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FROM CSW

Dear Reader,

It is obviously with great sadness that we say goodbye to Bishop Mark, who has been Bishop of Plymouth since 2013. However, it is also with great joy we celebrate with him, his installation as Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia. We wish him the very best in Wales and we thank Bishop Mark for being such a wonderful part of our community in the South West. As a community we have shared so much with him in the past nearly 9 years, and our thoughts and best wishes very much go with him.

In this edition, as well as information about local events and news there is an interview with Downton Abbey creator, Julian Fellowes. There is also a message from Pope Francis for the Day for Life and lots of opportunities to help and get involved in so many projects that are taking place through the Catholic community in the South West this Summer. If you cannot join in and support in person, then please keep these projects in your thoughts and support them with your prayer

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Funding for a new community garden



The Holy Family parish in Penzance is celebrating after being awarded £9,900 in funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK, and £4,674 as a Community Gardens Award from the National Garden Scheme. The church will use their funding to create a new community garden in the heart of Penzance in an area of the parish currently under development (as seen in the picture). This will be a peaceful green

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distributes a share of this to projects to support people and communities to prosper and thrive. The National Garden Scheme Community Gardens Award was set up in 2011 in memory of Elspeth Thompson the much loved garden writer and journalist who died in 2010. The National Garden Scheme grants bursaries to help community gardening projects and to support gardeners at the start of their careers.

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Bishop Mark O'Toole Installed as new Archbishop of Cardiff

A ceremony of Installation of Bishop Mark O'Toole as the new Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff took place today (Monday, June 20) at St David's Cathedral, Cardiff.

Appointed by Pope Francis, Archbishop Mark O'Toole had been Bishop of Plymouth since 2013. Succeeding Archbishop George Stack, who has been in post in Cardiff since 2011, today's installation coincides with the feast day of the Welsh martyrs Saints Julius and Aaron.

As well as assuming oversight of the Catholic communities in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, Archbishop O'Toole also becomes the new Bishop of Menevia, a diocese which includes Swansea and its surrounding areas. A second ceremony takes place on Thursday (June 23) at Swansea's Cathedral Church of St Joseph to celebrate this. The two dioceses combined incorporate much of South and Mid Wales, alongside Herefordshire.

Having spent the last eight years as Bishop in the Diocese of Plymouth, ministering in the counties of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset, Archbishop O'Toole looks forward to immersing himself within the communities of both dioceses.

In his homily during today's service, Archbishop O'Toole said he 'needs to listen and learn to begin with'.

The Archbishop went on: "I have been delighted to hear since I came to Wales, Wales aspires to be the first Nation of Sanctuary. This is an expression of the love of God, too, manifested in the love that the people of Wales have for men, women and children from all over the world who have been forced to flee their homes.

"I am so grateful for the presence of some of our ecumenical and civic leaders here today. With our inter-faith partners, and with all people of goodwill, we want to work together, even in little or small ways, to build up places of sanctuary in our churches and in our communities. Fifty-nine-year-old Archbishop O'Toole was born in London and has spent much of his ministry there. He said: "I am grateful and humbled by the trust that the Holy Father has placed in me. I face the task ahead both with excitement and a certain trepidation, conscious of my own weaknesses...it is with [a] deep sense that the Lord goes before all of us in this new mission, that I fully embrace this new calling in my life."

He gained a M.Phil in Theology at the University of Oxford from 1990-1992, where his thesis supervisor was the Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity and Swansea-born former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.

Bishop O'Toole's predecessor, Archbishop George Stack said: "I warmly welcome the appointment of Archbishop Mark O'Toole as Archbishop of Cardiff and the Bishop of Menevia 'in persona Episcopi'. This provision has been made by the Holy See maintaining the identity, juridical reality, history and pastoral life of each diocese. "Archbishop Mark will bring great gifts to this new ministry. The people of each diocese will be blessed by his experience as Bishop of Plymouth. His pastoral, theological and administrative skills will



be of enormous benefit to us all. His national responsibilities as Chair of the Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship in the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have been recognised by the Holy See in his membership of the International Council for Catechesis. His Celtic heritage will resonate with the Catholic faithful in Wales and in the wider community of his new home."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said: "I offer Archbishop Mark my fullest support and fervent prayers as he prepares to take on his new role. I am sure that the Catholic community throughout Wales will welcome him warmly, as will leaders of other churches there and those of civic society. St David and All Saints of Wales, pray for him."

Homily for Installation Ceremony – Cathedral of St David, Cardiff, 20th June 2022

When I first told my mother about the appointment to both the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia, she said, "It will mean you have to love God and the people more."

