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Experience Lourdes 2014



On Friday 30th May twenty-one young people from parishes across the Diocese travelled to Lourdes with other parishioners from across the Diocese on pilgrimage to the beautiful Pyrenean shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year the pilgrimage was led by Bishop Mark O'Toole and Fr Kieran Kirby the newly appointed Pilgrimage Director.

The Torchlight Procession at Lourdes is always a very moving occasion; at its conclusion pilgrims from all over the world join in one voice to praise the Queen of Heaven singing the Salve Regina. With thousands of fellow pilgrims assembled in front of the Rosary Basilica in the pouring rain six of our young people held flaming torches at the top of the steps leading to the main entrance of the basilica for the final blessing.

Amongst the many opportunities for prayer, spiritual refreshment and growth in faith our young people take time out for some light-hearted activities including a trip to Gavarnie high in the Pyrenees and entertaining fellow pilgrims with a very entertaining concert.

This is a unique week in the lives of the young people from parishes across the Diocese; they chose to come perhaps because they've heard about it from others who have been before or because they've seen it mentioned in articles in the Diocesan Year Book, Catholic South West or parish newsletters. But, whatever it is that brings them to Lourdes they return home enriched by their experiences and with new friends in their lives. They are, without exception, a credit to their families and to the Diocese.

If you are interested in joining the Youth Group for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2015 please contact me Tel: 01803 328916 email: j@mantello.eclipse.co.uk.

Jacqueline Mantello
Group Leader



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**Diocesan News**

Catholic Women's League, Plymouth Diocese



Bishop Mark re-dedicates the lamp.



CWL members from across the Diocese process to the Abbey Church.

Annual Rally

This year's Annual Catholic Women's League (CWL) Rally on 14th May marked the 60th Anniversary of the CWL in the Plymouth Diocese. We were blessed with a gloriously sunny afternoon at Buckfast and by the presence of Bishop Mark, who was attending for the first time, and other priests from across the Diocese.

At the beginning of the rally members of the CWL process into the Abbey led by the banners of each section and singing the

Lourdes Hymn. Sixty years ago the monks of Buckfast presented the CWL with the beautiful lamp that is kept in front of the Altar of Our Lady of Buckfast. At each annual rally the lamp is once again blessed during Mass and carried back to the altar of Our Lady of Buckfast where it remains until the following year.

At the end of Mass Bishop Mark greeted members of the CWL outside the west door of the Abbey.

Plymouth Diocese CWL

**A Banner for Bridport**

The warm and sunny evening of Monday 12th May, was an important time for Bridport Parish CWL - they were to be presented with their very own banner. It had been made especially for them by Mrs Maureen Reynolds and they would be using it for the first time on their annual procession at Buckfast Abbey on 14th May.

Bridport CWL, which covers Bridport, Beaminster and Chideock, was inaugurated on 24th May 2013 by their (now) President, Mrs Mary Cattell. The section presently has a membership of seventeen and meets once a month in St Mary and St Catherine Church, Bridport. They are a friendly, convivial and busy group of women.

After presenting the banner to the delighted members, Maureen gave a short talk on the craft of banner making. She explained that she began some years ago in a small village in Cumbria and over the past six years has made thirty banners for different church organisations. Maureen stressed that it was important for people working on banners to be in accord with each other as they would have to spend long hours in each other's company doing the work by hand. Maureen has made banners in Cyrillic script and for countries as far away as Ukraine, Russia and Ecuador. Fr Richard Meyer blessed the banner after Sunday Mass on 18th May.

Pat McEvoy
SS Mary & Catherine, Bridport

Bishop Mark's homily at the Chapter Mass on Thursday 5th June 2014, the Feast of St Boniface



Happy Feast of St Boniface! It is really good to be able to say that to you and so good to be here this morning with you and to celebrate this great man who grew up in our diocese and who received his Christian formation here. I am particularly pleased to see the Chapter here and it is good not to be greeting you behind a grill! You will all know St Boniface well but I hope you will not mind if I share some simple thoughts on him. It's just that I find myself encountering this great Missionary monk in a new way since living here.

Today he speaks to us across the centuries. He does so by helping us to discover what it means to be pastors who evangelise, pastors who remain united with the Apostolic See, and pastors who recognise the unity between a fully human culture and our faith.

