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## HCPT West Country Lourdes Easter 2015

For some time we have known the theme of this year's pilgrimage was "Rejoice" and was to be led by the West Indies Region. We rejoiced in our planning, and rejoiced as we busied during the build up to the week with fundraising, packing and finally we were off.

A range of groups from over the Plymouth Diocese consisting of the old, the bold, the young, the carefree and the excited, departed over Easter weekend. Each had a slightly different route and form of transport to take but despite this the final destination was simple -Lourdes. Whether we arrived by plane or by train there was an air of anticipation about what the week would bring and more importantly what we would all

Soon the whole of Lourdes was a sea of colour as each group was marked out by their own colour, name and unique make up. The West Country region was represented by a rainbow of colour from the orange of the Youth Support Group 706 led by Brigid McEleney-Smith, the purple of Group 141 from Ottery led by Jenny Bentley, the green & yellow of Group 45 from Plymouth led by Cath Fennell, the yellow & blue of Group 179 from Torquay led by Rebecca Bowden. After leaving the UK behind we were all hopeful of some warm weather, and we weren't disappointed. The sun shone for the whole week and the town was alive



with singing. In fact the only place that remained a place of quiet reflection was the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

All the groups took time to visit here, to

share the experience of touching rock smoothed by the fingers of millions of visitors, to pray and to reflect upon the week. It was great to see this area refurbished after the terrible floods, the

whole place has been transformed with new paving and trees planted and is quite stunning.

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#### **HCPT West Country Lourdes Easter 2015**

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The West Indies Region treated us to a concert on Monday evening, and surprise, surprise, the theme was, "Pirates of the Caribbean". Every kind of Pirate and Buccaneer were there, including parrots and treasure chests. A very noisy evening much enjoyed by all. Tuesday was the torchlight procession, again led by The West Indies; the music and singing was beautiful as we followed the statue of Mary among a sea of light. One of the highlights of the week was the West Country regional Mass celebrated at the Chapelle Notre Dame du Mont Carmel. Again a glorious day, we arrived surrounded by snowcapped mountains; Fathers Michael Cole and Robbie Low concelebrated Mass and Deacon Paul Hewson gave the homily. We celebrated the region, offered the sign of the peace and shared in songs and prayers for each other, those at home and those that had helped us get

The main highlight of the week was the HCPT Trust Mass on Thursday, groups from all over the UK and many parts of the world including Jamaica, Croatia, Ireland, Slovenia, America and many more were present. Banners were at the head of a long procession of priests and bishops who lead us all in a truly spiritual celebration of Mass. The West Indies Region were again in charge and their steel band reflected their unique music. Over 5,000 people were present at this wonderful celebration.

Before we knew it the week was at an end and rejoicing we were once again, packing and preparing to go home. Groups made their way down to the grotto one last time to collect holy water, light candles, pray and say goodbye to





Our Lady who had bought us here. Soon we were ready to leave with our happy memories and exhausted bodies but confident that our week had been one of faith, fun, friendship and family.

We're looking forward to next year when HCPT will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee – how amazing that 60 years have passed

since Bro Michael Strode first took just 4 children to Lourdes. We pray he will be able to join us for this very special celebration.

Christopher Woodman HCPT West Country Regional Chairman



As some of you will know, CELEBRATE is a Catholic Family Conference which is absolutely 'on fire' with the Holy Spirit! The main event begins on Easter Sunday and the whole atmosphere is overflowing with the joy of knowing that Jesus Christ is risen and is alive today!

Regional Conferences are held all over Britain all through the year to meet the very high demand for CELEBRATE which can only accommodate around 1,500 people, many of whom have travelled great distances to be there. So we are very lucky to have this family conference literally on our doorstep in Devon. Based at Ilfracombe Holiday Park - which is completely taken over by 'Celebraters'! - we enjoy all the amenities including the swimming pool, bar, café and crazy golf. The talks, Masses and seminars take place at Ilfracombe Academy which is a short 5-minute walk away. What makes the whole event so wonderful is that children of all age groups have their own 'Stream' to attend for the whole week. Run by established Christian/Catholic groups like the Sion Community or

Metanoia, these 'Streams' provide loads of great teaching, worship and prayer in a context of fun, friendship and creativity. This is the third time our family have been to the main Conference; Anna has loved all the Streams and doesn't want to leave at the end of the week!

The theme this year was 'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105). As the week progresses we go deeper into the theme with brilliant talks every morning and evening, and optional seminars in the afternoons. What a privilege: to be able to really explore the riches of God's Word for us, His people! And over and over again during the week, it was repeated that the Word is 'Breathed' by God, that we have to recognise and respond to the Power of that 'breath' which of course we know as the Holy Spirit.

There are lots of opportunities to sample a little of the CELEBRATE joy, at the weekend conferences all over Britain. The nearest one for our diocese is in Torquay in October, but there is one in Bristol in May. All details are on the website: http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/ In addition, the national organisers are pioneering a new resource called CELEBRATE at Home, which is designed to be used within parishes and include once a month meetings for 'Praise, worship and discussion.'

Chris, Martin and Anna Hatfield
Truro



Easter 2015 saw a record number of 37 riders cycle over 520 miles to join the HCPT Easter Pilgrimage to raise funds for our pilgrimage holidays for disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. The 15 riders who took part in 2013 raised over £25,000 – we hope that the 2015 riders will have raised even more.

If you are interested in joining the HCPT Cycle to Lourdes in 2017 please visit http://www.hcpt.org.uk/contact/online-form/ and we will get back to you when the initial arrangements are finalised.

