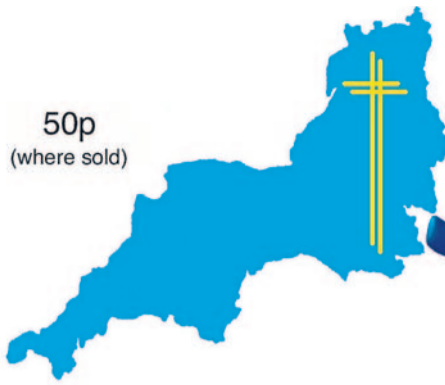


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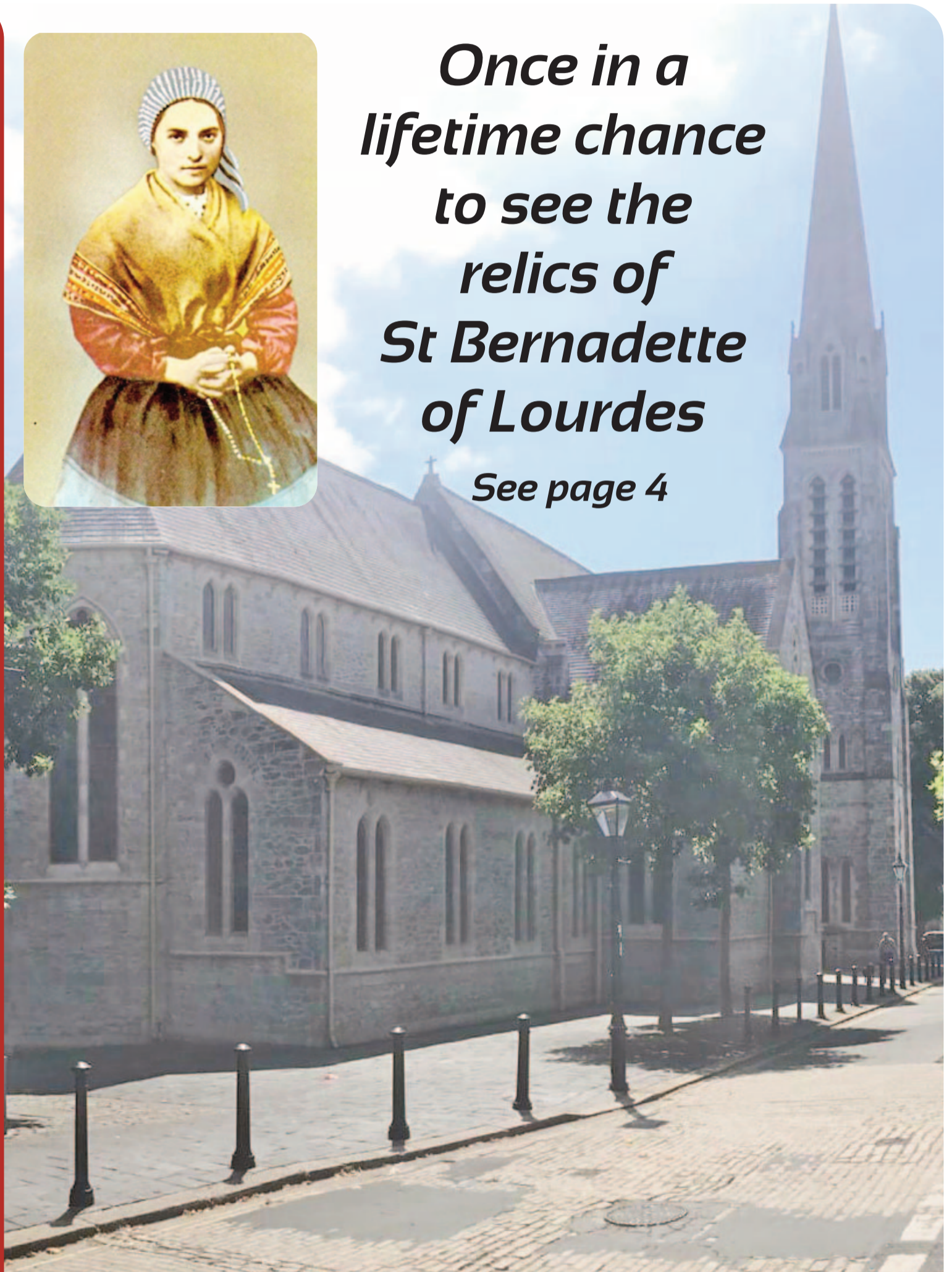


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## FROM CSW

Dear Reader,

We hope you have had a wonderful Summer! As things return to normal, there are lots of events and projects

going on in the Diocese to get involved in. Many of them are included here, if there is anything we have missed then please let us know and we'll try to include it next month.

If there isn't something that you are interested, why not start something? The life of the Church relies on us all doing our bit, so think about what you could do!

CSW TEAM



## Ukraine Sisters open doors to refugees

### Women and children make up 80 percent of all internal refugees

Sisters in Lviv have converted part of the orphanage they run into accommodation for internal refugees - who they are supporting with help from a Catholic charity.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is helping the Handmaids of the Immaculate Virgin Mary to feed and clothe 30 IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) from Mariupol, Kharkiv, Zaporizhyya and other parts of eastern Ukraine.

Running an orphanage, the Sisters are used to working with children and have been striving to help IDP children deal with the trauma of living through the war.