You will know that Boniface – known as Wilibrod at that time – was first evangelised as a boy by holy missionaries who were entertained in his home. The faith in these islands was less than one hundred years old when various priests came to this part of the country. Boniface was struck by their humility and their goodness. Their witness became the source of his conversion. We should never doubt what our witness can bring to those around us, even when this witness seems not to bear immediate fruit

Boniface knew the effect of silent witness. He also knew the reality of failure in his own proclamation of the Gospel for his first mission to Friesland went nowhere. He returned to England after two years seemingly with his dreams of being a missionary in tatters. But he did not stop.

After a number of years and comforted and sustained by a visit to Pope Gregory II, and with the Pope's support, Boniface embarked on the preaching of the Gospel in Germany. He fought against pagan worship and reinforced the foundations of human and Christian morality. With a deep sense of his call, and ours, he wrote in one of his letters: "We are united in the fight on the Lord's Day, because days of affliction and wretchedness have come.... We are not mute dogs or silent observers or mercenaries fleeing from wolves! On the contrary, we are diligent Pastors who watch over Christ's flock, who proclaim God's will to leaders and ordinary folk, to the rich and the poor... in season and out of season..." (cf. Epistulae, 3,352.354: mgh).

Here is a Shepherd after the heart of the Lord. In many ways I think St Boniface could be declared the Patron Saint of the New Evangelisation in our diocese as he encourages us never to doubt that we are called to evangelise nor to underestimate the power of our witness in the faithful offering of our lives. We do so, 'in season and out of season'.

The second most important element that emerges from the life of Boniface is his faithful communion with the Apostolic See. The Successors of Pope Gregory II also held him in the highest esteem. Gregory III appointed him Archbishop of all the Germanic tribes – the Bishop of the whole of Germany! He sent him the pallium and granted him the faculties to organize the ecclesiastical hierarchy in those regions (cf. Epist. 28: S. Bonifatii Epistulae, ed. Tangl, Berolini 1916). Pope Zachary confirmed him in his office and praised his dedication (cf. Epist. 51, 57, 58, 60, 68, 77, 80, 86, 87, 89: op. cit.). In a letter to this Pope, Boniface writes, "I never cease to invite and to submit to obedience to the Apostolic See those who desire to remain in the Catholic faith and in the unity of the Roman Church and all those whom God grants to me as listeners and disciples in my mission" (Epist. 50: in ibid., p. 81).

One result of this commitment was the steadfast spirit of cohesion around the Successor of Peter which Boniface transmitted to the Church in his mission territory, uniting England, Germany and France with Rome. These Christian roots of Europe were to produce abundant fruit in the centuries that followed.

We live in a time when Europe has in many ways become tired of its Christian roots. We also live in an Ecumenical age. Now, more than ever, we must hold true to the centrality of our esteem and love for the Holy Father as successor of St Peter. How vital is this office for the unity of the whole Church and the coherence of our witness. I believe that the Chapter of Canons and I can encourage one another to remain faithful to this deep Catholic instinct and truth.

Boniface also deserves our attention for a third intuition. He encouraged the encounter between Christian culture and the local cultures in which he lived, even if they seemed at first to be far from the Gospel. Indeed, he knew that humanizing and evangelizing culture was an integral part of his mission. For example he composed a treatise on the Ars grammatica in which he explained the declinations, verbs and syntax of the Latin language. Please don't fall asleep! But this was for him not some heady exercise, but a means of reaching more people, of providing education so that all encountered a deeply Christian spirit and sensibility which helped them live in a more human way. In passing on the ancient Tradition of Christian values, he grafted on to the Germanic populations a new, more human life. As a true son of St Benedict, he was able to combine prayer and work, the pen and the plough.

We must ask ourselves what would be the Ars grammatica of our day? I do not have any easy answers to that question. But surely part of it must be an engagement with

the world of information technology and the internet highway. For all of its problems and challenges we must use it as a vehicle to continue to engage with the culture especially of our young people. They need to be helped to develop fully in their own humanity and in their appreciation and love of Christ and His Church, and we must use the tools and methods which they inhabit and which can reach them.

Boniface's courageous witness is an invitation to us all to welcome God's word into our lives, to love the Church passionately, to feel a common responsibility for her future, to seek her unity around the Successor of Peter. At the same time, he reminds us that Christianity, by encouraging the dissemination of culture, furthers human progress. It is now up to us to respond to such a wonderful heritage and to make our witness fruitful for the benefit of this generation and those to come.

There is one last thought which moves me very deeply. Boniface's ardent zeal for the Gospel stayed with him his whole life long; it never fails to impress whatever our age. At the age of 41 he left a beautiful and fruitful monastic life, the life of a teacher and man of prayer, in order to proclaim the Gospel to the stranger and the simple. Yet again, almost at the age of 80, he went to a region in which he foresaw his martyrdom, and indeed it happened. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for his sheep, not once, but continually.

