

## HCPT Easter Pilgrimage 2016

### Thanks be to God!



This year's Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the first time that Brother Michael Strode first brought a small group of pilgrims to Lourdes was filled with joy from start to finish especially the Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols which followed the theme 'God, the Glory, Glory'. Laughter was the soundtrack of the week, love was

the reason for the week and we truly experienced God's love in action.

Westcountry Groups 706, 141, 179 and 45 (the group that was 'hotter than hot!') were wonderfully led by Ann Faherty, Jenny Bentley, Becca Bowden and Cath Fennell. We joined over 5,000 pilgrims, young and not-so-young, from all over the world and

spent the week helping the children in our care to experience the breathtaking scenery of the Pyrenees, the prayerful beauty of the torchlight Rosary Procession, a spectacular firework display, a tourist train ride with a difference (water-

pistols at the ready!) and a simple, sunny day out at the beach-complete with a picnic, a paddle in the sea and Mass around an altar built of sand, celebrated by our kind, 'grandfather' Chaplain, Fr. Michael Cole.

We also celebrated a shared Mass was celebrated at Hosanna House, followed by an afternoon of face-painting, games and baby animals. A joyful Westcountry Regional Mass was concelebrated later in the week by Fathers Paul Cummins, Jonathan Stewart, Michael Cole and Robbie Lowe.

Next year, it's the turn of our Westcountry Region to lead the ceremonies- and the Baton was officially handed over at the end of the Trust Mass by Fr John Carroll, Trust Chaplain to the Westcountry, to Christopher

Woodman, Chairman of the Westcountry region.

Lastly, I will never forget the sight of Cardinal Vincent processing down an aisle in the Underground Basilica, at the beginning of Mass, with the lappets of his Mitre adorned with a row of multi-colored pegs!

Sunshine, rainbow colours, singing...and more singing! Fancy dress, heartfelt prayers, candles, holy water, Our Lady and Bernadette, fireworks – and pegs! These are just some of the thoughts that come to mind as I remember this year's Easter Week in Lourdes with HCPT. Thank you Our Lady, thank you St Bernadette and - Thanks be to God!

Katie Jarvis HCPT Westcountry





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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. The front page of this edition tells the story of this year's Easter Pilgrimage – if reading about what happened in 2016 has inspired you to be part of Lourdes experience at Easter 2017 please contact me via [westcountry@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:westcountry@hcpt.org.uk) or [group706@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group706@hcpt.org.uk)

**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




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## DIOCESAN NEWS



### Apostleship of the Sea New Auxiliary Bishop to Southwark

**Pope Francis has appointed Fr Paul Mason, a former cruise chaplain with seafarers' charity Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), Auxiliary Bishop to the Catholic Diocese of Southwark by Pope Francis.** Fr Paul, who was born in North Shields in 1963, will be ordained Bishop in Saint George's Cathedral, Southwark on 31<sup>st</sup> May. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, and has been the Episcopal Vicar for Kent for the past 2 years.

During his time as an AoS cruise chaplain Fr Paul provided support to seafarers on board P&O's *Adonia*, *Aurora* and *Oceana* as well as Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth*. Despite being among the thousands of passengers and crew members on cruises, Fr Paul was easy enough to spot in his clerical dress. He soon became the go-to person for crew and passengers who needed a listening ear and a confidante with whom they could share their worries and problems. Never mind that Fr Paul was classified as an 'entertainer' for purposes of the contract with the shipping company: "This didn't worry me. They could have called me the chief bottle-washer so long as I was given the opportunity to provide this ministry and sacramental support to seafarers." He added, "It became clear to me early on that Apostleship of the Sea is quite right prioritising crews' welfare. While of course being present for passengers is important, the overwhelming need is for the crew, who spend months at sea with limited contact with family and loved ones, and go for months at a time without the sacraments



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## Sea Sunday 2016

**This year, Sea Sunday will be celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> July. The Catholic Church, along with other churches, remembers seafarers and prays for them, their families and those who support them.** Sea Sunday is AoS principal fundraising and awareness raising event of the year and each year a set of resources is produced for parishes to help them understand and celebrate the day. 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 you to 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  
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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)



## DIOCESAN NEWS



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

**This month marked the end of CAFOD's Lent Campaign and the one year anniversary of the Nepal Earthquake. The Plymouth Diocese has played a crucial role in fundraising and raising awareness to help those in the world's poorest communities.**



During our Lent Appeal, people all over the UK joined together to fundraise and have now raised more than £3.7million to help over 300,000 people in Uganda, Zimbabwe and the Republic of Congo to access clean water, training and education.

