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# THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2014

**On Sunday 5th October it was Launceston's turn to host this important event in the Diocesan calendar. It was an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic Faith, to witness publicly to it, and to pray for an end to the persecution of religious minorities.**

There were significant changes too; we decided to omit the usual pilgrimage Mass as most people present would have already been to Mass. And, quite frankly, organising an open-air Mass on the other side of the town presents logistical challenges. For the first time ever, we were able to hold an ecumenical Service of the Word in the Town Square, near the spot where St Cuthbert Mayne was executed in 1577. We assembled in the newly decorated Town Hall and processed to the Town Square led by the magnificent Launceston Town Band. The Mayor of Launceston, Councillor David Gordon attended, and the service was led by Bishop Mark O'Toole, accompanied by his Private Secretary Canon Provost Keith Mitchell, and Deacon Peter Skoyles. In his homily Bishop Mark referred to a conversation he had in Rome with another newly appointed Bishop from war-torn Iraq who encouraged him to fight against our twin enemies: secularism and apathy.

The short service was followed by a

prayer walk from the Town Square to St Cuthbert Mayne Church. Pilgrims were invited to pray for these intentions at the various 'stops' on the walk: at the Anglican Church of St Mary Magdalene for the unity of all Christians; at the Central Methodist Church for peace in our world; at the Castle Green and dungeon where St Cuthbert Mayne was imprisoned for the revival of our faith; at the ruins of Launceston Priory for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. This form of witness enabled pilgrims to go at their own pace. And we were lucky with the weather!

Meanwhile, back at the church hall a team of parishioners supplied tea and biscuits for those unable to manage the prayer walk. The afternoon concluded with Solemn Benediction and veneration of the major relic of St Cuthbert Mayne which now reside in Launceston. I was delighted that the church was full to bursting.

**Fr David Annear  
Parish Priest, Launceston.**

**Editor:** Cuthbert was born in 1544 to a shepherd tenant and his wife in Youlston, near Barnstaple. After an education funded by his uncle Cuthbert became an Anglican minister when he was eighteen or nineteen; unaware of the existence of other Christian religions, he continued his studies at St Alban's Hall, Oxford, where

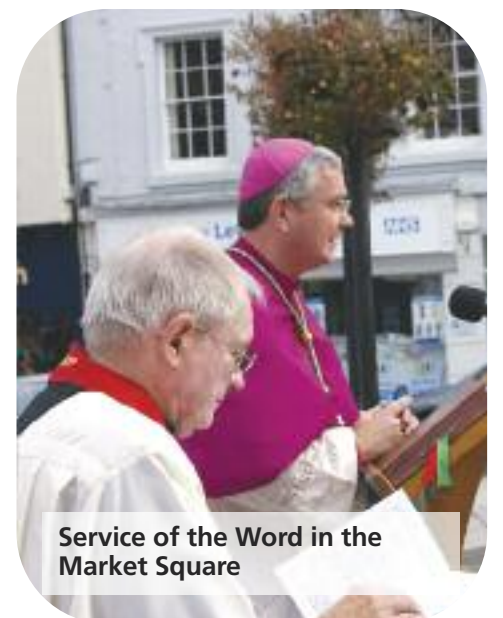


Getting ready for Solemn Benediction

he met notable Catholic converts Edmund Campion, Gregory Martin and Henry Shaw.

In 1567 he assumed the role of College Chaplain until correspondence from Edmund Campion and Gregory Martin persuaded him to join them at Douai Seminary in France. His defection came to the attention of the Bishop of London, who dispatched guards to Oxford to seize him. However, Cuthbert was warned of his imminent capture and fled to Douai secretly by boat. He arrived at the Seminary in 1573 and began his priestly training culminating in Ordination in 1575. Fired by a determination to save souls, Cuthbert returned to England the following year and went to live with Francis Tregian, a Catholic landowner living near Truro. Disguised as Tregian's Bailiff he enjoyed relative freedom in the secluded depths of the Cornish countryside, ministering to the sick, attending the dying and receiving lapsed Catholics back into the Church. However, his liberty ended when, in June 1577 Richard Grenville Sheriff of Cornwall, directed a search of Tregian's house and Cuthbert was arrested. He was imprisoned in Launceston until his trial at which the judge directed the staunchly Protestant jury to find him guilty, and he was duly sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Following his execution his head was impaled upon a pike above the castle gateway at Launceston.

Cuthbert was beatified by Pope Leo XIII on 29th November 1886 and canonised as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales on 25th October 1970 by Pope Paul VI. His Feast Day is 29th November.



Service of the Word in the Market Square



Launceston Town Band

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[www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk)**Diocesan News****Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)**

**Bishop Mark O'Toole has paid tribute to AoS' work, in particular that of its port chaplains and ship visiting volunteers.**

In his homily during the Stella Maris Mass at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth on Thursday 25th September, Bishop Mark said: "The ministry of Catholic seafarers' charity Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is a visible sign of the Church's concern for those who are cut off from their usual parishes and families. AoS presence in ports throughout the world, daily visits to

ships docked in these ports and the fraternal welcome AoS gives to the crews whilst in port are a visible sign of the Church's concern for those who are far from home and who cannot receive ordinary pastoral care through a parish."