By comparing his ardent faith with our own often lukewarm faith, we see what we must do. We see how we are to renew our faith by drawing close to Christ. We must do so in order to give the precious pearl of the Gospel as a gift in our time.

St Boniface Pray for us.....


Mark

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WEST COUNTRY



HCPT 507 Joint Services Group 20th Anniversary Pilgrimage

HCPT Group 507 takes disabled ex-service personnel and their dependents on pilgrimage to Lourdes each year. The group joins with the International Military Pilgrimage which, this year, saw more than 20,000 representatives from across the world come together on a pilgrimage of peace.

It was a year for anniversaries; Group 507 held a mess dinner at Hosanna House to commemorate 100 years since the start of the Great War when pilgrims were encouraged to bring photos and recall stories of their ancestors' involvement in the war. Pilgrims were reminded about Jack Traynor who was paralysed as a result of war injuries and of the miracle that he experienced at Lourdes. We also laid a wreath at the Lourdes Cenotaph, where Laurence Binyon's ode of remembrance 'For the Fallen' was read.

We also celebrated the Golden Jubilee of

Priestly Ordination of Mgr. Ronnie Brown OBE, Group 507 Chaplain and the 30th Anniversary of his first pilgrimage to Lourdes. Thirty-years ago he was Chaplain of the Plymouth Royal Naval Children's Group which later became HCPT Group 150. My wife Susan and I were married in 1974 and we couldn't think of a better place to celebrate our Ruby Wedding anniversary that at Hosanna House with 42 pilgrims from all over the UK.

We participated in Masses not only in the beautiful setting of the Upper Basilica but the chapel of the drug rehabilitation centre overlooking the Domain, the Hosanna House chapel and also the Crusader Church at St Savan where Charlemagne once worshiped. If you would like to join HCPT Group 507 pilgrimage in 2015 from 13th to 2nd May please contact us on 01752 787697.

Richard and Susan Tipping
Group Leaders

HCPT Youth Development Programme

Are you aged between 18 and 30? Have you been a helper at Easter with HCPT, but never been on a summer pilgrimage with us? Are you interested in developing your leadership skills with HCPT? Then why not apply to take part in our Summer Youth Development Programme?

This year we are asking young people like you to apply for the role of Group Support Assistant within a summer group. You'll develop your skills by taking up roles of responsibility within summer groups, under the guidance of the Group Leader; you'll get to undertake a wide range of tasks including, for example, liaison between the group and the Hosanna House staff, coordination of logistical arrangements, and liturgical coordination in support of the group chaplain.

Participation in the programme will give you an extremely enjoyable, fulfilling and rewarding experience, working among wonderful people in the breathtaking surroundings of Hosanna House. If you are selected you'll be asked to make a personal contribution of at least £200 to cover some of the costs which you can of course cover by personal fundraising. You'll also need a valid Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Disclosure.

Jennie Hale from Weybridge successfully applied for a place on the Youth Development Programme in 2012 and spent a week with a Summer HCPT group at Hosanna House. Jenny says: "The group was full of truly lovely people. I learnt a huge amount from observing the pace of the group, and it gave me many inspiring ideas for liturgies. Overall it was a wonderful experience that allowed me to learn a lot



and pick up fresh ideas which I don't think I could have seen in groups during Easter. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to see a different side of HCPT. Thank you for allowing me the chance to go this summer - it was an invaluable experience.

If you'd like to apply for the programme, please send the items listed below to debra.olivertyson@hcpt.org.uk:

- A letter of motivation indicating why you want to be involved in the programme and what you would hope to get out of it
- A CV
- Two references (including one from the Group Leader of the group with which you have previously travelled)
- Preferred dates of travel between May and October 2015 (please give a selection of weeks you would be available).

Please also let us know if you're available to join the September 2014 pilgrimage (details below).

2014 HCPT Pilgrimages: 5th to 12th September:

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The 'not so beautiful' aspect of the Football World Cup: Victory for Mauá but the struggle goes on

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The fight by 237 São Paulo families to secure permanent housing has ended in victory after the municipal government signed over more than £3 million to purchase the Mauá building which has been their home for the last seven years.

The Mauá community was due to be evicted on the eve of the World Cup, unless the city authorities pushed through a purchase order to convert the abandoned hotel into social housing. News of the victory was greeted with jubilation by the families, and they were quick to thank the thousands of CAFOD supporters in England and Wales who backed their campaign.