A Lent Lunch at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Mary Magdalene Church Tavistock, raised over £650 and one Torquay Parishioner, 70-year old Brian Bailey, decided to do a skydive which raised over £3,000 for the Lent Appeal. He completed his skydive on 9<sup>th</sup> April and although he was somewhat nervous, it was an experience he fully enjoyed and will never forget. He said: "Awesome is the only way I can describe it." Teresa, his wife, added: "It was so brave and courageous, I certainly couldn't do it!"

People from across the UK contacted Brian to send him messages of congratulations and to donate over £1,890 to his skydive. Brian's parish, family, friends and the local Primary school, Queensway, ran fundraising events which contributed over £1,000.

Brian said: "The support I've received has knocked me for six, I am really amazed. I want to say a huge thank you. It's amazing that so much was given by people I didn't know." CAFOD's representative in the Plymouth Diocese, Simon Giarchi said: "Being able to turn on a tap and have clean water is something we would normally take for granted. Having to walk miles every day to collect water and being unable to go to school as a result is almost unbelievable, but is a daily reality for so many people around the world, especially girls in some of the poorest communities. We're so grateful to everyone in the Plymouth Diocese who have raised money for our Lent appeal, helping families to access this basic right and empowering girls to get an education and fulfil their potential. It's brilliant to think that their efforts will have double the impact with the UK Government matching the money raised."

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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## Prayer to the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy

Mary, our holy mother of mercy, you suffered with your son when he carried the Cross of our sins and during the three hours of atrocious suffering when he was nailed to the cross.

Remember that Jesus forgave his assassins and he prayed for this world which rebelled against God. The Lord showed infinite mercy when he sent messengers filled with the Holy Spirit to bring back the virtues of charity and respect for the poor and the weak, especially children in their mother's womb, as well as all other creatures created in God's image.

Grant to all of us a merciful heart regarding all the people who need our help: the sick; the hungry; prisoners; the homeless and the persecuted from everywhere in the world.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us who turn to you for help.

**Aloys Mundere**  
**Caritas Rwanda**

## The Nepal Earthquake, One year on

Last year, the Plymouth Diocese donated over £7,350 which is now going to help support rebuilding of homes in Nepal. In response to the Nepal Emergency Appeal, pupils from the School Council at Plymouth's Cathedral School held a cake sale and raised over £230 to join supporters across England and Wales who raised over £3.8 million.

This generosity enabled CAFOD to work in 15 of the worst-hit areas of the country, provide immediate emergency supplies, help people survive the coldest months, and now, one year on, the rebuilding of family homes. CAFOD director Chris Bain said: "The generosity and compassion shown by our supporters in Plymouth towards the people of Nepal has been remarkable. Thanks to them, our partners can restore dignity to thousands of people affected by last year's devastating earthquakes."

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## DIOCESAN NEWS



**Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**  
*Putting All Children First*

### The Great Big Diocesan Quiz



*Quizzers at the ready at St Joseph's, Poole*

**Friday 15 April was quiz night across the Diocese; from Poole to Bodmin, Teignmouth to Ilfracombe, eleven parishes faced the same questions on TV and Film, Science and Nature, Sport and General Knowledge.** During the evening quizzers were updated on the scores across the region and the champion team was declared at the end. In fact two teams tied for top spot, The Fishers of Men from Ilfracombe and 'Tequilla Mockingbird' from West Moors. Both teams will be receiving a prize in recognition of their

efforts.

Deacon Nick Johnson from St Mary's, Poole said: "The Diocesan-wide connection was an excellent part of it for me and made me feel more part of Plymouth Diocese than anything else". The concept that people were being brought together across the region not only to 'quiz' against each other but to help the needy of our region was an added bonus to an enjoyable evening. The eleven quiz teams together raised £1,800 on the night for the Catholic Children's Society which will go a long way to helping

and supporting children and families across the Diocese.

Thank you to everyone who took part and particularly to the organisers of each quiz night and the quizmasters. The plan is to do it all again on 7<sup>th</sup> October with some real 'live' reporting and score sharing in place. If you fancy organising a quiz night in your parish for the next 'Great Big Diocesan Quiz' or can help in any way with the organisation of the event as a whole, please get in touch with me.



