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Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

On 5th April, during the wonderful season of Eastertide, Bishop Christopher Budd made the first of his visits to parishes across the Diocese to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. In the parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis he confirmed seven of the young people who, since October 2012, had been preparing to receive the sacrament.

Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments which, together with Baptism and the Holy Eucharist, is one of the sacraments of initiation. According to Catholic doctrine, in this sacrament they receive the Holy Spirit and become adult members of the Catholic Church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states "in Confirmation we receive the spiritual seal, the Spirit of wisdom and

understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the Spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your heart (Wikipedia)."

The following extract from the Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17) describes how Peter and John confirmed the Samaritans:

"Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."

Richard Stead, Torbay Deanery



Easter Joy

Each year the Church unashamedly spends fifty days celebrating the Lord's victory over those terrible twins, sin and death and setting us on the way to eternal life. Death is no longer our destiny. Our mortality is still 'alive and well' and threatening.

We still live in a mortal state, but this state can now be a vehicle of a loving life – a gift of the Spirit – and that love, because it is of God, cannot be snuffed out by death. It is more powerful than death, because we love in union with Christ. We are empowered by the Spirit, the gift of the Risen Christ, to live a life that leads to life, because it is shaped by love.

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**Diocesan News**

Teenagers walk miles in aid of the Catholic Children's Society

The day broke sunny and very chilly on Wednesday 4th April for 14 year old Emma Warren (St Joseph's) and 15 year old Megan Field (St Mary's) from Poole as they set off along the coastal path in aid of the Plymouth Diocese Catholic Children's Society. Accompanied by their respective mums, Claire and Paula, they were joining the first day of the Great South West Walk which had been organised by the South West Coastal Path Association in celebration of its 40th Anniversary.

The weather got colder, the wind got stronger and the ground became more and more undulating but nothing stopped the girls as they strode ahead, often leading the group of thirty walkers, from the chain ferry to Chapman's Pool just outside Worth Matravers.

Finally 'The Steps' lay before them and the end in sight. Two hundred down, two hundred up! With youth on their side they were soon on their way round the corner to Chapman's Pool. Glistening in the weak, late afternoon sun shine, it was a fitting end to a glorious day. Well done girls!

Throughout April and early May, fifteen other walkers from around the diocese will also be joining the Great South West Walk as it winds its way down to the finish line at Land's End. Each walker has pledged not only to completing their stage of the walk but also to raising sponsorship money to help the children and families of the South West. Already in 2013 the Society has granted over £9,000 to those who have found themselves in a situation where they are struggling to cope. The trustees would like to thank all the walkers for their magnificent effort.

For more information about the walkers and also the work of the Society visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk.

Claire Warren
Catholic Children's Society, Plymouth Diocese



ROME MARATHON 2013

for the marathon on 17th March. We were hosted by the cheerful Sister Christina at the Dominican hostel 'Villa Rosa' only about ten minutes' walk from the Colosseum where the race started and finished.

The route embraced many of the great sites in the city as well as taking us south into the suburbs and countryside then north via the Vatican, many crossings of the Tiber, the Zoo and back through the cobbled streets to the finish. We were cheered on by the local crowds which included many Irish visitors who were there both commiserating amongst themselves for the defeat by Italy in the Six Nations rugby championship and celebrating St Patrick's Day! Our reward was a magnificent medal and, for some, a welcome rub down at a mobile massage station!

The team managed a number of under-4 hours personal bests as well as one or two 'personal worsts', due in the main to injury or temporary illness. Some have said, rather unkindly, that wanting to run 26 miles is an illness anyway! Nevertheless, I am sure that there will be many in our little band who will be keen to return to the fray in 2014. In spite of the disappointment of some of the results, we all hobbled with our supporters on one last foray to a restaurant near the Colosseum to enjoy pasta and much needed liquid refreshment. Thankfully

the restaurant was not too far from Villa Rosa.

We owe a huge vote of thanks to our supporters, Sister Christina, everyone who has sponsored us for the Catholic Children's Society and especially to Claire Warren who both ran and shepherded us throughout our stay. Same time next year?

Bill Kennedy
April 2013



Diary Dates

May & June 2013



Saturday 4th May 10am to 5.30pm: A Day with Mary at Lanherne Convent led by Fr Angelo FI and will be a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message of Fatima in 1917.

Saturday 4th May 10am to 1pm: Sacred Heart Parish, Kingsbridge and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Salcombe 'Annual Spring Fair' at the Market Hall, Fore Street, Kingsbridge. An excellent opportunity for parishioners across the Torbay Deanery to visit the picturesque South Hams and visit the Spring Fair.

Sunday 5th May: Flores de Mayo and Santacruzán organised by the Filipino Community in the Southwest of England in partnership with the Legion of Mary. Full details of the event will be published in the April edition of CSW. For more information please contact Merlyn McGuire (Organiser) on 01579 383903 or 07962 875223.

Saturday 11th May: Volunteers day, Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran, Truro - painting and clearing up around the parish grounds.

Saturday 11th May 7pm to 10pm: Barn dance at Archbishop Benson School, Truro in aid of the Science Laboratory Project in the Don Bosco Secondary School, Moshi, Tanzania; tickets £5 or £2.50 for under 12's from Paul Barnes 01872 242018.

