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Mass of Thanksgiving and Welcome at Sclerder Abbey

On 28th August 2014 our Diocese bade farewell to the Carmelite nuns of Sclerder Abbey near Looe, Cornwall and welcomed the Chemin Neuf community who have begun a foundation at Sclerder Abbey. Bishop Mark, together with thirteen diocesan and visiting priests, concelebrated Mass during which he gave thanks for the life of prayer and service given by the Carmelite Community at Sclerder over many years and thanked God for this new presence of Chemin Neuf.

In his Homily Bishop Mark said: "We give thanks for this new Chapter in the life of this place, recognising the gifts that Chemin Neuf brings to our diocese and to the UK. We thank you all for your generosity in entrusting yourselves so fully to the action of God's Spirit in this new Mission. Your presence manifests an important gift for the New Evangelisation with the energy and vitality which the newer ecclesial communities bring to the Church.....

.....Part of our common task today is to accompany people on the journey of discovery into the God who is all goodness and truth, and who desires that we come to Him as His beloved children. This is one important reason why we are so delighted to welcome Chemin Neuf, with your experience of accompanying families, and individuals, along the path of deeper conversion to Jesus."

To accommodate the priests and congregation of nearly 200, a large marquee had been erected in a field behind the monastery garden which, after several days of heavy rain and high winds, was bathed in glorious sunshine; a 'Bright Field' indeed.

After the Mass there was a welcome cup of tea, then everyone returned to the marquee where the Prioress, Sr. Sally Anne, said goodbye on behalf of her Community, most of whom had already moved to other Carmels. The Sclerder Community was sent from Quidenham Carmel in 1981 following the departure of the Poor Clares, who had been at Sclerder since 1921. Since Sclerder was established in 1843 it has seen several religious Communities come and go.

After Sr. Sally Anne's words of farewell, there was a power-point presentation on the work of Chemin Neuf, and then a generous meal in the monastery garden where we got to



Bishop Mark and Fr Laurent Fabre SJ pictured with the Carmelite Sisters and members of the Chemin Neuf Community.

know some of the new Community.

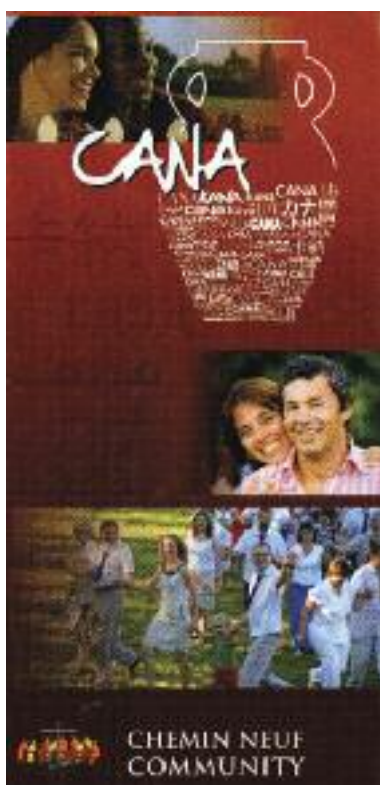
There are Chemin Neuf Communities in more than 28 countries, including three in the UK. The 1,500 members in all 28 countries are priests, religious sisters, married couples and single men and women from the laity.

Although we are sad that the last Carmelite nuns in the Diocese have had to leave us, we are grateful for their generosity in entrusting the Abbey to Chemin Neuf a Catholic Community founded outside Lyons by Fr Laurent Fabre SJ.

The new community is characterised by a spirituality influenced by the Charismatic Renewal and the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. Chemin Neuf plan to host 'Cana weekends' for Families and married couples; organise youth events and offer guided retreats (see Diary Dates, page 11). They have a particular commitment to work for Christian Unity and have a community living at Lambeth Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury. They aim to build on the good Ecumenical relations that already exist in the South West.

Editor: A copy of Bishop Mark's Homily is available on the Diocesan Website

www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/content/sermon-thanksgiving-sclerder-abbey. For more information about Chemin Neuf go to www.chemin-neuf.org.uk



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**Diocesan News****Solemn Foundation Mass of the School of the Annunciation, Buckfast Abbey**

Cardinal George Pell and Bishop Mark O'Toole, joint patrons of the School of The Annunciation, were present at the celebrations marking the launch of the School of the Annunciation.

Bishop Mark said: "I am delighted that the School of the Annunciation has got off to such a wonderful start and so pleased that Cardinal Pell is able to be present to preside over the ceremonies at Buckfast Abbey and to preach at the Mass.