Women and children make up 80 percent of all internal refugees.

The Handmaids of the Immaculate Virgin Mary are one of the 23 women's religious orders in Lviv Archdiocese - all of which have opened their houses to take in refugees. ACN is supporting the work of the Sisters in the archdiocese with more than £60,000, so they can continue to help those who have lost everything.

The Handmaids of the Immaculate Virgin Mary are also providing spiritual support for their guests as well as seeing to their material needs. One of the Sisters tells us: "In the evenings we pray the Rosary



together with our guests in the convent chapel.

"And when the air raid sirens go off and the people are forced to seek shelter in the basement, we go down there with them and pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet together with them, asking God to protect us all in his providence."

By John Newton

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

article - they don't just want to know who was there and what snacks were available!  
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# Providing for the governance of our diocese



**Every bishop in the Catholic Church is appointed by the Holy Father.**

Pope Francis has not yet appointed the next Bishop of Plymouth. And whilst there is no time frame for appointing a new bishop, there is a time frame for designating someone to lead and coordinate the affairs of the Diocese.

After a See is vacant (meaning the seat of the bishop is vacant), the College of Consultors of a diocese will meet within eight days of the vacancy to elect a Diocesan Administrator. The College of Consultors consists of priests of the diocese who were chosen by their bishop to act as special advisors. They will also assist the new Diocesan Administrator with the governance of the diocese.

In Plymouth Diocese, the Chapter of Canons function as the College of

Consultors. The Chapter is a college of priests, called canons, whose primary function is to give God solemn worship in a cathedral or collegiate. A canon is a member of the Chapter. The Chapter met on 21st June 2022 and elected Canon Paul Cummins to serve as the Diocesan Administrator whilst in Sede vacante (lit. 'the time of the empty throne' in Latin) the term used for the state of a diocese whilst without a Bishop.

"Heavenly Father, send your Spirit on the Church in this time of discernment for a new pastor for our diocese. May the servant chosen to lead and inspire us in the years to come be an ardent and gentle shepherd to us all. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

## Around the South West

### Youth award

Fr Anthony O'Gorman gave three young people in our parish a youth award in recognition of putting their faith into action through service and reflection. Our three regular Sunday readers never fail to step up when asked and are an inspiration to other young people in the parish.



Many congratulations Amelia, Angelina and Ruby.

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# A SAINT'S VISIT

*Relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes to visit Plymouth Cathedral in September.  
The Sanctuary at Lourdes has witnessed 70 miraculous cures...*

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC Cathedral in Plymouth will be the venue for a once-in-a-lifetime visit early in September. It is here that the relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes will reside for the two days of the 9th & 10th. As a young girl, living in the Pyrénées in France, miller's daughter Bernadette Soubirous encountered a 'young lady' – later confirmed to be a vision of Mary, the mother of Jesus.



**Saint Bernadette of Lourdes.**

Bernadette met Our Lady on sixteen occasions between 11th February and 16th July 1858 and it was on 25th March 1858 that she had the courage to ask the lady her name. Our Lady replied: "I am the Immaculate Conception" – thus identifying herself as the virgin-mother of Christ.

In fact, the 25th March 1858 has extra-special importance for Catholics here in the South-west for it was on that actual day that Plymouth Cathedral opened its doors for worship; as the building was very nearly completed.

This historic visit of the relic of St Bernadette to Plymouth is part of a tour of the Catholic Dioceses of England and Wales as well as the Carfin Grotto – Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes.



**Plymouth Cathedral**

On Friday, 9th September the holy relic, in its beautiful Shrine, will arrive at Plymouth Cathedral from Portsmouth at 1pm to be greeted by the singing of pupils from Catholic schools in the vicinity.

Thereafter, visitors and pilgrims from all over Devon, Cornwall and Dorset will be able to process past the shrine and spend time in private prayer.

The story of Saint Bernadette, in animation, will be shown every ten minutes or so in the adjacent Cathedral Centre and there will be a special service in the Cathedral – with a candlelit procession starting at 6pm. The cathedral will close at 10pm after Night Prayer (Compline).

The next morning the Cathedral will open at 6am for public access to the Shrine. At 10.30am there will be Mass with the Anointing of the Sick after which the Shrine with its precious relic will depart for Bristol.

Pilgrims will be in the care of the Plymouth Cathedral Administrator, Canon Mark O'Keefe.



**Canon Mark O'Keefe**

He said: "Our unique and special link with the apparitions at Lourdes more than 160 years ago means that the visit of the Saint's relic has even greater significance for us and for the City of Plymouth.

"We look forward not only to welcoming Catholic pilgrims from all over the South-west but also our many friends from different Christian traditions and those of other faiths or none. We hope that they will be inspired by the story of St Bernadette and the amazing apparitions she witnessed at Lourdes."

Canon Mark explained that the Catholic Church has now recognised some 70 cures of the sick attributable to visits to the Sanctuary at Lourdes. Our Lady had specifically asked Bernadette for a chapel to be built at the nearby cave-grotto at Massabielle and the site can now take in some five million pilgrims and tourists every season.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster, announced this historic visit of the relic a few weeks ago. "As we welcome the relic of St Bernadette to the United Kingdom," he said, "we are reminded of the special significance of Lourdes as a place of pilgrimage and love,



**The beautiful Reliquary (Shrine)**

where people of all ages serve and care for the sick and the most vulnerable in our society."