Community leader, Nete Araujo, said: "I did not believe the news until we received the electronic confirmation of the deposit. We organised a community assembly to inform the families. I was on my knees. I would like to thank, after God, all of you who helped and supported us in CAFOD, and who were alongside us during this struggle - and now also beside us during this great hour of victory. It is your victory too! And I hope you know too that the commitment and responsibilities do not end here with this gain. We want to see each of the families with a key to their homes in their hands.

It is important that the support and solidarity of all of you continues; that you continue to help us as you have. Sometimes I have felt quite desperate, and then I stop and think I am not alone, and that is good. I want to thank all of you for this victory, for being together with us, for that connection with us, for this link and rope to transform itself into a big knot that never unties and continues for great victories."

CAFOD Director Chris Bain said: "Over recent years, the Mauá community's fight for fair housing has been our fight too, and while today we can all celebrate a hard-won victory with Nete and all the Mauá families, we must continue to stand by them, and we must carry on that fight on behalf of all the hundreds of thousands of other families in São Paulo in need of decent and secure housing.

The Mauá building was once a luxury hotel but was abandoned and left empty for 17 years until the families occupied and renovated it in 2007. Through our Connect2 Brazil project, parishes in England and Wales have been following and supporting the Mauá community since 2010, and hundreds of campaigners signed a petition in summer 2012 which helped to fight off a previous eviction order."

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

A New Evangelisation

In November last year we held a diocesan wide symposium on the New Evangelisation to learn about and discuss the recent Synod.

Many of you kindly sent in responses to some questions we posed about the reality of evangelisation in our parishes and homes.

Since then a working party has been summarising those responses and their report is now available for you all to read. We hope it will spark many positive conversations among you and remind us all that the Church exists in order to share the good news of God's love made known to us through the person of Jesus.

To view the report go to <http://formation.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/symposium/report>

We would love to hear any comments you have on the report and we would especially like to hear your thoughts on the Recommendations at the end.

Jonathan Henderson
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Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)



Sea Sunday is a special day when the Catholic Church, along with other churches, remembers seafarers and prays for them, their families and those who support them.

It's our principal fundraising and awareness raising event of the year, so please support us in any way you can and help celebrate the day.

Did you know that gifts in wills fund one tenth of all AoS' work supporting seafarers across the UK? That's how important legacy giving is. AoS has joined 12 other Catholic charities to encourage legacy giving. What will your Catholic legacy be?

AoS Chaplains in our diocese are: John Pinhay (Falmouth and Fowey), Ann Donnelly (Plymouth and Teignmouth) and Rev Roger Stone (Weymouth and Portland); their contact details can be found in the 2014 Diocesan Year Book on pages 150 and 151.

For more information about the Apostleship of the Sea nationally visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Sea Sunday
13th July 2014



Dorset Deanery



Sherborne Confirmations

When Bishop Mark O'Toole paid his first visit to the parish of The Sacred Heart & St. Aldhelm, Sherborne in June to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation the fourteen candidates included students boarding at Sherborne Boy's and Sherborne Girl's Schools in addition to local parishioners.

The newly Confirmed are pictured with Bishop Mark and our Parish Priest, Mgr Canon Robert Draper VG.

Leonard Horsley
Sacred Heart & St. Aldhelm, Sherborne

Fundraising and Celebrating in Weymouth

The 'Sao Paulo 'Nest of Hope' fundraiser held at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth raised almost £300 for the centre run by the St Patrick's Missionary

Society. Thanks go to Anne Bowen (pictured second from the right) and her many helpers.

The centre in Sao Paulo helps poor children with severe disabilities and is truly a 'Nest of Hope'.

John Cranny of Grove Road in Portland celebrated his 80th Birthday at a special Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth. Afterwards the Mass John and his wife Margaret were joined by Fr Stephen Geddes, Parish Priest, and fellow parishioners to continue the celebrations.

Esmee Nicholls
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth



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Dorset Deanery



2014 saw the first anniversary of the opening of the LIFE Shop at 72 The Esplanade, Weymouth. Our local MP Hon. Richard Drax offered us all the proceeds of an Open Day at his estate Charborough Park, near Wareham; we were given Sunday 11 May. Richard Drax generously offers this opportunity to various groups, charities and schools and, as he was at home on the day, he dropped by to wish us well.

Despite sudden showers and gusts of winds, we raised £627.80p thanks to the friends and members, their spouses and generosity of van and car drivers. There were plants, handmade Craft cards and knitted Tea-Cosies, Toys and baby cardigans. There were also Jewellery & bric-a-brac stalls and a Tombola stall with great prizes.

