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Annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage



Our annual pilgrimage continues to evolve; our tour operator this year was Joe Walsh of Dublin and we stayed in the Hôtel Chapelle et Parc. The hotel was built by one of the Soubirous family, recently modernised to a high standard, and very close to the

Donaire and Grotto. The food was good and the buffet-style lunch gave us more time to visit the Grotto when it is usually quiet.

There have been some changes in the Grotto area too. Between the Esplanade and the Grotto several rows of trees have been planted and the water taps have been moved further back near the main bridge. The area in front of the Grotto has been remodelled, allowing for greater concentration on liturgies held in the Grotto itself. Future developments will include a new bridge over the river Gave that runs through Lourdes, a new area for lighting candles, a new approach to the baths and, thank the Lord, an enlarged Sacristy at the Grotto.

Some of the liturgies have in my opinion evolved for the better: bells rung at the Elevation during the International Mass on Pentecost Sunday, MCs in cassocks and cottas, the Propers of the Mass sung in Latin emphasising the essential oneness of the Catholic Church. The Bishop of Bruges, who presided, used Latin, English, French and Flemish too. After the Mass there was an impressive procession to the Grotto with six bishops and 120 priests, where to mark the end of the season of Easter we sang the Marian anthem: 'Regina Caeli'. As Bishop Mark commented: "It makes you proud to be Catholic"

Fortunately, some things at Lourdes never

change. We took part in the huge Torchlight Procession and the Eucharistic Procession, where our team of young Altar Servers led by MC Dominic Pew were praised for their reverence and attentiveness by one of the resident MCs at Lourdes. The Diocesan Youth Group, led by Fr Anthony O'Gorman and supported by Jacqueline Mantello, Maria O'Brien and Caroline Roelich were, as always, very helpful to those pilgrims who needed wheelchairs.

Lourdes is a wonderful place to meet old friends, make new ones, and really get to

know your fellow pilgrims. It was mainly because of a chance visit to Lourdes that I was received into the Catholic Church 30years ago so Lourdes has a special significance for me. This year I managed to entice a few more parishioners from North Cornwall to join us, and once again successfully tested my theory that if you wear a clerical collar in and around Lourdes, you never have to buy a drink.

Fr. David Annear Parish Priest (Launceston with Bude and Callington)



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Diocesan News



Feast of St Boniface and Installation of Canons Plymouth Cathedral

A large congregation from the Plymouth parishes and from as far afield as Weymouth gathered at the Cathedral for Vespers on the evening of Friday 6th June. They were present to witness the installation of Fr John Webb as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter and Fr Denis Collin as Honorary Canon.

Bishop Mark's homily: Last week, a parishioner said, "Isn't it wonderful that Fr Denis and Fr John are going to be canonised!" Well it may come but not yet! This evening, we offer our heartfelt congratulations to our two new Canons -Canon John and Canon Denis. I'm delighted that some of your family and friends are here, and some of your parishioners, too. You have each given such great service to the Diocese, over many years, in a variety of parishes. I want, particularly, to welcome parishioners from Crownhill and Southway, and from Efford. These communities, especially, have cause to rejoice with you this evening. They are aware, indeed, that you try to live faithfully, in response to the Lord's invitation, like the Good Shepherd...you know the sheep and they know you.

It is lovely, too, that this installation of Canons takes place on this great Feast of our Diocese, that of St Boniface. You all know his story well but I hope you do not mind if I recall the best known legend about him. It is said that one winter he came across some men who were about to offer up a child as a sacrifice to the pagan god Thor, represented by a large oak tree. Boniface stopped the murder of this child by going over to the oak tree and striking it. The tree fell to the ground. In the snow nearby they could see a small fir-tree. Boniface pointed to the tree, which was green in the dead of winter and announced, "That is the tree of life and this boy is to live not die." He then pointed at the tree again and said, "This tree does not die in winter like others but

lives and it symbolises the eternal life offered to you through Jesus Christ." He then noted that the shape of the fir-tree is triangular and thus represents the Trinity of God. Upon this declaration, the men repented and gave their hearts to Jesus, and they spared the boy's life.

Well a nice story, but what's the point for us. It's a reminder that we must look for the presence of Jesus and the marks of the Trinity wherever we find ourselves. St. Boniface saw the eternal life of Jesus in that evergreen and the shape of the Trinity, because he was looking for them. His mind and his heart was totally set on God. Therefore, when he found himself in an environment which seemed to be anti-Christian, he did not lament and give up. Rather, he sought what was in the culture and in the environment which could point the way to Christ. This is the heart of our evangelisation; not to endlessly lament the absence of God in our society, but to look for the points of contact. Where are the opportunities in our society, in this city, for us to point afresh to the presence of Jesus, who is the only One who gives meaning and purpose to life.

The second intuition that this episode shows us in the life of St Boniface, is that his faith bore fruit in his life by his care for those most in need. We know nothing about this boy who was to be sacrificed but we can be sure he did not come from a noble or wealthy family. His family was probably poor and uneducated, somebody who could be "tossed aside". There are countless other examples of St Boniface assisting those in need - providing practical help for the education of the young, homes for the sick and the elderly. Inviting communities of men and women to the new missionary territories in Germany to provide practical assistance to the people as well as catering for their spiritual needs.