#### **Diocesan News**

## APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)



Home away from home for seafarers in Sheerness port



A 'home away from home' best describes the newly-launched centre for seafarers in the port of Sheerness, Kent. The facility, which provides free Wi-Fi, reading material and even a pool table, offers ship crew a place where they can relax and contact their families back home as they wait to return to their vessels to head to their next port of call. The refurbished centre is operated by seafarers' charity, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) and was opened by Archbishop of Southwark, The Most Reverend Peter Smith in a ceremony yesterday.

Peter Smith in a ceremony yesterday.

The restoration of the centre was made possible by a £4,130 grant from the Merchant Navy Welfare Board (MNWB). MNWB chairman Bob Jones who was also present at the launch said: "We are delighted to support Stella Maris (AoS) in the work you do for seafarers' welfare both in UK and around the world." AoS estimates that each year about 5,000 ships visit ports in the Medway area, with about 80,000 seafarers on board. AoS' port chaplain for Kent and Medway, Deacon Paul Glock said: "The Apostleship of the Sea is about not taking seafarers for granted, but making them feel welcome and appreciated and this is their little home." Deacon Paul and his team of ship visiting volunteers go on board ships in Chatham, Dover Port, Gillingham Pier, Rochester, Sheerness

Docks and Whitstable Harbour to visit seafarers and provide support if needed.

Through its presence at these ports and by using the new centre, AoS is able to provide seafarers with practical and pastoral care. The centre offers seafarers amenities to communicate with family by internet or phone and space to relax and spend some quiet time.

Archbishop Smith said: "The centre is a great service to seafarers who are all welcomed here. It is a service the church provides. We ask God's blessing for the future work of this centre. He added: "My grandfather on my father's side was a shipwright in Bristol, so the sea runs in my family's genes. AoS does great work and it's done quietly." The Apostleship of the Sea, AoS, is a registered charity and agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England & Wales and Scotland. It is wholly reliant on voluntary donations and legacies to continue its work; for more information visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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).

Dover Port, Gillingnam Pier, Rochester, Sneernes

Nun on the Run



Sister M Augustine Peters took part this May in the Dorchester Lions Club fun run to raise funds for AoS.

Falmouth-based Sister Augustine, of the Order of Les Filles De La Croix, says she is delighted to be doing the 2K run for AoS. Already in her 70s, Sister has been running for charity since 1984; she said: "Here in the Parish of St Mary, Falmouth, we support our seafarers all the time especially at Easter and Christmas. I had a cousin, Fr Denis McGuinness, who was very involved in AoS. He used to visit us in Tipperary and I remember my mother saying that he worked with sailors in England." Sister Augustine who runs in her habit and trainers says her best preparation is securing sponsors. "People are very generous. I am determined to work hard on this as I do every year. I have 30 years of experience. This is my 31st year!"

The Fun Run took place on Sunday 10th May starting and finishing at Dorchester Middle School. You can still sponsor Sister Augustine by visiting

http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/nun-run-aos

CAFOD Just one with (a)



# Support the people of Nepal

Over eight million people's lives were torn apart by the first earthquake that struck in in April on 25th April and thousands lost their lives. Many, many more were affected by the second devastating earthquake that hit the region on 12th May.

CAFOD's partners have been working day and night to deliver aid to people who have fled their homes and provide life-saving aid to injured and homeless families - food, shelter, supplies, clean water and

sanitation. Hospitals, schools and homes have been destroyed, and water and sanitation services have been cut off in remote areas. Many have lost their homes, their possessions and their means of making a living. After the first earthquake Fr Pius, CAFOD partner, said: "I have seen a lot of destruction. So many buildings collapsed and cracked. I saw a number of bodies on the street. People are still trapped in buildings and we don't know whether they are dead or alive."

Please help provide aid to the thousands of people in the region who are in desperate need by giving to CAFOD's Nepal Earthquake Appeal via the Big Give website www.thebiggive.org.uk or visit www.cafod.org.uk For more information on CAFOD's Nepal Earthquake appeal and its work around the world contact Simon Giarchi, CAFOD Diocesan Manager Tel: 01364 645440 email: plymouth@cafod@cafod.org.uk website: www.cafodplymouth.org.uk







## Running Hadrian's Wall

On Saturday 24th May David Rampersad and Colin Bentley ran 84 miles along Hadrian's Wall to raise funds for HCPT **Group 141**. They ran the distance non-stop with a small support team carrying the supplies that they needed. It was the longest distance that either of them has ever run and their toughest challenge to date.

Colin is a local marine artist and peripatetic teacher, David is a local doctor in Honiton, both are keen ultra-distance runners. Colin is the deputy group

leader of HCPT Group 141 and David's son and daughter are volunteer helpers for the group. The money that hope to raise will help provide disabled or disadvantaged children with a pilgrimage holiday of a lifetime.

Whilst the challenges that David and Colin faced during the run were extremely hard they were small compared to the day to day difficulties faced by the children we take with our group. Every penny raised will change the lives of the children who visit Lourdes. The pilgrimage experience increases their confidence, gives them hope and the strength to face the difficulties they experience every day of their lives.

