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# An Amazing event

**Have you every wondered what 'evangelisation' really means? Have you ever experienced 'evangelisation'? For me, the answer to both questions is 'yes' – thanks to the 'Amazing Event' that took place over 2-days at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay.**

The amazing event – a musical called 'Scripture Fulfilled' was one of the first collaborations between the schools since becoming Plymouth CAST (Catholic and Anglican Schools Trust). The musical was written by Edwin Fawcett and Elizabeth Swain with Edward directing proceedings on each day. Edwin is a young, dynamic and up and coming Catholic composer. He is known to many of us in the Diocese; it is a powerful, moving and challenging piece performed primarily by Year 4/5 children.

The first performance on the evening of Thursday 1st May was given by children from St Joseph's, (Exmouth), St Nicholas (Exeter), All Saints (Babbacombe), Sacred Heart (Paignton) and Priory School (St Marychurch) with Priory children taking the acting roles of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and a host of characters from the Old and New Testaments.

The second performance the following evening was given by children from Queensway (Chelston), Hartop Road School (St Marychurch), St Joseph's (Newton Abbot), Our Lady's (Barnstaple) and St Margaret Clitherow (Brixham) who took the acting roles.

Andrew Corriette sent the following message to everyone involved in the production and to the audience: "This piece of drama draws on three religious works. To begin with, it uses The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) to set the scene. This particular Gospel, set on Easter Day, shows two disciples who are unable to understand the events of Good Friday. They are disheartened and feel abandoned, as we can all feel sometimes. As He does in the darkest moments of our own lives, Jesus appears but they do not recognise Him and, while on the road, Jesus helps them unpick what has happened.

The readings and gospel from the Easter Saturday Vigil make up the bulk of the play. They tell the journey of salvation, as well as some of the prophecies which refer to the messiah: Jesus. From creation, all the way to the resurrection, they show that God is not above His creation, but in the very thick of it, taking care of us and providing comfort.

The third work is the Hebrew and Neocatechumenal song, Dayenu. Roughly translated, Dayenu means, "it would have been good enough" and is about being grateful to God for all he gave us. It is a song that shows that if God had only done the first good thing, dayenu: it would have been enough. However, God does much more and showers us with blessing. In the Neocatechumenal tradition, the song ends with the proclamation that the greatest blessing bestowed on us is Jesus. That Jesus is not just "good enough", but better than everything before, combined.

It is a play about giving thanks to God and seeing how many blessing He showers on us.

Best of luck, God bless,

**Sarah Adams, RE Adviser for Plymouth CAST, tells us:** "our performance of this Easter musical, with original songs by Edwin Fawcett and Elizabeth Swain and script by Andrew Corriette, was written especially for our schools and includes primary school children from 10 schools across the newly formed Central Area Council of Plymouth CAST plus two local Torquay Church of England schools. On the 1st April 2014, 34 schools converted into Plymouth CAST to join St Nicholas', Exeter, and the full company began its formal operation. This event celebrates this occasion, while also allowing our schools to focus on their core vision, remembering that they carry pastoral and mission priorities that cannot always be seen in academic performance tables."

**Editor:** I was privileged to attend the dress rehearsal for the first performance and the also the 'live' performance on the second evening. I found both exhilarating and immensely enjoyable. Without a doubt the children and their audiences experienced evangelisation and will extend that evangelisation by talking to their extended families and wider groups friends about the story of creation and Jesus' death and Resurrection and their obvious enjoyment and involvement in 'Scripture Fulfilled.'

I'm looking forward to hearing more about the amazing work that Plymouth CAST is doing in supporting the journey of faith of our children and, through them, of ours too. Thank you.

**All proceeds from ticket sales have been sent to Let the children live! and the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth).**

The story of creation



Sarah Barreto (Head Teacher Priory School) and Alan McCarthy (Deputy Head, St Cuthbert Mayne School) pictured with Edwin Fawcett, Elizabeth Swain and Tom Bonnard



