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# Blessing the Door of Mercy ... Plymouth Cathedral

**Bishop Mark opened the Holy Door for the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Cathedral on Guadete Sunday, 13th December, before a packed congregation from many parishes.**

The door had been beautifully prepared by Adrian Wardle and Cathedral parishioners and decorated with pink carnations. After an opening liturgy and Gospel reading, Bishop Mark pushed open the Holy Door. He was the first to cross the threshold and after a moment for quiet prayer and reflection, held the Gospel Book aloft as a fanfare was sounded on the organ.

The procession then followed to the strains of the much loved hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell' with the whole congregation crossing the threshold and processing into the Cathedral where Mass began with a remembrance of our baptism and the sprinkling of the people with blessed water.

In his homily Bishop Mark said: *I do not know if any of you got a chance to catch a glimpse of Pope Francis opening the Holy Door this past week? There were two gestures which have moved me very much. I saw them in watching Pope Francis, firstly, when he opened the Holy Door in Bangui Cathedral in the Central African Republic last week, and then this past Tuesday when he opened the Holy Door in St Peter's in Rome.*

*The first of these gestures, is that in pushing the doors open, the Holy Father stretched his arms wide, forming the image of the cross with his whole body. The second gesture was that, having stepped across the threshold of the Cathedral, his hands came together and he bowed his head, in an intimate gesture of prayer. His whole body became a silent prayer before God.*



*It was lovely for me to mirror these gestures, in opening the Holy Door of our Cathedral here in Plymouth, at the beginning of our Mass today. It's important for us to be mindful of what these gestures say to us, as we enter into this Holy Year. For they speak to us of the mystery of love. The first, is to open our arms wide. Being a person of faith does not close life down. It is not a limiting thing, but a freeing thing. Faith opens us to our neighbour, to the person in need. We bear in our very bodies the suffering of Christ, the image of His cross, and it is this which we offer as hope and mercy to others. The second gesture - that of joining our hands and bowing our head in prayer - reminds us that our lives are God-directed and God centred. It is especially in looking upon, and encountering Jesus, that we experience the mercy of the Father. The mystery of love, we see is not simply something human, but the reality of God's love poured out for us.*

*The Gospel today helps us to see this more clearly. St John the Baptist points us in the right direction. He gives a straight forward outline of what the religious person seeks to do. "If you're a tax collector, then don't cheat people; if you're a soldier don't intimidate others"; this is what he reminds us. We know tax collectors were despised in Jesus' time, not only because they colluded with the occupying Romans, but also because they overcharged people, and then pocketed the money. We know this because of figures like Zaccaheus in the Gospel. John says, "Don't do this... It's fine that you have to collect money for taxes, but don't charge more than the going rate." So, too, for soldiers. We can imagine what it was like to experience them - maybe the Roman soldiers or perhaps the guards who looked after the Temple. You can guess what it's like is when you give a bunch of young men, arms and a bit of authority. It can easily go to their head. They bullied people, and extorted them. Again, John says, "Don't bully people, don't intimidate them, be content with what you get paid".*

*In this Year of Mercy, this Sunday reminds us to keep our arms wide open to others. Not to be hard hearted or mean spirited, but open handed, and open hearted. To mirror Jesus experience on the Cross. To be a bridge for them to Jesus, rather than a stumbling block. Alongside this, we are invited to join our hands and to bow our heads in prayer.*



*Christianity isn't just ethics. We are not simply about doing good. John the Baptist points beyond good moral behaviour. When they point at him and say, "This might be the Christ", he disavows it. He is categorical - "There is One coming greater than I.... I am not fit to undo his sandal strap." We know that was the task of the slave - to undo the straps of his masters sandals. John is saying, "Look, I'm not even worthy to be His slave.*

*This is the extraordinary tenderness and humility of our God, whom we remember comes as a little baby. None of us could imagine this. It goes beyond morals codes and doing good. None of us are worthy of this reaching down to us, which is the very gift of God. As Pope Francis reminded us when he opened the Holy Door, "How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy.....we have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event God's judgment will always be in the light of his mercy." (Homily, St Peter's 8th December 2015)*

*This morning, you came in through the Holy Door, much like you've come other mornings to this Cathedral. At some point in this Year, come back when it's quieter, maybe with a friend or with*

*some members of the family. Pass through the Holy Door once more. Be mindful of the great gift of your faith, in which you enter into the mystery of love. This is a love which has arms wide open to the world, and a love which brings us the gift of prayer because the Spirit of Jesus has been poured into our hearts. May His mercy bring each of us, His very deep joy.*

Before the final blessing, an image of Divine Mercy was blessed to go into the homes of the sick and housebound so that they too can share in the graces of this Jubilee Year. Finally, a rousing Salve Regina was sung, to invoke the prayers of Mary, Mother of Mercy, on these graced months.

It was lovely after Mass to see so many families going to the special Shrine of Mercy which has been erected at the west end of the Cathedral, to pray with their children. Later in the day, pilgrims still came to pray and gain the special plenary indulgence granted by the Holy Father.

**Plymouth Cathedral is open every day including Sundays. Groups of pilgrims will be very welcome and are simply requested to call the Cathedral office a few days beforehand on (01752) 662537.**



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## Diocesan News



# Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)

## AoS Falmouth port chaplain supports hospitalised seafarer

**Towards the end of last year a Ukrainian crew member from the ship 'Crown Topaz' suffered a perforated ulcer.**

The ship was located some 60-miles off the Isles of Scilly and the crew member had to be airlifted to hospital in Falmouth; he spoke no English and was very disorientated when he arrived in hospital. John Pinhay, AoS Port Chaplain for Falmouth and Fowey, doesn't speak Ukrainian and knew that he would need help with translation when visiting. Fortunately the cross channel ferry 'Commodore Goodwill' had been undergoing a refit in Falmouth Docks and the majority of crew were from the Ukraine and the British Captain didn't hesitate in finding two Ukrainian stewardesses, Yancheva and Synytsyna, who volunteered to help.

John and stewardesses went to the hospital where they found that the seafarer was already undergoing surgery. John continues the story: "We were told he was very concerned about his valuables, was feeling very vulnerable and did not trust anyone. So, we left toiletries, chocolate, biscuits, the latest Ukrainian Newsletter, some fruit provided by the 'Commodore Goodwill' and an assurance that we would be back the following day."