Wednesday 15th May: Dedication of the church of Our Lady of the Portal and St. Piran, Truro and 40th Anniversary celebration. For more information contact the Parish Office 01872 272291

Wednesday 15th May 7pm: Pentecost Taize Evening featuring Taize music, scripture readings and reflective prayer at Central Church, Tor Hill Rd, Torquay arranged by Torbay Deanery Christian Unity Commission. For more information please call 01803 605718 or 07904001414.

Saturday 18th May, 10am to 1pm: CAFOD 'On Earth as it is in Heaven' - being a church for the Poor in the era of Pope Francis. An event, at St Boniface House, Ashburton, introducing a new Diocesan Resource for groups or individuals. For more information call 01364 645440 or 01364 645390.

Saturday 18th May, 10am to 4pm: Devon History Society Conference 'The Church in Victorian Devon' at St Cuthbert's Conference Centre, Buckfast. For more information please contact Mrs Judy Moss email: st.olaves@eclipse.co.uk

Saturday 18th May, 7.30pm: Let the Children Live concert, Palace Avenue Methodist Church, Paignton. Contact Celia Jenkin 01803 690651 for information and tickets.

Wednesday 22nd May: St Rita of Cascia & St Rita's Day celebrations at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. For more information please call 01404 42635 or email: stritas@btinternet.com

JUNE 2013

Saturday 1st June 8.45am: Parish Anniversary Breakfast at the County Arms followed by speaker, Fr Martin Poulson SDB on "The Year of Faith the Francis Factor"

Saturday 1st June, 10am to 5.30pm: A Day with Mary at Buckfast Abbey.

Sunday 2nd June 1pm to 4.30pm: Salesian Day of Reflection in Falmouth Parish hall led by Fr Martin Poulson SDB, preceded by packed lunch in hall. All welcome

Thursday 6th June: Plymouth Deanery Year of Faith Talk, 'Why does Church matter?' St Boniface College. For more information please contact Sarah Adams or David Wells on 01364 645390.

Friday 7th June: Centenary of the Consecration of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Exeter. For more information please contact Martin Overy on 01392 436740.

Saturday 22nd June, 10am to 1pm: CAFOD 'On Earth as it is in Heaven' - being a church for the Poor in the era of Pope Francis. A second event, this time in Dorset (venue to be confirmed), introducing a new Diocesan Resource for groups or individuals. For more information call 01364 645440 or 01364 645390.

Saturday 22nd June, 11am: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Harry Heijveld at Plymouth Cathedral.

JULY 2013

Thursday 4th July: Plymouth Deanery Year of Faith Talk, 'I'm confused', St Boniface College. For more information please contact Sarah Adams or David Wells on 01364 645390.

Friday 5th to Sunday 7th July: Exploring Jesus and the Gospels, a weekend of discovering the riches of the Gospels led by scripture scholar and writer, Fr Denis McBride at St Mary's Church, Wimborne Rd, Poole. Introductory Session on Friday at 7pm, continuing on Saturday 10 am-3.30 pm and concluding with Mass on Sunday at 9.30 am. Cost £5.00 per person. Please bring a packed lunch to share on the Saturday. For more details, please contact Deacon Declan on 01202 661869 or email: mconville@ntlworld.com.

REGULAR EVENTS

Cornwall Deanery

- Thursdays at 11am Legion of Mary, St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.
- First & Third Fridays 7pm to 9pm Prayer Group, Mary's Eucharistic Renewal, St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.

Dorset Deanery

- Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Poole, (after Inspire 20s to 40s Church Friends Group and Home Group the 7pm Mass).
- Monday evenings at 8pm, the Murray Muscat Centre, Glen Fern Road, Bournemouth: Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation Adult Education. Admission free and all are welcome. For details of the topic for each session please contact Spencer Nathan email: spencer.nathan@lineone.net

Exeter Deanery

- Monday evenings at 7.30pm, Meditation Group meets at the Richard Reynolds Centre, Heavitree Road, Exeter.

Plymouth Deanery

- Tuesday Discussion Group meets every week at 7.30pm at the Jeremiah Centre, Stott Close, Efford, Plymouth to reflect on the liturgical readings for the coming Sunday.
- Holy Hour every Friday at 6pm in the Cathedral
- Rosary in Malayalam every Thursday at 2pm in the Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- Sunday Lunch Club on the 2nd Sunday of the month for individuals, couples or families who would like to come; to book please contact Deacon Simon Fletcher or Suzanne on 01752 667433.
- Union of Catholic Mothers meet every Tuesday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Cathedral Centre.
- Knights of St Columba meet on the 2nd Monday of every month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Cathedral Centre.
- FOCOLARE – Word of Life Group meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm in the Cathedral Centre.
- CREDO a new group aimed at young Catholics ages 18 to 35; after the First Mass of Sunday, Saturday 6pm in the Cathedral Centre.

Torbay Deanery

- First Sunday of every month, Polish Mass, Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay at 4pm with confessions from 3.30pm
- Assumption Retirement Club (ARC) meets every Tuesday at 2pm in the Parish Rooms, Abbey Road, Torquay.