HCPT takes children on the basis of their medical and social needs and raises the funds for the sponsorship of all the children. This is a life changing trip for all the people we take so please be as generous as you can; you can still contribute to Colin and David's fundraising by visiting http://www.justgiving.com/Colin-Bentley27. Do something wonderful and help us change a child's life. Thank you

> Jenny Bentley **Group Leader** www.hcpt.org.uk/group/141

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#### Evelyn 'Eva' Anne McGeeney RIP 1913 - 2015

David Jones, Eva McGeeney and Dr Michael Everitt (all linked to the Catenian Association) joined a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1976 and again in 1978. On the second occasion and nearing the end of their Pilgrimage, Michael and Eva took a taxi to Bartres to see 'Hosanna House,' a former hotel, recently purchased by HCPT. Eva and Michael returned vowing this would be their future base. Back on home soil, it was decided to take an adult group to Lourdes in 1980. The late George Merritt was enlisted to help make this possible and 'The Doctors Group' (as Sister Elizabeth from Hosanna House called it), became HCPT Group 539 founded by the efforts of these four. Group 539 is still flourishing and plans are well in hand for their 36th successive Pilgrim to Hosanna House in October 2015. Over the past 35 years Group 539 have taken over 1,600 Pilgrims (helpers and guests) to Hosanna House averaging 46 in the Group each year. Eva loved to be in Lourdes especially with her life-long friend Betty Featherstone, a retired Plymouth Social Worker. It was their spiritual home. It was where Mary the mother of Jesus, through a peasant girl, exhorted the world to live according to her Son's teachings and Eva never once doubted the Apparitions or St Bernadette. She wanted as many people as possible to go to Lourdes on pilgrimage. She wanted them to experience at first hand the love of Jesus and His mother, which they could cherish and pass on- love that was in the caring and the sharing,

the fun and the sadness.

In her working life Eva was a teacher at St Peter's Plymouth and she had been many times to Lourdes with the school children. So it wasn't surprising that one of her greatest joys was to see young people in the Group engaged and helping out in every way. Each of her grandchildren, as young adults, one at a time, joined their Grandmother at Hosanna House to be given a lasting legacy.

Eva was no straight laced pilgrim – life was to be enjoyed within one's capabilities especially at fun times whether the party was spontaneous or arranged, whether in the House, on the terrace or on an outing, she loved it and she loved being part of it. At the end of the 1976 pilgrimage after a late night Grotto visit, Eva advised David that if he wanted to come again then they should pray together by the Crowned Virgin Statue in the Domain and they did and so and returned with many others who followed Eva's advice on many occasions.

Liz and Barney Bettesworth, (also involved with the Catenians) the present Leader and Secretary respectively of Group 539, confirmed that Eva went 27 times with the Group up to and including 2007 when she was in her 95th year. They wrote: 'Eva, who recently died at the age of nearly 102, was an inspiration to us all. She had a wonderful affinity with all ages from the youngest to the oldest. She radiated God's love and was loved by everyone in return. May she rest in peace.

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#### **Diocesan News**

#### **Building Missionary Parishes**





Learning to be a missionary disciple – sitting at the feet of Jesus Stories to reflect on to help you prepare for Proclaim '15; Janet's story......

It all started when I was about 16 or 17. There was a sister working as the school chaplain in the Sixth Form. One day she put a candle in my hand and said: "Light this in your room for ten minutes every night before you go to bed and see what happens." That ten minutes each day changed my life!

Sometimes I just sat there, but at other times all these words would come into my mind – asking for help, telling Jesus about the problems I was having or about my dreams for the future. Often I would read a bit of the Bible; sometimes I would just talk and talk until words ran out and I was sitting quietly with Him.

I started to see that Jesus wanted to be a

part of my life and my future. I don't know where I would have ended up if she hadn't put that candle in my hand. For the last thirty years now I've tried to listen and to give Jesus a bigger part of my life. There've been a lot of mistakes and falls along the way, but it's been an amazing and wonderful journey. Thank you Sister, wherever you are. You changed my life! (The story related is true however, some details have been changed to protect

Getting involved

privacy)

Evenings of Prayer on 11 July: parishes around the country are being asked to organise prayer events on the same day as the national conference so as to create a network of prayer. A free resource booklet is available for download from: http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Sp ecial-Events/Proclaim-15-Building-

Missionary-Parishes/Evangelisation-Prayer

#### Local Proclaim events this autumn:

dioceses, deaneries and parishes are encouraged to run their own Proclaim event this autumn. A free resource booklet to assist the organisation of these events is available at:

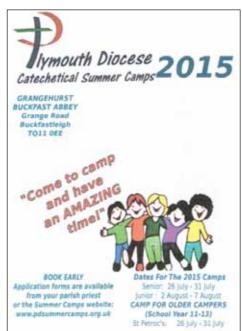
http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Proclaim-15-Building-Missionary-Parishes/Timeline-and-Legacy

Home Mission Sunday, 20 September 2015: parishes are invited to celebrate and support this national Sunday, praying for the work of evangelisation nationally, and also consider afresh their own response to the call to share their faith. The materials from the national conference in July will be available for download by this date including audio, video recordings and repackaged workshop materials.



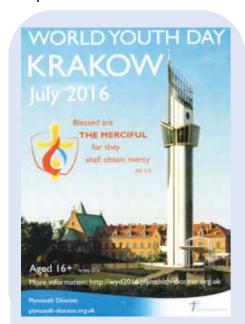
Following on from the very successful 'Lenten thought for the day' series a new set of video clips entitled 'The Holy Spirit and You' and lasting for approximately 6-minutes begins on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May. Bishop Mark starts the series by speaking on the first 8-video clips about Pentecost. In the video clips on the remaining 6-days you will hear young people

give witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in their working lives. The series concludes with Fr Jonathan Bielawski, recently appointed as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation, Catechesis & Schools and Parish Priest at Falmouth – Parish of St Mary, talking to us about the influence of the Spirit in his life and ministry. To learn more about the initiative and to watch the video clips visit:



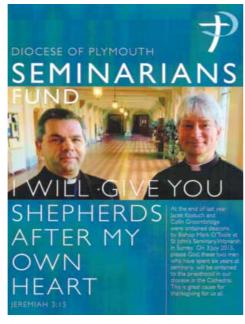


Fr Ralph Candy, Ordained July 2014, enjoying ministry in his first parish, St Joseph's Poole.



