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Buckfast Abbey Artwork unveiled or "Many a mickle makes a muckle"

A truly amazing artwork depicting the reconstruction of Buckfast Abbey between 1907 and 1937 was unveiled by Catherine Walker, Director of The Prince's Drawing School, on Wednesday 2nd April 2014.

The 26ft by 18ft mural takes up the whole of the south west facing wall of the Grange Restaurant at Buckfast. The artist who designed, drew and painted it is Mother Joanna Jamieson OSB; Mother Joanna hails from Scotland who, before joining the Benedictine Order, trained at the Glasgow School of Art. It was no surprise then that she used the words 'many a mickle makes a muckle' to describe her work. The phrase means 'a lot of small amounts, put together, make a large amount, and this very accurately reflects the make-up of the mural which comprises a number of small panels that form the larger piece of art. Looking at the mural is like looking through a window and seeing the various stages of reconstruction of the Abbey.

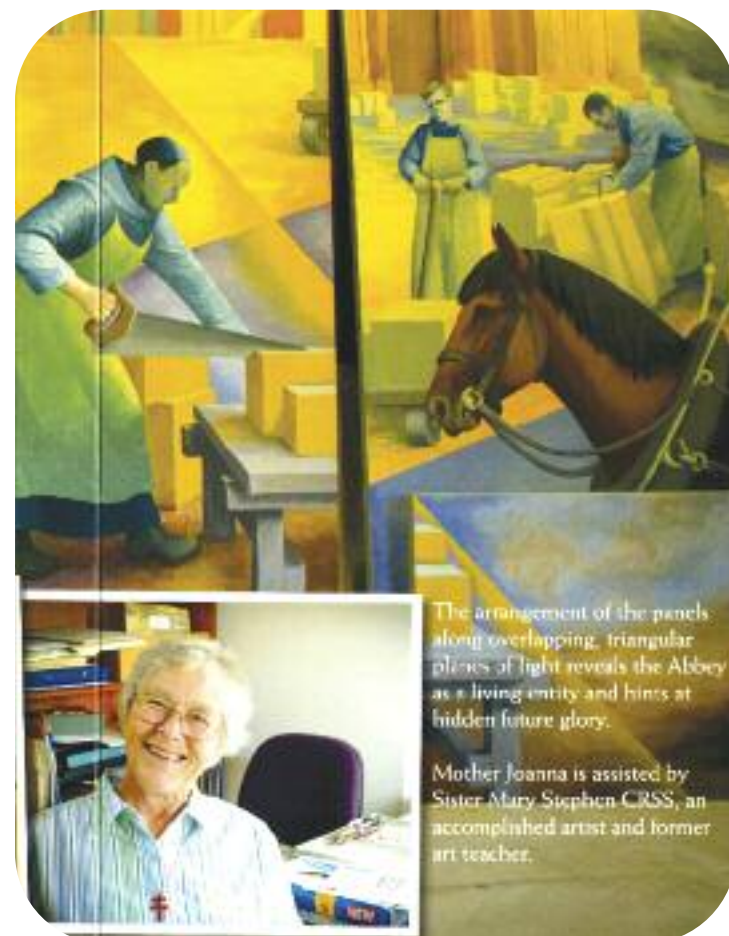
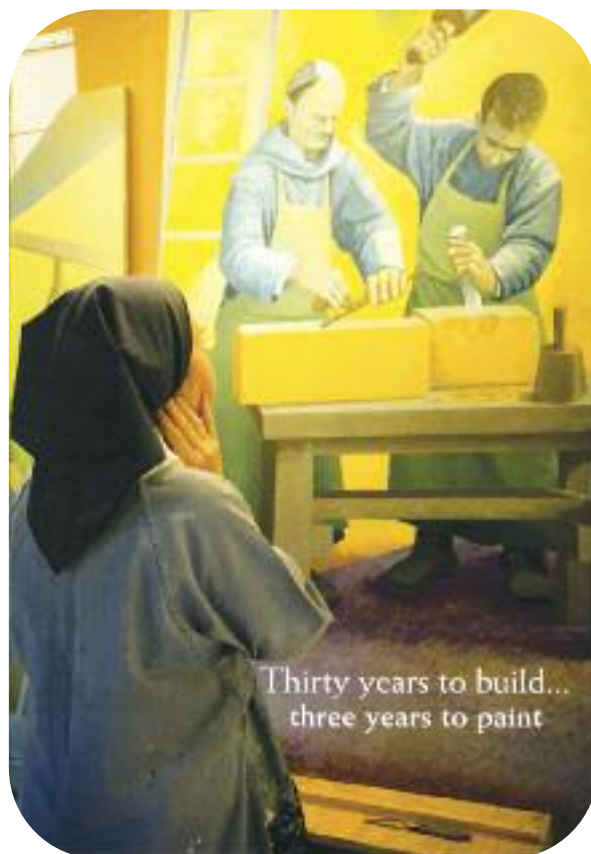
Christine Walker told the invited guests at the unveiling of how Mother Joanna had shared her 'still heart' with the students at The Prince's Drawing School in London. And, how everyone had been enriched by being able to work and learn alongside someone who had spent the previous 50 years in prayer and contemplation. Mother Joanna had, said Catherine, come to London and 'lived life like a mighty river.'