DIOCESAN RETREATS 2013:

(for information about all these retreats please go to <http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/thediocese/prayer/diocesan-retreats.ashx>)

Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group, South Gate, Buckfast

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June

Monday 24th to Friday 28th June

Sunday 20th to Saturday 26th October

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th November

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th November

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES 2013

24th to 31st May, Lourdes: for more information please contact Pilgrimage Director, Mrs Sue King tel: 01752 224414 or e-mail: sue@plymouth-diocese.org.uk

24th May to 1st June, Lourdes (Youth): for more information please contact Youth Coordinator, Jacqueline Mantello tel: 01803 328916

23rd to 26th September, Walsingham: led by Fr Stephen Geddes, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth. For more information please contact Pauline Toohey tel: 01305832508

7th to 19th October: Holy Land, Chaplain Mgr Adrian Toffolo; for more information please telephone 01395 513340

27th October to 3rd November: Annual Cornwall Pilgrimage to Walsingham; cost £360. For more information please call Christine on 01736 362619.

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HCPT *The Pilgrimage Trust*

WEST COUNTRY



Easter 2013

For some time we have known that the theme of this year's pilgrimage was "We are the hands of the Lord" and would be led by the Yorkshire Region. Indeed many had been very busy in the build up to the week with fundraising, packing and finally waving goodbye. A range of groups from over the Plymouth Diocese consisting of the old, the bold, the young, the carefree and the excited departed over Easter weekend.

Each had a slightly different route and form of transport to take but for all, the final destination was simple – Lourdes. Whether we arrived by plane or by train there was an air of anticipation about what the week would bring and more importantly what we would all leave with.

Soon the café, bars and restaurants were a sea of colour as each group was marked out by their own colour, name and unique make up. Our region was represented by a rainbow of colour from the orange of the youth group 706 led by Linda Hanrahan, the purple of group 141 led by new leader Jenny Bentley, the green and yellow of 45 led by Cath Fennell and the yellow and blue of group 179 led by another new leader, Rebecca Bowden.

After leaving the cold of the UK behind we were all hopeful of some warm

weather but were met instead with a deluge of wet weather. However, this did nothing to dampen the spirits and the whole town was alive with singing. In fact the only place that remained a place of quiet reflection was the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. All the groups took time to visit the Grotto, to share the experience of touching rock smoothed by the fingers of millions of visitors, to pray and to reflect upon the week. Earlier in the week everyone joined in with the torchlight procession, again the heavens opened and the rain poured but the candles remained lit as we followed the statue of Mary joining together in song and prayer.

One of the highlights of the week was the West Country regional Mass celebrated at the City of the Youth. The sun was shining and a spontaneous decision was made to hold an outdoor Mass. We sat in the sun surrounded by snow capped mountains and Canon Paul Cummins led the Mass as we celebrated the region, offered the sign of the peace to each other, shared in songs, prayed for each other, those at home and those who had helped us get there. Another highlight of the week was the HCPT Mass on Thursday; groups from all over the world including Jamaica, Croatia, Ireland, Slovenia, America and



many more were present. Banners led the procession of priests and bishops who concelebrated a truly memorable Mass. The Yorkshire Region was in charge and every sort of flat cap imaginable was represented. Over 5,000 people were present and, following on from the theme of the week everyone had their hands anointed with oil. As Mass concluded a very special visitor was led up to speak – Br Michael Strode the founder of HCPT. He reminded everyone of the importance of Lourdes and how communities are being strengthened and created helping everyone involved. Before we knew it the week was at an end and hands which had been busy all week were busy once again packing and preparing to go home. Groups made their way down to the grotto one last time to collect holy water, light candles, pray and say goodbye to Our Lady who had bought us here. Soon we were all ready to leave with our happy memories, exhausted bodies but confident that our week had been one of faith, fun, friendship and family.

Friday 24th to Friday 31st May:

Annual Group 507 Pilgrimage to Lourdes for Serving and Ex-Serving Personal. Details from:

richard.tipping@blueyonder.co.uk

Friday 14th to Friday 21st June:

Annual Group 579 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Details from: cavanwilce@btinternet.com

Saturday 15th June:

Oratory Prep School Jazz Band (all under 14) will be performing in Torquay and raising funds for Group 539; venue to be confirmed. Details from: barney@bettesworths.co.uk

Friday 28th June: Bishop Christopher has invited all HCPT people – pilgrims and supporters - to join him for Mass at The Cathedral at 7pm. Details from Christopher Woodman: christopher_woodman@btinternet.com

Sunday 30th June: Words for Voices, The Bothy, Dacombe, Newton Abbot and raising funds for Group 539. Details from: barney@bettesworths.co.uk

Friday 13th to Friday 20th

September: Annual Group 539 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Details from: barney@bettesworths.co.uk



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PASTORAL LETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

