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CELEBRATE, CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVING THE CHURCH

In June 2014 Pope Francis addressed the 'Renewal in the Spirit Conference in Rome'.

Speaking to the throng of around 53,000 people gathered in the Olympic Stadium in Rome he began by saying: "Dear brothers and sisters! I thank you so much for your welcome. No doubt someone told the organizers that I very much like this song, "The Lord Jesus Lives". When I celebrated holy Mass in Buenos Aires with the Charismatic Renewal, after the consecration and after a few seconds of adoration in tongues, we sang this song with so much joy and force, as you did today. Thank you! I felt at home!"


Celebrate began in Ilfracombe, in the Diocese of Plymouth, on Easter Sunday 1994, so 2014 is our 20th anniversary! It all began in 1992 when the Lord convinced us that he wanted a conference which would provide spirituality for every age group, at which every individual would be valued within an atmosphere of friendship and close fellowship. Since then year after year we see around 1,500 people, of whom almost half are aged 22 years and below, attend the main conference. (Extract from an article by Charles & Sue Whitehead).

Because the usual Celebrate Conference in 2014 in Ilfracombe clashed with the very early start of the school summer term eleven Celebrate Weekends took place between May and November at a variety of locations around the UK and, in the Plymouth Diocese, at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay on 18th and 19th October.

Editor: This was the third time I've attended Celebrate and each event has been an inspiration. The number of people participating is wonderful to see: families enjoying time 'together'; young people delighting in expressing their faith; everyone present witnessing the hope that joining together in prayerful and joyous worship brings. I send my thanks to the organisers of Celebrate Torquay who made me feel so welcome.



The year of Consecrated Life 2014 - 2015.

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Rejoice!
Rejoice!*

"I want to say one word to you and this word is Joy. Wherever Consecrated People are, there is always joy"
(Pope Francis)

The Diocese of Plymouth will mark the opening of the Year of Consecrated Life with mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 6th December 2014, at 12 noon.

Everyone is invited to join the Consecrated People of our Diocese in joyful thanksgiving.

Meet your Religious and see the work they do. Come and share our Joy!



CELEBRATE'S 20th YEAR



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**Diocesan News****Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)****AOS has launched 'Resources for Schools' aimed at students in Key Stage 2 and Key Stages 3/4.**

The resources include lesson plans and assemblies that are both easy to use and engaging for students.

Each lesson follows a simple structure and includes clear objectives and learning outcomes. The resources have been designed around the national curriculum and give students the opportunity to learn about the world of shipping and seafarers and how the Apostleship of the Sea is helping to support seafarers worldwide.

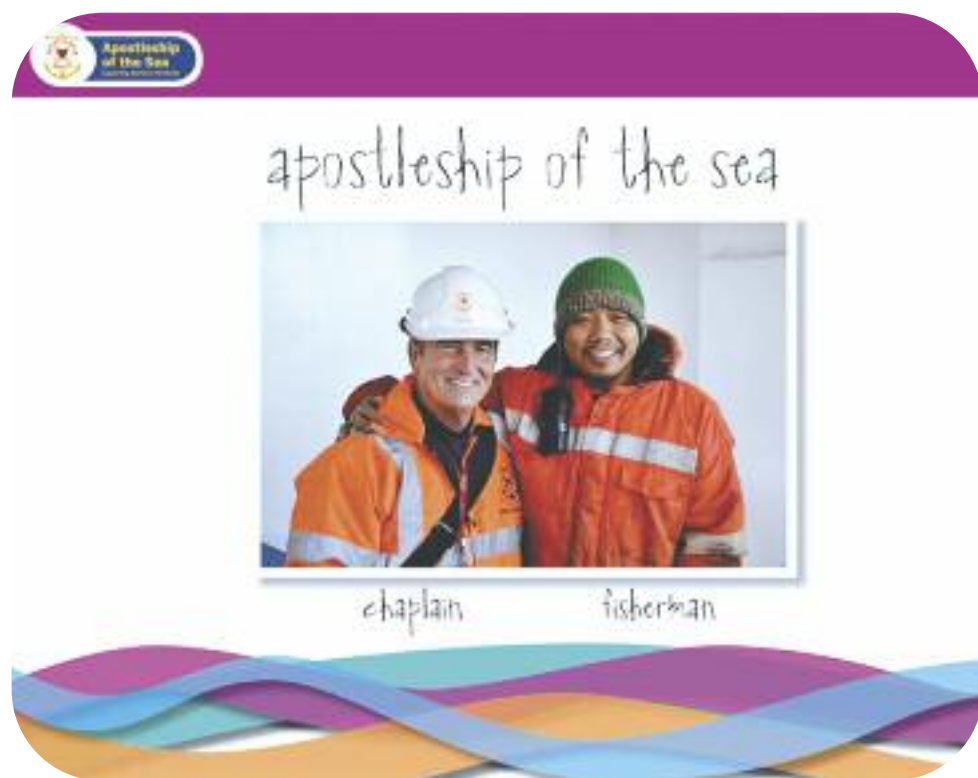
Resources for Schools is available to download from the AoS website www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/resource-s-schools.

Prayer of the month

God of our ebbing and flowing, untie our doubts and help us to venture where so many pilgrims have safely journeyed before; far out from our known shorelines on the divine tidal energy of your loving intention and liberating presence. That we would tell of your grace and work for your justice and peace in new and needy places.

