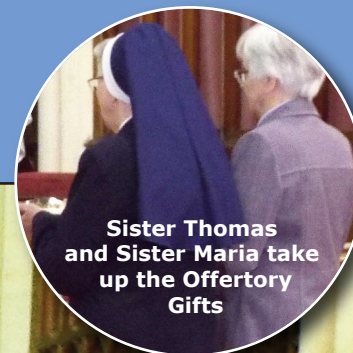


Walking with the Lord

Les Filles de La Croix, Plymouth Diocese



The Sisters renew
their vows



Sister Thomas
and Sister Maria take
up the Offertory
Gifts



Wednesday 30th March was a glorious day in the parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, St Marychurch. Glorious not just because the sun was shining at last but because we were privileged to be present for the jubilee celebrations of Sister Perpetua, Sister Martin and Sister Thomas of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross. The Congregation has been present in our diocese since 1903 and over the years their work has been recognised by Presidents and Popes.

In his homily Canon Michael Lock spoke about the sisters' presence in our diocese; he said: "I don't normally offer a homily on a weekday – but this is no ordinary weekday because firstly, we are within days of celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and today's readings speak of that event. Peter and John, in the first reading bring new life to a lame

man at the 'Beautiful Gate' to the Temple and in the Gospel two of the disciples come to recognise the risen Jesus on their journey to Emmaus in the 'breaking of bread' after which they return to Jerusalem to spread the Good News. AND it is no ordinary weekday because we give thanks for 50 years of dedicated service by Sister Perpetua and Sister Martin and 60 years by Sister Thomas. For THAT long, they have travelled with, walked with and witnessed to the risen Lord and shown his presence in his church and in our Diocese.

They, like the first apostles have spread that Good News in both word and action through their lives. All those years ago they made a commitment to the Lord in the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross and have faithfully continued in that commitment and that discipleship.

They have brought Jesus of Nazareth, the risen Lord, to countless others over all those years. Their lives of commitment and discipleship are an example to us all.

Just as the two disciples in today's Gospel

recognised Jesus in the 'breaking of bread' so we now gather at the Lord's table, to meet the Lord and to be strengthened on our journey of faith and in our discipleship, wherever that call may lead us. The two men in the Gospel left Jerusalem confused and uncertain, not knowing what the future held for them; they returned to Jerusalem full of joy, enthusiasm and confidence. I'm sure that 50 and 60 years ago the Sisters could not, with any certainty, know where they would be in 2016 but they followed the Lord's call. As we begin this Easter season we, today's disciples, try to live the Gospel message each day, nourished and strengthened by Christ in the eucharist.

Today, we give thanks for and pray for Sister Perpetua, Sister Martin and Sister Thomas and rejoice that the Lord is risen and present in his church today, visible in the work of our Sisters – present with us today."

Felicity Stead
Editor



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The March edition of CSW included the story of **Parishes for Peace**. Della Shenton now writes about her visit at the end of February when our linked families and their priests were able to have time out from the daily stresses of their lives as refugees, she tells supporters: “over a hundred of us went together for the day to Mount Nebo and the Baptism site of Jesus at the River Jordan. At the invitation of Parishes for Peace, two coaches of families of Iraqi Christian refugees celebrated Mass at the River Jordan and renewed our Baptismal promises. Baby Sophia was Baptised at the Jordan and then we had a wonderful lunch and danced. For a whole day we forgot the sadness of what had been lost, and shared the joy of the day together that the generosity of Weybridge parish (Surrey) had made possible.

The next day, in an area on the other side of Amman, it was Behnam’s 4th birthday – with a big chocolate cake and huge sparkler. We all sang Happy Birthday in Arabic and English. We talked about the importance of English to communicate with the many people in English parishes who want to help them and be directly in touch. They want to learn, and it spurred us on with the Parishes for Peace project to set up an English course for them with TEFL teachers from the UK.

A few days later, Fr Gilmour McDermott (Liskeard & Sclerder) arrived with pilgrims from England for a two-week pilgrimage in Jordan, Palestine and Israel. They welcomed with open arms Azhar and Ghazwan, a young couple alone in Jordan without their families. They came with us to Petra for three days. One of which we spent riding donkeys up the mountain 1500 metres to Aaron’s tomb where we celebrated Mass followed by lunch prepared for us by the Bedouin.

Those same pilgrims took two young families out for the day to Mount Nebo and for lunch – the “happiest day of our life” said Halah afterwards.

Parishes for Peace - Mercy for Migrants is a new Charity in formation, set up for the Iraqi Christian refugees in Jordan being cared for by the Church. We hope to make life a little more bearable for them while they wait for visas to move on to set up a new life. Our particular mission is to engage parishes directly as far as possible to establish friendship and support.

If you would like to know more please contact us on 01803 314868 (Torquay); admin@parishesforpeace.com www.parishesforpeace.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

Apostleship of the Sea

Sea Sunday 2016 will be celebrated on Sunday 10th July



Some young supporters holding their Sea Sunday 2015 Children's Liturgy activity.