The Cardinal encourages those visiting the Shrine of the relic to consider

continuing their journey to Lourdes itself in the weeks and months ahead. He added, "We thank God for the faith of Saint Bernadette and for the many gifts and graces the relic tour will bring."

## ST BERNADETTE



## PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL 9TH & 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

Friday 9 September		Saturday 10 September	
1pm	Relic arrives at the Cathedral (from Portsmouth)	6am	Cathedral reopens
1.30pm	Welcome Liturgy involving pupils from CAST Schools	am	Opportunity for veneration of or procession past the Relic with private prayer
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6pm	Lourdes Liturgy (animation, water, candlelit procession) in the Cathedral	12.00	Relic departs for Clifton
8.30	Compline (Night Prayer) and Adoration		
10pm	Cathedral closes		

**BERNADETTE**  
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# Intergenerational Linking

Online Event 6 October 4-5pm

Caritas Plymouth, in partnership with Plymouth CAST Multi-Academy Trust, has undertaken an ambitious 18-month project as part of an exciting national initiative known as Care Home Friends and Neighbours: Intergenerational Linking, which promotes young people's engagement with older people living in care homes.

Eleven primary schools from Plymouth, Devon, Torbay and Dorset have now established links with local care homes. We will be holding an online event on 6 October 2022 from 4-5pm to share some of the amazing experiences that have taken place. Come along to hear about: the benefits of intergenerational linking for pupils and Care Home residents the practicalities and challenges of

intergenerational linking how you can start up your own local link.

If you would like to join us, please email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

We are grateful for a grant from the inter-generational linking initiative, which is run by partner organisations My Home Life England and The Linking Network, and is jointly funded by The Dunhill Medical Trust and the #iwill Fund, from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport.

For more information about Care Home Friends and Neighbours: Intergenerational Linking, please search for Diocese of Plymouth Intergenerational Linking online

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# CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2022 Annual Appeal 'Give Hope : Extend a Hand - Putting All Children First' over the weekend of 27th and 28th August. The total raised is not known yet, but CCSP will let all their loyal supporters know in a future edition of their newsletter 'Children First' If you would like to join the mailing list to receive future copies, please email [vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk) to keep up-to-date on how the society helps vulnerable children and their families across the Diocese through their Essential Grants programme and how they work to support parents and carers as they bring up their children through their Patchwork Parenting courses.

Pro-active Parenting will be replacing Patchwork by the end of 2022 with updated support sessions for parents including strategies around anxiety and emotional wellbeing. Each six-week course is tailored to meet the needs of the

group, from a range of different topics. Please contact CCSP for further information or to book a six-week course for your school or parish.

CCSP will also be offering Rainbows accreditation and training to CAST schools ensuring that as many Catholic schools as possible in the Diocese will be supported and will have the opportunity of high-quality bereavement and loss support training; enabling them to foster emotional healing among children and young people.

For more information, you can visit their website [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) or you can call 01364 645420 to speak to a member of the team. If you haven't already supported this year's Annual Appeal, it's not too late and a list of all the ways you can join in, can be found on their website.

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# Enlightening the Mind



***Education Sunday offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead.***

**“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us” (Ephesians 1:17,18).**

Education Sunday is a significant occasion in the calendar of the Church in England and Wales. This year, it falls on 11 September. Taking place at the start of the academic year, this day offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead.



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The theme of this year's Education Sunday is 'Enlightening the Mind' and is based on the Gospel acclamation for that day: "May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us" (Ephesians 1:17,18).

In St John's Gospel, Our Lord teaches us: "If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31,32). Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the revelation of his word, is 'the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. His revelation gives new meaning to life and helps man to direct his thought, action and

will according to the Gospel, making the beatitudes his norm of life' (Cf. The Catholic School, Dicastery for Catholic Education, §34).

The enterprise of Catholic education, whether in the home, school, college or university, is built on the belief that it is God our Father who enlightens the eyes of our minds. Through his gift of grace, he enables us to discover him and come into a relationship with him in Christ, the one source of all truth and freedom. For truth enlightens our intelligence and shapes our freedom, leading us to know and love God. A Catholic education facilitates truth and

freedom above all when it places the Eternal Word of God, Jesus Christ, at its centre.

When blessed with enlightened minds, not only are students able to learn to grow and walk in the light of truth but they can share, too, the freedom and hope it brings with their family, their communities and, as they pursue their vocation, with the world in which they live and work.

The Church teaches that we begin to reach our full human potential when we respond with open hearts to the Lord's call and to the vocation which he desires for each one of us. As the Gospel acclamation affirms, with enlightened minds we can see the great hope that his call holds for us.

I wish to thank all those past and present who have worked, and continue to work, faithfully to place the person of Jesus Christ at the heart of their work in educational institutions, and to make them centres of enlightenment, hope, and virtue. On this Education Sunday, let us give thanks in prayer for all the staff in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities, and pray that our lives will be enlightened always by the truth which comes from the Eternal Word of God.

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## View from the Pew

By Dr Jay Kettle-Williams



## Footfall and Cash Flow

I've long heard enough about the state of the nation's economy and the problems of financial mismanagement, I've become increasingly concerned about the nation's morality and the path on which it has set for itself in the short, medium and long terms. I soon tired of the protracted campaigning and the media circus around the road shows for selecting the new PM - a process in which the vast majority of us have absolutely no say whatsoever - all of which highlighted the shortfall among so many lacklustre politicians in statesmanship and in the ability to reach out across their constituencies and to engage positively with their electorates. We've ended up in dire financial straits against a backdrop of an increasingly dispirited populace.