Shared by Tina Harris, AoS ship visitor in Macduff

Please remember in your prayers the AoS Chaplains in our Diocese and those to whom they minister: John Pinhay (Falmouth and Fowey), Ann Donnelly (Plymouth and Teignmouth) and Rev Roger Stone (Weymouth and Portland).

**CAFOD Ebola appeal hits £500,000**

Thank you for donating more than half a million pounds to our Ebola crisis appeal. Your generosity is saving lives.

Parishes, schools and individuals across England and Wales have responded with huge compassion to our Ebola crisis appeal, donating more than £500,000 to help stop the spread of the virus across Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.

Your support is helping our Church partners to educate people about the risks, to provide essential hygiene kits and washing-stations, and to ensure that burials are carried out safely. In total, thanks to you, we will reach more than 200,000 people over the coming weeks.

Christian Modino, our Head of Emergency Programmes for Africa, said: "It's important to keep repeating messages about how to prevent the spread of Ebola, and it's important to do



it sensitively. Some customs that people in West Africa consider normal – like shaking hands when you greet a friend or touching the body as part of funeral services – can greatly increase the risk of the virus being transmitted. One legacy of civil wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone is that people do not always trust information provided by governments. That means that faith leaders have an absolutely crucial role to play in explaining how to control the disease. "Our partners are spreading accurate information through Sunday sermons in churches, through Friday prayers in mosques, through Church radio stations, through posters, through public theatre, and by going door to door. The messages

are getting through, but there's still a huge amount of work to do."

In Sierra Leone, we have already trained 400 priests and catechists about Ebola prevention and each one is going door to door to discuss the disease with at least 40 families. In Guinea, we have provided health education and hygiene kits to 28,000 people. In Liberia, we are providing emergency supplies of rice to more than 17,000 people in areas that have been quarantined or where farming has been restricted. However, with the virus still spreading, we urgently need to scale up our work. There have been more than 13,000 reported cases of Ebola in total, but the World Health Organisation has warned that the number could reach up to 10,000 a week in December if more isn't done to stop the spread.

Catherine Mahony, our Regional Emergency Coordinator, who is based in Sierra Leone, says:

"People's lives are being changed by the Ebola outbreak, in many different and challenging ways. Communities are accepting these difficult changes, making great sacrifices so that they, and everyone they know, will be safer sooner. While this is an extremely sad and traumatic time, it is inspiring to see such strength, and to witness the goodness that people act upon freely. Sierra Leone is a land of the living, its people are brave and positive. We're focusing on the end of the dark time, and the light at the end of the tunnel."

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Diocesan News

HCPT *The Pilgrimage Trust*

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REGISTERED CHARITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES (281074) AND SCOTLAND (SC043743)

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.

Fundraising for HCPT Group 141

Sunday 2nd November was THE day, the rain came and I was well and truly soaked before the Weston-S-Mare half-marathon began! My time was 2 hours 27 minutes and I'm so pleased I actually finished. There were a few moments around the 9 mile mark where I contemplated hiding in the bushes but, as I approached the turning point to head back into Weston, my husband Colin appeared and ran back over the route he had already run to keep



me going. I can't work out whether he was being nice and heroic or just a slave driver – this is me with my medal.

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Legion of Mary annual retreat



Legion of Mary members from across the diocese attended this year's Legion retreat in September. It was held at Buckfast Abbey, as in previous years, with participants staying in comfort at the Abbey's Grangehurst House nearby. A number of people joined us from further afield, travelling from Wiltshire and Southampton as well as those from Birmingham travelling with Fr John Peyton who led the retreat.

Fr Peyton is a parish priest from Birmingham who has been an active Legionary himself since joining the Legion as a junior in his schooldays. He shared with us insights of a conference he had attended in Dublin just a few weeks earlier, looking at what it means to be a Catholic and our individual mission for evangelisation.

Michael Cobbett has been organising our retreats for at least twenty-five years. "Our annual retreat," he said, "is a great opportunity to meet others and learn more about the Legion system, as well as benefiting from the talks themselves. We were very lucky to have Father Peyton

with us again as our spiritual director." Speaking about the 'True Devotion to Mary' Father John reminded us of Our Lady's central role in this task of 'bringing souls to her Son'. The well-established, successful and respected apostolic work of the Legion of Mary, with its particular emphasis on evangelisation, is carried out by millions of volunteers in schools, parishes, prisons, hospitals and by house to house visiting, throughout the world.

There is a great opportunity within our diocese for more Legion of Mary groups (Praesidia) to be formed within parishes. The Legion has an unrivalled record of encouraging those it meets either to join the Catholic Church or, if lapsed, to return to the Mass and the sacraments. It is truly faithful to the teachings of the Church in its formation of children and young adults.

There are already parish Praesidia in Truro, Tintagel, Sclerder and Plymouth and there could soon be more. For help and information about establishing the Legion of Mary in your area, simply call Michael Cobbett on 01626 865700.



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Justice & Peace – Plymouth Diocese



Commemorations. Does triumphalism and nationalism creep into our commemorations? Wouldn't working to end war be a more authentic way to honour the dead? For reflections, prayers and ideas for action visit www.paxchristi.org.uk

Cornish Alternative Christmas Giving 2014

Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum says: We are delighted to be able to produce the Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum Christmas Catalogue for a second year. Having borrowed the idea from other organisations, this year 20 Cornish Charitable Organisations are taking part.

