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Enter into your Inner Room: A Lenten Invitation from Bishop Mark

In the passage of St Matthew's Gospel that we hear at the beginning of Lent, Jesus invites us "to go into your inner room" and in that place to carry out the tasks of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. It is St Ambrose, the great Bishop of Milan, who gives us the insight into what the Lord means by this 'inner room', when he says: "Do not imagine that this is a room in your house made of brick and wood, but rather that room which is

within you, and is with you at all times." I suppose nowadays, we might call that room, our heart, or the seat of our personality, the place where our dreams, hopes, wounds and hurts are stored up.

During Lent, Jesus invites us to visit our inner heart regularly. All that we do externally in fasting, in being good to those in need and in deepening our prayer life, has as its origin and goal, the reality of the

God who abides in this inner room within us. The journey of Lent is to make our way there and to discover anew the Lord who has made his home within us.

I hope that this Lent, all of us will become increasingly aware of this 'interior' life, so that we can assist others in coming to know Jesus within their own hearts, too. I pray that your journey to your own heart is richly blessed and bears much



fruit in your own life, and in the service of those around you. Throughout Lent, let us continue to pray for one another on this journey 'within'.

+Mark

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Every year people from across the Diocese join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As in previous years pilgrims who need 24 hour nursing care come with a 'Special Assisted Section' joining the Society of Our Lady Lourdes. And, young people from around the Diocese come together, under the direction of Fr Anthony O'Gorman, as the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Whilst undertaking their own pilgrimage offer support and help to the main group. 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.

If you would like to join this year's pilgrimage and make 2017 a 'special year' for you and for the people you will encounter please contact:



Main Pilgrimage: Fr Kieran Kirby, Pilgrimage Director, Tel: 01803 294142;

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Formation for the New Evangelisation

In forming adult Catholics for the third millennium, the last three Popes have made it clear that the context is now the New Evangelisation, a context markedly different from the previous century and needing new methods and new vigour to deliver the Good News of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Saviour, a message 'forever ancient and forever new'. This formation is for all adult Catholics, especially those who support parish life in its richness and sacredness, its fellowship, prayer and charity. It is for parents, grandparents and catechists, for readers and those involved in Children's liturgy, for anyone keen to know and appreciate the faith of the Church more deeply and be better equipped to defend it and pass it on.

The School of the Annunciation, a centre for the New Evangelisation, is situated at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, with satellite centres at Ealing Abbey, Nelson in Lancashire, Southwark and other centres being developed around the UK. The context of the two Benedictine monastic communities has prompted the development of the programme within the Benedictine Tradition as a spiritual home that is already nourishing the new evangelisation by its hospitality and daily rhythm of prayer in the liturgy of the hours.

This programme is developed and led by a strong catechetical team, steeped in the Church's catechetical documents especially the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and many priests will also be involved in lecturing.

For more information about the programme please contact:

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A Call to Action (ACTA)

2017 Programme

The local group promoting dialogue in the church is in the process of finalising its programme for the rest of the year. On 22nd April the group will be holding a Retreat Day at Sclerder Abbey from 10.30am to 3pm. Regular quarterly meetings will also be popping up around the Diocese: Saturday 20th May in Exeter, Saturday 12th August in Plymouth and Saturday 11th November in Liskeard. If you would be interested in attending any of these you would be made very welcome; for more information please contact Peter Farrell.

The group also hopes to finalise two events following up its days on the Year of Mercy and "After the Synods. Joy of Love" which took place in 2016. This year it is likely to be focusing on Pope Francis' apostolic letter, 'Misericordia et misera', the upcoming Synod in 2018, and also looking at how the parish community may be evolving over the next few years.

If you would like to receive periodic information on these or future ACTA meetings, please contact Peter Farrell Tel: 01626 369478 Mob: 07730 439 194 e-mail: petane@outlook.com



Peter Farrell
Local Co-ordinator on behalf of ACTA
Promoting dialogue within the church

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela 2018



Organised by the Parish of the Holy Family, Exmouth, this unique pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in the spring of 2018 promises to be a wonderful event. Fr Philip Austen, Parish Priest says: "We are delighted that Bishop Mark will be leading the pilgrimage in Santiago and we are hoping that there will be representatives from parishes across the Diocese."



Our Bristol port chaplain Fr Noel Mullin was recently alerted to the presence of an injured seafarer in hospital in Bristol by AoS in Plymouth. An accident had occurred on board a general cargo ship off Plymouth, leaving a crew member injured. After being brought ashore, the seafarer was transferred to Bristol for treatment.

AoS Bristol was able to visit the seafarer in hospital and offer support before the man was discharged and repatriated. They brought him small gifts of fruit, cake and toothpaste and also contact information. He was discharged from hospital to be taken directly to the airport for a flight home not long afterwards. Well done Fr Noel and our AoS Bristol and AoS Plymouth teams!

Send a Seafarer a card this Easter

Martin Foley, AoS GB national director, explains how you can get involved in a new scheme to support isolated seafarers at sea. One of the hardest things seafarers face when they go to sea is having to cope with long periods of isolation and loneliness. Spending months at sea on a ship with few colleagues to talk to, and being in the middle of the ocean, hundreds or thousands of miles from land, can be a very isolating and stressful experience. Most of us get to see our family and close friends regularly.



countries can also affect conditions on board. Sometimes there are culture clashes which can lead to isolation for seafarers. This applies as much to senior officers as it does to junior seafarers. Smaller crews mean it's even more difficult to go ashore and 'be normal' if only for an hour or two."

But for seafarers, with nine-month contracts common on many ships, this isn't the case. They accept this sacrifice stoically, as going to sea is often the only way to earn enough money to support their families, who are often in poorer parts of the world, such as the Philippines, India, or Ukraine.

Few ships have internet access, despite ongoing improvements, and using a satellite phone is very expensive. That's why when AoS port chaplains go on board a ship they always carry a supply of mobile phone Sim cards and portable mi fi units to provide free access to the internet on board.

And nowadays ships go to sea with a very small crew. For example, the largest British-registered ship, the CMA GCM Kerguelen, which can carry 17,000 containers and is the length of four football pitches, only has 26 crew members.

