dedications in many of the monuments we would see that day.





The mosaics we saw were amazing and the most used word of the day had to be WOW!!! The colours used in the mosaics were mainly blue, green and gold and they depicted scenes from

both the Old and New Testaments. They portrayed Jesus and his disciples, Peter and Paul and also important figures from Ravenna's history. The Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were also represented in many of the monuments by their symbols of a golden man, a lion, an ox and an eagle. In addition to the mosaics there were also many historical tour concluded just as the rain started. Most of us returned to the hotel, others headed for coffee and cake and returned to the hotel later.

ST. APPOLINARIS PILGRIM GROUP

For pilgrims who had been to Assisi before it was lovely to return there and revisit all the special places that mean so much. What a welcome we had from the Sisters at the Casa Madonna della Pace with their bright smiling faces and their warm greetings. They laid on wonderful meals for us and always greeted us with smiles and a kind word. The atmosphere in Assisi was amazing and the medieval festival Calendimaggio took place while we were there. We enjoyed watching the dancers, the drummers and listening to the music. It was a great opportunity to see young and not so young all joining in together.



We revisited a lot of the churches we had visited before and returning to San Damiano was so special. It was peaceful and tranquil and the respect of the visitors, not only in the church, but in the grounds was really moving. Our pilgrim mass at the Sanctuario della Spogliazone was also very special. Fr. Philip

told us about a young man called Carlo Acutis. He died of leukaemia in October 2006 aged 15 and his remains are kept in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore. After his death there were calls for him to be beatified and in July 2018 Pope Francis declared him Venerable. During his short life he harnessed social media and the internet to praise God and his wise words about each of us making a difference - 'All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies' - really resonated with us. This may have been the 'poverty' part of the pilgrimage but it was the 'richer' in so many other important ways.

ST. LUKE PILGRIM GROUP

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paintings and frescoes to view. Some were in the realistic Baroque style and showed human emotion and these contrasted with others in the more static Byzantine style.

In contrast to the opulence of some monuments the churches of St. Francis and St. John the Evangelist were somewhat plain and bare in decoration. The mosaics in the church of St. John the Evangelist were in muted colours of grey and beige and had originally been on the floor. They showed images of animals, the Crusades and many different patterns. As in other places we visited, the windows had a tortoiseshell like effect which turned out to be alabaster from Tuscany which had been given to Ravenna as a gift.

Having avoided any altercations with the many bicycles and parties of school children our cultural, artistic and on Thursday with a 'light lunch'!! What an unexpected 3 course feast, finishing with the best tiramisu most of us had ever tasted.

extravaganza was served by

practising their English. The

next day we had plenty of

choice at our buffet break-

fast before setting out on a

which included lunch at the

where one lovely waitress worked tirelessly to serve

our party with 3 courses.

nicely for the afternoon.

We journeyed onto the

This recharged our batteries

'poverty' part of our pilgrim-

age in Assisi where we expe-

rienced the simple but so

joyous lifestyle of the Franciscan Sisters (Suore Alcan-

tarine). They welcomed us

guided tour of Ravenna

'Ristorante le Gardela'

attentive young waiters

The Sisters provided us with the most wonderful peaceful oasis and simple but modern accommodation. We were served in their refectory by 2 of the 11 novices -Sabina and Marina - who brightened up our mealtimes with their smiles and shy English greetings, whist other served us quietly be-



Prayer

by Fr Denis Blackledge



WIDE-EYED WONDER



oving Lord,

I once asked an old man to tell me something about prayer. He just looked at me smiling and said: 'You pray by opening your eyes.'

Loving Lord

praying is such an easy gift. as simple as breathing, as simple as opening our eyes. Learning how to stop and look, learning how to gaze in wonderment and awe at the people-gifts around us, at the grandeur of creation around us.

No need for long courses: just willingness to go about my being and doing each day. with a growing ability for wide-eyed wonder,

with the eyes of a five-year old.

Loving Lord,

each one of us so much needs that gift and ability

to notice others around us,

whatever our age or state or condition in life.

It's as easy as opening our eyes. Seeing the utter worth, dignity and unique grandeur of our sisters and brothers in our own homes.

down our own streets, in our workplaces,

in hospitals, in homes for senior citizens.

in shops, in offices, at play in all whose lives

we're privileged to be able to touch just by looking at them.

Loving Lord,

to look with reverence and dignity at another human being confers grace and status,

just as a negative look can kill another from the inside out.

Teach us to look from the inside out, so that something of the permanent look of love

you have for each one us

is reflected in our own gaze at others.