In some ways, you might be tempted to draw comparisons with a diocese. I've been looking at current situations and some projections for the future: in some cases there are parishes badly overdrawn or heavily in debt; the overburdened and diminishing numbers among the ordained bring other pressures to bear; Mass counts plummet with forecasts of minus numbers within 50 years (Not that I'm sure how you get to a minus number attending Mass) .... Yes, the future looks bleak. But it's from among the laity that the future ordinations are born, it's from among the laity that so many skills can be called upon, it's from among the laity that money is put 'on the plate' or otherwise comes into the coffers.

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'Are you a practising Catholic?', I asked. 'What other type is there!', he snapped back.

Hm! Unfortunately I wasn't quick enough off the mark to answer him back, perhaps along the lines of: 'And we know what practice makes!' But I did draw a clear message from that briefly, testy encounter. But to my mind, there's more than one type of Catholic.

To practise our faith involves trying to be faithful to Jesus Christ in all we do, and participating in such rituals that identify us as Catholics as, for example, the Mass and other sacraments. It also entails us dedicating our talents, our time and our treasure to supporting the activities of our Church because it's part of our Christian responsibility to be charitable, to offer what we have been blessed with for the benefit of the common good, the Body of Christ of which we are part. That responsibility extends to recognising the financial burden incurred in bringing the 'products and services' - if I can be excused for putting matters somewhat



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harshly, but realistically - which we expect or even demand from our Church, e.g. a clean place to sit, a roof over our heads, light, warmth and a priest saying Mass, and doing whatever else wherever else we expect and want him to be.

The Church is a community, caring of itself yet attentive to others, just like one, large extended family. All members are dependent upon the time, talents and support from across the membership, benefiting from a sort of ongoing pass-the-parcel round of responsibility, a merry-go-round of addressing needs: mine today; yours tomorrow.

But like so many things in this world, this all needs financing to address the imbalance in financial terms between supply and demand, and help secure the financial future of all we espouse. In times of yore, the King demanded of each shire that a Reeve be appointed (i.e. a Shire Reeve → sheriff) responsible for ensuring that the machinery of State be financed. It was the Shire Reeve's task to collect at a given time each year one tenth of each citizen's wealth: if you had 10 pigs, he'd take one.

That system of tithing has long since died away in matters of State and has been replaced with all manner of taxes - there's no need to pop a pig in the post to the Exchequer - but this country does not pay churches a faith tax from its revenues, unlike in Germany. And, what's more, the UK authorities do not subsidise our Catholic Church. It's not the State religion. Our Catholic Church - and that means you and me - has to pay its way at market prices.

So let's not forget what many a mickle can make.



*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](mailto:info@theroadpilgrim.com)*

# The Road Pilgrim

## Part Seven - Car Parts & MOT

### Bumpers

You've probably driven an 'electric car' (kind of) without realising it. Dodgem cars are electric and have been around since the 1920s. Many use dodgem cars as bumper cars, bumping those in their way and those they seek out. The goal of dodgem cars, however, is to dodge, not bump others.

On the highway of life, some want to bump those 'in their way' or whom 'they don't like'. Bumpers absorb impact, and on the highway of life, forgiveness is our bumper absorbing the effects of those bumping us.

Every morning the rhythm of life begins, and off we go. Life's arena is no fairground, yet the following theme park advice applies: 'Step into the arena, take control of your own dodgem car, and race around as you try to avoid the chaos!' Are you more dodgem car or bumper car? Either way, thank God for bumpers!

### Engine

For many, the inner workings of a car engine are a mystery. It's a similar story with ourselves. Most people lack awareness of what's going on within their spiritual engine. Take, for example, your thoughts. Is your mind over-active like an engine unnecessarily revving? Do you struggle to switch off, like an engine overrunning? There are loving (positive) thoughts and unloving (negative)

thoughts. Have you learnt to observe your thinking? Which ideas are inspired by God and which are not? Pay attention to your spiritual engine.

### Number plates

In the United Kingdom, number plates were first used in 1903. A number plate identifies a vehicle's registered keeper, not the owner. We are the registered keepers of our lives, but God is the owner. No false number plates are allowed at the Pearly Gates—we must be ourselves. Know who you are: a child of God, a loved sinner.

### Milometer

How much mileage has your car done? In the past, going around the clock (100,000+ miles) was an achievement; nowadays, some vehicles can go around twice, even more. People live longer too. The desire for immortality is within humanity.

Fr. Richard Rohr, in his book *Falling Upward*, says we've got to die before we die. He is referring to the second stage (phase) of life, where we learn to die to all that is unnecessary to 'being'. This second stage, says Fr Richard, is not tied to chronological age. It often is, yet some die early to the unnecessary while others perhaps not until their death bed. What matters on the highway of life is the mileage on our spiritual milometer. How much have we died to that which is not of God?



### MOT

An MOT checks a vehicle's roadworthiness. It groups test items into five categories: interior, exterior, under the bonnet, under the vehicle, and emissions. Consider using the following adapted test report to check your roadworthiness on the highway of life.

### MOT Test Report REGISTRATION MARK:

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**DATE[S] OF FIRST USE:** date of birth and date of baptism

**ODOMETER READING:** your spiritual journey thus far

**INTERIOR CHECKS:** How are your emotions/feelings? What might they be telling you? Deep down, are you sad or joyful?

**EXTERIOR CHECKS:** What are the circumstances of your life? How are you responding to these circumstances? What are the obstacles to love? What is helping you grow in love?