The Dioceses of Plymouth and Clifton are hoping to work together to organise a two-week pilgrimage to Krakow in July 2016. To register your interest visit: http://wyd2016.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/

Parish communities across the dioceses have been asked to consider assisting two young people (aged 16 by July '16) from their parish to meet the cost, which will be in the region of £1,000. If you can help sponsor a young person please contact either your own Parish Treasurer or the Editor email: felicitystead@btinternet.com Mob: 07906 234 210.



We thank God for the gift of our seminarians. As we continue to keep them in our prayer, we pray also that many others will be open to hearing Christ's call in their lives, and especially that they be willing to offer themselves for the priesthood in our diocese. Bishop Mark O'Toole.

In its deepest identity the seminary is called to be, in its own way, a continuation of the Church of the apostolic community gathered about Jesus, listening to his word, proceeding toward the Easter experience, awaiting the gift of the Spirit for the mission. Pastores Dabo Vobis 60 If you are able to support the Seminarians Fund contact the Diocesan Office at St Boniface House, Ashburton Tel: 01364 645460 email: giving@prcdtr.org.uk

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#### **Diocesan News**

#### Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)



On Sunday 12 April Claire Warren, Kirsty Cooper, Marc Ujvari from Poole and Gavin Parrott from Teignmouth ran the Paris Marathon in glorious sunshine! Congratulations to them all for completing the course whilst at the same time raising vital funds for the diocesan Catholic Children's Society. Thank

Now the third largest in the world, the Paris Marathon is flat and passes through two pretty parks, as well as Notre dame and the Eiffel Tower. If you would like to give it a go in 2016 please visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk for details and an application form. You'll also find information on the website about the Rome Marathon which is being run on the same day, Sunday 3 April, next year! The Society will be supporting a 'team' in each city so

Alternatively if you would like to support the Society and running is too energetic for you why not join the BIG DIOCESAN TEA PARTY on Saturday 4 July? Across the diocese friends and family, fellow parishioners and neighbours will be gathering to share a cup of tea and donating to those less fortunate than themselves. Organise your own small gathering or see if there is one running in your parish. For more information and for ideas on how to support the society visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk

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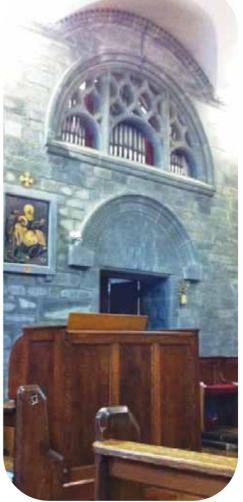
Mayne, Launceston

The new organ was commissioned in 2013 by the Parish Priest, Fr. David Annear in consultation with the Organ builder, David Gridley of Penzance, Cornwall, and Father Timothy Lewis as the Diocesan Organ Advisor. Discussions had taken place since the latter part of 2010 and, after approval of the final scheme, work started in June 2014 and has been completed this year.

It replaces a limited and poorly constructed 1 Manual and Pedal instrument dating from 1980 that had become very unreliable and in recent years, beyond reasonable repair. This presented the opportunity to construct a more suitable replacement organ with 2 Manuals and Pedals with a varied tonal palette suitable for the Roman Catholic liturgy and, that would hold its own as a small recital instrument worthy of the beautiful Grade II\* listed Neo-Byzantine design of the Church of St. Cuthbert Mayne. Aesthetically, the new organ is more suited to the church than its predecessor, making use of the stone screen provided on the North side of the church as its 'Casework' rather than a traditional wooden case mounted on a wall. The Façade pipes are of polished spotted metal arranged behind the stone screen with space at either side to allow the egress of sound from the organ chamber into the body of the church.

Available space was tight for the pipework and associated mechanisms of the instrument and presented the Organ Builder with an interesting challenge of the layout in a restricted space above the Sacristy. The 2 major factors that essentially had to be borne in mind in the design and construction stages were that of sound egress as already mentioned above and, ease of future maintenance. The result has been successful on both counts and the sound balances well at the detached console below on the floor level of the church.

Mainly due to the space and funds available, the Great and Pedal departments are constructed on the 'Unit Extension' principle, and the Swell being of the traditional Slider Soundboard construction. The console is of English Oak, stained and polished to match the other church furnishings. It is provided with 2 sets of 58 note wooden keyboards and a 30 note Pedalboard controlled by a microprocessor system, along with a full compliment of thumb and toe pistons for the player. The final result is an organ of exciting choruses and individual sounds worthy of any parish church, along with a design using the space provided by the original architect in a beautiful Gem of Plymouth Diocese.





#### St Mary's Parish, Falmouth

#### Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Sister Cosmas

take my heart and mind and use

The concluding hymn, 'The Old Rugged Cross' expressed, in a heartfelt way, the vocation of The

The following Sunday, 26th April, everyone was

invited to a thanksgiving gathering in the hall after Mass. Sister Cosmas was presented with a gift and a

bouquet of flowers by Fr Jon who thanked God for

"her faithful and persevering ministry, always

conducted with a great sense of humour and a

We appreciate Sister Cosmas, and indeed all her

community who are among us here in Falmouth. It

seemed fitting that April 26th was the National Day

of Prayer for Vocations to Religious Life. 'Deo Gratias'

Mary Bradley Falmouth

Daughters of the Cross, and we thank God for their

every power you shall choose;

all I have has come from you

only what was yours before;

take my life for evermore."

presence in our diocese

humble disposition.