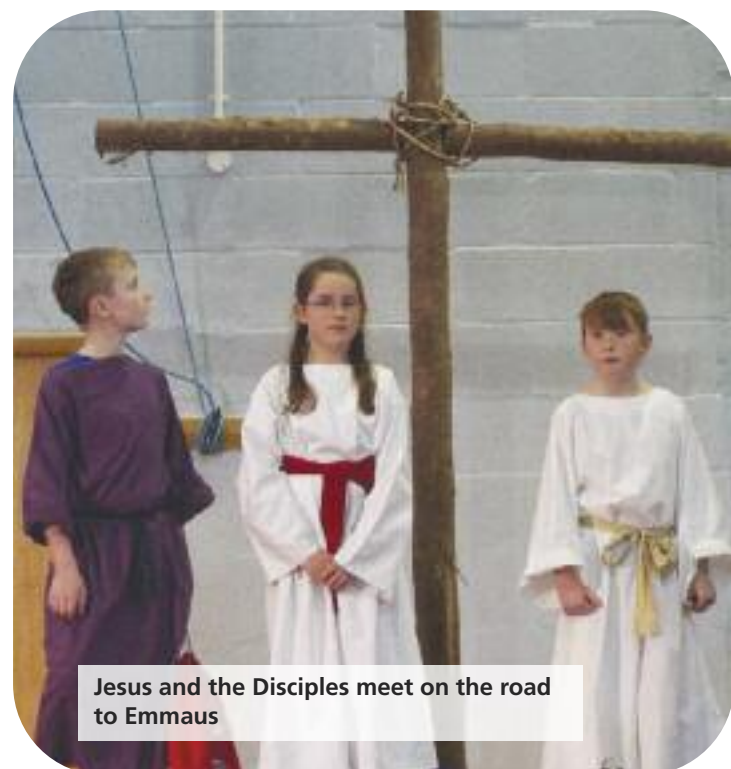
Priory School Soloists with choirs from St Nicholas' and St Joseph's (Exmouth)



The Choirs of All Saints and Sacred Heart schools singing 'I Wanna Praise you Lord'



Jesus and the Disciples meet on the road to Emmaus



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## Diocesan News

# Clear Voices 2014 Festival of Theology 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 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 **Bishop Mark O'Toole** who will speak on 'Being Joyful Missionary Disciples' on Sunday 29th June. Continuing Pope Francis' theme of joy in his recent Apostolic Exhortation 'The Joy of the Gospel', Bishop Mark will be speaking on the challenges of the New Evangelisation for the Church today. Bishop Mark is just one of 40 speakers at this year's 3 day festival of theology; other speakers include:

**Fr Abbot David Charlesworth:** Abbot of Buckfast

**Fr Christopher Jamison:** As seen in the BBC's 'The Monastery'

**Prof Alister McGrath:** Author of 'The Dawkins Delusion'

**Dana Scallon:** Singer, presenter and speaker

**Br Guy Consolmagno:** Scientist from the Vatican Observatory

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**Bill Huebsch:** Renowned author, speaker and catechist

**Prof Karen Kilby:** Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University

**Fr Nicholas King:** Chair of the Catholic Biblical Association

**Clifford Longley:** Award winning author, broadcaster and journalist

**Michael Downey:** Professor of Theology at the University of British Columbia

**Margaret and Barry Mizen:** Inspiring parents of murder victim Jimmy Mizen

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

You will see that Clear Voices 2014 has much to offer but most of all we hope that through the event you will draw closer to Christ by committing these few days to prayer, reflection and

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## Eastertide away from home

**Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) Port chaplains and ship visitors increased their efforts to support the lives of seafarers during Eastertide with practical help and also the chance to celebrate their faith at the height of the liturgical year. The port chaplains and volunteers of the AoS in Falmouth, Plymouth and Teignmouth are aware that for seafarers any festive period is much like any other working day – the only difference being that their separation from family and friends and from their faith can be even more difficult to bear than usual.**

Over Easter AoS visited merchant ships and provided seafarers with a chance to celebrate their faith, attend the Easter liturgies in a local parish if they wish, providing faith resources such as scripture booklets like Bible Alive and prayer cards and also some Easter cheer in the form of Easter Eggs generously donated by the local community.

The local AoS has been particularly concerned in recent weeks for the crew of a cargo ship, the 'Sanko Mineral' which has been anchored off Teignmouth pretty much constantly since early November 2013. Whilst unable to visit the ship AoS has been sending out parcels of various necessities to let the crew know they are not forgotten.

## Catholic Children's Society Update



**Buckfast Abbey, the South West Chamber Choir performed a concert of choral music 'Salve Regina' in honour of the Virgin Mary and in aid of the Diocesan Catholic Children's Society**

The programme was divided into five sections, each starting with a setting of the Ave Maria, ranging from the Abbess Hildegard of Bingen in the 12th century, Josquin Desprez and Robert Parsons in the Renaissance era, 19th century works by Grieg and Stanford and 20th century works by Britten, Stravinsky and Poulenc. The choir of 25 voices sang from a variety of positions within the Abbey making use of its wonderful acoustic, accompanied by the organist Dr Sean Sweeney of Tavistock Church and finishing with an exciting work from 2010 by James MacMillan. The audience was treated to a broad programme of choral music to celebrate the Annunciation, and particularly enjoyed the musical director Stephen Trahair's own setting of the Ave Maria and Francis Poulenc's 'Salve Regina'.