21 April 2013



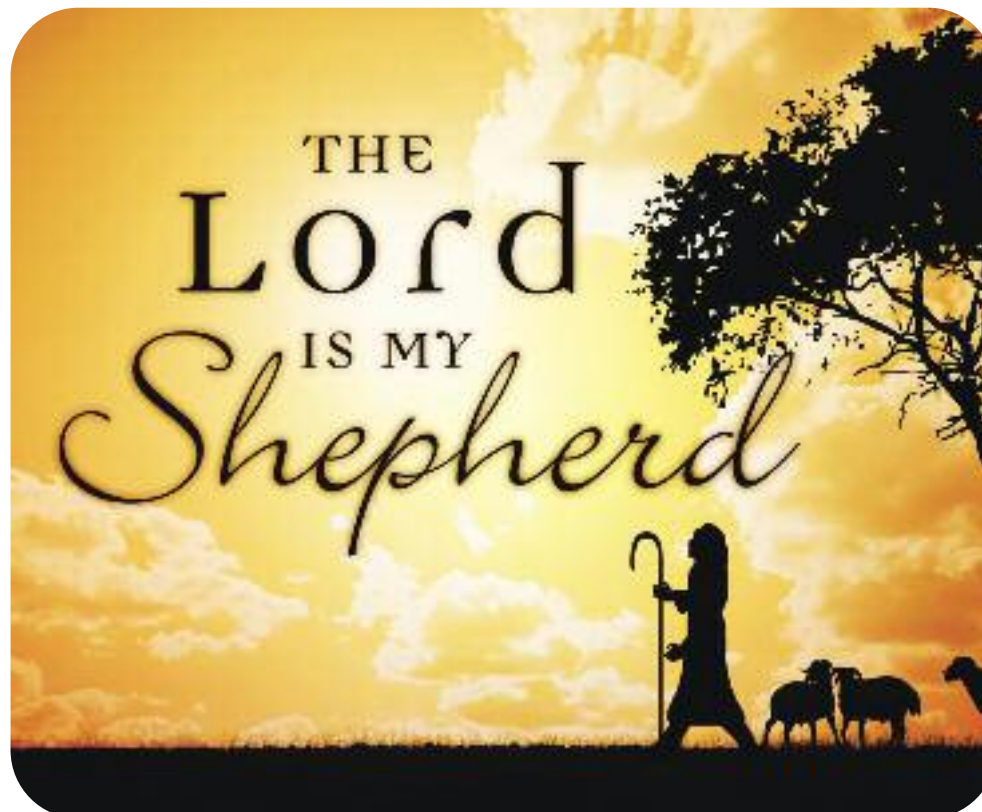
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

One of our most popular psalms is "The Lord's my Shepherd". It is often chosen for weddings, funerals and other important events in the lives of families and parishes.

The image of the Shepherd has a lovely warm feel to it. It is an image conjuring up the caring and concerned attitude of the Shepherd. In the Christian tradition, this image comes from the heart of God. God is often presented as Shepherd of his people in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Above all, God's concern for us is shown in the Incarnation. Christ becomes the Shepherd of his people by becoming one of us. He is not only among us to put us back on track for our final and true home which is Heaven. He also undertakes a journey for us through death into resurrection, providing us with a new life that is truly beyond all expectation!

The Church picks up the image of the Shepherd as a part of her celebration of Easter. Our Lord shows himself our Shepherd as he is established as the Lord of Life. Our sinfulness had become an enormous barrier to the life to which we are called. Jesus through his death and resurrection has rescued us from disaster and he has brought his Church into existence to enable us to stay on the road for eternal life. He chooses Shepherds (Bishops and Priests) to guide his people and entrusts to them the task of feeding his people and leading them in life-giving ways. He has recently called forth a new



chief Shepherd, Pope Francis, to continue his work and to strengthen and encourage all his Bishops and Priests and people, as have the Popes before him.

It is appropriate that, in the context of our celebration of Easter, we ask the Chief Shepherd of our souls to raise up in his Church men who will continue his work among his people. When we pray for vocations to priesthood, we are doing an Easter thing: we are asking the Lord to call men to enable his Easter people to be a community that lives, talks and thinks in

a way that will make the message of eternal life attractive and available to our contemporaries.

Such prayer for vocations is a natural part of our following of Christ. It is a way of taking responsibility for the wellbeing of Christ's Church. Those currently in ministry must move on through death and leave the community in the hands of others. Others are needed as priests to make available to their generation the riches of the Gospel message, the grace of the sacraments and the loving and life-

giving touch of a community being led in ways of love and kindness. That sort of prayer is our responsibility and our gift too to those who come after us.

The death and resurrection of Jesus makes us an Easter people. It is our task to pray for Christ our Shepherd to call forth priests for the future.

Although I have written mainly about a calling to priestly ministry there is no-one reading or listening to these words who has not received a calling from the Lord to do something as a disciple of the Lord, that only he or she is called to do. All special callings are important and, like priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, marriage etc., should be the focus of our prayer. However, every baptised person is called by God to do something for Christ, no matter how humble, lowly or private. All of us, without exception, are called to give witness to what we believe about Jesus. If we fail to respond there is something of that collective witness missing.

Remember Christ's good name is in our hands, individually and collectively, and that is both a privilege and a responsibility.

May God bless you all as you seek to discern God's will, and to pray for the wellbeing of his Church.

+Christopher
Bishop of Plymouth

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Reflection on the Holy Land

In November 2012 Margaret and Maurice Magee, from the parish of the Sacred Heart and St Teresa in Paignton, with two other couples and their old friend Fr Michael Cooke from the Salford Diocese, joined a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Tiberius in Galilee was their first stop from where they set sail to visit the village of Magdala, home of Mary Magdalen. Half-way through the journey a storm blew up and they were unable to stop at Magdala, instead sailing to the far side of the lake. Fr Michael's reading of the gospel story of Jesus calming waves made real for them the fears of Peter and the other Disciples as they experienced the stormy Galilean sea.

Whilst in the Galilee the pilgrims visited Capernaum, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Cana, Nazareth and, on their last day in the north, the traditional site of Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan. As Fr Michael led them in the renewal of their baptismal promises they realised, to their joy, that nearby a young woman in a white gown was about to enter the water for her own baptism.