Mass for Sister Cosmos took place at St. Mary's, Falmouth. Mass was attended by many parishioners, friends and well-wishers, and members of Les Filles de la Croix Community from Torquay, Plymouth and Bethany House, Falmouth. Sr Cosmas hails from Keady, Armagh, and came to England in her teens as a postulant and then novice of the Daughters of the Cross in Torquay where her own sister, Sr Damien, had entered three years before. After her First Profession in 1965, Sr Cosmas went to teacher training college and then became a Primary School teacher, spending 7 years at Tiverton and 19 at Dorchester, then coming to Cornwall in 1996, teaching at Tremough. Coming from a family of 13 children, she felt very at home with children and enjoyed them as much as they enjoyed her. inroughout ner time in religious life sne has been involved in parish work and activities. Here in Falmouth she is a much-loved member of our parish community, with her twinkling eyes and smiling face, and is always warmly welcomed at whatever is happening, joining in with gusto! She is also a member of St Stephen's Altar Servers' Guild. When asked about 'Religious Life' over her 50 years, she said it has been 'hard but very fulfilling'. Sisters fulfilled cooking for her community and is always ready to try something new, be it cookery recipes or the parish 'Zumba' classes.

The Jubilee Mass was concelebrated by Frs Jon Bielawski, John Gilbert, Brian Kenwrick and Anthony O'Gorman: the words of the entrance hymn 'Lord in Everything I do', were most fitting:

"As I listen to your call,

On 24th April a joyous celebration of a Jubilee Lord, I want to give my all;

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#### **Cornwall Deanery**

Chemin Neuf Community, Sclerder Abbey

On Sunday 26th April there was an Open Day to allow the general public into the buildings here which, until recently, were used by enclosed Carmelite nuns.

We were lucky with the weather. Throughout the day large numbers of people from nearby and as far away as Bude turned up agog to view the historic buildings and learn something of the work of the Chemin Neuf community which has been established here since August 2014.

From 10.30am following the morning Mass there were guided tours, film presentations and short talks on the pastoral and ecumenical mission of the four communities of Chemin Neuf in England. These are at Lambeth Palace, home of the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby; Storrington Priory, where they offer English Language programmes for young adults who also share in the life of the community; Cockfosters parish in North London, where two priests and a community work in this busy multiracial parish entrusted to them by Cardinal Vincent Nichols; and Sclerder Abbey which serves as a retreat centre and aspires to work closely with all the local Christian churches, thus building on a well-established tradition in this part of Cornwall. Soup, hot dogs and burgers were on offer for lunch in the beautiful secluded gardens, which at this time of year are alive with primroses, bluebells and wild garlic. The Open Day concluded with a special Office for Unity at 4.00pm. Chemin Neuf was founded in 1973 in Lyon by Fr. Laurent Fabre SJ and now has communities in twenty-eight countries. If you would like to know more about our work please telephone 01503 272238 or email: sclerder@chemin-neuf.org or visit our website: www.chemin-neuf.org.uk.

> Sr. Jacqueline Coutellier Photographs by Marie Towl







#### **Dorset Deanery**

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Weymouth Confirmation Celebrations



Six young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth this year. The Confirmation ceremony took place during the Sunday Mass concelebrated by Bishop Mark and our Parish Priest Fr Stephen Geddes. After Mass Bishop Mark was pictured with Fr Stephen and the Candidates, Mrs Vicky Webb, mother of Canon John Webb who is Parish Priest of St Peter + St Thomas More, Plymouth and our CSW Representative for Weymouth, Esmée Nicholls.













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#### **Dorset Deanery**

#### **Shaftesbury Spirituality**

St Mary's School is situated about a quarter of a mile outside Shaftesbury, yet with its gatehouse entrance and imposingly long drive, it can appear a little daunting, if not somewhat remote. Such were my thoughts eight years ago, arriving as Chaplain at this Catholic Independent School for some three hundred girls. Following a career in education in London, Paris and Oxford, my expectations of a vibrant and challenging time ahead were beginning to diminish as I approached the main entrance. However, I was not to be disappointed: there is a tangible sense of unity and warmth at St Mary's; it is a place of enrichment. For me, it has truly been the icing on the cake. There is support and honesty in relationships, and a baseline acceptance of each person, just as they are, despite personal quirks and failings.

Once known to townsfolk in Shaftesbury as 'the convent' because of the presence of nuns of the Congregation of Jesus since post-war years until the 1990s, St Mary's School in no way hints of rigour and austerity, but it is a place of joy, learning, success and fulfilment. It is somewhere that happiness abounds. The depth of this happiness is based on traditional values, where each individual is educated to the highest standards within a Christian ethos. Potential is paramount. To develop and nurture this potential within an individual, recognising their talents and gifts, their areas of excellence and weakness, their unique personalities, as well as their aspirations, is to honour someone fully. The underpinning mantra here at St Mary's reads simply as: 'We are concerned with all that a girl is and could become'. It is the essence of all that we do and work for in this school. The Foundress of the Order, Mary Ward, who inspired this work of education, was a seventeenth century nun. In many ways a visionary and pioneer-educator, she sought to promote the role of women in our world, and she believed that: 'There is no such difference between men and women that women may not do great things'

Some years ago, I wrote a theology thesis on the nature of holiness. I discovered that holiness is inextricably linked with wholeness, and that the Anglo-Saxon root of both words 'hal', meaning healthy, is the same. If we are to remain healthy, we



must take count of the whole individual, mind, body and soul, so that we can achieve our goals in life and our fullest potential. We cannot all go to Oxbridge, or even Russell Group universities, nor may we want to; but we can have a career which brings out the best in us, a career that creatively moulds us into who we are destined to become, a career that makes us happy because it makes a valid contribution to society and to life. Often at night prayer or Sunday worship at St Mary's, we pray for the people of Shaftesbury. We remember the sick or dying, the depressed or lonely, and in particular, those who care for them. We are mindful of our hospitals, care homes, ambulance staff and fire services. The elderly have a special place in our hearts. St Mary's may be in fifty acres down the road from the town centre, but we are constantly aware of our beloved town of Shaftesbury and its people. We welcome your visits and interest in us, too. The years may pass, yet we are organically linked through our presence to each other, and our mindfulness of those who remain dear to us along the journey of life.

