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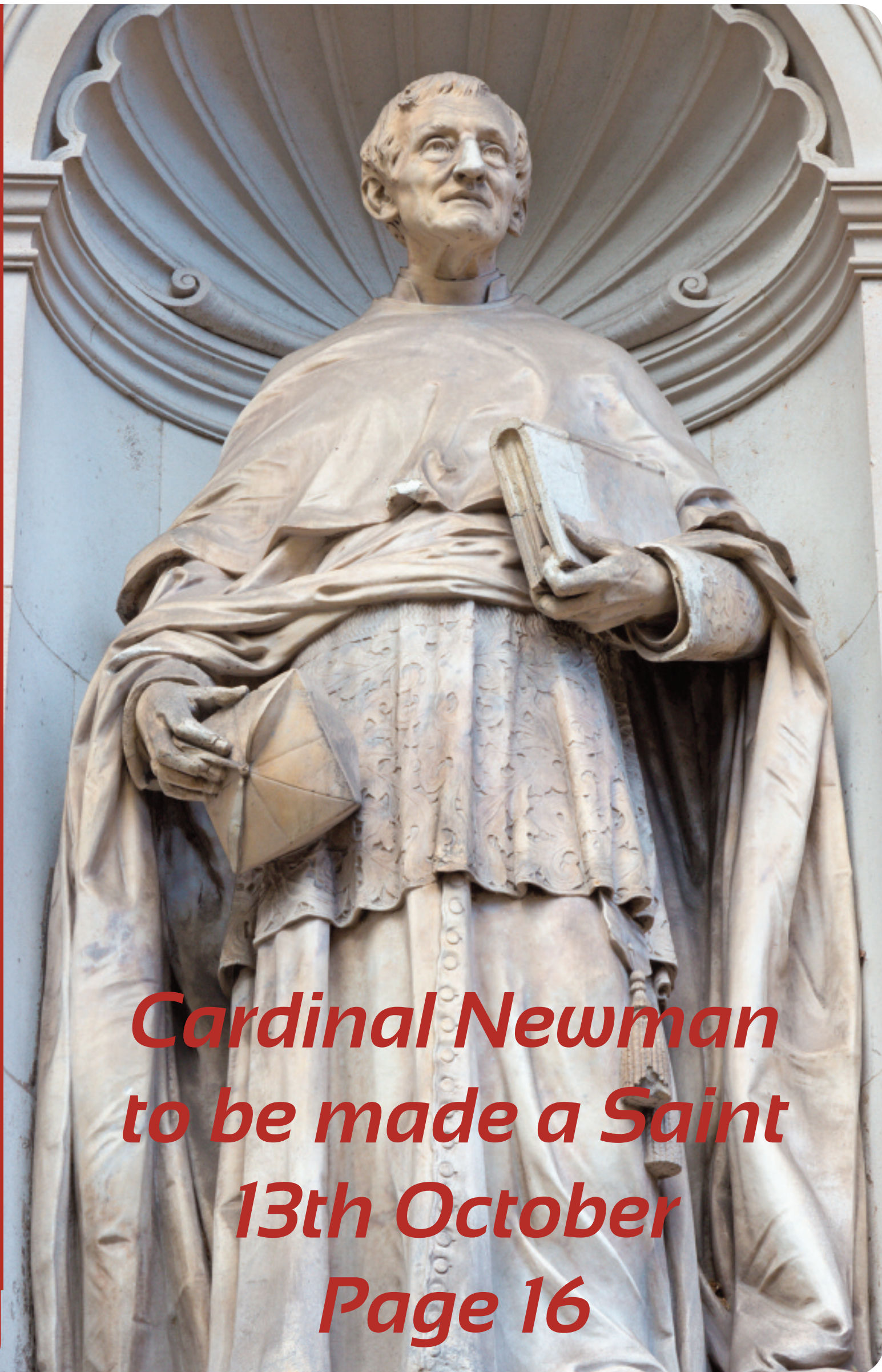
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## FROM CSW

October is definitely a busy month!

We have information about Missio's "Month of Mission" in the run up to Mission Sunday on 20th October. On Saturday 19th October there is the "Inspirational Lives" Day at Buckfast,

and on Sunday 12th October Caritas are holding an event in the run up to the World Day of the Poor. It is also the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October.

On top of all of this, Pope Francis is also going to canonize Cardinal John Newman

on October 13th - the first English saint since 1970.

All of this and much more is in this edition of CSW!

CSW TEAM

## ST MARY IMMACULATE FALMOUTH 1869 - 1919 Celebrating 150 years of our Church and its People

The church probably first came to Cornwall in the 6th & 7th century, spreading slowly from Roman Cities like Exeter. In 1661, the former hamlet of Smithick was granted its royal charter and became the town of Falmouth.

In the 1700's, Falmouth developed as a busy new port and French sailors frequently visited, so that by 1800, a Catholic Oratory was established in the loft of a warehouse on the quay.

In 1818, a French émigré priest, Abbé Jean-Baptiste de la Gresille, saw the need for a new larger church. Land was purchased with the provision that the church had to look like a pair of semi-detached houses! The two pretty Regency Villas can still be seen, with an ironwork letter M over the gate, disguised as a crown. The Abbé's body lies under the high altar at St Mary's.

In 1864, Canon Cassey arrived and a bigger church was needed, so the present St Mary's was built. The architect was Joseph Hansom who also designed our Cathedral in Plymouth. He also invented the Hansom Cab. Further additions to the church were made over the years.

Benefactors were Thomas Horsford, a quarry owner and William Freeman, a granite shipper. The famous maritime painter Charles Napier Hemy (whose father wrote the hymn, 'Jesus my Lord, my God, my all' and 'I'll sing a hymn to Mary') was also a generous benefactor.

The Church Organ, electric light and Our Lady's Grotto was installed in the 1920's.

St Mary's is a beautiful church, a listed heritage building and is open every day from 7am to 6pm for those who are seeking a place of refuge, prayer and consolation. It's the only church open all day in Falmouth.

### Anniversary Mass

On August 26th 2019, the Anniversary Mass was the Mass of the Dedication of A Church. Fr Brian Kenrick gave a moving homily.

"Today we remember the 150th Anniversary of this building. However, we are not really giving thanks to God for the building, no matter how beautiful it is. No, we are remembering and giving thanks for the people who have worshipped at St Mary's for 150 years.



The church was built to enable the people to worship as a community, celebrate the Mass and the other sacraments.

St Mary's has stood in Falmouth's Killigrew Street for 150 years, a noble and beautiful witness to the presence of God in the world. It is the people of the parish, Lay, Religious and Clergy who have brought Jesus to others by what they say and do.

A church building no matter how impressive it may be, is redundant without the living stories that are the people of the parish."

During Mass, the first reading was Peter 2: 4-9. "Jesus is the living stone, rejected by man but chosen by God and precious to

him. Set yourselves close to him so that you may be Living Stones in a spiritual house".

In our intercessory prayers' Fr Brian prayed for the sharing of the Gospel in the Church.

That the Church doors may be the doors of God's Kingdom.

That our Church building will continue to be a haven of peace and prayer to those who enter.

That God may make us worthy of his call and fulfil by his power, our good intentions and work for his greater glory.



Our Anniversary Mass was followed by refreshments, the Ceremonial cutting of our Anniversary cake and the opening of an Exhibition of our Faith over 150 years.



**Our Catholic Faith** - was symbolised by a large Crucifix, candles, and an open Bible. The display included a short description of our Catholic Faith, along with various prayers, booklets and leaflets that might be of interest to visitors.

### 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!

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**Faith in Action** – A colourful varied display in the Church porch showed how we carry out our mandate as Christians/Catholics 'to live the Gospel' by following Christ's demand to love our neighbours as he loved us.



