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Fr Dennis Caddle OAR RIP
The Requiem Mass for Fr Dennis took place at St Rita's, Honiton in July. An obituary will be published in the next edition of CSW

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Day of Double Joy

At the end of the long path of discernment and formation, Jacek Kostuch from St Austell and Colin Groombridge from St Marychurch, Torquay were ordained by Bishop Mark as Priests for our Diocese on Friday 3rd July – the feast of St Thomas.

Priests from across the Diocese together with Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt, Rector of St John's Seminary, Wonersh and Jacek and Colin's fellow seminarians, were joined by a large congregation of family and friends for the Ordination Mass.

For many present it was the first time that they had witnessed an Ordination and agreed that it was a truly memorable and moving occasion. It was a particular joy to have Jacek's mother and Colin's father in the Cathedral. After the Mass, the new priests spent more than an hour in the Cathedral to give their first blessing to the many who crowded around them, while the rest of the congregation retired to the Cathedral School Hall for sumptuous refreshments.

The following morning Fr Jacek and Fr Colin celebrated their own First Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Buckfast Abbey – joined for each Mass by Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt and a small group of family friends. Fr Jacek has been appointed as Assistant Priest at St Peter's & St Thomas More Parish, Crownhill (Plymouth) and Fr Colin as Assistant Priest to St Mary's Parish, Wimborne Road (Poole). Please keep them both in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry.

Bishop Mark's Homily at the Ordination Mass

It is lovely for us to be together here today for the Ordination of Jacek and Colin. It is especially joyful for the Diocese to have two new priests. This ordination ceremony takes place on the feast of St Thomas the Apostle. We know him as a great disciple of The Lord, and a witness of the Resurrection. We know, too, that through the experience of doubt, he manifests great faith. The Risen Lord comes to us in our darkness and reveals Himself afresh as The Lord of life, as the One in whom we find our deepest happiness and peace. There are three key moments in the Gospels which particularly speak of St Thomas, and which give us, at the same time, some important insights into what is at the heart of our celebration today. The first scene concerns Thomas' exhortation to the other Apostles when Jesus, at a critical moment in his life, decided to go to Bethany to raise Lazarus. He thus comes dangerously close to Jerusalem (Mk 10:32). On that

occasion, Thomas says to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (Jn 11:16). His desire to follow his Master is truly exemplary. He shows us that the important thing is to always stand by Jesus. In fact, the most important thing is never to distance oneself from Jesus. When the Gospels use the verb "to follow", we know that what it means is that where Jesus goes, his disciples must also go. This is the heart of priestly service in the Church. Jacek and Colin, you have already experienced this invitation to be close to Jesus in your professional lives, in parish and monastic community life, and through the network of rich relationships and friendships that you have made in these years. It is especially good to have your family and friends with us. To our Polish guests I say: VITAMI VAZ... GEN-QOO-YAY, ZA VA-SHOW VE-I-RAY

We thank God for the love and support that your family and friends have shown you. We give thanks, too, for the parishes and communities in which you have served, and those priests who have encouraged you in your vocation. I know that each of you has been inspired and deeply encouraged by so many good and holy people. Today, I want also to express our gratitude to Mgr Jeremy Garrett, and the staff and community of St John's Seminary, Wonersh; it is good to have them with us. We thank them for their accompaniment of you in these past years. Many people in this Cathedral today can testify to the fact that they see in each of you, Jacek and Colin, someone who seeks to follow The Lord, and who wants to remain close to Him. I hope that the encounter with Him will be the centre of your life.

A second moment for St Thomas comes at the Last Supper. On that occasion, predicting his own imminent departure, Jesus announced that he was going to prepare a place for his disciples so that they could be where He is. He says to them, "you know the way to the place where I am going." (Jn 14:4). It is then that Thomas intervenes, saying: "Lord, we do not know where you are going;



so how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5).

These words show the limit of Thomas' understanding, but they elicit from Jesus, the great declaration, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6). Thomas' question manifests his vulnerability. He teaches us that it is vital for us to remain vulnerable before The Lord, too. We often do not understand him, or what he wants of us. Like Thomas, we can find it difficult to remain strong in faith. Let us be brave enough to say: "I do not understand you, Lord; help me to understand". In such a way, with this frankness which is the heart of praying, of speaking to Jesus, we express our meagre capacity to understand and at the same time we place ourselves in the trusting attitude of someone who expects light and strength from the One who is able to provide them. Especially, I urge you to come to The Lord regularly in the Tabernacle and to question him, sing the song of your love for Him, and be willing to show Him your weakness and your vulnerability. He alone is the One who can restore you to yourself and reveal Himself afresh to you.

The most famous scene regarding St Thomas is, of course, the one we hear today. The Risen Lord manifests Himself to Thomas through the wounds of His Passion. He tells Thomas, "Put your

finger here, and see my hands; put your hand in my side; doubt no longer, but believe" (Jn 20:27). In the presence of these wounds of His Lord, Thomas makes the most succinct and personal proclamation of faith in the whole of the New Testament, "My Lord and my God". From this encounter we know that the Risen Jesus is recognised by his wounds rather than by His face. In the priestly life upon which you now embark, you will see this again and again. When you say the words of absolution, when you anoint the sick, when you give the Eucharist to those who hunger for God, when you bless those who struggle; in all these, you recognise the Risen Lord in the wounds of His Body, the Church. The wonder is that it is your faith which will be strengthened at these moments. Always, always be sensitive to this presence of The Lord who invites you, "to bring Good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, to bring sight to the blind....(Isaiah....)" Jacek and Colin, there is much joy in this Cathedral today to see you both ordained priests. Know that there is much joy in the heart of God, and much joy, too, in the heart of the one about now to ordain you.