Always, the spread of the Gospel, the communication of the faith, has meant having an eye for those who are on the

margins, those who are poorest and most in need. It means challenging what Pope Francis calls our "throw away" culture, especially when this means ignoring the needs of the elderly or the sick. So, the fruit of our faith in Jesus is shown in our practical outreach to those most in need. Our love of God, has concrete, practical manifestation in our love of neighbour.

In one of his very moving letters, St Boniface writes about the hardship of the Christian life and of being a Shepherd of Christ's flock. He speaks of his own struggles and of the comfort he takes from placing his hope only in Jesus Christ. I repeat his words tonight, that they may be an inspiring encouragement to our two new canons, to all of us, and not least to me.

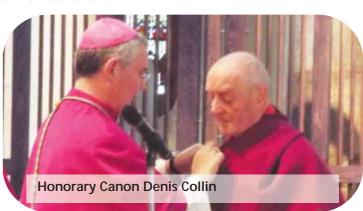
"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her

Let us stand fast in what is right, and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God's strengthening aid and say to him: 'O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations'.

Let us trust in him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For he is all-powerful and he tells us, 'My yoke is easy and my burden light'. Let us be neither dogs that do not bark, nor silent onlookers, nor paid servants who run away before the wolf. Instead let us be careful shepherds watching over Christ's flock. Let us preach the whole of God's plan to the powerful and to the humble, to rich and to poor, to people of every rank and age, as far as God gives us the strength, in season and out of season." (From a letter on martyrdom, Saint Boniface - Ep. 78)

> Mark O'Toole Bishop of Plymouth

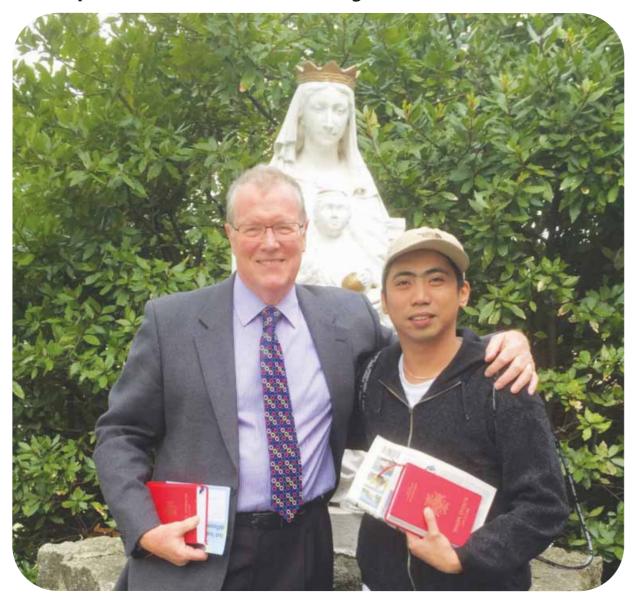




APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)



Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain humbled by seafarer's faith



John Pinhay, Apostleship of the Sea's port chaplain for Falmouth and Fowey has met and ministered to many seafarers in need. Thanks to the generosity of many Catholics, John has been able to support both their faith and practical needs. Many of those encounters have left John humbled and moved. Here is his story of one particularly uplifting meeting.

In May this year John met a Filipino seafarer called JJ, a cook on board a cruise ship; JJ was taken ill while the ship was passing the Isles of Scilly. He was suffering great pain in his side and was seen by the ship's doctor. After several hours of pain JJ was airlifted off the ship by helicopter and taken into Treliske Hospital. After a very uncomfortable night in pain, the doctors stated that they would have to operate after carrying out further scans

John said: "JJ has a very deep faith and prayed throughout the night to be relieved of this pain and to be given strength and courage to get through his surgery the next day as he had never been in hospital before. By the morning all of his pain had disappeared and now he was worried that he would be operated on when his pain had gone away. The hospital carried out more scans and after exhaustive tests, no problems could be found." JJ was discharged to a local hotel and that was where John met him. JJ had a very deep faith and knew that God had heard his prayer. "JJ is a lovely, lovely man of faith! I was left humbled and moved," said John. John and his wife Pat arranged to take him to Sunday Mass at their parish of St Mary Immaculate, Cornwall where John and JJ are pictured after Mass.

Sea Sunday falls on July 12 this year; it is a day to pray for and remember seafarers for all they do. Please support the Sea Sunday collection at your parish. You can also view a short Sea Sunday video clip by following this link http://apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/aos-film

The Apostleship of the Sea, is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church and its port chaplains around Great Britain provide spiritual and practical support to seafarers visiting British ports. 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.

- 90% of world trade is transported by ship, and more than 100,000 ships visit British ports each year. However the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones, often working in harsh conditions.
- AoS chaplains and ship visitors welcome seafarers to our shores regardless of their colour, race or creed and provide them with pastoral and practical assistance. They recognise them as brothers with an intrinsic human dignity which can be overlooked in the modern globalised maritime industry.

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).







One Climate One World

Hundreds of young people have been taking the One Climate One World action as part of CAFOD's campaign. From questioning MPs on climate related issues in the run up to the election, organising events such as walks for water, to young leaders visiting Parliament as part of an interfaith climate change lobby, young people have been sharing why they care about climate change. Find out what young people have been doing. Here are some things that you can do to join the campaign:

Join the Close-up on Climate film project

This is a great opportunity to tell the world why you care about climate issues. Grab a smartphone and get filming soon, because it's a great way to make your voices heard.

Watch and share our animation

Watch and share our short animation exploring why climate change is a justice issue, and share it with your networks to inspire others to join the campaign.