When they visited again the seafarer was still very anxious saying that he desperately needed a UK adaptor to charge his phone so that he could speak to his wife back home. He was

also concerned about his luggage which remained on board his ship. Once again John came to the rescue and provided the adaptor together with confirmation that his luggage was safe and sound. On a subsequent visit at the weekend the seafarer was in much better spirits and no longer in pain. John put some money on a TV charge card so that the seaman could watch a Rugby match.

Two days later, AoS ship visitor Simon Bromage, together with the stewardesses returned to hospital to find a cheerful seafarer who was due to be discharged the following day; he was then flown home to get further care and rest.

John reflects: "When recalling the events that had taken place, my mind automatically recalled Matthew 25: 34 – 40. The Captain, Yancheva and Synytsyna did not hesitate to offer help and assistance to someone in need. We all went to a stranger, who we had never met and will probably never see again, but as Port Chaplains, it is what we do. It is a lesson to take on board when you consider that Yancheva and Synytsyna gave freely of their time on four occasions within seven days to help. This is of course what all our volunteers and ship visitors do week in and week out; God Bless them all."

**John Pinhay**

For more information about AoS' ministry supporting seafarers including ways to help please go to [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

Due to the nature of their work, seafarers can spend up to nine months away at sea, separated from their family and loved ones and sometimes working in harsh conditions.

In the Plymouth Diocese, AoS' chaplains and ship visitors provide spiritual, pastoral and welfare support to seafarers who arrive at ports in the South West. This includes organising Mass and prayers on board ships as well as helping seafarers contact their families back home.

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).

More information about the work of AoS can be found at [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)



## Province 13 – Catenian Association Public Speaking Contest

**In the summer of 2015 seven young sixth-formers from St Boniface RC Comprehensive College and Notre Dame RC Comprehensive School met in Plymouth to compete in a Public Speaking Contest organised by Province 13 of the Catenian Association.** Each competitor gave a four minute presentation, on a topic previously chosen from a list of subjects provided; their presentation was marked against a set criteria.

This was the first time that Province 13, which covers an area from the tip of Cornwall, throughout Devon and into West Somerset, had organised a local heat of the contest. The heat was won



by Emily Harry from Notre Dame who then entered, and won, the national final in Manchester in September.

Province 13 would now like to extend an invitation to all Catholic Sixth-form

students in Years 11 to 14 to participate in our second Public Speaking Contest which is being held on Saturday, 20th February 2016 at Stover School, near Newton Abbot. The winner receives a trophy which is held by their school for a year, as well as a cheque and individual trophy which they keep. All competitors receive a certificate.

If you know any Catholic Sixth-former who would like to take part, then please contact me tel: 01626 438446 email: [phadenraf@gmail.com](mailto:phadenraf@gmail.com).

**Peter Holman**  
Provincial President – Province 13  
Catenian Association



## Diocesan News

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is part of Caritas International, a worldwide network of Catholic relief and development agencies.



**Beautiful things can happen when you make, wear and share a green heart this Valentine's Day.** We can help protect the places, people and things we love from climate change. It's a way to show the love for what you hold dear, raise awareness of the impact of climate change on poverty and do something fun with your friends, family, school or parish.

Together with the Climate Coalition, we are encouraging people to make green hearts in the run-up to Valentine's Day in February. It's a way of starting conversations about climate change, building community and showing how much you care about the impact of climate change on our common home and our global neighbours.

**Make it** – You can stitch, knit, draw, cut out, paint or make a heart in whatever way you like. You can do it by yourself, or as part of a group. You can keep it simple, or use your design to show what you love and risk losing due to climate change.

**Wear it** – Show the world you care, or give your heart to someone else to start a conversation about climate change.

**Share it** – Take a picture of yourself and your heart to share on social media, using #showthelove and @CAFOD. Invite your MP along to a heart-making session, or send them a picture after the event. And



please, tell us too, so that we can share all the love and creativity from around the country by emailing [campaigns@cafod.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@cafod.org.uk)

### Wool Chartered Accountant returns from campaigning in Paris following climate change deal

A Wool retired chartered accountant has returned from Paris after travelling to the city to call for world leaders to tackle climate change.

Bernard White, 69, and a parishioner from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Joseph, Wool, was in the French capital from Wednesday 9 December until Sunday 13 December with representatives of more than 190 countries gathered in the city to agree action for tackling climate change. Bernard travelled for the end of the talks with Catholic aid agency CAFOD to call for an agreement to prevent the changing climate from pushing people deeper into poverty.

Bernard joined Catholic campaigners from different continents who travelled to Paris following a letter from Pope Francis which calls for the protection of people and our planet. The campaigners visited the conference centre where negotiations were taking place and sent a message to UK Energy Secretary Amber Rudd to say they were waiting for a deal. Bernard later took part in a demonstration with thousands of people near the Eiffel Tower as negotiations reached their tense final hours.