From the Galilee the pilgrims travelled to Jerusalem

where they stayed in the convent of the Bridgettine Sisters located on the Mount of Olives. From their home for the next four days they were able to look out across the Kedron Valley to Jerusalem. Their pilgrimage took them to the 'Old City' where they walked the Way of the Cross – the Via Dolorosa – finishing at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which, although now within the city walls, was at the time of Jesus' crucifixion outside the city walls. Whilst with the Bridgettines the pilgrims prayed at the Western Wall and visited the Church of the Ascension at the top of the Mount of Olives. They also visited the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane at the foot of the Mount of Olives where Fr Michael celebrated Mass.

The pilgrims' next stop in Bethlehem, now enclosed by a high concrete wall, was heartrending. To reach the Church of the Nativity it is necessary to pass through a checkpoint guarded by armed Israeli soldiers and, whilst their visits to the site of Jesus' birth and the Shepherd's Fields were inspiring, they were reminded that 2,000 years later Palestine is still a troubled land.



One of the last places that the pilgrims visited was the town of Ayn Karem, the hill-top village where Mary visited Elizabeth and where John the Baptist was born. Their own journey from Tiberius in the north to Jerusalem was in stark contrast to that of Mary; they reflected on how difficult her journey must have been across the Judean desert, a stony and barren land where, even to this day, Bedouins maintain their old way of life.

**Margaret & Maurice Magee
Paignton**

Cornwall Deanery



The Little Company of Mary



This is a British Religious Order of nurse-nuns, now better known overseas than in the UK, since the closure of their hospital in Nottingham, and the average age of the British sisters. But, on 9th April 2013 they will have celebrated the death centenary of their founder, Mary Potter. She was a remarkable woman particularly in the light of her background. Mary was the youngest of five children from the marriage of William Potter and Mary Anne Martin in 1838 and as the only girl very much the pet of the family. Sadly the marriage failed so Mrs Potter, a Catholic was left to bring up the children but not in particularly reduced circumstances. One son became a priest, two went abroad and the fourth one remained as 'head of the household' after the family moved from London to Portsmouth.

Mary became extremely devout, but suffered from a lifetime of ill health; against her Mother's wishes, she first joined the Sisters of Mercy but this did not work out. After a period of sickness and much initial opposition from the Catholic hierarchy, up to Cardinal level, she founded the 'Little Company of Mary' (LCM) to care for the sick and dying. The Order was first established in Rome and later in the U.K. and elsewhere overseas.

Her work flourished despite the hardships she encountered and by the time of her death in 1913 was recognised as a leading Order of its kind. The story has been told in several books about her life,

and also in a semi-comic style publication entitled 'The Journey' published for the Order a few years ago; it was rather remarkable for its glamorisation of the Catholic clergy!

The LCM Sisters now work in Australia, UK, Albania, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, New Zealand, South Africa, Tonga, the USA and Zimbabwe. Mary Potter herself was declared Venerable in 1998 after her bones had been brought from Rome and re-interred in Nottingham. Although the Order was thrown out of Malta by a left-wing government there are still Maltese sisters in other countries.

During the 1990s the Order became established in Albania to provide palliative care for cancer sufferers. A family health clinic was built and officially opened in October 1996, but sadly trashed six months later during a time of civil unrest. However, the Sisters returned and it was restored and handed over to Albanian management under initial supervision and continuing financial support. Friends of Albania and SoS Albania-Malta were two organisations which were proud to help and contribute to the work in Albania at that time.

I have maintained contacts with several of the British LCM sisters and their London provincial office, who continue to contribute used postage stamps to a small fund-raising scheme for Catholic work in Albania.

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Golden Jubilee Celebrations



On Sunday 14th April, Fr George Robson was chief concelebrant at the 10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, St Marychurch to mark the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination.

Concelebrating Mass with Fr George were Canon Michael Lock – Parish Priest, Fr Martin Coyle UK Superior of the Salesian Order and Mgr David Silk. Fr George joined the Salesian Order in 1953 as a Junior Seminarian and was ordained on 25th March 1963, the feast of the Annunciation, in the Basilica of Mary, Help of Christians, Turin; the mother church of the Salesian Congregation founded by St John Bosco.

Fr George is the brother of Anne Robson, a parish stalwart and former teacher at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay. He has been visiting Our Lady Help of Christians, St Marychurch for over thirty years to spend time with Anne and his family and was delighted to celebrate his Golden Jubilee at St Marychurch.

The February edition of CSW featured the Pilgrimage of the Relics of St John Bosco around the UK, part of the preparation for the Bi Centenary of the birth of Don Bosco on 15th August 2015. It was a great joy for Fr George that, in his Golden Jubilee year, he was able to take part in the pilgrimage – especially during the visit to the city of Glasgow where he is working in one of the parishes.

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On Saturday 13th April we were taken around the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) Search and Rescue squadron at Culdrose, Cornwall by Lieutenant Sean Jehu, an Ignite leader.

We had the opportunity to see the base, try on night vision goggles and to explore an official Search and Rescue helicopter! With our Parish Priest, Father Jon Bielawski, we had a personal tour with Sean which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

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Easter Vigil RCIA Celebrations - Wimborne

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Wimborne parishioners who were received during the Easter Vigil this year were Tess Maybury, Amanda Turner, Paul Harris and David Clark. They are pictured above with Wendy Morrell who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and with Canon Kenneth Noakes. We offer them our congratulations and a sincere welcome.

For more information about the RCIA process in the Plymouth Diocese contact the Vicariate for Formation Tel: 01364 645390.