Indeed, the mystery of love, a description of God's very self, has exercised a magnetic pull over my heart since the age of 17. God loves us, and desires us, in calling us. He invites us into His life. He gives us His Son to guide us. To be our way. To be our Shepherd. Jesus, the Beloved, is the One who beckons, who draws each of us onward, to follow Him.

I believe this is the only way to understand what it means for the Archdiocese of Cardiff and the Diocese of Menevia to be

united in personi episcopi, in the person of the bishop. In his letter the Holy Father helps us understand this. This appointment is more than a clever ecclesiastical solution to the challenge of numbers and resources. We know we cannot keep doing the things we have always done and hope for different results. Yet our lives are not fundamentally about the next pastoral plan or project. What we do together - and it has to be together that we move forward - is only possible because at the centre of our life, is a person, the person of Jesus Christ. Only when we are grounded and rooted in Him do we build on firm foundations. Indeed, what is the point of bringing two dioceses together in the person of the bishop, if this has no real

impact on how we each respond to the Lord's love, and try to help others discover and love Him, too.

We see the impact of the Lord's love on St Peter in the Gospel which has just been proclaimed. Peter articulates the Risen Jesus' love for him three times, deepening each time his sense that he belongs to the Lord. The first two times that he asks if Peter loves him, Jesus uses the word 'agape', describing sacrificial love, the love that endures no matter what. When Peter responds he always says he loves Jesus with a filial love (filos) - a love which is that of friendship, the love which is an engagement of the heart, as well as of the will.

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Around the South West

Freedom of Belief and Christian Persecution

At the beginning of June a Conference was held in Cornwall on "Freedom of



Belief and Christian Persecution".

Speakers included Baroness Cox, Bishop Philip Mounstephen, and John Pontifex, head of Catholic Agency, Aid to the Church in Need.

The aim of the conference was to highlight the plight of the 360 million for whom discrimination and persecution are a daily experience, that is one in four believers.

Advocacy is needed for them all for we have a duty of care to our Christian brothers and sisters. Most Catholics in the West have no idea that Christian families are being persecuted, tortured imprisoned, violated and killed because they believe in Jesus.

The UK is hosting a Ministerial International Conference on Freedom of Religion and Belief, which will take place in London, July 5th to 6th to which 35 countries have already signed up to attend. The purpose will be to strengthen international efforts to protect and promote freedom of religion or belief.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The 15th June was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as World Elder Abuse Awareness



Day, to highlight the abuse and neglect of older people, helping us to act against it. The abuse of older people is an increasing and serious problem, so it is vital to raise awareness of this. This day focuses our attention on the need for all of us to take responsibility for preventing elder abuse in our communities.

If you are an older person and you have experienced abuse, or you are concerned that someone you know may be a victim of abuse, you can contact: The Safeguarding Office – We are here to listen to you and support you. Please call us on 01364 645430 between Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm for a confidential conversation.

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Intergenerational linking

Care Home Open Week runs from the 27th June – 3rd July 2022 and aims to connect care homes across the country with their community. It is an opportunity for all of us to find out more about our local care homes. Within the Diocese of Plymouth, Caritas has been actively connecting primary schools with local care homes since 2021 and there are now eleven primary schools from Plymouth CAST developing links.

In his Encyclical 'Caritas in Veritate' Pope Benedict XVI said that 'one of the deepest forms of poverty a person can experience is isolation... we are called to recognise that 'the human race is a single family working together in true communion and not simply a group of subjects who happen to live side by side.' #127. This project directly addresses the isolation felt by many people in care homes by creating positive new relationships across the generations.

Since the start of the project over 700 children have taken part activities to link in with a local Care Home. Pupils have introduced themselves to residents by sending letters and information about themselves and their school pets; in one school, children cut out an outline of their hands to send to their care home with information about each pupil and the care home residents responded, sharing some of their lives, their hobbies and interests. Another school created bunting to introduce children to residents. One school, reflecting on the fact that many residents had to stay in their own rooms, made suncatchers for the residents to

hang in their windows. Schools sent videos of their carol services, made Christmas cards to send to all the residents as well as Christmas tree decorations for the residents and staff. They have organised Jubilee celebrations and for the first time in recent weeks, pupils were able to meet residents in the Care Home gardens.

Grandparents and the elderly are called to live the grace of their relationship with the Lord, through relationships with children, grandchildren, young people and children. We are called to 'reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elder feel like a living part of his community'. (Pope Francis, 4 March 2015). This project enables relationships to develop and fosters a new sense of community.