The Catholic Children's Society would like to extend their gratitude to the choir for nominating it as the link charity for the concert. The proceeds made from tickets and a collection on the night will provide essential support to a family in need.

For more details about the choir, visit [www.swcchoir.org.uk](http://www.swcchoir.org.uk) where you can also hear them singing 'The World's Desire' by Stephen Trahair recorded by BBC Radio Devon

## Cornwall Deanery

# Golden Jubilee celebrations at Falmouth

The Parish of St Mary, Falmouth hosted a very special event on Thursday 24th April – a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Sister Mary Rose Fallon of Les Filles de la Croix. Members of Sister's family from Los Angeles, New Jersey, London and Ireland joined her for the celebrations as did Sisters Perpetua, Damian and Benignus from the Les Filles de la Croix community in St Marychurch, Torquay.

Sister Rose entered the convent at Stoodley Knowle, Torquay after hearing about the Congregation of Les Filles de la Croix (The Daughters of the Cross) from a relative, Fr (later Canon) Michael Hanley, a priest of the Plymouth Diocese. Fr Michael recommended the Congregation to Sister Rose when she decided to follow the religious life. Sister Rose moved to Tremough Convent and School in the 1970s where her ministry was to care for the boarders and day girls at the school; she also looked after and nursed the frail and ill Sisters. Following the closure of Tremough in 1999 the Sisters moved to Bethany House, Falmouth where Sister Rose is the community leader.

On the preceding Sunday – Easter Sunday – a new banner for the Lectern, made by Sister Maria for Sister Rose, was used for the first time. After Mass, parishioners joined Sister Rose in the Parish Hall where celebrations continued with a presentation of flowers and a rather splendid cake.

Mary Bradley

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

## A Relic's Return

Some months ago, the Carmelite nuns at Sclerder Abbey decided that they could no longer maintain their Carmel. They are due to move on at the end of this summer and a new movement, the Chemin Neuf, has agreed to take on the buildings.

Meanwhile, the nuns are disposing of their amazing collection of relics including some clothes worn by the Compiègne Martyrs. These martyrs, sixteen Carmelite nuns, were expelled from their Carmel in 1792 and executed in Paris on 17th July 1794 when the revolutionary Terror was at its height. They would not renounce their faith and went to the guillotine singing the Salve Regina. They were beatified by Pope St. Pius X on 27th May 1906.

Compiègne is a small, historic town about sixty miles north-east of Paris. In 1991 the Carmelites relocated to the lovely village of Jonquières about six miles away. To this tranquil setting, Fr. David Annear and friend and navigator Richard Stead set out at the end of April with the ornate reliquary of the Compiègne Martyrs secured in the back of Fr. David's car.

The twelve nuns at Jonquières were overjoyed to receive the relic which was solemnly placed in front of the chapel's altar; next day a votive Mass was celebrated by Fr. David. The visitors were given a tour of Compiègne, generous hospitality at the Carmel, and an invitation to return whenever they wish. An Easter break with a difference!

Fr. David Annear  
Parish Priest of Launceston

## The Persecuted Church - A Study Day

**The Persecuted Church:  
A study day: how can we help?**

Saturday 26th July: 10am – 4.30pm  
Truro Methodist Church (next to Truro Cathedral)  
18 Union Place, Truro, TR1 2EP, Cornwall

What are Christians suffering for their faith?  
What is happening to Christians?  
What can we do to help – practically, spiritually, and financially?

**SPEAKERS**  
Benedictine Caroline Cox (C.B.D., of Parashakti Aid Relief Trust)  
Caroline Kennedy (Parashakti Trust)  
John Penfold (Head of Press & Information, Aid to the Church in Need)  
Beryl Clayton (Director, C.I.C.I., of Christian Solidarity Worldwide)  
David Roger Harrison (Popea Books)  
Dr Martin Mahoney (St Michael's Muslim scholar and Fellow in Islamic Studies, Westminster Institute)  
Robert Short (Author, and Religion Editor of The Times Literary Supplement)  
Sarah Newton, MP for Falmouth  
David Mark Durrant-Wilson (Minister, Truro Methodist Church)

The event is free of charge. Food and refreshments will be available. Parking is available at the adjacent St Peter's car park on a first-come, first-served basis. There is some limited parking. **GOING IS ESSENTIAL** (early doors, get plenty of coffee and cake & biscuits) please contact details preferably by email: Fr David Annear, [daa@truro.org.uk](mailto:daa@truro.org.uk) or tel: 01735 796004

## Diocesan News

# Hungry for Change

CAFOD  
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**Young CAFOD supporters have given politicians food for thought at a meeting in Parliament on the issue of global hunger.**

34 students met MPs and peers at a national event in Parliament earlier this year at an event organised by CAFOD as part of their Hungry for Change campaign – calling on the Prime Minister to provide greater support to small-scale farmers, who are being hit first and worst by the effects of climate change.