Bishop Mark added: "These days the world of seafaring, with its continual movement of people, has to take account of the complex effects of globalisation. Unfortunately there are situations of injustice, especially when crews are subject to restrictions on disembarkation, abandoned along with the vessels on



which they work, face the threat of piracy at sea or suffer as a result of exploitation and abuse. The vulnerability of seafarers must encourage even greater concern on the part of the Church. Their plight stimulates the maternal care of the Church and this is shown, through AoS, to those you meet in ports and on board ships."

AoS has port chaplains in Plymouth, Falmouth and Fowey as well as in other main ports across Great Britain and worldwide. In June, AoS' Plymouth port chaplain and ship visitors provided phone top-up cards, toiletries and newspapers to a group of seafarers stranded on board their vessel which was detained and anchored off Plymouth because of safety-related issues.

Last year, AoS visited 9,968 ships and assisted 199,360 seafarers across Great Britain.

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



Bishop Mark with John Pinhay (on his right).

**Dire conditions in Syria and Iraq**

**As fighting between Kurdish forces and the group known as Islamic State intensifies, CAFOD is providing aid to thousands of refugees who have fled into Turkey.**

The United Nations estimates that more than 168,000 refugees have crossed from Syria into Turkey since 19 September. As fighting continues around the town of Kobane, they warn that a total of 400,000 people could seek refuge in Turkey over the coming days.

CAFOD has committed £50,000 to work with our Church partners to provide emergency food packs to nearly 10,000 newly arrived refugees. Alan Thomlinson, CAFOD's Emergency Programme Manager for the Syria Crisis, says: "Turkey was already hosting almost a million Syrian refugees, and the rapid influx of so many more has put overwhelming pressure on towns near the border. "Many of those who have fled are women, children or older people, and a lot of them arrived with little more than the clothes they were wearing. According to one assessment, most people only had enough food to last them a single day. Our partners are on the ground, doing everything they can to ensure that food reaches those who need it most."

CAFOD continues to support thousands



of families who have fled from fighting in Iraq. In total, 1.8 million people have been forced from their homes in the country since the beginning of the year. Many are living in dire conditions, sleeping in car parks or by the side of the road, often wearing the same clothes they have worn for days, in temperatures up to 45°C.

Across the governorates of Erbil and Dohuk in the Kurdish region of Iraq, our church partners plan to provide food, shelter and emergency supplies to more than 115,000 people over the coming months. Nabil Nissan, Executive Director of CAFOD partner Caritas Iraq, said: "This huge humanitarian crisis in Iraq has forced many families to leave without their possessions or the basic necessities to survive. They are desperate and

frustrated. They lack hope that the world will move fast enough to end this humanitarian tragedy. The moral and financial support and encouragement has been simply great. This is one of the few positive results of the crisis. We felt that we aren't alone and this has given us new strength to support the displaced people despite all the difficulties."

Catholics in England and Wales have donated more than £2.7 million to our Syria Crisis appeal, as well as more than £115,000 towards our work in Iraq.

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## Diocesan News



### WEST COUNTRY



**I have recently returned from my first pilgrimage to Lourdes and I'm still marveling at how quickly our group bonded and worked wonderfully well together under the kind and gentle supervision of our group leader, Liz Bettesworth.**

This year was Group 539's 34th Pilgrimage and we stayed at Hosanna House, situated just outside Bartres, which proved a restful haven for us, with stunning views of the Pyrenees.

Hosanna House has a beautiful chapel, shared by the two groups accommodated in two wings of the building. This intimate chapel, with its vibrant stained glass windows and fantastic, panoramic mountain views provided the location for some of our most moving liturgies; including an emotional Taize service and a beautiful Healing Mass, when many pilgrims received the Sacrament of the Sick. During these liturgies we lit a candle provided for us by HCPT Group 179, the Easter Children's Pilgrimage; by sharing the candle, their prayers continued and were united with ours in Group 539 in a very special way. A group from Newcastle joined us for a very special mass. They had tea with us on the terrace first and very kindly provided generous quantities of delicious cakes from a French patisserie.

Highlights for us included the International Mass in the underground basilica, with five bishops and about a

hundred priests and prayers and readings being spoken in many different languages and the evening torch-lit procession, with the sick being pulled in small carts by traditionally dressed nurses. Although we managed to escape the rain the procession was illuminated by lightning on the hills behind the basilica - a truly amazing sight. We also made many visits to the grotto, a particularly moving experience at night when the candles are glowing and the faithful still praying in great numbers.

Midway through our week we journeyed to the 12th Century Church of Saint Savin for Mass then travelled through majestic mountain landscapes to the picturesque Lac d'Estaing where we enjoyed a fine picnic and walks around the lake. We also visited Comunita Cenacolo, founded in 1983 by Mother Elvira, an Italian nun; she was inspired to create a series of homes across the world for young men and women to escape from drug addiction by prayer, physical work and community life. The young people have to commit to a three-year stay and must learn Italian - a challenge - but the success rate is an impressive 80% if they can persevere. Cenacolo receives no state funding and is totally reliant on 'providence'; to support their ongoing work we were able to buy tee-shirts, beads, rosaries, DVDs of their music and carved goods.

Throughout our pilgrimage we were



privileged to have Fr Louis Rieunier as our Chaplain. Before studying for the priesthood in Rome, Fr Louis was a pilgrim helper with Group 539, so he was uniquely equipped to be a most sensitive and gentle padre to us. As in previous years, Dr Ivor Nazareth joined the group from Palm Springs, USA, and we had the capable Remole Tomy as our Group Nurse, so we were well looked after medically, as well as spiritually.