Keep up with our climate bloggers

Our bloggers have been busy writing and filming on a range of climate related issues. Keep up to date with their blog posts and share them with friends and family. Read the blogs

Keep tweeting!

Twitter is a great way of sharing what you have been doing as part of the One Climate, one World campaign. Don't forget to follow us, and include @CAFOD @CAFODSchools and #OneClimateOneWorld so your activities can inspire others too.

For more information on CAFOD's work around the world contact Simon Giarchi, CAFOD Diocesan Manager Tel: 01364 645440 email: plymouth@cafod@cafod.org.uk website: www.cafodplymouth.org.uk





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HCPT Youth Development Programme 2015

In 2015 we're offering more ways for young helpers get involved with our summer pilgrimages - with our Youth Development Programme and **Hosanna House Youth Volunteers**

The future of HCPT depends on our young people continuing the work of the many people who have brought the Trust to where it is today from its small beginnings back in 1956. The Youth Development Programme aims at offering young people the opportunity to develop as individuals, in faith, within a secure environment – the family of HCPT.

HCPT seeks more opportunities to serve young people and to enable them to enjoy increased participation in the activities of the Trust. As such we are seeking young people aged between 18 and 25 years of age, who have previously travelled on an HCPT Easter or Summer Pilgrimage to join HCPT Summer groups as Group Support Assistants (GSAs). This initiative is designed to facilitate young people taking on roles of responsibility within Summer groups under the guidance of the Group Leader, to encourage more young people to travel with the Trust and become involved in the future and growth of the Trust,

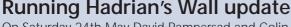
perhaps one day even taking up the mantle of Group Leader.

The intention is for GSAs to function within groups under the supervision of the Group Leader, who will mentor them in order to undertake specific tasks. These could include liaison between the Group and the Hosanna House staff, the coordination of logistical arrangements, and maybe even liturgical coordination in support of a group chaplain etc.

Selections to undertake the programme will be made by HCPT Regional Chairs, who have a small fund on which to draw in support of selected candidates. Once selected, tailored objectives will be agreed between the participant, Regional Chair and Group Leader in advance of the pilgrimage, which can then be monitored and assessed during the Pilgrimage by the Group Leader who will feed back to the participant and Regional

More information, together with the application form, is available at www.hcpt.org.uk. And, if you have any questions, please email: nathalie.huning@hcpt.org.uk of the Hosanna House Youth Volunteer Scheme

> Jenny Bentley **Group Leader**



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

They have currently raised well over £1,100 for HCPT and the figure is still rising. Every penny raised will change the children's lives as the pilgrimage to Lourdes increases their confidence, gives hope and strength to face difficulties every day of their lives. 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.



Connect with Marriage

Care



Lisieux, Blessed Louis and Blessed Zelie Martin, Bishop Mark talked of the great beauty of married life as lived by Louis and Zelie; especially when lived with openness and a deep sense of God's purpose but also that difficulties and suffering are very much part of human life. At Marriage Care we believe that men

and women from all walks of life catch a glimpse of something beautiful and hopeful, even divine, in the possibilities of marriage and family life. However, couples who enter into this blessed sacrament can be supported on their journey and this is a ministry that Marriage Care volunteers offer to couples in the Diocese.

Our marriage preparation courses run by trained volunteers in Plymouth, Torbay and Buckfast enable engaged couples to nurture faithful and fruitful marriages that last, as we draw on Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each



However we also know through our relationship counselling service, that there are many couples who are struggling in their relationships. We have some fantastic relationship counsellors across the Diocese who accompany, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples and individuals who find themselves in need of support on their

We have a strong caring team of volunteers across Devon but the need for our services in Torbay is great so we want to strengthen our relationship counselling team in Torbay. If you are a trained counsellor living in the Torbay area who would like to offer your gifts in this way or know of someone else who might be interested please contact Sue Burridge, Head of Marriage Care South West at sue@marriagecare.org.uk. We are also seeking receptionists/chaperones willing to give a couple of hours on occasional evenings to support our counsellors in Burleigh Park, Plymouth. You can find out more about both roles at www.marriagecare.org.uk/volunteer

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A message from David Wells

The Vicariate for Evangelisation, Catechesis and Schools (Formerly the Vicariate for Formation) is beginning a new chapter in its life as the Bishop implements the vision described in his pastoral letter, "It is the Lord." From September a new team will focus their efforts on evangelisation ably headed by Fr Jon Bielawski. Until then I am doing all I can to support him and to help conceive the work of the new team. My new duties will be to support the work of our schools as they continue to reach out to the lapsed and the unconvinced, much in the spirit of Pope Francis' exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel." Debbie Beech will

continue to be your point of contact with this Vicariate. For my part, and perhaps most importantly to me, may I express my gratitude to you all for your enthusiasm over the last 15 years. Through your support and participation we have been able to run all sorts of fruitful courses and conferences. Almost 1 in 12 of the Mass-going population have taken part. May I also thank the clergy of our diocese who despite the deluge of appeals and requests, have always done their best to support and promote our work. Two thirds of our parish priests have taught on various programmes and without them we simply couldn't have done it. At national

meetings I have been frequently asked, "How come you have so many priests willing to teach?" We are wonderfully blessed in our diocese to have so many able speakers and teachers amongst our clergy.