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Housekeeper

She presided For so many years Over her house in Nazareth. Catering first for Joseph, Then for Jesus and Joseph – The Holy Family.	Sometimes she may not have known How many would come For food, and perhaps to sleep. Yet we cannot imagine her turning anyone away, Ever calm and welcoming.
She had been daughter Helping at home. She was then wife Making a home. She became mother Running a home.	We honour her As Maiden, We honour her As Mother We honour her As Queen.
No doubt she kept open house For the apostles When they came Hoping for a hot meal As men do. I know, I am one.	Mary as housekeeper Year after year. A role most practical Though understated Also deserves To be celebrated.

Dr Joseph O'Shea

Exeter Deanery

Exeter Parishes get a glimpse of a Polish Easter

In Poland it is the custom that some of the food that is to be eaten on Easter Sunday must be blessed; in some parts of Poland priests come to the house on the Sunday and bless the food but, for the most part, on Holy Saturday families prepare and bring to the church, a decorated basket containing symbolic food. Eggs are boiled and then painted or etched and placed in the baskets together with bread, yeast cake, sweetmeats, some sort of meat usually ham or sausage and cheese; salt is also included. The baskets may be traditional, lined and covered with a white cloth or they may often be taken home by children.

After a short reading the priest invites the congregation to bring the food to the altar to be blessed whilst everyone stands in a circle around the sanctuary. The priest blesses the food as Jesus did at the Last Supper, when the Holy Eucharist was handed down to us; last of all the salt, seen as a protector from evil and immorality, is blessed. This rich symbolism reminds us that Jesus ate with the Apostles after the resurrection and asks us to acknowledge God amongst us when we eat our Easter meal. After the ceremony people retrieve their baskets and take them home ready for their celebrations on Easter Sunday.

There were ceremonies at both the Sacred Heart Church Exeter and the Blessed Sacrament Church Heavitree this Holy Saturday which were well attended by Polish families and other members of the parish. Canon John Deeny, Parish Priest at Blessed Sacrament, would like to extend this practice to the whole parish community as part of an increase in awareness of our spiritual and social unity.

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Romanian Challenge Appeal, St Austell

On the six Fridays in Lent, parishioners from St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Austell were able to meet and enjoy a dish of home-made soup, fruit and a cup of tea following the Friday morning Mass. The delicious soups were all made by parishioners Sue Dugmore and Win Cartledge, who planned and organised the brunches to raise much needed funds for the Romanian Challenge Appeal.

Their hard work and the support from parishioners raised **£440.60**. The brunches were not only financially successful, they also proved to be wonderfully uplifting social events.

Pictured are Sue Dugmore (standing) and Win Cartledge

(bottom left-hand corner) busy serving their delicious soup at the Friday morning Lenten brunches.

Deacon John Saunders
St Austell



Wider News

Pope appoints group of Cardinals to advise on Church Governance and will also study plan for revising the Apostolic Constitution on Roman Curia

By Junno Arocho Esteves

In a communiqué released by the Vatican Secretariat of State, Pope Francis has established a group of 8 cardinals from around the world to advise him in the government of the Universal Church, as well as "to study a plan for revising the Apostolic Constitution on the Roman Curia, "Pastor Bonus".

The establishment of the group follows a suggestion that was made during the General Congregations prior to the conclave that elected Pope Francis as Supreme Pontiff. The group of Cardinals consists of Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello, President of the Governorate of Vatican City State; Cardinal Francisco Javier Errázuriz Ossa, Archbishop emeritus of Santiago de Chile, Chile; Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, India; Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, Germany; Cardinal

Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya, Archbishop of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo; Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston, USA; Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney, Australia; Cardinal Oscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, SDB, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, who will serve as coordinator; and Bishop Marcello Semeraro of Albano, Italy, who will serve as secretary.

Following the communiqué, the Holy See Press Office stated that the announcement shows Holy Father's attentiveness to the suggestions made by the College of Cardinals, "his closest collaborators."

"It is a group, not a commission, committee, or council. The Group has no legislative power and its main function is to advise the Pope. The Group will not in any way interfere in the normal functions

of the Roman Curia, which helps the Pope in the daily governance of the Church," the statement by the Holy See Press Office said.

The Holy See Press Office also stated that although the group will also assist in revisions to the Apostolic Constitution, "Pastor Bonus", which relates to the Roman Curia, the Holy Father showed and expressed his "deep gratitude for their hard work, especially over the past two months."

According to the Secretariat of State's communiqué, the group's first meeting has been scheduled for 1-3 October 2013. "His Holiness is, however, currently in contact with the aforementioned cardinals," the communiqué concluded.

VATICAN CITY, April 15, 2013
(Zenit.org)

Book Reviews

Why Bother Praying?

By Richard Leonard, SJ

Fr Richard Leonard, SJ, is a Jesuit of the Australian Province. He is the director of the Australian Catholic Film Office, a consultant to the Australian Catholic Bishops' Media Committee, and a film critic whose reviews appear in all the major Catholic newspapers in Australia. Author of *Where the Hell is God?* he lectures all over the world.

This accessible volume is less about how to pray, and more about why we pray and what it does for us, for God and for

the world. The author explores the context within which we pray, what is distinctive about Christian prayer, praying to Jesus, what communal prayers do, how Mary and the saints help us pray, and finally, what the point of prayer is - sending us out with Christ to witness to the reign of God in our world.