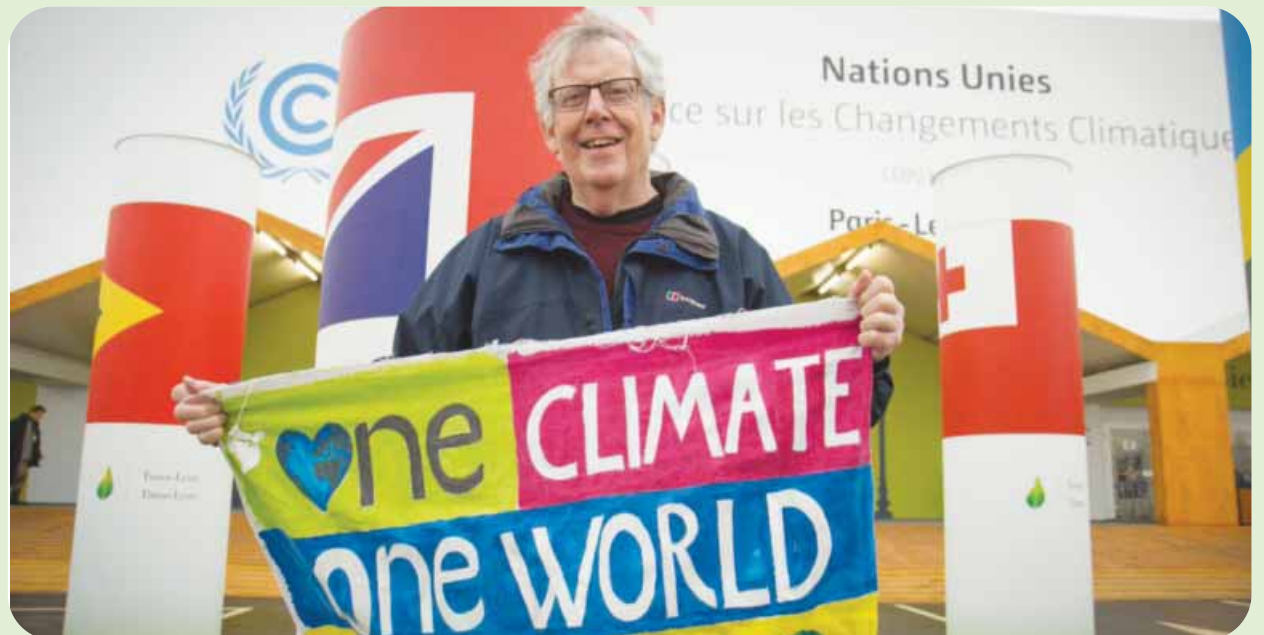
Bernard commented: "Pope Francis says in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*:

"Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political ..... It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day....." I agree with that wholeheartedly. I had to go to Paris to do what I could to get an agreement to meet the challenge head on."

The Paris Agreement is being hailed as the start of a new era of action on climate change, committing countries to limit the rise in temperatures and signaling the transition away from fossil fuels. The Agreement also states the link between climate change and its impact upon people in the world's poorest communities and the responsibility of richer nations to financially support countries most vulnerable to adapt to the effects of the changing climate.

Bernard added: "Governments who made commitments under the agreement must now set about meeting them. CAFOD supporters will be campaigning to see that they do."

If you're not already a CAFOD supporter and would like to be involved please contact Simon Giarchi, CAFOD Plymouth Diocese Community Participation Officer Tel: 01364 645440 email: [plymouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:plymouth@cafod.org.uk) website: [www.cafodplymouth.org.uk](http://www.cafodplymouth.org.uk)



## Ann Widdecombe Signs for the Society

Craft fairs and cream teas were the order of the day when the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe DSG came to Falmouth, Torquay, and Poole over the summer to sign her books in aid of the Catholic Children's Society. The three events were Ann's first engagements for the society since becoming patron in November 2014 and her books proved to be very popular particularly in Poole where they sold out!

Ann's generous support helped the society to raise around £1,000 for families in need in our Diocese. Thank you to everyone who come to support the Society and to all the volunteers who gave their time so willingly.

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The Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe DSG with two young supporters at 'Tea with Ann', Queensway School, Torquay

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# Catholic Women with a Catholic voice Caring with Love



There is CWL representation in over 200 parishes in the Dioceses across England and Wales. The League is involved in charitable work of all kinds. Members endeavour to exert influence in those issues rooted in social justice and peace and particularly seek to make the voice of Catholic women heard in the legislative system on issues of the Family. The League offers members the opportunity to develop and learn new skills, enabling them to fulfil their mission of service to one another, to their parish and to the church. For more information visit: [www.catholicwomensleague.org](http://www.catholicwomensleague.org)



The Dorset Branch of the Catholic Women's League celebrated their Founder's day starting with Mass in St Joseph's Church, Branksome. Section and Branch banners were processed up to the altar during the first hymn. Fr Chris Findlay-Wilson, Parish Priest, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many CWL members present and said how much he valued their presence in the parish. The ladies continued the celebrations in the church hall with a sherry reception, a shared lunch, a quiz and a carol service. They also managed to have a short meeting to discuss some of the events both National and local which will be coming up in 2016. There will be an AGM at Dorchester at which our Bishop will celebrate Mass, and also a Pilgrimage to Buckfast Abbey in May.



Youngsters attending the World Youth day in Poland next June will benefit from £345 raised by a coffee morning held in the garden of CWL Branksome and Parkstone section Chair, Margaret Walker. A presentation was made to Muiread Smith, Dannii Pittam and Linto Philip with their youth worker Paul Andrewartha. Three more young people from the Poole parishes, Joseph Philip, Dali Philip and Suzanna Farrell will also be going in 2016.



Dorset branch of the Catholic Women's League is enthusiastically supporting the CWL National Project donating to Women's Refuges by gathering gifts and raising money for their local refuges.

Members of Branksome and Parkstone section brought their gifts to the first meeting of the New Year. First they renewed their commitment to the CWL during a Mass celebrated by Fr Chris

Findlay-Wilson for CWL intentions. At the meeting which followed the Chair, Margaret Walker, was pleased to welcome 5 new or returning members who had joined that evening. Fr Chris was asked if he would be the section's Spiritual Adviser which he accepted.

Carol Gregory  
CWL Dorset Branch



We had a great turnout, with many visitors, at a recent CWL Dorchester Branch meeting when Beryl King and Vickie Woodbridge brought in an amazing variety of quilts and other works they had made. They have been involved in 'patchwork' for over forty years. Beryl showed us her Millennium Quilt, partly based on both Old and New Testaments. One block was for Beryl's memories, her wedding, reception into the church etc. She had appliqued flowers celebrating the births of her five children with a 'forget-me-not' for a baby carried for just five months. Beryl said she had made good use of her gardening books to find the appropriate flower for the month!

Vickie has a great love for the 'Celtic Knot' and we were shown a wedding-present quilt she had made for friends. The Celtic knot also referred to as the 'mystic knot' or the 'endless knot' reminding us of the timeless nature of our Spirit.

We were all so impressed with the quality and variety of their work and thanks to the demonstration, an interest in patchwork has been rekindled in one person I know.

Anita Finnigan  
CWL Dorchester

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# Deacons Tenth Anniversary Mass: snow permitting!