Rev Roger Stone, AoS port chaplain in Southampton, said many seafarers talk to him about feeling lonely on long voyages: *"Seafarers work closely with the same people for a long time, eat in the same place, sit opposite the same person every meal time."* A small crew has serious implications for seafarers, he explained: *"The smaller the crew, the less variety seafarers have in their workplace. All it takes is for one awkward or difficult character and the atmosphere changes for the worse. The fact that a crew is usually made up of seafarers from different*

This is why AoS has launched a scheme to support seafarers who are isolated and feel lonely. Would you, our supporters send Mass cards or Easter cards with this simple message: *You are in our prayers.* All you have to do is send the card to us at our office in London (Apostleship of the Sea, 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1BX. Then, through our Port Chaplains, we will arrange for the card to be sent to a particular seafarer. We believe such a simple gesture can go a towards making seafarers feel they are not forgotten and, just as importantly, give them encouragement in doing one of the most difficult and important jobs in the world.

We have so much to thank seafarers for and a simple card can be a source of great strength and consolation.

**Nathaniel Xavier
AoS Digital Communications**

Please also 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, Poole and Portland*).

More information about the work of AoS can be found at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Listen to a Lenten Podcast

Our Immingham port chaplain, Fr Colum Kelly, is presenting a series of weekly podcasts during Lent. Each one will carry a unique seafaring theme and are based on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Listen to them by visiting: <http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/lenen-voyage>. Keep checking our Facebook page to find out when they're released.



HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust

The 2017 HCPT pilgrimage theme is being coordinated by HCPT's Westcountry Region and is "Come to the Water". From the beginning of the Creation story, throughout the Bible and particularly in the Gospels, the theme of water is very strong; it is no surprise, as water is essential to life on Earth. There are hundreds of references to water in the bible: water in Creation; water in the Flood; water, or lack of it, in the desert Exodus, and the parting of the Red Sea; the restful waters of the psalms; the waters of baptism in the Jordan; the tempestuous waters of the Sea of Galilee calmed by Jesus; and the 'water of life' revealed to the Samaritan woman by Christ at Jacob's well. Christ, the 'water of life', the 'living water', is essential for our earthly life, and the heavenly life to come.

The story of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St Bernadette is strongly influenced by the theme of water and this continues to our days of Pilgrimage in Lourdes where we will taste and feel the waters that still gush forth from the spring revealed to Bernadette by Our Lady on 25th February 1858. Our Lady asked Bernadette to tell people 'to come to the water to drink and wash'. We come to Lourdes 'to drink and wash'.

Great miracles of healing have been attributed to the waters of Lourdes but the greatest miracle is for everyone to experience – the love of God found in pilgrimage at this holy place. Once again in 2017 the HCPT pilgrimage offers the opportunity to celebrate the joy of 'the Risen Lord' as we come together on Easter Day; once again we have the opportunity to encounter God through the life, prayer and liturgies of our days in Lourdes; once again we shall experience the love and joy of God in our fellowship in the presence of the Lord.

A Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT

HCPT is a charity offering pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes in the south of France, for helpers and disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. The trust was formed in 1956 after a young doctor, Michael Strode, first took four disabled children on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes where the Virgin Mary appeared to a young peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous, on a total of eighteen occasions in 1858. Subsequently Lourdes has become a major place of Roman Catholic pilgrimage and miraculous healings. Now every year, over 2,000 special needs children enjoy the Trust's Easter pilgrimage staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers. Each summer over 1,500 adults, many of whom are disabled or with health problems, enjoy a week at HCPT's Hosanna House, which is in a stunning location overlooking the foothills of the beautiful Pyrenees, close to the village of Bartrès just outside Lourdes.

In the Westcountry Region, which coincides with the diocese of Plymouth, there are 2 Summer HCPT Lourdes Groups known as Group 539 based in Torbay and 579 in the South Hams. Group 539 was founded by the late Dr Michael Everitt in 1980 and has over a period of 37 years taken approximately 1,500 Summer Pilgrims to Lourdes. Next September, Liz Bettesworth, for the 7th year running, will be leading the 539 Group of about 40 on their Annual Pilgrimage. The members will include Fr Louis Rieunier, as Spiritual Leader, together with a Doctor, a nurse and an array of young (18 upwards) and not so young Helpers and Guests. The trip, labelled "a holiday with Our Lady," will be a balance of spirituality and fun. Visits to the Grotto, attending the International Mass and the Torchlight Processions are always favourite events as is the Blessed Sacrament Procession. There are other trips too into town and the day excursion to Gavarnie high in the Pyrenean Mountains is awe inspiring.

During the week of the pilgrimage Hosanna House becomes a home away from home with intimate Masses and prayers in the lovely chapel. The House has been adapted for those with special needs; the accommodation is excellent and the food delicious. There is plenty of time to relax and enjoy the company and the scenery. The themed party on the final night is always great fun with some superb fancy dress costumes on show as well as some talented entertainers. Anyone interested in more information, please contact Liz or Barney

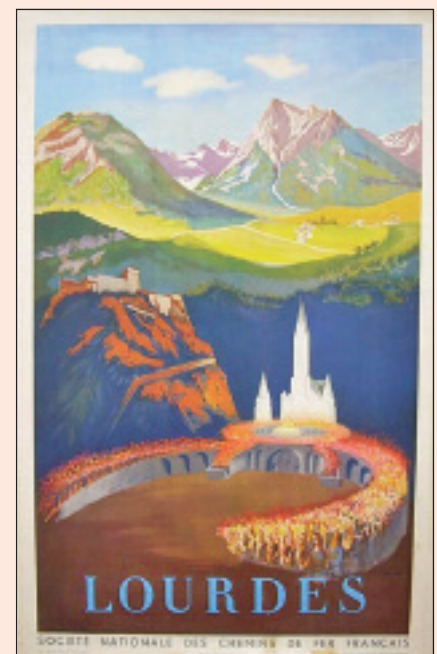
The prophet Isaiah tells us: 'Everyone who is thirsty, come to the water' (Isaiah 55:1). We come to Lourdes in answer to that call. The theme of water also plays a huge part in the life of the Westcountry. Being a peninsula, every part of life is connected to water. Indeed it is life itself.