Mother Joanna expressed particular thanks to her family, Abbess Andrea Savage and the Stanbrook Abbey community, the Canonesses of the Resurrection with whom she had lived whilst studying in London – all of whom had travelled a long way to be present at the unveiling. She also thanked Abbot David Charlesworth OSB and Buckfast Abbey; Christine Walker, Catherine Goodman, Thomas Newbolt and Ewan Clayton of the Prince's Drawing School; Alan Fitzpatrick, Stephen Blundell, and all who assisted the project in any way.

In recent years the Benedictine community of the Convent of Our Lady of Consolation, of which Mother Joanna is a member, moved from their Victorian home of Stanbrook Abbey in Worcestershire for an environmentally sensitive home in the North York Moors National Park. Mother Joanna also mentioned the people of Moss, a nearby village, who had allowed her to use the Village Hall to draw, paint and layout the panels that make the 'whole'; without the large space that the site offered visualising the finished piece would have been an even greater challenge. Mother Joanna said: "it's easy to make a window in your head but much harder to translate that 'imagining' into reality." Her work is a hymn of praise to God and, in closing Mother Joanna offered praise to this 'God of the impossible – who makes all things possible.'

Felicity Stead
Editor, Catholic South West

Credits: I am very grateful to Simon Caldwell of St Gabriel News for his invitation to the unveiling of the mural and to Michael Luke Davies of Buckfast Media Studios for the artwork and photographs.



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Diocesan News

Clear Voices 2014

27th – 29th June

Clear Voices is the three day 'build your own' festival of Catholic religious thought and expression. The festival sets out to engage the heart and mind. Over 40 speakers will be talking about matters as diverse as 'The Theology of Hope', 'The Book of Revelation', 'How to Read a Graveyard' and 'Forgiveness.' Latest news for the Clear Voices festival is the attendance of the inspiring Children's Composer John Burland.

For the past twenty years John has been working in Catholic schools throughout the Sydney Archdiocese holding a variety of executive positions including that of Religious Education Coordinator and Assistant Principal. His outstanding witness through song has delighted children and brought to life the scriptural stories we teach. John will demonstrate how he teaches through music, and his music and CD's will be available to purchase for use in the classroom, parish hall or at home.

John is currently the Project Officer for Liturgy/ Music for the Catholic Education Office, Sydney, Australia, where he conducts workshops, celebrations and reflection days for children, teachers and parish communities. He is also a keynote speaker, composer and touring musician in the United States. Each year John travels to more than one hundred Catholic communities celebrating our Catholic faith through the great gifts of music and song. His latest work is *Alive in Christ - Songs of Scripture* which offers over 40 age appropriate and inspiring songs for deepening children's understanding of God's Word. Easy to learn, easy to sing, his work is a gift for all those involved in children's ministry – you can find out more about John via his website www.johnburland.com

For more details about Clear Voices or to book a place at the festival go to www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/clearvoices or contact the Vicariate for Formation on 01364 645390.

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Running in Rome in the Rain

Every year you think it can't be as good as the last but the marathon in Rome is always a weekend to remember - whatever the weather!

On Sunday 23rd March a team of runners from across the Diocese - Mark Shaw, Mary Pool, Colin Bentley, Marco Palomino, Ann Donnelly and Mark Rhead - jostled with other runners from around the globe, negotiating the cobbles and taking in the sights along the 26.3 miles course around the city. As in previous years the team stayed at the Il Rosario Convent (Casa Il Rosario) which is run by the Suore di Carita Domenicane della Presentazione; the building dates back to the 1700s and has been part of the Dominican Congregation since 1921 and is located near to the Colosseum and Piazza Venezia so very close to the route of the Rome Marathon and ideally situated for the team.

It rained heavily but that didn't deter them from enjoying the race and coming home victorious. Mark Shaw was first of the group to finish the course; he said "it was a very spiritual and uplifting experience running in the Eternal City. Racing towards St Peters gave me a lift I had not expected; it made me feel quite emotional and brought me out in prayer! If you're in doubt about getting involved then don't be...the support you get is excellent and the sense of being part of a team will certainly get you through. The local support during the race will amaze you too. All the best for 2015!"

The group, who each raised more than £500 in sponsorship, were running in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (CCSoc) who support children facing homelessness, abuse, neglect and poverty. CCSoc donates over £40,000 a year in grants to families that are struggling to cope and would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mark, Mary, Colin, Marco, Ann and Mark for their commitment to the cause; without such valiant efforts CCSoc's vital support to those in need could not continue.