On Sea Sunday the Catholic Church, along with other churches, remembers seafarers and prays for them, their families and those who support them. It is AoS' principal fundraising and awareness raising event of the year. Each year AoS produces a set of resources for parishes to help them understand and celebrate Sea Sunday. Towards the end of June 2016 each Parish in the UK will be sent a resource pack and AoS hope that parishes will use the resources to ensure that Sea Sunday is a success. To download digital versions of this year's Sea Sunday resources go to:
<http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/resources-parishes>.

Packs download as pdf files for everyone to use as they see fit. If you don't receive this year's pack then please contact Salvina and she will arrange for a pack to be sent to your parish **email:** salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk **tel:** 020 70128602.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS



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

Doubling your efforts



CAFOD is pleased to announce that, once again, the UK Government will be doubling donations to its Lent Appeal - so any fundraising you do will have twice the impact in making things better for people living in poverty. **Donations will be matched between 10 February and 9 May, up to the value of £3.5 million.**

Easter – a season for rejoicing

Resurrection Light

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.

When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.

When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.

When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.

When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.

When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.

When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.

And when death threatens us
**may your resurrection light
lead us. Amen.**

Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

If you're not already a CAFOD supporter and would like to be involved please contact Simon Giarchi, CAFOD Plymouth Diocese Community Participation Officer
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Chrism Mass 2016



The Chrism Mass on the Wednesday of Holy Week is con-celebrated by the Bishop and his priests and is the largest gathering of priests each year, at which they renew their commitment to priestly service. At this Mass, the Bishop blesses the oils that will be used in our parishes during the coming year for the celebration of the sacraments. The word "Chrism" comes from one of the oils, which is

perfume and used in Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and in the consecration of churches and altars. The oils used are brought by Della Shenton, of St Marychurch Parish, and are produced by a Women's Cooperative of Christians and Muslims in Palestine, just north of Jerusalem. The perfume used in Chrism is nard, an oil used from antiquity again from Palestine.

A day of peace and stillness at Sclerder Abbey



The Chemin-Neuf Community is an apostolic Roman Catholic Community with an ecumenical vocation. The Abbey was passed to the community in 2014 by the Carmelite Sisters, an enclosed Order; it is a place steeped in prayer and compassion and located in stunningly beautiful surroundings.

The quiet day on 24th February more than lived up to expectation: 35 people from different denominations arrived, travelling from Penzance and Exeter with several nearer neighbours. After a welcoming cup of tea, we were given a thought-provoking introduction to the way of Ignatian spirituality by Sister Jacqueline, a member of the Community, to help us become empowered to make the most of this amazing opportunity to deepen our faith. The theme of the day was 'The Transfiguration'; we all think we know it well but I, for one, learnt something new which has significantly enhanced my understanding of our Salvation story.

Following this, we were given personal time in which we could choose between different activities: a time of guided prayer, a time of spiritual accompaniment about our spiritual journey, or time to walk or sit quietly in the garden. At noon, we went to the beautiful Chapel, to pray for the Unity of Christians, what a privilege to sit in the space previously only used by the Carmelite Sisters. There we heard a moving testimony of the work of the Giving Shop in Penzance.

After a light lunch of delicious soup and cheese, we enjoyed a DVD produced by 'NET FOR GOD', a network of people around the world building a spirituality for peace a (netforgod@chemin-neuf.org). The DVD told another profound story, that of Fr Michael Lapsley in the South Africa of apartheid, a story of immense courage, love and witness to the Faith. After another short period of quiet there was time to review the day and give thanks. What a day of stories, our own as well as the Lord's, in brilliant sunshine with the sea glistening nearby.

Don't miss the next Quiet Day, on Wednesday 11th May when you can get yourself ready for Pentecost.

**Judith Yeo
Exeter**

DIOCESAN NEWS



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Every Easter HCPT organise a Pilgrimage Holiday to Lourdes for Children with a wide variety of special needs. The children, from all parts of the UK and many other countries, are supported by voluntary carers and helpers during what is possibly the largest Pilgrimage of its kind to visit Lourdes.

Each year a different Region or Country host the major ceremonies during the week including the Marian Torchlight Procession and the Trust Mass. HCPT Westcountry Region has been chosen to host the 2017 Easter Pilgrimage when they hope that Bishop Mark will join them to celebrate Mass.

Christopher Woodman, Chairman of HCPT Westcountry Region, said: "preparations have already begun and one of our first tasks is to bring together a group of young musicians and singers to support the liturgies that enrich the pilgrimage and, importantly, to serve as additional helpers supporting the five HCPT Groups of our Region. One young helper said of their week with Group 706 that Lourdes was a life changing experience in so many ways and that they can't wait for the next time. If you would like to be part of the Lourdes experience at Easter 2017 please contact me via westcountry@hcpt.org.uk or group706@hcpt.org.uk



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HCPT Pilgrimages 2016

Thursday 19th to Friday 27th May: HCPT Group 507 Joint Services Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now taking enquiries from veterans with disabilities to join them for next year's pilgrimage. We also welcome enquiries 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.

Friday 16th to Friday 23rd September: Group 539 Pilgrimage to Lourdes, staying at Hosanna House. Group Leader Elizabeth Bettsworth. For more information please contact Christopher Woodman email: westcountry@hcpt.org.uk

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Columban Mission project to the USA/ Mexican border



A small group of Columban contacts in Britain spent Holy Week 2016 on a Columban Exposure Visit to the USA-Mexico border, visiting and living with the people both in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.