It took a few days to adjust back to "normal" life after my time in Lourdes and I was eager to share my experiences with whoever would listen! It was a great joy for me when I 'just happened' to bump into fellow pilgrims out and about and we could hug and exchange stories. Undoubtedly a special bond exists between those who have shared the wonders of Lourdes together.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from an HCPT Pilgrimage, please contact Liz Bettesworth at the Assumption of our Lady Parish, Torquay.

**Anne Krasnopolski**

### New HCPT Group in Dorset

Every Easter 'HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust' organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes especially for children. Groups known as 'Family Groups' include eight or ten children cared for on at least a one to one ratio, more if needed. The Family Groups are accompanied by a Chaplain, a Nurse, a Leader and a Deputy-Leader; all helpers are fully Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checked for safeguarding.

The groups join over two hundred groups from all parts of the UK, Ireland and other countries. At present groups from Plymouth, Torquay and Ottery St. Mary, together with a Youth Support Group of young people from various parts of the Diocese join the Easter Children's Pilgrimage.

For a long time, those of us privileged enough to be part of this wonderful experience have wished to share it with others in the Plymouth Diocese. A lot of work has been taking place to promote HCPT in Cornwall, North Devon and Dorset and, although slow, progress has been made. So, at last, Easter 2015 will see the first fruits of this work and a new group from Dorset will be joining the Pilgrimage. The new Dorset Group will be lead by Stephen Knight, and if anyone would like to be involved they can make contact with him by phone: 07976 714 750 or e-mail: [genesislandscapes@gmail.com](mailto:genesislandscapes@gmail.com).

### Raising funds for HCPT



As this year's leader of HCPT Group 141 I intend to push myself outside of my comfort zone to compete in some races before we travel to Lourdes 2015.

On Sunday 2nd November 2014 I plan to run my first ever half marathon in Weston-Super-Mare it's the furthest I have ever run and I'm hoping it will be flat! My challenge is going to be hard as to date I have never run more than 10 miles (very slowly) and the race will be difficult but not as difficult as the day to day challenges faced by the children we take with our group.

Every penny raised will change the children's lives; the pilgrimage to Lourdes increases confidence, gives hope and strength to children who face difficulties every day of their lives.

If you can support my fundraising for Group 141 please visit my just giving page <http://www.justgiving.com/Jennifer-Bentley2>. Thank you.

**Jenny Bentley**

**HCPT Group 179 would like to say a BIG thank you to all those who attended and made possible their recent Barn Dance & Hog Roast at Manor Farm in Dacombe.**

A great night was had by all the food was excellent and the Random Mackerel Band helped everyone 'dance the night away'. An amazing £1,500 was raised which will help the group to take children with special needs from the Torbay area on a pilgrimage trip of a lifetime next Easter. The generosity of everyone who made donations and gave their time and resources to help make the evening so successful is much appreciated.

**Becca Bowden**





Diocesan News

# Diocesan Justice & Peace

## Who do you think you are?

Migrants and Migration was our focus as part of the On Earth as it is in Heaven event in Dorchester earlier this year. Stories of love, of hope, of courage: it soon became obvious in a recent workshop that most of us come from families who have experienced migration first hand in the past few generations.

Many of our parents and grandparents made the journey to this country desperate to find work to feed their families, or had been displaced by war or religious persecution. Part of my own family left Ireland in the nineteenth century during the first potato famine, evicted because they could not pay the rent. My great Grandma, aged four, buried her peg doll in the garden, promising to come back soon and fetch her. She never did.

Her family emigrated to Manchester, where the women and girls went to work in the cotton mills and the men on the railways. In fleeing hunger and injustice in their own country, however, they were forced to become 'blacklegs'. There were strikes in the mills against the increasing practice of firing the men and employing women and children at much cheaper rates. Hungry Irish women and girls were convenient strike breakers.

Not much has changed. The reasons for migration remain constant: poverty, persecution, environmental degradation, war. Just as my family were blamed as blacklegs, migrants are easily made into scapegoats for societies' troubles.

Pope Francis reflects in his last message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees: 'Towards a Better World'. Not infrequently, the arrival of migrants, displaced persons, asylum-seekers and refugees gives rise to suspicion and hostility. There is a fear that society will become less secure, that identity and culture will be lost, that competition for jobs will become stiffer and even that criminal activity will increase. The communications media have a role of great responsibility in this regard: it is up to them, in fact, to break down stereotypes and to offer correct information in reporting the errors of a few as well as the honesty, rectitude and goodness of the majority. A change of attitude towards migrants and

refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization – all typical of a throwaway culture – towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world. [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

As faith communities we could educate ourselves to offer an alternative to distorted reporting on immigration - see 'Truth, Lies and Migrants' [www.tuc.org.uk](http://www.tuc.org.uk) (hard copy from the Justice and Peace Office.)

Pope Francis also asks us to help create 'a culture of encounter'. Let us turn to Jesus' familiar story of an encounter: the 'Good Samaritan' (Luke 10). I used to identify with the Samaritan – it seems like a clear parable about social action! Of course we must not pass by on the other side when we encounter someone in such need. But - Jesus deliberately makes 'the saving one' a Samaritan. Am I really that feared, hated and despised person? Well, no. I am white, educated, living in a free society with a comfortable share of the world's goods. So if not the Samaritan, might I be the person lying in the gutter in need of saving? Could it be that I am disfigured by unreflectingly benefiting from a global trade system that keeps the majority of the world's population in poverty? By keeping in my comfort love zone of family and friends and closing my eyes to the suffering around me? Only God in Jesus can save me from such inhumanity. And in the parable we see Jesus



coming down the road to save us in the person of one who is hated and despised. Let us eagerly seek out that encounter.