"When I was hungry you gave me to eat,  
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.  
I was a stranger and you invited me in  
I needed clothes and you clothed me  
I was sick and you looked after me  
I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Represented in the exhibition around the church, were the many aspects of our Parish life, with photos taken over the years.

**Parish Life** – a display of material showing the work of CAFOD, SVP, Foodbank, SPUC, St Stephen's Altar Guild, Brownies and Guides, Missio, supporting projects abroad, SPA, Sponsorship of our Seminarian in Malawi (who was ordained recently), Fairtrade, Age Concern Befriending, Bereavement Support Group, Apostleship of the Sea, Pastoral visiting - the Sick and Housebound, and participation in our local Ecumenical 'Churches Together' Ministries – Care Home Services, Street Pastors, Justice and Peace, Prayer for Persecuted Christians, weekly community cafe.....etc.



**Religious Life** – Les Filles de la Croix have been in St Mary's Parish since 1946 to this day. Their presence among us is a blessing. A display board told of the Order's origin and history.

**We will Remember Them** – Our Brownies had on display a large wreath made of cut out paper red Flanders poppies, in memory of the Fallen in 1914 – 1918 and 1937 – 1945, alongside which were pictures of parishioners who had more recently served in Northern Ireland, Iraq, The Falklands, Germany and Afghanistan.

**Cleaners** – A roll of honour was accorded to remember all past and present Church Cleaners. The display included buckets and brooms and 'green Sunlight soap'. No one was forgotten!

**Weddings** – Many hundreds of couples must have been married at St Mary's over 150 years. Of great interest to us all were the 50 plus wedding photos. Who was who? When was that? How the fashions have changed. A display of flowers, balloons and a bottle of Champagne accompanied the photos.



Also remembered, were parishioners like Cissie Tregaskis, 96 years in St Mary's Parish and Catholic Mayors, House Masses, Pilgrimages.....

### ***What else did we do?***

St Mary's special Narcissus – to commemorate 150 years. Ron Scamp, a notable figure in Falmouth and an award-winning Daffodil grower agreed (via a parishioner who is a neighbour of Ron's) to name a new genus of Narcissi to commemorate our 150 years. So, in 2019 a Narcissus, 'St Mary Immaculata' has been named and registered through the RHS. Perhaps a unique way to remember our 150th Anniversary celebrations.



**A trip down memory lane** – one evening parishioners and friends gathered for a 'trip down memory lane' when memories were shared going back to the 1940s.

John Pinhay remembered standing at St Mary's school in 1951, joining the Infant Class whose teacher was 'a pretty young lady called Josie Cahill'. John has been an altar server for 65 years. He spoke of the times when at Holy Communion, six altar servers would line up with lighted candles. On one occasion there was a commotion as an altar server's cotta caught alight! Other memories included the altar servers' pilgrimage to Rome, serving Mass at the Vatican and at Notre Dame Cathedral on the way home. John has always been an integral part of St Mary's parish life. He is a very hardworking dedicated man. He has put up the Christmas inside and outside cribs for 50 years. He is currently leader of Missio, the Altar Servers Guild of St Mary's and is Lay Chaplain in Cornwall for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Josie Bee (nee Cahill) spoke of how she first came to St Mary's as a teacher in our parish school. Josie has resided in our parish for 54 years. Last year she received an award for 50 years' service to the Guide Movement. She spent those 50 years as leader of our parish Brownies and Guides and is now succeeded by her daughter Liz.

Other memories included May Processions, with Crowning of the May queen, the Parish Youth Club with 'Beatles Cavern' and lights in the Crypt, Corpus Christi Processions with children from St Mary's School strewing rose petals from their little baskets in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Concert** – We gathered one evening in the church for a free concert featuring two local male voice choirs and a brilliant soloist. At the conclusion of the concert, all performers, St Mary's choir and the audience sang that famous song 'The bells of St Mary'.

What now? – on the 17th of September, we look forward to a 'Special Anniversary Celebration Mass' celebrated by Bishop Mark and several other Clergy. There will also be a dedication of a large wall plaque inscribed with the names of all past parish priests (with room for those to come).

**The Finale** – will be the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November.

We thank God for all the blessings we have received over the years, for our friendly, caring Catholic Community, and for those who will follow in our footsteps.

As one person visiting our exhibition said "I was touched by all the memories of lives shared over the years. It made me realise how blessed I am to be a part of the Catholic family worldwide. It really lifted me."

**Mary Bradley**  
11th September 2019

## **Around the South West**

### **Family Fast Day**



CAFOD's Family Fast Day has a long tradition

of supporting communities around the world and this year, on Friday 4 October 2019, we're inviting you to eat simply and give to help people in poverty. Whether you eat simply at home, have a simple meal with your family or organise a soup lunch with your parish, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to people living in poverty.

### **Canon Thomas Atthill's 50th anniversary of Ordination**



Canon Thomas Atthill was ordained a Priest in Downside Abbey by Bishop Joseph Rudderham on July 18th 1969.

On the 21st August, he was joined by many priests from Clifton Diocese and from other dioceses as well as many friends and family to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

### **Welcome Fr. Anthony!**

Welcome to Fr. Anthony Chiatu! Fr. Anthony is one of two new priests joining the Portsmouth Dio-



cocese this year from the sister diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It means that in total there are six priests from Bamenda in Portsmouth Diocese. Fr. Anthony will be based at Portsmouth Cathedral as a 'priest in residence' for the coming months.

### **Monsignor Bryan Chestle R.I.P**



Monsignor Bryan Chestle lived for many years at the Venerable English College, Rome and

worked at the Secretariat of State at the Vatican. He was always a great confessor and spiritual director as well as a good friend to many people. He died on 4th September and his Requiem Mass took place at Arundel Cathedral on Thursday 26th September. May he rest in peace.

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- Students in France have the longest school year and the shortest school day
- In developing, low-income countries, every additional year of education can increase a person's future income by an average of 10%
- The biggest school in the world is the City Montessori School in Lucknow, India and has over 55,000 students.
- In the sub-Saharan, 11.07 million children leave school before completing their primary education. In South and West Asia, that number reaches 13.54 million
- Knitting is part of the primary school curriculum in Iceland
- The youth literacy rates in South America and Europe are among the highest with 90-100% literacy. The African continent, however, has areas with less than 50% literacy among children ages 18 and under
- Education has a direct impact on the decisions women make - for example, women in Mali with a secondary level education or higher have an average of 3 children, while those with no education have an average of 7

**Fake Fact:** Students in France actually have the shortest school year and the longest school day



# Poetry Corner

*Dr John Cooper Clarke  
Written for the National Trust*

## *Nation's Ode to the Coast*



A big fat sky and a thousand shrieks  
The tide arrives and the timber creaks  
A world away from the working week  
Où est la vie nautique?  
That's where the sea comes in...

Dishevelled shells and shovelled sands,  
Architecture all unplanned  
A spade 'n' bucket wonderland  
A golden space, a Frisbee and  
The kids and dogs can run and run  
And not run in to anyone  
Way out! Real gone!  
That's where the sea comes in...

Impervious to human speech, idle time  
and tidal reach  
Some memories you can't impeach  
That's where the sea comes in

A nice cuppa splosh and a round of toast

A cursory glance at the morning post  
A pointless walk along the coast  
That's what floats my boat the most  
That's where the sea comes in...

Now, voyager - once resigned  
Go forth to seek and find  
The hazy days you left behind  
Right there in the back of your mind  
Where lucid dreams begin  
With rolling dunes and rattling shale  
The shoreline then a swollen sail  
Picked out by a shimmering halo  
That's where the sea comes in...

Could this be luck by chance?  
Eternity in a second glance  
A universe beyond romance  
That's where the sea comes in...  
Yeah, that's where the sea comes in...

## **TERRY WAITE TO RE-VISIT BUCKFAST ABBEY**



Former hostage, Terry Waite CBE, will be returning to Buckfast Abbey in Devon this autumn. The humanitarian and writer will be taking part in the Abbey's 'Inspirational Lives Day' to be held on Saturday, 19th October.