If you would like to take part next year or to find out more about the work of the Society and how you can help, call Claire on 07783 156281 or visit the CCSoc website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk.



Glowing with pride, Marco Palomino, Mark Rhead and Ann Donnelly show off their medals to one of the sisters from Casa Il Rosario



One kilometre down, forty-one to go - Colin Bentley and Mark Rhead get into their stride!



Ready for the off - the team outside Casa Il Rosario before the race.

Apostleship of the Sea



Many of our seafarer friends have had their own crosses to bear this Lent, particularly those from Ukraine and Russia. Our port chaplains have been on hand to support those arriving at ports in Great Britain.

Our port chaplains up and down the country are offering practical help such as providing internet connection for Ukrainian crew to contact their families back home as well as pastoral support.

AoS Southampton port chaplain Reverend Roger Stone who is supporting Ukrainian seafarers said; "I met two who live very near Crimea. One is Ukrainian, the other half Russian, and half Ukrainian. We discussed the situation in

Ukraine. Their view is that we are all human beings and national identity comes second. They are very worried about the situation, as are their families back in the Ukraine. I promised to remember that at Mass. One is going home to Ukraine in the next few days and is wondering what exactly he is going home to."

Maritime Bishop of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Bishop Peter Stasiuk C.Ss.R.A.M has asked for prayers for Ukrainian seafarers. In a message to seafarers worldwide he says; "Many of you sail in ships where there are Ukrainian crew members, many of them from Southern Ukraine. For them particularly, being away from home is difficult. They simply do not know what will happen to their families. On behalf of your fellow seafarers who are worried about their homes and families, please pray for peace and stability in Ukraine."

Also paramount is the safety of seafarers whose ships are arriving at Ukrainian ports. Several major shipping lines have already stated they are prepared to take necessary measures to keep their crew and activities safe and are closely monitoring the situation as their vessels call at Ukrainian ports.



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WEST COUNTRY



Matt (L) pictured with his Sky Dive team

HCPT Group 45 – serving Plymouth and Cornwall

Group 45 is the oldest and first of the Westcountry groups, formed nearly 40 years ago. On a gloriously sunny ‘Sunday 9th March’ Matt Green took part in a sponsored Sky Dive for HCPT. People were very generous with their donations which will provide much needed support for HCPT and the total raised was £1,204. Group 45 would like to say a BIG thank you to Matt and to everyone who sponsored him.

Catherine Fennell

HCPT Marathon Man

As reported in previous editions of CSW Colin has been busy raising funds for HCPT Group 141 since May 2013. His plan was to run 10 races over 10 months with his biggest challenge being Thames Trot 50 mile race on 1st February 2014. The runners started in Oxford at 8.30am and ran all day to Henley along the

Thames path or as close as they could because of all the flooding. Colin said "I was really worried about this race because it's the furthest I've ever run and I wasn't sure how my body would cope. Amazingly I was okay up to 38 miles and then I started to get very tired. In the last 12 miles I passed out a few times but eventually crossed the finish line at 11 hours 20 minutes. Thinking about the money I've raised and how it will help the children kept me going in the last few difficult miles." His final race, the Rome Marathon was a spectacular event to take part in, there were over 19,000 runners.

So far Colin has been running for 11 months; run a total of 838.44 miles (44,717 ft); run for 152 hours; lost 2 stone 1 pound; got through 3 pairs of running shoes; raised £5,864.57 (so far) which will allow 6 special needs children have the experience of lifetime in Lourdes.; and – is very tired! BUT - he plans to continue running to raise funds for next year and has already signed up for 7 races! If you would like to donate go to Colin's 'Just Giving' webpage www.justgiving.com/user/42458404 to give online.

For further information visit website www.hcpt.org.uk/group/141.

Jenny
Group Leader, HCPT Group 45

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Plymouth Deanery

Flores de Mayo and Santacrusan 2014

The Filipino communities in Devon and Cornwall will hold their fourth celebration of the Flores de Mayo & Santacrusan in the Diocese of Plymouth on Sunday 4th May. Previous celebrations took place in 2001 at Callington, Cornwall and in 2012 and 2013 at Plymouth Cathedral. Members of the Filipino communities in Launceston, Rock, Wadebridge, Tavistock, Looe/Polperro, Callington, Plymouth, Exeter and Torquay participated.

As usual at these festivals there will be performances of Filipino folkdances and songs followed by sharing food with all those attending.

On behalf of the Plymouth Cathedral, the Filipino communities wish to invite members of parishes throughout the Diocese to join them on 4th May. If you are members of the Filipino community and would like to join as Reyna (queen) and angels please contact Merlyn Maguire email: siena51_@hotmail.com Tel: 01579 383903 Mob: 07962 875 223



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- 4:15 pm Crowning the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Msgr. Bartholomew Nannery
- 4:30 pm Start of Procession leading to the Cathedral
- 5:30 pm Flower offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 6:00 pm Celebration of the Holy Mass
- 7:00 pm Filipino Cultural Show
- 7:30 pm Salu-Salo (food to enjoy after the program)

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Opposing World War One: Courage and Conscience by Pax Christi and others.