Much like the national catalogues, you will be able to donate to one or more of the organisations and by doing this on behalf of a family member or friend, will receive a gift certificate to pass on. Many thanks to the support to the following charities who have assisted with the funding of this project: The Rosemullion Trust, Cornwall Community Foundation and the support of the Diocese of Truro. If you can help promote and/or distribute the 2014 catalogue please contact Alison Mandeville Tel: 01872 274351 Mob: 07557 793 446 email: admin.cipf@truro.anglican.org

Volunteers sought for Homeless Projects

St Petroc's Society in Partnership with the Diocese of Truro is seeking volunteers for Homeless projects:

- **Cornwall Nightstop** will help prevent young people from sleeping rough in Cornwall. We are in need of volunteers to become Cornwall Nightstop hosts, who will provide an emergency bed for the night in their spare room for a 16 to 25 year old young person who find themselves with nowhere else to stay. Cornwall Nightstop will be affiliated to the National organisation Depaul Nightstop UK and so will meet their quality assurance standards of service delivery and safeguarding. Full training and support is provided. We also cover out of pocket expenses. The simple act of offering the young person a bed gives the professional staff extra time to put appropriate care in place without leaving the young person in a vulnerable situation.
- **The Winter Night Shelter Cornwall (WNSC)** The

Winter Night Shelter Cornwall Project (WNSC) will provide night shelters in December and January. Last winter we accommodated 111 rough sleepers and 75 % of these were helped into permanent accommodation as a result of their contact with the service. WNSC could be a life saver for those with no home and also provides companionship and food. The night shelters need a large number of volunteers to make this project a success. Full training and expenses will be given to prepare for this challenging, but always rewarding service to those in most need.

For more information about volunteering please contact Paul Green Tel: 01872 274351 email: paul.green@truro.anglican.org or Corinna Langford Tel: 01872 264153 email: Corinna.langford@stpetrocs.org.uk.

POPE FRANCIS' TEN TOP TIPS FOR BRINGING MORE JOY TO DAILY LIFE

1. **Live and let live.** Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, "Move forward and let others do the same."
2. **Be giving of yourself to others.** People need to be open and generous toward others, he said, because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."
3. **Proceed calmly in life.** The pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist -- gaucho Don Segundo Sombra -- looks back on how he lived his life. "He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool" of water, the pope said. He said he likes this latter image of a pool of water -- to have "the ability to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life."
4. **A healthy sense of leisure.** Pope Francis said: "The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children have been lost. Consumerism has brought us anxiety and stress, causing people to lose a healthy

culture of leisure. Their time is swallowed up so people can't share it with anyone. Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children; work schedules make it complicated, but you must do it."

Families must also turn off the TV when they sit down to eat because, even though television is useful for keeping up with the news, having it on during mealtime doesn't let you communicate with each other.

5. **Sundays should be holidays.** Workers should have Sundays off because Sunday is for family.
6. **Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.** We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs and be more vulnerable to suicide. It's not enough to give them food; dignity is given to you when you can bring food home from one's own labour.
7. **Respect and take care of nature.** Environmental degradation is one of the biggest challenges we have. A question that we're not asking ourselves is: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'
8. **Stop being negative.** Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means feeling so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down. Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy.
9. **Don't proselytize; respect others' beliefs.** We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes. The church grows by attraction, not proselytizing.
10. **Work for peace.** We are living in a time of many wars and the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive and dynamic. It is also threatened by food insecurity.

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Marriage Care South West

Cardinal Nichols recently returned from the Extraordinary Synod of the Family, praying, studying and conversing with bishops from across the world. In addition they listened to the stories of families drawn from many different backgrounds. Bishops expressed the very important role the Catholic Church community and Catholic agencies like Marriage Care can play in nurturing and supporting couples at the time of their marriages as well as ongoing support throughout their married lives.

Churches and their communities are in a unique position; in their welcome and marriage preparation they offer something couples cannot get by marrying in a hotel or stately home. Their careful and generous welcoming of a couple demonstrates God's love and care not just about the big day, but all the days afterwards.

As part of that welcome, Marriage Care offers opportunities for couples to dedicate time to think about their relationship, their marriage vows and to prepare for their lives together after their wedding. Marriage Care in the South West offers marriage preparation in the form of one-day courses attended by several couples or (for individual couples) face-to-face sessions with a facilitator (based on answering questionnaires about their beliefs and attitudes). Although some couples are anxious at the

beginning, most of them find this experience rewarding, informal and even fun!

In October in Torbay, couples spent a day away from their wedding preparations to consider their lives together after the wedding. As one participant, Rebecca, said at the end:

I was nervous about attending the course and wasn't sure what to expect, but Fiona, Susie and Harry made it friendly, informal and fun. – I honestly think every couple should attend and are guaranteed to take something useful from it. Thank You.

Of the 3,000 couples Marriage Care sees annually across England and Wales, the vast majority have been living together for at least 5 years and many have children. Yet they still find it is helpful to dedicate some time to think about their relationship and what it means to them. (A government report from earlier this year revealed that 88% of couples who attended one of our courses found it useful.) As a comment from another bride shows, time devoted to marriage preparation is well spent:

'I found talking about our experiences and how our childhood has affected our personalities most useful. Things about what we want to take from our childhood and past into our relationship. It was just good to talk and has been a great time for us to think about and focus on our relationship'.

Cornwall Deanery

St Paul the Apostle, Tintagel

Sunday 14th September was a special day for Altar Servers at St Paul the Apostle. Dominic Guly, Gregory Langthorne and Carolina Langthorne were given the Silver Medals marking ten or more years of membership of the Guild of St Stephen and Adelaide Pettet and Sebastian Krasnodebski were enrolled as guild members. All renewed the Guild of St Stephen promise to affirm their commitment to serve faithfully.