The sixth-form students from across the country toured the Houses of Parliament, watched Prime Minister's Questions, and had a private audience with the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Rt Hon John Bercow MP.

Before visiting Parliament, the young people took part in workshops to learn about how campaigning can make a difference to the decisions taken in Parliament, as well as how they could use the trip as an opportunity to put their faith into action.

CAFOD's Hungry for Change campaign calls for major changes in the global food system so that it benefits everyone. We're

calling on the Prime Minister to champion empowering aid for small-scale farmers, especially women, and checks on the power of global food companies. An estimated 870 million people worldwide currently go without enough food, and the extreme and unpredictable weather associated with climate change is making the situation worse.

The Rt Hon Tom Clarke, MP for Coatbridge Chryston & Bellshill and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Friends of CAFOD, said: "In the aftermath of the international recession, the argument is 'how do we find the money for foreign aid?' But we have a responsibility to the poorest people in the poorest countries. We need to do a lot of persuading, but international development is the right thing to do. We live in a prosperous world. I'm glad that organisations such as CAFOD exist."

For more information about CAFOD in the Plymouth Diocese contact Simon Giarchi or Conchita Dunn email: [plymouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:plymouth@cafod.org.uk) Tel: 01364 645440 Website: [www.cafodplymouth.org.uk](http://www.cafodplymouth.org.uk)

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Cost £475.00 per person includes all land costs – tickets for the Pope's Mass, accommodation in new 3-star hotel en-suite (two sharing), full board, modern air-conditioned coach transport throughout, entrances, licensed Christian guide, all gratuities and donations. Single room supplement £80.00.

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## WEST COUNTRY

The theme of our pilgrimage this year was 'We are God's House'

Everyone was very busy in the build up to the pilgrimage with fundraising activities, packing and finally waving goodbye to friends and family for what was an amazing and life changing week.

Groups from HCPT Westcountry Region flew to Lourdes from Bristol Airport – a plane full of pilgrims clothed in a rainbow of colours: **Group 45** in green and yellow led by Catherine Fennell and joined by Fr Michael Cole; **Group 179** in yellow and blue led by Rebecca Bowden and joined by Canon Paul Cummins; **Group 706** in orange who were joined by Fr Robbie Lowe who brought a very special spiritual element to the pilgrimage and **Group 141** in purple led by Jenny Bentley. **Group 141** is the 'youngest group' in the region and were celebrating their 10th anniversary this year.

Soon, all the cafes, bars and restaurants in Lourdes were a sea of colour and song; each group bringing their own unique personality and singing along with Regional groups competing to be the loudest - even the workers in the town couldn't resist joining in!

The highlight of the week was the HCPT Trust Mass with groups from all over the world including Croatia, Jamaica, Ireland, Slovenia, America and many more coming together in the Underground Basilica. Pilgrims carrying banners flowed into the basilica followed by all the bishops and priests who had



accompanied the groups; over 5,000 people were present at the Mass which was led, this year, by the Deep Met South Region. The baton was handed to the West Indies Region who will be leading the 2015 Trust Mass when the theme will be 'Rejoice'.

The Westcountry Regional Mass was another special occasion – a time to share in songs, to offer the sign of peace and to pray for each other and all those at home who had helped to make the pilgrimage happen. We then went to a

concert in the Underground Basilica when everyone dressed up as animals of all shapes and sizes from chickens to tigers! After much singing and dancing everyone returned to their hotels with big smiles on their faces.

We were blessed with glorious sunshine for most of the week and the town was alive with laughter and singing. The only place that remained quiet was the Domaine and the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette and where we were all able to spend time praying and

reflecting on the week that we had shared with so many other HCPT pilgrims.

Before we knew it the week was over and, although exhausted in body, we returned home renewed in faith and having made new friends and built up a store of wonderful memories.

Sophie  
HCPT Group 706



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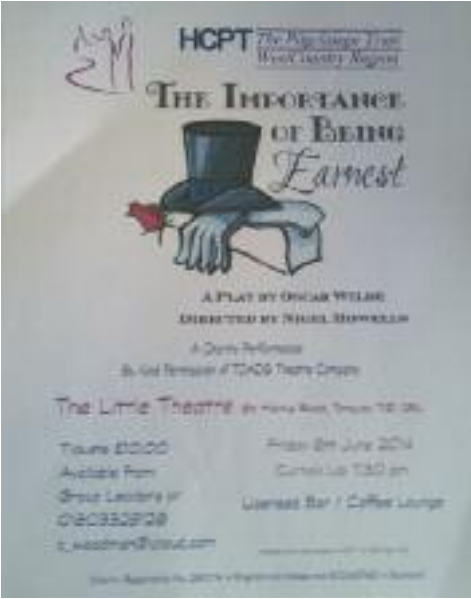


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## Dorset Deanery



## Sherborne meets Westminster

When the members of the Guild of St. Stephen attended their annual mass at Westminster Cathedral they offered the spare seats on their hired coach to other parishioners of the Church of The Sacred Heart & St. Aldhelm in Sherborne.