In addition parishioners from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Weymouth & Portland provided some wonderful flapjacks together with large and small cakes which were displayed on 2 trestle tables - under an awning by the caravan which provided electricity and water. We send them our sincere thanks. The 'Bluebell Walk' proved very popular as people like to see what is behind the wall of estate - known locally as 'the Deer with 5 Legs'.

Volunteers from the Knights of St Columba manned the car parking area and a Life volunteer took the entrance fees. After going through beautiful 'Bluebell Walk' teas and coffees were served, a chance to relax and chat.

Priscilla McGowen
Volunteer and founder member of Weymouth LIFE GROUP

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. This year's 'Summer Social Event' - a coastal cruise - will take place on Wednesday 20th August from 2.30pm - 4.00pm. For more information please contact CCJ Bournemouth email: ccjbaw@gmail.com

For more information about the CCJ in Bournemouth and nationally visit: www.ccj.org.uk



Cornwall Deanery



“The Great War?”

An ‘All-Age’ open air service organised by local churches for the whole family at the beginning of St Austell Feast Week.

To be held at St Austell AFC ground (by kind invitation) in Poltair Park.

11.00 am Sunday July 6th 2014

Free entry-Free parking-Live band

Harmonics children's choir

Crash Bang Wallop Puppet Theatre Company

Refreshments available -Bring a picnic as well

- (and a chair if you'd like to sit down)

All Welcome



Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.—Jesus.
John:15 vs 13



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

Saturday 5th July: 10am – 4.30pm
Truro Methodist Church (next to Truro Cathedral)
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- ! Where are Christians suffering for their faith?
- ! What's happening to Christians?
- ! What can we do to help – practically, politically, and spiritually?

SPEAKERS

Baroness Caroline Cox (C.E.O. of Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust)
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.
Revd. Mark Dunn-Wilson (Minister: Truro Methodist Church)

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Plymouth Deanery

New Grand President of the Catenian Association

At the Annual Catenian Conference in May 2014 Bob Butler, a member of the Plymouth Catenians, was installed as the Grand President of this World-wide Association.

Bob was born in Plymouth and survived the Blitz in which he lost nine of his relations. He attended Holy Cross primary School and then St Boniface's College. Bob then spent 3-years training to be a teacher at St Mary's College, Twickenham before returning to Plymouth after a spell of teaching in London; his wife Kathy was also a teacher. They married 12-months after meeting at a wedding in Preston, Lancashire in 1965; they have two children and two grandchildren.

Bob joined the Catenian Association in 1984 and continues to appreciate the wonderful help, friendship and support of the members and their wives. He took on many roles including Circle President, Chamberlain, Director and now Grand President. He has been instrumental in changing the rules and regulations aimed at bringing the Association into the 21st Century.

He and Kathy are very much involved with the Church and attend St Peter's in Crownhill. They have taken on many jobs within the Church and Bob has worked tirelessly for many years with the SVP who assist the poor and underprivileged. He is a very keen cyclist – he conquered the 21 KM climb called the Mont Ventoux in 2007 and an avid Plymouth Argyle supporter attending matches with his grandsons.

As Grand President his aim is to see the new rules and regulations used to effect and to continue to modernise and grow the Association. The way forward is not only to increase the membership of existing Circles but to form new Groups throughout the country in places where there are only small pockets of Catholics, to enable everyone to enjoy being members of the Catenian Association. The 'in word' is for the Association to be "inclusive" and not exclusive.

If anybody would like to know more about the Catenian Association please contact me on 01752 787642.

Trevor Davies
Membership Officer

Torbay Deanery



Good Shepherd Sunday Baptisms

Sunday 11th May was a very special day at St Marychurch when the Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated during the 10am Mass and we welcomed Kirsty, Jamie, Jordon, Natalia, Tayah, Shiah and Coby into our Parish Family. Their mother, Lindsey, was received into the Catholic Church in April during the Easter Vigil and the eldest of the children, Kirsty, Jamie, Jordon and Natalia joined 15 other children from our Parish who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 18th May. As a parish we have been privileged to witness the start of their faith journey. Please keep them, and all other children throughout the Diocese who have made their First Holy Communion this year, in your prayers.

Richard Stead
Torbay Deanery

Retirement Celebrations

Margaret Parsons, who has worked at Margaret Clitherow House since 1984 and been manager since 1993, retired at the end of May. On Friday 23rd May Canon Michael Lock, Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis led a service of prayer and thanksgiving for her dedication and care of the residents and staff of Margaret Clitherow House over the last 30-years. We wish Margaret a long, happy and healthy retirement.