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Torbay Deanery


## St Mary & St George, Totnes

At our morning Mass on September 14th, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Anthony Cosgrave stepped down as leader of the music on Sunday mornings after many years of faithful and dedicated service.

Anthony has been involved in the music of this parish for over 30 years and in church music for over 50 years. His contribution to the life of the parish has been immense and he is owed an enormous debt of gratitude. A presentation was held in the church hall after Mass with tributes led by Fr Kristian. The day was made even more special for Anthony as he was accompanied not only by his wife, Marie-Francoise but also by other members of this musical family namely his children, Michael, Clare and Isabelle who had all participated in the singing of the Mass.

A special cake had been made, decorated with music. Anthony was presented with several gifts which included guitar music and an icon of the Holy Family and Marie-Francoise was presented with a rose bush.

Ann Skipworth  
Totnes



Anthony and Marie-Francoise with Fr Kristian

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## Diocesan News

# Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps

27th July to 15th August 2014



Catechist Prof Stephen Gomez explaining a Passover Meal to Junior Camp 1

**Eighty-three young people came from across the Plymouth Diocese to share and explore the love of Jesus through our theme *Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospels* by Pope Francis.**

Sarah Williams, who was awarded the Fr Tony Cornish Spirit of Camp award on this year's Senior Camp, writes: "I love going to camp every year, making new friends and reacquainting with old friends, learning about our faith in an exciting and unique way. Not only is there a brilliant vibe at camp but it is different every year, not one camp is the same. I love sharing my thoughts and feelings about the passages we read in groups. It's just such a lovely experience that broadens your awareness of the gospel and your faith."

Ryan Williams' thoughts on Junior Camp 2: "Everyone on camp was really happy and we enjoyed plenty of games and fun especially the awesome bouncy castle and campfire. The leaders were considerate and very caring and always helped us. I learnt about true joy and that it's not something that is good at that moment but that it lasts for a long time. We also learnt some sign language and I still remember our message 'Jesus Christ loves you, he gave his life to save you and now he is living at your side every day' in sign language!"

The Education Centre at Buckfast provided two workshops for the junior camps this year, including one where the children were set a challenge to spot items hidden in a part of the garden. They were all allowed two attempts to spot the items and which was a challenge for everyone and really embodied just how much we take our sight for granted. The children were able to appreciate the journey of listening, looking, learning, following and proclaiming the Joy of the Gospels even more.

Children on Junior Camp 1 visited the

**Young people from the St Petroc's camp washing the feet of holidaymakers leaving the beach at Teignmouth.**



Abbey every day for quiet reflection and on the final night, the older children were taken to Compline. These visits to the Abbey complimented our usual morning and night prayers, Reconciliation service and Mass on our final day.

The St. Petroc camp met for the first time this year with 13 young people on the cusp of adult life. The style of this camp was very different from what they had all experienced on the senior and junior camps, as one camper put it "camp this year was very grown up and free. We had new and nice experiences. Compared to the other camp we were given more responsibility."

Their week was so powerful; it can only be summed up by the young people themselves: "A place to renew friendships, further and strengthen your faith being surrounded by young people who will end up being lifelong friends."

"This camp is enriching and great for your confidence in God. All of the people at camp here are all in the same position. This therefore means that you can be yourself without worries of judgement."

"Camp is not only a place to grow in your faith and enhance your relationship with God but also a place to develop in yourself whilst creating friendships and memories at the same time."

"I love St. Petroc's camp because we have the freedom with just as much spiritual guidance and reflection as the younger camps. It's an amazing way to grow closer to God at a time of great change in life."

And finally, some well deserved thanks: to everyone who gave time, energy and enthusiasm to camps 2014, in whatever capacity, especially Frs Jonathan Stewart, Kieran Kirby, Harry Heijveld, Darline Joseph Marianathan and Sr Damian Cunningham for their unfailing support; to the volunteers from local Catholic Women's League sections who come in to butter and fill baguettes for us were appreciated by everyone and lastly to the Abbot of Buckfast and the Benedictine Community, for the hospitality, prayer and support that they give year on year for the Diocesan Summer Camps.

If you feel you would like to find out about helping on camp, please get in touch with the committee via the Summer Camps website <http://www.pdsommerncamps.org.uk/>. We would love to hear from you!

**Dorinda Bray  
Adam Connors  
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## Dorset Deanery

## Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth

Altar Server celebrations took place during a recent Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth.

Dominic Davey was presented with the Silver Medal of the Guild of St Stephen for 10-years service and four new

Altar Servers were enrolled into the guild. The Altar Servers are pictured with Parish Priest, Fr Stephen Geddes and Deacon Jonathan de Kretzer.

**Esmee Nicholls**  
Weymouth



## Bridport

On 13 September Richard Benjamin cycled around 41 churches in Dorset, raising money for Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the churches which sponsored him, including Church of Our Lady which raised £294.