+Mark O'Toole
Bishop of Plymouth



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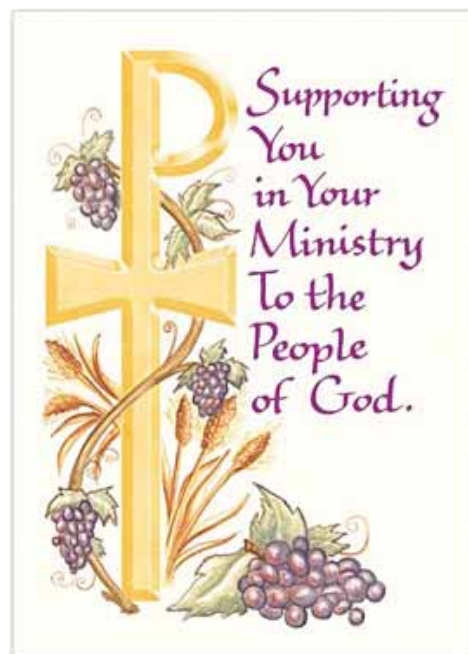
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Diocesan News

Jubilarians' Mass Plymouth Cathedral

A large congregation from the Plymouth parishes and from the Cornwall Deanery gathered at the Cathedral on Tuesday 9th June to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Ordination to the priesthood of Bishop Mark O'Toole, Fr Jonathan Bielawski and Fr Jaromir Wilczak. Bishop Mark was the chief Celebrant, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor was on the Sanctuary and the concelebrants were the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Rev Malcolm McMahon, the Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Rev George Stack, the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, the Rt. Rev. John Sherrington, and the Abbot of Buckfast, the Rt Rev David Charlesworth. About 80 priests were on the Sanctuary, including visiting clergy from Westminster Diocese and Allen Hall Seminary where Bishop Mark was Rector.



Members of Bishop Mark's family were present at the Mass. The preacher was Fr Jonathan Bielawski and the choir, ably led by David Gridley from Penzance Parish, led the singing, including the beautiful St Anne's Mass by the well-known Catholic composer James Macmillan.

As the clergy processed into the cathedral, the major relic of St. Cuthbert Mayne was carried in by the Parish Priest of Launceston where this precious relic now resides. The relic was placed below the altar and venerated by Bishop Mark as he reached the altar.

This splendid Mass was followed by a reception in the Cathedral garden, where Prosecco flowed freely. Later in the afternoon there was lunch at the Duke of Cornwall hotel for the clergy.

Fr David Annear
Parish Priest, Launceston

Apostleship of the Sea ensures support for seafarers lives on

The AoS Catholic seafarers' charity is encouraging its supporters and well-wishers to make an in-memory donation so that its ministry supporting seafarers continues in the years ahead. Every November, AoS celebrates a special Mass for supporters who left legacy gifts in their Wills and for everyone for whom they received in-memory donations. Alastair Emblem, AoS Legacy and In Memory Officer says: "AoS invites anyone to make an in-memory donation, regardless of whether they are a previous supporter. If you give AoS the name of your relative or friend who has died (either recently or in the past), they will be included in prayers at Mass during the week. They will also be included in the special annual Mass of Remembrance next November." Fr Chris Thomas, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, was one of the co-celebrants of last year's Mass, he said: "When a loved one dies, it can be comforting to celebrate their life by helping others in their memory. AoS carries out a wonderful ministry of spiritual, pastoral and practical help to seafarers from all over the world. So making an in-memory gift to them, or leaving a legacy in someone's memory, is a wonderful way of keeping alive the values of departed loved ones." Alastair adds: "You can also set up a tribute fund for others to contribute to, in memory of your loved ones, and include memories and pictures of them on a special website, free of charge." Leaving a legacy to AoS in memory of a loved one is a very special way of ensuring their values live on. Details can be found on the AoS Legacy Page at www.bit.ly/aoslegacy. AoS has produced a poignant video which shows why leaving a legacy helps ensure its ministry supporting seafarers can continue in the years ahead. The film can be viewed by going to the AoS on Film Page: www.bit.ly/aosfilm or a free DVD can be sent by post. Sympathy cards are available to buy on its Online Shop www.bit.ly/AoSshop. For further details contact Alastair Emblem Mail: Legacy and In Memory Officer, AoS, 39 Eccleston Square London SW1V 1BX Tel: 0207 901 1931.

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).

Apostleship of the Sea – Stella Maris Mass for Seafarers
Editor: Thursday 8th October, 5pm at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth Bishop Mark will celebrate a Stella Maris Mass to pray for seafarers and for the work of Apostleship of the Sea who support their faith and welfare needs. All are welcome.



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Responding to Pope Francis' Encyclical call to action in Laudato Si'

Catholics across the Diocese of Plymouth have been preparing to respond to the Pope's call to protect Creation. Pope Francis in his Encyclical, Laudato Si':

On the care of our common home, has called on "every person living on this planet" to take greater care of the world because of the impact of environmental damage such as climate change on our poorest and most vulnerable sisters and brothers.

The Holy Father says that we need to rethink the way we live our lives in order to experience the real beauty of God's Creation, as well as encourage people in power to show far greater leadership and long-term vision.