May I now ask you to pray for Fr Jon and the building of a new team, and do all you can to support him as the new evangelisation takes its shape in our diocese. Sincerely and gratefully yours

David Wells Vicariate for Evangelisation, Catechesis & Schools



Plymouth Diocese Justice & Peace Commission

A message from Liam Purcell, Church Action on Poverty: Help us share the reality that doesn't make it onto TV. A new series of the controversial Benefits Street started on Monday, 11th May; Channel 4 claims that the series 'reveals the reality of life on benefits.' Yet many people who receive benefits don't recognise themselves or their situation in the programme. Benefits Street is promoted and discussed in a way that fosters hatred and prejudice. The participants in the first series received death threats.

The Coalition government used Benefits Street as evidence to justify huge cuts and changes to the benefits system. As the new Conservative government plans to make a further £12 billion of cuts to benefits, it is urgent that we make more people aware of the

reality that doesn't make it onto TV. Find out more by visiting the Real Benefits Street website or follow Real Benefits Street on YouTube, Facebook or Twitter - you'll see new video clips from our experts every day.

Help us make sure our videos are seen as widely as possible – tell your friends, and share the videos on social media.

Yemen: Act with Progressio to ask the Prime Minister to do all he can to secure a ceasefire in Yemen and to ensure access to food, fuel and medical supplies to civilians in the country by re-opening air and sea routes. It is also important to ask whether the UK is supplying weapons to either side of the conflict www.progressio.org.uk/yemen-crisis

For reflection (Jack Tunnecliffe, CAFOD)

A guiding light

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for the life of Blessed Oscar Romero who spread your message and struggled against injustice in El Salvador. Like you, he was a shepherd, a pastor, a brother; like you, he was taken from us; like you, he remains in our hearts. Spirit of hope, work within us, just as you worked in Blessed Oscar Romero, so that we too may work for justice and spread the Good News, by living out the Gospel, in solidarity with those living in poverty.

Amen.

Torbay Deanery

St Joseph's, Newton Abbot

In preparation for the Synod....

Over the last few months the People of God, clergy, lay and religious, have been invited to think, pray and discuss about issues related to family life and marriage prior to the second Synod in Rome this coming October. From media and other accounts it is obvious that diverse and heartfelt feedback has been received, either in direct response to invitations by the hierarchy or by initiatives taken by individuals or groups who want to register their distinct voice in the process. You may feel it appropriate, now that the

period of preparation is concluding, to consider holding a service in your parish, just before the Synod is due to take place, to express support for those due to attend it. Given its importance it seems right to take an opportunity to emphasise our collective hope that the Holy Spirit will guide all participants in reaching conclusions which will demonstrate the light of Christ and reflect the diverse and heartfelt feedback received from the People of God throughout the world.

Peter Farrell ACTA South West

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Proclaim'15



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

It was time to take the kids to Mass. To be honest it was a hassle on a Sunday morning. Sunday's the day for a lie-in isn't it? My wife isn't Catholic so it's up to me to make sure that the three children make their First Holy Communion. Fr Mike stressed that we were expected to be there on Sundays.

I can't explain what happened next. It was just Mass wasn't it? The hymns were the ones I had sung for years but it felt like the words were all new, like I was singing them for the first time. Something Father said about how blessed we are really hit home. He told us to look at the cross and to know how much God loves each one of us. I looked and something inside me just gave way.

"Are you OK Dad?" I heard my eldest say and felt a tug on my arm. He could see me wiping a couple of tears from my eyes. I put my arm around him and told him everything was great.

At the end of Mass I hung around while everyone shook Father's hand and made their way out of the church. I just had to tell someone. As I heard the words coming out of my mouth to Fr Mike my eyes filled up again. "It's all true!" I said. "He really loves me. It's like someone switched the light on. It's all

From the outside it probably looks like my life is just the same. Family, work, football, all the usual stuff. But something big has happened inside me. He's

alive. He loves me. Nothing will ever be the same again.

(The story related is true; however, some details have been changed to protect privacy)

Getting involved

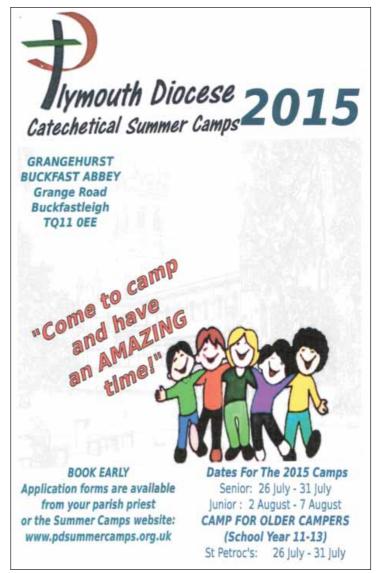
Evenings of Prayer on 11 July: parishes around the country are being asked to organise prayer events on the same day as the national conference so as to create a network of prayer. A free resource booklet is available for download from:

http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Proclaim-15-Building-Missionary-Parishes/Eva ngelisation-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

http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Proclaim-15-Building-Missionary-Parishes/Tim eline-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 re-packaged workshop materials.



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Corpus Christi Procession

Bishop Mark officiated at Solemn Vespers with Procession and Benediction on Corpus Christi Sunday, 7th June. The Abbey Choir provided the music and led the congregational singing. The priests and people of the local Deaneries participated.