Andrea Le Guevel Chaplain

#### **Exeter Deanery**

#### **Blessed Sacrament**

#### Parish, Exeter

## Parish Youth initiatives

Youth Masses take place each month at 6pm on a Sunday evening. New music is being introduced from likes of Mike Stanley, Matt Redman and Rend Collective - all more modern music! Look them up on YouTube! Mass is followed by refreshments in the Richard Reynolds Centre so there is a chance for our young people to meet and chat to mix with other youngeters.

Future dates are Sundays: 31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 30th August, 27th September, 1st November, 22nd November – Feast of Christ the King and Youth Sunday. The date for December has not yet been set but will be included in a later edition of CSW. Canon John Deeny and his parishioners are keen to get the youngsters who play an instrument or like to sing involved in the music. They will also be looking for youngsters to prepare and read bidding prayers and the readings, take up the offertory and be 'Welcomers'; if you would like to be involved contact Canon John or Lesley Hooper (Parish Secretary). Taize prayer services also take place at Blessed Sacrament once a month on Friday evenings. The organisers are very child orientated and encourage them to sing, play, and read and experience a wonderful way of praying. The prayer services start at 7.30pm and refreshments follow in the Richard Reynolds Centre.

Lesley Hooper Blessed Sacrament, Exeter

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#### **Exeter Deanery**

#### Holy Ghost Parish, Exmouth

#### **Centenary Celebrations May 2015**



There were fireworks over the Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Exmouth on Wednesday 6th May 2015 to celebrate the Consecration of this beautiful Gothic Revival church one hundred years ago in 1915.

Two masses were held, the first in the morning with the children of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Then, in the evening, Bishop Mark celebrated a mass for the Parish community together with invited guests from the wider community; afterwards there were refreshments for everyone in the hall.

These masses were the culmination of the last twelve months when there has been a series of celebrations, many with a "100" theme, to mark a century of continuing Catholic community and worship. The first event, in May last year, was the installation of a specially commissioned window, by artist Stewart Lowe, which for twelve months has shone out from the church like a beacon. One hundred 'light-catchers', made from the windows it replaced, allowing parishioners to take home a piece of church history.

Early June saw a concert by children from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Exmouth, followed shortly afterwards by a Parish Hog Roast, with old and young dancing to live music. In July came a very large-scale picnic party for one hundred children baptised in the Holy Ghost church. For those not so young, there was a celebratory cream tea and organ recital, with one hundred senior citizens invited from the Holy



Ghost and other churches and organisations in Exmouth.

One hundred sweet peas, beautifully displayed in commemorative glass jars, graced the church in the summer. Whilst in the autumn, nearly a hundred scarecrows of all shapes and sizes, made by St Joseph's school children, decorated the church gardens for the Harvest Fayre.

The most recent event, on 18 April (see Ian Stewart's report on page tbc), celebrated one hundred years of Holy Ghost weddings, as couples who had been married there were invited to a special Mass at which they, and many others, renewed their wedding vows. Amidst the festivities, there were more contemplative events. In July, 36 parishioners went on pilgrimage to Assisi, home of St Francis, and in October 2014 and March 2014, a number of speakers gave parishioners "Food for Thought" on what it means to really live the Christian message today. The talks were free, with participants making donations to the Exmouth Food Bank.

In early 2015, newly created prayer groups considered questions of personal spirituality and the place of the Church in the wider community. And, in the last week of the centenary year, the Holy Ghost church has been open to all for a Celebration of Flowers and Memories, with the altar adorned as it appeared one hundred years ago.

Fr Philip Austen Parish Priest

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#### Regular Masses in the Extraordinary Form in Plymouth Diocese:

Church of Christ the King, Armada Way, Plymouth PL1 2EN 1st Sundays at 3.00pm

Blessed Sacrament, Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter EX1 2QJ 3rd Sundays at 3.00pm

St Cyprian's Chapel, Ugbrooke House, Chudleigh TQ13 0AD 4th Sundays at 3.00pm

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#### A Centenary of Exmouth Weddings

An unusual number of wedding dresses graced the aisles of the Holy Ghost Church, Raddenstile Lane, Exmouth on Saturday 18 April, as couples who had been married in the church renewed their marriage vows.

The couple with the longest wedding history were Violet and Maurice Brown, who were married in Holy Ghost

sixty years earlier, in 1955. Violet and Maurice travelled from Paignton to take part in this special Mass to honour the Sacrament of Marriage. Violet's parents, Thomas and Enam Teague were themselves married in the same church on 6 August 1931. During the Mass many other parishioners renewed their wedding vows, and received a Blessing. Between them, they accounted for over 1000 years of married life. Great joy was felt by all the couples as they processed out of the church after mass to the wedding march!

After Mass there was a reception in the Parish Hall, of sparkling wine and wedding cake, made by Tracey Cheyne and decorated with the logo of the

Centenary Year.

Many couples also took the opportunity, despite the cool north-easterly winds, to pose for photographs beside the resplendent Wedding car loaned by Bill and Mary Nash. The church 'family' of the brides gathered beside the brides and grooms for family photos – a wonderful record of the occasion.

The first wedding to take place in the Holy Ghost church was that of George and Marian Baker on 15 April 1914. This particular event was one of a series of to commemorate a special year for the Holy Ghost Church, whose centenary will be celebrated on 6 May 2015, one hundred years after its official consecration.