Also appearing will be Benjamin Mee, who bought and transformed a rundown zoo on Dartmoor. His story was turned into a Hollywood film starring Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson. The third speaker will be Tracey Elliott-Reep, a photographer, adventurer and author, who also lives on the moor. She travels alone on horseback to the far-flung corners of the globe.

All three authors will be talking about

their experiences, their writing and their varied charity work.

The event is being organised by Buckfast Abbey's Head of Retail and Exhibition Centre, Wendy Hall, who said: "We are delighted that Terry Waite is returning to Buckfast Abbey after his sell-out evening last year. He is a deeply spiritual man who speaks with warmth and compassion about his life, including the five years he spent as a hostage in Beirut in the 1980s. We are also greatly looking forward to hearing Benjamin Mee speak about his experiences in rescuing the zoo and we are thrilled that the inspirational Tracey Elliott-Reep will be telling us about her extraordinary travels."

## **Buckfast Abbey 'Inspirational Lives' Day**

**Saturday 19th October 2019**  
**10am - 5pm** plus book signing



Our guests are: Friend of Buckfast Abbey Bookshop, Humanitarian **Terry Waite, CBE** who is returning to Buckfast to discuss his life, which includes his being taken hostage in Beirut for nearly five years.

**Benjamin Mee**, who bought a rundown zoo on the edge of Dartmoor and turned it around to make it a success. His story was made into a Hollywood film starring Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson.

**Tracey Elliott-Reep** a photographer, author and adventurer who lives on Dartmoor, travels alone on horseback to far flung corners of the world.

All authors will be discussing their charity work, and the authors books will be available to be bought on the day - with book-signing opportunity.

• **Tickets £12 each** includes teas, coffees and biscuits.

• **Free parking**

Available online at: **[www.buckfast.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/whats-on)**  
or in person from the Buckfast Abbey bookshop.

The event will be held in Higher Mill in the grounds of Buckfast Abbey and there is disabled access within the venue.

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# Scripture Focus

By Fr Jeremy Corley



## *Humble Simplicity: Notes on the Sunday Gospels for October*

October's Sunday Gospels set before us examples for our Christian life: the humble servant who simply does his duty; the cured leper who returns to give thanks; the widow who continually seeks justice; and the remorseful tax collector who begs God's mercy for his sins.

On the 27th Sunday of the Year (6th October) we hear of a servant minding sheep. Jesus' audience might have thought of the young shepherd boy David, who bravely defended his flock from wild animals. Night and day, he would stay with the animals, until the moment when he was called back from his work, to be anointed by the prophet Samuel. Later, when he became a servant of King Saul and was invited to become the king's son-in-law, he replied: "Does this seem a small thing? I am just a poor man, of no repute." Similarly, the dutiful servant in the gospel maintains a humble attitude, as he gets

on with his work: "We are merely servants. We have simply done our duty." We can reflect: are we happy just to do our duty?

We hear of the ten lepers in the gospel for the 28th Sunday of the Year (13th October). Probably these men did not suffer from mycobacterial leprosy (Hansen's disease) but from another serious dermatological condition such as severe psoriasis. When they beg Jesus to cure them, he sends them off to the priests, whose job included verifying whether the skin disease had disappeared (Leviticus chapters 13-14). Yet only one of them returns to Jesus to offer thanks—and this man was a despised Samaritan. When God gives us many blessings in our lives, do we remember to respond with thanksgiving? A widow persistently seeking justice is the focus for the gospel on the 29th Sunday of the Year (20th October). We could think of the Argentinian Mothers

of the Disappeared, whose children were forcibly taken away from them in the 1970s and 1980s, and never seen again. These women have kept up a regular protest for justice at the Plaza de Mayo in central Buenos Aires. The widow in the gospel also keeps coming before the unjust judge seeking justice for some serious wrong done to her. For a long time the judge dismisses her complaints, but finally her persistence wears him out, and so he grants her just rights to her. Is God really as uncaring as this unjust judge? Surely not. Hence the challenge of this parable. Day in and day out, do we have the faithful perseverance to continue in our prayers?

A contrast between a tax collector and a Pharisee appears in the gospel for the 30th Sunday of the Year (27th October). This story uses stock characters to make a point. In reality, not all Pharisees were proud hypocrites, and not all

tax collectors offered humble prayer. The Pharisee's judgmental attitude focuses on the faults of others, regarded as guilty of greed and injustice and sexual offences. Unfortunately, in our modern society, the newspapers and television and social media often delight in broadcasting the faults of others. Frequently ignored or unnoticed are the serious attempts by people to reform their lives and do better. Jesus' parable highlights the figure of the tax collector who is aware of his failings and simply begs for divine forgiveness: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Can we ask for God's help to overcome our weaknesses?

Father Jeremy Corley teaches Sacred Scripture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland. For notes on all the Sunday readings, see the Tarsus website: <https://www.tarsus.ie/page-2/>



## Life Matters

### *Life matters: 40 Days for Life*

56 million human lives are lost to abortion globally each year. In Britain every single day there are over 550 abortions, about 50 of which are babies already looking like a little newborn child and moving independently.

In 2007 an international organisation called 40 Days for Life was formed to help end this by prayer, sacrifice and street witness. Due to their campaigns, it is estimated that 15,256 unborn children have been saved, and many abortion facilities throughout the world have been closed.

This year, 40 Days for Life campaigns will be running in Southampton, Bournemouth, Portsmouth, and (for the first time) in Reading. These will run from the 25th September 2019 until the 3rd November 2019 daily from 8am to 8pm for 7 days. It is not too late to get involved.

Firstly, you can pray and fast (from food or other pleasures) for the intentions of the campaign. Secondly, you can join in praying the Holy Rosary outside abortion providers, to be a visible witness and defender of human life from conception. This

may sound daunting. But we have the legal right to pray peacefully and offer help there. The police are always fully informed, and each hour of prayer has at least 2 participants. St Pope John Paul II said "Do not be afraid to go out on the streets and into public places, like the first Apostles who preached Christ and the Good News of salvation in the squares of cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel (Rom 1,16)." For more information see <https://www.40daysforlife.com>





# Charity Profile



## 'Baptised and Sent': Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019

World Mission Sunday - the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission - will happen on 20 October this year. And this year, it is running alongside another exciting global event!

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has declared October 2019 to be a special month of prayer and action, to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church. And the Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019) is nearly here.

EMM2019 marks the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, which Pope Francis describes as 'a milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work'. And a century later, the call to *missio ad gentes* is as urgent as ever. This is an incredible opportunity for all of us to reflect on and pray for the Church's mission, and for the whole Church to fully realise that in our rapidly changing world the Gospel is needed now more than ever!

Missio: today, tomorrow, together

Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National Director, says: 'All of us who believe in Jesus Christ as Son of God and Saviour received our faith from God through those missionaries, who long ago left their homes and families to share their faith with those in foreign lands. Their sharing usually took place in the context of serving those in need, especially the poor and oppressed, thus demonstrating the character and power of God's love in our world.'

'I have seen the fruit of that work in many countries in Africa and Asia, where there is a host of young and dynamic Catholic communities committed to following Jesus Christ. Yet we must not make the mistake of assuming that mission abroad has no place in our modern world.'

'The Holy Father challenges us to be in a permanent state of mission, for "each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love" (Message for World Mission Sunday, 2019).'

'I hope that this month will help us all to look back in thanksgiving for all that has been achieved by the missionary work of the Church and look forward with hope to a future when all peoples will know the saving and liberating love of Jesus Christ.'

Missio invites everyone to get involved in EMM2019, joining our sisters and brothers around the world in faith and renewal. Find out more about EMM2019 at [missio.org.uk/emm](http://missio.org.uk/emm) and see how you can get involved - personally and as a community - in this special celebration of mission. You can find out more about World Mission Sunday (October 20) at [missio.org.uk/wms](http://missio.org.uk/wms)

### Introduction

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission, being 100 years since Pope Benedict XV's teaching on mission.