These cities occupy positions geographically only 200 metres apart; however for those living there, and particularly for those living on the Mexican side of the border, the presence of the 18 foot high fence that runs some 1,954 miles between the two countries, separating these communities, dominates their lives.

During their visit the group met many inspiring people and shared their Easter liturgies; the most memorable being witnessing the Good Friday Via Crucis in the town of Rancho Anapra. For this community, the poorest of the poor and on the edge of the city only recently dubbed the 'deadliest city on earth,' daily life is a struggle. You might expect a fear of strangers and a lack of willingness to be seen in large numbers; instead thousands took part in the procession up Mount Anapra, greeted their visitors as friends and showing a real understanding of Christ's suffering and the meaning of resurrection – something the group had never before experienced. Using the Stations of the Cross to reflect on the people they met and the community's experience of living on both sides of this man-made divide Mark Brown continues the story:

Jesus is condemned to death *the 'undocumented', the 'voiceless':* Contrary to the very vocal statements of some candidates in the American election and some sections of the press, statistics show that those who migrate across borders to find sanctuary and a new home are hardworking and far less likely to commit a crime than those born in a country. *Am I prepared to speak out against false accusations and put people right when they speak inaccurately about migrants and those seeking asylum?*

Jesus takes up his cross *Carlos Marentes* is the director of the border farm workers' centre in El Paso. It is a little known fact that thousands of workers cross the border legally to work on the farms on the USA side of the border each year. For these men and women life is immensely hard; their annual wage is less than \$6,000 (£4,250) which is far below US federal poverty income guidelines. They rise each morning just after midnight, after only 3 hours sleep, to search for work to feed their family whom they rarely see. It is back breaking work. Carlos supports these people by providing them with a simple place to sleep, a meal each night and by educating groups about the human cost of the demands of the West for cheap food. *Do I know the human*

cost of the food I eat? How do I choose what I buy?

Jesus falls the first time *Taylor Levi, Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Centre.* With her colleagues Taylor gives free or very cheap legal services for low-income immigrants and acts as an advocate for human rights. *Am I prepared to help those who fall under the weight of persecution?*

Jesus meets his sorrowful mother *Sister Betty Campbell* has lived amongst the community of Juarez throughout the recent troubles. Now in her mid-eighties she makes it her work to remember the sons and daughters who have disappeared without trace, or whose bodies have been found on the streets, killed by the drug cartels because their mothers couldn't pay the protection money demanded. Alongside *Father Peter Hindes*, her colleague for over 40 years, she campaigns for a change in US policy which has allowed drug lords to prosper in the region as they supply the growing US drug trade, whilst giving many impoverished young people little alternative to a life of crime. *Is my heart pierced by the injustice done to others?*

Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry the Cross *Father Kevin Mullins*, pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Anapra has walked alongside his parishioners for the last 14 years. This Australian born priest, who on three separate occasions thought he was about to die, has built up his church community from a congregation of little more than 30 all those years ago to a regular congregation of many hundreds greeting each person before Mass with a hug or a wink. Father Kevin has recently completed the building of a youth centre on waste land behind his church in an attempt to prevent his young parishioners being attracted to the lure of the cartels. This is the land where two of his former confirmation class were stoned to death – just 2 of the many parishioners he has buried during the violence. *How do I walk alongside the poor and marginalised?*

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus *Shalini Thomas* works for the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services. She spends her days supporting those who are beginning the long journey to apply for residency, citizenship or asylum in the USA. A complicated world of legal documentation and endless rules which are the first steps in a long and difficult journey for many who are fleeing death threats and poverty in Latin America. *Am I prepared to*

help those who seek a better life?

Jesus falls a second time *the 'criminalised'* In the Federal Immigration Court we saw a judge dealing with fifty cases a day. Each case was simply a number. Whilst the judge tried his best to make things clear many defendants didn't understand what was going on, couldn't afford an attorney, or had an attorney who was so over worked that their papers couldn't be found. The judgement was usually for 'removal'. There was little time to hear an individual's story. *Do I take the time to get to know those who have come to this country? Do I know their story?*

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem *Ruben Garcia* founder of Annunciation House, El Paso - motto 'Voice of Voiceless' - runs border awareness experiences for groups from across the world, as well as accompanying migrants, homeless and economically vulnerable peoples of the border since 1978. Ruben reminds groups that the poor do not ask for our sympathy, they ask us to change our behaviour because their suffering is a direct result of economic policies in the West. *Am I prepared to question my own behaviour which supports policies and behaviour that continue to make the world unfair for so many?*

Jesus falls the third time *Women's Cooperative of Hope and Faith* the economic system in Mexico has little or no room for unskilled workers, especially those aged over 50. These workers, mostly women, make hand-designed textile products and the money they raise augments the salary received from working family members and allows families to live with dignity. *Do I do enough to help my family?*

Jesus is stripped of his garments *the workers of the maquiladoras*, or factories across Juarez, who are denied basic rights, refused union representation and live on a wage 10% of that paid just a few miles away across the border. Their wage will only buy a quarter of the basic necessities that are essential for a typical worker's family. The employers only recruit young women since they are capable of working much longer hours than those who are older. Their work is to make products demanded cheaply by the 'West', whilst the hazardous waste from the production process is left in Mexico. *Do I consider where and how the things I buy were made? Do I buy fair Trade products whenever possible?*

Jesus is nailed to the cross *Rosa* (not her real name) and her family, who fled their homeland after the death of her brother and sister in Mexico

at the hands of the cartel; their son's life was threatened because he saw who did it. How many have fled across the border for safety but live in constant fear of arrest as 'undocumented' people, and suffer abuse and violence in their new homeland.