Carolina Langthorne

St Paul the Apostle Church in Tintagel is now designated a Chapel of Ease or Oratory, but formerly was called a Mission Church within the Parish of Bodmin, the Deanery of Cornwall and the Diocese of Plymouth, England. The church is dedicated to St Paul whose apostolate was his missionary work. He was also one of the main characters to spread and develop early Christianity.

The Mission of Tintagel, like so many others in Cornwall, was founded by the Canons Regular of the Lateran from Bodmin. The Church of St Paul the Apostle was built in 1968; of particular interest in the modern building is the Cornish serpentine statue of the Blessed Virgin, Stations of the Cross carved locally and the stained glass made by the monks of Buckfast.

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Parish of St Mary, Falmouth

Bonfire Night had a special significance for Falmouth parishioners. One of the churches in the parish is St. Edward's, located in the village of Mawnan Smith; the church was built on a very large piece of land donated by the Pilgrim family. A small field that flanks one side of the church and on the other side was a huge swathe of wasteland of trees, shrubs and weeds. Volunteers gathered on two Saturdays and, working hard with spades, axes and saws, cleared both areas of land and built a HUGE bonfire with the debris! On 5th November they gathered again to light the bonfire to invoke and celebrate the Holy Spirit. Strict safety precautions distanced us from the flames; it was a perfect, perfect evening – the full moon outlined behind the distant pine trees, and a few clouds scurrying over the starry skies. The sparks from the fire rose high into the sky providing a constant firework



display!
A wonderful atmosphere of celebration and awe prevailed and everyone enjoyed homemade soup, hot dogs, toffee apples,



cakes and hot drinks. After the festivities were over parishioners went into the church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament – invoking the Holy

Spirit to fall on us, our parish and the world. It was a memorable get-together, which hopefully may become an annual event.

Come and See

St. Mary's now hosts an open evening every Sunday from 6-7.30pm, open to anyone irrespective of faith or parish connection. Homemade soup and rolls or Irish soda bread are enjoyed and many good relationships are being fostered. After an hour or so, we proceed into the church for a time of prayer and intercession before the Blessed Sacrament.

Youth 2000

Another venture is the popular monthly "Cake Stall" – homemade goodies being donated to raise funds for our young people to attend Youth 2000 events.

Mary Bradley
Falmouth

Intentional Discipleship – The New Evangelisation

In the summer, a group of parishioners, joined by friends from Truro, met regularly to learn and share experiences, studying Bishop Mark's recommended book Intentional Discipleship by Sherry Wade. Now we meet monthly to share and encourage each other in evangelising by sharing and talking to others of Jesus and the Good News. We are humbly growing in faith and confidence in Proclaiming the Word,

Falmouth University Chaplaincy

After many years of faithful service, Sister Veronica, one of the most familiar faces of the chaplaincy team, stepped down this autumn. Sr Veronica has sought - often in discreet moments with individuals, but also as a determined public moral witness - to live out her vocation in service to the university community. Sr Veronica will continue to be a familiar face around Falmouth, offering a warm welcome to St Mary's where Fr Jon Bielawski, University Catholic Chaplain, is Parish Priest. She says: "My sincere interest and earnest loving prayer for each one involved in university life and the students

particularly, lives on."

Students and colleagues celebrated Sister's ministry at a Mass in the Chapel Lecture Theatre on 14th November followed by an informal gathering in Tremough House Boardroom.



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Roman Catholic Ecumenical Canon and Anglican clergy installed at Truro

There was a full house at Truro Cathedral to see the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt Rev Mark O'Toole welcomed as Ecumenical Canon of the Cathedral. Rev Olive Stevens was also installed as a non-Residentiary Canon and Canon Alan Bashforth installed as Residentiary Canon Chancellor.



At the beginning of the service, a robed procession of 100 people entered the Cathedral singing 'Christ is made the sure foundation' before a solemn Choral Evensong and then legal formalities involving the Diocesan Bishop and Registrar were undertaken.

Rt Rev Mark O'Toole replaces Bishop Christopher Budd who retired earlier this year.

In his homily, Bishop Mark gave thanks for the honour and then spoke about Ecumenism past and present, reminding those present that "What we share is greater than what divides us". He continued by referring to his studies at Oxford where his tutor Anglican Rowan Williams had

helped him unravel the theology of the German theologian Balthazar and the thinking of King Solomon's prayer at the Dedication of the temple. 2 Ch.6.

Those present were reminded that Bishop Benson's son became a Roman Catholic priest and

later bequeathed a house as a centre for ecumenical relations where past difficulties were acknowledged but the presence of God recognised and becomes a reality as demonstrated by St. Paul in Eph.6.

The congregation were also reminded that the Pope continues to pray for unity. Bishop Mark also referred to the fact both churches are united in Baptism and a belief in the Trinity. Both churches evangelise where personal conversations are more effective than 'meetings'. He concluded by asking all to persevere on the journey together.

As the procession re-assembled and returned to the crypt, the hymn "O praise ye the Lord" was sung.

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Dorset Deanery

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth



service Joan was invited to the service of celebration and thanksgiving held at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 1st November.

Joan's husband Matthew accompanied her to the service and together they joined over a thousand other guests all wearing their uniforms with great pride. Joan said: "it was very uplifting to attend the service in Westminster Abbey and realise what a large family Guiding is." Catholic Guide Units are very special to Joan as, alongside the Church, they give moral guidance and teach positive values and help young people face the challenges of our fast changing world.