**UNDER BONNET CHECKS:** What are your negative thought streams? What are your positive thought streams? Do you have the mind of Christ?

**UNDER VEHICLE CHECKS:** Are you centred on God? Do you rest on God in the present moment? Can you be still and have faith to let God be God?

**EMISSIONS:** On the highway of life, do you pollute or purify?

**FAIL:** You are a sinner, and you refuse God's love.

**PASS:** You are a sinner, and you allow God to love you.

**ADVISORIES:** You are not as good as you think you are, but you are loved more than you realise. (A point based on the thought of Gerald M. Fagin S.J., *Discovering Your Dream*).

1 'Dodgems Ahoy' on the Drayton Manor Theme Park website at [www.draytonmanor.co.uk](http://www.draytonmanor.co.uk).

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*CSW looks at the word "Benediction"*

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# Bishops of Europe statement on Season of Creation

The Bishops of Europe issued the following statement on Saturday, 20 August 2022.  
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## Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Pope Francis' Message for the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - to be held on 1 September 2022 - was published on 16 July. It has been a unique time that has seen various parts of the world devastated by the fires that have destroyed much of the planet's green areas.

In particular, our own Europe has been faced with a genuine environmental catastrophe that, in 97% of cases, is attributable to the actions of man. In the 27 countries within the European Union, according to a recent estimate, fires have already devastated a total of 517,881 hectares since the beginning of the year, compared to 470,359 the previous year. It is worrying, moreover, that scholars are already hypothesising the transition from our era (Anthropocene) to the next one, to which they have already given the name "pyrocene", the effects of which are already visible considering that CO2 emissions have reached levels that the planet has not known for well over 3 million years.

To all this must be added the enormous, and perhaps still incalculable, damage to the environment caused by the ongoing wars in Ukraine as well as in other areas of the planet. As early as the 1960s, the term "ecocide" was coined in the wake of the military campaign in Vietnam. Since then, attention to the effects of wars on the environment has grown. One should not forget the heavy air pollution caused by the burning of oil installations in Kuwait during the Gulf War (1990-1991), and the wars in Yemen and Syria with the contamination of soil and waterways. Ukrainian experts currently estimate that the long-term effects of this conflict may cause cancer, respiratory diseases and developmental delay in children.

But, if the hand of man is the main cause of this current situation, it also bodes well that the same hand can find a resolution to all of this. And it is here that the Message of the Holy Father Francis takes on great importance: not a pious exhortation, but a real challenge launched to the powerful of the earth and to the leaders of the individual nations (be they rich or poor), each for their own part. This, added to his appeal to attitudes of conversion that are concrete on the part of all Christians, so that we may be that hand capable of putting a stop to a destruction that is foretold.

Thus, the next World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as well as the entire Season of Creation, which, from 1 September, will stretch until 4 October, can be a time of prayer, but also a time of serious conversion of attitudes and habits.

We, European Bishops, join the appeal launched by Pope Francis, inviting all Christians to be spokesmen for these demands of the Planet, whose voice reveals "a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home". May the Lord hear this cry and grant mankind a new heart, capable of showing compassion to the whole of creation, so that concrete gestures may be put in place to allow all creatures to return to praise the Creator and us to join in this "'grandiose cosmic choir' made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God".

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# Fiery learning from the pastoral front line

After completing 10 years of my ministry here in Okehampton and Chagford, I thought I had enough experience to put some events down on paper. That is how my book, 'Fiery learning from the pastoral front line' has come to fruition. It is due to be published on 18th September, the day of our Parish Centenary. While writing this book, I referred to some of my old diaries and was pleased to see that my ministry has gone far beyond serving the Catholic community. For that reason, I have dedicated this book to the people of Okehampton and Chagford. The book is about my experience of providing care to those in the area who sought my help. I found that I was learning as much about emotions and the human mind as I was teaching. The more I tried to teach, the more I learned. This is well reflected in the forward and the introduction to the book written by Dr Marie Adams and Dr Marie Mills who are themselves accomplished writers and psychotherapists.

I may be one of the longer-standing writers for this newspaper as I've contributed over 100 reflections over the past 11 years. The themes I write about are varied - embracing the street pastors at Okehampton, critiquing the abuse of power by politicians both at home and abroad, and crying at Putin for help to stop the war in Ukraine.

I wrote my first book at age 16 when I was at secondary school. It was written in the Tamil language in the form of The Stations of the Cross and was critiqued by world-renowned scripture scholars like Dr Lucien Legrand, Dr Aloysius Xavier and Dr Patrick Jeyaraj before being published seven years later. I was too young to be an author but the main reason for the delay in the early publication of the book was its mixed content. It was not strictly a prayer but had a radical message that some traditional Catholics found difficult. I mixed spirituality with social justice. I wrote the book with the emphasis that you cannot be a true Christian if you don't abandon social evils such as caste discrimination, female infanticide, gender inequality, religious and linguistic self-serving divisions. I subsequently went on to write nine more books while continuing to be a Priest as well as study various degrees.

I now have six degrees: three bachelors degrees (Economics, Philosophy, Theology) and three masters degrees in Psychology, including two from Exeter and Bristol Universities. My final degree, a doctorate, is due soon from Metanoia/Middlesex University. These academic studies have all contributed to my efforts to be more human and to help others to be the same, irrespective of any differences. I hope that my new book reflects easy ways of becoming more human.