*Help me! David Wells approaches the finish line*

### The highs and lows of marathon running

**It has been a busy April with three runners in the Paris, Rome and London Marathons as well eight runners in the Plymouth Half Marathon.** It's always so inspiring to see the effort people will go to support us! Here David Wells gives his account of his participation in the Plymouth Half Marathon: "God gives me that reward. What I did sense was that when I run a long way (and 13 miles is a long way!), the body seems to open the soul. The mind concentrates on breathing and something which normally gets in the way is denied headspace. A different prayer takes over. Not particularly eloquent or rehearsed. Just... "Thank you." I kept saying it in time with my breathing. And I meant it. Later it became "Help me" and I meant that too. These are not simple words. When breath itself is sought after, so is the prayer. It wasn't the race I was praying about. It was everything and it came from the core of me. I enjoyed the Plymouth half-marathon. Not least because my final prayer returned to gratitude. Beyond the finishing line I pulled up. In front of me was a man who had run the race to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. His T-shirt read "I ran this for my dad, who doesn't know who I am." Stupid me with a tear in

my eye, thanking God for a generosity that comes from adversity.

Thank you to all our fabulous runners who took part in Paris, Rome, London and Plymouth. We are so grateful for the time, energy and commitment that everyone puts into training and fundraising. Together they have raised a combined total of over £5,500 to support the vulnerable and needy children and families of our diocese. A truly remarkable effort – you're amazing!

If you have been inspired by our runners this year why not sign up to a challenge? If you would like to run as race – any race – on behalf of the society please contact me.

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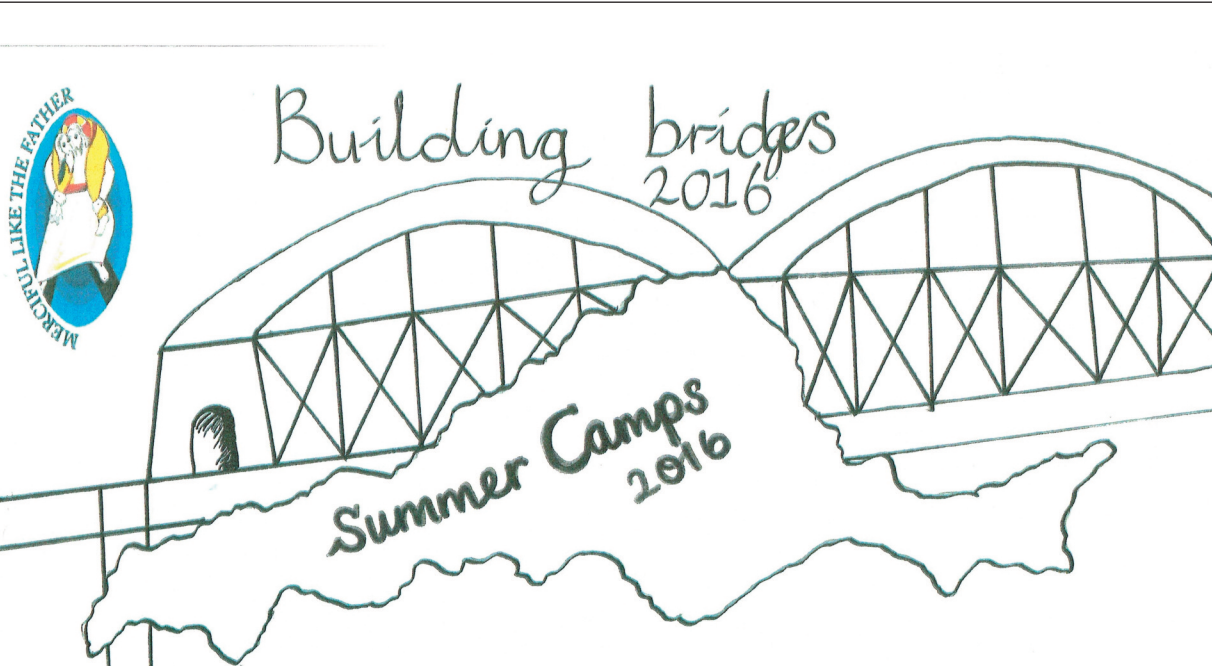


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### Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps 2016

This year's summer camps will take place between Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

# Catholic Women's League, Dorset Branch News

## Branch AGM



**Bishop Mark O'Toole, accompanied by Canon Keith Mitchell, opened the Branch AGM by celebrating Mass.** Bishop Mark thanked the members of CWL for their qualities of friendship and service to others; talking of Tabitha in the reading of the day from Acts of the Apostles he suggested she might have been a first century CWL member with her good works and making clothes for others and was obviously a member of a large group of like-minded women who were grieving for her passing. He also told members of the Pope's exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* – the joy of love which he advised members to read, but slowly. In it Pope Francis dwells on the joy of love with poetic insight.