If you would like to know more about intergenerational linking please contact Fran at Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk



Pupils from St Mary's RC Primary Swanage singing carols to residents of Clifftop Care home



Pupils at St Mary's RC Primary Swanage created suncatchers for the residents' windows.

Dear Freind,

Hello my name is and I am 11 years old. I am in year 6 and I go to St. Peters. Next year I will be going to Iverbrigde in year 7.

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I Like science and my favorite food is
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I also like History. It is one of ma
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read it? It is about a girl who finds
a garden which had been locked up for 10 years. I also enjoy drawing and
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A letter from a pupil at St Peter's RC Primary in Plymouth to a local care home resident.



Pupils from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Poole and residents from Redmountwood Care Home drew hands to introduce themselves.

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So often when reflecting on this, preachers will say that it is a sign of the journey which Peter has yet to make, from the love of friendship to sacrificial loving.

There is, of course, a great truth in this. Peter will follow the Lord to the Cross. But I believe there is something equally profound going on here, too.

For the third time that he asks Peter, if he loves him, Jesus also uses this word about filial love. The Lord recognises that for Peter to come into Jesus' sacrificing love, Peter will also need to experience the deep love of the Lord's friendship. Only such a love will sustain Peter in the challenges that lie ahead.

Surely it is the same for us. So today, I ask - how might each of us discover that we are a beloved one of Jesus and that he wants an intimate and deep friendship with us? How might we be filled once more with enthusiasm and energy for Him?

On a practical level, I have been delighted to hear since I came, that Wales aspires to be the first Nation of Sanctuary. This is an expression of the love of God, too, manifested in the love that the people of Wales have for men, women and children from all over the world who have been forced to flee their homes.

I am so grateful for the presence of some of our ecumenical and civic leaders here today. With our inter-faith partners, and with all people of goodwill, we want to work together, even in little or small ways, to build up places of sanctuary in our churches and in our communities. Today, I would also like to thank you, the lay faithful, the Religious, consecrated persons, the deacons, seminarians and the priests of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. I am grateful for your warm welcome. I realise I have much to learn from all of you, and I look forward to getting to know you and working with you. To my brother priests of the Archdiocese - how good it is to address you like that – thank you for your fidelity to the Lord's call. Your priestly life is a priority for me.

Yn awr ychydig eiriau yn hen iaith y Cymry, gan erfyn arnoch faddau os byddaf yn camynganu ein iaith.

Diolch yn fawr am eich croeso cynnes. Yn wir, "Croeso" yw'r gair dwi wedi ei glywed yn amlaf ers i mi gyrraedd. Mae'r gair hwn yn siarad a fi o ysbryd hael y wlad hon gyda'i gwreiddiau ysbrydol dwfn. Ehangu'r croeso hwn yw ein dymuniad – i fod yn lloches. Uchelgais mawr yw hwn, sydd a'i wreiddiau yn ein hanes Cristnogol ym mywydau ac esiampl Dewi Sant a'r seintiau Celtaidd niferus. Rwyf mor falch bod y cerflun ein Harglwyddes o Aberteifi, wedi dod o'r Gysegrfan Genedlaethol i fod yma heddiw. Boed iddi oleuo ein llwybr wrth ddilyn ei Mab, Iesu Grist. A fo ben bid bont.

Mae pregethu a thystio Dewi Sant wedi llunio egwyddorion a diwylliant y genedl hon, gan ei gwreiddio yng ngoleuni a gwirionedd yr Efengyl. Heddiw, rwy'n defnyddio fel geiriau fy hun, geiriau olaf Dewi Sant,

"Gwnewch y pethau bychain! Byddwch lawen a chedwch eich ffydd a'ch cred". Rydym yn gwneud y pethau bychain gyda chariad mawr at yr Arglwydd, ac mewn gwasanaeth i'n brodyr a chwiorydd. "A minnau a gerddaf y ffordd yr aeth ein tadau iddi."

Gweddiwch drosof a bendith Duw ar Gymru!

Pope Francis encourages us to remember three phrases every day - 'Thank you'; 'Please forgive me', and 'I love you'. All too often, we leave them to the last moments of our life. I would like to begin with them now.

Thank you to Archbishop George who has given such faithful service here these past eleven years. Archbishop George, it is good to know that you will be nearby and willing to be a wise elder brother. I thank, too, the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Guegerotti, who has been so encouraging these past months since I first heard the surprising news of my appointment to these two dioceses. Excellency, through you, I express the fidelity we all have to our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

In asking forgiveness, I would like to address some important people. I am acutely aware that there may be people here in the Cathedral today or watching online who will have been wronged within the Church, hurt or wounded by one of the Church's ministers. For this, I am truly sorry. I invite you to share your story please believe you will receive a compassionate response, be listened to and taken seriously.