I know that the School will make an invaluable contribution to the life of faith in this part of England and I am so grateful to Abbot David and the community at Buckfast for their generosity in enabling this initiative. Buckfast Abbey holds such a dear place in the hearts of so many in the South-West and, indeed, further afield. Our mission for the New Evangelisation will be greatly enhanced through the work of the School. We are all so pleased to have such a great resource in the Diocese of Plymouth. Personally, it is such a grace to be able to be present for the celebrations and to entrust all concerned to the loving care of Our Blessed Lady."

Celebrate 2014:**Jesus – the hope of all the world**

The weekend is for the whole family with inspiring speakers, workshops, a bookshop, drama from RISEtheatre, lively praise and worship, Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark with Fr Kieran Kirby and other priests from across the Diocese, opportunities for confession and prayer ministry.

Children and young people will have their own programme of activities with a crèche available for under 3s and their parents

(+ live audio feed).

Speakers for this year's Celebrate Weekend are Sister Marie Natella, Kristina Cooper and David Wells. Prior booking is essential and early booking recommended as spaces are limited. For more information go to: www.celebrateconference.org, email: torquay@celebrateconference.org or speak to Janet Phare tel: 01803 405557.

CELEBRATE'S 20th YEAR

Since the launch of the first conference in Ilfracombe, Devon in 1994, Celebrate has now grown to include 11 Regional Weekend events throughout England and Wales. We would love you to join us in this anniversary year, come and find out what Celebrate is all about!

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Diocesan News

Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)

A special Mass was held for the crew of the ferry on which a shipping container was found with 35 migrants at Tilbury port. The discovery had left the crew of the Norstream distressed and AoS is supporting them. Tilbury AoS port chaplain Wojciech Holub said crew members were anxious and stressed following the incident, in which one person died. "A team of chaplains said Mass and conducted a blessing on board following requests from the mainly Filipino crew," said Wojciech.

The crew set up a table near the spot where the shipping container had been located on the ferry. Each crew member lit a small candle and placed them on the

table which served as an altar. After Mass, a blessing took place with prayers and holy water was sprinkled on areas identified by the crew. Work on the vessel stopped for an hour while the service was conducted and afterwards Wojciech said: "We trust that the power of the Eucharist brings peace, strength and comfort to the crew. After the service we spoke with the crew and the captain handed us a note that read, 'Gentlemen, thank you very much for your support and for your beautiful service today.'"

Bishop Patrick Lynch, Migrants Bishop at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said the church's thoughts and prayers are with those who experienced terrible suffering trapped in



the shipping container. In a statement during the conference Bishop Lynch said: "It is becoming increasingly apparent that vulnerable men, women and children are being exploited by criminals all over the world and that we must respond compassionately to their cries for help."

Last year, AoS port chaplains assisted 199,360 seafarers who arrived at ports up and down Great Britain, and helped 54 crew members in hospital. They offer practical as well as pastoral support to



Wojciech Holub, Tilbury AoS Port Chaplain with a crew member

seafarers including providing phone cards, internet access, transport and faith resources.

AoS Chaplains in our Diocese are: John Pinhay (Falmouth and Fowey), Ann Donnelly (Plymouth and Teignmouth) and Rev Roger Stone (Weymouth and Portland).

Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) - Missio



The APF has been established in the Plymouth Diocese for many years and is part of Missio, the name for the Pontifical Mission Societies which are the principal mission organisation of the Catholic Church.

The APF supports, in some way, all the 1,069 mission diocese throughout the world. This support can range from helping to build and maintain churches, schools and hospitals or even the administration of a diocese. In almost every church across the Diocese of Plymouth there are supporters of the APF; either through the 'Red Boxes' that are found in many homes or by direct donations to Missio headquarters. Red Box holders are supported by a local secretary and often by promoters who are responsible for opening boxes and counting/banking the contents as well as ensuring that the quarterly Mission Today magazine is circulated to members.

The final total collected by the Dioceses of England and Wales in 2013 was published recently and our Plymouth Diocese, the fourth smallest in the country, raised £82,273; 6% higher than in 2012 and the biggest percentage increase than in any other diocese. This amazing result was due entirely to the generosity of Red Box holders and other supporters and the commitment and hard work of the loyal local secretaries and promoters.

If you don't have a Red Box and would like one to keep in your home so that you can support the missionary work of the church please contact the local secretary in your parish; if you don't know who that is then contact me, Christopher Bleasdale, Plymouth Diocesan Director for the APF Tel: 01752 509170 or APF-Missio at 23 Ecclestone Square, London, SW1V 1NU Tel: 020 7821 9755.

Thank you for your continuing support; with every blessing, Christopher Bleasdale.

"Let us pray through the intercession of Mary, model of humble and joyful evangelisation, that the Church may become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world"

**Pope Francis
World Mission Sunday
19th October 2014**

Cornwall Deanery

Nun on the run for charity funds

'Fun Run' loving Sister Augustine from Falmouth who has been raising money for a variety of charitable causes for 30-years has just handed over a cheque for £350 to the Falmouth Support Group for Cornwall Hospice Care.