It will be a special month of prayer and action, calling us all to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples. (PMS) As a way of increasing our understanding of mission to the nations, and our commitment to it, we offer these short key messages about Mission, taken from Church documents.

### WHO?

We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about sharing the Gospel with those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. All of them have the right to receive the Gospel. (EG 15)

One hundred years ago, Pope Benedict XV wrote, "There still remain in the world immense multitudes of people who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death". (MI)

Today, the Church, sent by Christ to reveal and to communicate the love of God to all nations, is aware that there still remains an enormous task for her to accomplish. (AG 10)

### WHAT?

Mission is to bear witness to the Risen Jesus and his Gospel. There can be no true evangelisation without the explicit proclamation of Jesus as Lord. (EG 110 - SJP2)

God became one of us and knows our joys and sorrows. He calls us to love with all our hearts: to act with humility and respect for the dignity of each and every person, to be at the service of the poor and the marginalised, to forgive and let go, to be responsible stewards of creation, and to build a world of peace and justice. God calls us into communities of faith and action.

### WHY?

At baptism we receive our mission to evangelise to the ends of the earth. (FM)

Everyone has a right to hear the Gospel: the good news that God loves them and that love is stronger than death. (EG 15)

There must be no lessening of the impetus to preach the Gospel to those who are far from Christ, because this is the first task of the Church. (HFMI)

One of the worst discriminations that the poor can suffer is the lack of spiritual care. We must not fail to offer them God's friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith. Our preferential option for the poor must mainly translate into a privileged and preferential religious care. (EG 200)

The Lord calls us to go beyond ourselves and to share with others the blessings we have received, beginning with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered as a private privilege but must be seen as a gift to be shared with those who have not yet received it. (WMS 1992)

### WHERE?

In response to the Great Commission of Our Lord Jesus Christ to 'go make disciples of all nations', we bear witness to Jesus Christ, especially in situations of poverty, persecution and marginalisation throughout the world.

The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. (EG 114)

### HOW?

In continuity with the mission of Jesus, we are open to the joy of the Gospel, and with courage beckon the Holy Spirit to create newness in the ways we bear witness to the nations. (PMS)

Missio enables Catholics in England and Wales to live out their call to mission, received at Baptism and enables local Churches to reach out to their own communities with the love and compassion of Christ.

Missio encourages the Catholic Church across the world to work together in proclaiming the unconditional love of the Father for all peoples.

Missio's goals consist of informing and

forming the People of God to share in the Church's universal mission, promoting vocations ad gentes and encouraging cooperation in the work of evangelisation with a truly universal spirit. This universal spirit expresses in concrete ways the Holy Father's concern for all the Churches.

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**PMS** - Address to PMS Assembly 2018, Pope Francis

**EG** - *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis

**MI** - *Maximum Illud*, Pope Benedict XV

**AG** - *Ad Gentes*, Vatican II

**FM** - EMM October 2019, Fr Fabrizio Meroni, Secretary General, PMU HFMI - Holy Father's Letter on *Maximum Illud* (2017)

**WMS** 1992 - Message of Pope St John Paul II for WMS 1992



OCTOBER 2019

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today. Tomorrow. Together.

## Thanks to you Sr Clara rescued these girls from exploitation

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# Brush Strokes

By Fr Tom Grufferty



## St. Francis of Assisi - Feast Day October 4th



It is well known that Pope Francis has made great efforts to have dialogue with Muslim leaders all over the Middle East. He is following in the footsteps of the much greater Francis of Assisi. 800 years ago, this year, in 1219, the Friar from Assisi made an audacious trip to Egypt to meet with the new Sultan of Egypt. The courage of such a visit is heightened enormously when you consider that the 5th Crusade was in full swing, and the purpose of the humble friar was to preach to the Sultan and convert him to Christianity. The new leader did not convert but he was moved enough to let Francis return to his beloved Italy. But the visit brought other benefits too, Sultan Al Kamil gave Francis freedom to move anywhere within the Muslim world and that is why the Franciscans have responsibility for many religious sites in Jerusalem and the Holy Land to this day. Study the meeting between Francis and the Sultan as illustrated.

Millions of people since have been impressed with St. Francis of Assisi. Different people find him attractive in different ways. For some he is found in nature and creation, for

others in the birds, for many in animals but for me I find him most of all in his hometown of Assisi in the Umbrian Countryside. I cannot resist the artwork in the Papal Basilica of St. Francis.

The Frescos in both the Upper and Lower Basilicas were created by the greatest artists of the day as far back as 1250. There is a very clever encounter, missed by most tourists, between Francis and Jesus. On one wall you have scenes from the life of Jesus and parallel transept you have scenes from the life of St. Francis. There are several outstanding works by Giotto.

This world heritage site is growing year on year. It attracts all kinds of people, many of whom are not Christian. Due to international aid the whole town has recovered from the two earthquakes of 1997.

Whoever goes to Assisi their experience is enriched by the works of art. My favourite image is when Francis has renounced all his worldly possessions while his outraged father and the local Bishop plead with him to see sense.



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# View from the Pew

By Dr Jay Kettle-Williams



## Abuse is not just a 4-letter word. Throw the windows open wide

Cardinal George Pell of Australia lost his appeal in August this year against his sexual abuse conviction, re-kindling media and public attention on such shenanigans and other goings-on in the Catholic Church.

It was investigative journalism, such as that by The Boston Globe as long ago as 2001, which prompted the film *Spotlight* (released November 2015) and which helped bring public attention to bear on sexual misdemeanours within the Catholic Church. Were it not for those journalists, the authorities of law and order either side of The Pond and elsewhere might well have continued to refer such reports, claims and deviant incidences to the Church authorities for them alone to deal with in-house. But the cat was out of the bag, on full public display. And from where one cat emerged, others were to follow. It was just a matter of time.

On the instigation of Pope Francis in 2014 came the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors charged with advising the Pontiff on child protection policies. The Centre for Child Protection (CCP) at the Jesuit-run Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome retains the vanguard in addressing clerical sexual abuse.

Readers of these pages may well recall the earlier article on this subject along with the book review (ref: domestic abuse) as well as the full panoply of all forms of abuse. The footnote below refers.

cial compensation, has and is being paid by the Catholic Church in some instances when the abused, deprived and persecuted are still alive. But it's not such an easy matter when victims are no longer living, when it's only their immediate or distant, direct or indirect descendants now living amongst us.

Historical slavery is a case in point, be that the slavery of Ancient Egypt, Greece or Rome, Russian serfdom, among African tribes and the Aztecs, by the Spaniards, Chinese, French, during the time of the British Empire ... wherever and whenever until now. Where do you start with reparation? Who owes what to whom? Who should be the beneficiaries? To what degree? With what entitlements? Where does foreign aid – be that past or current, governmental, private or from NGOs – come into the mix? Hell would freeze over before you managed to get that spreadsheet up and running!

Admittedly cultures were different in the past and we cannot judge the past – when men might legitimately carry a sword – by the standards of today, when it's illegal to carry a blade. Perhaps I'm being arch by such an example, but I can't help but wonder about the mindset of future generations. What, when the time arrives, are they going to think of us who are active in today's world?

Yes, I firmly agree with those who say that the past is the past, that what's done is done ... and dusted. You can't change the past, but you can learn from history. To acknowledge that slavery of yesteryear is wrong, against the dignity of humankind, is commendable but not as commendable as bringing all the forces currently at our disposal to eradicate abuse, in all its dimensions and manifestations, where it persists.

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Footnote to paras 1-4 above: The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors counts among its members German Father Hans Zollner, theologian and psychologist and President of The Centre for Child Protection (CCP).