**In 2001 four of us, from Newquay, Truro. Newton Abbot and Shaftesbury, started a journey together towards the Diaconate.**

Two studied at Maryvale in Birmingham, two studied and prepared locally. We were supported by our wives and families as we trod the road towards Diaconal Service in our parishes and communities. It had its joys and sorrows, and looking back we have discerned it was leading to greater holiness and more of God's love: both for us and primarily for the people we encounter and minister to.

Just at the end of our pre-ordination retreat at Buckfast in November 2005 the heavens opened to give a blanket of thick snow! It was tricky getting home!

Was that a sign of purification and resurrection as we emerged for our Diaconal Ordination on 2 December 2005? Five years later that snow reappeared, and one of us could not make our anniversary Mass held on 2 December 2010, because of blocked roads!

Five years later, on 2 December 2015 there was no snow, so we all had good journeys up to the Cathedral for our Mass, kindly said for us by Mgr Bart Nannery. There were no problems too, walking to our celebratory lunch at the local Italian restaurant! Is that a sign of our maturity and confidence?

The homilist reminded us that we act as servants of our parishes, and bridges



between our communities and our clergy. He also pointed out that married Deacons who have fallen ill and been anointed, will have received all seven sacraments - an unusual feat these days! Our prayers at the Mass had twin themes: That we renew our desire to love and serve the Lord as Deacons, and we gave thanks and prayed for all those who had helped us, and continue to help us on our journey.

Have we made a difference? We hope so. That dream we all share of the Holy Spirits' influence in our ministry is beautifully described by an American teacher-we might claim it as our own: "I heard our Deacon speak recently. Throughout the entire homily I kept thinking how much I wanted to quote him. Yet since I did not have a way of taking notes I cannot recall anything,

really, except the way he made me feel: good and on fire for God. There is a poster in front of our counsellor's office at school. It says something like, "when your student looks back to remember his school days, he may not remember what you said or did. But he will remember how you made him feel." I hope to live a life where, when people leave me, they leave feeling a little better about themselves and love being a child of God."

No one, when he has a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.

- Luke 11:33

**Deacon Andrew Shute**  
**Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran**  
**Truro**

## Diocesan Youth Rally 2015 - Ready, Steady Go...



**It was time to rally the youth of our Diocese once again, this year it was to set-off for St Rita's, Honiton in mid-September.**

**Ready:** This event was made possible, as on many previous occasions, through the generosity of the Order of Augustinian Recollects (OAR) who offered to host the activities at St Rita's Retreat & Conference venue in Honiton. Well established plans have been set-up since the idea was conceived by the late John Woolcott in the seventies. John's sister Rita, is always at hand, serving the day in a variety of ways. These range from helping all to keep cool with ice creams, to presenting awards.

All on-site activities are energetically planned and led by Patrick Morris and some willing hands.

**Steady:** This describes the stream of some 150 people arriving for 1pm, by coach and car mostly, and our young people fuel up on packed lunches. A quick reconnaissance of the available 'It's a Knockout' activities shows that any remaining hunger has now shifted towards getting going and letting the fun begin. The variety of individual challenges and team events mean time passes all too quickly. All are grateful for the activity leaders and their helpers, whose engagement offers vital encouragement motivating each person to discover their potential and new friends.

**Go:** The concluding phase of the day continues to nourish us all. This year we were grateful to Fr Darline Marianathan, from Okehampton parish, who came to

learn about the day's activities, celebrate achievements and celebrate the Youth Mass too. Before Mass started, awards were presented that included medals and the 'John Woolcott' cup. As the activities concluded, the field was gradually transformed into an open air Mass venue. Preparations began to explore participation in the Liturgy, reading the Word and playing instruments to enhance the music in readiness to celebrate.

Fr Darline spoke of the challenge we all face at times, to keep going when our desire to want to do our best diminishes. What remains can feel insufficient, finding it hard to continue. He reminded us that it can be similar to the 'It's a Knockout' activities when, if we have had some practice and encouragement, it will help us achieve more. He explained how Jesus also came to encourage us individually and how he invites us to help build his Kingdom, not only to have winners, but to ensure that no one is discouraged from being a part of it. Instead, 'a new way to be great' exists, when we are hopeful and able to show others how to make learning fun for all.

We would like the Youth Rally to continue and it is now necessary to appeal for adult volunteers to come forward and help plan for the 2016 event. We are looking for a mixture of parents from past years and new people, to support this wonderful occasion. If you can help as part of a team, to ensure this continues, please give Patrick Morris a call on mob: 07880 734 088.

**Chris Lee, Exeter**

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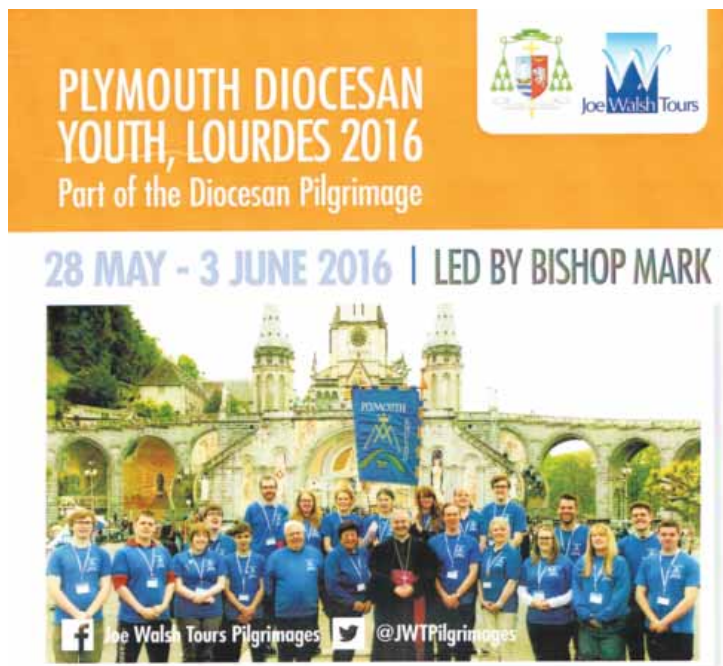
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Every year a number of young people from across the Diocese join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and, whilst undertaking their own pilgrimage, offer support to other pilgrims from across our diocese. This support takes many forms including helping less able pilgrims, some of whom are wheelchair users or just in need of a helping hand, to get to and from the Grotto and the other pilgrimage events that take place in the Domain and around the town of Lourdes itself. The Torchlight Processions every evening are very special occasions in everyone's pilgrimage journey. Support can also be befriending fellow pilgrims – sharing a kind word, a smile or a coffee. The young people also help organise and lead some of the liturgies that take place and, throughout the pilgrimage, are themselves supported by Fr Anthony O'Gorman together with Youth Leaders Jacqueline Mantello and Caroline Roelich.