The Trust Mass which takes place on Thursday 20th April at 9am BST will be live streamed; to join the HCPT Pilgrims at the Mass – wherever you may be – visit: www.hcpt.org.uk/trustmass. And, to give you a taste of just how wonderful the celebrations are take a look at last year's Trust Mass at <http://www.hcpt.org.uk/hcpt-trust-mass-2016/>

HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage Prayer – Easter 2017

Lord Jesus,
thank you for bringing us
on pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Our Lady invites us
to 'come to the water, to drink and to wash'.
May the water of the Grotto
and the 'living water' of your Word
help us to be better people.
May we love and care for each other
just as you love and care for each one of us.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Group 579 was formed at a later date in 2006 and is led by Frances Raymond who lives near Kingsbridge. Frances has been going to Lourdes for many years with HCPT originally with Group 515 from Liverpool and subsequently Group 539 before Group 579 was born. Group 579 also enjoys all the customary spiritual exercises, as well as various excursions and visits to places of interest in and near Lourdes. The Group includes a priest, Fr. Roy Davis, and two nurses, and will probably number about 30. There are vacancies for Helpers and Guests for this year's Pilgrimage flying from Bristol on Friday 29th September. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Frances Tel: 01548 531214 email: franraymond24@gmail.com.

Anyone who applies to join either of these Groups will find that they will immediately be made to feel very welcome and will, whether able or less able, become part of the loving, supportive HCPT family.

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CYMFed Flame Congress

One of the biggest Catholic Youth Events in the UK took place on Saturday March 11th, 2017 at The SSE Arena, Wembley. The Catholic Youth Ministry hosted the Flame Congress, which is a National Catholic Youth Event, and a group of 120 young people from our diocese attended.


"Ten thousand reasons for loving God and for knowing that God loves us. Ten thousand ways of serving. We know whose hands we are in." Cardinal Bo from Myanmar led the reflections and challenges and we knew we were somewhere special being given a special message. We were challenged to respond particularly to our brothers and sisters who are refugees and to be beacons of hope.

We were proud of and moved by the very beautiful reflection given by our own David Wells. We enjoyed his 'hello Plymouth!' His reflection, called 'Love chooses You' can be accessed on YouTube.

Our young people came from across the Diocese, starting in Plymouth on Saturday morning at 0500 am. Some brave few had even started the night before from Cornwall. It was a real pilgrimage to Wembley Arena.

By 1100 the Plymouth contingent were in and enjoying the warm up but where were Poole?? In the nick of time young people from Poole and Wimborne joined their peers from Exeter, Teignmouth, Cullompton and Plymouth and the scarf waving began. We were in the block next to Clifton Diocese which brought back memories of World Youth Day and our leaders were able to meet up with old friends.

Danni Pittam from Poole had the privilege of representing us on the stage and carrying our Lampedusa cross. Danni was also a world youth day pilgrim so she has had a busy year. For the moment, the cross has returned to her parish in Poole.




Danni with Bishop Mark

We were delighted to be joined for the day by Bishop Mark who was relieved that our new Diocesan scarves were so easy to wear. We were also lucky to include Cardinal Nichols in our group photo shoot....we hijacked him from Westminster!

Our young people did us proud in the way they stayed and prayed, listened and sang. Even at midnight Jack left Crownhill singing Bless the Lord, O My Soul! I am not sure what the neighbours made of that.

My thanks must go to the many adult helpers from parishes who encouraged their young people to come along and who coped with the endless paperwork these trips entail. Thanks also to the Diocesan finance department for all their support. Roll on 2019!

Fiona Hutchings
Catholic Youth Ministry
Plymouth Diocese





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Some thoughts from Bishop Mark on 'The Gracious Gift' weekend

"The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness..." These words are so central to Lent, and on its First Sunday we heard them from the Gospel of Matthew. It was this line of the Gospel which was very much in my heart and mind as I had the great joy of celebrating Mass with so many others gathered from across the Diocese during the recent "Gracious Gift" weekend in Torquay.

It was clear to me that they were all having a joy-filled, inspiring time. How good it is to 'step back' from the normal rhythms to attune to a different reality in our lives. To be led by the Spirit into the desert. We need these times in order to realise that it is not we, but God, who is at the centre of our life. Along the way, we discover so many fellow-travellers, other disciples who support and encourage us. It is good to

What an amazing weekend filled with grace and joy! Thank you to everyone who helped with organising it in any way. May this blessing and grace be spread over our families, parishes and whole wide world!

We were delighted to welcome Fr Paul Maddison (Pilgrimage People) Jenny Sinclair (Together for the Common Good) and David Wheat (Director of Youth Ministry, Clifton) from outside the Diocese as guest speakers for the weekend. They were joined by a number of familiar faces including David Wells, Fr Jonathan Stewart and Fr Mark Skelton, for the usual blend of keynote talks and workshops. **(below and bottom).** And, Redemptorist publications were on hand to offer everyone the opportunity to explore and purchase personal and parish resources for catechesis and spiritual growth.