The event was truly memorable bringing together generations of families whose photos were displayed beautifully in the Cloister in a collection brought together by Jacky Doak and Rosemary Bowen.

Ian Stewart Exmouth

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#### **Plymouth Deanery**

# Calling all former Notre Dame Students

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If you have parents or grandparents who came to Notre Dame please share their images too! We'd love to get some really early pictures as well as the more recent ones, so get rummaging through those attics!



Poppy with Grand President Bob Butler, Mum Rose and brother Aidan

## Catenians Bursary Award Poppy Robinson, a pupil at Notre Dame School with Camps International to work are

Poppy Robinson, a pupil at Notre Dame School in Plymouth and an altar server at St. Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth was presented with a cheque for £150 from the Catenian Bursary Fund by Grand President Bob Butler. Poppy is going to Malaysia for a month this summer

with Camps International to work and live in a small island community off the coast of Borneo. She will be helping to construct schools, building school furniture, teaching pupils and adults as well as planting and harvesting crops.

#### Presentation to the Plymouth President's Charity

After the April Circle Meeting Keith Preston, President of Plymouth Catenians, presented a Cheque for £1,150 to Judy Pride of The Children's Hospice South West - Keith's chosen Charity for his year as Plymouth President 2014/15. Judy Pride, co-ordinator fund raiser for the Charity, accepted the cheque gratefully and gave a short talk on how the money would be spent.

John Luscombe Plymouth Catenians

Right: Judy Pride and President Keith Preston



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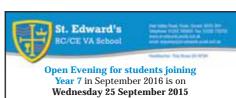
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#### MARRIAGE CARE SOUTH WEST (MCSW)

MCSW preparation course dates for 2015:

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#### Saturday 10th October

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For all other enquiries about MCSW please contact Sue Burridge, head of MCSW centre Tel: 01395 272799 Mob: 07875 161 595 email: sue@marriagecare.org.uk.

#### June 2015

Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th June, Whitecross, Wadebridge, Cornwall: Churches Together Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show. For more information contact Anne Tarry Tel: 01841 540656 email: anne.tarry@gmail.com.

Friday12th to Sunday 14th June, Exeter: Retrouvaille residential weekend for married couples facing difficulties or crises in their married life. The second (non-residential) stage of the programme will take place on 4 Saturdays: 20th June, 4th and 18th July and 1st August. For more information contact June Mob: 07887 296 983 email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk.

Saturday 20th June, 10am to 4pm (Truro Cathedral morning and Truro Methodist Church afternoon): Dementia Action Day; a day for everyone who wants to understand what memory loss means and how to 'enable' support. For more information contact Christine Todd email: christine@mjmctodd.plus.com or Margaret Barnes email: margy02@btinternet.com

#### July 2015

Saturday 4th July, Buckfast Abbey, 10am to 4pm: A Day with St Benedict - for more information about this year's 'Quiet Days with Dom Christopher Delaney OSB, contact the Warden's Office Tel: 01364 645532.

Sunday 12th July, Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter: International Mass Celebration; Mass at 10.30am followed by a celebration of foods and entertainment from around the world in the Richard Reynolds Garden. As well as food and drink there will be games, music and a grand raffle. For more information or to offer to help please contact Jane Mob: 07890 373617.

Saturday 25th July, St Joseph's Church Hall, Newton Abbot, 11am: A Call to Action (ACTA) meeting, for more information contact Peter Farrell Tel: 01626 369478
Sunday 26th to Friday 31st July Diocesan Catechetical Summer Camps for years 7 – 10: for

more information go to the Diocesan News section of this edition or visit www.pdsummercamps.org.uk

#### August 2015

Sunday 2nd August to Friday 7th August, Diocesan Catechetical Summer Camps for years 11 – 12 and years 3 - 6: for more information go to the Diocesan News section of this edition or visit www.pdsummercamps.org.uk

#### Future events

Saturday 3rd October, Buckfast Abbey, 10am to 4pm: A Day with St Benedict - for more information about this year's 'Quiet Days with Dom Christopher Delaney OSB, contact the Warden's Office Tel: 01364 645532.

Saturday 17th October 9am to Sunday 18th October 5pm, St. Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay: Torquay Celebrate Weekend 2015. For more information contact Janet Phare Tel: 01803 405557 email: torquay@celebrateconference.org

Saturday 31st October, St Joseph's Church Hall, Newton Abbot, 11am: A Call to Action (ACTA) meeting, for more information contact Peter Farrell Tel: 01626 369478

#### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Cornwall Deanery

- First Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm, Afternoon Tea Club: The Church Hall, Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran RC Church, Truro.
- Second Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm, Justice and Peace/Poverty Meeting followed by prayers for persecuted Christians: St Mary's Church Hall, Killigrew Road, Falmouth.
- Third Tuesdays from 12.30pm to 2pm, Parish Soup Lunch: The Church Hall, Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran RC Church, Truro.
- Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, after evening Mass, Film Evening: The Church Hall, Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran RC Church, Truro.
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- 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 Mob: 07790 413 562 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.
- Sundays from 6pm to 7pm, "Come and See" evening, St Mary's Church Hall, Killigrew Road, Falmouth: Soup/Roll and chat, for anyone of all faiths and none; especially welcome are strangers and those on the margins of society. Followed at 7pm by prayers with intercessions and thanksgiving with Exposition.

#### **Dorset Deanery**

- First weekend of every month, after weekend Masses, Prayer Ministry for healing or any other need: Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth. For more information contact Mike Newbery Tel: 01305 776296 email: miknewb@btinternet.com
- 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
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- 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: Cathedral Centre; for more information please contact Raad Binham Tel: 07816 542
- Normally First Friday of each month after the 7pm Mass St Padre Pio Prayer Group: Cathedral; for more information contact Rev. Deacon Tony Irwin Tel: 01548 853413.