CAFOD supporters in the Diocese of Plymouth have been putting the Pope's call into action and taking practical steps to tackle climate change – whether by travelling to Westminster to speak to their MPs or by taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint. Simon Giarchi, CAFOD manager in the Diocese of Plymouth, said: "Pope Francis' message has already been taken up by lots of CAFOD supporters across Plymouth Diocese. In June, parishioners from across the Diocese of Plymouth travelled to London with thousands of other people to take part in the largest lobby of Parliament on Climate Change

in history, asking MPs for action. In the run-up to the general election, campaigners in every constituency in our diocese asked candidates standing for Parliament to make the changing climate a priority. We've also seen pupils at schools writing pledges of things they will change in their lives to make a difference. And so far we've had two parishes sign up to become CAFOD's 'liveSimply' parish award, showing their commitment to live simply, sustainable and in solidarity with the poor. We're looking forward to further parishes entering our competition to win an energy audit of their church buildings, helping them to cut their carbon footprint and save money."

Simon continued: "Our response to Pope Francis' inspiring encyclical Laudato Si' is vital, CAFOD is already seeing the impact of the changing climate in some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities, with lives and livelihoods being lost from more severe typhoons and cyclones destroying homes and more frequent droughts meaning that people are having to leave their homes, villages and countries. The Encyclical has attracted widespread attention, with the Holy Father considering in detail the ways we treat the environment,

animals, and human life, as well as providing ideas for new approaches to our economy, our politics, and our lives. Pope Francis is far from the first pope to speak about our responsibility to protect Creation; many of us will remember the inspirational interventions of Pope Benedict, Saint John Paul II and Blessed Paul VI – the Church has a long tradition of teaching about this. However, Pope Francis has published this Encyclical as a real rallying call for all of us to push for action on climate change at some really important upcoming moments. Pope Francis will be speaking at the United Nations in September, when all

UN member nations will be drawing up the new Sustainable Development Goals for tackling poverty in the next fifteen years, whilst in December the Pope hopes that his intervention will inspire world leaders to agree to cut the use of polluting fossil fuels and move towards sustainable energy. We're urging our supporters across the Diocese of Plymouth to continue to respond to Pope Francis' call. People can do this by signing CAFOD's petition calling upon the Prime Minister to show the leadership urged by the Pope, and to ensure that this year's global agreements are fair and ambitious."

CAFOD's Encyclical petition can be found at: cafod.org.uk/oneclimate

James Ronan, a Geography degree student and CAFOD volunteer from Tavistock, was one of the volunteers who attended the Parliamentary Lobby on Climate Change on the 17th June. Here is James report for CSW readers: "The day started bright and early with everyone in very high spirits despite having to start from Plymouth train station at 7:15am! The four hour journey to Westminster was full of fun and discussion, and the CAFOD group was also joined by a member of staff from the RSPB, one of CAFOD's partner organisations through the Climate Coalition."

If you're not already a CAFOD supporter and would like to be involved please contact Simon Giarchi, CAFOD Diocesan Manager Tel: 01364 645440 email: plymouth@cafod@cafod.org.uk website: www.cafodplymouth.org.uk

Carmelite Outreach

Jesus 'longs so much for us to look at Him' says St Teresa of Avila in her book 'the Way of Perfection' (Chapter 26), and she urges us to respond to him. It is a message we hear again from Pope Francis who tells us in Evangelium Gaudium (EG) to 'turn our gaze to what we are all seeking: the radiant peace of God's face' (EG 244)

St Teresa saw the love Jesus Christ had for her, and for all of us, and spent the rest of her life communicating that insight. Five hundred years later she is still doing so. For this reason, on 26th September 26 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Bovey Tracey, 'Disclaled' Carmelites in the South West will gather to celebrate her fifth centenary in the company of Bishop Mark O'Toole, Plymouth Diocese, Fr Matt Blake OCD, Carmelite Secular Order Provincial Delegate and Pam Murray OCDS, Carmelite Secular Order National president.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in Teresa's message, or in Carmel and Carmelite spirituality, to come and celebrate this event with us and learn more about the Reformer of Carmel who set up new convents and re-ignited a flame which was to blaze across the globe, inspiring the Church and the world down to the present time.

There will be a welcome with coffee at 10am followed by speakers at 10.15am; Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 12noon with Reception of Promises and lunch in the parish hall at 1.15pm. All are welcome; for further information on this event or on Secular Carmel contact Pam Murray Tel: 01726 832606 or Julie Tranter Tel: 01626 356300.



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HCPT GROUP 539 Annual Lourdes

We are a group based largely in Torquay and South Devon. Since 1980 we have taken a party of about 45 to Lourdes each year, usually in late summer. We have a good mix of ages (ranging from 18 to 80 plus), male and female and a balance between Helpers and Guests. Some of our guests are ill and others have special needs. In addition to our Priest, we have a doctor, a nurse and some experienced helpers. This year's Pilgrimage will be from Sunday 4th to Sunday 11th October, flying from Bristol.

We stay at Hosanna House in Bartres, just outside Lourdes, overlooking the beautiful foothills of the Pyrenees. Hosanna House is owned by HCPT and is adapted for people with special needs; the accommodation is excellent, the food is great and there is a lovely chapel which is very special. Hosanna House has been described as a little bit of 'heaven on earth' and the Pilgrimage as 'a holiday with Our Lady.'