National Scout and Guide Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Joan Heslop has had a long involvement with Catholic Guiding. In 1954 Joan became a Guide Leader in County Durham continuing in Hertfordshire and now in Dorset where she is treasurer for 2nd Weymouth (St Augustine's) Brownie Pack and President of Weymouth Central District.

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Weymouth Sewing Group

Ladies of the sewing group have had a busy summer making new hangings for the church lectern. Two of the hangings will be used for Harvest Festivals and the third for Feast days of Saints and Martyrs.

Remembrance Day

Having bought a ceramic poppy Weymouth CSW representative Esmee Nicholls and her husband decided to go to London to see the poppies at the



Tower. Esmee said: "there were hoards of people all moving in silence and with dignity around the display. We said a prayer as we looked out across the thousands of poppies wondering how something as appalling as war could give rise to such an awe-inspiring memorial. May all those who died so that we might live rest in peace."



Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm, Sherborne



There was opportunity for celebration in the parish of the Sacred Heart & St. Aldhelm in October.

The choir of Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester crossed parish boundaries to accept an invitation to perform at Saturday evening mass. Lead by their choir master Chris Tozer the Dorchester choir sang St. Anne's mass. In welcoming the choir to Sherborne Mgr Canon Robert Draper VG, Parish Priest, drew parallels from the day's lesson of the wedding feast and the invitations to which we are all privileged in attending the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

At the end of Mass the large congregation expressed their appreciation with a spontaneous burst of applause after which firm new friendships were established over food and drink in the parish hall. One Sherborne parishioner's comment succinctly described this memorable first in Dorset Deanery's history "Sometimes music can reach beyond words".

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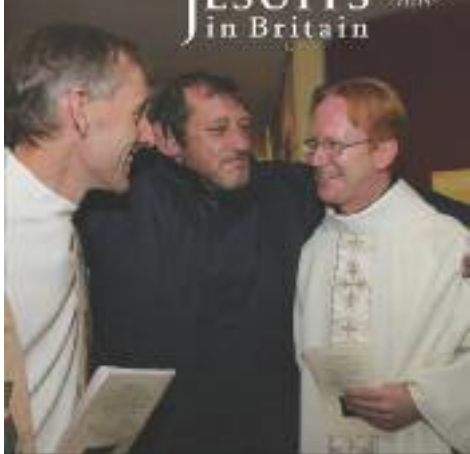
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Sacred Heart, 25 South Street, Exeter EX1 1EB: Wednesdays at 5.30pm

Dorset Deanery

Parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Joseph, Wool



Where is Fr Ciaran?

One Friday evening in September over 100 parishioners from Wool, Wareham & Lulworth came together for a 'farewell FUDDLE' - an evening celebration of the four years that Fr Ciaran McGuinness has spent in the parish.

Fr Ciaran arrived in the parish on the day of the parish fete in July 2010. That same day he started running - not running away from the parish but around it in rain or shine! Father became a familiar figure dressed in his bright yellow top, shorts and bobble hat resplendent with headphones. In May 2011 he completed a 26 mile sponsored marathon run to raise funds to send a young parishioner to World Youth Day in Madrid to meet Pope Benedict.

Callers at the Priest's House were often heard to say, 'Where is Father Ciaran?' So the theme of the Fuddle was 'Where is Father Ciaran?' The assembled parishioners enjoyed a performance that the RSC would have been proud of! Set at the parish fete, a variety of parishioners called in on the Priest's House looking for Father, whilst Fr Ciaran, played by Paul Feeney, was to be glimpsed running through the hall, always out of reach of callers.

Finally a young looking Bishop Mark, played by altar server Cameron, came knocking on the door announcing that he'd come looking for Father Ciaran to tell him of his pending move to St Mary's parish, Bodmin. The cast formed a circle around the

'runner' to hide him from the bishop. It was clear from the sketch that no one wanted Father Ciaran to leave our parish. Fr Ciaran worked and served tirelessly in our parish, looking after our three churches, our parish school of St Mary & St Joseph, visiting the sick and housebound and always on call and available to all who needed him. He also served as prison chaplain, celebrating Mass and visiting prisoners and young offenders. Fr Ciaran, a familiar and well loved character running through the Dorset lanes and countryside, will be greatly missed by everyone. The evening ended with a presentation to Father, followed by a buffet supper. And, if you are wondering, a Fuddle is a fun filled cuddle!

A Parting Gift.

Just before Fr Ciaran left the parish he arranged for a parting memento to the church of St Edward, Wareham. An oil painting, a Victorian copy of 'The Three Maries', by Annibale Carracci, was hung above the entrance to the porch of St Edwards church. The picture came as a surprise addition to the parishioners, the painting having been donated to the parish by the Brooks family of Wareham.

The original painting was presented to The National Gallery by Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle in 1913.

**David Willey
Bovington**

Exeter Deanery

Axminster Catenians

Past President of Axminster Catenians, Nat Bruzon, chose the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) as his 'charity' for 2013/14 in memory of recently deceased Catenian member, John Dalziel.

Encouraged by John's widow Vivienne, Axminster Catenians raised an amazing £1,169 for MNDA and, at a recent Ladies Night dinner, presented a cheque to Patrick Bragg, Treasurer of the West Somerset Area MNDA Association.