Do I welcome the stranger?

Jesus dies on the cross *Molly Molloy*, research librarian and border specialist at New Mexico State University has, since 2008 has provided detailed documentation of the 11,000 people murdered in Juarez from 2008 onwards. Molly continues to question the effectiveness of governments in solving these murders, the vast majority of which go uninvestigated. *Do I speak out in defence of others?*

Jesus is taken down from the cross *the Young Adult Ministry of El Paso.* This wonderful group of young men and women, who have studied hard to ensure they can help support their families, live and work on both sides of the border. They meet each week to support one another, improve the community, pray together and destroy the myth that migrants are a burden on the community. Their friendship and generosity to the visiting group from England was a clear sign of those working for a better future. *Do I label people?*

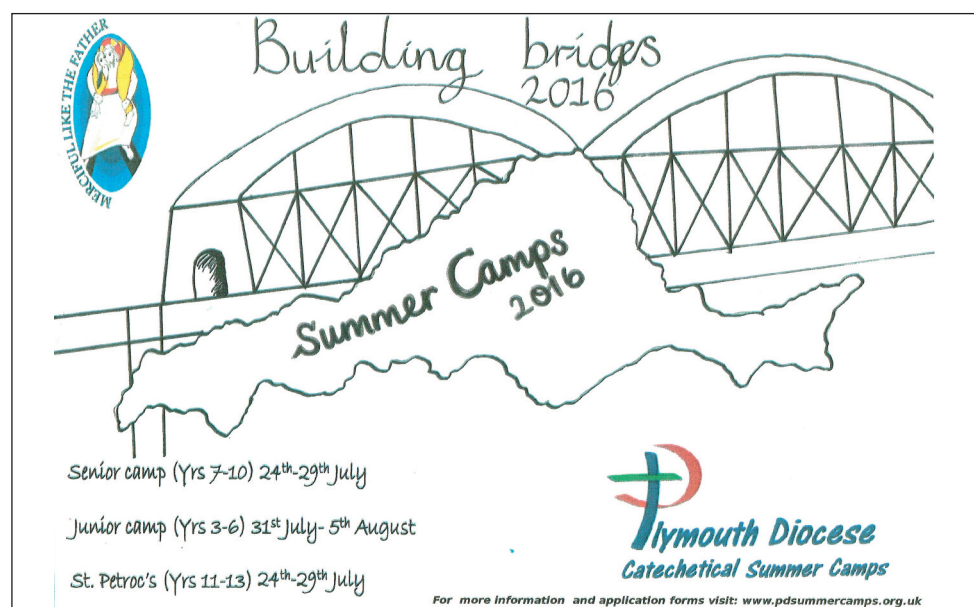
Jesus is laid in the tomb *those in detention centres.* Many of those who are seeking safety and sanctuary find themselves treated as criminals and held in detention centres, separated from their wives and children. The detention centres are usually away from the major cities, and visiting them is strongly discouraged. *Do I want the issue of migrants to just go away? Am I frightened to speak out against injustice, but would rather go along with what most people say. Like Joseph of Arimathea do I hide my faith?*

The Resurrection *Pope Francis.* Whilst traveling back to Rome from Mexico, where he had said Mass in Juarez beside the border fence, was asked if the border fence between the USA and Mexico should be replaced by a 30 foot wall, he said: "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian". We witnessed so many people this Easter who work tirelessly to build such bridges. *Do I allow my Christian faith to influence the decisions I make? Do I build bridges or walls*

Mark Brown
Member of the Columban Mission project
Easter 2016.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps 2016



This year's summer camps will take place between Sunday 24th July and Friday 5th August at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey.

The camps, running for over 60 years, have provided an opportunity for young people of the diocese to meet and grow together in their faith and love of Our Lord Jesus, and beauty of liturgy and prayer. The emphasis this year will be on the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the need to build bridges in our relationship with each other and with Jesus Christ.

Deacon Michael Turnbull
Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Camps Committee



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DORSET DEANERY NEWS

Sewing Group in Action



The Ladies of the Weymouth Sewing Group are not ones for resting on their laurels. Past projects have included banners for the church; here they're pictured working on the beautiful child's quilt featuring 'Alice in Wonderland' which will be raffled to raise fund for McMillan Nurses.