The occasion proved to be a particularly memorable one for two ladies of the parish, Mrs. Daphne Bartlett and Mrs. Lee Kevan. Not only did they enjoy being able to join the huge throng of young people participating in the mass celebrated by His Grace Cardinal Archbishop Vincent Nichols, they were privileged to meet the newly elected cardinal who had so recently returned from his appointment by His Holiness Pope Francis in Rome.

**Leonard Horsley**  
Sacred Heart & St. Aldhelm, Sherborne

## CCJ The Council of Christians and Jews Bournemouth & Wessex Branch



Members of the Bournemouth & Wessex Branch, located within the boundaries of the Dorset Deanery, meet four or five times a year at the Menorah Suite in central Bournemouth. The number of people attending is steadily increasing with an average attendance of around 60, but there are times when well over 100 join the meetings.

The branch aims to offer a varied programme; sometimes there are well known speakers from outside Bournemouth who are known nationally and internationally, but the organisers are also fortunate to be able to draw upon local talent. There is usually a summer outing and in 2013 members visited Yarnton Manor, the home of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish studies with which the branch has a special relationship.

Each year ends with a popular and well attended Chanukah/Advent party which gives an excellent opportunity for people to meet one another. Great emphasis is placed on dialogue and each meeting ends with refreshments and a chance to chat.

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### Legion of Mary marches on



On March 22nd members of the Legion of Mary from Plymouth and Cornwall attended the annual Acies ceremony at Plymouth Cathedral, writes Michael Cobbett. This is a service during which each active or auxiliary member renews their personal Act of Consecration to Our Lady. The Latin word, acies, meaning 'an army set out in battle array' is particularly appropriate to the Legion, being a vast army of many thousands of volunteers serving the Church, their parishes and their neighbours in 170 countries world-wide.

The Acies service was led by Monsignor Bart Nannery, the Dean of the Cathedral, who was served by Michael Stratford. The congregation included about 20 active and auxiliary members of the Legion as well as some of our friends and families. Afterwards we had refreshments in the Cathedral Centre followed by a meeting of the Cornwall Curia with active members taking part from Plymouth, Truro, Sclerder and Tintagel.

We are all looking forward to our summer outing and our Annual Retreat at Buckfast Abbey which will take place from 19th - 21st September. It is open to all and not just Legion members or Catholics. The retreat will be led by Fr John Peyton who himself joined the Legion of Mary while still at school. Before he became a priest, he held a number of senior posts within this apostolic association of the laity. If you would like to join us on the retreat just call me on the number below.

In May, we joined with the Filipino community in the Flores de Mayo and Santacruzán public procession from Plymouth's city centre to the Cathedral. And if you live in the Plymouth area and would like to have the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady in your own home for a week or so, simply give me a call on 01626 865700.



### Catenian Bursary Fund Awards

Maria Thaller is the daughter of Ok and Linda Thaller. Ok joined the Catenians Plymouth Circle in February this year; he was told at that time about the Catenian Bursary Fund available to young people between 16 and 24 years of age, who are planning to volunteer either in the UK or overseas. Ok decided to get his daughter Maria to apply and she has received a cheque from the Catenian Bursary fund to assist her.

Twenty-two year Maria recently graduated from Plymouth University where she qualified as a Physiotherapist. Maria will leave England on the 1st July to spend 12 weeks in Vietnam where she will spend time providing Physiotherapy in a Hospital in Hanoi followed by time in the 'Friendship Village', for those disabled by the Vietnam War, in Van Canh Commune, Ha Toy Province and at an orphanage for disabled children.

Maria was presented with a cheque from The Bursary Fund for £400 towards her expenses by the Associations Grand President elect, Bob Butler, during Mass at St. Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, where her family are parishioners.

The Catenians wish her good luck with her work abroad and we look forward to her coming along to one of our meetings to tell us all about her travels and work.