Fr Richard says: "In this book I have suggested that one of the reasons some of us give up on prayer is because we may not have been introduced to its riches. Prayer is making space for God to love us, for us to hear that, and then

through the community of faith, to have the courage to return the compliment. It changes lives. The best of prayer engages our vivid imaginations and a vast array of biblical images to develop a set of ideas that reflect various personal theologies for God that will suit every season under the sun. One size does not fit all. This enables us to enter deeply into a relationship with God who accompanies us through the events of our lives."

Why Bother Praying is published by Paulist Press (USA) and distributed by The Columba Press

Francis, Bishop of Rome: A Short Biography

In March 2013 Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires was elected Pope; the first Jesuit pope, the first South American pope, a candidate who hardly featured in all the pre-consular forecasting and speculation.

From the very outset his self-effacing and humble style won the hearts of not only the people of Rome but of people all over the world, of all faiths and none.

But who is Francis, Bishop of Rome? In this short biography, the first to be made available since Francis' election, Fr

Michael Collins, Vatican expert and author of *The Fisherman's Net* (2005) *Benedict XVI, Successor to Peter*, (2005) and *Benedict XVI The First Five Years* (2010) introduces us to the man who is now 265th in line of succession to St Peter.

From his childhood in Buenos Aires, to his entrance into the Jesuits in 1958 and ordination to the priesthood in 1969; from his time as Provincial against the background of military dictatorship in the 1970s to his appointment as Bishop in

1992, and to his subsequent work as Archbishop, Cardinal, and a range of curial appointments, Fr Collins draws us a picture of the man now called to lead the Catholic Church.

This short biography provides the answer to the question everyone asked on the night Francis stepped out onto the papal balcony for the first time as Bishop of Rome and wished us all *Bueno Sera* - Who is this man?

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Diocesan News

Fr Frank Harris RIP

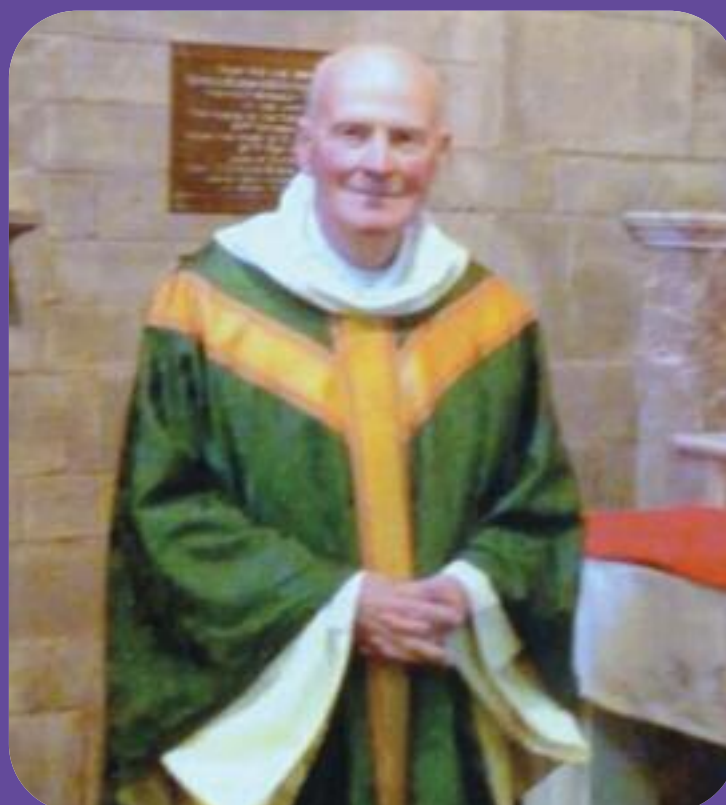
Led by Bishop Christopher, some thirty-five priests and three deacons took part in the Requiem Mass for Fr. Frank Harris at the church of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Teignmouth. Cornwall Deanery, where Fr. Frank worked as an assistant priest in retirement from 2001-2013, was well represented by several parishioners and a Deacon from Sclerder Abbey. Fr. Frank spent a lot of his time at Sclerder with his brother, Fr. Eric Manley-Harris, who is Chaplain to the Carmelite nuns.

Both Fr. Frank and Fr. Eric were former Anglican clergymen who were received into the fullness of the Catholic faith late in life, Fr. Frank being ordained priest for this Diocese on 26th March 2001. In fact he died on the anniversary of his ordination.

The Requiem was followed by a generous meal at the Cliffden Hotel. Fortunately, many members of his family were able to attend the Requiem and the meal.

Fr. Frank was buried at Teignmouth, where he and his brother grew up.

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New Banner for the St Austell Section of the Catholic Women's League

On Friday 5th April 2013, Fr. Peter Morgan, Parish Priest of St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Austell, blessed a new banner for the St. Austell Section of the Catholic Women's League.

The beautiful new banner was designed and made by Cathy Chappell, St. Austell CWL

Section Secretary. It took Cathy many hours of work and was put into service the very next day at the Annual General Meeting of the CWL Cornwall Branch. Pictured with the banner are Fr Peter and Cathy Chappell.

Deacon John Sanders
St Austell



Come to London and End Global Hunger

Catholics across the South West are set to support CAFOD on June 8 at an unmissable Hyde Park event, challenging world leaders to secure a fairer global food system.

The 'Enough Food For Everyone ... IF' event will increase pressure on the Coalition Government to use the UK presidency of the G8 to start to bring about an end to hunger. CAFOD will stand alongside representatives of 150 other UK-based organisations in the coalition calling for world leaders to take urgent action. The day will consist of faith services and other activities across the capital, yet to be disclosed.