A highlight of the Youth Pilgrimage is a day-trip to the Pyrenean resort of Gavarnie, high in the mountains, traveling through the magnificent scenery that the area offers. Travelling by luxury coach also gives the young people an opportunity to get to know each other and establish new and long lasting friendships.

If you would like to join this year's Youth Pilgrimage (cost £435pp fully inclusive) and make 2016 a 'special year' for you and for the people you will encounter please contact Jacqueline Mantello tel: 01803 328916 email: jmantello@btinternet.com for more information.



## The Vicariate for Evangelisation, Catechesis and Schools

**Whenever change occurs, familiar structures and names are no longer there and a certain amount of confusion can arise.** To reduce this as much as possible the following information is offered.

The Vicariate for Evangelisation, Catechesis and Schools is a new structure whose primary objective is to help fulfil the fact that 'The Church exists to evangelise'. Evangelisation involves both attitude and action. With this in mind we aim to:

- Help individuals grow in their sense of being missionary disciples.
- Help, support and sustain evangelisation teams in every parish.
- Stimulate and share ideas and activities that bear fruit in this task.
- Aim to reach out especially to non-Church going Catholics and to those who have not encountered Christ.

Because of the size of the Diocese, three fieldworkers have been employed to help facilitate this work. They are there to be a 'known face' within their areas, to first of all help form and sustain the parish evangelisation teams, which are a vital and pivotal component, but also to be of general help. We encourage you to contact them:-

**Plymouth/Cornwall:**  
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David Wells, who has worked with the Vicariate for 15 years, will now be heading up Bishop Mark's initiative mentioned in his Pastoral Letter earlier this year. His role will be to assist schools in their contribution to the New Evangelisation. David can be contacted on Mob: 07967 150 226 Tel: 01364 645450 email: David.Wells@plymouthcast.org.uk

Debbie Beech who has been administrator in the Vicariate for nearly 4 years, will now be working for Plymouth CAST, as Events Coordinator, coordinating Plymouth CAST Central's annual calendar of school events, conferences & courses. Debbie will also continue to administrate for the two current CCRS courses and the Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016, she can be contacted on Tel: 01364 645450 email: events@plymouthcast.org.uk

**Please note:** At present, events such as Clear Voices and Gather have been put on hold whilst we deal with this time of transition.

**Rev Jonathan Bielawski**  
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## Cornwall Deanery

## Parish of Our Lady of All Nations, Camborne-Redruth

On Thursday 29th October 2015 the new Parish Priest, Fr Cadoc Leighton, was officially inducted into his new ministry by the Rev Peter Morgan, recently elected Dean of Cornwall. He was assisted by eight priests and two deacons. Fr Cadoc is a member of the Norbertine Canons, once well-known in England, and the Superior, Fr Hugh Allan O.Praem, was present on the sanctuary.

During the Mass of Induction, two hymns were sung in Cornish including the familiar invocation of the Cornish saints by the late Canon Miles Brown. Then the new Parish Priest and his people promised to support each other in proclaiming and living out the teaching of Christ's Gospel.

After Mass there were refreshments in the Parish Hall. We all wish Fr Cadoc a blessed and fruitful ministry in central Cornwall.

**Fr David Annear**  
St Cuthbert Mayne Parish, Launceston





## Diocesan News



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# HCPT GROUP 579's Visit to Lourdes October 2015

After hectic preparations, organising the (more or less) simultaneous arrival at Bristol Airport of 25 pilgrims, Group 579 set off for what proved to be a memorable week in Lourdes. Our group of pilgrims from Devon and Cornwall, Colchester, Southampton, Warrington and London, flew to Bordeaux and from there went by coach to Lourdes, where we stayed at Hosanna House, HCPT's wonderful home-from-home in Bartres, just 3-kilometres from Lourdes.

We were blessed with good weather, and were able to take full part in the Torchlight Procession, the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Blessing of the Sick, as well as attending the International Mass in the magnificent underground Basilica. Our spiritual welfare was catered for by our chaplain, Fr Roy Davis, whose gentle leadership made the daily Masses in the chapel at Hosanna House memorable and uplifting.

As a treat of a more secular nature, we went to visit la Maison Francis Miot in Pau, where the most exquisite hand-made chocolates, jams and fruit sweets are produced to secret recipes which have won world acclaim and countless awards at food fairs throughout Europe. The chocolate sculptures, including a life-sized elephant, were certainly novel, and most impressive.

The week flew by, so that it seemed unbelievable when on Saturday 10th October it was time to leave. We said 'au revoir' to the wonderful staff at Hosanna House who had catered for our every need so willingly and cheerfully. The devoted helpers in the Group, who had all completely spent



themselves in making the week an enjoyable, comfortable, memorable and rewarding experience for our less able friends were, as always, an example of true Christian caring.

To be part of an HCPT pilgrimage, responding to the invitation of Our Lady to come to the Grotto in procession and wash in the water from the spring there, is a great privilege. And, to spend the week as part of the loving family at Hosanna House is a truly unforgettable, and indeed life-changing experience; it reminds us of what life could be like in a truly Christian community.

If you should get an opportunity to join one of the two Westcountry HCPT Groups on a Hosanna House pilgrimage, jump at the chance to share this wonderful experience. You will not regret it.

For more information about Group 579 and how to join their pilgrimage visit: [www.hcpt.org.uk/group/579](http://www.hcpt.org.uk/group/579)

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## St Paul the Apostle, Tintagel

Tintagel parishioner Joyce Morris celebrated her 100th birthday on 12th November 2015. Joyce was still able to attend Mass until a few years ago and she now regularly receives the Sacraments at home. And listens to daily Mass on EWTN. Before becoming confined to her home Joyce was a reader at St Paul the Apostle and also helped clean the church. She still has a powerful voice!