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Catholic Women's League Dorset Branch AGM

Fr John Rice, Parish Priest at Holy Trinity, Dorchester celebrated Mass for CWL members at their Annual General Meeting. It was wonderful occasion and a great opportunity for members from across the Deanery to meet and share their experiences during the previous year.

Members of the League are 'Catholic Women with a voice' and are represented in over 200 parishes throughout the Dioceses of England and Wales.

The League is involved in charitable work of all kinds. Members endeavour to exert influence in those issues rooted in social justice and peace and particularly seek to make the voice of Catholic women heard in the legislative system on issues of the Family. The League offers members the opportunity to develop and learn new skills, enabling them to fulfil their mission of service to one another, to their parish and to the church.

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Esmee Nicholls
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth



Molly Hayden with Michael Peden (Vice-President, Weymouth Catenians)

Catenian Bursary Fund Awards

Molly Hyde of Bridport. Dorset has been presented with an award from the Catenian Association Bursary Fund to assist with her five week project in Tanzania. The cheque for £350 was presented by Nat Bruzon, President of Axminster Catenians, during Mass at Ss. Mary & Catherine Roman Catholic Church, Bridport

Seventeen year old Molly is currently studying at The Thomas Hardy Sixth form in Dorchester. She will be going on a Lassalian (De La Salle Brothers Development Organisation) developing world project, to a village in the Njombe region of Tanzania; Molly and the other volunteers will be building a computer room in the local primary school that will serve the local community, giving them their first computers to help them connect to the outside world.

In the future Molly, who plays for Weymouth Ladies FC, hopes to work in the arts either acting, or involvement in the theatre, film and television.

Bill Stead
St Mary's, Axminster



Molly Hyde with Nat Bruzon (President, Axminster Catenians) and Fr Paul Keys

Molly Hayden, a postgraduate drama student from Weymouth, is going to Kenya later in the year to help ay Younite Outreach Project's orphanage in the slums of Nairobi. She applied to the Catenian Central Bursary Fund, which does have funds to assist in such enterprises undertaken by Roman Catholic students and young people, but unfortunately she did not qualify for a grant because she fell just outside the age bracket. However, the Catenian Circle in Weymouth stepped in with a cheque for £100 towards the cost of Molly's trip.

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This is a co-operative practice between all the churches in the Sherborne area with one co-ordinator acting as bulk purchaser and distributor.

Our picture shows Sherborne parishioners Mr and Mrs. Jonathon Salisbury helped by their daughters Chloe and Eloise displaying a tempting array of groceries after weekend Mass.

Leonard Horsley
Sacred Heart & St. Aldhelm, Sherborne



Cornwall Deanery



A Pilgrimage to celebrate the Baptism of St. Cuthbert Mayne

St. Cuthbert Mayne was baptised on 20th March 1544 in St. Peter's Church at Shirwell, a village near the farm where he was born, about four mile from the north Devon town of Barnstaple. The Norman font in which he was baptised is still in use today.

The pilgrimage was organised by Fr. Paul Andrew, parish priest of St. Mary's, Barnstaple, to mark the 470th anniversary of this baptism. Our local Saint was named after the well-known St. Cuthbert from north-east England who, like St. Cuthbert Mayne, was a shepherd boy, and whose feast day is 20th March. Fr. David Annear, parish priest of Launceston and the National Shrine of St. Cuthbert Mayne, also took part in the pilgrimage.

Lunch at a country pub was hosted by the local Knights of St. Columba. This was followed by an ecumenical Service at St. Peter's, courtesy of Bishop Alan Winstanley, Team Rector of the Anglican parish. Then, back in Barnstaple, there was tea in St. Anne's Chapel, formerly the Grammar School where St. Cuthbert Mayne, supported by a well-connected uncle, was educated.

The pilgrimage concluded at St. Mary's with Solemn Vespers, a talk on St. Cuthbert Mayne by Fr David, and Benediction.



The day was a wonderful chance to reflect on the life and witness of St. Cuthbert Mayne, the secondary patron of our Diocese. We are hoping that the pilgrimage will become an annual event.

Fr Paul Andrew, Parish Priest of St Mary, Barnstaple

Fr David Annear, Parish Priest of St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston

Using your Yews

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Lenten Lunches

St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth

At mid-day on each of the six Wednesday's of Lent a series of short talks and group discussions followed 'Soup and Roll' Lenten Lunches at St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth.