The National President, Elizabeth Upsher addressed the members, speaking of the restructuring of the CWL to start in 2017. She reassured members that they would not see much change at section level, it was more to do with the separation of Trustees from the National Executive to satisfy the demands of the law.

The day continued after lunch with a review of activities within the Branch including the raising of funds and collection of items for Women's Refuges, the National Project this year. A total of over £500 and 493 items have been collected by members so far.

## Protesting Ladies

**Network Rail want to close the pedestrian crossing at Wareham railway station effectively cutting Wareham in half.** There is a

footbridge but it isn't accessible to mothers with prams, the disabled or the less mobile. Plans for a ramped crossing were turned down by the Purbeck District Council because it was too steep. The next plan is to build a pavement alongside

the flyover which again will involve a long and steep walk for anyone unable to climb the footbridge. Pictured joining the protest against the planned closure of the crossing are Pat Taylor, Joyce Coleman, Dorothy Holden, Audrey Clark, Pauline Smith from Wareham CWL.



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## Fundraising



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**Carol Gregory**  
Dorset Branch Secretary CWL

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## DORSET DEANERY NEWS

### Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth Confirmation 2016



Twelve young people from Our Lady Star of the Sea were Confirmed by Bishop Mark O'Toole this year. They are pictured with Bishop Mark and Fr Stephen Geddes, Parish Priest.

### Holy Trinity, Dorchester Farewell to Pat

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May was a bitter-sweet day for Holy Trinity parish as it marked the retirement, after 40-years loyal service, of their organist – Pat Dalzell. To mark her retirement and to say a BIG thank you parishioners held a farewell celebration after Sunday Mass.

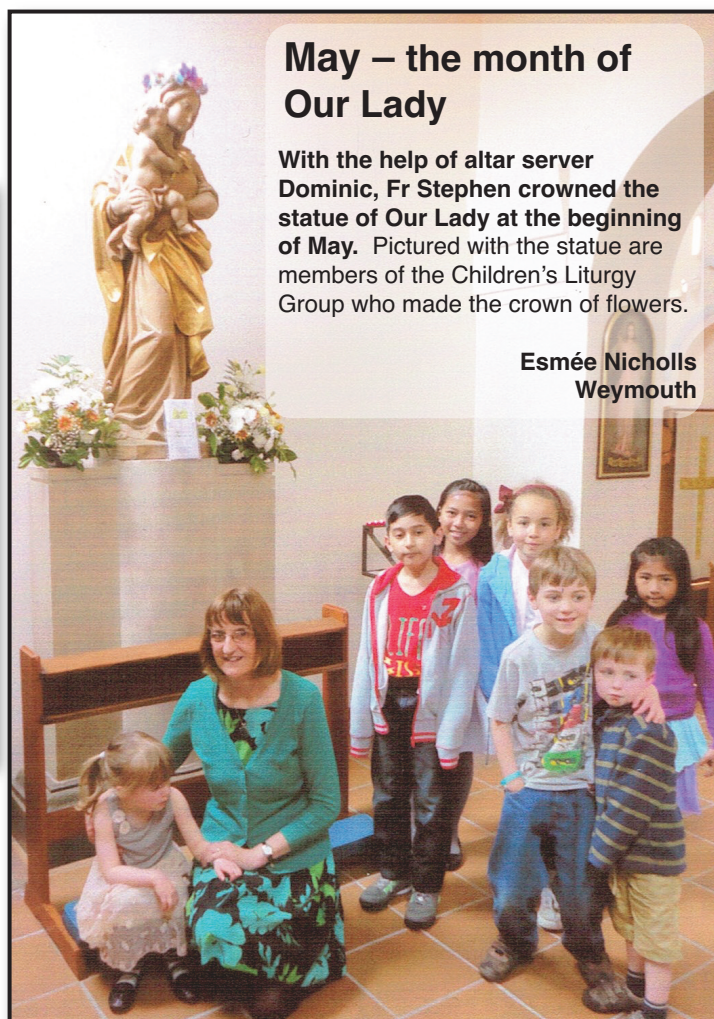
Anita Finnigan  
Dorchester



### May – the month of Our Lady

With the help of altar server Dominic, Fr Stephen crowned the statue of Our Lady at the beginning of May. Pictured with the statue are members of the Children's Liturgy Group who made the crown of flowers.