Sr Augustine is a member of the Order of Les Filles de la Croix and has taken part in the Dorchester Lions Club 'fun-run' over 3-decades and, even though she is now in her 70s, she has no intention of retiring from the event and has already chosen her charities for 2015.

Sister Augustine lived and taught in Dorchester for 3 years before moving to Tremough in 1996. Then, when Tremough was sold and became part of the Penryn Campus of Falmouth and Exeter Universities, she and the rest of the Order, moved to Falmouth. "I just have to go back to Dorchester every year to do the 'fun-run' and have won awards for having the highest sponsorship. I just love it and get excited about it even though I walk because I can't really run." said Sister who this year raised a total of £1,100.

As well as the £350 given to Cornwall Hospice Care, £550 went to Dorchester Lions Club and £200 to Poverty in Action. For 2015 Sister's local charity will be Apostleship of the Sea which has strong links with the Parish of St Mary, Falmouth where she is well known and well supported by her fellow



Christine Morris of Cornwall Hospice Care with Sister Augustine.

parishioners. Sister Augustine volunteers at Simon House in Trevethan Road and is a Teaching Assistant at St Michael's School in Camborne.

Holy Well at Launceston



Although I have been in Launceston for just over four years, I have only recently discovered the existence of a Holy Well in our parish, thanks to a tip-off from the Coffee Group.

Many of these wells date from pre-Christian times, when springs of life-giving water were held in reverence and awe. Many holy men and women, later called saints, would build a shrine or oratory near that sacred place, thus Christianising it. As you know, throughout the Bible living water (running water rather than stagnant pools) symbolises eternal life.

The old Celtic-style buildings have long since disappeared but in the fifteenth century, a time of enthusiastic church-building in Cornwall and elsewhere, these wells were often provided with a stone shelter. Many have survived down to our own time.

Our well is situated almost half a mile from our church in the oldest part of Launceston, just before the narrow lane leading up to it ends in open fields. The spring is still quite copious. Perhaps I should bottle some of it and sell it.

**Fr. David Annear
Parish Priest**

Diocesan News



WEST COUNTRY

Chris Dennehy RIP

Parishioners at the 7th September Sunday morning Mass at Plymouth Cathedral prayed for the repose of the soul of Chris Dennehy. Chris was knocked off his bicycle shortly before 11am on Friday morning, 5th September, as he cycled along the A38 to work at Tesco Lee Mill, where he had worked for 35 years.

Chris was a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Plympton and was a valued supporter of HCPT, The Pilgrimage Trust for many years; CSW has often featured him collecting money during Advent for the pilgrimages at Tesco, Lee Mill. Chris is pictured (in the green fleece jacket) during an HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Chris's family paid tribute to him in a recent edition of the Plymouth Herald: "He loved cycling and rode to work daily. He was a committed Catholic who spent all of his free time helping others and raising funds for charity; over 30-years he raised tens of thousands of pounds for HCPT, Pilgrimage Trust. We are devastated by this sudden and tragic loss and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. We would like to express our gratitude to the Emergency Service personnel who attended the scene of the accident and the Trauma Team at Derriford for all of their efforts to save Chris."

We offer our condolences to Chris' family at this sad time; please keep them, and Chris, in your prayers. May he rest in peace.





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Book Review

The Hand of God

Author, Fr Bernard Haahes

There are few things in the drift of the day as bracing as to walk into a church in a strange town and encounter a priest with a clear mind and a truthful heart. It has not ever, perhaps, been a common experience, and it is an even rarer thing nowadays, when everyone seeks to appease and conform. This is why this is such a refreshing book, for it summons up that feeling of having entered accidentally into a new place, into a relationship with a man who has lived a life in truth and is not afraid to speak of what he has learned and observed.

Reading this book, I feel I have walked into a half-filled church in a new place, into the beginning of a sermon by Father Haahes, and wanted to hear more and more, wanted the world outside to recede until I have drunk my fill of his words and thoughts. These are rich

homilies, replete with vivid stories and observations. They contain powerful and convincing indictments of the contemporary age. But they are underwritten, every sentence of them, the the Great Hope that is promised to faithful man. It is scarcely the right description to use of such reflections on the most solemn aspects of reality, but somehow it seems appropriate to say that, for anyone in search of the kind of uncompromising and beautiful truths that have become all but lost to us, this book offers a series of real treats.