The lunches raised funds for the charity 'Mary's Meals' www.marysmeals.org, an international movement that sets up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

The topics for each of the six short talks were based on social justice and included issues such as Food Banks and Fair Trade Bananas; "I was homeless and you sheltered me" (Matthew Ch 25, V35); Education – a right or a privilege (in Tanzania); "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew Ch 25, V43) the experiences of immigrants in our local community; "I was on the streets and you listened to and walked alongside me" the experiences of Street Pastors; Addiction – drugs and young people.

Not only did the Lenten Lunches and talks raise money to help feed the hungry but serious social issues were debated and a real understanding gained of the challenges faced by those in need. The 'buzz' during the lunches and the talks fostered parish relationships and encouraged friendships; we hope that 'Mary's Meals' Lenten Lunches will become an annual event.

Mary Bradley
Parish of St Mary (Falmouth, Helston, Mullion and Mawan Smith)

Editor: Mark Guest, a Seminarian on Pastoral Placement at St Mary's, gave a talk at one of the Lenten Lunches about his experiences working with the homeless including Simon House, a hostel for the homeless in Falmouth. If you would like to know what Mark's talk involved you can contact me via email: felicitystead@btinternet.com or call me on 07906 234 210.

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SPEAKERS

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Caroline Kerslake (Barnabas Fund).
John Pontifex (Head of Press & Information, Aid to the Church in Need).
Andy Dipper (Deputy C.E.O. of Christian Solidarity Worldwide).
Rev'd Roger Faulkner (Open Doors).
Dr Sheikh Muhammad Al Hussein (Muslim scholar and Fellow in Islamic Studies: Westminster Institute)
Rupert Shortt (Author, and Religion Editor of The Times Literary Supplement).
Sarah Newton: MP for Falmouth.
Rev'd. Mark Dunn-Wilson (Minister: Truro Methodist Church)

The event is free of charge. Food and refreshments will be on sale. Parking is available at the adjacent NCP car park and we are negotiating a possible discount. There is some disabled parking.

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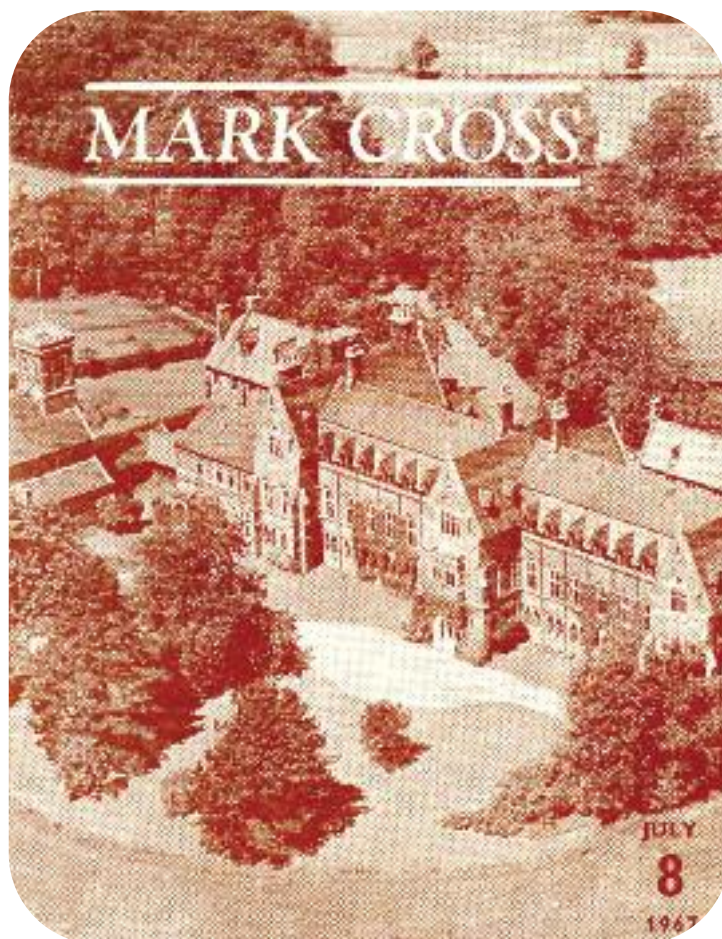
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Torbay Deanery



A reunion of staff and students who attended St Joseph's College, Mark Cross, the former junior Seminary, was held on 19th March, the Feast of St Joseph, at Southwark Cathedral. Over one hundred attended the day and Mass was celebrated by Bishop Howard Tripp and Bishop Francis Walmsley, both former students at Mark Cross, along with fellow students from several Dioceses. Both myself, Canon Michael Lock, and Father Gilmour McDermott, former students, were present.



St Joseph's College at Mark Cross in East Sussex was built 1865-68, designed by the architect E W Pugin, and opened as an orphanage run by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus. It became a junior seminary in 1924 and continued until closure in 1970. During this time, it had only two Rectors: Monsignor Ernest Corbishley and Monsignor William Westlake.

