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A photograph of a religious altar. In the center is a statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, both dressed in white and gold robes. To the right is a vase of pink and white flowers. In the foreground, two lit yellow candles are visible. The altar is set against a wooden-paneled wall.

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FROM CSW

Dear Reader,

As ever, there is so much to read in this edition. The Plymouth Diocese is highlighting the need to welcome migrants who frequently arrive on our shores with nothing, having fled terrible situations in their own homes.

Pentecost has been announced as a time for everyone to come back to Church, so we welcome back old friends, familiar faces and hopefully we will play our part in inviting people to Church and welcoming those who are new to Catholicism.

We offer a huge "congratulations" to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the amazing achievement of her Platinum Jubilee. All Churches have been asked to offer up Mass for the Queen this weekend

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OPEN-AIR ROSARY SERVICE

*at the Statue of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Plymouth Barbican.
Sunday afternoons in May at 3pm.*

ON THE FIRST four Sundays in May, at 3 pm, members of Plymouth's Legion of Mary will assemble in front of the wall-mounted Stella Maris statue on Lambhay Hill in Plymouth's historic Barbican waterfront.

They will lead the public recitation of five Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. They will also be able to greet passers-by and explain how they are celebrating the month

of May which for centuries in England has been dedicated to Our Lady, the Mother of Christ.

The Stella Maris statue is that of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who is the Patron Saint of all mariners, hence its location on the waterfront close to the original Seamen's Mission.

The worn and battered statue itself was rescued from a lost cargo of marble from

a ship which sank off Plymouth. All are welcome to join this brief service whether they are members of the Legion of Mary or not - past or present.

Those who cannot attend in person are encouraged to recite five Mysteries of the Holy Rosary in their own homes at the same time - if they are able - to commend all those who are suffering in mind or body, in war or poverty to the loving care of our Holy Mother, Mary.

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

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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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Migration issues in the UK: A Statement by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

In his 2014 message for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees Pope Francis wrote, 'We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees... are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved'.

1. This plea of Pope Francis is as urgent as ever. Given the events of recent weeks it is of particular relevance for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Our appeal for refugees and asylum seekers to be welcomed and respected is based on the fundamental principle of the dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. Every nation should recognise this dignity and the rights which flow from it.

2. We appreciate the complexity and magnitude of the challenges being faced in the ongoing migration crisis. With over 80 million people across the world displaced by war, poverty, persecution and the effects of global warming, this challenge requires collaborative international action. Although resources are limited and there are many competing demands, wealthy countries, including the UK should give leadership in this endeavour.

3. The value we attach to each person and the compassion which the afflicted deserve demands that we welcome asylum seekers, treating them justly and honouring their dignity as human persons.

4. The Nationality and Borders Act fails to do this. Those seeking refuge in the UK should be provided with safe routes for travelling, have the opportunity to tell their story, be listened to and have their cases assessed justly. We keep in mind that there is no illegal asylum seeker; to claim asylum is a human right.

5. People smugglers and modern-day human traffickers profit from the desperation and misery of refugees. We fully support their prosecution. It is imperative however to make a clear distinction between victims and those who exploit them. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing the victims.

6. Many British people have given witness to justice through hospitality, providing a compassionate welcome and campaigning on behalf of refugees. We applaud their efforts and kindness. Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously to asylum seekers whose dignity must be protected and upheld. Jesus taught us, "I was a stranger and you made me welcome." (Matt 25:35) so we will continue to advocate their cause.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference

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Ten new Saints



On Sunday 15 May Pope Francis presided over a morning Mass with the canonization of ten Blesseds: Titus Brandsma; Lazarus, also known as Devasahayam; César de Bus; Luigi Maria Palazzolo; Giustino Maria Russolillo; Charles de Foucauld; Marie Rivier; Maria Francesca di Gesù Rubatto; Maria di Gesù Santocanale; and Maria Domenica Mantovani.

Around the South West

First Parish Safeguarding Representatives Conference since the pandemic



On Saturday 7th May we held our first Parish Safeguarding Representatives Conference since before the pandemic. We had 50 Reps from throughout the diocese present.

Sr Damien Cunningham started the day with a beautiful opening prayer. We had a guest speaker from South West Grid for Learning who delivered a presentation regarding online safety. It helped to bring everyone up to date on current issues relating to keeping safe online – both adults and also our young people.

A Mass for Marriage is taking place on July 16 at Plymouth Cathedral



Please join us if you can at midday in the Cathedral, with a 'gathering' event from 11.00 in the Cathedral rooms.

Your married and family life will be blessed and strengthened. Meet other people who will pray for marriage and family life. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please send in your names if you would like them included in the Order of Service. You may be newly married, engaged, or have an anniversary - it doesn't matter how long, you may not have been able to celebrate due to lock down, so bring your friends and family and celebrate now!

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Linking the Generations

Caritas Plymouth

The intergenerational project led by Caritas Plymouth in partnership with Plymouth CAST multi-academy Trust has now been running for over a year, thanks to a grant from the inter-generational linking initiative, run by partner organisations My Home Life England and The Linking Network and funded by The Dunhill Medical Trust and the #iwill Fund.