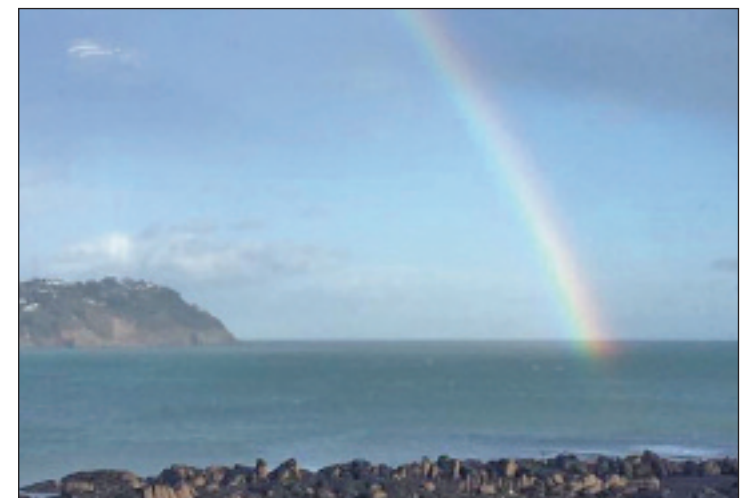
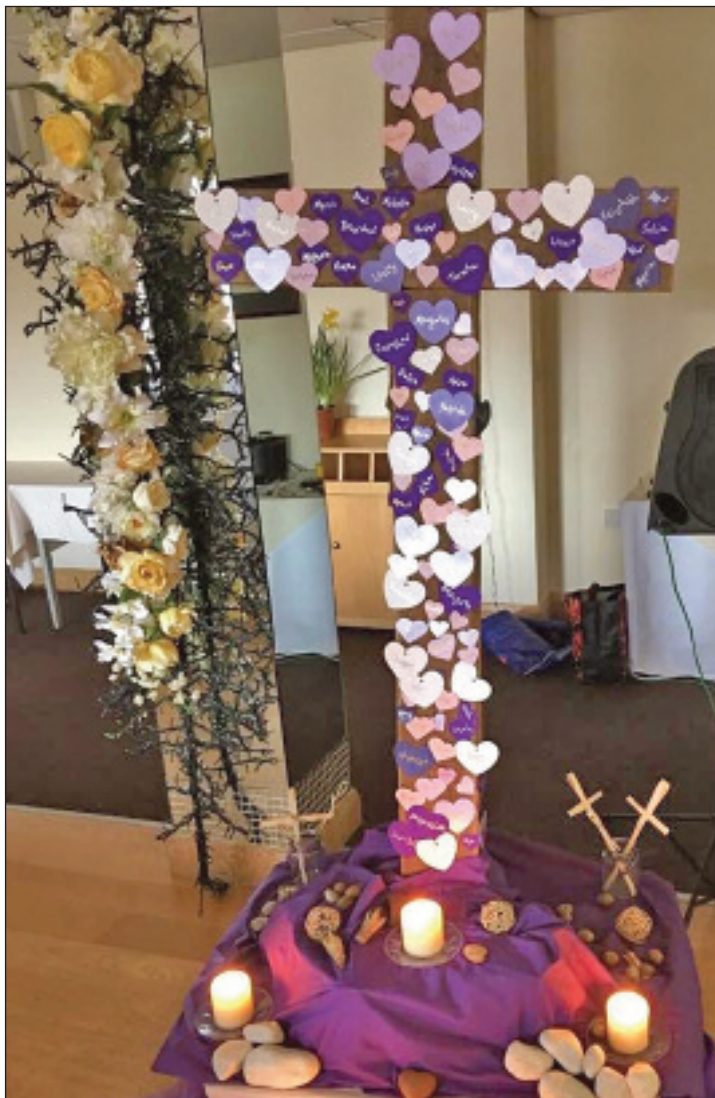


Fr Jonathan Stewart with Gather delegates

Fr Paul Maddison from Pilgrimage People moved us greatly by talking about the persecution of Christians in the Holy Land. He was due to bring with him Foteh Mickel, a Christian living there, but Foteh was prevented from leaving the country because of false allegations made about his financial situation. Although Foteh's presence was sorely missed, it was a very powerful testament to the voice which was missing!

We were bound together by great liturgy, opportunities for personal prayer and time to socialise over coffee or listening to our great band in the bar and a fabulous event was guaranteed. Our weekend culminated with Sunday Mass concelebrated by Bishop Mark with Fathers Paul Maddison, Jonathan Stewart and Paul Cummins **(top right).**

And, the rainbow that appeared over Torbay during the weekend was surely a sign of the presence of the Lord! **(right).**



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**Most Holy Trinity Parish,
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Guild of St Stephen Enrolments

Our parish community at Most Holy Trinity witnessed and supported the enrolment of two of our Altar Servers into the Guild of St Stephen and the conferral of their medals, during the weekend Masses of 18th and 19th February. Fr Anthony O'Gorman, our Parish Priest, has encouraged our young servers in their commitment to serving at Mass.

Our Altar Servers are pictured with Fr Anthony and Bernard Maher MC – who has received his Silver Medal for more than 10-years as member of the Guild of St Stephen. Our congratulations to them all and our thanks to Fr Anthony for his encouragement.

*Jodie Roberts
Parish Secretary*



Chemin Neuf Community, Sclerder Abbey



Since August 2014, the Chemin Neuf Community has established itself within Sclerder Abbey which was steeped in prayers for more than a century by Poor Clare and Carmelite Sisters. The Chemin Neuf Community, born in France in 1973 and founded by Father Laurent Fabre SJ, was called to Cornwall by the former Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt Rev Christopher Budd, Bishop Emeritus. Chemin Neuf is a Catholic Community composed of members from many different walks of life including couples, singles, priests, consecrated brothers and sisters of different Christian denominations - Catholics, Protestants, Orthodoxes.

Nowadays, whilst respecting the vocation of this 'Thin place', Chemin Neuf has undertaken improvements to the buildings in order to welcome guests for an authentic Christian experience of prayer and Community life. The grounds and gardens of the Abbey provide a peaceful atmosphere where everybody feels safe and at home. The simplicity and natural way of life brings a sense of belonging to the universal family under one God, Our Father. Our calendar of spiritual activities can be found on our website: <http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/>

This year, for the first time, Chemin Neuf will welcome a **FAMILY FESTIVAL** on the theme of 'Home - Home is a place where the heart is' on Saturday the 19th of August from 10am to 10pm. This day is organised in collaboration with the Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, The Anglican Diocese of Truro and Churches Together Cornwall. All of this will be possible with the help of volunteers coming from different Churches, who are already working together for this day.

During the day families will have the opportunity to spend time in the grounds of the Abbey and enjoy the numerous activities which will be available for all ages throughout the day: Historical tour of the Abbey, Arts and Craft, Indoor and outdoor activities, sports, a spiritual Journey for the family, etc. In the evening there will be a Barbecue and the day will end with a Worship concert and a live band. **Everybody will be most welcome!**

Some practical information for the Sclerder Family Festival 19th August 2017: we are situated 1.5 miles from Looe (PL13 2JD) or 12 miles from Liskeard.

A nominal entrance fee of £10 for adults and £20 for families (Parents + 3 children) will give you access to the Abbey grounds + a packed lunch. Everybody is most welcome; even those having financial difficulties. Food and drinks will be available all day, tea and coffee, cakes all day - donations gratefully received. Evening Barbecue optional at £2.50 per person.

If you wish to come there will soon be a registration form on our website or alternatively pick up one of the flyers in your Church and register by post. Free parking on the Abbey fields.