As the first non-European, Tamil Indian Priest in the area I have tried, and I hope succeeded to some extent, to serve the Catholics and non-Catholics using every God given gift I have. May I join in what St Paul said, 'I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith' (2 Tim 4:7).

**Darline Joseph Marianathan**  
**St Boniface Okehampton &**  
**Holy Family Chagford.**

## A note from Archbishop Mark O'Toole

I commend this book of Reflections by Fr Darline. Most of them first appeared in public print in the Parish or the Local Newspaper. They indicate Fr Darline's capacity to reach out to his parishioners and indeed more widely to all the local community. They speak of faith and the important things in life.



What is especially precious is Fr Darline's love of the Lord and his love of God's holy people. Both of these are well testified in these reflections. These past two years we have all been living within the limits of COVID and the reflections captured here reflect this reality, too. But they do so with a sense of hope and the power of the human spirit, of the importance of community, and the fidelity of God to those who seek His face. Also, particularly original and creative is Fr Darline's background in psychology. He wears his expertise lightly, introducing it in order to give a fresh insight into a particular issue.

I am sure that you will enjoy reading Fr Darline's reflections. I congratulate him on this achievement in the midst of a busy pastoral and academic life. May what he has written bring each of us closer to the Lord who is so good to us.

**With my kindest wishes**  
**+Mark O'Toole**  
**Archbishop of Cardiff**  
**Bishop of Menevia**

## Message from Canon Paul Cummins

As a fellow priest in the pastoral front line of the Diocese of Plymouth, I recognise much of what Fr Darline writes in these reflections. We have come through a time of intense change on so many levels, and these reflections illustrate how Father Darline and the people of Okehampton & Chagford have responded in so many creative ways. When I first met Fr Darline many years ago in Exeter, I saw in him an enthusiasm for pastoral ministry in the Church, and a deep desire to reach out to any who are in need of healing. His study of psychology has helped develop his many pastoral gifts, and his integrative approach to health and wellbeing has further enhanced his pastoral ministry. Father Darline has always been very keen on the use of technology to reach out to both parishioners and the wider world. In doing so he gives a great example of how we can all use our talents in furthering the mission of the Church to proclaim the healing love of God.

**Canon Paul Cummins**  
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# Book Reviews



**Goal: Give Your Prayer Life a Boost**

## Mysteries Made Visible

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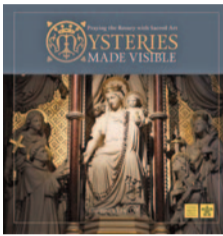
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Fr Lawrence Lew's photographs of sacred art inspire his contemplations of each Mystery of the Rosary.

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Fr Lawrence Lew, OP is a Dominican friar, the Promoter General of the Rosary for the Order of Preachers, and the rector of the Rosary Shrine at Haverstock Hill, London. He is also a well-known photographer.

### Endorsements

"This informative and beautifully illustrated book is a wonderful introduction to the Rosary prayer, and even more importantly, an irresistible invitation to pray it regularly."

**Bishop Robert Barron**

"What a truly delightful book on the Holy Rosary of Our Lady! The use of illustrations to pray the Rosary is a tried and true aid in praying the Rosary more attentively and 'Mysteries Made Visible' will be a great blessing to all who use it."

**Fr Donald Calloway MIC,  
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**Fr Thomas Joseph White OP,  
Rector Magnificus of the Angelicum  
(Rome)**

"Mysteries Made Visible by Fr Lawrence Lew OP is a feast for the heart, the mind, and the eyes. In words inspiringly phrased and images beautifully captured he draws us anew into the ancient prayer of the Rosary. This is a book to ponder and linger over. As we pray with tangible beads Fr Lawrence helps us enter the eternal mysteries of salvation."

**The Most Reverend John Wilson,  
Archbishop of Southwark**

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## Pilgrim France

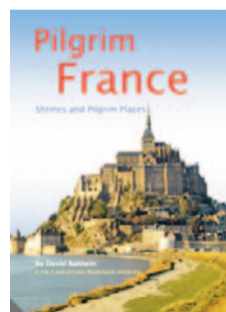
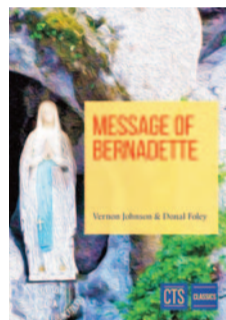
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is often called the eldest daughter of the Church, and her communion with Rome goes back to the 2nd century AD. Many places of pilgrimage have grown up in the subsequent nineteen centuries of faith. Some are world-famous, like Lourdes, Ars or Lisieux, while others are less well known. In this comprehensive yet readable guide, practical advice on travel and accommodation is perfectly combined with stunning colour photography and history, to make this the perfect volume to carry with you while travelling through France. Whether you are a pilgrim with a specific destination, or a holidaymaker



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In the late 1950's Bill and Win emerged into adult life from a society ravaged by World War Two. They met at Durham

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faith that would guide them, in their love for one another, from the shadows of the past into a more secure future. They came from very different backgrounds and they had acquired spiritual hopes and queries without certainties. Moved and intrigued by Jesus of Nazareth, neither of them claimed to truly know who He was or to understand Him. Without finding an answer, they got married. Led by Bill's tireless intellect, they would pursue the question. This is a book about the family and its journey of faith.