And finally, the phrase 'I love you'. "Gyda Chariad Duw yn fy nghalon. With the love of God in my heart". These were the first words I spoke in sitting on the Archbishop's Chair today. I ask for the intercession of St Alban, St Julius and St Aaron, whose feast day we celebrate, that my love for God may be manifest in my love for the people of Wales and Herefordshire. May we all be strengthened by the witness of these saints who had the courage to lay down their lives in love of the Lord's flock. We commend ourselves to them, and to Mary, Our Lady of the Taper. May she indeed light the path ahead and lead us to her Son.

+Mark O'Toole

Bishop Mark Celebrates final Mass at Plymouth Cathedral

On Monday 30th May, Bishop Mark O'Toole celebrated his time as Bishop of Plymouth in a final Mass at Plymouth Cathedral before his move to Cardiff.

Bishop Mark spoke about how the community in the Diocese of Plymouth had welcomed him openly and accepted him as part of the Diocese and part of the community, making him feel at home amount the Catholic Community in Plymouth. He thanked the people of the Diocese for teaching him what it means to be a Bishop. Bishop Mark told the congregation how he has learned the Bishop's ministry is a service of love, an office of love.

Attending the Mass were priests from around the Plymouth Diocese, some from Cardiff and Menevia Diocese, religious communities in the Diocese and lay people from around the South West.

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Scripture Focus

By Fr Jeremy Corley

The Good Samaritan

One of Jesus' best-loved parables is the story of the "Good Samaritan," which is the gospel on 10th July (15th Sunday of the Year). The phrase has passed into popular speech for someone who provides emergency help to another person without expecting any reward. If you come across a road accident in France, before paramedics have arrived, you are legally obliged to assist an injured party, if it can be done without endangering anyone.

When we read or hear Jesus' parable, we usually identify with the Good Samaritan himself. This response is not surprising, because of how the parable ends. Jesus asks the questioner: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" When the questioner replies: "The one who showed him mercy," Jesus responds: "Go and do likewise."

Jesus' call to "do likewise" has launched a thousand sermons. Certainly there is always a need for people to help others in various kinds of distress. Across the world, emergency needs are created by wars, famines, natural disasters, and now the severe effects of climate change. Yet besides the dramatic scenes of such emergencies, there are also needs for everyday help—perhaps simply with household chores or emotional support.

But maybe, as we reflect on Jesus' parable, we can also focus attention on the victim of the robbery. Most readers read the story at eye level. We watch the events at our level, able to look into the eyes of those walking on the road—the temple priest or the Levite or the Samaritan. From our viewpoint, the poor victim lying on the ground is an object of our pity, and we are potentially the helpers.

Yet sometimes we may experience some kind of personal weakness or feel a sense of vulnerability whether physical, emotional, moral, or social. Going beyond our individual situation, we may also think of the state of the institutional church, often battered by the media or weakened from within. What if we read the story at ground level from the victim's perspective, where he is the subject? We could rewrite the story in the first person from his viewpoint.

"My name is Joe Beaton. One day I was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and I fell into the hands of bandits. They seemed to come from nowhere, and they tore my clothes and started beating me. Under my shirt I had a purse with money in it, but they ripped it from me. Then they ran off, leaving me half dead. I was lying in the dust under the afternoon sun, unable to move. Suddenly in the corner of my eye I saw a priest was going down the road. He must have come from the temple. Great, I thought, at last someone will help me. What happened? When he saw me, he just passed by on the other side, without even greeting me. A few minutes later, a Levite came near and saw me. What happened now? He also passed by on the other side. That's the last time I'm giving any money to the temple in Jerusalem!"

"But then I saw another traveller coming near. From his clothes I guessed he was a Samaritan. To be honest, I've never really liked Samaritans, but beggars can't be choosers, so I cried out for help. When he saw me, I was amazed at his reaction. I could see that he felt sorry for me. He went right up to me, got off his donkey, and knelt down beside me. Seeing my wounds, he treated them by pouring oil and wine on them. Then he tore up a cloth into strips and used it to bandage the wounds. Then he put me on his own animal, brought me to an inn not far from the road, and took care of me. By now it was late, so he paid for me to stay there overnight. The next day he took out some money, gave it to the innkeeper, and said: Just take care of the poor fellow; and when I come back on my return journey, I will repay you whatever more you need to spend."