The reunion (the second in its history, the first being in 1964) included reminiscences from several students, displays of photographs and an opportunity to meet with past students and remaining

members of staff. I only attended Mark Cross from 1967-69 but I was reminded by other students of when I used to run the tuck shop, and of my learning to cycle!

I am glad that I had the opportunity to gather with so many former students and staff, and I greatly enjoyed concelebrating for St Joseph's Feast in Southwark Cathedral.

**Canon Michael Lock
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Canon Michael – fourth from the right.

Mark Cross brochure prepared by Tony Castle

The Mark Cross brochure was prepared by Tony Castle and distributed at the reunion. It has an interesting potted history of Mark Cross with photographs, a few anecdotes, a letter home describing daily life and some diary entries to remind you of your own days there. If you are interested in receiving a free copy please email Malcolm Johnstone on mkljrc@gmail.com

"The Long Apprenticeship" by David Pierce

This is David's personal memoir which includes an interesting account of his Mark Cross and Womersley days. This memoir is available from the publisher or from Amazon (available on both amazon.co.uk and amazon.com). Details of publisher/distributors sites are: http://www.troubador.co.uk/book_info.asp?bookid=1671

http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Long-Apprenticeship-Writers-Memoir/dp/1780881029/ref=pd_rhf_gw_p_t_4_MH_H2

On Mark Cross: Some irreverent memories by Mike Jempson

Mike Jempson has a different and amusing insight into his Mark Cross days and may be prepared to give you the benefit of his essay for free if you contact him by email on: m.jempson@btinternet.com

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Further photographs of people and places at Mark Cross are available from John Nuttall by email on: webmaster.digiphotography@gmail.com. John can advise you on the cost including package and postage of the disk containing the photographs relayed at our meeting as well as video material taken at a recent visit to Mark Cross.

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Torbay Deanery

Holy Angels, Chelston First Holy Communion

On 27th January Mathew George received Holy Communion for the first time. An unusual date in the year for this to happen perhaps - but there was an unusual reason for this. At Holy Angels, though prepared here for the event, the event itself often takes place in Kerala, so that all generations of family and friends can be present. This was so in Mathew's case.

However, the unusual reason was the presence of Fr. John Smethurst, his priest in England, who was also present to give Mathew Holy Communion for the first time. The location was St. Mary's church, Thodupuzha – a church on what had been a Christian site since c 900 AD. A lovely occasion on a beautiful day and followed by a splendid reception in a local hotel.

Fr John, in company with his friend, Fr Brett Adams of Brentwood diocese, were on a visit to some of Fr John's parishioners and families in Kerala. They were entertained in homes, on a houseboat, in a mountain resort. Plantations/farms etc producing tea, cardamoms, coffee, rice, rubber and pineapples were visited along with witnessing the harvest of coconuts and toddy (a local drink produced from a certain coconut tree).

They met schoolchildren of primary and secondary levels, were shown around by students at a junior seminary with twenty possible future priests. Visits were made to religious communities, including a strict Cistercian abbey, high in a mountainous area, which had been founded by a former monk of Caldey, the island community Fr John visits for his annual retreat.

On the second day in Kerala, they slowly ascended (the temperature was around 30C) the mountain topped by a shrine to St. Thomas the Apostle, who brought Christianity to the area nearly two thousand years ago. On the second Saturday, they were at the Shrine of St. Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception – a Clarist nun, canonised by Pope Benedict XVI, and the first saint

of Indian nationality. Here, they met with the Rector of the shrine and Fr John was privileged to be given a primary relic of the saint. Because January is one of the best months for good weather, many parishes hold their feasts and processions. The Saturday ended with a splendid outdoor procession in a local village, before

a lovely dinner in the home of relatives of our host.

We were sorry to leave Kerala; the wonderful welcome, hospitality and loving friendship had made a deep impression, as had the Christian faith and devotion (displayed in many ways) of the people. We hope it won't be too long before another visit.

Fr John Smethurst
Holy Angels, Chelston



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BEARING FRUIT



The New Culture of Vocation

Br Gabriel of Douai Abbey reflects on the green shoots of vocation

Until I was asked to promote vocations I'd only really been responsible for the gardens at Douai Abbey. Six months later I'm increasingly aware of the many analogies gardening lends to the subject of vocation.

Gardeners know they must prepare the right conditions for growth. It's the same with vocations. But let's be clear, there isn't a 'vocation crisis' and in particular we should stop talking about *needing* priests. No vocation is reducible to need, but is the response of discipleship. Any crisis is *cultural* – because we haven't provided the best conditions to grow all vocations. Further, Christ calls continually, or the Church would cease to be, because the Church's *being* is vocational. Vocations of every kind, therefore, must exist as they always have.