It was for her Master's thesis that Angela Rinaldi, a 28-year-old Italian research assistant at the CCP, 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 only available 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.

Rinaldi concludes that 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.

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

Domestic violence is one of a number of variations which is comprehensively addressed by Nikki Dillon Keane in *Domestic Abuse in Church Communities*, (Redemptorist Publications, 82 pages, pbk, 2018, £4.99).

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**CSW looks at the word "Baptism"**

The English word baptism is derived indirectly through Latin from the neuter Greek concept noun baptisma (Greek βάπτισμα, "washing-ism"), which is a neologism in the New Testament derived from the masculine Greek noun baptisimos (βαπτισμός), a term for ritual washing in Greek language texts of Hellenistic Judaism during the Second Temple period, such as the Septuagint. Both of these nouns are derived from the verb baptizō (βαπτίζω, "I wash" transitive verb), which is used in Jewish texts for ritual washing, and in the New Testament both for ritual washing and also for the apparently new rite of baptisma.

Baptism has similarities to Tvilah, a Jewish purification ritual of immersing in water, which is required for, among other things, conversion to Judaism, but which differs in being repeatable, while baptism is to be performed only once.

By the third and fourth centuries, baptism involved catechetical instruction as well as chrismation, exorcisms, laying on of hands, and recitation of a creed. In the early middle ages infant baptism became common and the rite was significantly simplified.

For Roman Catholics, baptism by water is a sacrament of initiation into the life of the children of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1212–13). It configures the person to Christ (CCC 1272), and obliges the Christian to share in the Church's apostolic and missionary activity (CCC 1270). The Catholic holds that there are three types of baptism by which one can be saved: sacramental baptism (with water), baptism of desire (explicit or implicit desire to be part of the Church founded by Jesus Christ), and baptism of blood (martyrdom).



Abuse, as authorities acknowledge, shows itself in many forms, not just sexual, singly or in combination. The common factor of all forms of abuse is the exercise of power to the harm or detriment of a person or persons. Perhaps the time has now come for the Catholic Church formally to broaden its brief on abuse beyond the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and the CPP, but without losing their common focus, to recognise and address abuse in its full context under a new umbrella initiative. Rather than vaingloriously brick up the window with clerical fervour, the heavy curtain should be pulled aside from any clerical bastion to see clearly what's out there. But God forbid – if, when and as that curtain is pulled back – that there'll be many others similarly or otherwise wounded. But it's better that the windows be thrown open wide.

The currently popular theme of reparation is one way perhaps to assuage consciences among wrongdoers and to help appease those who have suffered wrong. Reparation, in the form of finan-



# How Hannah makes a difference in port



With her engaging smile, twenty-four-year-old Hannah Forrest has become a popular Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) ship visitor with seafarers visiting the Port of Plymouth.

And in July, at the Curzon cinema in London's West End, Cardinal Vincent Nichols presented her with the Pope Francis award from the charity Million Minutes, which celebrates the contributions young people make to creating a better society through putting Catholic social teaching into action.

It was seeing an AoS poster for Sea Sunday that sparked her interest in becoming a ship visitor, she said. "I was unemployed at the time, and felt that I needed to get out and do something," said twenty-four-year-old Hannah Forrest.

"My Dad told us some things about what life was like on board warships, and the amazing places he had visited during his sea time. He is very enthusiastic, and we used to go to Portsmouth dockyard and other similar museums when we were younger, where he would teach us about the ships."

Hannah didn't have a Catholic education. Instead she attended Wyvern Technology College in Fair Oak, and then Barton Peveril sixth form college in Eastleigh. I found that I was challenged on my faith frequently by curious classmates. This helped me to be constantly aware of why I was Catholic, and gave me opportunities to reflect on my faith, and the deeper questions surrounding this. My parents were a wonderful support with this."

After sixth form college, she studied psychology at the University of Plymouth. "I am fascinated by people, and wanted to learn more about human behaviour. I was also very interested in the causes of and treatments for mental health conditions," she explained.

She lives at the presbytery of her local church, Christ the King in Plymouth, which has been turned into student and graduate accommodation. She ran the student church for four years and still likes to help out where she can, such as reading at Mass occasionally.

Being a ship visitor has opened her eyes to how much we all rely on seafarers, she said. Around 90% of imports into the UK come by ship, with most of those working on board coming from far away corners of the world, such as the Philippines, India and Eastern Europe.

"Seafarers are away from their families for so long. I think it's easy to see a ship but not think of who is working on it. Certainly, for me, without knowing that AoS existed, it would not have occurred to me the importance of seafarers to my life."

For the last eighteen months she has been working alongside AoS port chaplain Ann Donnelly, providing practical help and pastoral care to seafarers. This might be anything from providing mobile phone top-up cards or routers for WiFi to arranging transport to local shops or for a priest to visit a ship.

When she first began ship visiting, she was surprised at the size of some of the vessels and how small the crews were. And she soon learned about the strain of being away from your family for months at a time.

"One visit that sticks with me was when we met a seafarer with a young child back home. He had over four months left of his contract, and said he was homesick. He said he was worried that his daughter wouldn't recognise him, or would be intimidated by him when he returned home.

"We were able to reassure him, listen to his worries, and encourage him. He said that he felt better for talking about his worries."

She first learned about life at sea from her father, who was a naval architect.

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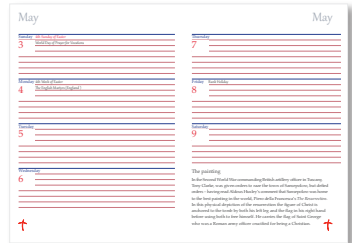
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# INTRODUCING... PENGUINO AND THE RAIN

"BORED!" shouted Penguino.

Professor Pingus, Penguino's teacher glared at him and said "Why do you have to be so impatient? Why can't you think of something to do?"

Penguino looked grumpy, "But it's raining...and it's breaktime! I want to go outside and play pingball! What's the point of rain anyway? It is soooooo wet! Why did God create water? We don't need it - we've got snow and ice which is much more fun!"

Professor Pingus was so stunned by the comment he stood there in silence. Even Frostie, Penguino's best friend, was startled by the slightly ignorant comment as he stared at his friend with a look on his face that said, "SERIOUSLY? Did you actually just say that?"

Eventually Professor Pingus blurted out, "Penguino! You do know that snow and ice is made of water?" Penguino looked from side to side. Having taken in this new bit of information he hesitantly said "Yes! Everyone knows that!"

## "THE 3 STATES OF WATER"

said Professor Pingus triumphantly.

### "WATER, ICE and STEAM"



Penguino, thought "STEAM???" Penguins don't see a lot of steam in the Antarctic - but he looked around the room, assessed the situation and decided it was best not to ask what steam was!



"When water gets cold it turns to ice", Pingus continued until he was interrupted by Frostie... "At 0 degrees Celsius, Sir". Penguino gave him a grumpy look, feeling his friend had made him look slightly more stupid!

Pingus had seen that a number of the little penguins in the class looked confused when he mentioned steam. "And when you heat water it turns to steam, which is a bit like a cloud."

"At 100 degrees Celsius, Sir!"

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning —the second day.

"Thank you Frostie", Pingus said with a look of surprise. The professor turned back to Penguino, "So why do you hate water so much Penguino?" The little penguin thought for a moment and said, "well ice is so much better, without it we couldn't play pingball" - which is a bit like football but it's played on ice and there is a lot more sliding involved. "We are allowed to play on the ice - but we're too young to go into the sea because its 'DANGEROUS'!" He said it in a way that gave the impression that his mum had told him this a million times. "AND we are stuck in this room BORED because its raining!"



"What about all the good things about water?" Pingus said, leaving a pause to let the little penguin think. "Do you remember the last time you were thirsty and you insisted on licking some ice instead of drinking water. I suspect you didn't like ice that day - and you would have said so if you hadn't had a lump of ice frozen to your tongue! And how did we remove it...warm water!" Penguino looked slight embarrassed and irritated at the same time. Which was made worse when Flo, Sue and Sparkes started shaking with laughter.