Fr Bryan Storey  
 Tintagel



Joyce with her niece Barbara and Fr Bryan Storey

## Cornwall Deanery

## Parish of Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran, Truro

Parish based training for handing on the faith is to be offered by the School of the Annunciation. The training is open to all adults who want to speak about their faith and don't know where to start, and for parents and grandparents who want to speak to the children of Jesus Christ but don't know how. The course will be especially helpful for Parish Evangelisation Teams. There will be a Come & See Session on Saturday 30th January in the Church Hall after the 9.30am Mass.

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Cornwall Deanery

Parish of St Mary, Falmouth

It has been the custom for many years for the 12th St Mary Immaculate Guides to prepare and serve a full three course meal for the parish. This year was no exception and 26 guests sat down to a beautifully prepared table complete with flowers, table decorations, menu and the 'Guides Grace' which is internationally used by the Guide Association and known as 'World Hunger Grace':

*For food in a world where many walk in hunger  
For Faith in a world where many walk in fear  
For friends in a world where many walk alone  
We give you humble thanks O Lord.*

Preparation and serving of the meal was a component of the Community Service element of their yearly badge and the Guides had a 'sleep-over' so that they could rise early and get everything done. They looked very smart in their new aprons and had been very well trained in the skills of hospitality and table service. The menu was comprised of Soup, followed by Roast Beef or Stuffed Aubergine and vegetables with a dessert of mince pies or fruit salad. Helpings were generous and all the guests were delighted. The always popular raffle took place after lunch to raise funds for the Guides'

Weekend Adventure Event in Torquay in May. There was also much reminiscing as the St Mary Immaculate Guides have been in existence for 60-years and some guests were members long ago! We thank the Guides and their leader for their hard work (no dishwashing machines!), their enthusiasm and cheerfulness. May God bless them all.

Mary Bradley  
Falmouth



Guild of St Stephen Medal

**Nikola, Josh, Noah, Erin and Mollie all received the St Stephen guild medal this year, with family and friends in attendance.** It was Fr Brian Kenwick's first Christmas in Falmouth and the smile on his face captures the joy of the day. In the group photo, two of the newly enrolled Altar Servers are carrying new acolyte candles donated by our Guild at Falmouth, from monies left in an account set up to purchase new cassocks and cottas for the servers.

To make this year even more special Eloise Lobban received a silver medal in recognition of 10 years loyal service on the sanctuary. Pictured with Eloise are her parents Adie and Fran, Grandparents Ben and Jenny Davis and her brothers Tom, who served in Falmouth until he went to Exeter University in September and who received his silver medal 2 years ago and Harry, who has now been serving for the past 8 years.

John Pinhay MC  
Falmouth

Dorset Deanery



Holy Trinity, Dorchester

**What an enjoyable ecumenical get-together we had at our Parish Centre at the end of November.** We were joined by twenty eight visitors from other church groups in the area and CWL sections from Bridport, Weymouth and Parkstone. Fr Barry joined us during tea and chatted to everyone there. Cake

and mince pies were followed by a testing quiz and Audrey Farley did a reading about Christmas and Jesus as the Light of the World, a candle being lit after each line. £150 raised from the raffle was donated to Dorchester Food Bank. We ended a very enjoyable afternoon singing carols.



**Holy Trinity 'Has Talent' – yes we do!** At a recent concert in aid of CAFOD Frances and her friends played their violins; Janet and Pat Dalzell played piano duets; Hannah McFarlane, the lead cellist in the National Children's Orchestra and only thirteen-years-old, played so beautifully on her cello (another Jacqueline Dupre maybe.....?); Peter Thomas came from Poole especially to entertain and mystify us with his 'Magic and Mystery'; 'Close Harmony' a group formed from some parish members and one or two others sang for us and some CWL ladies gave us a funny (very!) sketch on 'Snow White'.

It was a lovely social occasion, great atmosphere, an excellent evening's entertainment and with lots of goodies to eat and drink. Over £508 was raised for CAFOD for refugees in Europe and the UK.

Anita Finnigan  
Dorchester





## Exeter Deanery

### Holy Ghost Parish, Exmouth

#### When the Franciscan Sisters came to Exmouth....



**On the 6th October a contingent from Holy Ghost drove to Bristol to pick-up the Franciscan Sisters from Assisi off their flight from Rome.**

Their concerns about possible 'awkward silences' on the journey back to Exmouth were unfounded as, from the moment that they got in to the car, they were an absolute joy. They talked and laughed until they arrived back in Exmouth!

Their infectious humour continued over supper with Fr Philip, Jane and Sr Claire; a wonderful, light hearted event where we learned more about the Sisters and also their liking for 'Branston Pickle' - which they



thought was amazing. And again over a 'Fish and Chip Supper' with the Sisters and parishioners. The Sisters entertained us with dancing and songs and made us cry with the stories of their work in Italy. I have never laughed and cried so much in one evening!

During the 6pm Saturday Mass the Sisters sang as the congregation received Holy Communion. After Mass we went to the 'Jo Boyce' concert which was amazing, no, above amazing! Which was followed by coffee in the hall when everyone was on a complete high! Then, at the 11am Sunday Mass we were joined by the Sisters and Jo Boyce, along with her friends. When the Sisters and Jo sang together, it was amazing, everyone was in complete awe! Afterwards we all attended the Harvest Festival and again, the Sisters were at the centre of it all. We left feeling so elated, but sad as we didn't want to see the Sisters go home. We very much hope that we will one day be lucky and blessed enough to find them back with us all at Holy Ghost.

Thank you Fr Philp and Jane for having been able to bring this wonderful occasion together - what a wonderful end to an absolutely fantastic 'Centenary Year'

**Richard and Lorri Gegg  
Exmouth**

## ... And we went to Rome and Assisi

**Roma..... On a grey October morning, a group of 49 pilgrims, some 'first-timers', gathered outside Holy Ghost church for an 8-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi.**

Every stage of our journey had been meticulously planned in advance by Jane and Fr Philip and we arrived in the 'eternal city' tired but happy and looking forward to an unforgettable experience. We were not disappointed: within a full programme of visits to magnificent churches, ancient monuments, meals out in local restaurants and much walking, there was also time in which to relax and be alone with God and there was no pressure to take part of any of the excursions if we felt the need for more personal space.