John Walters
Author and journalist
2014

Copies of 'The Hand of God' are available from St Edward's RC Church, Home Park Avenue, Plymouth, PL3 4PG. Tel: 01752 665406

Dorset Deanery

Holy Trinity Parish Celebrations

Dorchester CWL invited parishioners from Holy Trinity, St Peter's Anglican Church, the United Reform and Baptist Churches and CWL members from Bridport and Weymouth parishes to join them for a wonderful tea party at the Parish Centre of Holy Trinity Parish, Dorchester.

About fifty people attended on what was a beautiful sunny afternoon; all said how much they enjoyed themselves meeting ladies from different organisations in such a friendly atmosphere. We hope to meet again at a 'mince pie' afternoon during the Christmas season.

Maureen Trim, who has been a member of Holy Trinity Parish all her life, recently celebrated her 90th birthday. She joined the choir when she was twelve-years-old and continues to sing in the choir. Maureen still has a beautiful singing voice, unusual I think for a ninety-year-old! She was one of the original members of the Dorchester branch of the CWL. God bless you Maureen.



Anita Finnigan
Holy Trinity Parish
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Volunteering in the Solomon Islands



Some readers may remember that in the autumn of 2012 I made a journey to the Solomon Islands (article published in the October 2012 edition of Catholic South West [CSW]). My object was to set up scholarships, in memory of my late husband, John McEvoy, to enable girls to go to secondary school. I stayed in Honiara (the capital of the Solomons) on Guadalcanal and then with Bishop Chris Cardone OP in Auki on Malaita. It was he who enabled me to go and stay at Buma where John had lived and it was there I set up John McEvoy Scholarship for Girls.

One day whilst staying with Bishop Chris he asked me if it would be possible to find a 'self-funding' volunteer from our

diocese to go out to the Solomons for a few months. People in the Solomon Islands are very poor - and this certainly includes the clergy who live close to their flock. I told Bp Chris that I would do my best as I knew that whoever became a volunteer would have an experience filled with rewarding and happy memories to last a lifetime. I advertised through CSW and also spread the word throughout our parish in Bridport; to my delight Isobel (Issy) Worrall, a wonderful young woman from the parish of Sacred Heart and St Adhelm, Sherborne, responded.

The eldest of four girls, Issy was to take a gap year before going to university and was excited about the chance of going to the Solomons. I contacted Bishop Chris to let him know that I'd found his volunteer and also approached Bishop Christopher Budd to ask if he had any bursaries in the Diocese to help with the cost of the airfare. He very kindly said that he would find the wherewithal to finance her ticket - a wonderful link-up by two Bishops - each on different sides of the world, and both called Christopher.

Issy went to Auki, Malaita, Solomon Islands towards the end of January 2014 and here are a few words extracted from her emails describing her time in the Solomons: "Every morning we get up at 5.50 for the 6.10 am Mass. I would

NEVER have believed it if you have told me before I left that I would be waking up at 5.50 for Mass!! It's really good, LOTS of the students from Alegegio come for - as Bishop Chris put it - "anyone who is anyone comes to the 6.00 Mass!" The problem with this though is that the church here at Fanualama isn't BIG enough to fit all the students in! People are squeezing in right until the very last second and they are all under the age of 25!

After Mass the sisters and I stroll back to the house for breakfast and around 7.15am Bishop Chris drives me down to the front of Lilisiana (known as 'The Promised Land!') at about 7.15am and I walk to the Kindergarten through the middle of Lilisiana which is built on a mangrove swamp and all the houses are on stilts.

The people here are very poor and their main source of income is fishing as the village backs right onto the BEAUTIFUL ocean! The Kindergarten caters for around 60 children ranging in age from 2 ½ - 6 years. The children don't speak any English and only a small amount of Pijin which I'm attempting to learn! Kindergarten finishes at around 11.30am and then I take the walk back up to Fanualamaor, as happened last Friday, am given a lift across the lagoon to Auki in a homemade canoe!



We have evening prayers and rosary at 6pm which is a nice way of drawing the day to a close. And, on Sunday evenings we then go up to Bishop Chris's house for a big dinner with the entire Fanualama crowd which is fun. Of course there is always plenty of homegrown fruit (AMAZING) pineapples, bananas, mangoes, starfruit and lots, lots more!

Issy returned home after three-months in the Solomons enriched by her time there and, I am sure, having enriched the lives of those whose way of life she experienced. She has promised to return!

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Pat McEvoy
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Retired school-master Laurence Henry recalled his boyhood with a humorous impersonation of the famous 1930-1940's comedian and singer George Formby - complete with banjo-ukulele - whilst Tony delighted the packed audience with a reminder of the more recent pop-star Rod Stewart.

Len Horsley
Sherborne Parish



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In September, we launched our One Climate, One World Campaign because, right now, party leaders across the political spectrum are drawing up election manifestos for May 2015. Our message to them is simple: "put climate change – and the pollution causing it – firmly on your election agenda. The UK has led the way on tackling climate change – not least because of your campaign actions in the past." It is important that politicians know we back them in building on this progress so please contact your local MP and let them know that you will support them in acting on climate change.