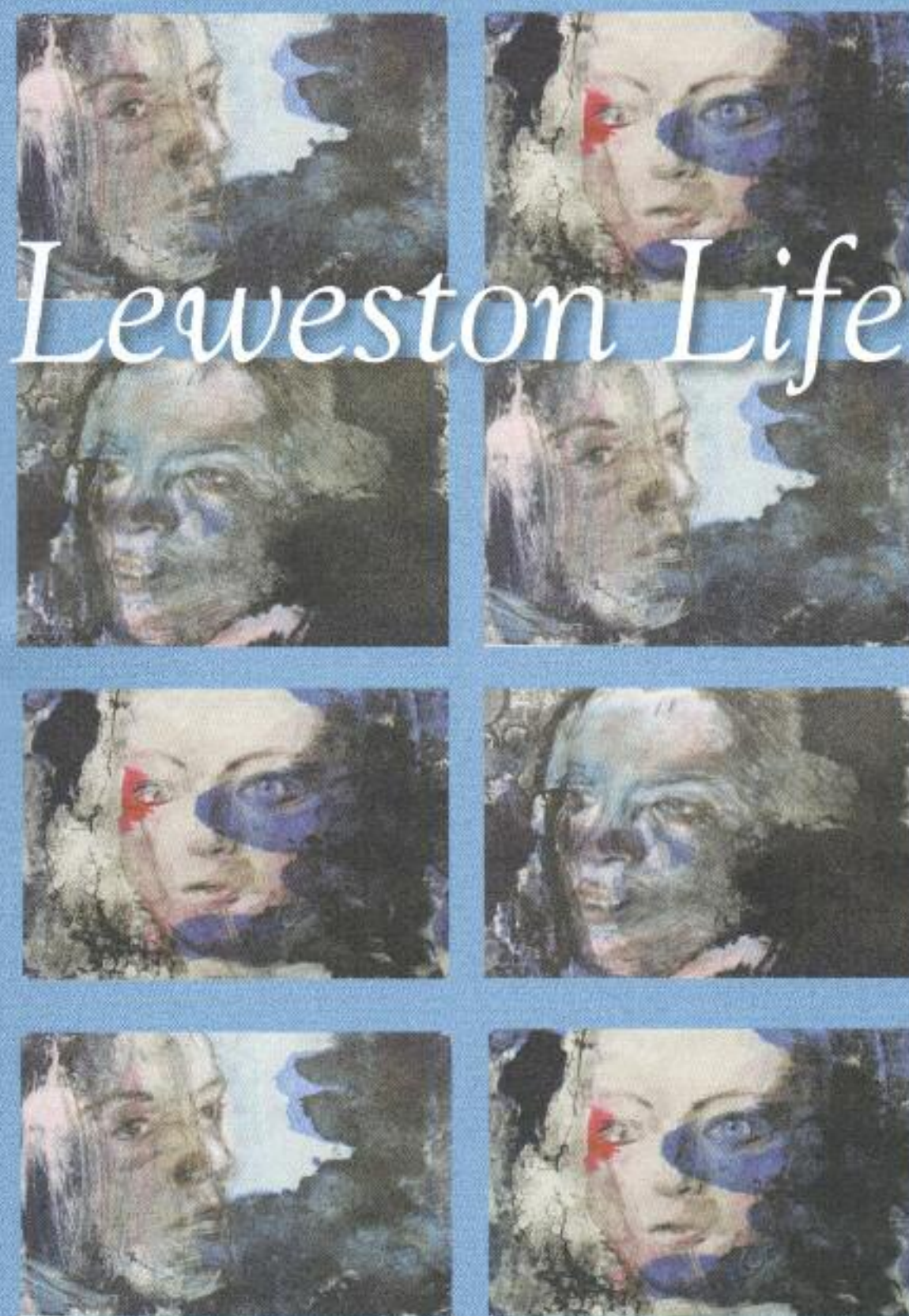
His splendid achievement culminated at Chideock where he was crowned with a wreath to honour his efforts. Many thanks go to Richard and to all who sponsored him.

## Leweston School

At the end of the summer term Adrian Aylward, Headmaster of Leweston School, together with his staff, bade farewell to students leaving the school and wished them well for the next stage in their lives.

The 2013/14 academic year had witnessed some incredible sporting achievements by the students with five students represented Great Britain at the Biathlon World Tour in Germany. There were successes across all the disciplines from fencing and rowing to football and swimming – and everything in between.

Below: Artwork by Isabella Holroyd

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## Exeter Deanery



# Harvest Festival and (nearly) 100 scarecrows

**One Sunday afternoon I spent a really pleasant couple of hours in the company of old and young and 88 scarecrows made by the pupils of St Joseph's RC Primary School, Exmouth.**

The children had brought their scarecrows round to the Church Hall in Raddenstile Lane on Friday led by the Deputy Mayor and the Town Crier. They

had planned to make one hundred scarecrows to celebrate our Centenary but an admirable 88 turned up and there were some wonderful examples of creativity. The children also brought along the produce which they had brought to school for their Harvest Festival which was sold to help boost funds.



## Axminster Catenians

Following the very successful Croquet morning 'teach-in' earlier in the year Axminster Catenian Bob Turpin invited local Catenians and their wives for an indoor Bowls 'teach-in' at Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre.

Coffee was kindly provided by Sue Turpin and the event was followed by lunch at the Hunters Moon. Everyone enjoyed the 'teach-in' with one or two declared 'promising'!

**Bill Stead  
Axminster**

# World's Biggest Coffee Morning

**A BIG thank you to all who supported my Macmillan Coffee Morning in Hawkchurch either by donating or helping.**

Thanks too to the many local business who donated raffle prizes including Millers Farm Shop, Ganesha Health Foods, John Deere, Hawkchurch Old Inn, Reflections, Wyld Meadow, Mole Avon, Fairwater Head Hotel, The Real Fish Company and Box of James.