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Cornish writings

The Religious Heritage of North and East Cornwall

Author: Rev Fr David Annear

Fr David writes: "This latest slim volume of mine is rather more general in scope than my previous efforts. In just over seventy pages it describes the religious landscape and heritage of North and East Cornwall, from quoits and menhirs to converted Methodist chapels. There are brief background descriptions of, among other things, the Celtic Church, the Reformation in Cornwall and the various Christian revivals which have left their visible presence today. The text is illustrated with more than a hundred photos and drawings."

My main aim is to explain our religious heritage to my parishioners, but anyone who loves Cornwall will, I hope, find this little book a helpful guide."

Copies are £5 plus £1.50 p&p. For more information, please contact Alison Moore, Parish Secretary Tel: 01566 773166 email: office@stcuthbertmayne.org.uk website: www.stcuthbertmayne.org.uk

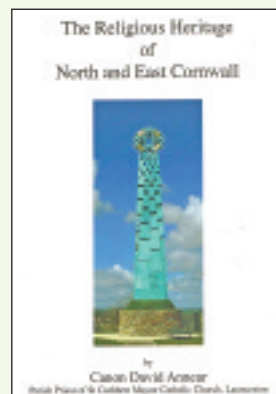
Wave Hub New poetry from Cornwall (Edited by Alan M. Kent)

Cornwall is at the hub of the Celtic Sea, and this collection of new poetry celebrates the best verse to emerge from there in recent times.

Diverse in their identities and the forms in which they write, all the poets represented have a lasting relationship with the territory and its people. Some names will be familiar but equally a new generation of writers has been assembled alongside these more established voices. All of them celebrate the poetic energy emerging out of this land at the hub of the waves. The collection shows a renewed confidence in Cornwall's literary prowess as well as an engagement with the wider world.

Alan M. Kent is a celebrated Cornish academic, poet, playwright and novelist. He is the editor of *Voices from West Barbary: An Anthology of Anglo-Cornish Poetry 1549-1928* (2000) and *The Dreamt Sea: An Anthology of Anglo-Cornish Poetry 1928-2004* (2004). His selected poems *The Hope of Place* was published in 2010.

Editor: Wave Hub was first published in 2014 and, included in the collection is a ten stanza poem by Andrew C Symons entitled 'Praying in the Lady Chapel, Penzance' (pages 57 to 60). A moving and thoughtful piece it will be of particular interest to CSW readers in the Duchy.



News from around the diocese ...

Retreats and events in Cornwall Epiphany House

On the outskirts of Truro, Epiphany House was formerly the Bishop's Palace and home of the Sisters of the Community of the Epiphany. Events at Epiphany House in March include:

Saturday 11th March: A reflective service of Taizé chants and poetry readings with a Lenten theme. 7pm in the chapel at Epiphany House, Truro, TR1 3DR. No need to book.

Friday 17th March 4pm to Sunday 19th March 4pm, led by Rev Bryan West and Janette Mullett: Individually Guided Retreat Weekend. Come as you are and set aside time to meet God, led by an experienced prayer guide. An IGR offers the opportunity to take time away from the rush of everyday life, to pause and reflect. You will meet daily with an experienced prayer guide, and apart from these meetings and the



daily service the retreat will be in silence with opportunities for your individual reflection, times of prayer and walking or other relaxation.

For more information about charges and how to book contact Lizzie Pridmore Tel: 01872 272249 email: info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk

Torbay Deanery

All Saints Parish, Teignmouth

(Our Lady & St Patrick,
Teignmouth, St Agatha, Dawlish
and St Ignatius of Loyola,
Shaldon)

Congratulations!



Our Lady & St Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School (OLSP) in Teignmouth has been rated 'good' in all areas following a recent Ofsted inspection. The inspection, which was carried out on 7th and 8th February 2017, found that teaching, learning and assessment in the school is good with pupils making good progress overall in English and Mathematics.

Inspectors praised the school leadership team stating that the headteacher, senior leaders and governors have a clear view of the school's strengths and areas for development. This latest Ofsted report states: "In the early years, leadership 'is good and teachers have high expectations and a thorough knowledge of each child's individual needs and interests, as a result, children make good progress.'"

The report also highlights how the school's religious education promotes cultural understanding as pupils learn about different faiths and the importance of respect for others. The inspectors assert that this has an excellent impact on pupils' welfare and well-being.

Pupils spoke to inspectors about their enjoyment when working towards goals and challenges in their learning and the report says this means the children at the school are keen and motivated to do well.

Parents are quoted in the report as saying: "My children are happy and thriving and I wouldn't have them at any other school."

Headteacher Sarah Barreto says: "We are now officially a good school. Our thanks go to all parents, carers, staff, pupils, governors and parishioners who have helped make this happen. We are so grateful, as always, for this kind support and are delighted all the hard work has been recognised and named in this report. All at OLSP truly believe our school can now build on the areas for improvement within this report, move from strength to strength; Living, Loving and Learning Together in God's Way."

Chair of the governors Pat Anzani adds: "I am delighted that the hard work, dedication and care shown by all who are involved in the life of the school is recognised in the report. We will continue to grow as a community, building on the strengths, continually improving and providing children with an education within a Christian learning environment."

This is the first Ofsted inspection of Our Lady & St Patrick's RC Primary School since it became part of the Plymouth Catholic Anglican Schools Trust (CAST) and became an academy on 1st April 2014. When OLSP was previously inspected, before becoming an academy, it was judged to be inadequate overall.

Dorset Deanery

Holy Family Parish, Bournemouth
(Christ the King, Kinson and Our Lady of Victories & St Bernadette, Ensbury Park)



Come with us to Walsingham in 2017

Fr Chacko Panathara CM, Parish Priest at Holy Family parish in Bournemouth will be leading another pilgrimage to Walsingham in 2017 from Monday 10th and Thursday 13th July. Travel is by full sized coach with departures from Blandford and Bournemouth and we will enjoy half-board accommodation at Elmham House in the village.