"When you think about it," Pingus said, "it's amazing how water, steam and ice are so different when they are made up of the same thing."

"Like God, Sir!" this time Penguino turned to Frostie gratefully thinking he'd taken the pressure off by saying possibly the stupidest thing he'd ever heard!

"EXCELLENT FROSTIE!" Pingus exclaimed whilst Penguino's jaw dropped, "have I missed something?" he thought. Frostie's victory slide across the floor didn't help the situation!



Frostie continued, "well you have God the Father, Jesus who is God the Son, and you have God the Holy Spirit. We see them all as being very different, however, all 3 are made of the same thing."

Penguino was just wondering whether his friendship with Frostie had dragged on long enough, when it occurred to him "actually that's pretty clever!" Unusually for him he sat there for a few minutes in silence. Suddenly the idea of God being 3 people but 1 God seemed to be slightly easier to understand.

He also figured that he couldn't really wish that God hadn't created water when he loves ice so much! "I guess it is quite useful to understand things" he thought to himself as he turned to his best friend and said "WHATEVER!!"





## Through the Cloister Garden Gate

**M**y first encounter with the Bridgettine Sisters of Syon Abbey was in Advent 1981. Living in the Parish of Rattery, near South Brent Devon, I had returned to the church after welcoming God back into my life following a disastrous ear operation at the age of 33.

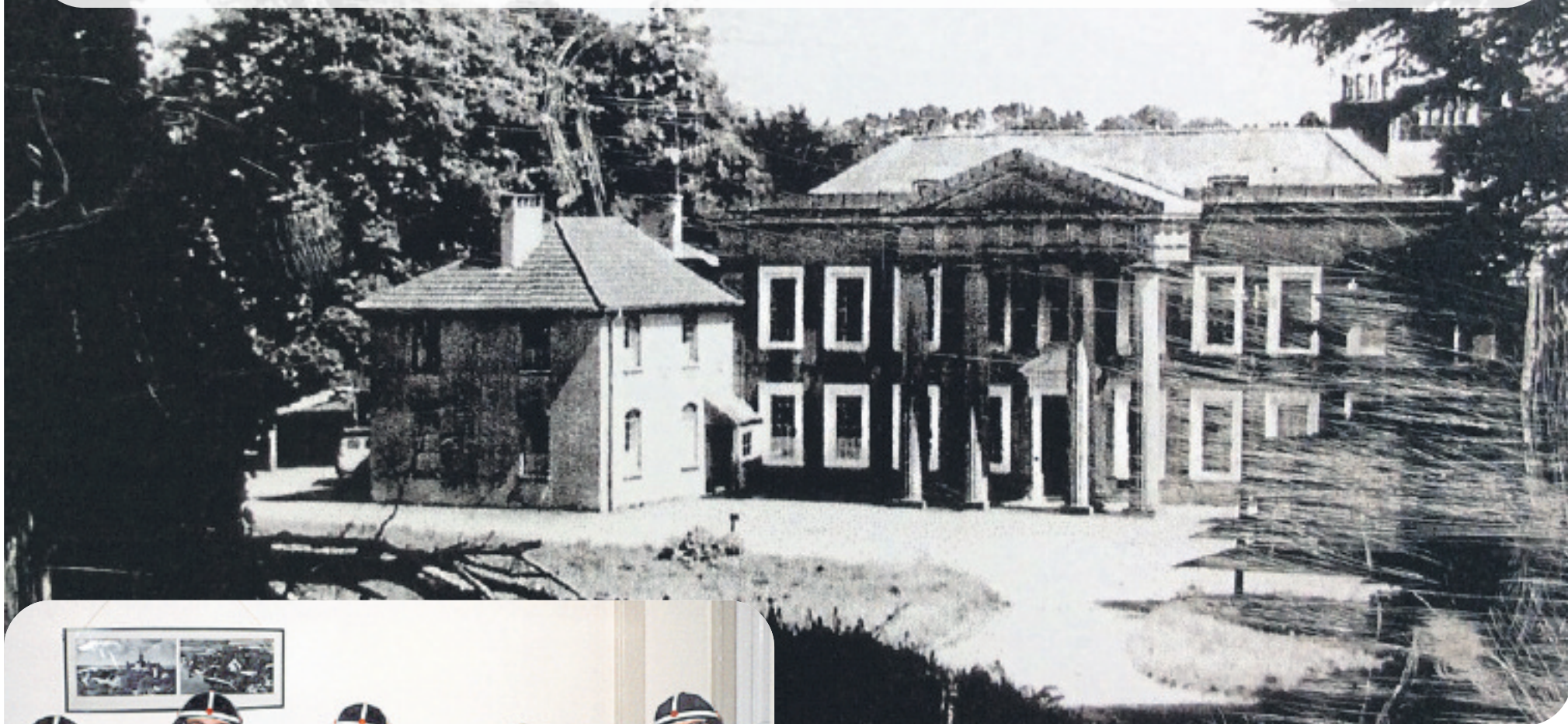
"Come carol singing to Syon Abbey", an older deaf friend Peggy invited me. That dark night we drove down the long drive to Marley House and entered the L shaped chapel beside the tall columned portico of the grey mansion. Welcomed by Jesuit priest ~Fr

Robinson, we settled down to hear the dulcet tones of the sisters singing an old carol- it was magical-like angels. After singing our carols we entered the huge door of the house, ascended the grand stairway by the impressive marble columns, all tripping into the Grate Room.

There they were, the Sisters of the ancient enclosed Syon Abbey in their full grey habits and unique white crowns with a cross on their heads bearing five red spots on each point.

They welcomed us so joyously, especially our young children. I had not met Catholic nuns before and this was not long after Vatican Council II which had made things easier with contact with the outside world. We bade goodbye and drove to their former estate farm. There in Marley farmhouse I sat by the inglenook log fire. I had a vision of myself working in their cloister garden with trees and shrubs, Four years later, after a sustained friendship with the sisters, it came true!...

*Joy Hanson ...next episode to follow*



*Syon Abbey, West Front*



*Sisters at Syon Abbeyc.1986*

*L - R: Sr M Giovanna, The Lady Abbess Mother Anna Maria, Sr M Julie, Sr M Gabrielle and Sr M Bridget*

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# All of a piece

By Julia Beacroft

I HAVE ALWAYS absolutely loathed doing jigsaws. We have a great family 'dine-out' anecdote featuring moi, about my jigsaw exploits. Apparently I used to rip bits off the jigsaw pieces to make them fit, when I was a child. The fact that the picture didn't make any sense whatsoever was apparently irrelevant to me, or so I've been told! It seems that doing jigsaws is just not in my skills set – both then and now.

## EXTRAORDINARILY GIFTED

There is a lovely quotation which claims:

'Love what you do, by doing what you're good at' and I feel that this is so true. We are almost certainly good at doing the things which we love. And yet I have noticed time and again some incredible facts about the talents which people have. We are an extraordinarily gifted people and our range of talents is indeed breathtaking. It's an interesting fact that if a number of completely diverse people found themselves in a strategic situation, such as on a desert island, the miracle would be that the combination of their individual skills would be sufficient for survival, or to achieve some measure of success in another situation. It's also incredible how we can learn to improve upon our gifts because we have been given the capacity to do so.

In his letter to the Romans, St Paul reminds us of these different gifts and of our need to use them to their fullest advantage:

'We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully'.

## FIT TOGETHER

Of course St Paul is absolutely right in that we are called to share those gifts which we have been entrusted with and he also points out that these are ours only by virtue of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we can explore this still further by looking at each person as a whole. We have been created with a perfect balance of characteristics, skills and tastes in what is the miracle of life.