Trevor Davies  
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## Wider News

# Book Reviews

**Treasured & Transformed: Vision for the Heart, Understanding for the Mind**  
By Daniel J. O'Leary

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Diocese of Leeds, is an author and teacher. All Hallows College, Dublin is his Alma Mater and Rathmore, Co. Kerry his birthplace. As curate and Parish Priest he has worked in parishes for almost 30 years. For another 20 he taught theology and religious education in St Mary's University College in London and became Chair of its Religious Studies Department before being appointed Episcopal Vicar for Christian Formation in Leeds until 2000. Treasured & Transformed is published by The Columba Press

### Here My Cry

World War One affected millions of people and its impact is still being felt today. To mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the War, a new collection of poetry, prayers, hymns and psalms has been published. The book also includes personal stories of people who fought in the War, many of whose Bibles and diaries survived and are pictured in the book. Sister Wendy Beckett (art critic and author) provides a commentary on paintings by Pieter Bruegel and John Nash. The moving words of poets such as Wilfred Owen, Eleanor Farjeon and Siegfried Sassoon are represented alongside other voices from the war years. Here My Cry is published by the Bible Society [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk).

## Torbay Deanery



### Week of Individually Guided Prayer

This non-residential week event will take place in Paignton and will include daily one-to-one meetings with a diocesan trained prayer guide.

The week will begin with a gathering of all participants on Sunday 8th June at 4pm and will be an opportunity to spend time with God in the context of your own daily life.

The week will end on Saturday 14th 11am with a joint gathering followed by a shared buffet lunch. Further details from Mary Ann Tel: 0790 400 1414 email: majcsj@gmail.com, Lorna Sylvester Tel: 01803 552441 email: lornasylvester@prestonbaptistchurch.com or Tony Watkins email: tony.watkins@plymouth.ac.uk

### Confirmations at St Marychurch

Bishop Mark O'Toole joined parishioners at Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, St Marychurch where he celebrated Mass and confirmed 8 of our young people. Canon Michael Lock, our Parish Priest, and our Catechists Maria O'Brien and Caroline Roelich had been working with the group since the autumn of 2013. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and committed group of young people; since the beginning of the programme they have participated with enthusiasm and commitment and fully understand the joy that receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit will bring to their lives. Eleanor, Rose, Tierney, Tymek, Olivia, Jemma, Alessia and Giuliana and their sponsors are pictured above, with Mgr David Silk, Fr George Robson, Bishop Mark and Canon Michael Lock.

As a parish we are privileged to have dedication and support of our Parish Priest and our Catechists and the commitment of the sponsors, parents and grandparents of our young people. Through them we recognise their courage in being open to accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit; they are the future of the Church and our future and we will continue to keep them in our prayers.



### Good Friday Walk of Witness

Good Friday dawned clear and bright for the community of St Marychurch and Babbacombe as they 'witnessed' Christ's Passion and Death. Members of the various churches in the two villages met at the Lych-gate outside the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin; they then walked to the RC Church of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, then stopped in the centre of the local Precinct before processing to Furrough Cross United Reform Church in Babbacombe. Their 'witness' ended on Babbacombe Downs where clergy from all the local churches led the closing prayers and Canon Michael Lock blessed the assembled crowd.

**Richard Stead**  
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Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy: Fridays (term time) at 7.30pm  
Lanherne Convent, St Mawgan, nr, Newquay TR8 4ER: Sundays and Holydays at 10.00am, Mondays to Saturdays inclusive at 7.30am  
Sacred Heart, 25 South Street, Exeter EX1 1EB: Wednesdays at 5.30pm



# Great Feasts of the Church

**This year the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost will be celebrated in June; the Ascension on the 1st of June and Pentecost on the 8th June.**

The Acts of the Apostles (1:6-9) recounts the Apostles continuing questioning of Jesus before his ascension into heaven: So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out their sight.

The Feast of Pentecost is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost; Jews from all over Palestine were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection: "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak with tongues. (Acts 2:2-4)

Christ had promised his Apostles that he would send his Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It is interesting to note that St Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff).



## Wider News

# Matrimony Matters

Brian and Maureen Devine are members of a small group of 5 couples and a priest whose aim is to support couples interested in deepening their understanding of the spirituality and sanctity of marriage. The group: Brian and Maureen Devine (Brentwood Diocese); Mark and Liz Dutton (Shrewsbury Diocese); Maurice and Margaret Magee (Plymouth Diocese); Canon Frank O'Sullivan (Southwark Diocese) and Peter and Maureen Watson (Plymouth Diocese), have received tremendous encouragement and support from the hierarchy including, for example, Cardinals Vincent Nichols, Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Bishops Brian Noble and John Hine; all of whom have provided 'forewords' for their publications in support of marriage.

The article published below is one of a series of monthly reflections in the lead-up to the October 2014 Synod which aim to enhance people's appreciation of the value of marriage to our Church and to society as a whole. For more information about the group and to read more of the 'reflections' visit:

[WWW.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://WWW.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

We have heard the Father expressing his love for Jesus and describing him as someone "in whom my soul delights". How often do we say to each other 'I really feel wonderful when I am with you'? Words and acts of affirmation are so important and they are the best way to tell our partner that we love them. Yet, so often we submit to a culture in

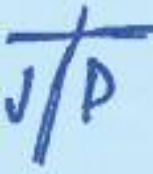


which there is a reluctance to give praise in case it leads to unwelcome expectations or unhealthy pride.