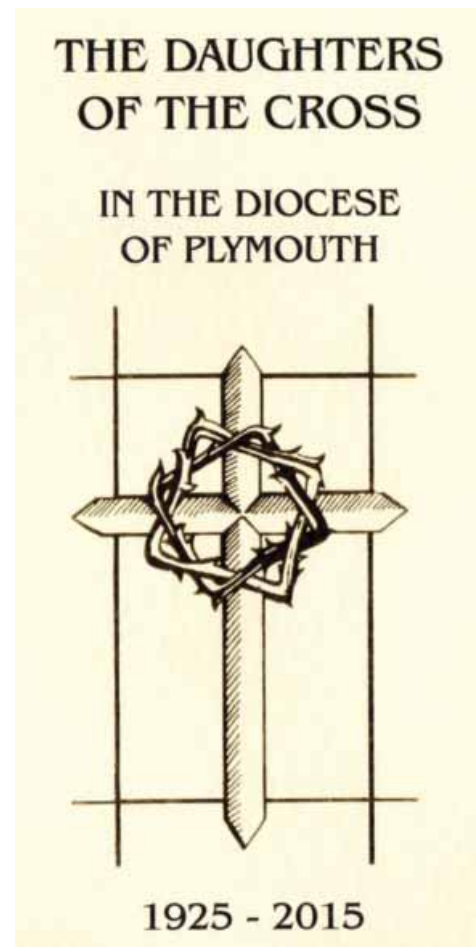
We have a full and varied programme combining spirituality with a lot of fun. We go to all the major events, including the International Mass, the Blessed Sacrament Procession, the Torchlight Procession. We also take trips into the mountains and – weather permitting – have BBQs and other social activities. If you are interested in joining us either as a Helper or a Guest please contact Group 539 Secretary, Barney Bettesworth Tel: 01803 606807 email: barney@bettesworths.co.uk

HCPT Group 179 – Easter Pilgrimage 2016

HCPT Group 179 are seeking helpers (aged and 18 or over) and also 'special' children aged 7 to 16 and who face difficulties in life for the 2016 Easter Pilgrimage. For more information please contact Group Leader Rebecca email: hcpt179@gmail.com. All HCPT Groups work extremely hard during the year to raise funds for the 'special' children who visit Lourdes each year. Group 179, which serves Torbay and Teignbridge, is no exception. Their next 'fun' fundraising event is a Hog Roast & Ceilidh with music by the Random Mackerel Band. It'll take place at Manor Farm, Dacombe (situated between Newton Abbot and Torquay) starting at 7pm. Tickets, £12 for adults, £6 for children, can be obtained via email hcpt179@gmail.com.



Mass of Thanksgiving



On Saturday 4th July the Sisters of Les Filles de la Croix were joined in the Chapel at Stoodley Knowle by clergy from across the Diocese together with current and past pupils to give thanks for all the many graces and blessings bestowed over the past ninety years at Stoodley Knowle and the one hundred and twelve years in the Diocese. Bishop Mark gave the opening address and Canon Pat Costello, Dean of Torbay, was the Principal Celebrant.

The day had dawned bright and the sun shone as the many guests arrived at the Chapel to a warm welcome from the Sisters and staff. One of those strangely 'happy/sad' occasions when old friendships are renewed and farewells said.

The Sisters' presence in the Diocese since 1903 has graced all of the counties of the Diocese: Tremough at Penryn in Cornwall, St Genevieve's at Dorchester in Dorset together with Croft Lodge and



Stoodley Knowle in Torquay, Devon. Their mission to educate has been recognised and valued throughout the Diocese and beyond; in 1958 Mère Geneviève, the first Mother Superior of the Order at Stoodley Knowle and better known to the Congregation and pupils as Ma Mère, was awarded the 'La Croix de la Legion d'honneur' by the President of France for her services to education. The Diocese continues to be blessed by the presence of the Sisters who provide invaluable pastoral support at the Cathedral and in the parishes of St Mary's, Falmouth, Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, St Marychurch and, until recently, Our Lady of the Assumption, Torquay. At the end of Mass Fiona Hutchings, Head teacher and past pupil and Sr Perpetua talked of all the wonderful things that Stoodley Knowle and the staff and pupils have achieved over the years. Sr Perpetua concluded by saying: the Sisters would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for joining us today and we extend our gratitude to those who have sent their apologies, prayers and good wishes. It has been heart-warming to receive so many generous tributes to the Sisters, Staff and Clergy for their dedication and service at Stoodley Knowle. Many blessings to you all, both now and in the future.

The thanksgiving celebrations continued in the beautiful grounds of Stoodley Knowle where many guests enjoyed a picnic in the glorious sunshine that blessed the day.



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One of the four women to be elected as 'Catholic Women of the Year' comes from our Diocese, Mary-Jane Butler.

Mary-Jane spent many years in Cornwall, working in nursing as a Macmillan Nurse, a Practice Nurse, and a Nurse Trainer. In 1997 she left to go to volunteer in the Diocese of Bungoma, Kenya, where for 40 years priests of our Diocese had worked to establish several new parishes. Mary-Jane worked as Administrator for Misikhu Mission Hospital which under her energetic leadership won an award for the most improved hospital in Kenya. The Bishop then asked her to become Medical Co-ordinator for the Diocese, supporting the hospitals, clinics and community health programmes under the care of the Kenyan Diocese. When Mary-Jane returned to live part-time in England, she founded a charity to support some of the many poor people she had encountered in Western Kenya – it is known as W.O.R.K. or Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya.