Following a joyful pilgrimage from Fr Chacko's parish in Blandford in 2016, a Dorset group of The Walsingham Association has been set up to support the work of the National Shrine of Our Lady and its formal inauguration will take place on Monday 1st May at Our Lady of Victories & St Bernadette Church, 46 Draycott Road, Ensbury

A Taste of Walsingham

The Slipper Chapel was built in the mid-14th century, and dedicated to Saint Catherine of Alexandria, this chapel served pilgrims on their way to England's Nazareth. Saint Catherine was the patron saint of pilgrims to the Holy Land and her knights kept open the road to Nazareth during the Crusades. Her tomb lies in the Monastery on Mount Sinai, within the Basilica of the Annunciation. Just as on Mount Sinai, Moses took off his shoes because he was on holy ground, so the pilgrims to England's Holy Land used to remove their shoes and walk the Holy Mile into Walsingham.



Fr. Chacko with his 2016 pilgrims in Walsingham

Park, Bournemouth, BH10 5AR. The celebrations will begin with Mass at 6.30 pm, followed by refreshments and discussion.

For more information about the Holy Family Parish Pilgrimage or the Walsingham Association please contact **Madeleine Hemsley Tel: 01258 480778.**



Plymouth Deanery

Plymouth Circle news



Plymouth Circle members and their wives had a great evening at their annual 'Pub Quiz'. The questions set by Plymouth President Jim Murphy, were challenging and the results very close with a narrow victory for the team of Maria Modley, Paddy O'Neill, Bob Butler and Meryl Rose.



John Luscombe
Plymouth Catenians

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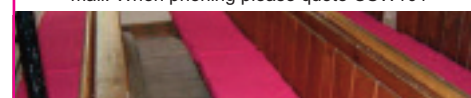
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News from around the diocese ...

Torbay Deanery

Celebrating World Book Day

I am and have always been passionate about helping children to develop a love for reading. I believe that a love of reading is a stepping stone to becoming an enthusiastic learner and a confident reader, writer and speaker. With confidence and enthusiasm, children can enjoy a wonderful world of learning and exploration.

Sitting down with a book provides children with a time for quiet and calmness in their busy lives and can stimulate their imagination and play. Activities such as preparing Storyboxes can provoke curiosity and discussion while reading the books alongside provides inspiration, thought and reflection.



Reading a variety of books exposes children to a wide range of language features and vocabulary and the books and stories fill a child's mind with knowledge. We work hard to keep a strong relationship with Teignmouth Library as it is such an important part of our local community for parents and children. We are so grateful to our staff and parents in supporting events like World Book Day where we can promote such wonderful opportunities for learning. The quality of the entries for the Storybox competition was incredible and all the judges were delighted to see so many amazing entries. Well done to all concerned. A highlight of our year so far.

Mrs Sarah Barreto
Headteacher



Ash Wednesday at Our Lady & St Patrick's

Rev Anthony Carey, our Parish Deacon, visited OLSP on Ash Wednesday; he is pictured administering ashes to our Foundation Stage pupils. Anthony also visited liturgies in all of key stage 2 which is years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Mrs Sarah Barreto
Headteacher



South Hams Catenians: Circle 368

Province 13, which includes Devon, Cornwall and part of Somerset held their Provincial weekend at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth from the 24th to the 26th February 2017. South Hams Catenians joined the weekend which was attended by a total of forty-one Catenians and their wives. We all enjoyed a comfortable Hotel, excellent food, caring staff and most of all the friendship and fellowship in a true Catenian manner. Our Barbara Fake for their ex-

On Friday evening we had an informal dinner followed by entertainment. A formal dinner was held on Saturday, where we were welcomed by Brother Director Peter Holman. This was followed



**John Luscombe, Jim Murphy, Wendy Davies, Paul Robinson,
Madeleine Lester, Kathy Butler**

by a most enjoyable evening of dancing. On Sunday morning we attended Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in Bournemouth where we received a very warm welcome. We all left after Sunday lunch revived and inspired by our 'weekend away'.

Trevor Davies



Mary Holman, Peter Holman, (Director) Kathy Butler, Bob Butler (Past Grand President), Peter Frost (Provincial President), Margaret Frost, Graham Johnson, Moira Johnson.

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TO THE SON

The Guild of Our Lady and Saint Joseph

The Guild of Our Lady and Saint Joseph is open to all interested in fellowship and formation in the fullness of the faith of the Holy Catholic Church. Our overarching mission is to pray for and support the work of the School of the Annunciation at Buckfast Abbey. With members living across the UK and beyond, the Guild has a monthly newsletter and an active Facebook group to announce upcoming events and/or articles of interest on the new evangelisation.

From time to time, the Guild holds 'Guild days' to bring together like-minded individuals for prayer and fellowship. Noted speakers have included Sherry Weddell, Bishop Philip Egan, Father Alexander Sherbrooke and Dr Caroline Farey amongst others. While Guild days have taken place in London and York, the Guild Executive Committee would be happy to host one in Devon! Please register your interest!

Membership in the Guild (£20 per annum) offers special access to lectures and Sacred Art studies on the SotA website. The Guild has also organised a discounted subscription rate to the Catechetical Review, an excellent resource for catechists and all those working in the church today.

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Easter Vigil Saturday - 9pm
Easter Sunday Mass - 10.30am
Details of all other services can be found at
www.churchofthepreciousbloodsidmouth.co.uk



Holy Week and Easter Triduum 2017

St Cuthbert Mayne Parish, Launceston
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13th April: 7pm: Maundy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching at the Altar of Repose
14th April: 3pm: Good Friday
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
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15th April: 8.30pm: Easter Vigil
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RUN TO THE SUN

The Diocesan Evangelisation Team are organising a weekend retreat of inspiration and prayer for Mission at Buckfast Abbey. Hosted by the Brothers of the Franciscan of Renewal, 'Run to the Son' will be held over the weekend of 23rd to 25th June. Fr Jon Bielawski said: "I am delighted that Brother John Bosco has agreed to lead the input on the weekend as he is completely given to mission and his energy and passion for evangelisation is truly inspiring." He continued: "The weekend will culminate in an all-night vigil of prayer from sunset to sunrise in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, during which there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the woodlands of the Abbey grounds and benediction in the especially erected marquee. People will be able to share the experience of watching the iconic stained glass window of Jesus at the last supper come alive as the dawn breaks and the sun begins to rise. Bishop Mark will conclude the weekend with a dawn Mass on Sunday morning. We hope that everyone with a heart for mission from across our diocese and beyond will come together at this event and through prayer and fellowship, enkindle in each other a fire and zeal that will inspire them to step out confidently in Jesus' name."