'The seeds of vocation may lie dormant for many years'

In 1993 Blessed John Paul II called for a new *culture of vocation*, followed by the New Evangelisation, which is the

basic mission of each disciple and the reason the Church exists. It encourages everyone to rediscover the joy of preaching the Good News of Jesus. From this vocation each disciple hears a specific call to commitment and service. If we're not evangelised, not only can we not hand on what we haven't first received, but we're unlikely to hear God's call to live according to God's will for us. Vocations of every kind exist as much as they ever did, but the seeds of vocation may lie dormant for many years, or even a life-time given the wrong conditions, particularly if the dominant culture is an anti-vocational secularism. When this culture overrides God's quiet call in the Church, it's little wonder we perceive the result as a vocation crisis.

'Because the Church is vocational, every disciple is responsible'

Because the Church is vocational, every disciple is responsible. The seedbed is the new evangelisation, because if we're not evangelised, we're not going to be able to evangelise others, hear our own vocation or be able to help others hear God's call. It is every disciple's duty to pray for all vocations as part of their own mission, and to encourage others to listen to the Lord's unique call to them. Most of all we can encourage others by witnessing in our own state of life to the values of commitment and service to the Gospel as hallmarks of the only meaningful response to God that truly fulfils.

'If we embrace the new evangelisation and the new culture of vocation and offer this to the world, the fruit is that people will join us'

There's a title, '*Gardener of the Gardener of Life*' given to Our Lady in the oldest Byzantine hymn to her. It's our title too as we help promote the flowering of all vocations. We might also apply the words of Fr Christopher Jamison in 2013 to the General Assembly of Monastic Superiors, as much to the entire Church: 'If we embrace the new evangelisation and the new culture of vocation and offer this to the world, the fruit is that people will join us.'

'Christ needs priests, good and holy priests, men who are willing to lay down their lives for their sheep'

Pope Benedict, Hyde Park, 2010



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Dom Gabriel Wilson is an English Benedictine monk and deacon at Douai Abbey, near Reading, who is to be ordained priest in July. Please remember him in your prayers as he prepares for ordination.

Diary Dates

May 2014



If you would like an entry for your Parish or Deanery to be included in the Diary Dates section please email details to the Editor at felicitystead@btinternet.com by the last day of each month.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESE CATECHETICAL SUMMER CAMPS:

Sunday 27th July to Friday 1st August 2014: Senior Camp for children currently in school years 7-10;

Sunday 3rd August to Friday 8th August 2014: First Junior Camp for children currently in school years 3-6;

Sunday 10th August to Friday 15th August 2014: Second Junior camp for children currently in school years 3-6.

Plans are also afoot to run a Young Adults camp for those currently in school year 11 from Sunday 27th July to Friday 1st August 2014; details to be confirmed.

For more information visit <http://www.pdsommerncamps.org.uk/>

MAY 2014

Saturday 3rd May, Day with Mary, Lanherne Convent, Cornwall: starting at 10am with the Procession of Our Lady.

Saturday 10th May, 10am to 4pm, Violet Evelyn Hall, Southgate Retreat Centre, Buckfast Abbey: Quiet day 'The Lord's Prayer under the microscope' led by Dom Christopher Delaney OSB. Places £15 (to include refreshments and a light lunch) booking essential. For more information contact Sue Lethbridge Tel: 01364 645641 email: slethbridge@buckfast.org.uk.

Saturday 10th May, CAFOD Kernow Solidarity Walk and picnic lunch Cardinham Woods, near Bodmin, PL30 4AL: meet in main car park at 10.30am for the 2-hour Lady Vale walk (please bring a donation for the walk). For more information contact Plymouth Diocese CAFOD office, St Boniface House, Ashburton Tel: 01364 645440.

Friday 16th May, 7 to 11 pm and Saturday 17th May 10 am to 3 pm, St Edwards, Mawnan Smith: Parish of St Mary, Falmouth, Parish Retreat, for more information contact Michael Guest via the Parish Office Tel: 01326 312763.

Saturday 17th MAY from 11 am to 12 noon, outside Treliske Hospital: Pro-Life Prayer Vigil for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. Please join us if you possibly can in this very important witness

Monday 19th May, Libbaton Golf Club: Charity Golf Tournament In aid of Catholic Children's Society, to book Tel: 01364 645420 or 07783156284.

Monday 26th to Saturday 31st May, Buckfast Abbey: open air performances of GODSPELL presented by the Unleashed Theatre Company. The musical is an inventive and colourful reworking of St Matthew's Gospel. For more information and to book tickets call 01364 645506

JUNE 2014

Saturday, 7 June, 7.30pm, Buckfast Abbey: Voces concert for the eve of Pentecost: the programme will focus on music for Vespers for that feast and with some wonderful Renaissance music including Victoria, Palestrina, Byrd and Tallis.

Sunday, 15 June, 10.30am, Buckfast Abbey, Mass for Trinity Sunday: music by Voces.

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June, Buckfast Abbey: Clear Voices Festival of Theology, for information and to book a place go to: <http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/clearvoices> or call Debbie or Sancha at St Boniface House Tel: 01364 645390. See also article on page (tbc) of this edition of CSW.