In fact, the victim in the parable foreshadows the fate of Jesus himself. The parable begins: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of bandits. They stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead." Later, Jesus went up from Jericho to Jerusalem, and there he was arrested as if he were a bandit: "Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit?" Thereafter Jesus was stripped, beaten, and left fully dead on the cross. But like a Good Samaritan, Joseph of Arimathea took pity on him and gave him a decent burial.

Matthew's Gospel tells us that if we help the least of his brothers or sisters, we are helping him. Let us ask God to pour his love into our hearts, so that we can go and do likewise.



Interview with Downton Creator Julian Fellowes

by Esmee Nicholls, Our Lady Star or the Sea, Weymouth

DOWNTON ABBEY

How long did it take to write the script for the new film?

It is hard to put a time on a scripts because they evolve so much. I do the first draft in about 2 months but then I have to respond to notes and have new ideas myself and things change because of filming etc, so you cannot really say it is finished until the final cut is locked.

What inspired you to put a film maker into the film, it is a brilliant idea.

I was looking for a plot that would convey a sense of the C20th really forcing its way into Downton and I couldn't quite decide what it could be until Gareth Neame told me about his Grandfather who was a runner on a set of a film called Blackmail directed by Hitchcock in 1928 and exactly this happened. Halfway through they had to change from a silent to a talkie picture. As he was telling me this I felt this was exactly what I was looking for, the invasion of the C20th expressed through film making which is a C20th art form. I could see it would involve characters from the family and staff.

How do you manage to write so many successful series and films?

If I knew the answer to that I would never write anything but success.

Do you get an impression as the setting in France or are the actors the first idea to come to you?

Gareth Neame thought it would be good for one plot to be something that took the family (or some of them) away from their comfort zone. I was particularly keen to have a real emotional plot for Robert and Cora and it seemed right that they would be more able to express their feelings away from Downton and their whole set up there. Also I had been reading a book about Chateau de Lhorizon and Maxine Elliot who lived there and that is what gave me the idea.

The fact that all the main characters are retained is great and makes you warm and happy in the film as a whole.

I do think that our cast has stayed with Downton year by year is an enormous part of its appeal. The audience feels they know them now and of course after 13 years I really do.....

What is the next project you have in mind?

My next project is the 2nd series of my American show The Gilded Age and I am immersed in that.

Thank you so much, good luck and God bless





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10th year celebration of Flores de Mayo and Santacruzan



The 10th year celebration of Flores de Mayo and Santacruzan held last May 15, 2022 in Plymouth Cathedral once again was well attended by many Filipinos here in Devon and Cornwall. It was a great pleasure bringing back the celebration to Plymouth after 8 years. Many thanks to Canon Mark O'Keefe!

During the previous years, this was celebrated first in Callington, Cornwall, Exeter for 2 years, Truro, Torquay and Dorchester.

The 500th year of Christianity of the Philippines was incorporated during this May event to commemorate the first Holy Mass celebrated in the soil of Cebu, Philippines in March, 1521 during the time when Magellan founded the Philippines and claimed the country for Spain.



It is always my gratefulness to so many of my friends here in Devon and Cornwall who heeded to my call for assistance to make this typical, traditional religious festival in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary to uphold the Filipino heritage.



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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 Five - Signs

Signs, development of:

Guideposts at parish crossroads became common in Britain following the General Turnpike Act of 1773. Known as 'fingerposts' because of their shape, they are a useful symbol for the moral and spiritual life.¹ Moral norms like fingerposts, point the way to desirable human behaviour (God's will). In the spiritual life, human beings, by what they say and do can be loving signs pointing the way to God.

A directional signpost, by definition, points away from itself. Similarly, the essence of a human being is to point, not to oneself, but to God. What makes us truly human, is our ability to point to God. One cannot be a sign for God if pointing to oneself. The late Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar coined the terms ego-drama and theodrama. We point to ourselves when starring centre-stage in our ego-drama; we point to God when we accept whatever role we are offered in the theo-drama. In what direction are you pointing?

Signs and symbols:

Traffic signs use symbols to communicate their messages efficiently and effectively. Christianity also uses images to help communicate the Christian message. Christian iconography dates back to at least the third century, while church stained glass windows date from the seventh.

During the Great Schism of 1054 when Eastern Christianity and Western Christianity split from each other, icons were one area of controversy. Religious

icons aid prayer but some people

worshipped the icon rather than what they represent. Modern day readers are more familiar with icons on their mobile phones and other electronic devices. You use (go through) an icon to something else, perhaps a particular phone app such as Google Maps, a word document, or the ability to phone or text.