HIV/Aids has killed many parents leaving behind orphans with no resources for education, and many grandparents (often widows) caring for an increasing number of young children. Thus the focus of W.O.R.K.'s efforts is to educate orphans so that they can become self-sufficient in adulthood, and to support various widows' groups so that they can survive and help look after their dependent children. As orphans need schools, and both groups access to health facilities, W.O.R.K. has funded a long list of projects in schools (e.g. classrooms, dormitories, kitchens, water catchment) and has built a health clinic and given much development support to another.

Mary-Jane now spends nearly four months each year in Kenya, checking up on all the projects and individuals we support, and working closely with two local groups whom we have formed to help in fulfilling the aims of the charity. One group in Nairobi acts as a channel for funds, the other in Bungoma keeps in contact with all the students and vets any applications we receive for support.



Currently, W.O.R.K. is supporting over 90 students in education. Some of these are in secondary school, others at University pursuing a variety of degree courses, and others in a Vocational Training College learning practical skills which will give them the chance of future employment. The charity has been going long enough now to have seen particular students through secondary and tertiary education, and are now working as engineers, accountants, pharmacists, medical practitioners, electricians etc. When one reflects that these young people had no chance of any education beyond primary school – indeed many of them would be dead by now – we are extremely grateful to the generosity of our many sponsors who make these success stories possible.

Currently Kenya is experiencing grave problems because of a lack of tourists due to the problems with the terrorism coming from Somalia. The Luhya tribe of Western Kenya has been heavily employed in this sector, and so unemployment is causing greater poverty than ever. Our support of widows' groups is therefore very important – we have given animals (cows, sheep, goats), seed and fertilizer. But this is always on the basis that as animals reproduce and crops grow, the widows must share and support one another so that the groups become more self-sufficient as time goes on.

When Mary-Jane is in England, she spends much time fund raising for W.O.R.K. She tries to increase the number of sponsors for orphans (we have at least 20 orphans on our waiting list at present), and collect funds for the capital projects we wish to undertake. This year we aim to build a dormitory for a Youth Vocational College, an extra ward and minor theatre for one of our clinics, and a hostel for some of our students to reside in during holidays – we have a number of orphans who literally have nowhere to go when schools close and they are told "to go home".

Mary-Jane would always be delighted to visit any parish to give a power-point presentation describing our work – she can be contacted through Kingsbridge Presbytery Tel: 01548.852670 or on email: mjbutler6@yahoo.com. There is a website, too, which describes the activities of the charity www.work-kenya.org. One of our boasts is that as our small administrative costs are covered by a particular donor, everything given goes directly to individuals, groups and projects we are sponsoring in Kenya.

Mary-Jane will be honoured as one of the four Catholic Women of the Year at the annual luncheon in London in October this year.

Fr Adrian Toffolo
Chairman of W.O.R.K.



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Parish of St Mary, Falmouth

Fr Jonathan Bielawski Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination 7th July 2015

Fr Jon Bielawski, Parish Priest, St Mary's, Falmouth and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation, Catechesis & Schools, celebrated his Silver Jubilee this year. On Tuesday 7th July he was joined by family members, parishioners from St Mary's Parish and from other parishes where he had served over the years.

The celebrations began with a very beautiful Mass at St Mary Immaculate. During his homily – a moving reflection on the power of God's love – he said: "My story starts in the same way as it does for every human being as proclaimed in our first reading from Jeremiah, 'before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.'" These are powerful and personal words straight from God for you and me. Everyone on this planet has been given this gift of life with a purpose. In faith we know we are not just random acts of nature. Each of us is loved into existence with a purpose.

From then on, the task for everyone is to grow and connect with the Lord of life, God himself, and to discover the depth and meaning of that purpose. "Each of us in a most fundamental way has been 'called'. Today, it is good for all of us to look back and reflect on this, but also to look forward, as it is ongoing."

Fr Jon quoted from one of his favourite prayers (written by Cardinal Mercier): 'O Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me. Tell me what to do and command me to do it. I promise to submit to all that you ask of me and accept all that you allow to happen to me, only show me your will'. When Fr Jon gives this prayer to people he warns them that it's 'dynamite' when said sincerely. He went on to say: "this leads me into a few quick reflections on what I have learned



over the past 25 years and what has been a consolidated experience. First and foremost 'Thy will be done' - once you know what you are called to do, DO IT - come hell or high water. It's a key line in the Our Father. The words are sharp and incisive. Scripture says: 'let your yes, be yes and your no be no'. When you give your word to God, don't look back. "When I went to college at 22 years old to do God's will, the word 'sacrifice' predominated. It was like 'withdrawing from the world' yet fully immersed in it. As a priest that tension between being in the world and not of it always continues but a slow yet certain 'sea change' has happened to me over the years. The word 'sacrifice' has been replaced by gratitude as the overriding sentiment. Gratitude for what God has called me to, I can even say that now I can often

get excited by God's will and what unfolds as the years go on. I have learnt as well a deep sense of 'fatherhood'. That may sound odd at first because in accepting celibacy you give up fatherhood in a physical way. But there is a deeper fatherhood which is of a spiritual nature. I experienced this strongly when I was given my first parish in 1995, five years after ordination. As the only priest there, with neighbouring parishes 12 miles away, I had a strong sense predominately through the Eucharist, the Mass, of feeding my family, God's family, which I had been assigned to. Just like a man may work hard during the day to put food on the table to feed his children, a priest is there for his people to truly feed them in all the spiritual ways possible but primarily through the Eucharist. Fellow priests, draw deeply from that, we are not called father for nothing.