Together we realised over £700, a great result.



**Maggie Stead  
Axminster**



So, on Sunday after mass we were treated to Hot Dogs, a Hall packed with pastries, cakes, home-made produce, raffles etc. The hard working Polish ladies had been up at 5 am making Polish pastries and Polish lunch platters which were very tasty.

The weather was kind to us as the sun broke through and the children enjoyed all the activities that had been laid on for them. The adults relaxed thanks to a Pimms stall which also provided Prosecco and scones, jam and cream!

It really was another great way for the Parish to celebrate our Church being one hundred years old and the children to enjoy our extended community. However the real stars, apart from all the hard working volunteers, were the scarecrows! So much hard work and detail they were inspiring.

The events were just one 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."

On 18th November the last of our four guest speakers will share their thoughts inspired by Pope Francis' "Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel" 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 are most welcome.

**Ian Stewart  
Exmouth**

## Celebrating Our Schools

If your School would like to advertise their Christmas Bazaar or other Christmas event in this section of the December paper, please contact Caroline on 01223 969506 or email [carolineg@cathcom.org](mailto:carolineg@cathcom.org). Price will be the same, £39 for small advert. The December edition will be in circulation on 29th November 2014, the deadline for bookings is 10th November 2014.




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## Torbay Deanery

# Stoodley Knowle Ice Bucket Challenge



On Thursday 2nd October, students at Stoodley Knowle School got the chance to 'ice' their Acting Head Teacher, Fiona Hutchings and Congregational Leader of Les Filles de La Croix, Sister Perpetua, for Macmillan Cancer Care.

The charity is one very close to the heart of the school for the help it has given, and continues to give, to many of the Sisters. Stoodley girls paid handsomely and in the end it was the Junior girls who got the lucky tickets assisted by Head Girl, Cody Cassidy and her Deputy, Elizabeth Bremner.

We think it would be true to say that the veil definitely had a positive impact for Sister with the ice jumping off it whereas our pictures show just how wet Miss Hutchings got. With donations still coming in they have so far raised in excess of £550 for Macmillan Cancer Care. It was certainly a day the girls will not forget.

Laura Davies  
Stoodley Knowle School

## Cornwall Deanery

# Cornwall Remembers

This November during Remembrance Week (3rd to 13th November) Truro Cathedral will be holding a ten day festival of commemorative arts events to mark the centenary of the start of the Great War.




At the time of writing over 20 events have been confirmed including lectures, films, school displays about WW1, art exhibitions, worship, poetry readings, concerts and recitals. Funding for the week of events has been partly provided by the Arts Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Cornwall Remembers is Truro Cathedral's four year commemoration of the centenary of World War One and consists of a range of worship and other linked events taking place throughout the 2014 -2018 period.

A key part of that remembrance process will take place in the cathedral during Remembrance Week this year. One of the most poignant moments will be on the 11th November at 11am, after the 2 minute silence when over 10,000 poppies, representing the Cornish war dead and made by Cornwall's school children, will float down to the cathedral floor from the central tower balcony.

For more information about Cornwall Remembers visit [www.cornwallremembers.org.uk](http://www.cornwallremembers.org.uk) or [www.trurorcathedral.org.uk](http://www.trurorcathedral.org.uk). Tickets for most events are available from Hall for Cornwall tel: 01872 2 62466 website: [www.hallforcornwall.co.uk](http://www.hallforcornwall.co.uk)

**University Masses 2014/15**



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## Wider News

# Matrimony Matters

**Brian and Maureen Devine are members of a small group of 5 couples and a priest whose aim is to support couples interested in deepening their understanding of the spirituality and sanctity of marriage.**

The group has received tremendous encouragement and support from the hierarchy including,

for example, Cardinals Vincent Nichols, Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Bishops Brian Noble and John Hine; all of whom have provided 'forewords' for their publications in support of marriage.

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

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

### God has a stake in our marriage

God's plan for us as married couples is that our relationship should be as close as we can possibly make it to Jesus' relationship is with His Church. To be 'successful', we must make time and effort for romance; we must reduce times of hurt and loneliness and increase times of gladness and joy. This becomes much easier when we realise the huge stake that God has in our marriage and when we ask for His help to be romantic together and in healing each other.

The joy of our closeness is not just for us.



For those of us blessed with children, they are the first beneficiaries of our love for each other. They witness our gentle caring, see us fall out, forgive, reconcile and give life to one another; they share our joy and we share theirs. In this way, they not only know our love but they experience God's love for them too.

### PRAYER

**Lord, please help us as we try to forgive the times that we have hurt each other. Give us the grace to increase the romance in our lives and lead us to a life of sharing our love with our wider family, our parish and our local community.**

**Amen.**

# Heaven's Road fm Catholic Radio new series of Vocations

**The series feature some fascinating stories of Catholics talking about their faith; programmes include Catholics from all walks of life telling their personal stories - from Religious, Postulants, Priests, Vocation Directors and Chaplains to Gangsters-turned-Catholic-Evangelists.**

The series started in October with a talk by Fr Gerard Flynn, Vocations Director Portsmouth Diocese; future talks will include the service from Tyburn Convent when Sister Marie Joseph of the Sacred Heart Newsome made her monastic profession; plus the Mass celebrating Fr Gerry O'Brien's Golden Jubilee at St Agatha's Church, Kingston-on-Thames.