Loving Lord,

it's pretty easy to see the link between praying and living. If we really and truly believe in your presence

in each one we meet and greet each Amen. day,

then that clarity of vision is key, and integrates our whole being into a living lump of prayer. When we really look that means not just lips but lives are touched. For our speech, our attitude, our relating, is totally affected by the way we look. Our looking is our basic way of touching another. Just as our Loving Lord, our looking Lord, touches each one of us by his loving gaze, which is a permanent utterance of 'I Love you', so our every look becomes prayer if we choose to look in a way that brings the best of our humanness to birth each moment of each day.

Loving Lord, teach us not to waste our power of looking. Teach us to make our praying and living one.

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QUOTES

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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world Anne Frank

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Martin Luther King Jr

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Just because you're offended, doesn't mean you're right Ricky Gervais

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Marcus Tullius Cicero

Facts are stubborn things, but as someone has wisely said, not half so stubborn as fallacies

LM Montgomery

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

Helen Keller

New Pupil Chaplains going out to share the Good News

Great news this month with a large group of pupil chaplains being commissioned by Plymouth's Bishop Mark to help him in his mission of spreading the good news within Plymouth CAST schools. The training day a Buckfast Abbey involved eight schools from across the Plymouth Diocese who are the first to be involved in the initiative and help build the kingdom within their own schools. The initiative led-by by Sr Judith Russi and EducareM has seen great success across the country with schools within the Diocese of Salford especially having huge success with the program. Not only does the initiative help tackle potential shortfalls in school chaplains available for our schools it also gives pupils the

tools to speak to their friends about faith on a peer-to-peer level.

+Bishop Mark, Canon Mark O'Keeffe and Fr Mark Skelton all attended the commissioning service which took place at the end of the day in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The beautiful stained glass window made a lovely backdrop for our photographs and made a fitting end to a truly blessed and wonderful day in such a beautiful venue. The children all received signed letters of commissioning from +Bishop Mark telling them to go out and make disciples and be the bearer of the Good News to all people in their parishes, schools and local communities.





AUTHENTIC BRAZILIAN CHEESE BREAD (PÃO DE QUEIJO)

INGREDIENTS

- 285ml milk
- 110ml water
- 6 tablespoons oil
- 2 teaspoons salt 512g tapioca flour
- 2 large eggs
 100g grated parmesan cheese
 140g Mozzarella cheese



Preheat oven to 200c

Bring the milk, water, oil and salt to a boil in a saucepan

If you have a stand mixer, put the tapioca flour in the bowl and add the milk mixture



Sarah Barreto Plymouth RE Adviser hopes to arrange to train up and commission another set of 8 schools in the autumn term, as there has been great interest from all the schools in the diocese. "Our children really did us proud and were so thrilled to take part in such a special event. Many thanks to everyone for all the support and

hard work and of course to all our clergy for their kind understanding and support."

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once it has boiled. Mix well until it is very white and rather sticky! If you don't have a stand mixer, this can be done with a hand held mixer using the dough paddles

 \cdot Then add the eggs, one at a time, followed by the cheese, a little at a time until it is all mixed in. If your dough is too liquid, add some more flour but not too much - it should be sticky!

· Wet your hands and, using a teaspoon, make golf ball sized balls and place on a lined baking tray, leaving small gaps in between the balls.

Bake for 15-20 minutes or until they are golden and puffed. Serve warm.

NOTES

To freeze, follow the steps above until the bread is on the baking trays. Then transfer to the freezer rather than the oven. Once frozen they can be bagged or put in a tub until you want to cook them. When you want to cook, bake from frozen in a preheated 200c oven for 25-30 mins.

Any questions contact Maurice Quinn (LMS Rep, Devon and Dorset) on either : Email : devon@lms.org.uk Mob. 07555536579

Young Vincentian Development Officers required

The St Vincent de Paul Society, SVP, is a Catholic lay organisation which in the spirit of justice and charity helps those suffering from poverty in whatever form. Works include visiting the lonely, elderly and isolated, soup runs, food banks, giving grants to those in need, debt counselling and assisting refugees and asylum seekers.

In practice, Conferences are formed on a parish basis by volunteers who wish to make a difference to the lives of those who are less fortunate than themselves and in a manner fitting their Catholic Faith. The Conferences may tailor their work to suit their individual circumstances and the

needs of their parishioners and other locals not necessarily of our faith. DBS checks are required for all SVP volunteers as members meet young and elderly vulnerable people in their homes and hospitals. Many members remain in the SVP for a long period as much satisfaction is gained from assisting poor and vulnerable people. Members are able to work on their caring mission for as long or short a time as they wish.