Esmée Nicholls
Weymouth

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth

Myra Rich 1920 -2016



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Myra Rich aged 96, a vital member of our parish community. Myra was a prominent member of St Augustine's Catholic Women's League (CWL) Section, Weymouth, for many years. Back in 1974 she was appointed Dorset Area International Liaison Officer. She attended the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) study weekends and every year she organised the WUCWO Service for her Section. The concept that Catholic women had the opportunity of a global voice through WUCWO was so important to her.

Myra took an active part in CWL events attending National AGMs and in the South West was a regular at the Lulworth Mass and Picnic, the annual Buckfast Abbey Pilgrimage. She also visited other Sections in Dorset on many occasions to catch up with other members that she knew well. Myra was an avid fundraiser and not only for CWL; she was instrumental in setting up the Parish Group at St Augustine's which initially supported welfare work in Peru, and then became the Third World Group, then the One World Group.

Myra was always there for Jumble Sales, Coffee Mornings, Seaside Stalls and other fund raising events. For many years she ran a jewellery stall to raise funds for Sao Paulo street children in the care of Father Eddy, a St Patrick's Missionary. She was a keen member of the parish sewing group that made liturgical banners for the church. A patchwork quilt made by the group was raffled and made £1,300 for our local hospice. Myra was also involved in the beginnings of the Family Fast Days for CAFOD. She showed continuing interest in the work of CAFOD attending seminars and Deanery CAFOD Days whenever possible.

With the closure of St Augustine's Church in 2012 the St Augustine's CWL Section was amalgamated with the one at St Joseph's to form the present Weymouth Section. Myra made the transition successfully and was an inspiration to all. She retired from the CWL in 2015 in her mid-90's but, until then she attended monthly Section meetings regularly and always had a contribution to make. She died on March 1st, 2016; much loved and much missed, having given many years of service to CWL in Charity, Work and Loyalty.

Myra kept up with the modern age and was a great fan of social media. Until recently she texted, emailed, checked up on Facebook and used Skype.

Her Requiem Mass took place on Friday 18th March with, fittingly, an invitation for donations in her memory for CAFOD. Family and friends gathered in the church hall after Myra's funeral to share memories and light refreshments.

Carol Gregory
Weymouth

EXETER DEANERY NEWS



On the night of Tuesday 8 March 2016 Catholics from the Exeter Deanery and fellow Christians from local Anglican, Methodist and Baptist churches, were transported to a house somewhere in Jerusalem just hours after the crucifixion of Jesus by the Riding Lights Theatre Company. Crosslight Passion Play was a communal experience of theatre and worship: "Caught in the light of the flickering candles of the last supper, the torches of Gethsemane, the firelight in the courtyard and by the searching gaze of his Lord, Simon 'the rock' is shattered. The one chosen to lead is in pieces. As he hangs from the cross, Jesus is surrounded by a jeering crowd, laughing at his claim to be the Son of God. A small group of close family and friends stands by until the agony ends. But the great friend who more than any other has stood by Jesus through the story is conspicuous by his absence. One man is missing – one who knows the truth."

After the performance, Fr Jonathan Stewart, Parish Priest at Blessed Sacrament, Heavitree, Exeter said: "This was a deeply moving and passionate drama. Through the characters of Peter "the rock", Mary "the Mother" and John "the beloved disciple" we relived the extraordinary events of Jesus's arrest and torture right up to the time of his resurrection and his appearing to the disciples. Riding Lights has been in existence for 30 years and this was the first time they have performed a Passion Play in a Catholic Church. May the Lord strengthen them in their ministry (and us in ours)."

If you would like to find out more about the theatre company type "Riding Lights" into your search engine or to invite them to perform a Passion Play in your church in Lent 2017 by sending an email to: touring@rltc.org

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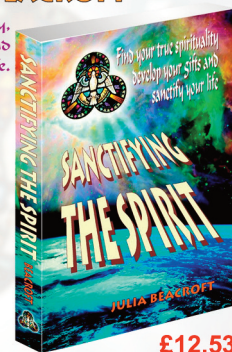
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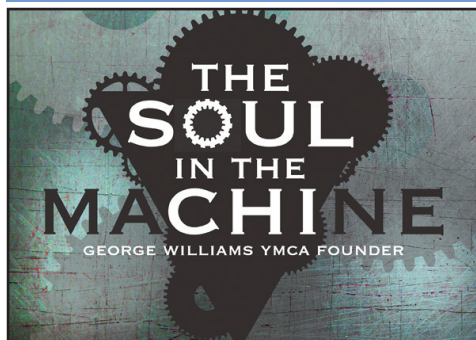
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EXETER DEANERY NEWS



Commissioned by YMCA, Created by Saltmine Trust 'The Soul in the Machine' is a play for anyone who works for a living. "We are more than bodies to be fed to a machine. We are made for more than work. We have souls, we have spirits and somewhere in this dead city there must be a place for those things." London, 1844 - Centre of Empire, crucible of the New Jerusalem. Her gutters run with effluent and blood and her skies are choked with the smoke of a hundred factories and foundries, but above the smoke, the stars still shine. George Williams is a country boy who comes to the city to find his place in the world and to make his mark. Appalled by the spirit-crushing rhythms of the Worker's life he fights to spread the light of God, and create a place where the soul can be nurtured.