Alongside our sisters and brothers worldwide, together we have the power to tackle climate change.

Sophie Dodgeon
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Torbay Deanery

Double celebration for St Marychurch parishioners

Dr Jack Coughlan and his wife Pauline celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and Jack his 90th Birthday in July with a commemorative Mass followed by a lunch reception with family and friends at the Livermead House Hotel.



Jack is a retired GP who practised from his home in St Marychurch for more than 25 years. Having trained in Cork he was initially in post at Falmouth Hospital before becoming Senior House Surgeon at Torbay Hospital where Pauline worked as a radiographer.

In 1961 they moved to Manor Road, St Marychurch where the family lived until his retirement in 1988. Jack ran his practice single-handedly on a simple first come-first served basis for this twice daily surgeries, plus Saturday mornings. He answered the phone himself and made his own night calls. As 'Doctor on call' to the Torquay theatres meant that it was a common occurrence for the family to see TV stars sitting around the kitchen table, chatting over a cup of tea, among them Hattie Jacques of 'Carry On' fame and Eurovision winner Dana.

Pauline, who was born in Dublin, provided vital administrative support – in addition to bringing up six children. She also served as a Governor at Priory RC Primary School and as a marriage counsellor and was involved in a myriad of other activities associated with the local Catholic church of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis. Recently retired Bishop Christopher Budd (Plymouth Diocese) and a family friend for 50-years was principal Celebrant at the Mass which took place at Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis.

Kevin Coughlan
Bristol



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Dorset Deanery

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth

This year's Parish Summer Fete at Weymouth was a great success. Held in the grounds of the Convent of Mercy, Wyke Road, in glorious sunshine and supported by a large crowd, the event raised over £2,000. Esther McEleny (L) and Sister Aquin (R) are pictured doing a roaring trade at the bottle stall.

Members of the Sewing Group at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Have presented Fr Stephen Geddes with a banner to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War in 1914.

Esmee Nicholls
Weymouth



Exeter Deanery

Catenian Association Bursary Fund

The Catenian Association Bursary Fund recently helped Elana Edwards with the cost of her visit to provide voluntary work in El Salvador. On her return Elana joined Axminster Catenians for dinner when she gave an excellent slide presentation of her visit, which she described as 'a very rewarding and worthwhile experience and also explained: "The programme is International Citizens Service, through which various charities send 18-25 year olds to do voluntary work abroad. I went with the charity Progressio to a community called Nuevo Gualcho in El Salvador. We worked alongside the MSM (Salvadoran Women's Movement) charity and the youth group in the community Quetzalcoatl on a 10-week environmental project to build a rubbish sorting center, to investigate possibilities of an Eco tourist route in the town, and to raise awareness of rubbish management and recycling through talks, workshops and fairs.

With our group of 11 British volunteers were 13 national volunteers who were young people from the community. My role in the group, apart from the main work, was to encourage the volunteers to learn Spanish and English and to communicate with each other, so I gave a few language lessons as well."

Bill Stead
Axminster



PROGRESSIO ICS

My name is Elana, I'm a Graphic Design student currently on a gap year. In January I am volunteering for 10 weeks on a development programme in El Salvador. This is part of International Citizen Service (ICS), with the charity Progressio, which brings young people together to fight poverty and make a difference where it is needed most.

A group of 6 of us will be working alongside volunteers from El Salvador, on projects that focus on social and environmental issues. ICS works with communities that have specifically requested their help. Each member of the group is allocated a specific role, mine will be the language role; helping the volunteers with language difficulties and barriers.

The specific projects I will be involved in are not known yet but previous projects have included building children's play areas, helping improve irrigation systems as well as addressing gender equality through education.



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Exeter Deanery

Axminster Catenian celebrations



Axminster Catenians continue to support local Catholic schools, with their Awards of excellence and to provide bursaries for young people who wish carry out charitable volunteering.

Awards of Excellence are presented annually to the pupil who, in the opinion of the head teacher and staff of each school, has provided an outstanding example to others of all round Christian values during their time in the school. It is not directly related to academic or sporting achievements and is open to all pupils. The Award takes the form of a large multi year plaque for the school, inscribed with the winner's name, and a smaller plaque which, together with a Scroll, is kept by the winner.

This year's Award winner at St Catherine's School, Bridport, was Phoenix Viney, presented by Axminster Catenian Bruce Kahn. And, at St Mary's School, Axminster, Catenian President Peter Westoby presented the Award to Emily Wright. Winners of both awards were greeted with lots of warm applause, from the children, staff and families, at their year end assemblies.