**Bill Stead
Axminster**

Catenians are Roman Catholic men who meet regularly for social activities - often with their families. Members of Axminster Catenians are drawn from East Devon, West Dorset and South Somerset. They are part of an international organisation with over 10,500 members, who recently celebrated their Centenary. For more information about the Catenian Association visit www.thecatenians.com



(L to R) Nat Bruzon of Axminster Catenians and Vivienne Dalziel with Patrick Bragg

Torbay Deanery

The Assumption of Our Lady, Torquay



On Tuesday 28th October, the Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, parishioners from Our Lady of the Assumption were joined by Priests and parishioners from across the Deanery as they welcomed Fr Kieran Kirby as their Parish Priest during the Mass of Induction.

Canon Pat Costello, Dean of Torbay began the solemn ceremony by asking Fr Kieran a series of questions; the first



being: "It is the duty of the Priest to proclaim the word of God. He must study the Bible and meditate on its message; believe what he reads; teach what he believes and practice what he

teaches. Are you willing to co-operate with me and our Bishop in preaching Christ in season and out of season, explaining to all the Word of God?"

To which Fr Kieran responded: "I am, with



Celebration cake!!

the help of God."

As the ceremony continued, Priests and people committed "with the help of God", to celebrate and participate in the Sacraments worthily and fruitfully and to promote the work of true unity amongst Christians. Leading Fr Kieran to the Presidential Chair Canon Pat handed him the document of his appointment and the keys of the church. Fr Kieran then greeted the whole congregation, including representatives of other Christian communities, saying: "I greet you all in the name of Jesus the Lord."

At the end of Mass Fr Kieran invited everyone to continue the celebrations in the Parish Rooms where a team of volunteers had spent most of the day preparing a 'feast' and setting out the 'shared-plates' given by parishioners from across the Deanery.



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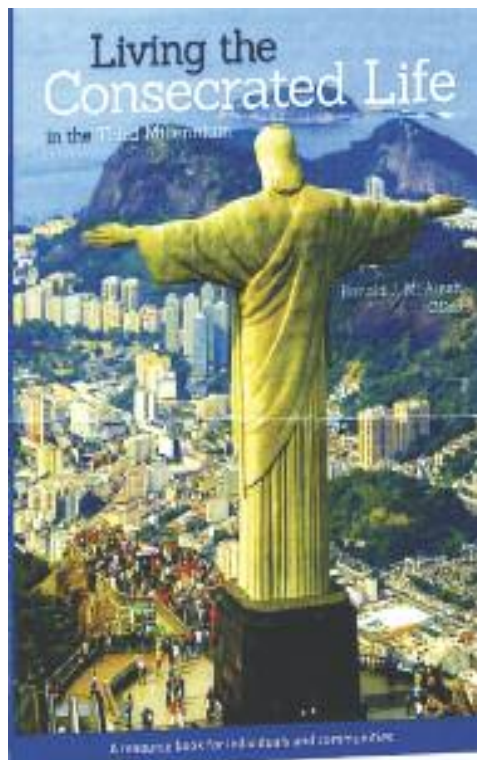
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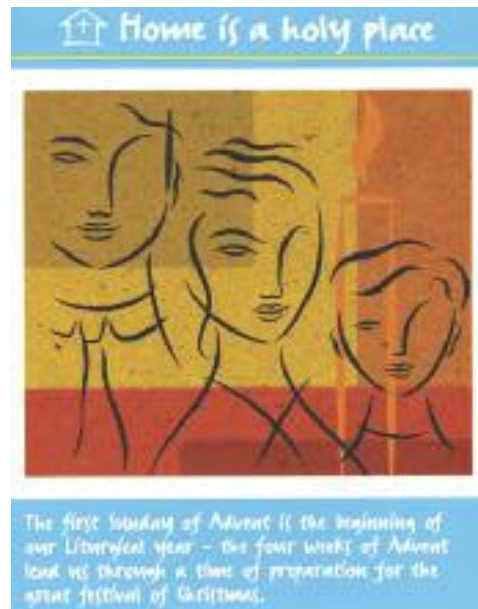
Living the Consecrated Life in the Third Millennium



Fr Ronald McAinsh CSsR

This book has been written to coincide with the Year of Consecrated Life that starts in Advent 2014. As a companion for this special year Fr Ronnie has produced a practical workbook, focusing on ten themes that offer opportunities for reflection on the consecrated life. They can be used at monthly community gatherings over the year or can be used by individuals on their retreat days or the annual retreat. The purpose of the book is to help individuals and communities deepen their commitment to the consecrated life.

About the Author: Ronald McAinsh is a Redemptorist Priest who is currently provincial superior of the UK Province; he previously served as regional superior of the Redemptorists in Zimbabwe for 20 years. He has been president of the Conference of Religious in both countries.



Advent

This December edition of Catholic South West will arrive in parishes at the beginning of Advent. The word Advent

means 'dawning' or 'coming'. The Old Testament anticipates this: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone." Isaiah 9: 1-2.

As we get nearer to Christmas we reflect on the preparations before His coming. We know too, that Jesus comes to us each and every day in various ways. The question is "are we prepared to welcome Him when He comes to us?"

Plymouth Diocese Vicariate for Formation

Editor: you may find this short but poignant poem from Joseph O'Shea, a regular contributor to CSW, helpful as part of your Advent preparations.