> Michael Luke Davies **Buckfast Abbey**



Cornwall Deanery



An Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Landévennec

There is a close link between the Christian communities of Cornwall and Brittany. In 485 AD the Celtic saint Gwenole (French Guénolé, English Winwaloe) founded an Oratory at Landévennec (meaning the holy place of St Gwenole) on the estuary of the River Aulne which flows into the Brest roadstead.

Virtually surrounded by water in a tranquil corner of west Brittany, this Oratory became a Benedictine monastery and despite the ups and downs of history the community has survived. In 1958 new buildings, a ten minute uphill walk from the ruins of earlier monastic buildings near the river, were opened. Today there is a flourishing community of about twenty Benedictine priests and brothers.

Since the late 1980s, Churches Together in Cornwall in association with the Companions of St Guénolé have worked hard to encourage a better understanding between the different churches in Cornwall by organising pilgrimages from Cornwall to Landévennec about every three years. Whenever possible the leaders of the Christian communities take part. In early May a coach party of thirty-two pilgrims took the ferry to Roscoff. The onward journey is only about one and a half hours.

The group comprised Bishop Tim Thornton of Truro, Revd Steve Wild, Chairman of the Cornwall District and now President of the Methodist Conference, various Anglicans, Methodists and Catholics, including a Brother from Buckfast Abbey and a member of the Chemin Neuf Community, a Salvationist from Liskeard and a Quaker from Falmouth.

During our four-day stay at the Abbey we listened to talks by representatives from these groupings. We were invited to follow the Benedictine celebrations of None, Vespers and Compline. There was daily Mass with the Gospel proclaimed in English by Deacon Andrew Shute. For those unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ there was also a Eucharist in the Anglican Rite.

What impressed me was the way in which the Celtic saints from the sixth and seventh centuries come alive here. St Winwaloe, patron of four churches in Cornwall, has a fourteenth century polychrome wood statue in the abbey surrounded by votive candles.

There was time to walk into the nearby village, wander around the monastery ruins and museum, visit the bookshop – as usual I bought too many books – or just sit and look at the wonderful view over the estuary. We had an afternoon trip to Ménez-Hom, one of the highest hills in Brittany, and its nearby chapel of St Mary, and then a stop at Locronan, a picturesque village often used for period films and full of wonderful cake and gift shops.

On our last evening, led by the monks, we sang a rousing hymn asking for his prayers, just as Catholics ask for the intercession

of better-known saints.

After a trouble-free journey to Roscoff via a convenient supermarket, and a smooth crossing, I got back to Launceston at 11.30pm and rather foolishly stayed up to listen to the General Election results.

It was a wonderful pilgrimage, from which I learned a lot. My thanks go to Pam Miller for her efficient and unobtrusive organisation.

Fr. David Annear Parish Priest St. Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston Photograph by Michael Tedder



An Invitation to all Churches Together Groups in Cornwall

Following the Churches Together in Cornwall "Declaration of Intent" workshops last November, I am inviting members of Churches Together local groups to at least 2 representatives to their local area Conference.

Bishop Tim, Chair of Churches Together in Cornwall

The Conferences will take place on: Saturday, 19 September in Bodmin Thursday, 24 September in Truro

The conferences aim to bring together representatives from all the CT groups in Cornwall, to support their work, build their capacity in terms of governance and support their social action and outreach.

Please RSVP by Monday, 7th September by booking a place on:

Bodmin - For Sat 19th September https://v1.bookwhen.com/Ba7eg/201509190000/pfn
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Paul, who is a practising Catholic, is a qualified and experienced religious studies teacher and examiner at both GCSE and A-level. His passion for theology and philosophy was kindled during a year's seminarian study at Allen Hall, Chelsea, London, whilst he lived with the Order of Augustinian Recollects (OAR), Kensington, London – a Catholic religious community of priests and brothers. Paul holds a PhD in Catholic Studies, a pontifical MA in Catholic Theology, a BA (Hons) in Philosophy and the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. He has published a couple of theological articles to date, as well as numerous A-level and GCSE Religious Studies educational resources for use by schools and colleges.

Paul adds, "I am returning to classroom teaching this September, and I shall also be continuing to develop RCRS Home Study Courses. I think there is a need for these home study courses – especially in areas where there is simply is no opportunity to study them in a school or college."

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Cornwall Deanery

Cornwall celebrates Don Bosco

The weekend of 18th /19th April in Cornwall was one of real Salesian celebration for the Bi Centenary of Don Bosco's birth. The local

Cooperators Centre had planned to celebrate this event by arranging their termly Day of Reflection, led by Fr Martin Poulsom, their SDB Delegate, to coincide with the Salesian Cooperators Provincial Council meeting in Falmouth, chaired by John Hoskins, the Provincial Coordinator.

The weekend also included a Youth Mass in Falmouth on the Saturday and a special celebration Mass in Truro on the Sunday. Saturday started with morning mass concelebrated by Fr Jon Bielawski Parish Priest, Dean of Cornwall and a Salesian Cooperator plus Fr Martin and Fr Francis Preston, the SDB Delegate to the Provincial Council. Coffee followed and the start of proceedings.

Whilst Councillors met for their meeting, Fr Martin provided an inspiring presentation on this year's Strenna "With and For the Young." The Sacrament of Reconciliation was available and then the inevitable Cornish pasty lunch. After lunch we had a further presentation then an exercise in saying what it means personally to be Salesian with emphasis on the adjective and not the noun. We finished off mid afternoon with a prayer session in the church.