The Greek word for icon is eikenai meaning 'to resemble', 'to be like'. Clearly, it is odd if one fascinates over phone app icons, yet fail to use the app to reach the 'real thing'. This reflects the misuse of religious icons within Christianity, a failure to worship God through the icons. The same mistake happens when people worship nature, people and human artefacts, rather than finding God through them.

Stained glass windows can also be misused. How often we admire their beauty yet fail to discern the artistic message therein. We might also think of ourselves as living stained glass windows. A stained glass window needs sunlight; no sunlight, no beauty and no artistic message. We are nothing without God. Without God we point to the darkness of our egos, rather than the light of God. A sunbeam shining through stained glass sends its rays in many directions. Who knows the good effects we have on others when we allow the love of God to shine.

Signs, types of:

Traffic signs fall into three basic types, those that inform, those that warn, and those that give orders. Traffic signs make



useful metaphors for understanding the parenting role within our individual families and the Church family. Orders lovingly given are a part of the discipline of younger children.

Establishing boundaries and fostering responsibility are love in action. With teenagers, it's more to do with lovingly warning and informing. Parents of adult children inform (support) from the side line with perhaps the occasional warning if need be. Whatever the type of sign offered, one hopes the recipient latches onto the value behind the sign. Order signs also have a place within the Church-human family relationship, even though some people find them unpalatable. Non-negotiable Church teaching (i.e. the orders) exist because of the Church's mandate to guide the faithful into the truth. It is only doing its job! When rejected, one hopes it is for a good cause and with a good heart. Nevertheless, perhaps Church teaching is in need of a little repackaging. Maybe if the Church communicated Christian values less by orders and more by warning and informing, the human family might be more responsive. Same values yet articulated differently.

1 Fingerposts are shaped like an arm and hand with finger pointing the way.

definition / defi'ni sin / no tion of the meaning dictionary CSW looks at the word "Installation"

Installation is the action of installing someone or something, or the state of being installed.

The word install traces back to the Latin word installare, from in-, meaning "into," and stallum, meaning "place" or "stall."

Installation is a Christian liturgical act that formally inducts an incumbent into a new role at a particular place such as a cathedral. The term arises from the act of symbolically leading the incumbent to their stall or throne within the cathedral or other place of worship (the word "cathedral" derives from the cathedra, the bishop's chair or throne).

In the Catholic tradition, installations are carried out for bishops or archbishops who oversee a diocese or archdiocese.

Archbishop Mark O'Toole has been installed as the new Archbishop of Cardiff on 20th June 2022, having been Bishop of Plymouth since 2013. You can read more about this on the front page.

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Day for Life: Message from Pope Francis



In a message sent to Bishop John Sherrington and the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, Pope Francis offered his support and prayers for those who celebrated Day for Life on Sunday, 19 June 2022. Taking the theme 'Caring for the Older Person', Day for Life offers the opportunity to uphold the dignity of human life in all its forms from conception to natural death. The Holy Father prays that our "efforts in the defence of the God-given value and dignity of every human life, in all its stages, will be fruitful in drawing attention to the particular worth of our elderly brothers and sisters".

His Holiness Pope Francis sent cordial greetings and good wishes to those who participated in the 2022 day for life celebrated in Scotland, England and Wales, and Ireland under the theme "Caring for the Older Person". His Holiness prayed that the efforts in the defence of the God-given value and dignity of every human life, in all its stages, will be fruitful in drawing attention to the particular worth of our elderly brothers and sisters, for they "are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance" (message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly). He likewise trusts that a greater awareness of the essential contribution the elderly make to the spiritual and material wellbeing of every society will help to counter the "throwaway culture" and foster the bonds of charity and fraternity between the generations. With these sentiments and the assurance of his closeness in prayer, the Holy Father sent his blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life.

Courtesy of CBCEW

Book Review

Becoming a Pastoral Parish Council How to make your PPC

really useful for the Twenty-first Century Patricia Carroll Messenger Publications, pbk, 64 pages, 2022, £8.95

The very first paragraph of the Foreword by Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin, says it all in a sentence: "The parish of today – and tomorrow – needs a sharing of responsibility rather a carving up of power." This small practical volume packs punch, and shows the way of synodality so close to the heart of Pope Francis, and the universal call to a living sense of coresponsibility.

In six brief chapters the author skilfully outlines how to go about creating a Pastoral Parish Council – PPC – worthy of the name, beginning by defining its role. She then goes onto the five Ps of the PPC – Pastoral, Prayerful, Partnership, Planning and Participation.