**When did Joseph register,
Having made his way
To Caesar's census at the time
Of that first Christmas Day?
If he registered before,
Would Joseph and Mary, two
People, then be counted,
Jesus not yet being due?
Or was Christ included
After Mary gave
Him birth – just another number
In the world He came to save?**

Medjugorje and Me - Louise Hall

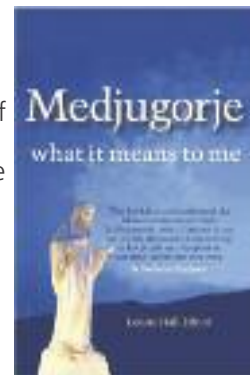
World-renowned singer, songwriter and composer, Liam Lawton, provides the foreword to this second book of testimonies from people from all over the world, about their experiences of Medjugorje. It is a sequel to 'Medjugorje: what it means to me.'

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, CEO of Mary's Meals and winner of the 2010 CNN Ordinary Heroes; Siobhan Mhic Craith, daughter of famous Irish musician Liam Clancy; award-winning BBC journalist, Chris Rogers; and Milona von Habsburg, Archduchess of Austria, are among the noteworthy names sharing their experiences.

Contributors to the book come from all walks of life,

including a Dublin man paralysed from the neck down at the age of seventeen; another young man who was facing a prison sentence and found himself in Medjugorje two

weeks before his court case; and an ex-priest who had a journey from 'sin to salvation' in Medjugorje. We also hear the stories of Mark Lenaghan, a former IRA member, who credits Medjugorje for his conversion and Sr Colette, Mother Abbess with the Poor




Clares in Galway, who discovered her vocation in Medjugorje. We hear about a Jewish man's unlikely conversion to Catholicism and a young Englishman who gave up a prosperous career to become a priest after feeling 'called' whilst in Medjugorje.

About the Author: Louise Hall is a writer from Dublin. Her first non-fiction book, Medjugorje: what it means to me, was published by The Columba Press in 2012. Louise has contributed to many newspapers and publications including The Sunday Independent, The Irish Independent, The Irish News, Woman's Way and The Gazette, as well as to RTÉ Radio 1's flagship religious programme, The God Slot, where she does reviews, interviews and reports.

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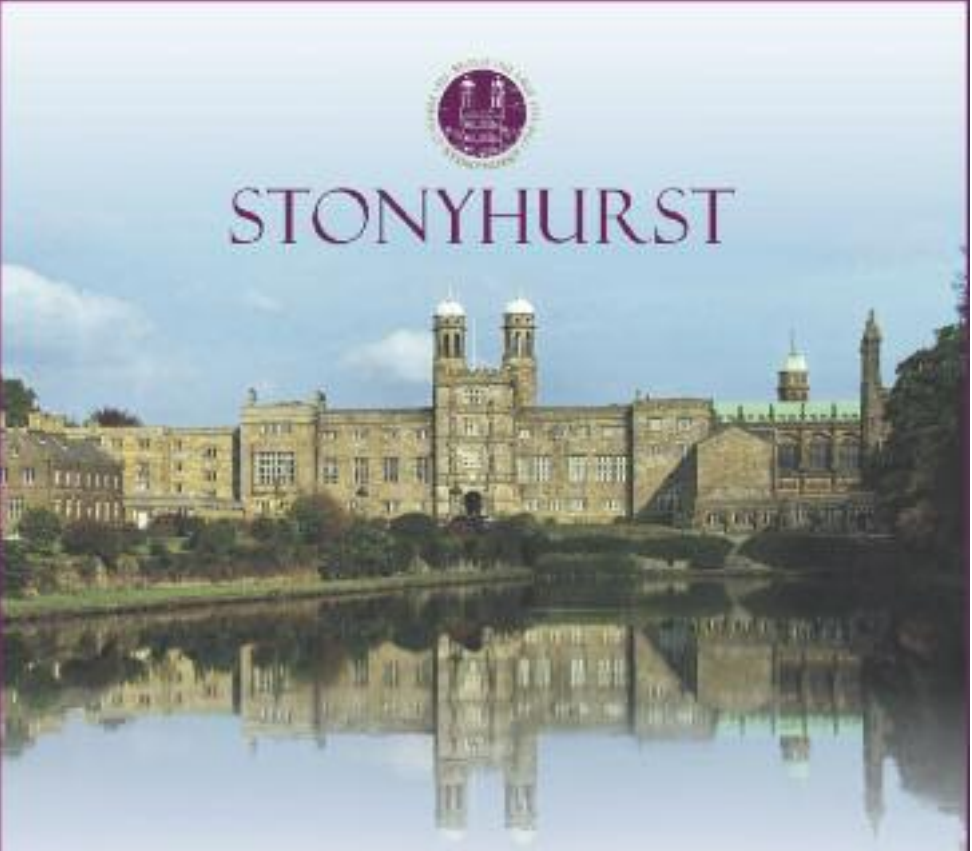
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December 2014



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December 2014

Monday 1st December, Church House, Woodlands Court, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro, TR4 9NH, 9.30am: Churches Homeless Network Meeting. Please contact Rosey Sanders Tel: 01872 274351 for more information and to confirm the venue.
Saturday 6th December, Plymouth Cathedral, 12noon: Mass to mark the opening of the 'Year of Consecrated Life'. You are all invited to the Consecrated People of our Diocese in joyful thanksgiving. (Full details on the front page)
Sunday 7th December, Helston Hospital, 7pm: Multi-faith Candlelit Vigil followed by refreshments.
Thursday 11th December, Our Lady & St Denis, St Marychurch, 7pm: Torbay Deanery Advent Penitential Service.
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.
Saturday 13th December, Outside Trelliske Hospital 11am to noon: Pro-life Prayer Vigil praying for the upholding of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.
Friday 19th December, Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, 7pm: Exeter Deanery Advent Penitential Service.
Sunday 21st December Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, 3pm: Advent Carol Service.