More information and booking details for 'Run to



the Son' are available on the website: <https://www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son>. The event will be advertised nationwide and numbers are limited so please book early.

If you would like to discuss evangelisation in the diocese or in your own parish please contact Fr Jon Tel: 01752 701660 email: Jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk or Michele mob: 07940453607 Michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk

New fees announced at Leweston

Leweston is committed to offering a high quality affordable education to as many local families as possible. Following the success of the fee restructure in the Junior Department, the school has now reviewed its Senior School fee structure and is delighted to announce competitive fees across both day and boarding from September 2017.

Across the whole Senior School and Sixth Form (Years 7 to 13), the new fee for day pupils will be £4,950 with effect from September 2017.

Kate Reynolds, Head of Leweston commented: "So many parents have to make a choice about when, if at all, to invest in their child's education, which is why I'm delighted that the new fee structure will mean that the exceptional education we offer is accessible to more local families; from their child's first days with us in the Junior department, right through to the end of their exam years in the Senior School and Sixth Form. There couldn't be a better time to join us as we celebrate our outstanding academic achievements with 52% A* and A Grades awarded at A Level."

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Folklore Egg-stravaganza! ...

by Julia Beacroft

I'm often surprised by the ways in which children interpret what we say to them, often taking things quite literally. To give a quick example: on a rural Welsh farmhouse holiday many years ago, I happened to mention to my four-year-old son that the cows in the fields adjoining the farmhouse, would get soaked in the torrential rain we were experiencing, (sounds familiar?) To my great amusement, he appeared five minutes later with a bath towel "...to dry the poor cows with," he said.

PURE FANTASY

And we rarely hesitate in passing on some child-friendly folklore to our offspring either. The most obvious of these is, of course, the tradition of Santa Claus. While 'Santa' derived from Saint Nicholas, a fourth century Greek bishop, the notion of bringing gifts to every child in the world – provided they have been 'good' throughout the year – remains pure fantasy. And we don't just stop there. There's also the Tooth Fairy – a mythical creature who replaces lost baby teeth with a small payment. And finally the Easter Bunny – a folklore figure who provides children with Easter Eggs, depending upon how well behaved they have been at the beginning of Eastertide! In fact, one of my young nephews was so enraptured by the Easter Bunny that his enthusiasm knew no bounds. Having been promised by his parents that this generous creature would impart gifts of yummy chocolate eggs the next day, he crept downstairs after his parents were tucked up in bed and left a dish of carrots by the front door as a token of his appreciation!

SALVATION

Of course, a little fantasy in our often dark world can be enlivening and humorous. However, as we approach Easter this year, we know that there is a far more important person and event to be both recalled and conveyed to our children – and to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus died on the Cross to atone for our sins and continues to be with each and every one of us until the end of time. Christ's resurrection from the dead banished death for ever, giving mankind hope for the future in life everlasting. In short, Christ is our salvation.

THE SWEETNESS OF CHRIST

Both Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny offer gifts on the condition that children have been 'good' and both remain fictitious. Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the other hand, loves each one of us unconditionally, awards us our own God-given gifts and welcomes us with open arms even when, as fallible humans, we find it hard to be 'good'. Unlike such fictional characters, documentary evidence provides veracity for the historical Jesus. Yet more importantly, our hearts and souls clearly reveal God's eternal presence to us, as we instinctively yearn to become ever closer to him. Easter is a wonderful time of the year for adults and children alike. May your children celebrate with chocolate eggs and the sweetness of Christ. One is a 'quick fix' – the other will last forever.

Julia Beacroft is a popular and experienced speaker and workshop leader. She will be happy to give a talk to your group or society. Please visit www.sanciobooks.com for more information.



*'Guess what I gave up for Lent...
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Annual Novena in honour of **St. Rita of Cascia** Patron of the Helpless



The Novena begins on 14th May and finishes with Mass at 12 noon followed by the Blessing of the roses on her feast day 22nd May.

Mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth
at St. Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon

Follow the Mass on YouTube from 12 noon.

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

To join in the Novena please write to: St Rita's Promotions, St Rita's Retreat & Conference Centre,
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MARRIAGE CARE SOUTH WEST (MCSW)

MCSW one-day 'Preparing Together' courses will be held in Plymouth from 09:30 to 16:30 on the following dates:

- Saturday 11th March
- Saturday 8th July
- Saturday 18th November

MCSW also offers FOCCUS, a guided questionnaire-based exploration and essential relationship know-how for individual couple with a trained facilitator. For more information about venues and to book a place on one of the 'Preparing Together' courses please contact: mcsw.admin@marriagecare.org

For all other enquiries about MCSW please contact Sue Burrige, head of MCSW centre Tel: 01395 272799 Mob: 07875 161 595 email: sue@marriagecare.org.uk.

Marriage Preparation Facilitators needed
170209 Resources page March 2017 IMG001 or PDF001 (whichever best)

Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation which draws on its Catholic Christians tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide marriage preparation and relationship counselling and are looking for volunteer facilitators to join our friendly local team. Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators present and facilitate preparation days for small groups of engaged couples, training for the role is provided.

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PILGRIMAGES

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Saturday 27th May to Friday 2nd June: for full details and who to contact to book a place please see Diocesan News on page (tbc) of this edition of CSW.

Padre Pio Prayer Group Pilgrimage to Fatima, Friday 22nd to Thursday 28th September: Valerie Williams will be leading the pilgrimage with support from 5 Padre Pio Prayer Group Leaders. Spiritual Director will be Monsignor Bart Nannery assisted by Canon David Annear, both of whom are spiritual directors of St Pio of Pietrelcina Prayer Groups in the Diocese. The cost of the pilgrimage will be £599.38 (full-board) flying Birmingham with Monarch airlines. If you would like to join the pilgrimage please contact Valerie Williams Tel: 01579 384024 email: williamsvalerie897@gmail.com

RETREATS

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. Details for all 2017 Retreats shown below. 170209 Resources page March 2017 IMG002 (to follow) For more information please contact post: The Presbytery, 19 Fosse Road, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1NG Tel: 01548 852670 email: mjbutter@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

Have you visited Sclerder Abbey yet?