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## EXETER DEANERY NEWS

### Parish of the Holy Family, Exmouth

### A rare double celebration



The church of St Peter, Prince of Apostles in Budleigh Salterton was full for a rare double celebration on 27<sup>th</sup> April. As reported in the Exmouth Journal just a few weeks ago, the Roman Catholic Parishes of Exmouth, founded in 1887, and Budleigh Salterton, founded in 1923, have now been joined to form the Parish of The Holy Family. Mass was celebrated to give thanks for the life of the two separate Parishes over many years; it was also a joyful opportunity for Parish Priest, Father Philip Austen, and the people of the new



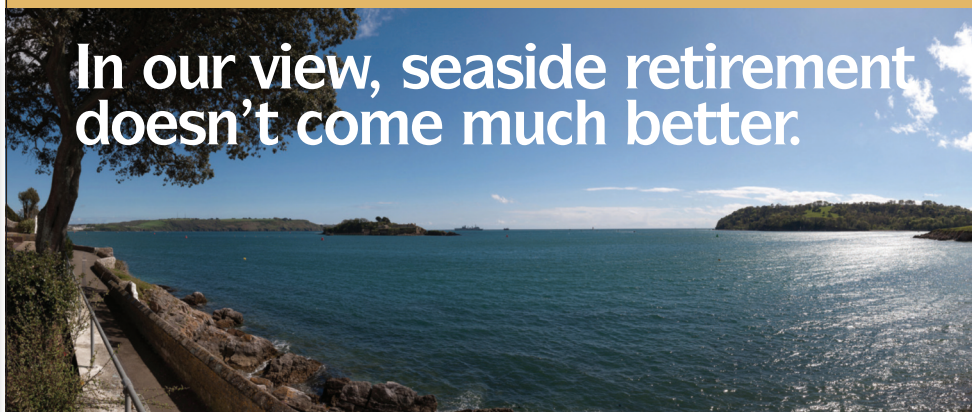
Parish to commit themselves to their life and witness together.

Celebrations continued after the Mass with a delightful informal reception when Sister Clare Hookway was warmly congratulated on the Golden Jubilee of her Profession to the Religious Life. Sister Clare is a member of the Order of the Sisters of the Holy Family which was founded 200 years ago. She was thanked for the example of Christian love she continues to show in the parish and the wider community and was given a beautifully decorated Anniversary cake which she cut and shared with parishioners of the newly established Parish of the Holy Family.

Richard Stranack  
Exmouth

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## PLYMOUTH DEANERY NEWS



## Plymouth Circle News

### Province 13 Spring Golf Competition

Brothers from Circles in the South West met on a glorious, warm, sunny day at Tavistock Golf Club on Dartmoor. After a highly competitive round, the eventual winners were **First:** Paul Blay (Exeter Circle), **Second:** Peter Shaw (Duchy Circle) and **Third:** Barney Bettesworth (Torbay Circle). The Course was in fine condition but demanding. Players were joined after the match by Immediate Past Grand President Bob Butler and his wife Kathy for an excellent meal followed by presentation of prizes. Great weather, great day, great company!



Bob Butler with (L) Peter Shaw and (R) Paul Blay, Barney Bettesworth and John Luscombe

### April Circle Meeting



(L to R) John Modley (Membership Officer), Chris Vitali and Jim Murphy (President Plymouth Circle)

During their April meeting Plymouth Brothers warmly welcomed new member Chris Vitali. Chris finally joined the Catenians having resisted for years! His Parish church is St. Peter's, Crownhill, Plymouth and he lives in Hartley. Having retired from the Army in 1992, he now has plenty of time to enjoy his hobbies of archery, reading, listening to good music, drinking good wine and keeping as fit as his years will allow! We wish him a long and happy association with the Catenians.



Sarah Stott receiving the cheque from Eric Tope

Plymouth Circle President, Eric Tope, chose The Children's Hospice South West as his Charity for his year in office. After many varied activities, the magnificent sum of £1,175 was raised during the year and at their April meeting before Eric stepped down as President he presented the cheque to Sarah Stott, the Community Fundraiser for the Hospice.