The Saltmine Theatre Company will be performing 'The Soul in the Machine' on **Saturday 21 May, 7pm** at Belmont Chapel, Western Way, Exeter EX1 2DB. Tickets are on sale now and you can book yours at www.ymcaexeter.org.uk/event/saltmine. For more information contact Bethan Spencer **email:** bethan.spencer@ymcaexeter.org.uk or contact Blessed Sacrament Parish Office **tel:** 01392 410530

Exeter Martyr Honoured

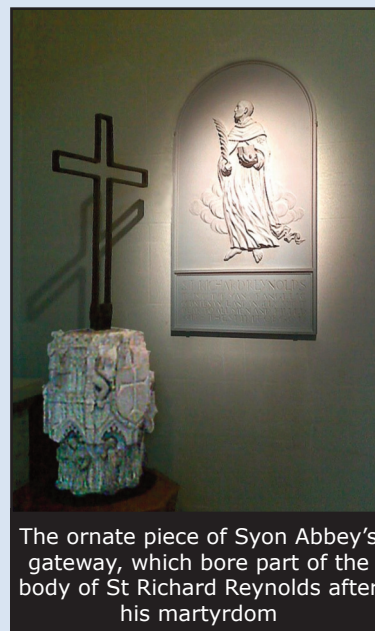
St Richard Reynolds feast day will be celebrated on Thursday, 5th May.

There will be a memorial Mass at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Heavitree, Exeter at 9.30am followed by refreshments in the Richard Reynolds Centre.

St Richard was a Bridgettine monk of Syon Abbey who, in 1535, was the first man to refuse to take the Oath of Supremacy making King Henry VIII the supreme head of the Church in England. He was executed at Tyburn on 4th May 1535 by being hung, drawn and quartered. The quarters of his body were chopped to pieces and hung in different parts of London including upon the gateway of Syon Abbey itself at Twickenham. The ornate section of gateway was preserved by the monastic community of Syon now rests in the Martyrs' Chapel at Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter alongside a terracotta memorial wall plaque by sculptor, Geoffrey Preston. St Richard, one of the Forty Martyrs of England & Wales, was canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

In the Richard Reynolds Centre there will also be a display of the new English edition of the Syon Breviary which was recently published to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the foundation of Syon Abbey in 1415 by King Henry V. The display will also be in the Martyrs' Chapel at all Masses the following weekend and copies of this lovely prayer book, the 'Daily Office of Our Lady', will be available to buy with any profit going to the parish. Parish priest, Fr Jonathan Stewart said: "We commemorate the martyrdom of St Richard Reynolds not only for his fidelity to the Church but also because we believe he was a member of the Reynolds family who lived nearby at Pinhoe, where he was born in 1492." He added: "Any proceeds from the sale of the Syon Breviary will go towards restoring the Reynolds plaque by Geoffrey Preston, which is in need of a little repair."

Adrian Wardle



The ornate piece of Syon Abbey's gateway, which bore part of the body of St Richard Reynolds after his martyrdom

TORBAY DEANERY NEWS



Torbay Deanery Music & Liturgy Pastoral Forum Study Day

On Saturday 9 July **Jo Boyce**, the well-known composer and inspirational presenter of modern liturgical music from CJM Music, is leading a day on music and liturgy at Hannah's, Seale Hayne, Howton Lane, off Ashburton Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 6NQ. The theme for the day will be **God of Compassion - 'So now my heart will sing to you and not be silent' (Ps.30)**.

Accompanied by keyboard player and flautist Andrew Moss, Jo will take us through music that is reasonably challenging yet accessible to all ('music that we can use!'), including some of the songs and acclamations developed by Mike Stanley before his untimely death 3 years ago. With the Year of Mercy in full swing, its themes will underpin the day as there will be music to encourage us in our Christian commitment towards one another.

The study day, sponsored by Torbay Deanery Liturgy & Music Commission, is offered to the whole diocese. Arrivals and registrations from 10am ending with a liturgy at 16.00. Instruments welcome. More details will be sent out to the parishes shortly, but any enquiries meantime to Nigel Hickman email: enquiries@mainstream-cts.co.uk

**Richard King
Torbay Deanery**

PLYMOUTH DEANERY NEWS



Plymouth Circle News

Plymouth Circle welcomes new member



Michael Bastard with (L) Membership Officer, John Modley and (R) Plymouth Circle President, Eric Tope

During their monthly meeting, and before the St Patrick's Night



Celebrations began, Plymouth Circle were delighted to welcome another new member, Michael Bastard. Michael and his wife Gina, live in Yealmpton and are parishioners at St. Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth. Describing himself as a semi-retired farmer Michael also speaks several languages and enjoys learning new ones. He and Gina enjoy travelling especially to Germany, Greece, Spain and France. Michael also enjoys cooking but leaves the tricky parts of desserts to Gina. Gina is an accomplished sculptor. She also works with people with dementia, helping them to get the best out of their diminishing capabilities.

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CORNWALL DEANERY NEWS

Parish of St Mary, Falmouth

Sitting Down to Breakfast – Standing up for Farmers



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After costs, a profit of £70 was raised which will be donated to Fairtrade Projects in developing countries. The amount raised included a donation of £20 from a lovely lady who was unable to attend the Breakfast. In addition, sales of Fairtrade goods on the day amounted to £63.45.