"Now looking at our gospel today we hear how the Lord appointed 72 others to go out into the rich harvest of mankind. I consider these days now as exciting times for laity, priests and bishops. We know 'cultural' Catholicism is all but dead and gone. Therefore, we have to be pioneers of new ways to connect to God's word to the people of the day. So, whether you regard our present day as 'good' times or 'bad' times, who cares?, they are 'our' times and we have a job to do."

The celebration continued after Mass with food and refreshments, including a Hog roast and a very special cake made by a parishioner. It was a joyful evening that even the rainfall partway through the festivities couldn't dampen. Fr Jon Gilbert from Helston presented Fr Jon with a generous cheque from parishioners. Hopefully, it will enable Fr



Jon to visit the Holy Land sometime in the future. The children of St Mary's school made beautiful individual cards for Fr Jon and these were displayed around the hall for everyone to see. We give thanks for Fr Jon's care and love of our parish and pray God will continue to bless him. Glory and praise to you Lord, Amen.

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Sr Veronica, St Mary's, Helston



Cornwall Deanery



Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston (incorporating St Peter's, Bude and Our Lady of Victories, Callington)

It's now official. Callington has been canonically linked with the communities at Bude and Launceston, accepting the overall dedication to St Cuthbert Mayne. Parishioners from Callington now form part of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Work has started on the interior of the church at Callington, with a mahogany lectern replacing the former plywood one. We hope to replace the present tabernacle with something more worthy of the house of God.

On Saturday 13th June, four Christian communities took part in a Safari Supper organised by Churches Together in Callington. Starters were eaten in the Catholic church hall of Our Lady of Victories, the main course in the Methodist church, desserts in St Mary's Anglican church, and cheese and biscuits plus tea and coffee in the Mustard Seed chapel. All four churches are within easy walking distance of each other.

In a small town like Callington it's very easy to get to know people and so the food, friendship and fun were a good way of meeting old friends as well as making new ones. Grateful thanks to Tom White, Val Williams and the many from our church who made the evening a success. There were about 80 participants.

Fr David Annear
Parish Priest

Dorset Deanery



Parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Joseph, Wool Parishioners sign up to *livesimply*

Parishioners from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Joseph have taken up the challenge to obtain a *livesimply* award. Our parish includes the churches of St Joseph's at Wool, St Edward's and Wareham and St Mary's Chapel at Lulworth. In the picture, Fr Paul Keys, Parish Priest, is holding the registration form with some parishioners at the weekly Wednesday coffee morning at St Joseph's.

The *livesimply* web site says: "the *livesimply* award (is) a national prize for Catholic parishes putting their faith into action. Recognition for the ways your church makes a difference in its community – and the world." We have undertaken to perform ten activities to be completed at various times over the next three years including visiting lonely people, offering practical help such as shopping and gardening, and supporting CAFOD's Connect 2 scheme with the people of Puentecitos in El Salvador.

Bernard White
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Dorset Deanery

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Weymouth

What a gift!

The joy that Pope Francis so often speaks about was very evident when, during April and May, our parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea hosted a Life in the Spirit course aptly titled 'The Gift' and produced by Cafe (Catholic Faith Exploration). The purpose was to re-introduce us to the Holy Spirit; to learn more about Him and all that He offers and then - if we wished - to receive individual prayer for a refreshing and renewing of the graces of The Spirit received at baptism and confirmation, or in other words, Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Every Catholic Church in the deanery was invited as also was every other Christian church in Weymouth and Portland, and the result was almost overwhelming. On the first evening 130 people turned up and, over the next six weeks, the average attendance was about 120, so everyone moved out of the parish hall and into the church.

Fellow Christians from several other churches joined us and what a blessing they were; they were so pleased at being invited and to have received such a warm welcome.

We were fortunate to have live speakers including David Wells (Director of Adult Formation and Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Plymouth – and a very amusing speaker), our own deacon Jonathan de Kretser and Tim Stevens who is part of the Celebrate team. The music was provided by our own musicians together with the music group from The Prayer House a 'New covenant church.'

The course was repeated in the daytime in June and July, using



the excellently produced DVD version of 'The Gift', featuring several well-known speakers. Many people reported being blessed by the Spirit through this course and so we would whole-heartedly recommend it to others. For full details of 'The Gift' please contact Cafe on www.faithcafe.org. Our next event is a "Day of Renewal" led by Charles Whitehead on Saturday, 5th September. We hope and pray that those who attended the Life in the Spirit courses will join us as well as others who feel a need to be renewed in the Spirit. Christians of all denominations in Weymouth and Portland are most welcome to come along and we hope the some people of no faith will also come along.

Michael Scully
Weymouth

Summer celebrations

The School Leavers' Mass for Children in Year 6 at St Augustine's Primary School took place at St Joseph's Church. Fr Stephen Geddes was the celebrant and the children and staff were also joined by Sr Aquin, Spiritual Advisor at St Augustine's. We pray for the children as they embark on the next stage of their school life.

The Annual Parish Summer Fete took place in the grounds of the Convent of Mercy, Weymouth. Lots of hard work organising and planning the fete was rewarded by the generosity of all who attended - £2,670 was raised on the day!