During this time eleven schools from Plymouth CAST have joined the project and so far over 700 children have participated in activities. We have been inspired by the ways in which the school pupils have looked for ways to engage with a local Care Home – despite the challenges of COVID, creating artwork, pebble painting, sharing music, writing letters and finding creative ways to let the residents and staff in care homes know that others care for and are thinking of them.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that is not just care and respect that older

people need, but their autonomy, gifts, and participation in society should not be taken away simply because of age. Intergenerational activities can offer opportunities for participation and learning. Older people provide a vital link with heritage, history and culture, which can give young people a sense of identity and perspective. Young people can develop older people's skills and knowledge. Everyone gains through intergenerational links. If your school wants to start an intergenerational link please contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Care Home Open week will be from the 27th June – 3rd July 2022. This is an opportunity for all of us to connect with care homes in our communities. Too often we walk past care homes without wondering what happens inside. Look out for information about what your local care homes is doing this week and why not pop along?



This is a picture of residents from Upton Bay Care Home visiting St Mary and St Joseph's School in Wool.

The degradation of our Common Home



The degradation of our Common Home, aggravated by the current global pandemic, has had a disproportionate impact on everyone, especially on those who already face disadvantage, marginalisation and multiple forms of vulnerability. On 24 May, the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical – Laudato Si, Caritas Plymouth and CAFOD Plymouth organised an online event to

reflect on our Diocesan environmental policy and how we are all called to be stewards of God's creation. The event was led by Canon John Deeny and facilitated by James Trewby, Columban Justice and Peace education worker who invited participants to reflect on where we hear the cry of the Earth and what action we can take to care for our common home.

The event shared examples of how people are responding to the climate crisis in the UK and overseas: how people across the world are affected by climate change and what action they are taking. We heard Fr Jonathan Stewart talking about the impact of becoming a Live Simply parish and the ways in which we can all make a difference. We reflected on upcoming opportunities to take action including

working with Caritas Plymouth to host environment events in schools and parishes in Autumn 2022 to mark the Season of Creation and supporting CAFOD's campaign to Fix the Food System. If your parish or school would like to apply for funding to run events focusing on climate change please contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

We were inspired in our discussions by Pope Francis' video message for Laudato Si week and by the Prayer For Our Earth (Laudato Si)

**All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.**

**Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.**

Thanks to the National Lottery Communities Fund for their support for this project.

Diocesan Environmental Policy

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/environment/>

I never expected to be a priest

Fr Jonathan, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Heavitree

May 8th was Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The name springs from today's Gospel where Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who knows his sheep.

To be honest I never expected to be a priest. It wasn't something I particularly thought about as a child, or even growing up. Living at home I went to church faithfully with my Mum, my Dad wasn't a Catholic. When I left home I continued going, though perhaps more out of a sense of duty than desire. I hate disappointing people!

I would never have described myself as particularly religious, but I do know I was called by God. The word vocation comes from the latin 'vocare', 'to call'. I'd said explicitly to God in my prayer that if he wanted me to do something for him with my life he'd better show me what. He gently led me to a series of encounters with priests, men training to be priests and good, kind and faithful lay people, people like you. I believe he was showing me what my life could be like. No blinding light, rather a series of landing lights



guiding me to the path he wanted me to take.

It was a conversation with my cousin, who is also a priest, that helped the most. He said to me one day, "I think you'd enjoy it". I hadn't thought of enjoying it, only of sacrifice and duty.

So here I am, 22 years on, enjoying it! I love being a priest and only yesterday remarked to a parishioner that I know I'm

in the place God wants me to be. It's not always easy, but I know it's not always easy for you either.

St John Henry Newman reminds us we are all called to 'some definite service'. The call to serve God comes in many different ways. It comes in marriage and the single life, it comes whether we are young or old. It comes to rich and poor alike. To hear the call, open your heart and listen.

And please pray for vocations. Priests, deacons, nuns, monks and religious sisters and brothers don't grow on trees. They come from families like the families of our parish. Vocations need nurturing with prayer, love and example. And never forget that a word of encouragement can change everything: "I think you'd enjoy it."

God bless you. Have a good week.



Faith for the future

During Catholic Legacy Week, could you consider a gift in your Will to Catholic causes – to pass on your faith?

It could be the most significant gift of your life.

yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk/week



Photograph: Thom Flint/ CAFOD

What's your gift to the world?

Catholic Legacy Week 5-11 June

If the gift of faith matters, could you pass it on to future generations by remembering Catholic causes in your Will?

Imagine being at the first Pentecost. Think of the sound of the violent wind, the dramatic sight of the tongues of fire above each person...

On that day, the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the Church. It's a gift that has inspired faith through generations. And it's a gift that shapes our own life and actions, too.

What does the gift of faith mean to you?

Catholic Legacy Week starts on Pentecost Sunday (5 June), and during the week, Catholics like you are being asked to consider an important question: If the gift of faith matters, could you pass it on to future generations by remembering Catholic causes in your Will?

When you leave a gift in your Will, your values live on. You pass your faith on into

the future. And you keep making a difference, for generations to come.

Thirty Catholic organisations have come together for Catholic Legacy Week, so you can give to the causes close to your heart.