#### Torbay Deanery

- Third Monday of every month, 7.15pm, South Hams Catenians: Seven Stars Public House, Kingsbridge. Please note new venue.
- Wednesdays from 6pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Vespers at 6.30pm and Benediction at 6.50pm): Holy Angels, Chelston, Torquay.
- First Saturday of every month (except January) 7.45am for an 8am start, Christians Together in Torquay: Prayer Breakfast at St Luke's Parish Church, St Luke's Road.
- First Sunday of every month, Polish Mass: Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay at 4pm with confessions from 3.30pm.

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Monday 8th to Friday 12th June: Midweek Retreat, Fowey, Cornwall.

- \*Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October: Weekend Retreat, Buckfast Abbey.

  \*Monday 18th to Friday 23rd October: Midweek Petroat, Buckfast Abbey.
- \*Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October: Midweek Retreat, Buckfast Abbey.

\* these 2 retreats can be 'joined' together to form a 6-day retreat.

Friday 13th to Sunday 16th November: Weekend Retreat, Buckfast Abbey

Chemin Neuf Community, Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall: Formed in 1973 and established internationally in 27 countries the Chemin Neuf Community specialises in Marriage & Family days, youth work, evangelisation.

Sunday 2nd to Saturday 8th August: Cana Week in the UK, this week is open to all couples and its aim is just to let them have a time to be together as a couple. The week includes: taking time to talk and pray together, living as a couple - a step of forgiveness and healing, sharing with other couples and enjoying the fruits of the sacrament of marriage. For more information Tel: 01503 272238 or visit the website www.cheminneuf.org.uk/annuaire/united-kingdom/sclerder-abbey.

#### PILGRIMAGES 2015

Thursday 18th to Thursday 25th June: Medjugorje Pilgrimage flying from Bristol; if you are interested in joining the pilgrimage please contact Philip Illsley Mob: 07967 687 077 email: pgs.illsley@sky.com post: 18 Meadow Hill, Church Village, East Glamorgan, CF38 1RX. Cost £544 (+ single room supplement).

Sunday 4th to Saturday 10th October: Cornish Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the oldest Marian Shrine outside the Holy Land and a place of pilgrimage since 1061. Cost, to include travel, accommodation and most meals, is £400; an initial non-refundable deposit of £20 is required to secure the booking. For more information and to make a booking contact Christine Tel: 01736 362619.

#### **Torbay Deanery**



Front row (L to R) John Hogan, Mark Allanson, Trevor Davies, Bob Butler, Graham Johnson, Monsignor Adrian Toffolo.

## Inauguration of the South Hams Circle 368

Group 928 to Circle 368 took place in the presence of Grand President and Grand Secretary on Monday the 16th March at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove, near Kingsbridge, South Devon There were 60 Catenian Brothers present comprising 17 from the South Hams, 42 Visiting Brothers and the Circle Chaplain Monsignor Adrian Toffolo. After the inauguration Catenian Brothers met their wives in the bar where they had been entertained by a light hearted quiz presented by friend of President Trevor Davies.

The Inauguration of the South Hams

After an excellent dinner Brother Grand President, Bob Butler spoke about the formation of the Circle from its humble beginnings with 4 Catenians leading to the formation of a Foundation Group. However, shortly after its formation the Chairman moved away and the Secretary sadly died suddenly; although it seemed that the Foundation Group would fold

Bob Butler asked Trevor Davies, who was Provincial Membership Officer, if he would go and try to salvage the idea. Trevor became Chairman in February 2013 and by October 2013 Group 928 was inaugurated with 14 Brothers. By March 2014 the number of Brothers had increased to 21 with another to be enrolled in April 2015.

Brother Grand President proposed a toast to the new Circle and then the Inaugural President Trevor Davies gave a short speech ending with a poem based on google results about every town and city of those visiting from outside of Province 13. John Connor lead a rounding 'singsong' and Brother Trevor told some clean Jethro jokes before singing an Irish song about Paddy and the bricks. Everyone left with a smile on their face.

If you would like to know more about the South Hams Catenians please contact Trevor Davies Tel: 01752 787642 email: trevorwendy31@gmail.com.

#### New Head Teacher for Our Lady & St Patrick's RC Nursery & Primary School

Over the past year Mrs Sarah Barreto has been acting as our interim head teacher. Staff and pupils are delighted to learn that, from this September, she is going to be our permanent head teacher.

On hearing the news of Mrs Barreto's appointment children in Class 5 said...

- "She's a breath of fresh air!"
- "She is a lovely head teacher. I hope she will be happy."
- "I think Mrs Barreto will help us with things we think we can't do"

Mrs Barreto said: "I am absolutely delighted to be joining the school as full time head teacher in September 2015."

Corey King Year 5 Student

the state of Kerala.



#### Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite

The Church of Holy Angels - although small in size - is home to a vibrant parish community including a large number of parishioners whose roots are in Kerala situated on the extreme Southwest peninsula of India. St Alponsa, whose feast will be celebrated at Holy Angels on Saturday 4th July, was born on 19th August 1910 as the fourth child of Joseph and Mary Muttathupadath, in the parish of Kudamaloor in

Given the name Anna at her baptism she was affectionately called Annakutty as a child. She had a vision of St Theresa of Lisieux whose life inspired her to become a religious and joined the Clarist convent at Bharananganam in 1927 on the feast

at Bharananganam in 1927 on the feast of Pentecost and entered the novitiate in August 1935 making her solemn vows in August 1936. After enduring poor health she succumbed to illness and died in 1946.







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