The new season also continues popular features such as Fr Jim Clarke's show, 'Just a Catholic Dad', our very British 'Island of Saints' and our series 'Palestine Calling' from Declan Hayes, plus the usual mix of prayers, praise and music.

Heaven's Road fm provides a rich new source of nourishment for all Catholics, especially those who are house-bound. The radio broadcasts 24/7 including up to 40 live Masses and other services, a mix of Catholic-oriented features, prayers, poetry and music. In addition, the website [www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com) is a treasure trove of podcasts [over 200] available to listen when convenient.

The team are always looking for enthusiastic people to help make programmes and techies to operate the Radio. You can get further information at team provides training and support so previous experience in radio is not necessary, but familiarity with computers is a must.

The Radio has operated on a shoe-string and been supported by family and friends. Any donation, however small, would be very much appreciated. Please follow this link if you'd like to help. <http://www.heavensroadfm.com/donate/>

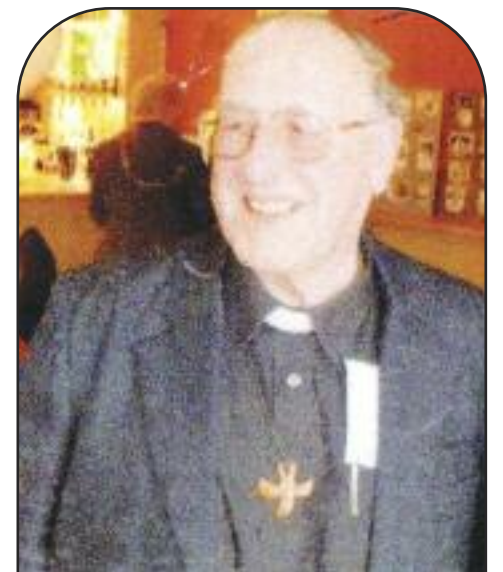
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**Stop Press:** Heaven's Road Catholic Radio interview with Bishop John Arnold the new Bishop of Salford

An interview with Bishop John welcoming him to the Diocese was broadcast on 6th and 7th October on the Fr Jim Clarke show. Fr Jim is Parish Priest at St Anne's, Withenshawe, and is a regular contributor to Heaven's Road Catholic Radio.

In the interview, Bishop John talks about his life and how he was called to be a priest and also how the new appointment was announced to him. He said he will do all he can to serve the people, priests, and religious of the Church of the Diocese seeking to respond to Pope Francis' call to be 'missionary disciples'. He is aware that he has much to learn in the new experience, after 31 years of priesthood spent entirely in Westminster. It's riveting! You can listen to the interview as a podcast at <http://goo.gl/jixQq5>



## A tribute to Fr Terry Fleming RIP 1937 – 2014

**Having known Fr Terry for 40 years we are grateful to God for his years of service to so many people.**

I first met him at Hawkestone Hall at a conference for priests and doctors led by Fr Francis MacNutt, on the subject of healing.

Although retired from active ministry Fr Terry continued to encourage the ministry of healing in the Catholic Church in the South West. He was also one of the Catholic representatives, together with Fr Richard McKay and myself, on the Healing Advisors Committee. His encouragement to so many of us in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal was a key feature in helping us to persevere in our faith. His friendship, gentle guidance and obvious trust in God will always be remembered.

He was a good and faithful priest and we thank God for his life.

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# Pope Francis visits Albania

**In 1989 when I walked up the Blvd Dichromate ë Komai towards Tirana University main building, there were no private cars and only a few sleepy eyed soldiers guarding the main public buildings.**

In Mother Teresa Square groups of schoolchildren were rehearsing for a May Day parade. Later this main artery became clogged with traffic not of whose drivers obeyed the new lights.

On September 21st 2014 an estimated 250,000 people lined the route to watch the Papal cavalcade drive slowly towards a huge reredos in front of the University where the Mass would be celebrated. They waved and shouted with national and papal flags beneath forty huge

photographs of Catholic Martyrs (mostly clergy) strung across the roadway. The Pope standing in his pope mobile waved and smiled in return with surprising energy for a man of his age. Security was tight and even included a large group of substantial joggers in dark suits, white shirts and ties pounding along round the Papal entourage.

In his initial message to the people of Albania, their government, clergy and laity the Pope praised the country for the peaceful coexistence and collaboration that exists among the followers of different religions. He said: "The climate of respected mutual trust between Catholics, Orthodox, Sunni and Bektashi Muslims is a

precious gift to the country."

At Mass he denounced the perversion of religion for violence saying that no religion can be used to promote violence and that there must be respect for differences of theological opinion. He paid tribute to those who had suffered for their religious beliefs during the Communist Regime, the harshest in Europe. Later at a meeting with the Clergy and Religious he praised them for their dedication and work but agreed that many more young people need to join their ranks.

**Primrose Peacock  
Truro**



# Diary Dates

## November 2014



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

### MARRIAGE CARE SOUTH WEST (MCSW)

Remaining MCSW preparation course dates for 2014:

- Saturday 8th November 2014, The Parish Rooms, St Peter's RC Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX:** Marriage Preparation Day for couples intending to marry and living in the Plymouth Deanery. Please contact Clare Danes email: [claredanesuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:claredanesuk@yahoo.co.uk)

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

### 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](mailto:Nicholas.Johnson@CBCEW.org.uk).

**Wednesday 5th November, 10am, The Little Theatre, St Mark's Road, Torquay:** Ann Widdicombe DSG will be guest speaker at the Torbay U3A meeting. Her talk about her 'Life and Times' will be followed by a question and answer session and a book signing. Admission £5; please contact Christa Sayers on 01803 390883 for more information.