Of course, your loved ones come first when you make or amend your Will, but any gift to a Catholic organisation can have a significant impact. It's also very simple to include your chosen charity as a beneficiary in your Will.

We've received the gift of faith – and it changes everything.

A gift in your Will can pass on the gift of faith for future generations.

If you would like to find out more visit yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk or call Lily on 020 7095 5370

Scripture Focus

By Fr Jeremy Corley



"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

A few weeks ago, a French priest named Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916) was canonised at a ceremony in Rome. In his early years he was a soldier and visited north Africa. There he saw the devout prayer of many Muslims, and his Catholic faith was gradually rekindled. Later as a priest he returned to north Africa, where he gave witness to God by his life of prayer and service, without using words to preach.

In England also there are many Muslims who give a witness of prayer. In the street where I grew up, there is a mosque where several times a day the Muslim faithful go to pray. Sadly, not so many Catholic churches in England have a stream of worshippers coming to pray each day.

Why do we pray? First of all, we pray to say thank you to God for so many good things he gives, often without our being

aware of them all. But we also pray for our own needs and for the needs of those whom we love.

In earlier times many people lived in constant need, even of food to eat, and turned to God for help. In our modern western society, sometimes we feel less necessity to turn to God, because we have easy access to food, and the state generally provides healthcare and basic financial support. Yet for all the blessings that we have, we can give thanks.

Despite the benefits of our modern society, we still experience situations of need. We or our loved ones may become sick in mind or body. We may face financial need. Or we may experience troubles in our relationships with others at home or work. In many situations of need, we turn to God and ask for his help.

In the gospel for the 17th Sunday of the Year (24th July), Jesus tells us: "Ask and it will be given to you. Search and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you." If imperfect human parents feed and take care of their children, how much more will our heavenly Father take care of us.

But there is another aspect of prayer—adoration. When we see the beauty of nature, we can be overcome with the wonder of God's presence. We might see a dazzling sunset, or the starry sky at night, or even the simple beauty of a flower. We might hear the birds singing in the trees or listen to a favourite piece of music. At times we can be filled with a sense of wonder, becoming aware that we are children of the Almighty, who has given us a wonderful world. Within the Catholic tradition, we also have the practice of eucharistic adoration. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we worship Christ who

came to save us by dying for us and rising again. In response to his gift of himself, now sacramentally present, we place our lives before him.

In the Lord's prayer, we ask that God's name may be treated with respect. We pray that God's kingdom of peace and love may come, not just in our own lives but throughout the world. And we ask for our own needs—for the sustenance of daily bread, for forgiveness of our failings, and for preservation from excessive difficulty.

In fact, we have plenty of reasons to pray, both for our own needs and the needs of others. We pray for peace where there is conflict, and we ask that all humanity may care suitably for planet earth, our common home. So as we thank our heavenly Father for all the help he gives us, we pray for the grace to respond to his love, so that we can be his witnesses in our world today.

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Devastated Kyiv seminary plans to reopen

By John Newton ACN

A SEMINARY damaged and ransacked by Russian troops – who stole a chalice given by Pope St John Paul II – plans to re-open its doors this September with help from a leading Catholic charity.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has announced that it will help rebuild Sacred Heart Seminary in Vorzel, 20 miles (30 Km) east of Kyiv, which was looted by Russian troops after sustaining damage from two mortar bombardments.

Seminary rector Father Ruslan Mykhalkiv told ACN that the buildings were left in a terrible state.

He said: “They took everything they could – kitchen utensils, washing machines, computers and air conditioners.

“The seminarians’ rooms were ransacked and they took liturgical items, including a chalice donated by Saint John Paul II when he visited Ukraine in 2001.”

ACN has promised to cover the costs of replacing the furniture and equipment that was stolen in addition to rebuilding.

The Latin-Rite seminary was home to 25 young men training for the priesthood, but they were forced to abandon the site on

25th February, after Russian Federation fighters seized Kyiv International Airport and proceeded to enter Vorzel.

They had already occupied neighbouring Bucha, where soldiers reportedly killed hundreds of civilians.

Students and seminary staff fled with five children from the nearby orphanage and the two Sisters caring for them.

Father Mykhalkiv was able to return last month after Russian forces were driven out from the area around Ukraine’s capital.

He said: “We will be very grateful to ACN, if our seminarians manage to return in September.”

Magda Kaczmarek, ACN head of Ukraine projects, stressed that helping the Church to recover would be part of the charity’s ongoing work in the country.

She said: “Since the war started, we have been giving our full support to the local Church of both rites, Latin and Greek Catholic.

“First with emergency support in the war zones, and for refugees in the west of the country...



“Furthermore, in a second phase, we have been helping the parishes and monasteries in Ukraine that opened their doors to refugees, giving them material and spiritual support.

“In a third phase, and within our possibilities, we want to help repair the damage.”

Since the invasion of Ukraine, ACN has provided more than £2 million in essential help to enable the Church to minister to those affected by the war.

This includes aid announced last week providing food and shelter for more than 200 displaced women and children being cared for by Ivano-Frankivsk Archdiocese, western Ukraine.