There was then time for the visitors to see some of the delights of Falmouth with its Prince of Wales Pier looking out to St Mawes across a sea so choppy sea that the ferry had to be cancelled! Next was Events Square and the outside of the National Maritime Museum before having an early supper in Wetherspoons. Mass was celebrated at 6.30pm led by the young people of the Parish with several young people forming a new parish band organised by Fr Anthony



O'Gorman, a priest on loan from Westminster Diocese and one who had taught previously in the Salesian College Chertsey. During this Mass Fr Martin played his guitar and sang "Live the Dream" which fitted in quite nicely with Fr Anthony's homily on having a dream. After Mass there was a film show for the young people with pop-corn and hot dogs to finish off the day.

Sunday morning Mass in Truro was concelebrated by Fr Gilmour McDermott, Parish Priest, Fr Martin and Fr Francis who preached the homily on Don Bosco, linking in with the readings of the day. Again Fr Martin played his guitar and sang "Live the Dream" Mass started and, unusually, finished with the same song "Friend of the Young" with the words projected on a large screen. I don't think Truro has seen anything like it with so many joining in the singing and clapping to the music. It truly did bring so much

joy to the celebration.

When the children returned from their own Liturgy Fr Francis gave them all a picture of Don Bosco as a souvenir of the day. During the Mass we had the enrolment of a new Salesian Cooperator, Sara Mason, and the renewal of their Promise by all the Salesian Cooperators present from four different parishes.

It was a wonderful weekend and many people had the opportunity to learn more about Don Bosco and the work of the Salesian family from the exhibition in the church porch and from talking to Cooperators and priests over coffee and cakes after Mass. Please God the young people of Cornwall will benefit from the renewed commitment and enthusiasm generated over this weekend.

Paul Barnes Co-ordinator of the Salesian Cooperators Cornwall

Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran Parish, Truro

Confirmation Celebrations

There was a happy atmosphere when Bishop Mark O'Toole Confirmed eight candidates at Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran. A large, ecumenically minded congregation had gathered on what for non-Catholics was Ascension Day and had been preceded by Solemn Choral Eucharist in the Cathedral.

The parish singing and guitar group provided the music during Mass and, in his homily Bishop Mark said: "God is choosing you,

He wants you to be close to him so look with the eyes of faith." He then reminded the candidates that they must mirror God and be His friend on earth to help others. He then told the story of a successful young American golfer who, aged 21, has just won the Atlanta Master's Championship for which he was awarded a large sum of money, a trophy and a special green jacket. When asked the secret of his success he said that Ella his autistic sister of fourteen had brought so much love and happiness into his life that she would be given the special jacket.

The Bishop then instructed everyone to see with the eyes of faith and to use Wisdom, Understanding, Courage, Knowledge (of the faith), Reverence, Right Judgement (choose faithfully) and All and One with the graciousness of God. He concluded by saying he would pray for each of them to be given real eyes of faith.

Primrose Peacock



Dorset Deanery Holy Trinity Parish, Dorchester

Confirmation Celebrations

Eight of our young people were confirmed on Saturday 9th May. The church was full with family, friends and parishioners and the choir sang beautifully.

Bishop Mark said how happy he was to be at Holy Trinity on this special occasion. He commented that some of the confirmation names chosen by the youngsters were from the New and some from the Old Testament.

Bishop Mark went on to say how he, as a schoolboy, had first met Pope John Paul 2nd at Wembly Stadium and although an amazing occasion, the Pope was such a long way away and the crowds were so great, that he felt more like a spectator. Ten years later, a group of seminarians, including Bishop Mark, had the privilege of meeting Pope John Paul 2nd again, this time at a private Holy Mass. At this Mass Bishop Mark really felt a participant and not a spectator.

Bishop Mark told the children they would be changed after the service tonight. The gift of the



Holy Spirit, poured into each of their hearts, will mean they too will become participants at Holy Mass and the Holy Spirit will enlighten and guide them in their lives ahead.

Anita Finnigan Dorchester

The Latin Mass Society www.lms.org.uk 020 7404 7284

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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

Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy Fridays (term time) at 7.30pm

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Weymouth





It's been a busy time in the parish with Confirmations celebrated at the beginning of May (see June edition of CSW) First Holy Communions later in the month and the presentation of a new cover for the Baptismal Font in the church porch at St Joseph's. Our pictures show the twenty-two children who made their First Holy Communion, Fr Stephen Geddes, Parish Priest and Deacon Jonathan de Kretser and the ladies of the Sewing Group





Tuesday 11th August: An afternoon in Brockenhurst to include walk and cream tea. For more information email: ccjbaw@gmail.com





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Exeter Deanery

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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 youngsters.

Future dates are Sundays: 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

Lyme Regis (Part of Axminster Parish)

Lym Zim Charity

Little did I know when I visited my brother Fr Brian **Enright SJ in** Zimbabwe back in 2002 that 13 years on and over £100,000 later I would still be fundraising in **2015!** I was asked by our parish here in Lyme to find a small project in Zimbabwe



which we could support and so the Lym Zim Link was born raising funds for 10 years for Westwood Cheshire Home for disabled children where they received physiotherapy before returning home. Facilities at Westwood in 2003 were minimal and over the next two years we fully equipped the physio room shipping resources from the UK as these were unobtainable in Zimbabwe.