Two Mayors, 100 pensioners and thousands of sweet peas.....

As part of the centenary celebrations at Holy Ghost Church, 100 pensioners from across the town were invited for a 'cen-tea-nary' cream tea and 100 children celebrated 100 years.

At the 'Cream Tea' a delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all in the church, gardens and parish hall and the visitors were welcomed by a host of parishioners who gave tours, waited

on tables and explained the history of the church. A wonderful organ recital by Michael Farley gave everyone the opportunity to listen to the recently

refurbished church organ and a quiz on the Royal Family certainly brought out the competitive spirit of the visitors!

The whole place was awash with thousands of sweet peas which have been grown this year by parishioners, young and old, especially for the centenary events. Despite dubious weather forecasts, the afternoon was warm and sunny and the pensioners were joined by the Mayor of Exmouth, Bill Nash, and the Mayor of Budleigh Salterton, Caz Sismore Hunt

100 children celebrate 100 years

One hundred children and their families, along with the Mayors of Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton, were invited to a picnic party as part of the centenary celebrations at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Exmouth, on 6 July 2014. The children had all been baptised by Father Philip Austen since he came to serve as parish priest ten years ago and the picnic was one of a series of events celebrating one hundred years of faith and community, focusing on the joy of being together and being part of a greater family.

As a reminder that baptism is only the beginning of a long journey, the eldest parishioner baptised in the Holy Ghost church had also been invited which meant that guests ranged in age from a few months to over 90. The celebrations began with a renewal of the baptismal promises, and a welcome to the friends and relatives.

The picnic took place in traditional fashion, on picnic rugs spread out on the playing fields of St Joseph's catholic school, with each child provided with a picnic tea. The Rainbow Nursery loaned its facilities for the very youngest children and entertainment included a Pets Corner, complete with giant tortoise, provided by The Saddler's Arms, Lympstone; a fire engine loaned by Exmouth Fire Station, dance displays by the Exeter Morris Men and games using



equipment loaned by the school.

These events were just two in a series of centenary celebrations by the Holy Ghost church, which was consecrated on 6th May 1915. Following the theme of Community and Spirit other events will reach out to the wider Exmouth community. Father Philip Austen, Parish Priest, said: "We hope anyone with an interest in the Holy Ghost will come along to share in the joy and fun of being 100 years young."

In the autumn, four guest speakers will share their thoughts inspired by Pope Francis' "Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel" (see Diary Dates, page 11) and an International Supper Evening to celebrate the diversity of the parish community. Other projects will include the compilation of an archive of photos and documents for which contributions will be welcomed.

**Ian Stewart
Exmouth**

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Plymouth Deanery
A Catenian Street Pastor

Cesar Alarcon, a retired Civil Engineer, is originally from Peru with Swedish citizenship and married to Anita a Swedish Dentist. Cesar and Anita have lived in England for more than 13 years and have 3 sons, Erik living and working in Australia, David studying at Plymouth University and Victor who attends Eggbuckland Community College.

The Alarcon family are Catholics and, in 2011 Cesar decided to join the Catenians, a worldwide Catholic men's Association. At one of the Catenian meetings an after dinner speaker, Rev Stu Clarke (Stu from Hooe) gave a talk about the Street Pastors - Stu was at that time the local coordinator.

In September 2011 Cesar joined as a Street Pastor in Plymouth having carried out training to help, assist and pray for vulnerable young men and women who get into difficulty or distress during evenings 'out on the town', especially around Pub and Club areas in Union Street, Barbican and Mutley Plain.

Cesar volunteers as a Street Pastor once a month from 9.30pm Saturday evening until 4am Sunday morning; he and his fellow Street Pastors work closely with police, ambulance and social workers. He has been a Street Pastor for three years and he has recently been promoted to Team Leader.

Cesar feels that the Street Pastors make a difference to young people and the volunteers have significantly contributed to the reduced levels of crime and violence during the nights in the streets. His Christian faith helps him to answer many vital questions that people confront him with on the streets and, the fact that he has two teenage sons, helps him to carry out his work.

Street Pastors need more recruits and, if you feel able, please give up your time to join them. For further information about please contact Ry Beaumont, Co-ordinator email: plymouth@streetpastors.org.uk Tel: 07790 013 791

And, if anyone would like to know more about the Catenian Association please give me a call.



Trevor Davies
Membership Officer
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Torbay Deanery
BBC Journalist Chris Rogers visits St Cuthbert Mayne School

Tierney Cronin: On Friday 13th June, famous journalist Chris Rogers visited St Cuthbert Mayne School and gave a presentation to a group of students who were then able to ask him questions about his career.