Our bright orange backpacks which had not, initially, been received with enthusiasm by all of the group, proved to be a total blessing as we made our way through the crowded Roman streets and piazzas and helped us to identify members of the group we had not had contact with before, and so new friendships were formed. One of our younger members, Emily, described it as a time 'full of laughs, experiences and memories'.

One of the highlights of our visit to Rome was the privilege of attending the Papal Mass in St Peter's marking the end of the Synod on the Family and even this had its surprises: in the overwhelmingly ornate surroundings of the Basilica of St Peter we witnessed a scene of extraordinary simplicity as the Pope and the Synod Fathers processed in, all uniformly attired in green with unadorned white mitres, Pope Francis himself only distinguished by the crozier he carried. This image of humility was one that led us naturally into the second stage of our pilgrimage, to the birthplace of the Saint that Pope Francis so much admires.....

**Assisi.....** It was the perfect end to the Rome stage of this year's pilgrimage, being 'waved off' as it were by Pope Francis gliding past in his pope-mobile during the Wednesday morning papal



audience. A sheer joy for the 'Holy Ghosters' assembled by the barriers in St. Peter's square (you know who you are!!). And so onwards to Assisi for the peace and tranquillity promised by the world heritage site which was St Francis' home town and the final resting place of his bodily remains.

The evening coach ride was through heavy rain and misty hills, arriving in the dark but with the lights of Assisi resplendent atop the rocky outcrop. The group transferred to mini-cabs and our final accommodations, whether the 'Suore Francescane Alcantarine' convent, the convent's 'overflow guest extension', or the Albergo La Rocca on the highest part of the town. The narrow cobbled streets and stone buildings producing the magical atmosphere of homeliness that permeates this special place.

When 'canvassed' people most frequently spoke about the sense of an 'ecological spirituality' to be found in the places visited: the hill-fort castle 'La-Rocca', which affords spectacular views over the surrounding valleys and wooded hillsides. 'La Bocca' where beautiful walks may be taken to see the restoration work in progress to re-forest an area of hillside commensurate with how it would have been in St Francis' lifetime. The church of San Damiano, where St. Francis prayed in front of the now emblematic, wood and canvas crucifix which 'spoke' to him asking him to rebuild God's house which was "in ruins". This was also the home of St. Clare and her sisters and despite now providing accommodation for male Franciscans, is still suffused with the complementarity provided by the feminine aspect of spirituality.

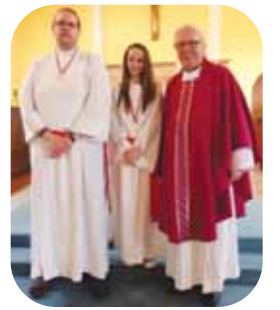
During the communal meal on our final evening we were able to express our heartfelt thanks to Fr Philip and Jane for the enormous effort involved with the logistics of allowing us to accompany Fr Philip on his annual pilgrimage!

**Mimi Barton and Carol Keay  
Exmouth**

## Dorset Deanery

### St Catherine's, Wimborne

An icon of the Parish patron saint, Catherine of Alexandria, was blessed and placed before the altar for the Patronal Festival Mass at St Catherine's, Wimborne, Dorset. The icon, written by a member of the parish, Jacky Botterill is pictured with Canon Kenneth Noakes and Deacon Michael Allen



Sam Beusmans received the Silver Medal of the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers at St Catherine's, Wimborne. She began serving after making her first Holy Communion and has now started as a teacher at St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Chandlers Ford. Sam is pictured with senior server



Michael Randall and Canon Kenneth Noakes, Parish Priest.

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Plymouth Deanery

# St Edward the Confessor, Peverell, Plymouth

On Sunday 13th December Fr Bernard Hahey presented over 40 Children from our parish with books as part of their ongoing religious education. Classes are held after the Sunday 10am Mass for both the Confirmation group and younger children. Catechesis of the young is central to St Edwards's mission and, after much deliberation, the books chosen for each group were: a handbook of Prayers for the Confirmation Group; a Simple Prayer Book for the First Holy Communion Group; My Little Missal for the post-First Holy Communion group and a Tiny Tots Bible for the pre-school group.

After the 10am Sunday Mass at St Edwards refreshments are available in the Parish Hall including a wide variety of home cooked cakes and buns and this is facilitating the development of a more cohesive parish community. Parishioners of all ages and cultures get together in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Our coffee and cake ladies generously donate their home cooked produce every week and the voluntary contributions from their cake and coffee activities made the purchase of the books possible.

Paul Robinson  
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Torbay Deanery

## St Joseph's, Newton Abbot

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Joseph's School and to listen to the gentle background music. There was an atmosphere of serenity and calm, a time to spend in prayer, or to reflect on that 'First Christmas', or just to come and light a candle and feel that peace. A number people passed through the doors that evening, some just to sit awhile, others to light a candle and offer a prayer. We are very blessed to have so many people among us, to offer their time and truly inspirational ideas and we look forward to holding another similar evening in the future.

Nickola Scagell,  
St Joseph's, Newton Abbot

## South Hams Catenians



On Monday the 21st December 2015, Brothers and their wives of South Hams Circle, along with Brother Director Vince Walsh and his wife Theresa, enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Seven Stars Public House in Kingsbridge, South Devon. Following our meeting the ladies joined us for a very tasty full Christmas meal. The Circle gave all of the ladies a small Christmas present and we then had a draw, the proceeds going to Charity. We also held

a quiz based on religious sayings, similar to 'Catchphrase' when you say what you see. The quiz was won by Vice President Ben Morby and his wife Sandra. To end the evening we had two rounds of Irish Bingo, the last one standing won and Trevor Davies told a few jokes to send everyone away home with a smile on their face.