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Updating the Curia

Canon Paul D'Arcy

Pope's Constitution for the Reform of the Roman Curia 'Praedicate Evangelium' released

On the sixth anniversary of his inauguration recently, Pope Francis issued a document entitled "Praedicate Evangelium" (Preach the Gospel).

This document about the reform of the Roman Curia, in the central departments of the Church's administration, is issued as an "Apostolic Constitution" which is the highest grade, and most authoritative type of Papal instruction.

Two things are apparent from reading Praedicate Evangelium. The title itself, is a strong reminder that all work undertaken on behalf of the Church is ultimately concerned with the spread of the Gospel, the Good News.

This emphasis is shown most clearly in the creation of a new Dicastery (Department) for Evangelization, of which the Pope himself will be the head. Some people have described him as "the chief missionary of a missionary church". Mission is very much at the heart of these reforms.

Unlike previous arrangements, all Vatican departments will now be set up on a similar footing. No one department will be able to tell others what to do. All departments will be expected to meet and talk regularly, taking decisions in a more collaborative or "synodal" fashion. The reform of the Roman Curia is just the latest part in a thoroughgoing reform of the Church being instigated by Pope Francis.

The aspect of the document that has received most media attention is that it removes the restriction on senior appointments in the Roman Curia, which have always been filled by Cardinals and Archbishops, so that lay people may now be appointed to these positions. It is now possible for a woman to become the head of a Vatican department.

After the service, Bishop Muth and a small group of Past visitors, chartered with the women were socially distanced tea and cake. Some knew Bishop Richard already because he had lodged on confirmed them on previous visits. Some approached Canon Paul D'Arcy, the National Catholic Chaplain for Prisons, asking for special prayers. We talked about the sunny weather, the beautiful prison gardens, listening.

Children, church, and making a fresh start. The women meeting that during Lent, they have been meeting in the prison chapel with their Catholic chaplain for weekly Stations of the Cross – just as many prisoners have been doing for the outside.

Past's strong roots are in the Catholic church. We consciously weave the principles of Catholic social teaching into the way we work. We invite parties to use the Stations of the Cross during Lent in solidarity with those who are in prison and their families.

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Stations of the Cross in HM Prison Send

Image: Andy Atkinson

Women at HMPS Send being escorted from the garden.

A community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others

"It took years to try and understand that Christ died on the cross to forgive my sins. I was sitting in a room with seven other men and I began to cry. I said, 'How can I possibly live with myself, with what I have done?' Then began the journey of building myself up."

These words were spoken by a former prisoner who is now a Past ambassador. They were also read aloud by Bishop Richard Muth last Friday in the chapel at HMPS Send, a women's prison in Surrey. Bishop Muth is the Liaison Bishop for Prisons. He was making the Stations of the Cross with the women, using the rose tree.

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View from the Pew

By Dr Jay Kettle-Williams





Come, Gabriel, blow your horn!

I wonder what Archangel Gabriel, patron saint of social communications and media, would have made of Twitter and the like. Let's cast our minds back a few eons.

The Walkman, I'm told, was devised by a Japanese gentleman keen on listening in public to the music of his choice, yet without imposing it upon those around him. That selfless philosophy then sired its own contradiction. Personal entertainment now withdraws the individual from society, often to the annoyance of those still in earshot. Withdrawal brings its own symptoms.

A former PM of this country once suggested that the term 'common sense' be banned from the English language. The reasoning behind this was that 'common sense', far from being a common attribute, is in such scarce supply these days as to be almost extinct. So, better to outlaw the term, and that means people's 'common sense deficit' immediately disappears. Just like that! Then came the U-turn, presumably recognising that there were so many admirable attributes not shared by the many. And you can't ban the lot. Where's the sense in that?

This leads me to ponder on what would be the outcome of the 'common denominator approach' with teachers and all other manner of trainers and coaches banning anything from the curriculum not already held in common by those in their charge. Where's the sense in taking a logical premise to illogical ends? That'll only lead to The Absurd.

But one public body, centrally located on Dorset's coastline, did go on to suggest some time ago that any Latin word or word of obvious Latin derivation be outlawed from English on the grounds that Caesar is long since dead and very few people these days understand Latin. That common sense deficit syndrome raises its ugly head. But the effect that such a ruling would have on the Catholic rite – not to mention such social institutions as our judiciary – doesn't even bear thinking about.

It's even more interesting to think what would be the outcome of banning all words in English derived from a language not understood by the man, or woman – however we define such folk these days – in the street. I suppose even more

among us would be communicating in nothing but monosyllabic grunts, sound bites and occasional gestures. How cool would that be?

Language, of course, is the only social institution without which none other can function. A breakdown in our ability to use language is therefore a challenge to our social fabric, further weakening the mortar holding the bricks of society together. That's why many communities, peoples and societies – putting individual human rights to one side for the benefit of the common good – demand its members be competent in a single, all-binding language (I am not at this point championing the Latin rite, if that's where you think I'm going. I'm merely stating that, as language controls thought and thought controls language, a common language acts as a social bond).

Language is always developing. But not necessarily always as an aid to cohesion. The language we use today is but a remnant, a ghost of that used in the past, merely an indication of what is to come tomorrow. New terms are constantly being created. Some will take root. Others will suffer a quick or even lingering death. My only problem with that is that terms may come on stream unnecessarily – e.g. we have a perfectly good term already – or they may confuse the message, they may even become corrupted or lose their original meaning.