The event, which hopes to attract tens of thousands to Central London and spread its messages to millions across the nation, begins a period of action targeting the G8 summit which meets in Fermanagh, Northern Ireland just ten days later. Campaigners hope that, as host, David Cameron will have a significant voice in the discussion which has the potential to be a landmark step in the journey towards ending global hunger.

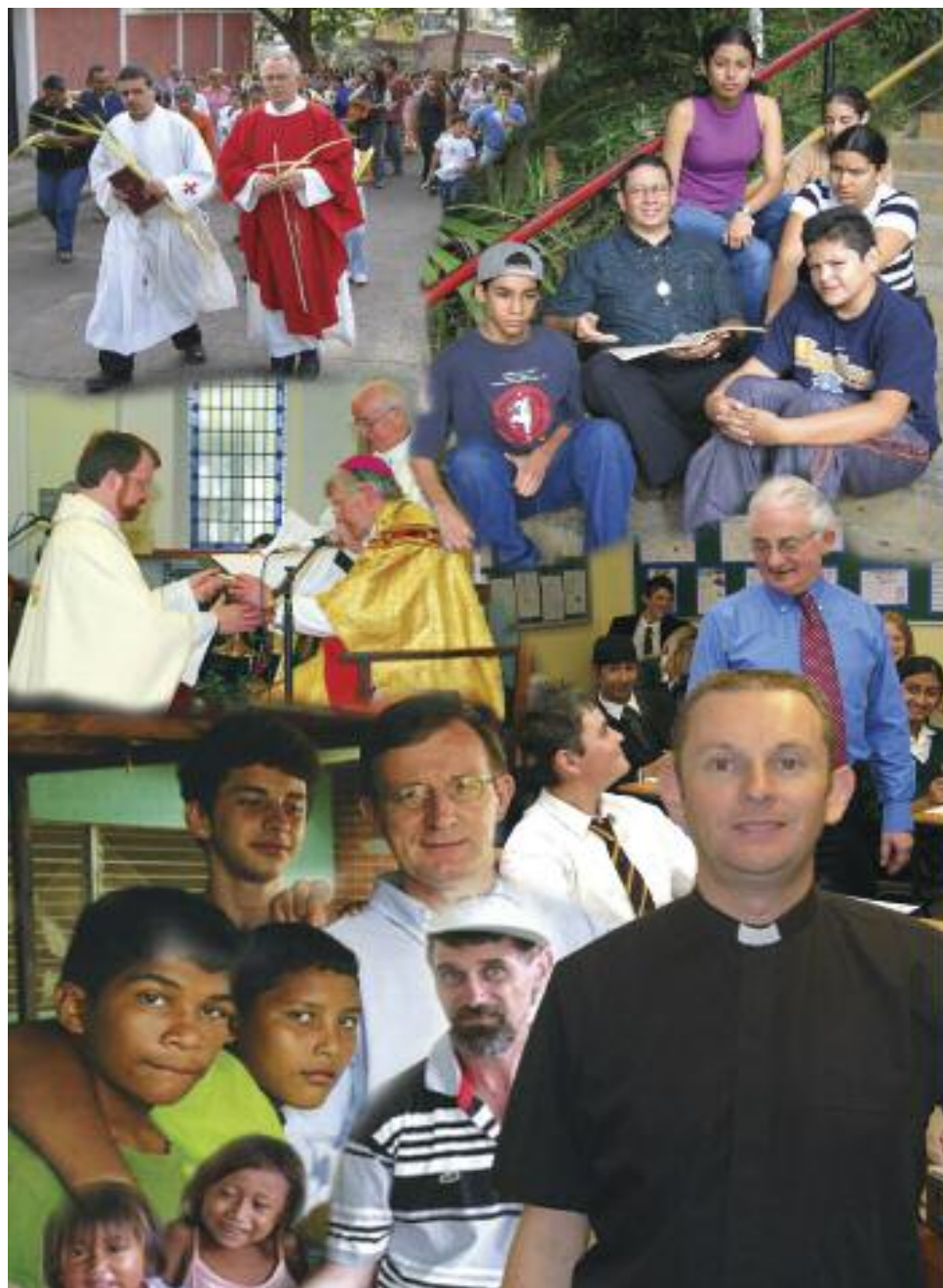
CAFOD has launched its Hungry For Change campaign which, together with the 'Enough Food For Everyone ... IF' campaign <http://enoughfoodif.org/>, will encourage the G8 leaders to act on big issues that mean many people do not get enough food.

CAFOD Manager for Plymouth, Simon Giarchi, said: "In a world where there is enough food for everyone, but where the life chances of 937 million young people will be damaged by the impact of childhood hunger by 2025, change could not be needed more."

"Thousands of Catholics up and down the country have already signed up to CAFOD's Hungry for Change campaign calling for fundamental changes in the global food system. We can make a difference again if we stand together and take action. Joining Enough Food for Everyone...IF means that the campaigning strength and the incredible commitment of our supporters and volunteers will play a vital part in this joint campaign."

At his inaugural mass, Pope Francis asked us all to play our part in the Body of Christ. As he addressed world leaders and those gathered at St Peter's he said "I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life ... to protect all of God's people and embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important."

For further information on the events and the campaigns call CAFOD Plymouth on: 01752 551 679 or go to: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Take-action-today/Joint-campaign-on-food>



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