I visited Westwood again in 2005 and whilst I was there some of the living accommodation was condemned and so Lym Zim went on to raise in excess of £60,000 to help rebuild. This was a time of rampant inflation in Zimbabwe and overnight our funds could and did halve in value more than once so it was a difficult and frustrating project for all involved for fundraisers to builders alike! In fact, with the help of other organisations, a centre of excellence for children with disabilities was built which has become the hub for support groups, consultants, physiotherapy and much more offering services to disabled children and their families throughout Harare and beyond. With support from other sources Westwood continues to thrive

and in 2011 Lym Zim moved on to support two very different projects working with hearing impaired children. At Emerald Hill School for the Deaf we pay the school and boarding fees for two girls who without our help would receive no education. Further funds each year go towards improving resources for all attending this excellent school.

Pedro Arrupe Centre at the Musami Jesuit Mission station is home for around 20 deaf children who attend the mission school in term time where they benefit from both specialist classes and support whilst attending mainstream classes so benefiting from time spent with the hearing community. Musami is only about 50 km from Harare but a world away in terms of modern facilities available in the city. Power is intermittent and the sole water supply at Pedro was, until recently, hand pumped by the staff and children. Lym Zim has contributed to installing a reliable water and electricity supply to the children's houses and we continue to help slowly update the basic accommodation to improve living conditions.

Funds are raised by a weekly draw with a £10 prize subscribers contributing £1 each week. We also attend fetes and other events throughout the year selling mostly handmade cards and crafts contributing to the total of £6,000 raised annually boosted by some very generous donations.

Further information is available from me, Jo Enright Tel: 01297 443796 and on our Facebook page. Both Emerald Hill and Musami Mission can be found on the internet.

Lym Zim Link is part of PRCDTR registered charity number

Parish of the Most Precious Blood, Sidmouth

Pentecost Kite Flying

On Sunday 24th May the Catholic Church in Sidmouth invited the rest of the town to join them for their fourth annual kite flying celebration of Pentecost. Kites are earthbound and cannot lift and soar until they are caught by the wind just as people and churches are earthbound and cannot be

themselves until the wind of God's Spirit lifts them

The other churches in town joined them to fly their kites, a hardy few brought picnics which were enjoyed. There was an enormous chocolate cake which was cut by Canon Paul Cummins as he led everyone in singing 'Happy Birthday' to the church. It was then shared amongst all present, and many walkers going up and down the hill shared in a slice too. People of all ages from the town came



together for this celebration and to fly their kites. Canon Philip Bourne, a local Anglican rector, came dressed for the occasion in a red wig and shirt to symbolise Pentecost, many of his parishioners also wore something red. And, the Sunday school at St Francis Anglican Church had even made their own kites in

preparation.

Despite little wind, several kites could be seen flying in the sky. Event organiser Jill McGauley from the Catholic Church said: "It was wonderful to meet with all the other churches and share together the celebration of Pentecost. Each year, we meet more of our Christian friends and it is good to be able to unite together in this unique and symbolic way".

> **Emma McGauley** Sidmouth

Sacred Heart Parish, Exeter

Flores de Mayo and Santacruzen procession

Merlyn Maguire from Our Lady of Victories Church, Callington coordinated this colourful event with the help of Martha and Lawrence Farnican and Myrna and Gary Morales

from the Parish of the Sacred Heart. Many organisations also helped including the Nurses group, the Basketball players group and Fil-Brit Community.

The celebrations began in Princesshay and the crowning of Our Lady's Statue was carried out by 'Queen Helena' -Isabelle Southampton of Okehampton after which the statue was blessed by Bishop Mark. The procession, led by Bishop Mark, Mgr Harry Doyle and Canon John Deeney, continued through the city centre to the Church of the Sacred Heart, South Street followed by many people,



including the Hon. Deputy Lord Mayor Mr Rob Newby, the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary and parishioners from across Exeter Deanery and the Diocese.

When the procession arrived at the church Bishop Mark concelebrated Mass and in

his homily said how the presence of the many Filipinos from the different parts of Devon and Cornwall as well as the parishioners of the churches in Exeter was a clear demonstration to the wider community of their devotion and faith.

After the Mass, a short cultural show was held presenting Filipino dance by the young children of Exeter. The day culminated with a Salu-Salo (food sharing) celebration at the Cardinal Newman centre.

> Merlyn MaGuire Callington

St Mary's Parish, Axminster

Axminster Catenians. Solomon Islands project

Isobel Worrall, a parishioner of Sacred Heart and St Andhelm, Sherborne, and former pupil of Leweston School, recently attended Axminster Catenians 'Ladies Night' to describe her experiences during her three month stay in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, partially sponsored by a grant from the Catenian Bursary Trust Fund. Isobel had responded to an invitation by the local Bishop to teach and assist with liturgy in schools in Auki, the main town on an island called Malatia. During her stay in Auki, she lived in a Dominican convent with only basic facilities, attended daily Mass at 6 am and spent her free time enjoying the exotic surroundings of Auki and socialising with the local school staff and children.

Many of the local children had never seen European people before and were overwhelmed by the fact that Isobel should have come so far to help them! Isobel is, however, convinced that she derived more from the experience than they did! During the evening sufficient funds were added to monies already raised to subscribe towards a second Shelter Box costing £590.

> **Bill Stead Axminster Catenians**

Editor: a detailed account of Isobel's work in the Solomon Islands was published in the October 2014 edition of CSW (page 6) courtesy of Pat McEvoy, Bridport Parish

Diary Dates July 2015

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

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MCSW preparation course dates for 2015:

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Saturday 10th October

For further details of this event please contact Jenny Allen email: jenny.allen96@btopenworld.com

Plymouth

Saturdays 18th July and 21st November

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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.