Living as I do at the earth-ocean interface (a NASA expression for 'on the coast'), in a densely populated urban configuration (Dare I say 'town' or 'city'?), where minors are said to suffer extensively from Nature Deficit Disorder (i.e. they don't get out in the open enough), I am acutely aware of an increasing inability, in no way restricted to my own immediate environment, among members of society in general to communicate effectively with their fellows.

So long live the communicators! Gabriel, pray for us.



Come, Gabriel, blow your horn!
After the sculpture
Exultate Jubilate
by Philip Jackson

This article is an extract from Dr Paul Dixon's forthcoming book, The Road Pilgrim. Over the coming months we shall be publishing extracts. For more details, email: info@theroadpilgrim.com

The Road Pilgrim

Part Four - Lorries, Cyclists and Buses

Lorries:

'How's My Driving?' signs on commercial vehicles are a common sight nowadays. People report driving behaviour causing concern, and hopefully praise examples of good driving too. Various telematics devices also monitor driver behaviour, providing feedback to bosses and insurance companies. Feedback is all the rage. Shoppers are pestered with, 'How Did We Do?' Educational managers analyse student comments about teachers, while restaurants anxiously check customer reviews. Fair and constructive criticism is helpful, as well as affirmation and praise. Nowadays, however, we seem to be living in a chronic complainers' paradise.

How is your driving on the highway of life? The irony in our feedback-complaining culture is that many people are uninterested in discovering how well they are living. 'How's My Living?' signs! Now there's a thought. People are often deaf to the voice of God (Love) speaking in the silence of their hearts. This is the feedback that really matters if you wish to drive better on the highway of life. What feedback is God sending you?

Cyclists:

The 'Daisy Bell' folk song speaks of two lovers joyfully riding a bicycle made for two. 'Daisy! Daisy!' Have you ever ridden a tandem? A key challenge perhaps is deciding who is at the front and who is at the back. The nature of a tandem is for someone to do the steering. Like lovers on a tandem, marriage is a partnership of equals—both can wear the Lycra if you see what I mean. Yet, both tandem and marriage need someone to lead and someone in support for a harmonious journey.

Are you on life's precious tandem? If so, which seat do you occupy? Perhaps you and your partner swap seats if and when circumstances require. What is crucial is that whoever is riding rear saddle also peddles—especially on the uphill—and looks in the same direction as, and leans with, the front rider. Without loving teamwork, the marriage-tandem is little more than two unicycles in disguise.

On a tandem ride, two lovers stopped to visit a picturesque little church. They signed the visitors' book and wrote: We



arrived on a tandem: one in front, one behind, God in charge. When God shares the journey, it matters not where one sits.

Buses:

The journey of life is a bus journey; getting on—birth, getting off—death, life itself existing before and after our brief ride. Most will not know how close they are to life's exit; the wheels simply stop, the bus journeying on without us. Clearly, for those with many miles on the clock, time is short. In future mourning, will there be a recalling of missed opportunities to have shared a little more on life's journey? The unborn wait with their ticket to get on-board. Will others make room? Will there be disabled access? Will colour of skin, gender, or diminished potential, mean that others refuse to let them on? In addition, some might ring the bell on their own life. In the worst cases, travellers push fellow travellers off.

You are still on the bus. When your exit stop arrives, I hope you can look back and see that you tried, albeit imperfectly, to make the most of your journey. When you get off, a connecting bus awaits to take you home. Be sure to catch the right one!



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CSW looks at the word "PENTECOST"

Definition

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

History

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (Pentēkostē) meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition.

The Septuagint uses the term Pentēkostē to refer to the "Feast of Pentecost" twice; in the Book of Tobit and 2 Maccabees, which are

deuterocanonical/apocryphal books in the Bible. The term Pentecost appears in the Septuagint as one of the names for the Festival of Weeks.

The Septuagint translators also used the word in two other senses: to signify the year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25:10), an event which occurs every 50th year, and in several passages of chronology as an ordinal number.

Acts

The events of Acts Chapter 2 are set against the backdrop of the celebration of Pentecost in Jerusalem. There are several major features to the Pentecost narrative presented in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The author begins by noting that the disciples of Jesus "were all together in one place" on the "day of Pentecost" (ἡμέρα τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς). The verb used in Acts 2:1 to indicate the arrival of the day of Pentecost carries a connotation of fulfillment.

There is a "mighty rushing wind" (wind is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit) and "tongues as of fire" appear. The gathered disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance". Some scholars have interpreted the passage as a reference to the multitude of languages spoken by the gathered disciples, while others have taken the reference to "tongues" (γλῶσσαι) to signify ecstatic speech. In Christian tradition, this event represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit.

This Year

Pentecost 2022 has particular significance, because it is the day the Bishops of England and Wales have decided that the Churches should be fully open again so people can come back to Church.