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Wider News

Wales Ordinariate Group in new Cathedral home



Ordinariate in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff, in July. The Mass was followed by a reception in the Cathedral's Cornerstone Centre. Among those present was the Cathedral Dean, Canon Peter Collins. Deacon Sixths said: "The Mass and reception were both well attended and it was excellent to be able to make some new contacts and refresh others at the reception".

The chapel for the Ordinariate has been created out of a recess to the right of the

Cathedral sanctuary, with an altar and reredos provided by the Cathedral. Canon Collins, who was responsible for setting up the chapel, said that the Ordinariate group in Wales flourish: "It is small as yet, but it makes a great contribution to the life of the Catholic Church and it also has a valuable contribution to make in supporting the decision-making of a number of Anglicans in the area who are contemplating their future at present."

Catherine Utley
Communications Officer
Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

A small piece of history was made on the evening of 15th May in Cardiff when the Wales (South East) Group of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham had its first Mass in a chapel which has been provided for the Ordinariate by Archbishop George Stack in the mother church of the Archdiocese, the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. David, Cardiff (pictured).

The Mass was celebrated by Fr Peter Clarke of the Bristol Ordinariate Group, who was assisted by Bernard Sixths, of the Wales (South East) Ordinariate Group, who also preached. The new chapel comes as Deacon Sixths is preparing to be ordained as a Catholic priest of the

Where is God in dementia?

Many fear dementia more than they fear cancer. We fear that we lose ourselves; that all our memories, thoughts, stories that make us who we are, will be gone, leaving us in a boundless sea of meaningless experiences.

Yet the writer to the Hebrews is clear about Jesus' promise: 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' (Hebrews 13:5-6). In Matthew 28:20, Jesus is in the lives of all people, including those with dementia: 'Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of time.' When we forget everything, Jesus is there.

Perhaps our real fear is not that we will forget, but that we will be forgotten. Maybe people will begin to talk about me as if I am not really present. Perhaps they will lock me away in a place where I am surrounded by strangers. Perhaps people will say, 'he's not the person he used to be.' Or worse, 'she's just a shell.' If I am not the person I used to be; if I am just a shell, then why would anyone care for me and who would they be caring for? Maybe we fear this kind of lostness more than the lostness of our personal forgetting.

We should lament the things that have been lost, but the task of the Church is to accompany people with dementia in faith, hope and love; trusting that God has not abandoned them and that his disciples should not do so either. When we approach one another like this, the binding power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to be with one another in ways that may be inexpressible, but which are always true, faithful and healing. Having dementia is not the end of our stories.

Extract from a talk by Revd Professor John Swinton, Aberdeen University, one of the keynote speakers at the 'Enabling Church' day conference which took place in Birmingham on Tuesday 3rd June 2014.

To find out more about how our churches can become more dementia-friendly please visit www.livability.org.uk/church/dementia-friendly-churches.

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Diocesan News

First Catholic Children's Society Golf Day



On Monday 19 May, Libbaton Golf Club was bathed in sunshine for the start of the first Catholic Children's Society Golf Tournament - but not for long! No sooner had the first few couples teed off then the rain started and players were subjected to relentless downpours and even rumbling thunder – the heavens opened. It didn't dampen their spirits though, and most players completed the course with Phil Canning (34 points) victorious in the men's competition and in the lady's competition Cathy Canning won with 35 points.

After a quick dry off, everyone sat down to a well deserved carvery before prize giving and drawing the raffle. Thank you to everyone who took part on the day and to sponsors MNB Ltd and the following businesses and golf clubs which donated prizes: Libbaton, Downes Crediton, Great Torrington, Wrangaton, Stover, Weymouth, Staddon Heights, Launceston, Falmouth, Warren, Tavistock and Dawlish and Hurdwick Golf Clubs; Otter Breweries, Dartmoor Brewery and Dartington Crystal.

Couldn't join us?

Then how about helping us with our plans for a Diocesan Charity Golf Championship? We need to know about golfers who would be interested in being a point of contact between their club and our Society to develop the idea of a Diocesan Charity Golf Championship. If you can help in any way or are interested in taking part in this event or any future golfing days, please contact Claire Warren Tel: 07783 156284 or Heather Rothwell Tel: 01364 645420 alternatively, you can contact us by email: fundraising@ccsplymouth.org.uk

Claire Warren
Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

'Not Quite The Ritz' tea party

This very successful fundraising event was held in aid of Catholic Children's Society at the Church of the Assumption, Abbey Rd, Torquay on Saturday 17th May. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, with over 65 parishioners attending - the young and the not so young; an amazing total of £577 was raised for the Children's Society.