Sometimes, we just have the wrong focus. We can be acutely aware of the ways in which our spouse annoys us, and makes mistakes, without recognising the efforts they are making. Sometimes we are not aware of their accomplishments. It would be better at such times to look for good things and affirm them for who they are, their qualities and achievements, rather than taking them for granted or being critical.

It is good to work things out together instead of doing our own thing. When we feel critical we need to develop a sensitivity that will flag up danger signals in our heads so that we remember that 'this is my chosen one', and by affirming our husband or wife, let them know how much they mean to us.

PRAYER: Lord, when I feel critical of my beloved, please help me to be aware of the efforts they are making and, instead of just voicing my criticism, let me give praise for their achievements. Amen.



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# Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Last October Pope Francis announced that, from 5th to 19th October 2014, there will be an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to discuss the pastoral challenges of the family and related issues of sexuality. The Vatican then issued a preparatory document and questionnaire to be sent to all dioceses in the world, with the request that bishops circulate it as widely as possible so that local inputs can be gathered and incorporated into the working document for next October's Synod.

The bishops of England and Wales took an impressive lead by being the first conference to put the questionnaire online, prompting others to do likewise. This brought a huge response with over 16,500 people in England and Wales completing the questionnaire, despite its complexity and a very tight deadline. Of these, over 12,000 were lay people, encouraged by this new-found openness on the part of the bishops to hear their views. These responses have now been collated and incorporated into the bishops' report to the Vatican.

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## Wider News

*"Beg the harvest master to send  
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*Matthew 9:37*

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VOCATIONS

# Vocations on the Rise in UK

Statistics for 2013 indicate a rise in entrants to Convents, Seminaries, and Religious Houses. [Zenit.org](http://Zenit.org)

**Vocations in England and Wales have been on the rise over the last decade, with nearly 100 men and women entering convents, seminaries and religious houses in 2013. "These figures highlight the generosity of Catholic women and men in responding to God's call," said Fr Christopher Jamison, Director of the Catholic Church's National Office for Vocation. "They also show that the emphasis on discernment before recruitment is working". These entry figures include 44 men to seminary, 22 men to religious life and 30 women to religious life.**

This rise in numbers is attributed to various factors, such as the work of diocesan and religious vocations directors. There are also vocations groups which invite men and women to take part in various gatherings. Recently, two dioceses in England have set up residential communities to facilitate the discernment of priestly vocations.

Fr. Jamison adds that there is no room for complacency. "For Vocations Sunday on 11 May we've sent out posters and mini cards to parishes and schools up and down the country asking people to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life".

Extracts from a Homily given by Mgr Francesco Follo (Paris) for Good Shepherd Sunday 2014. [Zenit.org](http://Zenit.org)

## The Shepherd: the Lamb Who Saves the Sheep

"Today's liturgy invites us to contemplate Jesus as both the shepherd and the entry to the sheepfold while at Easter we have contemplated Him as the Lamb, the paschal victim who redeems the sheep conquering death forever.

Today in the developed western world, the image of the shepherd is not very present and when it is, it is done with a bit of contempt so much so that the expression "I am not a sheep" is used to define independent and courageous adults not in need of a shepherd. In the former days and in the Jewish civilization the figure of the shepherd was a well-known and familiar one: Abraham was a shepherd, Moses was the shepherd of his people and so was also King David. In fact, in the biblical civilization the image of the shepherd as the king who leads his people and of the God as The Shepherd who leads his people to freedom and to life was well known.

"Jesus, who bore within itself the truth and the fulfillment of all the prophecies, puts himself into this path and proves to be the truth, the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and his sheep know Him, just as the Father knows Him and He knows the Father (cf. Jn 10:14-15). How wonderful is this knowledge that reaches up to the eternal Truth and Love, whose name is the "Father." It is from this source that comes the particular knowledge which gives rise to full and pure trust.

"The allegory of the shepherd, with which Jesus describes his identity "I AM the good shepherd" (Jn 10:11), moves on a background still very familiar to the life in the Holy Land. In the evening, the shepherds lead the flock in a pen for the night. A common fence serves generally for several flocks. In the morning each shepherd cries his call and the sheep - the sheep that know his voice - follow him. Recounting this familiar scene Jesus emphasizes first that HE is the true shepherd because - unlike the mercenary - he is not going to steal the sheep, but to give life. The characteristic of the true shepherd is the gift of self.