Book Reviews



TRUST YOUR FEELINGS

Learning how to make choices with Ignatius of Loyola Nikolaas Sintobin SJ
£11.95 Messenger Publications

The most helpful aspect of this down-to-earth and practical book is the wide selection of brief scenarios the author provides from a vast variety of situations. These are scattered throughout the ten chapters of his

work. His desire is to teach discernment, as known, lived and much practised by Saint Ignatius Loyola. As he says in his ultimate conclusion: "Discernment is not a technique or a method. It is not a magic trick you can pull out of your sleeve. It is a way of life. In the twenty-first century you, too, can master it. Discernment is a gift. It is also a choice. Discernment is not for the privileged few. It can be learned." [page 118]

Learning to listen what is going on in your heart by forming your sensitivity and using your intellect enables discernment to grow. The author shows how heart, intelligence and will interact in this developmental process. Using the simple daily review of consciousness – sometimes called "examen" – centres on three basic points: thank you, sorry, and please.

Making good choices is vital, and circumstances differ. At times it may be quite clear what is best in the long run. At times it may involve balancing feelings or reasoning. It might be as simple as doing what you would advise a stranger to do, or what you would have wanted to do when you look from your deathbed. Each path of growth is unique, and is linked to a person's deepest core desire. The dynamic of good versus evil has to be faced, and how evil may present itself in the guise of light.

The writer provides a helpful chapter, outlining various situations: when you are in seventh heaven; angry; unhappy; afraid; in crisis; not feeling anything; faced with a problem; in doubt; in tension; in the midst of disturbing thoughts. Clearly he is writing from a Christian point of view, but the golden threads apply to anyone who is a serious seeker after true quality of life. This clear, well-written and helpful volume is highly readable, and will benefit both individuals new to this way of life, and to those who teach discernment.



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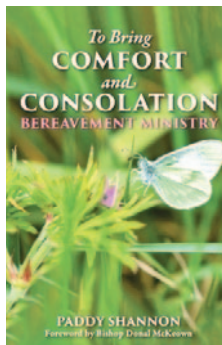
Paddy Shannon
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Messenger Publications

The author worked for eighteen years with Cruse Bereavement Care, delivering training workshops and speaking at conferences across Ireland, UK and internationally. So he brings a down-to-earth touch to this book, which offers practical ways of facing into the death of a loved one in an age which often finds it hard to face into the reality of human death, even to a possible reluctance to using the actual word.

In his four chapters he first of all faces into grief, which is individually shaped. No one person will grieve like another, nor can anyone tell another how it will be. The reality of loss has to be encountered; then the pain worked through; then adjustment to missing the deceased loved one; and slowly but surely to emotionally relocate the deceased and move on with life.

The liturgy of mourning is meant to bring hope in eternal life, and the funeral service is an important step in the grieving process. The ritual farewell of the funeral is a key moment in the mourning process. It is important to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life that has now returned to God.



Likewise, to commend the dead to God's merciful love, as we are all sinners and beginners. And to bring hope and consolation to those who mourn. The writer takes us through a typical Catholic funeral, including some customs and practices around funerals, mainly from an Irish point of view.

He then goes on to describe grief in the Old and New Testaments, showing emotional and spiritual reactions to grief. He touches on sorrow; fear; weeping; faith; trust; hope; and comfort. Then he uses readings from scripture, along with reflections, before moving to a complete list of readings from both testaments for the actual funeral liturgy, providing a brief homily-like reflection for each passage, along with suggested prayers of intercession.

An appendix gives a beautiful mix of poems and prose passages guaranteed to bring comfort and consolation. All in all, this is a helpful tool, both for ministers, individuals and families facing into the death of a loved one.

TRAVELLING ON TITANIC WITH FATHER BROWNE

E E O'Donnell SJ
£23.00 Messenger Publications

Francis [Frank] Browne was a Jesuit training to be a priest when he boarded Titanic on 10th April 1912 at Southampton for her maiden voyage. He had a single first class ticket to Cobh (Queenstown), gifted to him by his uncle. He would have needed permission from his Provincial Superior to go, as he was in



the middle of his theological studies at Milltown Park, Dublin. More importantly, though, in the circumstances that followed, he had a camera, and was an expert photographer. The story goes that an American millionaire couple, who were on the same table as Browne, offered him a ticket to go all the way to America on that maiden voyage. They sent a telegram to Dublin to his Jesuit Provincial. When Browne arrived at Cobh, he found a reply: GET OFF THAT SHIP – PROVINCIAL. So he lived to tell the tale, was ordained priest in 1915, and, among other assignments, was a chaplain in the First World War. In 1920 he completed his Titanic album, which comprises 63 pages, with a total of 159 photographs, press cuttings and other printed memorabilia.

This book celebrates the 110th anniversary of Titanic's fatal voyage, and is a unique amalgam of photos and stories, beautifully presented in large format, with some of the black and white originals turned into colour. From the moment he stepped on the boat train at Waterloo to his landing at Cobh, this volume follows him pretty well everywhere throughout the ship, giving a bird's-eye view of this fateful first voyage of this magnificent ship.

The Jesuit author has been associated as curator of the work of Frank Browne ever since the 1985 discovery of the 42,000 neatly dated and captioned negatives in a much-travelled trunk. This is now the fourth edition of his fascinating and well-researched work. You will not find a better volume, its ten chapters full of the Titanic legend. And, had the Provincial not sent that telegram, there would have been no book! There are only a dozen other photos taken by maiden voyagers, by the Odell family, who also disembarked at Cobh. As Titanic left Cobh on 11th April 1912, Frank Browne sent one of the last photos he took of the magnificent vessel to the Odells.