January 2015

Sunday 18th January: Peace Sunday – the theme for 2015 is 'Slaves no more, but brothers and sisters'. Resource material for parishes is available to download at www.paxchristi.org.uk.
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 to Sunday 8th February, Toorak Hotel, Torquay: Gather 2015 conference. Gather 2015 is open to everyone, especially Teachers and Catechists. For more information about Gather 2015 please contact Debbie Beech, Vicariate for Formation Tel: 01364 645390 email: debbieb@plymouth-diocesan-office.org.uk or visit www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk
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.

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 website: www.wwdp.org.uk

April 2015

Sunday 12th April, Paris Marathon: Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) are looking for runners for the 2015 Paris Marathon. For more information and to apply for a place please contact Claire Mob: 07783 156 284 email: fundraising@ccsplymouth.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
- o **Wednesdays 10am to 12noon** 13a Pentire Rd, Newquay, TR7 1NX.
- o **Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm** (during term-time) 18A Ferris Town, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3JH or
- **New Life Praise and Worship Evenings:**
- o **First Wednesday of each month 6.15pm to 7.15pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by praise and Worship at 7.30pm: Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran Catholic Church, Truro. Contact Sheona 07790 413562 for more information or visit www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com
- **Wednesdays, 11.30am to 4pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - with Rosary at 12noon:** Church of St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth.
- **Wednesdays, 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Table Tennis:** Church Hall, Falmouth - parishioners of all ages welcome.

- **First & Third Fridays 7pm to 9pm, Prayer Group, Mary's Eucharistic Renewal:** St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.
- **Saturdays, after the 10am Mass, Rosary:** St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston; all are warmly invited to join a small group of parishioners and pray the Rosary.
- **Saturdays at 11am, Legion of Mary:** St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.

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.
- **Third Saturday of each month, 4.30pm, Kerala Community Mass:** Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter.

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 21st to Wednesday 25th February 2015: 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 or Charles Brunel tel: 01752 695090 email: 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

Saturday 16th or Saturday 23rd May 2015 (date to be confirmed): Medjugorje Pilgrimage flying from Bristol; Spiritual Director - Fr John Delaney OFM. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage please contact Tony Allbright Tel: 01736 362925 email: tobright@btinternet.com. Anticipated cost £439 (+ single room supplement); arranged with 'Joe Walsh Tours'.

Wider News

St Teresa of Avila

In October the Church began to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of St Teresa of Avila and to focus on the Synod of the Family and ways to support family renewal. Secular Carmelites have developed an initiative encouraging people to hear the words of St Teresa and listen to her wisdom. Parishes and individuals can obtain, once a month, a series of notes entitled 'a taste of St Teresa'. The note for the First Sunday of Advent is: Advent – New Beginnings, St Teresa speaks: There is no other remedy for the evil of giving up prayer than to begin again.

To be included on the mailing list for the monthly series of notes please contact Margaret McLoughlin OCDS email: mmcl.net@ntlworld.com



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The Crucible by Arthur Miller

Directed by Jill Pettigrew

Friday 13th February 2015 at The Little Theatre, St Marks Road, Torquay (Curtain Up 7.30pm)

This exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society. The story tells how small lies - children's lies - build and build until a whole town is aroused and 19 men and women go to the gallows for being possessed of the Devil ... They are good men and women, upright, hardworking, compassionate and God-fearing....

Proceeds for HCPT

Matrimony Matters

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

CSW has been publishing their series of reflections on the Scripture readings for the Sunday Masses and Feast days, for Years A, B and C in the liturgical cycle.

The reflections for Year B, which begins on the First Sunday of Advent 30th November 2014, have been reduced to '60 word snippets' which can be used to support marriage, particularly significant in the coming year, between the two

Synods on Marriage in Rome. The 'snippets' have been endorsed by Bishop Laffitte of the Pontifical Council for the Family in Rome and are available to download, free of charge, from www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk.



Christmas Mass Times and Greetings

Lady Star of the Sea

Christmas Eve

Dartmouth 5.00 pm
Brixham 7.30 pm - Carol Service
8.00 pm - Mass

Christmas Day

Brixham 10.00 am - Mass

Most Holy Trinity, Newquay

Here are the time of our Services at Christmas:

Sunday 21 10.30 am
Monday 22 9.30 am

Tuesday 23 9.30 am
Christmas Eve 9.30 am
8.30 pm Carols
9.00 pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day 10.30 am
Boxing Day 11.00 am

Blessed Sacrament, Exeter

Christmas Eve 9.30 am as usual
and 6.00 pm Vigil mass
11.30 Carol Service before
midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9.00 am and 10.30 am
NO evening Mass
Boxing Day 9.30 am as usual

Parish of Our Lady of the Angels, Saltash

Christmas Eve Saltash 6pm
Torpoint 6pm
Sclerder 8pm
Liskeard Midnight
Christmas Day Saltash 9am
Sclerder 9am
Liskeard 11am

St Vincent de Paul Society

The members and supporters of the SVP take this opportunity to send you their Best Wishes for a

HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS

Plymouth Central Council
Exeter District Council
Plymouth District Council
Cornwall District Council



'We are only carrying out the instructions of Christ.'



Members of the CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

in the Plymouth Diocese send all their supporters and friends best wishes for a

HOLY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

PLYMOUTH DIOCESE LEGION OF MARY

Send you our BEST WISHES FOR A HOLY CHRISTMAS



To find other Christmas Mass Times or a Church near you go to

www.CatholicDirectory.org