Nestling above the sea between Looe and Polperro is the beautiful Sclerder Abbey. Until recently, the Abbey was home to Carmelite sisters and is steeped in prayer over many years. Today, this mantle has been taken up by the Chemin Neuf community,

founded in France in 1973. It is an apostolic Catholic community with an ecumenical vocation. Its members are celibates, singles or married couples, lay and ordained, united by their faith in Jesus Christ and their desire to serve the Church, the Gospel and the world.

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 and evangelisation. For more information about events at Sclerder Tel: 01503 272238 or visit the website www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/an-naire/united-kingdom/sclerder-abbey.

One of the ideas coming out of the Chemin-Neuf Chapter in 2016 was to encourage all abbeys to be inspired by the monastic wisdom 'Ora et Labora'. To utilise all the gifts and land we have received, in many different ways we are involved in organic farming and agriculture, maintenance work and the development of sustainable energy projects.

Chemin Neuf love to welcome people from the Diocese either for private or group retreats, conferences, meetings – residential or non-residential. They also regularly organise and host events through the year; here are details of some of the retreats planned for 2017:

Quiet Days: a day long guided retreat, including spiritual input, personal prayer and common prayer

- Wednesday 29th March
- Wednesday 10th May

Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius: seven days of guided retreat, to come to know Christ more intimately through His Word in order to love him, to serve better in our everyday life and to recognise God's call.

- Saturday 4th to Saturday 11th March

Inner Healing Retreat: four days in silence on healing and reconciliation, an opportunity to review our life's story in the light of the Lord

- Tuesday 18th to Saturday 22nd April
- Sunday 28th May to Thursday 1st June

For more information please contact: Sclerder Abbey, Sclerder Lane, Looe, Cornwall, PL13 2JD Tel: 01503 272 238 email: sclerder@chemin-neuf.org

**PLYMOUTH DEANERY**

Second Monday evening of each month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Knights of St Columba: Cathedral Centre.

Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Union of Catholic Mothers: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

CORNWALL DEANERY

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.

Wednesdays, 10.30am to 1pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Church of St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth.

Wednesdays & Fridays Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, after Mass until 11am: St Paul the Apostle, Bossiney Road, Tintagel

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.

Third Saturdays from 1.30pm to 4pm, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Penzance group: CHYMORGEN, Botallack, St. Just, TR19

For more information Tel: 01736/788438 email: brigittemorrigan@talktalk.net

TORBAY DEANERY

First Sunday of every month, 4pm, Torbay Hospital Chapel: Mass celebrated by Fr Kieran Kirby, Hospital Chaplain. All are welcome to join Fr Kieran and members of the Chaplaincy Team to pray for all patients and staff in the hospital

Third Monday evening of every month (except August), 7.15pm, South Hams Catenians: Thurlstone Golf Club. Please note new venue. **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.

Sunday evenings, 6pm, Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay: Polish Mass with Confessions from 5.30pm.

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, a 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.



What inspires your Catholic legacy?

As Catholics, our faith is at the centre of our lives and supporting Catholic causes is an important way of living out our faith. The Your Catholic Legacy group is asking supporters to share their stories as to why leaving a gift in a Will is inspired by their faith and life.

Mike and Mary from Minehead explain that for them, leaving a gift in their Will is the way they are living out the Catholic principles by which they live: "We have always tried to live out the Catholic faith, which has had a huge impact on our lives. We have always thought; 'Do unto others as you would have done unto yourself' – that must be a guiding principle. So leaving a legacy to Apostleship of the Sea, who we respect, seemed right."

For Pat from London, leaving a legacy is about putting his faith into action by supporting a cause that has influenced his life: "For me leaving a gift in my Will was very obvious; it is putting my faith into action. Through being involved with HCPT, my faith has taken on a different meaning, and I am pleased to be able to do something to help through leaving a legacy to them."

For Luisa, it was the birth of her son that made her and her partner consider their Will and a gift to a

charity: "Being a Christian has shaped my life; it's who I am. That's why leaving a gift in my will to CAFOD seems the right thing to do. It simply makes sense to me."

Your Catholic Legacy is asking Catholics to share their story about what inspires their Catholic legacy. Every Catholic will have their own stories, personal to their faith and life. The consortium of 27 Catholic organisations would really like to hear these stories. Anyone wishing to share their story of what has inspired their legacy can do so by visiting www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk or contacting Hannah Tel: 020 7095 5370.

As a quote often attributed to Mother Teresa reminds us: "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

Will you help change the world and celebrate your faith through a legacy gift in your will?

Christine Punter, Project Manager, Your Catholic Legacy
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Fatima Centenary Celebrations

This is the Centenary year of the Fatima apparitions which took place between May and October 1917, when Our Lady appeared to Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who were beatified in May 2000, and Lucia dos Santos, who died in 2005. The National Pilgrim Virgin statue and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto, will be visiting Plymouth Cathedral from 24-25 June 2017.

The programme for the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) National Pilgrim Virgin statue's Visitations to the Cathedrals of England and Wales began on Saturday 18th February, when Cardinal Nichols received, blessed and crowned the Statue in Westminster Cathedral. It was a wonderful day, and although the Cathedral was filled to capacity with many people left outside in the plaza, everyone was kind and gracious, and there was a palpable sense of joy.

At Westminster, the Cardinal said Mass, and consecrated England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in an act which included these words: "To you and your Immaculate Heart, in this centenary year of the apparitions at Fatima, we re-consecrate ourselves in union not only with the Church, the Mystical Body of your Son, but also with the entire world."

In his homily Cardinal Nichols said: "I pray that the pilgrimage of this statue of Our Lady of Fatima, on its journey round the cathedrals of

England and Wales, will be a time of grace for many, as they honour Our Lady of Fatima in this centenary year." He also emphasised the importance of the Rosary and praying it in the family, which he recalled doing as a child. After Mass, crowds of people waited to venerate the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto and pray before the Statue of Our Lady, where she received over 2500 petitions that will be placed under her statue in the Capelinha at Fatima.



For more information about the Cathedrals, Abbeys and shrines that will be visited go to: <http://bit.ly/2m3ijj0>

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