Esmée Nicholls
Weymouth



Exeter Deanery

Corpus Christi Procession

Wherever you are in the world a Corpus Christi Procession is a time when Our Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament, is taken out of the church building and presented to the whole community. This year at the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Exeter we decided to leave the comfort zone of the church grounds and go out into the streets of Heavitree for the first time.

A Eucharistic Procession is a very powerful expression of our love of the Lord Jesus. In the weeks leading up to the Feast the Gospel readings have spoken to us of Jesus' repeated calls to his followers to 'go out and proclaim the Good News'. I think that this is one of our responses - we followed him in the procession proclaiming his presence among us.

There were nearly 250 people, mainly from Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart parishes in Exeter, but also from Topsham and Crediton, several priests, a deacon, the Sisters of the Presentations of Mary and the children from St Nicholas' School. Our parish is a wonderfully diverse community, so it was a very beautiful and very colourful celebration with different groups

carrying their own banners, First Communicants waving flags and children scattering rose petals in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

As the parish photographer I was able to view the procession from many different angles. When I was outside one of the houses waiting for the procession to pass I heard the very gentle and curious conversation of a few young men in their thirties. They were clearly wondering what was going on and one of them said that it was something about Jesus; I turned around to them and said: "You're almost right but it's more than something about Jesus – it is Jesus." Then they asked why it was so quiet – and it was amazingly quiet considering the number of people and young children in the procession – and wondered why we weren't singing. I explained that people were praying but that we would be singing when we stopped on the green up the road, and sort of invited them to join us.

Although I too wanted my 'moment of stillness' I needed to keep on taking pictures so that our Catholic Community would have a permanent record of our witness, our presence outside the church



building and our work of Evangelisation. But, when we got to the final station in the presbytery garden, I couldn't resist any longer – I dropped to me knees and had a little time quietly before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Ola Godbeer
Exeter

Exeter Deanery

St Anthony's, Ottery St Mary

Flowers, pastimes and hospitality

The Catholic Church in Ottery Saint Mary is very busy preparing for a flower festival. Not only are parishioners growing and tending the flowers, but as the theme is "Hobbies and Pastimes" they are creating attractive exhibits to accompany the floral displays. The festival will run from 10.30am to 5pm daily on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September. On Sunday 13th September Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am. St Anthony's is a charming intimate church where any visitor is made very welcome. So, as well as the displays usually associated with a flower festival, there will also be the hospitality always appreciated by those of us who visit the Church from time to time. This will consist of tea coffee, light lunches and cream teas at reasonable prices.

All proceeds will go towards improvement to the church and to local and national. For more information please contact Andrea Reeves Tel: 01395 568301) email: areeves15@hotmail.co.uk



Frances Canning
Exeter

Sacred Heart Parish, Exeter

Confirmations 2015

On Saturday 6th June 2015 Bishop Mark O'Toole visited the Sacred Heart Church in Exeter and confirmed 23 candidates. They were mainly from the Sacred Heart church with a few from the Blessed Sacrament and also from Crediton and Ilfracombe. The candidates have been through a programme including two weekend retreats and evening sessions which proved stimulating, informative and thought provoking helping them to better understand their faith and strengthen their friendship with God.

It was a wonderful Mass and you could truly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. The celebrations continued with refreshments at Cardinal Newman House.



Lesley Hooper, Exeter

St Mary's Parish, Axminster

Catenians' Awards for Excellence

Axminster Catenians continue to support local Catholic schools, with their Awards for Excellence.

This year's award winner at St Catherine's School, Bridport, was Samuel Stunt who received his award from Axminster Catenian President David Gale. At St Mary's School, Axminster Olivia James received her award from Catenian Vice President Bruce Kahn. The presentations were made at the end of term assemblies at both schools and both recipients were greeted with applause by the staff and their fellow pupils. The awards are presented to the pupil who, in the opinion of the head teacher and staff of the school, has provided an outstanding example to others of all round Christian values during their time in the school. The awards, which take the form of a large multi-year plaque for the school, inscribed with the winner's name, are not directly related to academic or sporting achievements and are open to all pupils. Winners receive a smaller plaque and a scroll.



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Bishop Mark, Fr Sunny and Fr Cyril pictured with the Confirmandi

June 4th was a red letter day for our two parishes six of our young people received the sacrament of Confirmation. Father Sunny Paul and Father Cyril, a relative of one of the Confirmandi, concelebrated Mass with Bishop Mark. The families of the six and many parishioners joined together to share the joy of this wonderful occasion.

Judith Hickman

On Wednesday 15th July at 6pm a leaving Mass was held to say thank you and goodbye from Priory School to Mrs Sarah Barreto as she leaves the post of Head Teacher to take up the headship of Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School in Teignmouth. Canon Michael Lock, Mgr David Silk, Mgr George Hay and Fr Jonathan Stewart concelebrated the Mass and Priory School staff were joined by present and former pupils, governors, colleagues, parishioners and friends to celebrate her ministry, love and generosity with prayer and lots of singing (just as Sarah likes it). Sarah joined Priory as Class 1 teacher in 2000, swiftly taking up the position of Deputy Head Teacher not long afterwards. In 2006 she was appointed Head Teacher and, during her time at Priory Sarah has been an inspirational leader and is particularly recognised for her work with families and her excellent pastoral support. She has left an indelible mark and her professional knowledge and expertise will be missed. We wish her well on her new venture.