There is another idiom which refers to the 'rich tapestry of life' and every single person is part of that tapestry. Whether we consider ourselves to be an individual stitch in it or one jigsaw piece in the whole picture, that picture or tapestry would be incomplete without it – without you or I. And so we give grateful thanks to the Creator who made all things and endowed us with such a marvelous variety of gifts and talents. By his grace our personal jigsaw is thereby complete, designing us to fit together with each other and with Christ.

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In response to Christus Vivit and the Synod on Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment, Youth Ministry in the Clifton Diocese is taking a step forward in its support and ministry to Parishes.

To facilitate this, we have developed a new vision for Youth Ministry, Called, Equipped, Sent, embarked on a trial of the CYMFed Faith in Action Award, and to bring this together, establishing Youth Ministry Networking groups across the diocese.

These Networking groups will be a place where parishes can engage with Youth

Ministry training and formation, sharing good practice & resources, as well as a forum to share the joys and challenges of working with young people. Each of the Networking group meetings will be facilitated by the Diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry, alongside the Adult Education & Evangelisation team.

We are asking every parish to put forward one or two Lay members of their community who can attend the gatherings, feed into the discussions and feedback to the parish community.

This person might be a Confirmation Catechist, or someone involved in Youth Ministry already, but it doesn't have to be. If you are interested in representing your parish, speak to your Parish Priest about attending one of the initial gatherings listed below.

As we journey towards the Year of Communion, we hope that a member of each parish community can attend these initial meetings and help to build the Youth Ministry community in the Diocese. To register your attendance email: youth@cliftondiocese.com

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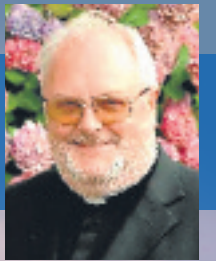
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# Prayer

by Fr Denis Blackledge



## LETTING GO

Loving Lord,  
learning to float on water  
is a good way of learning how to pray.  
For the simple lesson to be learned  
is to trust myself to what apparently  
is unable to hold and carry me,  
and let my whole self relax and rest  
upon  
one of the most basic elements  
that from time immemorial has fright-  
ened humans. Making friends with  
water in this way  
can tell us a lot  
about making friends with you, Lord.  
Developing a relationship of trust  
that learns how to lean back  
and let you take the strain.  
And once that fear-barrier is broken  
down  
and passed through,  
the elemental joy of floating takes over  
and give a new dimension to living

Loving Lord,  
establishing a relationship of utter

trust,  
of letting go so I can be carried,  
is absolutely basic when it comes  
to growing in depth.  
For I literally have to accept  
that being out of my depth  
is the fundamental status of a human  
being. And learning how to float on  
water  
tells its own tale.  
For it doesn't matter how shallow  
or how deep the water is.  
What matters is the depth  
of my own trusting!  
Once I can get my feet off the bottom  
and begin to realize that I'll always be  
held, and only my panic or fear can  
make me sink, then I've cracked it,  
for the two of us have no barriers be-  
tween us, and all the facts are friendly.

Loving Lord,  
so it is with you.  
Learning how to pray  
can only come out of the depths  
of each of us individual human beings

with our unique history and mystery.  
Just letting go and entrusting our  
whole self as we are and feel right  
now,  
and leaning up against you, Lord

Loving Lord,  
the problem often  
is that we want to swim before we can  
float.  
We want to do things for you and get  
somewhere before we've established  
that deep trust.  
We want religion before relationship.

Loving Lord,  
teach us all that floating  
is far more important than swimming.  
Teach us all that being-with you  
is far more important than doing-for  
you. That way we'll be better swim-  
mers too in your love and service,  
for once we've genuinely learned to  
float we can never forget.  
Loving Lord,  
teach us how to float. Amen.

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## QUOTES

*In our unusual and occasionally exasperating times, we thought it might be time for some upbeat quotes so this month's are all about looking on the bright side.*

“

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

*Winston Churchill*

The basis of optimism is sheer terror.

*Oscar Wilde*

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“

When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it

*Theodore Roosevelt*

The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser – in case you thought optimism was dead

*Robert Brault*

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“

The man who is a pessimist before 48 knows too much; if he is an optimist after it he knows too little.

*Mark Twain*

I am an optimist. Anyone interested in the future has to be otherwise he would simply shoot himself

*Arthur C Clarke*

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# REVIEWS

## AN ASTONISHING SECRET

*The Love Story of Creation and the Wonder of You*  
**Daniel O'Leary**  
 Columba Press,  
 pbk, 254 pages, 2017, 2019,  
 £12.99

The opening words in the Foreword break open the mind and heart of this well-known author, who sadly died earlier this year – hence the reprint – and give a clear map of what to expect in this, his penultimate book. He begins: "Once we equate

God with life itself a transformation takes place in the way we believe.

Once we remove everything that separates divinity and humanity, heaven and earth, grace and nature, then we begin to truly and freely live and move in another milieu. Once we use the same name for the Gracious Mystery and Mother of all becoming, and the primal energy of creation and ongoing



evolution, our faith cannot ever be the same again. And once we commit to identifying God's intimate presence in our evolving, sensual perception of the world's most beautiful artistry, creativity and imagination, in our every breath and heartbeat, in our daily darkness and invincible light, then we are living the incarnation of God in Jesus." [p13]

Following in the footsteps of the theological outlook of John Duns Scotus, Meister Eckhart, Teilhard de Chardin, Richard Rohr and Ilia Delio, the reader is taken into the theology of Pope Francis through forty-two reflections on Laudato Si, and seven on Evangelii Gaudium. The writer shows how creation and incarnation are

two moments of the one act of God's self-giving love, and that there is a deep compatibility between Christianity and evolution. [p81] The blight of dualism is replaced by a sacramental vision, by deeper insight and mystical awareness. There is a new way of looking, a new way of seeing, a new way of being. [pp115, 120, 161] The consequence of incarnation is that everything is a sacrament, and beauty awakens us to our own mystery. [pp 182, 186]

The writer has dug deep, and has mined a cornucopia of theological insights which will delight, challenge, and bring fresh hope and vision. Pick it up and ponder it if you dare!

## HOPE IN ALL THINGS

**Paul O'Reilly SJ**  
 Messenger Publications,  
 pbk, 71 pages, 2019,  
 £ 8.95

This is a delightfully simple and simply delightful collection of forty-four personal reflections, which focus on five practical areas: healing, prayer, community, service and inspiration. The writer is a Jesuit priest who is by trade a medical doctor, working alongside street homeless people.



There's a freshness and honesty in these pages, which touch on his own constant learning experience as a friend and follower of Jesus, and open up the possibility of finding God in all things and all people, a deeply Ignatian principle. The title gives away his basic angle: to bring a touch of true hope to folk in whatever situations they find themselves in.

The reflections are no longer than a page or two, and can be chosen at random. Whoever picks up this little nugget will catch something of the man behind the words: he is clearly a holistic healer, with hope in his heart. And these personal notes will help to deepen the prayer life of the reader, and spark fresh hope in her or his mind, heart and daily life.

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## World Dishes

### Pumpkin Pancakes



#### Ingredients

- 250g plain flour
- 330g pumpkin/butternut squash puree\*
- 300ml milk
- 75g brown sugar
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice\*\*
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- 3 eggs

Makes about 12-15 pancakes

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 140c.
2. In medium bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, pie spice, and salt.
3. In large bowl, stir together eggs and sugar. Stir in milk, pumpkin and oil. Add flour mixture and stir just until smooth.
4. Heat griddle or large non-stick frying pan over a low to medium heat.
5. Working in batches, drop batter, a cup at a time, onto hot griddle. Cook pancakes until bubbles form on top and bottoms are golden brown, about 2½ minutes. Turn pancakes over.



6. Cook until bottoms are golden brown, about 2 minutes. Place on baking sheet in oven to keep warm. Make remaining pancakes.