Trevor Davies  
South Hams Catenians



# Diary Dates

## February 2016



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### January 2016

**Saturday January 30th from 9.45am till 2.30pm, Holy Trinity Church Centre, Arena Park, Exeter, EX4 8RD :** Knowing the Father's Embrace an Emmaus Road event which will explore how we can experience, as a reality, God's Father heart for us and consider how we can be released from distorted images of fatherhood and into His perfect fathering - with prayer ministry. For all details of the day and on-site facilities email: [stevewaller5@btinternet.com](mailto:stevewaller5@btinternet.com) or visit: [www.emmausroadministries.org.uk](http://www.emmausroadministries.org.uk)

### February 2016

**Thursday 11th February, Reform Synagogue, 53 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, 7.30pm:** Rabbi Maurice Michaels will give a talk on 'Varieties of Judaism.' For more information tel: 01202 557736 or visit: [www.ccj.org.uk/branches/bournemouth](http://www.ccj.org.uk/branches/bournemouth).

**Wednesday 17th February, 7pm, Hayle Methodist Church,** "Windows Into the Christian Faith." For more information contact Shelley Porter tel: 01208 892811 email: [shelley.porter@truro.anglican.org](mailto:shelley.porter@truro.anglican.org)

**Saturday 27th February, County Hall, Truro, 10am to 4pm,** Celebrating Cornwall's Stained Glass Heritage." A study day with Michael Swift. For more information and to book a place (cost £20) tel: 01872 320036 email: [cornwalloffice@wea.org.uk](mailto:cornwalloffice@wea.org.uk)

**Saturday 27th February, The Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter, 11am to 4pm, Iona Community South West Regional Gathering:** This day is for anyone who is concerned to try and live out their Christian Faith and who wants to know more about how members of the Iona Community aim to not just talk about and preach the gospel but to live it. For more information visit: [www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)

### March 2016

**Wednesday 23rd March, 12noon, Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface:** Chrism Mass: More information about the Chrism Mass will follow in the March edition of CSW which is due to arrive in parishes for the weekend of 27th/28th February 2016.

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Cornwall Deanery

- **New life House Groups focusing on prayer, scripture and fellowship (Acts 2):** contact Sheona Mob: 07790 413 562 for more information and directions
  - o Wednesdays 10am to 12noon 13a Pentire Rd, Newquay, TR7 1NX.
  - o Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm (during term-time) 18A Ferris Town, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3JH or
- **New Life Praise and Worship Evenings:**
  - o First Wednesday of each month 6.15pm to 7.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by praise and Worship at 7.30pm: Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran Catholic Church, Truro. Contact Sheona Mob: 07790 413 562 for more information or visit [www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com](http://www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com)
- **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.
- **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](mailto: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.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.
- **Every Sunday at 6pm, Polish Mass:** Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay.
- **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. All 2016 Retreats will take place at Southgate Retreat House, Buckfast Abbey. Contact details for bookings and general information post: The Presbytery, 19 Fosse Road, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1NG Tel: 01548 852670 email: [mjbutler@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbutler@yahoo.com) or [adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk).

- **Saturday 5th March:** Lenten Quiet Day
- **Friday 17th to Sunday 19th June:** Weekend retreat
- **Monday 20th to Friday 24th June:** Mid-week retreat
- **Friday 17th to Friday 24th June:** 6-day retreat
- **Friday 14th to Sunday 16th October:** Weekend retreat
- **Monday 17th to Friday 21st October:** Mid-week retreat
- **Friday 14th to Friday 21st October:** 6-day retreat
- **Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November:** A 'taster' weekend retreat

(For anyone who would like to try and retreat for the first time)

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](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/annuaire/united-kingdom/sclerder-abbey).

### 2016 PILGRIMAGES IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

**Friday 18th to Sunday 27th March 2016 STUDENT CROSS:** is a cross-carrying pilgrimage, not just for Students, which takes place in. Eleven groups of people walk from different parts of the country to Walsingham where they arrive on Good Friday and celebrate Easter together. Come and enjoy a wonderful experience of friendship, community, worship, music, prayer, plenty of fun and a mountain of cake! For more information contact Helena (email: [helena.wilding@bnc.oxon.org](mailto:helena.wilding@bnc.oxon.org)) or visit the website: [www.studentcross.org.uk](http://www.studentcross.org.uk).

**Saturday 30th April to Saturday 7th May:** Medjugorje Pilgrimage flying from Bristol with Joe Walsh Tours (ATOL Bonded). Fr Tony McGrath will be Spiritual Director and Tony Allbright Group Organiser. Cost £539 (single room supplement +£126). For more information please contact Tony Allbright Tel: 01736 362925 email: [tobright@btinternet.com](mailto:tobright@btinternet.com) or visit the website [www.maryqueenofpeace.info/2016](http://www.maryqueenofpeace.info/2016)

**Thursday 19th to Friday 27th May:** HCPT Group 507 Joint Services Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now taking enquires from veterans with disabilities to join them for next year's pilgrimage. We also welcome enquires for volunteer helpers of which the veterans wouldn't be able to travel. If you would like to join us as a pilgrim or a helper please contact Richard Tipping for more information Tel: 01752 787697 e-mail: [richard.tipping@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.tipping@blueyonder.co.uk). **Saturday 28th May to Friday 3rd June:** Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, under the leadership of Bishop Mark O'Toole. Pilgrims will stay at Hotel Chapelle et Parc, very close to the Grotto. Enquiries to Pilgrimage Director Fr Kieran Kirby Tel: 01803 294142. Bookings via Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 0203 468 0617 email: [info@joewalstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalstours.co.uk). Online Bookings [www.joewalstours.co.uk](http://www.joewalstours.co.uk). For information about joining the Youth Pilgrimage please contact Jacqueline Mantello Tel: 01803 328916. Special Assisted Section those needing 24-hour nursing care join with the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Tel: 0208 848 9833.



Torbay Deanery



St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay

Bishop Mark O'Toole and Rev Douglas Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes, presided at the annual St Cuthbert Mayne Day which, this year, was celebrated on Friday 27th March. Teachers, Staff, Governors, Pupils and Clergy from the local Churches came together in a liturgy led by the Pupils themselves. There were readings, singing by the accomplished choir and thought-provoking

drama. In his address to the pupils Bishop Mark quoted some of the lyrics of a popular song by Adele 'Hello, how are you? Hello, can you hear me? and wondered if perhaps those are the words that Christ is saying to all of us.

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