Ruth Evans is a contemplative sister who lives and writes in the diocese of Shrewsbury. She owes her adult spiritual formation to the Poor Clare Order where she lived until the closure of the Poor Clare Convent at Woodchester in 2011. Her life and writings have been strongly influenced by her father Bill's spiritual legacy, Franciscan theology and the abolition movement in the USA.

**Sr. Ruth Evans**

**Westminster Diocese launches**

## Collective Imagining Project

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Schools in Westminster Diocese are exploring a new way to engage students in community outreach and Catholic Social Teaching being offered by Caritas Westminster.

Imagining Futures has been launched as part of Caritas Westminster's 10th anniversary celebrations. This project is designed to encourage audacious collective imagining in schools, to create ambitious visions for the future, and inspire students to take small steps for personal and society change.



A two-part project to be completed over two terms, Imagining Futures stimulates students to express a positive, hopeful view of the future through creative arts, and to take social action. It will enhance the Catholic life of the schools that take part and connect students to their local communities, and will start in September 2022.

Meriel Woodward Assistant Director of Caritas Westminster, said: "We are faced with some of the biggest challenges the human race has ever faced; climate change, inequality, mass migration, war and polarising politics, and our response is often fear. But it is well known among cognitive scientists that fear triggers fight or flight receptors and causes our brain to shut down. The result is anxiety and apathy at a time when action is needed more than ever.

"Messages of hope on the other hand, open up the mind to creative solutions." She continued, "It is young people who often have the greatest capacity for creativity and for cutting through to share the message. Imagining Futures will bring people together to dream for a better future.

"As Pope Francis said in Let Us Dream: 'We can start to discern, to see new possibilities, at least in the little things that surround us, or that we do each day. And then, as we commit to those small things we start to imagine another way of living together, of servicing our fellow beloved creatures. We can begin to dream of real change, change that is possible.'"

Imagining Futures has been designed by educational experts, with experience in bringing the values of Catholic Social Teaching to young audiences.

In the first term, students will be given a space to exercise their collective imaginations and envision a hopeful view of their local community in ten years' time. The students will express that vision through the creative arts, whether that be traditional artwork, sculpture, poetry, prose, playwriting, or any other medium that they and their teacher sees fit.

In the second term students will take small but meaningful steps towards this vision by planning and enacting a social action project in their local community. In seeing the impact they can have, students will learn that the vision they imagined is not only possible but one they can (and should) have a hand in working towards.

The whole experience will give students a good basis of Catholic Social Teaching, and it stands alongside Caritas Westminster's other programme for primary schools, Caritas Ambassadors, which has been gaining in popularity in Westminster Diocese since its inception three years ago.



# Scripture Focus

By Fr Jeremy Corley



## A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS

Among the many tragic aspects of the war between Ukraine and Russia, one sad aspect is that both nations are brothers (or sisters). As a nation, Russia traces its ancient origin to Vladimir, Grand Prince of Kyiv (or Kiev), who became Christian around the year 987. Besides having many Russian citizens, Ukraine has even more Russian-speakers among the population. Yet, despite the kinship, this war between brothers has claimed many lives.

Such a situation of hostility goes right back to Cain and Abel. Because of his jealousy, Cain killed his brother whose offerings had been accepted by God. As well as the sacrifices he offered, Abel himself unwittingly became the sacrifice.

The psalmist says how good it is when brothers dwell together in unity. But we humans often hurt those who are closest to us. Indeed, the Bible tells stories of rivalry and

disputes between brothers. For instance, we read of Jacob who seized the birthright that was meant for his brother Esau.

In the Book of Genesis, we also hear of Joseph who was thrown down a well by his brothers, before being sold as a slave into Egypt. Only divine providence preserved his life and enabled him to prosper. Later, Joseph rose in Egyptian society, even to becoming deputy to the Pharaoh. Yet he forgave his brothers for their earlier mistreatment of him.

We can see a great contrast between two brothers in the well-loved Parable of the Prodigal Son—better named the Parable of the Prodigal Father. This is the gospel for the 24th Sunday of the Year (11th September 2022).

Like Martha in the story of the two sisters (Martha and Mary), the elder brother in the parable is dutiful and hard-working. He serves his father on the family farm without receiving any special rewards. But the younger brother is a tearaway youth.

As soon as he gets the opportunity, he takes his inheritance, abandons his family, and heads for a distant country, where he spends all his money enjoying himself.

The gospel does not explain the actions of the two brothers. Was the dutiful older brother happy to stay on his father's farm, or did he resent having to work there? Would the younger brother have really preferred to remain on the family farm if he had had more opportunities and received more encouragement? We do not know.

After his money ran out, the younger brother finally thought of home, where he had been better-off. At least he would be get something to eat at home. So he swallowed his pride, resolved to humble himself before his father, and set off for home.

The joy of the parable is the unexpectedly warm welcome the younger brother received from his father. There were no reproaches or recriminations. The father was just glad to see his son again and have him back with the family.

Which of his two sons did his father love more? Obviously he was pleased with his older son who served dutifully on the farm. But parents usually love all their children, however good or bad they are. Perhaps the father even felt some sympathy for the younger son, who wanted to escape his toil and explore the world.

The stories in the Bible offer no illusions about the tensions that can exist within a family. Yet they also speak to us of forgiveness. Joseph pardons his brothers who almost killed him and then sold him into slavery. The father welcomes back his prodigal son, even after he has abandoned the family and squandered his inheritance.