And finally, thank you to the organising team for all their hard work in enabling this event to take place.

Hopefully, this event will inspire many to make their breakfast Fairtrade every day; choose the Fairtrade mark and make a difference to Fairtrade farmers and workers, their families and communities.

Pat Fitzpatrick
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CORNWALL DEANERY

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



Palm Sunday Processions: This year the weather was kinder than last year, so we had solemn processions in all three of our churches. This photo shows the start of the procession at Callington, where the path to the church is lined on both sides with spring daffodils.

Visit to Plymouth Cathedral: On Saturday 26th March, just before Holy Week began, a group of Confirmation candidates with Parish Catechists Anne Pywell and Beata Matysik and parents followed the Path of Mercy. They were armed with helpful brochures provided by the Cathedral. We were given a warm welcome and all of us found the devotions helpful in preparing to celebrate the Easter Triduum worthily. Making this devotional pilgrimage to our Cathedral during the Year of Mercy is well worth the effort.

Divine Mercy picture: Our parish was offered an enormous picture of the Divine Mercy, seven feet long and four feet wide. That has been placed in the Shrine Chapel of St. Cuthbert Mayne. It was a gift from the nuns at Lanherne. Now each of our churches has a prominent image of the Divine Mercy.

Fr David Annear
Parish Priest

On the Nuns of the Perpetual Adoration, Merrion Street, Dublin

Night after night,
Day after day,
Through dark and
light
They kneel and pray.

For you and me,
Day after day
Breathing prayers
We're too busy to say.

All time suspended,
Silence profound,
Prayer never ended,
Noise all around.

Awesome vocation
Granted to few,
Beyond location,
Eternally true.

Decades defied,
Here day and night,
Veiled kneel dignified
Figures in white.

Now after years fled
Coming to call,
I see instead
A secular hall.

A feel, filled with pity
For something
destroyed,
In the heart of the city
A terrible void.

Joseph O'Shea

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APRIL 2016

Tuesday 26th April, 7pm, Mark & Mexico, St John's Church, Beaminster: Mark Brown will give a short illustrated talk on his recent trip to see the work of the Colombian Fathers in Mexico, particularly as regards migrants, refugees and victims of drug related crime. To be followed by Mexican themed refreshments. (See also article by Mark in the Diocesan News pages of this edition)

Saturday 30th April, 7pm, 'The Food of Love' Parnham Voices Concert, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Ignatius, Chideock: Music ranging from 16th C to present day, including anniversary settings of Shakespeare's verse. Tickets, £9 to include refreshments, available on the door or by contacting tel: 01308 488348 or 01297 489469.

MAY 2016

Thursday 12th May, Riviera Centre, Torquay, 'It takes two' Building a lasting marriage together: For more information or to book visit www.careforthefamily.org.uk.ittakestwo or call 029 2081 0800.

Sunday 22nd May, from 3pm, Sacred Heart Parish, South Street, Exeter, **Flores de Mayo and Santacruzian celebrations**: the procession will assemble at 3pm at Princesshay, Exeter. For more information see this month's Diocesan News or contact Merlyn Mcguire tel: 01579 383903

JULY 2016

Saturday 9th July, registration 10am, Seale Hayne, Howton Lane, off Ashburton Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 6NQ, **Torbay Deanery Music and Liturgy Pastoral Forum Study Day**: For more information and to book a place contact Nigel Hickman email: enquiries@mainstream-cts.co.uk

REGULAR EVENTS

Cornwall Deanery

- **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.
- **Wednesdays & Fridays Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**, after Mass until 11am: St Paul the Apostle, Bossiney Road, Tintagel
- **New life House Groups focusing on prayer, scripture and fellowship (Acts 2)**: contact Sheona Mob: 07790 413 562 for more information and directions or visit www.newlifecatholiccommunity.com
- **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
- **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.
- **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 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

Dorset Deanery

- **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.
- **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
- **First Thursday of each month from 10.45am to 11.45am**, St Swithun's Church Hall, Allington, Dorset: St Swithun's Church Community welcome members of all churches to join their monthly community **coffee mornings**. The gatherings are a good opportunity to meet new people and have a good chat; fresh coffee and cakes are served free of charge.

Exeter Deanery

- **Monday mornings, 10am to 12noon**, Richard Reynolds Centre: **Toddler Group**, all welcome.
- **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.
- **Second and fourth Thursday evening of each month from 7.30pm to 9pm**, beginning 14th April, **a new Joint Parish Prayer Group for both Exeter parishes**: Richard Reynolds Centre, Heavitree Road, Exeter. For more information please ring Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.
- **Third Saturday afternoon of each month, 4.30pm, Kerala Community Mass**: Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter.