**John Luscombe**  
Plymouth Catenians

### Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Mary Magdalen, Tavistock

On Sunday 24th April the parish welcomed Bishop Mark O'Toole on his first official visit to the Church for the Conferral of Confirmation at the Parish Mass. Five young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation: Paolo Benito, John Bien, Natasha Davenport, Rebecca Davenport and Ella-Rose Petersen.

After Mass a special cake was cut to celebrate the event, with refreshments including some delicious Filipino delicacies!

**Fr John Greatbatch**  
Parochial Administrator





## CORNWALL DEANERY NEWS

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

## Confirmation Day 2016

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Divine Mercy Sunday, Bishop Mark confirmed eleven young parishioners, four of whom are regular altar servers, during the 10am Mass at Launceston. The Mass was a joyful and splendid celebration, so many people turned up that an extra Mass was said at noon for the "overflow" congregation! The celebrations continued in the Parish Hall where plenty of eats, including a lavish commemorative cake, quickly disappeared. In the photo, taken by catechist Anne Pywell, Bishop Mark is pictured with some of the newly confirmed young people.



### Our Lady of Victories news



Left: Kevin Grant, Organist at Callington

Above: Fr David with parishioner Val Williams  
(Photos by Peter Scott)

The Month of May began with the crowning of the statue of Our Lady at the beginning of Mass. At the end of the Mass the new organ built by David Gridley of Penzance was blessed, and a prayer said for the musicians of our parish and diocese. So the long-term plan to provide good musical instruments in all three churches in the parish is now complete. And, a framed copy of Bishop Mark's Decree incorporating the community of

Callington with the Parish of St Cuthbert Mayne was placed in the church. There is also a copy at Launceston. I am pleased to report that these proceedings were witnessed by a large number of visitors with their families: some 75 in all with a number having to sit in the adjoining hall. I wish they would come here every week!

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### Most Holy Trinity Parish, Newquay

## They're going to Lourdes!



Fr Anthony O'Gorman, Parish Priest and a Youth Leader for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, has been working with his parishioners to raise funds for 5 young adults who will be joining this year's pilgrimage. The young people have been actively raising funds and so far we have raised £4,000! One event was a sponsored 12-mile Fancy Dress walk

from Perranporth to Newquay. Fr Anthony and Sheona Cornes are pictured with the walkers who are all members of the parish Youth Alpha Group that meets each Friday in Trinity Hall.

Charmaise  
Parish Secretary

### Parish of St Mary, Falmouth

## Help for the poor in India

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) hosted a Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church Hall, Falmouth to raise funds to support the Kanji Project, a charity run by volunteers, which supports an orphanage, school, poor villages and a Day Care Centre around the village of Kanji, Tamil Nadu. The first school and orphanage was in a thatched hut and was started in 1993 by Maria Rayappan from the village. Friends in England started the charity to support Maria and there is now an orphanage for 75 children and a school with 350 children in the Kindergarten and 1,250 children in the Primary and Senior Schools.

The Kanji Project also funds the Franciscan Sisters in Pudupalayam who look after the poorest families in the local villages. The latest project, which opened in September 2015, is the Sunshine Day Care Centre which helps children with learning difficulties and physical disabilities; there are currently 15 children in the centre getting specialist help.



Annette Brady and Susan Parr selling goods from India

As well as coffee and cakes, the visitors to the hall were able to buy goods brought back from India by volunteers and take part in a raffle. There were photos on display and a DVD showing life in Kanji that had been taken by Ian Parr. Ian, who together with his wife Susan attends St Mary's, visits Kanji regularly. The Coffee Morning raised £374 which will go a long way to fund the running costs of new Day Care Centre for a month.

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## TORBAY DEANERY NEWS

### Torbay Deanery Music & Liturgy Pastoral Forum Study Day



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.

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. The study day - theme God of Compassion - 'So now my heart will sing to you and not be silent' (Ps.30) will take place at Hannah's, Seale Hayne, Howton Lane, off Ashburton Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6NQ.

Accompanied by keyboard player and flautist Andrew Moss, Jo will take us

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](mailto:enquiries@mainstream-cts.co.uk)

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# Diary Dates

## June 2016

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### MARRIAGE CARE SOUTH WEST (MCSW) MCSW remaining preparation course dates for 2016:

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#### Torbay

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

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#### Bournemouth

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### May 2016

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Corpus Christi Procession, Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, Exeter:** Starting at 3pm the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession through the streets of Heavitree, returning to the Parish Garden for Benediction. The celebrations will be followed by refreshments.