# Diary Dates

## June 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](mailto: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.pdsommecamps.org.uk>

### MARRIAGE CARE SOUTH WEST (MCSW)

Remaining MCSW preparation course dates for 2014:

- Saturday 12th July 2014, The Parish Rooms, St Peter's RC Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX:** Marriage Preparation Day for couples intending to marry and living in the Plymouth Deanery. Please contact Clare Danes email: [claredanesuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:claredanesuk@yahoo.co.uk)
- Saturday 4th October 2014, Lymington Room, Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay:** Marriage Preparation Day for couples intending to marry and living in the Torbay Deanery. Please contact Sue Burridge email: [sue@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:sue@marriagecare.org.uk)
- Saturday 18th October 2014, Cardinal Newman House, Wonford Road, Exeter, EX2 4PF:** Marriage Preparation Day for couples intending to marry and living in the Torbay Deanery. Please contact Jenny Allen email: [jenny.allen96@btopenworld.com](mailto:jenny.allen96@btopenworld.com)
- Saturday 8th November 2014, The Parish Rooms, St Peter's RC Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX:** Marriage Preparation Day for couples intending to marry and living in the Plymouth Deanery. Please contact Clare Danes email: [claredanesuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:claredanesuk@yahoo.co.uk)

MCSW also offers FOCCUS, a guided questionnaire-based exploration and essential relationship know-how for individual couple with a trained facilitator. For more information contact [mcsw.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:mcsw.admin@marriagecare.org)

### JUNE 2014

**Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th June 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran Church Hall, Truro:** 'Life in the Spirit Seminars'; the final 3 of 8 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: Mags 07790 413562 or email: [www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com](http://www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com) or visit: [www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com](http://www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com)

**Friday 6th June, 7.30pm, The Little Theatre, St Mark's Road, Torquay:** by kind permission of TOADS Theatre Company a charity performance of The Importance of being Earnest. Tickets £10, proceeds in aid of HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust, Westcountry Region. For more information please contact Christopher Woodman email: [c\\_woodman@icloud.com](mailto:c_woodman@icloud.com) Tel: 01803 329126.

**Saturday 7th 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 8th to Saturday 14th June, Paignton, Devon:** a week of Individually Guided Prayer, daily one-to-one meetings with a diocesan trained prayer guide. For more information contact Mary Ann Tel: 0790 400 1414 email: [majcsj@gmail.com](mailto:majcsj@gmail.com), or Lorna Sylvester Tel: 01803 552441 email: [lornasylvester@prestonbaptistchurch.com](mailto:lornasylvester@prestonbaptistchurch.com), or Tony Watkins email: [tony.watkins@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:tony.watkins@plymouth.ac.uk)

**Saturday 14th June, 9am, Membly hall Hotel, Cliff Road, Falmouth:** Men's Breakfast; contact Phil Misselbrooke on 01326 319946 for more information.

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

**Sunday 15th June, 3 pm, Lemon Quay, Truro:** Cornwall Deanery Corpus Christi Procession.

**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.

### JULY 2014

**Saturday 5th July, St Joseph's Church, Newton Abbot:** Torbay Deanery Liturgy/Music Day with Richard Hubbard.

**Saturday 5th July from 10 am to 4.30 Methodist Church:** The Persecuted Church Study Day. Booking essential; for more information please contact Dr Anne Hicks email: [bullfrog@btinternet.com](mailto:bullfrog@btinternet.com), Tel: 01736 799665

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Cornwall Deanery

- First & Third Tuesdays from 10.30am, Coffee morning:** Charles Langdon Room, St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston.
- New life House Groups focusing on prayer, scripture and fellowship (Acts Wednesdays 10am to 12noon 13a Pentire Rd, Newquay, TR7 1NX.**  
Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm (during term-time) 18A Ferris Town, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3JH or

#### New Life Praise and Worship Evenings:

- Day (tbc) 6.15pm to 7.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by praise and Worship at 7.30pm:** Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran Catholic Church, Truro. Contact Sheona 07790 413562 for more information or visit [www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com](http://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.
- 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.
- Saturdays at 11am, Legion of Mary:** St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.
- 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](mailto: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 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:

**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](mailto:fatherjohnrice@btinternet.com)

## Cornwall Deaney

# Special Occasion at Falmouth

Tom Lobban, a member of the Guild of St Stephen, was presented with the guild's silver medal by Fr Jon Bielawski during the Sunday morning Mass in St Mary Immaculate Falmouth on the 11th May.

The silver medal is awarded to altar servers who have

been members of the Guild of St Stephen for more than 10 years. Tom is not the only Lobban who serves in Falmouth as both his sister Eloise and his brother Harry are also very loyal servers at St Marys. Tom (centre) is pictured with his grandparents Ben and Jenny Davis

(Choirmaster and Organist), sister Eloise and brother Harry and parents Francis and Adie.

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