Nothing worthwhile will be able to be achieved unless there is personal prayer and discernment at the heart of the pilgrim process, so Patricia concentrates on this key issue of prayer-filled reflection. She then goes on to look more deeply into how the PPC involves true partnership with the parish community, before going into what makes PPC planning truly pastoral, and how this can be developed with parish groups.

Creating a mission statement is vital, and such a statement is meant to be geared to overall parish renewal and reflection, linking with a parish assembly. Finally, the author reminds the reader that this is a pilgrim process, grounded in personal prayer. At the start of each chapter there is a brief scripture passage, and each chapter ends with questions for reflection, and useful sources for further reading.

All in all, this little volume is a cracker, and a timely gift to all who wish to enable true growth in a parish which is worthy of the name, truly synodal, and after the mind and heart of Pope Francis.



Caritas Plymouth – What do we do?

Caritas Plymouth's vision is 'to live the Gospel by following Christ's command to love our neighbour as He Loved us'. Our focus is on encouraging parishes, schools and communities to undertake acts of charity, which is at the heart of the Church's social doctrine. We want work with others to put the Church's social teaching into action. Social action gives real substance to our personal relationship with God and with neighbour (Caritas in Veritate #2) but needs to be practised in the light of truth. Truth is the light that gives meaning and value to charity – both the light of reason and the light of faith.

We have created a very short document setting out the priority activities of Caritas Plymouth in the coming years. We would love to hear your views.

Caritas Plymouth is a small team of staff and volunteers. If you would like to support our work to proclaim the truth of Christ's love in society through service to the most poor and vulnerable – please get in touch with caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.



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Pat said it was fantastic to be back in Lourdes with Across and that she always finds it humbling and so worthwhile

Pat McCamley travelled on a Jumbulance in April to help out on a trip to Lourdes, following a 2 year absence due to Covid.

Pat, a group leader and nurse from the Isle of Wight, made the trip as a volunteer. The

Jumbulances are custom built coach ambulances especially built to provide long distance transport for people whose medical or physical condition makes normal methods of travel either impossible or impractical. They are used to provide transport from the UK to Christian pilgrimage centre to Lourdes in South West France for the seriously ill and disabled.

Priority is given to those with terminal illness, and those confined to bed or wheelchair. Pat said it was fantastic to be back in Lourdes with Across and that she always finds it humbling and so worthwhile to make a difference in the lives of others not as fortunate as she is. These trips to Lourdes would not be possible without nurses and they would certainly welcome the help of any other nurse who wished to be a travel volunteer.

The Jumbulance consists of 24 people, 10 of whom are sick or disabled. The other 14 are made up of volunteer carers, nurses and/or a doctor and a Chaplin, who all give their spare time freely and pay their own expenses.

For details of how to volunteer, contact. Lisa O'Connor at Across on 020 3542 1800. Email: contactus@across.org.uk or visit www.across.org.uk

Focus on Stella Maris and its Ukraine Crisis work on Sea Sunday

This is the day every year when the church celebrates and prays for all those who live and work at sea



STELLA MARIS

10th July is Sea Sunday. Please pray for seafarers and support the Catholic charity ministering to them: Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea).

To donate, go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate Sea Sunday (which this year falls on 10th July) is a special time for seafarers and for Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. This is the day every year when the church celebrates and prays for all those who live and work at sea.

As a global maritime charity, Stella Maris is providing practical and pastoral support to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world, including those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Many seafarers are stuck in Ukraine unable to escape the fighting and running dangerously low on food and medical supplies. Families of seafarers are desperately trying to flee to the border. Ukrainian seafarers around the world are waiting anxiously for news of their loved ones, and fearful of what will happen when their contracts end.

In response, Stella Maris is making mobile phone SIM cards available to Ukrainian seafarers free of charge. It is providing practical and emotional support to Ukrainian seafarers worried about their situation. In Odesa, Stella Maris' Ukraine team have remained in the country. They are working with humanitarian agencies to ensure vital food supplies are delivered to seafarers trapped on ships in the Black Sea. They are running a soup kitchen to help families of seafarers in the city.

They are also supporting families of seafarers, especially wives and children, to get to the borders. The refugees are then being helped by the wider Stella Maris network across Europe. In Poland, a Stella Maris centre is providing emergency accommodation to 50 people, mainly women and children. This facility is a vital source of refuge and respite.