In the spirit of 'The Ritz' the parish rooms were decorated in blue and white with some parishioners going the extra mile and dressing up for the occasion.

We were very well supported with scones, cakes and sandwiches made by parishioners. A raffle was held with all prizes donated; and, two of our older parishioners Joyce and Alan Kenyon gave us a very generous £50 donation. Joyce and Alan were absolute stalwarts at the church of the Assumption over many years – as well as being Altar Servers and Sacristans they were fundraisers for HCPT until well into their nineties.

Andrea Rodgers and Carol Martin
Our Lady of the Assumption, Abbey Road



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Please keep your entry as brief as you can.

Fr. David Annear

Email: priest@stcuthbertmayne.org.uk or office@stcuthbertmayne.org.uk

Tel: 01566 773166

Diary Dates

July 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 working day of each preceding month.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESE CATECHETICAL SUMMER CAMPS:

Sunday 27th July to Friday 1st August 2014: St Petroc's Camp for young adults currently in school years 11 and 12.

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.

For more information visit <http://www.pdsommerscamps.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
- 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
- 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
- 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

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

JUNE 2014

Sunday 29th June, 6pm to 10pm, Stoodley Knowle School, Anstey's Cove Road, Torquay: Stoodley Knowle Proms, available from The Babbacombe Theatre Box Office or Stoodley Knowle School Tel: 01803 293160.

JULY 2014

Tuesdays 1st, 8th and 15th July, Falmouth Presbytery from 7.45pm to 9pm: last 3 of 4 workshops on the book 'Forming Intentional Disciples'; those wanting to take part will need to purchase a copy of the book and read 3 chapters before each meeting. For more information please contact the Parish Office Tel: 01326 312763

Saturday 5th July, St Joseph's Church, Newton Abbot, 10am to 5pm: Torbay Deanery Liturgy/Music Day with Richard Hubbard. For full details contact Anthony Cosgrave Tel: 01803 864060.

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

Saturday 19th July, Buckfast Abbey, 7.30pm: a concert by the Abbey Choir of choral and organ music, composed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For more information visit www.buckfast.org.uk/music

Tuesday 22nd July, 12.30pm Oasis Project, 28 Manor Street, Plymouth: Ecumenical Prayer Meeting; for more information and to book lunch Tel: 01752 254981

Saturday 25th July 2pm, Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Boniface, Plymouth: Ordination to the Priesthood of Ralph Marcus Candy.

September 2014

Saturday 13th September, Manor Farm, Dacombe, 7pm to 11pm: Barn Dance & Hog Roast fundraiser for HCPT Group 179. For more information contact Becca Bowden email: hcpt179@gmail.com Mob: 07971 368 349.

OCTOBER 2014

Sunday 5th October, (time tbc) Launceston, St Cuthbert Mayne Diocesan Pilgrimage: please add the date of this significant event in the life of our Diocese to you calendars now; full details will be published in the next (September) edition of Catholic South West.

February 2015

Friday 9th to Sunday 11th February, National Conference for Rural Catholics, Best Western Country Hotel, Garstang in Lancashire: Fracking, the forestry industry, the future of community hospitals, and 'What is Care Farming?' are just a few of the issues being addressed at the 2015 conference for Rural Catholics. The Bishops' Conference Home Mission desk will speak about its support for rural parishes and CaFE will introduce some of its resources for small rural groups wishing to grow in the faith.

For more information about the conference contact Fr Robert Miller Tel: 01747 870228 email: rwhm274@btinternet.com) or go to www.ruralcatholics.org.uk.

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 2):** contact Sheona 07790 413562 for more information and directions
- ☐ 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:**
- ☐ First Wednesday of each month 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
- 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

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 mornings at 10.30am (coffee from 10am) Bible Study Group:** Cathedral Centre.
- Thursday afternoons at 2pm, Rosary in Malayalam:** Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Cathedral.
- Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8.30pm, Legion of Mary:** Cathedral Centre.
- Friday evenings at 6pm, Holy Hour:** The Cathedral
- Sunday evenings, after the 6pm Mass – CREDO:** A forum for young adults wanting to deepen their faith and spiritual life in the Catholic Church through prayer, discussion and community. CREDO meets in Cathedral Centre.
- Second Saturday of each month, 11am to 12noon – SPUC Anti-Abortion Prayers, Derriford:** For more information contact Christine Hudson Tel: 01752 224018
- 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.
- Second Tuesday of each month, Patricians - Legion of Mary discussion group:** For more information please contact Raad Binham Tel: 07816 542 349.
- First Friday of each month after the 7pm Mass – St Padre Pio Prayer Group:** For more information contact Rev. Deacon Tony Irwin Tel: 01548 853413.