July 2015

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.

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th July, Annual Justice & Peace Conference: this year's conference will explore the real threats to human security and how we can work together to build a more peaceful world. For more information Tel: 020 7901 4864 email: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk.

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

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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

Saturday 29th August, 1pm, informal lunchtime piano recital, Truro Cathedral: Charles Timberlake, pianist and composer, will present a programme of original compositions, hymns and popular ballads. For more information Tel: 01872 276782

Future events

Saturday 26th September, Church of the Holy Spirit, Bovey Tracey, 10am to 1pm: 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Life of St Teresa of Avila. Full details of the celebrations will be published in the next edition of Catholic South West.

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
Saturday 21st November, Exeter University Great Hall, 6.30pm: Unbroken Praise Tour featuring Matt Redman, a contemporary Christian singer-songwriter; for more information about the event and to book tickets (cost £15)go to www.bigchurchnightin.com

REGULAR EVENTS

Cornwall Deanery

- 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:
- 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
- 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.
- First & Third Fridays 7pm to 9pm, Prayer Group, Mary's Eucharistic Renewal: St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.
- Third Saturdays from 1.30pm to 4pm, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Penzance group: CHYMORGEN, Botallack, St. Just, TR19 7QJ. For more information Tel: 01736/788438 email: brigittemorrigan@talktalk.net
- 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.
 Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, after evening Mass, Film Evening: The Church Hall, Our
- Lady of the Portal & St Piran RC Church, Truro.

 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
- 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
- Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, Inspire 20s to 40s Church Friends Group and Home Group: St Mary's Church, Poole after the 7pm Mass.

Exeter Deanery

- Third Saturday of each month, 4.30pm, Kerala Community Mass: Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter.
- Monday evenings at 7.30pm, Meditation Group: Richard Reynolds Centre, Heavitree Road, Exeter.
- Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 9pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mount St Mary Convent, Wonford Road.

Plymouth Deanery

- 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 542 349.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Torbay Deanery

- Third Monday of every month, 7.15pm, South Hams Catenians: Seven Stars Public House, Kingsbridge. Please note new venue.
- 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.
- Wednesdays from 6pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Vespers at 6.30pm and Benediction at 6.50pm): Holy Angels, Chelston, Torquay.

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*Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October: Weekend Retreat, 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

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.

Plymouth Deanery



During the May Circle meeting, Jack Carey was welcomed into the Plymouth Circle. Jack, married to Mary, is a retired Probation Officer and both are parishioners at St Margaret Mary Parish, Plymstock.

Jack enjoys reading in his leisure time whilst Mary, also retired, enjoys Craft and Photography. Together they like walking, running, cycling and swimming. We wish them both a long and happy association with the Catenians.

> John Luscombe **Plymouth Catenians**

Torbay Deanery

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Confirmation Celebrations

Four members of the Parish Family at St Marychurch were Confirmed by Bishop Mark at the beginning of May.

As a parish not only had we been asked to keep our young people in our prayers, we had also been asked by Canon Michael Lock, our Parish Priest, to consider what the sacrament of Confirmation really means and to reflect on how it has affected our own

Confirmation completes our Baptism - a sacrament is an invitation from God, it's how God communicates his love and his life to us. Through the sacrament of Baptism we belong to God. Through the sacrament of Confirmation we enter into an even deeper relationship with him. This is why Confirmation is sometimes called "the sacrament of Christian maturity". God is asking for a response from you.

Why should we be Confirmed? Because we are worth it! We believe Confirmation is a gift God wants to give us. We believe God wants to deepen his friendship with us and make it more meaningful. God has gifts to give us that will help us make decisions about the rest of our lives and the people

> **Felicity Stead Editor**

conditions & info

Guild of St Stephen Enrolments

Brother and Sister, Alan and Cindy Nguyen were enrolled as members of the Guild of St Stephen during Eastertide. Senior Server Richard Stead said: "We are fortunate that we have so many young people of all ages who want to become Altar Servers and who carry out their duties with great commitment and reverence. I'm also grateful to their parents for their encouragement and support."



we want to become.

St Cuthbert Mayne School

Joint Catholic & Church of England Comprehensive School

Christ is our Cornerstone Learning is our Focus

St. Cuthbert Mayne is an 11-18 Comprehensive School with a tradition of providing first class education in a Christian context for young people of all abilities. We strive to ensure that students feel safe and learn how to take care of themselves physically, emotionally and spiritually, understanding that happiness and well-being are priorities if young people are to learn successfully. The school has continued to improve it's excellent GCSE results year on year as it aims to be one of the highest achieving schools in the country. Sixth Form students at the school, last year made the highest level of progress in Torbay

The school welcomes students from all sections of the community who support the Christian Ethos of the school. We recognise each person is precious to God and therefore deserving of our best efforts to enable each student to develop their full

In September there are a number of exciting developments at St Cuthbert Mayne School. We have been working with students, parents and staff to develop the school's core values which are to have integrity, to be courageous, compassionate and creative. These Core Values underpin how we work as a school community and values we are looking to develop in all members of our community. As part of our drive to be a Centre of Excellence for Teaching and Learning, we are developing our use of new technologies to accelerate student learning. In September two year groups initially will be issued their own Chromebooks and the use of the Wi-Fi and other devices are going to be further developed school wide to enhance learning