**Thursday 6th November, 12noon, Plymouth Cathedral:** Annual Clergy Requiem.

**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](mailto: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'. Entry is free but those attending are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food items for the Exmouth Food Bank.

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

### December 2014

**Friday 12th December, Lanivet Parish Church (Bodmin), 7pm:** Christmas Concert featuring 'Harpers Bizarre'. For more information or to purchase tickets (£7 to include refreshments) contact Maureen or Jim Lloyd tel: 01208 832373.

### January 2015

**Sunday 18th to Sunday 25th January, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The 2015 week of prayer is rooted in the experience of the churches in Brazil and will use the text Jesus said to her: "Give me to drink" (John 4:7) for inspiration. Please add the dates to your calendar now; we hope to provide information about services in your Deanery in future editions of CSW.

### 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](mailto:rwhm274@btinternet.com) or go to [www.ruralcatholics.org.uk](http://www.ruralcatholics.org.uk).

### March 2015

**Friday 6th March, Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP):** Please add the date to your calendar now; we hope to provide information about services in your Deanery in future editions of CSW. For more information about WWDP or to find out about the nearest 'Preparation Day meeting' to you contact the national office tel: 01892 541411 email: [office@wwdp.org.uk](mailto:office@wwdp.org.uk) website: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.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](http://www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com)
- Wednesdays, 11.30am to 4pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - with Rosary at 12noon:** Church of St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth.
- Wednesdays, 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Table Tennis:** Church Hall, Falmouth - parishioners of all ages welcome.
- First & Third Fridays 7pm to 9pm, Prayer Group, Mary's Eucharistic Renewal:** St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.

- Saturdays, after the 10am Mass, Rosary:** St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston; all are warmly invited to join a small group of parishioners and pray the Rosary.
- Saturdays at 11am, Legion of Mary:** St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.

#### Dorset Deanery

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

#### Exeter Deanery

- Monday evenings at 7.30pm, Meditation Group:** Richard Reynolds Centre, Heavitree Road, Exeter.
- Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 9pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Mount St Mary Convent, Wonford Road.

#### Plymouth Deanery

- Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Union of Catholic Mothers:** Cathedral Centre.
- Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, Discussion Group:** Jeremiah Centre, Stott Close, Efford, Plymouth to reflect on the liturgical readings for the coming Sunday.
- Thursday 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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### 2014

**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

**Sunday 5th to Sunday 12th April 2015:** HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust, Easter Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Full details of this and other HCPT 2015 Pilgrimages will be published at the beginning of next year.

**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 tel: 01308 422594.

**Wednesday 13th to Friday 22nd May 2015:** HCPT Group 507 Joint Services Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes. For more information please contact Richard Tipping tel: 01752 787697 email: [richard.tipping@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.tipping@blueyonder.co.uk) or Charles Brunel tel: 01752 695090 email: [charles.brunel@sky.com](mailto:charles.brunel@sky.com).

**Friday 22nd to Friday 29th May 2015:** Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. For more information please contact Fr Kieran Kirby, Diocesan Director tel: 01803 294142



# Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for Taunton Street Pastors

Lady Gass, Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset, presented the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the Taunton Street Pastors at County Hall on 6th October 2014.

Adrian Prior-Sankey, the Coordinator of the 60-strong team of volunteers drawn from 20 of the town's churches, spoke on behalf of the group saying: "We are delighted that Taunton Street Pastors team has been honoured in

this way. This prestigious award has an equivalent status for voluntary groups as the MBE does for individuals. While we don't do the work for praise it is very much appreciated when the hard work and dedication of our team of volunteers is recognised by others. To be one of very few groups across the country to receive this award is simply awesome. We are grateful to all those who have been on the journey with us over the last six years."

Taunton Street Pastors was launched in 2008 by local Christians unhappy at reports of late-night anti-social behaviour in the town centre and the way night time-related antisocial behaviour in their community was being portrayed in the media. Volunteers whose ages range from 21 to 80 patrol the town in teams every Saturday night and on other significant occasions such as the annual carnival, Olympic Torch visit and the vigil for the M5 tragedy, offering a listening ear, care and practical help.

The Street Pastors have provided support for more than 25,000 people since their formation. Contrary to public perception it is not just young revellers who appreciate the help of the blue-uniformed modern day Samaritans; help is also provided to elderly people, the homeless



and children. They also provided a 'Safe Space' service at the Flood Distribution centre near Bridgwater to support people affected by the severe weather at the start of 2014. The citation on the certificate records that the award is made to Taunton Street Pastors for 'dealing with the issues of vulnerable people and helping to diffuse aggressive situations'.

The Taunton team has also been recognised by the Street Pastors' parent body, the Ascension Trust, as a pioneering scheme which has developed 'Safe Space', a street café on the driveway of North Street Church; the initiative, copied by other groups around the country, offers a warm welcome, free hot drinks and biscuits under a canopy where people

can wait for friends to meet them or rest until their lift home arrives.

Further details of the service, which has been generously funded by local churches, donations from local community groups and from statutory bodies can be found at [www.taunton.streetpastors.org.uk](http://www.taunton.streetpastors.org.uk)

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