7. Top with dried cranberries or raisins softened in a pot of warm maple syrup, and a sprinkling of toasted walnuts.

\*You can make your own by cooking pumpkin or squash until soft and then blending it to a pulp

\*\*You can make your own Pumpkin Pie Spice by mixing 4 tsp ground cinnamon, 2 tsp ground ginger, 1 tsp ground cloves and ½ tsp ground nutmeg. This will make more than you need for this recipe. Keep the rest in a storage jar until you need it next!

## The Latin Mass Society

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**Blessed Sacrament Church, Fore Street, Heavitree, EXETER EX1 2QJ**  
 Second Sundays of October, November and December. 3pm Sung Mass.\*  
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 4th Sundays 3.00pm Sung Mass  
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 Thursday 17th October Low Mass at 12 noon  
**Our Lady of Lourdes & St Cecilia, White Cliff Mill Street, BLANDFORD FORUM DT11 7BN**  
 Friday 1st November Low Mass at 12 noon  
**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St. Ignatius, North Road, Chideock, Dorset**  
 Saturday 28th September, 10.30am Sung Mass  
 in honour of the Chideock Martyrs, with veneration of relics.

\* NB change from third Sunday to Second Sunday for rest of the year.

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# Cardinal John Henry Newman to be made a Saint

Pope Francis has announced that the English Cardinal will be canonised on 13th October.

Fr. George Bowen C.O., the Director of the Newman Canonisation Committee, writes:

“All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday 13th October. This is a time of special grace for us to join together and form links in a great chain of prayer, where we call upon the soon-to-be-Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven. The Oratory encourages us to form links in that chain by joining in a Novena with Newman - nine days of prayerful preparation for the canonisation, starting on Friday 4th October and finishing on Saturday 12th October on the eve of the canonisation.”

When Cardinal Newman died at the age of 89, 15,000 people lined the city’s streets for his funeral. He will be the first English saint since the Forty Martyrs were canonised in 1970, after being executed under Reformation laws.

The Archbishop of Westminster Cardinal Vincent Nichols said it was a “moment of great pride”. “John Henry Newman is known for many great qualities, but we remember him particularly for the

kindness and compassion of his ministry to the people of Birmingham,” he said.

It comes after a second miracle in his name was confirmed by the Pope earlier this year. Two authenticated miracles are required before sainthood and Newman has been credited with curing a man’s spinal disease and is now said to have healed a woman’s unstoppable bleeding.

Newman was beatified (the process in which an individual is declared blessed after a miracle is attributed to him or her) in 2010 by Pope Benedict before tens of thousands of people in his home city.

Newman founded the Birmingham Oratory in Edgbaston in 1849 and during his life he was a respected religious scholar, who spent much of his time helping the poor and sick. He also helped to found what would later become the University College Dublin.

The British Ambassador to the Holy See, Sally Axworthy, added: “Cardinal Newman had a major impact on Catholic theology and on education worldwide, making him a truly global Briton. “I very much look forward to the celebrations.”

To find out more about the Novena and other prayers you can go to [www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com)



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

- 1 Cases I select at random for the book (12)
- 8 Concentrated exchange of Russian using little American money? (7)
- 9 Widespreadlootingatfirstduringsearch(5)
- 10 Netssecondfollowingcorner(5)
- 11 Stay in bed to read Punch, perhaps (3,4)
- 12 Obtain a new piano sound, but there's no intro to give one a clue (4,2,7)
- 15 Japanese massage some Muslims, and after time, American's back (7) 17 Up to now more than one's being abominable (5)
- 19 Hand needs week to bring on puppy (5)
- 20 Still, it is the road back after stagnation (7)
- 21 Decision at pontoon bridge: maybe it's one too far? (5,2,5)

### CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Whatcohesion?Everyone'sdifferent(4,2,3,3)
- 2 Georgia'sstudy,majoringindance(5)
- 3 Money nearly stretches to the Orient in subscription which covers two continents (7)
- 4 Carol's nice dull bijou building (2,5,6)
- 5 Lost cat after a little way, following fish (5)
- 6 SeeJeffEndicott'slodginginaddressouteast(7)
- 7 Scanned to get rub, something that's good for blocked pipes (12)

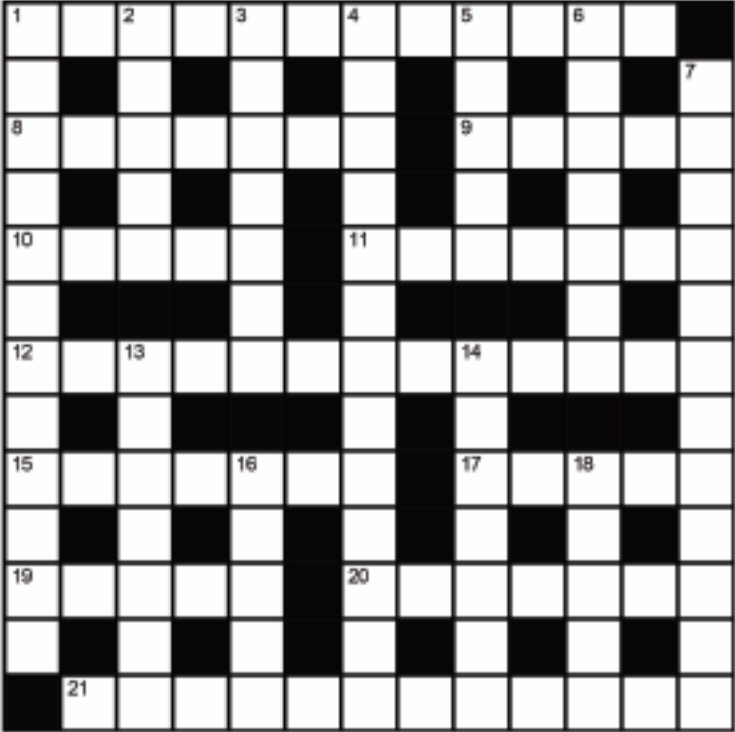
- 13 Virginia, one at home being the most self-important (7)
- 14 Critical point for resort in Florida (3,4)
- 16 Subject of river stems from a line on a map (5)
- 18 Sounding impatient but no good leaving when all are playing together (5)

### QUICK Across

- 1 One of the OT's Wisdom Books (12)
- 8 Focused (7)
- 9 Weapon (5)
- 10 Ensnarers (5)
- 11 Don't get up early from bed (3,4)
- 12 Get wind of something; suspect (4,2,7)
- 15 Japanese form of acupuncture (7) 17 Legends of the Himalayas (5)
- 19 Cub; pup (5)
- 20 Sloth; passivity (7)
- 21 Dilemma in pontoon to hold what you have or gamble by taking another card (5,2,5)

### QUICK Down

- 1 Saying that everyone has a right to have different preferences (4,2,3,3)
- 2 Latin American dance with dancers in single file (5)
- 3 Unbroken landmass from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific (7)
- 4 Christmas song anglicized as Good Christian Men,



- Rejoice (2,5,6)
- 5 Alley cat, for example (5)
- 6 Title of respect from the Ottoman Empire (7)
- 7 Chesty cough medicine (12)
- 13 Mostconceited(7)
- 14 Resort at the southernmost tip of Florida (3,4)
- 16 Subjectmatter(5)
- 18 In music, 'to be performed by the entire ensemble' (5)

### SOLUTION

Across: 1 Ecclesiastes, 8 Centred, 9 Rifle, 10 Traps, 11 Lay into, 12 Have an inkling, 15 Shiatzu, 17 Yetis, 19 Whelp, 20 Inertia, 21 Stick or twist. Down: 1 Each to his own, 2 Conga, 3 Eurasia, 4 In Dulci Jubilo, 5 Stray, 6 Effendi, 7 Decongestant, 13 Vainest, 14 Key West, 16 Topic, 18 Tutti.