Plymouth Deanery

- **Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Union of Catholic Mothers**: Cathedral Centre.
- **Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, Discussion Group**: Jeremiah Centre, Stott Close, Efford, Plymouth to reflect on the liturgical readings for the coming Sunday.
- **Thursday mornings at 10.30am (coffee from 10am) Bible Study Group**: Cathedral Centre.
- **Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8.30pm, Legion of Mary**: Cathedral Centre.
- **Friday evenings at 6pm, Holy Hour**: The Cathedral
- **Sunday evenings, after the 6pm Mass – CREDO: A forum for young adults wanting to deepen their faith and spiritual life in the Catholic Church through prayer, discussion and community**. CREDO meets in Cathedral Centre.
- **Second Monday evening of each month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Knights of St Columba**: Cathedral Centre.
- **Third Monday evening 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 evening 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 morning 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

Torbay Deanery

- **Sunday evenings, Polish Mass 6pm**: Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay. **Confessions from 5.30pm.**
- **Wednesday evenings from 6pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Vespers at 6.30pm and Benediction at 6.50pm)**: Holy Angels, Chelston, Torquay.
- **Third Monday evening of every month, 7.15pm, South Hams Catenians**: Seven Stars Public House, Kingsbridge. Please note new venue.
- **First Saturday morning 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.

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- **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.

2016 PILGRIMAGES IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

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. Online Bookings 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.

Thursday 7th to Thursday 14th July: National Pilgrimage to Fatima: Spiritual Director Rev Fr Gerard Kelly, Group Organiser Mike Daley, Leader Timothy Tindall-Robertson (Plymouth Diocese). For more information contact Mike Daley tel: 01793 829381 email: AoFSwindon@hotmail.com

Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th October: Cornish Pilgrimage to Walsingham: More information will be published in the May edition of Catholic South west.



Reaching sports fans with the Good News of Jesus Christ

WINNING SOULS THROUGH RUGBY

SUB: A PLAN TO USE THE GAME TO BRING FELLOW FANS TO FAITH IN JESUS

With the World Cup and the Six Nations only just out of view and the Super League just kicking off, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce a new initiative looking to combine faith in Jesus and being rugby supporter.

Rawfaith is an initiative backed by **CVM** that is all about encouraging opportunities for Christian sports supporters to share with their 'not-yet believing' fellow fans, not only the highs and lows of the season, but also our faith in Jesus.

So far, Rawfaith have been committed to setting up Christian supporters groups for every football club around the UK no matter what tier or standard of football they play...

...and now they are now expanding into Rugby!

By linking together Christian rugby supporters from all over the UK; we aim to have a Kingdom presence at the heart of every club's fan base with the specific goal of reaching out to not-yet believing fans.

It's perfect resource for Christian rugby fans of any form, whether hardened season ticket holders or an armchair supporters of the internationals; Rawfaith will offer support to those lovers of the Game in their faith journey while enabling them to impact the lives of other fans by sharing Jesus through rugby context.

All believers who are fans of rugby will be invited to join their team's Christian supporters group. Upon joining they will:

Be linked in with the Co-ordinator and other Christian fans of their team. Receive our rugby and faith articles that combine rugby hot topics with faith in Jesus.

Receive Rawfaith e-communications keeping them informed of any events/news regarding their favourite club/national team.

These Rawfaith groups are intended to act as an outreach mechanism for rugby fans; helping individuals to share the good news of Jesus Christ with their friends. Linking up with Rawfaith and being part of team's group, will also enhance both the match day and all round supporter experience.

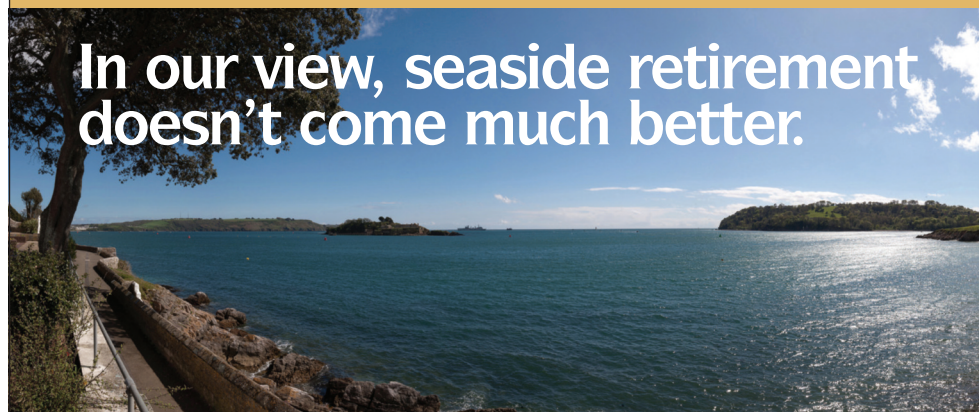
Recruiting Club Co-ordinators...

As we develop, we are also recruiting Club Co-ordinators for each club who will act as point of contact between Rawfaith and their club's Christian fans, responsible for organising outreach events; socials; club specific prayer and general team related discussion in their respective Facebook groups.

Keep linked in with what's going on by following us on:
Facebook and Twitter

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Annual Novena in honour of
St Rita of Cascia
Patron of the Helpless

14-22 May

Mass at 12 noon followed by the Blessing of
Roses at
St Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon
on Sunday 22 May

After the feast day, blessed rose petals will be sent out to those who request them

To join the Novena please write to :

St Rita's Promotions,
St Rita's Retreat & Conference Centre
Ottery Moore Lane, Honiton,
Devon, EX14 1AP

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