Stella Maris is appealing to Catholics throughout the UK to support Sea Sunday. "We respectfully appeal to readers of the Catholic Post to support our ministry with fishers and seafarers at this critical time by praying for them on Sea Sunday and kindly making a donation to support our work through the link below," says Stella Maris CEO and European Regional Coordinator, Martin Foley.

To donate online please go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate



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

CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Samuel's crafty man, cursed sailor almost catches fish (7)
- 5 When in Paris I discover Ecclesiasticus' Ben Sira (5)
- 8 Paul's detailed letter describing the Empire (5)
- 9 'Papae Sixti nisi est' is translated in chapel (7)
- **10** Move against female martyr (7)
- 11 One of two helping David find themselves amongst rabbit tails (5)
- **13** American girl's written first 18 for the 8 Church (6)
- 15 Abram's Amorite ally, Chloe's opposite (6)
 18 Microphone, small American contribution to St Cecilia's art (5)
- 20 Abram's servant high priest announced 'easy', being first to Rebekah (7)
- 22 Girl, old golfing type, attends Baptist chapels (7)
- **23** Savings account he's almost sacrificed (5)
- 24 Chaplain of Artillery's name is forgotten (5)
- 25 Morning, is he wrong in thinking there are no Gods? (7) CRYPTIC Down
- 1 Parry's hymn from John's first letter includes line in dubious measure (9)
- 2 Some Old Testament volumes (7)
- Had Ulster divided, all over Jacob's daughter (5)
 Vehicle to get to old Number One: was it Ave Maria for
- him? (6)5 Society of 5 business types follow the first person in speaking French (7)
- Being second in the East End isn't one of the blessed dead (5)
- 7 View bishop's domain (3)
- 12 Sick with icy rum, plying, 8s said, this part Aegean coast (9)
- **14** One relative, the first maybe to describe lepers in the Bible (7)
- 16 Old footballer swapping cap? It's over for one

- writing 18 for the 8 Church (7)17 Biblical country, to scupper Siamese, partly invaded (6)
- 19 Angel is originally sadistic, and threatening and nasty (5)
- 21 One quiet small US state imbibed whiskey (5)
 22 Tooting, when passing over an abbey in France? (3)
- QUICK Across
- 1 Friend of Amnon, 'a very shrewd man' (7)
- **5** Another name for Elymas: Bar ----- (5)
- 8 Empire which ruled Palestine and Asia Minor in NT times (5)
- 9 Chapel of the Vatican whose ceiling was famously painted by Michelangelo (7)
- **10** First Christian martyr (7)
- Leader of the Gittites (5)
 Orlande de -----, with Palestrina and Victoria,
- the three giants of late medieval Church 18 (6) 15 Vale where the Israelites cut a cluster of grapes
- as proof of the Promised Land's bounty (6)
- **18** Integral aspect of many church services (5)
- **20** Son of Moses and Zipporah (7)
- 22 Name applied for a group of 19th century nonconformist chapels (7)
- **23** The second patriarch; son of Abraham and Sarah (5)
- 24 Priest who is a member of a cathedral chapter (5)
- **25** Lack of belief in the existence of God or gods (7)
- QUICK Down
- Holy city for Jews and Christians and Muslims (9)
 Fourth book of the Pentateuch (7)
- Daughter of Leah and Jacob (5) 4 Ferruccio -----, one of many to have composed a version of Ave Maria (1877)
- (6)5 Followers of Ignatius of Loyola
- Followers of Ignatius of Loyola (7)
- 6 Holy person deemed worthy of canonization (5)7 Bishopric (3) 12 8 province from 27 AD, covering much



- of the eastern Adriatic and Balkan interior (9)
- **14** Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure (7)
- 16 Maurizio -----, important early 17th century composer and maestro di cappella at Bologna (7)
- **17** OT empire created by Cyrus the Great and destroyed by Alexander the Great (6)
- 19 Adversary of God; tempter of mankind; master of Hell (5)21 Scots Gaelic (5)
- 22 Influential Benedictine abbey of Normandy at the time of the Conqueror (3)

SOLUTION

22 Bethels, 23 Isaac, 24 Canon, 25 Atheism.
22 Down: 1 Jerusalem, 2 Numbers, 3 Dinah, 4 Busoni, 5 Jesuits, 6 Saint, 7 See, 12 Illyricum, 14 Unclean, 16 Cazzati, 17 Persia, 19 Satan, 21 Irish, 22 Bec.

Across: 1 Jonadab, 5 Jesus, 8 Roman, 9 Sistine, 10 Stephen, 11 Ittai, 13 Lassus, 15 Eshcol, 18 Music, 20 Eliezer,