There are varying aspects to SVP work, and two are illustrated in the accompanying photographs. Many conferences support a twinned conference in India by paying a set amount of money



A group of Mini Vinnies in England and Wales. These groups vary in numbers



Pat Riley on the left and Carole Coates of Bodmin SVP Conference receiving gifts from their twinned SVP Conference in Carmelrani, India.

each year plus student sponsorship. The SVP also send money to the Sudan to assist this war torn country.

Plymouth SVP Central Council have an ongoing project to increase the numbers of Mini Vinnies at our Catholic Primary Schools. These are groups of children aged 7 to 11 years who are encouraged to get involved in charitable work suitable for their age whilst being supervised by a teacher at their school and with the help and advice of their Young Vincentian Development Officer and local SVP Conference where appropriate. Full training is given and all expenses are met by the SVP. Full details of the scheme are

available and these groups are very popular in numerous parts of the country. The YVDO need not be a member of the SVP but sympathetic to the ideals and charitable work of the SVP

Four YVDOs are being sought; one each for Cornwall, Plymouth, South Devon and East Devon.

Persons interested in joining the SVP or becoming a voluntary YVDO are asked to contact their nearest SVP member parish priest or the writer of this article. Geoff Provis, Plymouth SVP Central Council President. 01566775820.



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

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- Seaman's lounge is well-lit (6) 4
- Show recognition when there's something fishy to bur 9 row into (7)
- 10 End with extremely long love letter (5)
- 11 Mountain is, going west, skirting Toronto, he thought (5)
- 12 Character of a German city church (7)
- 13 Badly desire coach to see this? (11)
- 18 Past one's prime, perhaps one in 4 (3,4)
- 16 Ancient law of marbles, put together by Greeks and Romans, perhaps (6) 17 Billet commanding officer where French power's
- contained close to Toulon (6)
- 19 Breach of the law for which cleric is beheaded (5) 21 Church music after a short while is, to the Vietcong,
- offensive (5) QUICK Across
- Alternative to Aramaean in Genesis (KJV and other Bibles) (6)
- On fire (6)



5 '----- up' = raises morale, spirits (5)

20 Old medic that's at the heart of joint group (5) 22 Disagrees with tip off that this is the first sign of spring (5)

23 Persistence in finding apartment number above... (2,3-2) 24 ... where Simon lived during tenancy renewals (6) 25 Repel family of rodents and get ant problem checked (6) **CRYPTIC Down**

1 Peels back harpy's facade to reveal an angel (6)

- 2 Religious type informally sent up one Russian leader (5)
- 3 1 Ac capital having nothing, needs support of the church (7)
- 5 Lads say they keep their heads above water (5)
- Underworld opening near Naples for American after de 6 facing pub (7)
- 7 Spanish article's identity is to be found inside protective cover (6)
- 8 Be enticed in random order (11)
- 14 With fish row beginning to take off, getting more redfaced (7)
- 15 Icicle, a paradoxically harmonic subject for her (7)

Competition prize (7)

- 10 ----- -3, fatty acid that aids in the reduction of cholesterol levels (5)
- 11 Disciple of Socrates and the teacher of Aristotle; founder of the Academy in Athens (5)
- 12 Core; spirit (7)
- 13 Primate's jurisdiction (11)
- 18 Matelot; sea dog (3,4)
- 20 Ensemble (5)
- 22 Astrological ram (5)
- 23 Period without respite of intensity or pressure (2,3-2)
- 24 Greek city of Libya, home to one associated with the
- Crucifixion (6)
- 25 Plaid; clan-patterned clothing (6)

QUICK Down

- 1 Angel of the first order (6)
- Jamaican cult, popularly called, based on the deification 2 of Haile Selassie (5)
- 3 One of two Biblical cities, one in Pisidia the other in Syria, sharing the same name (7)

- 6 Lake in an Italian volcano, an entrance to Hell in Roman mythology (7)
- Glass-like coating (6) 7
- 8 Religious Order's name given to a liqueur produced in Normandy (11)
- 14 More rubicund (7)
- 15 Patron saint of (church) music (7)
- 16 Law of the Jews from Mt Sinai (6)
- 17 Voucher: football pools sheet (6)
- 19 Malicious burning to destroy property (5)
- 21 Polyphonic choral liturgical piece (5

SOLUTION

15 Cecilia, 16 Mosaic, 17 Coupon, 19 Arson, 21 Motet. Buoys, 6 Avernus, 7 Enamel, 8 Benedictine, 14 Ruddier, up, 24 Cyrene, 25 Tartan. Down: 1 Seraph, 2 Rasta, 3 Antioch, 5 Essence, 13 Archdiocese, 18 Old salt, 20 Combo, 22 Aries, 23 No let-Across: 1 Syrian, 4 Ablaze, 9 Rosette, 10 Omega, 11 Plato, 12