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Dad is devoted to Our Lady and has this card with him always

I (Giovanna Maber-Gill) was with my mum and Dad, Joan and Derek Gill, on Tuesday 11 May as Dad had been sick and I had contacted his GP practice (Stirling Road) for advice but ended up calling 111 as I couldn't wait. 111 told me to keep Dad hydrated and said to phone 999 if Dad got any worse which he unfortunately did.

Dad had previously had a heart attack on 28 October 2021 but thought it was heartburn! On 30 October 2021 he became very breathless in the night and needed 999 support. The Ambulance Service and Emergency Department were amazing that night. Mr Unsworth-White (the top cardiac surgeon at Derriford) assessed him and discussed the need for a triple bypass, which was carried out with great success on 11 November 2021.

Dad has always been a devoted husband to Joan and father to me and both my brothers, Jonathan, and Jeremy. Dad loves walking on the Hoe with me and Charlie, my dog. He said after his bypass operation that it was his prayers to Our Mary and thinking about walking again with Charlie (picture below) on the Hoe that gave him extra strength and determination.



On Tuesday 11 May 2022 around 22:00 I phoned 999 as my Dad, Derek Gill, started to feel much worse and the ambulance lady on the phone kept me talking asking me questions and she said the ambulance will be with you and I will stay on the phone until it comes.

No sooner than I blinked my eyes and opened the front door the ambulance was here! Brilliant! The ambulance crew came in, Joe Cartwright, Molly Thomas and Clare (I don't know Clare's surname). They started monitoring him and said he needed to go to hospital, but he was very reluctant and scared and said he was afraid of dying in hospital and asked me to promise he wouldn't. I said I would try and whilst Dad was walking down the stairs, I was at the bottom of the stairs already and when he got to the bottom he just collapsed and hit the floor and he was gone.

Molly started CPR on him, and Joe raised his legs. Then Joe said they needed more room, so Joe and Molly moved so quickly and carried him from the narrow passage to the dining room where there was more room on the floor. Joe started CPR again on him and all three carried on for 6 minutes maybe more and brought Dad back, they never gave up for a second, Joe kept the compressions going determined to save Dad's life, which they did.

Dad and all the family are indebted to the remarkable response, quick actions and thinking of three angels, Molly, Clare and Joe who had the hand of God and the spirit and love from all the family deceased and alive from photos all around my Dad in that room. We are forever thankful that this super ambulance team was sent as their dedication, skill and love of their job shone through saving my Dad's life and we can't thank them enough.

We would also like to thank the Emergency Department for all their care and determination to keeping him alive. The Emergency Department worked endlessly. The staff were kind and reassuring in this situation.

Dad keeps a wonderful Our Mary of Grace Holy Card in his pocket with a beautiful cross and the family lit candles to Our Mary through the night on 11 May 2022. When the family were called in to the hospital on 11 May 2022, we were advised bluntly and honestly by the ED staff that he was not expected to live through the night. The duty minister at Derriford Hospital, Reverend John, came and prayed with Dad, me and my brothers at 3 o'clock in the morning, and he was wonderful – he gathered us in prayer for strength through the night ahead and his wonderful prayers were answered.

Dad is a miracle; all the doctors and nurses are amazed with how he has progressed and have been coming to see him. On Thursday 12 May, Joe and Molly were in the Emergency Department again and out of all the people they deal with they recognised me and asked how Dad was doing so I was able to take them to where he was, Dad was overjoyed to see them as they were to see him (see picture). They could not believe what a remarkable recovery he had made already. Dad thanked them for not giving up on him and for saving his life. Joe and Molly said they were so thankful and that was why they do their job because of people like my Dad.

My mum, Derek's wife, Joan, prayed to the Sacred Heart through the night on 11 May, which we have only now realised is exactly 6 months from the date of Dad's bypass operation. All the family are praying that his remarkable recovery continues. We really can't thank everyone enough that



Joe and Molly with Derek Gill

my father was given the priority support he needed in the hospital. Most importantly we want to thank Mary for the love and strength she has given Dad especially through Her month of May.

Pictured right Derek Gill attending the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham – The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham along with the Dowry Tour Exhibition - Plymouth Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface 16th – 18th May 2019



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Returning to Mass at Pentecost

Spring Plenary 2022 Resolution

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales
This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing

challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of



continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With

humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly
of the Bishops’ Conference