### June 2016

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Devon Faith & Belief Forum AGM, County Hall, Exeter:** Starting at 6pm the guest speaker will be Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams. Entrance by free ticket only. For more information please contact Joan Harris **email:** [joaine@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:joaine@exeter.anglican.org) **tel:** 01392 294940

### July 2016

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Torbay Deanery Music and Liturgy Pastoral Forum Study Day, Seale Hayne, Howton Lane, off Ashburton Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 6NQ:** For more information and to book a place contact Nigel Hickman **email:** [enquiries@mainstream-cts.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mainstream-cts.co.uk). See also poster in Torbay Deanery news section.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, Walk with Bishop Tim (Anglican Diocese of Truro):** as part of 'Speak Out 2016' Bishop Tim will be striding out into the countryside on 30<sup>th</sup> July. All are invited to join him at Laneast Church at 10am for a walk to St Clether Church for 12noon where prayer stations will be set-up. Walkers will set-off again at 1.15pm for St Clether Holy Well before returning to St Clether Church for cream teas and evening prayers.

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Cornwall Deanery

- **Wednesdays, 10.30am to 1pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 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](http://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](mailto: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](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.
- **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)
- **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 6pm, Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay:** Polish Mass with Confessions from 5.30pm.
- **Wednesday mornings, 9.40am, Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, St Marychurch:** All are welcome to join parishioner before the 10am morning Mass to pray the rosary for vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life.
- **Wednesday evenings from 6pm, Holy Angels, Chelston, Torquay:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Vespers at 6.30pm and Benediction at 6.50pm.
- **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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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Weekend retreat**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Mid-week retreat**  
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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Mid-week retreat**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: 6-day retreat**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** A 'taster' weekend retreat  
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### 2016 PILGRIMAGES FROM THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:AoFSwindon@hotmail.com)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: HCPT Group 539 Pilgrimage to Lourdes,** staying at Hosanna House. Group Leader Elizabeth Bettesworth. For more information please contact Christopher Woodman email: [westcountry@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:westcountry@hcpt.org.uk)

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



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## TORBAY DEANERY NEWS



### All Saints Parish, Teignmouth

Children from Our Lady & St Patrick's RC Primary School in Teignmouth told radio listeners about what prayer means to them and describe how they pray in a programme that was broadcast on the morning of Sunday, 1st May. BBC Radio Devon's Sunday Service, a weekly act of worship led by members of Devon's faith communities, was this week recorded at Teignmouth Catholic primary school. Presenter Michael Chequer was joined by David Wells from the Diocese of Plymouth to record the show with pupils and staff from the school and local Parish Priest Fr Mark Skelton.

As well as talking about what prayer is, why they pray and how they pray, the children sang hymns and heard a Gospel story read by one of the Year 5 pupils, Ava. Our Lady and St Patrick's Head Teacher Sarah Barreto and Father Mark also spoke about the role of prayer in school life and in their own lives.

Mrs Barreto told the listeners: "We would like our children to know God, not just know about him. We would like our children to hear God, not just hear about him. As educators of children in a church school, we don't want to solely rely on learning about religion but wish instead to probe deeper and apply it in our everyday lives. People in our community do not then just hear us talking about God," she continued, "but see us, through our actions, living out our faith each and every day with all the people we meet. I truly believe that if we can encourage good practice with children and particularly when children and adults worship together, it might improve the prayer life of the whole church community."

After listening to our children being interviewed today and explaining the power that God has had in their lives, I understand that what they can teach us all is both awesome and wonderful. It's sometimes difficult to imagine what most young children pray for, and how prayer has affected their lives. But the innocence and transparency of these young people, and their love for others, will touch your heart. Jesus is the reason for all of their blessings, and they know it! They may teach adults a thing or two about the importance and power of prayer."

After the recording, Year 5 student Ava said that taking part in the show "made us think more about God and Jesus." She added: "I feel a lot closer to God and Jesus and very proud of myself for talking about how I feel about God."

Joshua from Year 5 commented: "Everyone was cheerful and singing with a smile. The atmosphere was amazing."

The programme was aired on Sunday morning at 6:30am and will be available on demand from the BBC iPlayer.

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