Family life can bring us the greatest joys in our lives, but also the greatest sorrows. But at its best, a family welcomes and loves all its members, good or bad. The Prodigal Father in the parable speaks to us of the unlimited mercy of God. May we receive this divine mercy and show it to others, near and far.



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

### CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Enemy of Gideon's defeated during the witching hour, said one (9)
- 6 Musical about a High Priest (7)
- 7 Riddle to penetrate? (5)
- 9 Change in a little while going back to protect the testament (5)
- 10 Fielder's body parts used to take wickets in the end (3,4)
- 11 Foot part's essential to dancing, they say (6)
- 13 Grand aura about directions for the Holy Roman Emperor (6) 16 Hymn book each sailor kept (7)
- 18 One has a habit of getting into minicab bother (5)
- 20 Harsh being back at sea (5)
- 21 Bigbrewersarenuts,ridiculous(3-4)
- 22 Tyre here company backs after one phone order (9)

### CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Recommendation when weather's bad in French wine area? (5)
- 2 Poles follow east Maine river banks to estate (7)
- 3 Saint Poles back from 2, and the Spanish, see in the morning (6)
- 4 One's no good in charge at first, but is very sweet (5)
- 5 Christian Roman's spreading mostly rubbish between Europe and America (7)
- 6 Paul's fellow soldier damaged pup's chair (9)
- 8 It runs in Iraq on Brussels tariffs top two phones supported (9)
- 12 Disturbance with fish supper only half wolfed down (5-2)
- 14 Spooks wreck a comeback, totally, for ancient language (7)

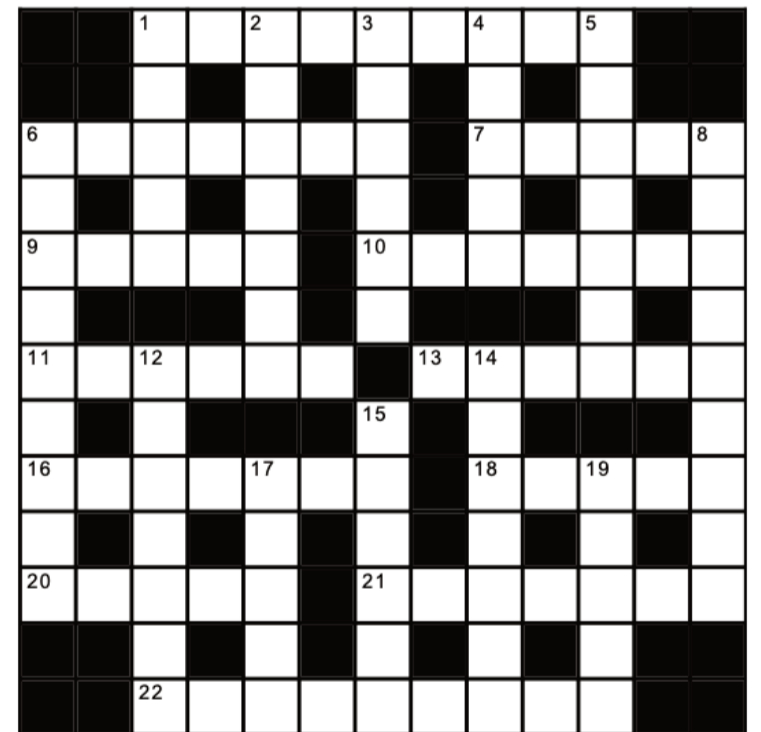
- 15 Frenchman's to the fore in Brexit – real European traditionalist on nationality (6)
- 17 'Beat retreat' code-word (5)
- 19 Gunners in the ascendant during support for Hebridean island (5)

### QUICK Across

- 1 One of a tribe from whom Moses took a wife (9)
- 6 High Priest who opposed the Maccabees (7)
- 7 Soak;suffuse(5)
- 9 Eurofractions?(5)
- 10 Close fielding position in cricket (3,4)
- 11 Arch area of the foot (6)
- 13 The -----'s War: alternative, now dated, name for World War I (6) 16 Book of hymns or poems associated with the Old Testament (7)

### QUICK Down

- 1 Town noted for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir/Gamay Burgundies (5)
- 2 Manorhouse;estate(7)
- 3 Abbot of Bec who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093 (6)
- 4 Cupcake topper (5)
- 5 Roman Christian who sent greetings to Timothy via Paul... (7)



- 6 ...and Christian at Colossae cited by Paul (9)
- 8 Western river boundary of Mesopotamia (9)
- 12 Organize a new restructure(5-2)
- 14 Language probably spoken by Christ (7)
- 15 French, previously Armorican (6)
- 17 Staccato, energetic, South American dance (5)
- 19 Outer Hebridean island home of Dad's Army's Private Frazer (5)

### SOLUTION

Across: 1 Midianite, 6 Alcinus, 7 Imbue, 9 Cents, 10 Leg slip, 11 Instep, 13 Kaiser, 16 Psalter, 18 Abbot, 20 Stern, 21 Tea-urns, 22 Phoenicia. Down: 1 Macon, 2 Demesne, 3 Anselm, 4 Icing, 5 Eubulus, 6 Archipipus, 8 Euphrates, 12 Shake-up, 14 Aramaic, 15 Breton, 17 Tango, 19 Barra.