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

CRYPTIC Across

- 7 Landmass of alkali – silicon, iron, aluminium, primarily (4)
- 8 7 city Paul sought, but could not see? (8)
- 9 Brigand hierarchy’s share supplies a 7 political leader... (6)
- 10 ...toplaceAmericansailorswestofSaul’splacein7(6)
- 11 Guy retired following return of writer’s block (7)
- 13 Tree tissue needs unspecified quantities of citrus fruit, mostly (5)
- 15 Titus helped make Church here tangible without deception (5)
- 17 Rebel top guns pulled out of housing project being built in 7 town (7)
- 21 Apostle has cheek to back a Greek character (6)
- 23 Italian town – East-South-East following French department’s lead? (6)
- 24 Praise for Capri’s evacuation of American leader to Rome (8)
- 25 Ancient 7 country’s secure wall: extra dam’s eventually built (4)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Father’s vessel’s first-class, about to go north to fish (8)
- 2 In need of cash for Oliver Trophy after Yacht Club pulled out (4,2)
- 3 Recommendation to expose weakness after promotion (6)
- 4 Rug’s edging looks top-notch – it’s an enduring fiddle (5)
- 5 One in flight seen above quarry’s very large (6)
- 6 African stays after little Benjamin somehow gets free from Zebulun (4)
- 12 7’s British administration conflict is overturned (3)
- 14 Record a fellow and a Welsh girl being recipient of a letter from Paul (8)

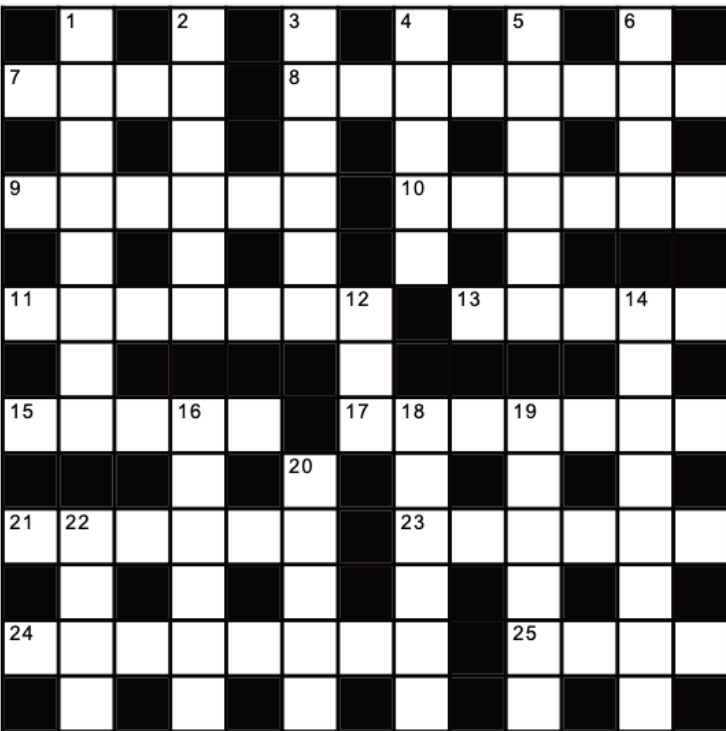
- 16 Jewish commentary on the Torah, and thanks over Left’s abuse being put down (6)
- 18 The King’s hard to follow, like Tolkien’s take on some in Middle Earth (6)
- 19 Setback: part of a clear single-mindedness of this 7 country? (6)
- 20 One of Joktan’s boys at work: say hello, Rex (5)
- 22 Sacred-soundingfestivalin7(4)

QUICK Across

- 7 Roman province of western Turkey, and home to 14 for instance (4)
- 8 Syrian home to Aramaeans who fought and lost to David (8)
- 9 Mohandas Karamchand -----, leader whose nickname meant ‘Great Soul’ (6)
- 10 One-timehomein7forNTcorrespondent?(6)
- 11 Assembly of church canons (7)
- 13 Woody tissue (5)
- 15 One-time island home of the Philistines (5)
- 17 First city taken by the Israelites when they entered the Promised Land (7) 21 Son of Herod the Great – the first husband of Herodias (6)
- 23 City of Lombardy set between Lakes Maggiore and Como (6)
- 24 Emperor, 41-54 AD, who forced all Jews to leave Rome (8)
- 25 OT country east of Babylonia, capital Susa (4)

QUICK Down

- 1 One of the Twelve Tribes (8)
- 2 Penurious; impecunious (4,2)
- 3 Counsel;warning(6)
- 4 Cremonaviolin-makerandmusicteachertoStradivarius(5)
- 5 Marine bird of prey: rugby player from a merged Welsh



- regional team (6)
- 6 Part of the Nguni group of languages along with Swazi and Xhosa (4)
- 12 British rule in colonial India (3)
- 14 One in receipt of a letter from Paul, written about 62 AD while in prison in Rome (8) 16 Some Jews’ interpretation of the Torah (6)
- 18 Puckish, imp-like (alternative spelling) (6)
- 19 David, ‘the sweet psalmist of -----’ (6)
- 20 Descendant of Shem, one of Joktan’s sons (5)
- 22 BoisterousandcolourfulHindu festival(4)

SOLUTION

Across: 7 Asia, 8 Damascus, 9 Gandhi, 10 Tarsus, 11 Chapter, 13 Xylem, 15 Crete, 17 Jericho, 21 Philip, 23 Varese, 24 Claudius, 25 Elam. Down: 1 Issachar, 2 Hard up, 3 Advice, 4 Amati, 5 Oprey, 6 Zulu, 12 Raj, 14 Ephesian, 16 Talmud, 18 Elvish, 19 Israel, 20 Ophir, 22 Holi.