Kathy Lowry
Acting Head Teacher



St Joseph's, Newton Abbot

MARRIAGE...the debate Reconciling Opinion in the Catholic Church today

A short talk by Dr Jacqui Stewart, which will seek to find common ground between the opposing traditionalist and progressive positions on marriage that have been expressed recently, in the lead up to the October Synod of Catholic Bishops. The talk will be followed by optional small group discussions and tea/biscuits. Dr Stewart is Honorary Research Fellow in the Dept of Theology and Religions at Exeter University, formerly Senior Lecturer at the University of Leeds. She has published work on moral theology, marriage and the family.

Admission is FREE and the event is organised by the local ACTA (A Call to Action) group in the South West which seeks to develop openness and dialogue in the Catholic Church in a climate of trust and respect for all.

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September 2015

Saturday 5th September, 1.30pm, Exeter Cathedral: The Mariposa Trust is holding a Saying Goodbye service for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or anyone who has been affected by a family members or friends loss. Whether the loss was recent, or 80 years ago everyone is welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

Sunday 6th September, 4pm Harbour Green, West Bay, Bridport: the last of the West Bay Summer Services will be led by Fr Richard Meyer and the parish of St Mary & Catherine, Bridport.

Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th September, 7.45pm, Buckfast Abbey: Open air theatre production Into the Light - a modern day adaptation of St John's Gospel telling the story of a group of refugees as they flee Eastern Europe in the 1930's. As they travel they tell 'The greatest story ever told.' For more information and ticket sales Tel: 01364 645506.

Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September, St Anthony's Catholic Church, Mill Street, Ottery St Mary 10.30am - 5.00pm: FLOWER FESTIVAL Coffee, Light Lunches and Cream Teas available. All Welcome!

Monday 21st September, 7.30 pm, Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth: Fr. Nick King S.J., who is a lecturer at Oxford University, will give a talk entitled FOOD FOR THOUGHT- BITE SIZE THEOLOGY. Fr Nick is a well-respected New Testament scholar who has translated every book of the Bible and is a wonderful speaker. All welcome – free entry, but please bring a donation of food for the Exmouth Food Bank.

Friday 25th September, 10am start, Hawkchurch Village Hall, Axminster: Macmillan Coffee Morning with raffle, produce and other stalls. All welcome; for more information contact Maggie Stead Tel: 01297 678458

Saturday 26th September, 10am to 1pm, Church of the Holy Spirit, Bovey Tracey: Celebrations for the 500th Anniversary of the life of St Teresa of Avila.

October 2015

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.

Thursday 8th October at 5pm, Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth: Stella Maris Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark to pray for seafarers and for the work of Apostleship of the Sea who support their faith and welfare needs. All are welcome.

Saturday 10th October, Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth: concert 'IN GOD ALONE' featuring the famous Jo Boyce & Friends, CJM Music. This uplifting, hope filled concert offers music from Jo's first ever solo EP, following the death of her singing song-writing partner Mike Stanley in June 2013. Tickets (Cost £7) available soon and offered to parishes from across the area via Exmouth Parish Office Tel: 01395 263384. For more information visit www.cjmmusic.com

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

Future events

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

Saturday 12th December, 7.30pm, TOADS Little Theatre, St Mark's Road, Torquay: The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe – a performance in aid of HCPT. More information available shortly from Christopher Woodman, HCPT Westcountry Regional Chairman email: westcountry@hcpt.org.uk

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

Wednesdays 10am to 12noon 13a Pentire Rd, Newquay, TR7 1NX.

Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm (during term-time) 18A Ferris Town, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3JH or

New Life Praise and Worship Evenings:

First Wednesday of each month 6.15pm to 7.15pm Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament, followed by praise and Worship at 7.30pm: Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran Catholic Church, Truro. Contact Sheona 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 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 Bingham 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 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.

RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

Silent and individually guided retreats by members of the Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Team: offering each person the opportunity for space, SILENCE and prayer with a spiritual companion to help you pray and reflect. Contact details for bookings and general information post: The Presbytery, 19 Fosse Road, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1NG Tel: 01548 852670 email: mjbutler@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

***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. For more information about events at Sclerder Tel: 01503 272238 or visit the website www.chemin-neuf.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.

Torbay Deanery

St Mary & St George, Totnes

Sarah Adams - walking for the Children of Anjara and Syria



In July 2013 I gave up my car for a week to raise money for much needed funds for the Parish Community of Anjara, a small, predominantly Muslim town north of Jordan and twinned with my own parish of St Mary & St George. That year I walked 150km up and down hilly roads and across fields, through woods and along streams. The weather was kind and people were generous - I raised £1,800, far more than hoped for and the money was sent, as promised, to Anjara where it is being used to support the community with its efforts to help the local school, build a medical centre and a boy's home. Two years on, I decided to do it again! This time it was a longer trip in distance and days as I now live on a farm in the middle of nowhere. The nearest shop is 3 miles away. There are no buses, so I cannot cheat! And, I think it's unlikely that there'll be two full weeks without any rain! I walked for 2-weeks from Monday 20th July to Monday 3rd August, covered just over 200 miles and – thanks to the generosity of my sponsors, raised £2,100! Half of the money raised will go directly to the Parish Priest in Anjara and will again be used to support the local community, particularly the Children's Home and the on-going work to build a fully functional school. The other half of the money will go to CAFOD with a request that the money goes to their partner agencies working to help children orphaned by the war in Syria.

Sarah Adams www.justgiving.com/sarah-adams23/
Totnes

Holy Angels,
Chelston





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