He began his talk by showing a clip from the Panorama programme 'Brazil - In the shadow of the Stadiums'. The film was very moving as it talked about the darker side of living in Brazil, where the World Cup was hosted in 2014. Life in the Favelas is one of drugs, poverty, violence, and many other horrific lifestyles. The living conditions of some of the people is described as 'like being in a war zone'; the money that went to build the World Cup stadium close to the Favelas could have been used to improve the lives of many of the people. One of the residents said she couldn't look at the stadium because she could live a better life if it hadn't been built.

After watching a short clip of the film he then talked about life as an investigative journalist, he said: "the basic principles of journalism are 'who, what, where, when and why.' As a journalist you have to be creative to get people to watch either the film or the news, or listen to the radio or even read the newspaper. A good journalist doesn't rely on just one source, but uses a variety of different sources." Investigative journalism isn't an easy job; in places where's he's worked he has been shot, arrested and, even been taken to court for upsetting the Royal Family!

One of the group asked Chris if he travelled a lot. He told us that he'd been to every continent in the world and last year was away from Britain for five and a half months. Although he doesn't go around 'saving the world' some of his work has inspired people to make a change and take action. He recommends that, if you want to become a journalist you don't just need a degree in Media Studies, its best if you've also had some hands-on experience, for example helping at the local radio station.

Eleanor Mortimore: A number of weeks ago, I met a highly influential man, whom most of you will know as Chris Rogers. For those of you who are unaware of him, he's an investigative journalist who has reported on many different and pressing topics that nobody else in the news business seems to want to cover. He has won many awards for his journalistic insight including research on children in Romania, been shot at and visited places which require a high level of discretion to even get past the border let alone investigate the story.

I was asked, along with my friend Tierney, to meet him and prepare a report for CSW as part of my English portfolio. Although I was little uncertain about the task as I thought it would just be meeting someone who had been on the television, Tierney and I decided that we would accept the challenge.

The Chris Rogers I met on the day itself was very different than I thought he would be: he was smiling which, because of the many things he'd seen and situations he'd experienced, I hadn't expected. He was very jovial and a great person to meet.

We watched a short snippet of his work in Brazil when he investigated the building of the World Cup stadiums and the contrasting life in the Favelas – including poverty, appalling living conditions and child prostitution. He was asked a lot of questions which he answered in detail.

Meeting Chris Rogers has had a direct effect on me as a person; he is such an amazing writer and is able to 'take a new look' at situations. He's probably changed the way I think, which I will admit, is a very hard thing to do. He has also showed me that it's worse out there but that there are people who desperately try to make it better. I also took some time out of my 'not very busy' schedule, to review Chris's work and to take notes so that I can try and help myself in any way I can. I'd definitely say that he's not only changed the way I think but has also changed the way I live. If I can grow up to be like him, I'd be the happiest person in the world – although I'd rather not be shot at and will do my best not to be on the barrel end of a gun!

Editor: I was contacted in early June by Alan McCarthy, Deputy Head at St Cuthbert Mayne School, with some exciting news; the BBC journalist Chris Rogers, whose Panorama programme 'Brazil - In the shadow of the Stadiums' was broadcast on 4th June, was visiting the school on Friday 13th June. Because I wouldn't be able to cover the visit for CSW as I was away on holiday, I enlisted the help of 2 St Marychurch parishioners – Tierney Cronin and Eleanor Mortimore – who are also Year 9 students at St Cuthbert Mayne. They became my 'CSW representatives' for the day and I'm very grateful for their hard work on my behalf and to Alan McCarthy and their Form Tutors for their support. Well done Tierney and Eleanor – I think I'll be calling on you again!





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Remaining MCSW preparation course dates for 2014:

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

OCTOBER 2014

Saturday 4th to Wednesday 15th October, Plymouth Cathedral: an exhibition of the life and works of St Teresa of Avila as part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of her birth. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

Sunday 5th October, 3pm Launceston, St Cuthbert Mayne Diocesan Pilgrimage: please make every effort to attend this significant event in the life of our Diocesan Family.

Monday 6th October, Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth, 7.30pm: Centenary Celebrations – Sr Irena, Provincial of the Holy Family Sisters shares her thoughts, inspired by 'Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel'.

Saturday 18th October from 11 am to noon. Pro-life Prayer Vigil: outside Treliske Hospital praying for the upholding of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October, St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay: Celebrate Weekend, a Catholic Charismatic Weekend Conference. For more information please visit: www.celebrateconference.org, email: torquay@celebrateconference.org or speak to Janet Phare tel: 01803 405557.

Monday 20th October, Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth, 7.30pm: Centenary Celebrations – Bishop Emeritus Christopher Budd shares his thoughts, inspired by 'Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel'.

NOVEMBER 2014

Saturday 1st November, 10am to 4pm, Heythrop College Kensington: 'Good Samaritans for the 21st Century? Faith in health and social care conference'. For more information contact Nicholas Johnson email: Nicholas.Johnson@CBCEW.org.uk.