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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Monday 4th August, 12noon: 'Further Philosophy'

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Monday 11th August, 12noon: 'Finding Faith through the Liturgy'

Thursday 14th August, 12noon: 'Finding Faith through Sacred Art'

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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.

World Apostolate Fatima National Pilgrimage 10-17th July: Spiritual Director Fr Gerard Kelly. Cost £649 includes return flights from London Heathrow to Lisbon, taxes, half board in comfortable hotel close to the shrine and 3 coach tours. For further details please contact Mike Daley, National Organiser Tel: 01793 829381 email: mike.daley@o2.co.uk.

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.

Diocese mourns two dedicated Priests



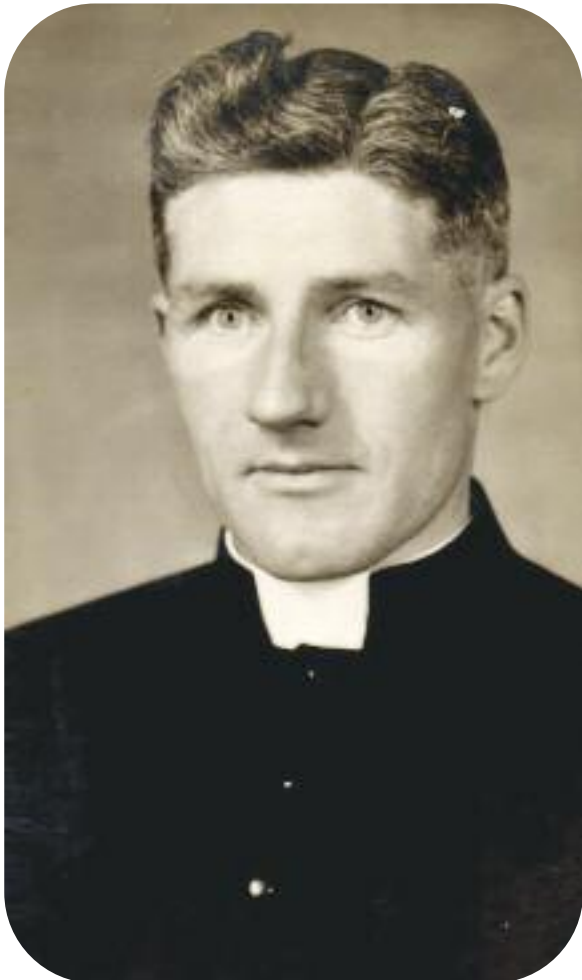
Although officially ‘retired’ Canon Michael Howard remained active in the Parish of All Saints, Teignmouth for more than seven years. He lived at the Presbytery in Shaldon next to the little Church of St Ignatius of Loyola and continued to minister in parishes across the Torbay Deanery providing ‘supply’ when his brother Priests were on holiday or unwell. He is remembered with particular affection by parishioners at Our Lady Help of Christians and & St Denis in nearby St Marychurch where he, together with Mgr George Hay and Mgr David Silk provided invaluable pastoral support during

two periods of interregnum in 2011 and again in 2012. He would arrive at St Marychurch on the number 11 bus from Teignmouth and, after saying Mass, liked to stroll through the precinct before returning home to Shaldon. Canon Michael was taken ill towards the end of March and went to his eternal reward just three weeks later on 14th April – at the beginning of Holy Week.

Fr George Gerry was born in Glasgow in October 1920 and, after a career in the navy that spanned World War 2, he decided to test his vocation and went All Hallows Seminary in Ireland in 1948. He was ordained Priest for the Diocese of Plymouth in 1954 and is pictured on the day of his Ordination.

It was at All Hallows Seminary that he studied with Fr Patrick Kilgarrieff who was also ordained for the Diocese and the two became lifelong friends. It was Fr Patrick who was invited to give the panegyric at Fr George’s Requiem.

Canon Michael and Fr George will be greatly missed by their families, their brother priests and by the parishioners to whom they ministered over many years. May God grant them eternal rest.



Canon Michael Howard

Ordained Priest 15th April 1974
 Priestly Ministry
 Sacred Heart, Exeter 1974
 Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Boniface 1979
 St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston 1985
 Our Lady of Fatima, Parkstone 1988
 St Agatha, Dawlish 1995
 Retired Easter 2007

Fr George Gerry

Ordained Priest 27th June 1954

 Priestly Ministry
 St James, Tiverton 1954
 St Paul’s, Plymouth 1957
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