JULY 2014

Saturday 5th July, St Joseph's Church, Newton Abbot: Torbay Deanery Liturgy/Music Day with Richard Hubbard. Full details will follow in the June edition of CSW.

REGULAR EVENTS

Cornwall Deanery

- **First & Third Tuesdays from 10.30am, Coffee morning:** Charles Langdon Room, St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston.
- **For 8 consecutive Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, beginning on Wednesday 30th April 'Life in the Spirit Seminars':** designed to help renew your friendship with Jesus, to yield to the action of the Holy Spirit so that you can live life in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit. For more information Tel: 07792 220 775 email: www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com
- **Wednesdays, 11.30am to 4pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - with Rosary at 12noon:** Church of St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth.
- **Wednesdays, 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Table Tennis:** Church Hall, Falmouth - parishioners of all ages welcome.
- **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.
- **Saturdays, after the 10am Mass, Rosary:** St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston; all are warmly invited to join a small group of parishioners and pray the Rosary.
- **Alternate Sundays, 7 – 9pm, Catholic Society and 18+:** St Mary's Presbytery, Killigrew Street, Falmouth.

Dorset Deanery

- **Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, Inspire 20s to 40s Church Friends Group and Home Group:** St Mary's Church, Poole after the 7pm Mass.
- **Monday evenings at 8pm, Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation Adult Education:** Murray Muscat Centre, Glen Fern Road, Bournemouth. 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:** Richard Reynolds Centre, Heavitree Road, Exeter.
- **Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 9pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Mount St Mary Convent, Wonford Road.

Plymouth Deanery

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

Torbay Deanery

- **Third Monday of every month, 7.15pm, South Hams Catenians:** Seven Stars Public House, Kingsbridge. Please note new venue.
- **Wednesdays from 6pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Vespers at 6.30pm and Benediction at 6.50pm):** Holy Angels, Chelston, Torquay.
- **First Saturday of every month (except January) 7.45am for an 8am start, Christians Together in Torquay:** Prayer Breakfast at St Luke's Parish Church, St Luke's Road.
- **First Sunday of every month, Polish Mass:** Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay at 4pm with confessions from 3.30pm.

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Friday 13th to Sunday 15th June: Weekend retreat

Monday 16th to Friday 20th June: Mid-week retreat

Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th October: 6-day retreat

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th October: Weekend retreat

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November: 'Taster' weekend for anyone who would like to 'try' a retreat for the first time.

PILGRIMAGES:

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24th to 31st May 2014: For further information please contact Sue King, Pilgrimage Director Tel: 01752 224414 or sue@plymouth-diocese.org.uk

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7th to 14th June 2014: A few places are still available on the pilgrimage flying from Bristol. Cost £499. For more information please contact Tony Allbright Tel: 01736362925 e-mail: tobright@btinternet.com (or from Holy Family Parish Penzance office Tel: 01736 362619) or see online at www.maryqueenofpeace.info/2014/.

Cornish Pilgrimage to Walsingham Sunday 5th October to Saturday 11th October 2014: Cost £370, call Christine on 01736 362619 for more details and to book.

Pilgrimage to Fatima 7th to 14th October 2014: Organised by Holy Trinity Parish, Dorchester. For more information or booking forms please call the Parish Office Tel: 01305 251976 or email: fatherjohnrice@btinternet.com.

If you attended one of the Quiet Days of Recollection at Serene Brook on 4th or 5th April and lost a set of keys, please contact Monica Beck on 01548 830758.

Wider News

Letter from Archbishop-Elect Malcolm McMahon to the Diocese of Nottingham

In a pastoral letter read at all Masses in the Diocese of Nottingham on the Third Sunday of Lent, shortly after he was appointed Archbishop of Liverpool, Bishop Malcolm spoke of his sadness at leaving his Diocese:

"I have done my best to serve you as your Bishop. If I have offended, angered or saddened anyone by anything I have said or done, I am sorry and ask your forgiveness. Just as I am grateful to the Holy Father for the trust which he has placed in me by asking me to take up a new ministry in the Church, I am grateful to you all for your trust, friendship and support. I have enjoyed very much the last thirteen years; there have been real challenges, but it has been truly uplifting to visit you in your parishes, churches, schools and universities, to share your life of faith and to thank you for all that you do."

He also spoke movingly of the life of faith which he has found during his thirteen years as Bishop of Nottingham:

"Our parishes, churches, chaplaincies, schools and homes are places of real faith, imbued with our Catholic ethos. We are all called to be living stones, building up God's Church and proclaiming his Kingdom in all that we say and do, and that is true whether we are in Nottingham, Liverpool or any of the many Churches which make up the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church in which we each have a vital role to play. We are in God's hands, and he has called all of us; let us ask him to bless us and work in us."





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