Friday 14th November, 9am to 1pm, Pavilion Centre Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge: Responding to Self-neglect Conference; guest speaker Professor Michael Preston. For more information or to book a place, please contact Clare Connaughton Tel: 01872 324669 email: cconnaughton@cornwall.gov.uk

Friday 21st November, 4pm, Plymouth Cathedral: special service of Sung Vespers, led by Bishop Mark O'Toole, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism Unitatis Redintegratio. Church leaders from the various Christian denominations, together with members of their congregations and Christians Together groups, will also be present. If you're not able to be present in the Cathedral then log-on to the Diocesan website to view the live broadcast. Refreshments will be available in the school hall after Vespers.

Tuesday 18th November, Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth, 7.30pm: Centenary Celebrations – Bishop Richard North (Armed Forces) shares his thoughts, inspired by 'Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel'.

Saturday 22nd November, Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth, 7.30pm: Centenary Celebrations – 100 Hymns for St Cecilia

February 2015

Friday 6th (evening) to Sunday 8th February (lunch-time), Gather 2015, Toorak Hotel, Torquay: open to everyone, especially Teachers and Catechists. Note your diaries now and look for more details in the next edition of Catholic South West.

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:

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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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Saturday 25th October to Saturday 1st November: 7-day retreat based on the Spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

2015

Saturday 21st to Wednesday 25th February: 4 day 'Inner Healing' retreat.

Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th April 2015: 8-day retreat based on the Spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

PILGRIMAGES

Tuesday 28th April to Friday 8th May 2015: Walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela is being organised by the Parish of Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster but open to members of other parishes. The pilgrimage covers the final stage of the 'Camino' and includes hotel accommodation + ferry and coach travel; for more information please contact Bridport Parish Office on 01308 422594.

Torbay Deanery



Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite and Solemn Procession at Holy Angels, Chelston

Fr John Smethurst, Parish Priest at Holy Angels, is fortunate to have a number of members of the Kerala community amongst his parishioners. Their tradition is in the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, a Major Archiepiscopal Church in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Fr Sunny Paul MSFS, Parish Priest of Our Lady Star of the Sea in nearby Brixham and himself from Kerala, celebrates Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite two or three times each year at Holy Angels. Saturday 5th July was one of those joyful occasions and the church was filled to overflowing with members of the Kerala community. A statue of St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, the first native saint of India, was set in a place of honour next to the Sanctuary and brightly coloured lights and flags bedecked the aisles and pillars.

Fr Sunny was Principal Celebrant and Fr John preached the homily. The Syro-Malabar Rite is almost entirely sung and Fr Sunny was supported in song by a small choir as well and the very large congregation.

Mass was followed by a procession with Fr David Lashbrook of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham carrying the relic of St Thomas the Apostle (who travelled as far as India to preach the Gospel), Fr Sunny the Relic of St Alphonsa and Fr John the Blessed Sacrament. The procession wound its way from the church, along Queensway as far as Raleigh Road before returning to the church for solemn Benediction.

As is the custom, the celebrations concluded with a wonderful feast of traditional Kerala food before the tired but joy-filled community and their Parish Priest returned home.

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Editor: a great many pictures of the celebration were taken, too many to include here; if you would like to view the gallery of pictures via the internet please contact me on felicitystead@btinternet.com and I will send you a link to DropBox.

Let the Children Live

An 'August Bank Holiday Afternoon Tea with Fun and Friendship' took place at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Paignton, in aid of 'Let the Children Live!' a charity, founded by Fr Peter Walters.

Fr Peter visited Torbay and Plymouth earlier this year and inspired existing supporters to work even harder to raise funds for the street children of Columbia who are so often considered as 'disposable' as the rubbish that lies in the streets.

The Paignton Supporters' Group was formed in 2003 by Celia Jenkin (Sacred Heart) and Jean Harris (St George's C of E) as a joint venture; their efforts were commended in 2009 by the then Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop Christopher Budd, as a great example of two churches working together. Sadly, Jean died in 2007 but the group has continued and to date have raised over £20,000.

Unfortunately blighted by the British climate and other events which mean that attendance was lower than usual; however, those who did join the festivities enjoyed tea with home made cakes, a fun quiz and the lovely voice of Theresa Moorin who sang a variety of songs from days gone by. There was also a Silent Auction, a Draw, LTCL Christmas cards and other LTCL merchandise, beautiful home-made greetings cards and a general sales stall.

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended this event, all who sent donations and of course the wonderful team who willingly worked so hard to make it a success. Over £600 was raised which we know will be spent very wisely by Fr Peter and his team.



Guest singer Theresa Moorin entertains Let the Children Live supporters

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