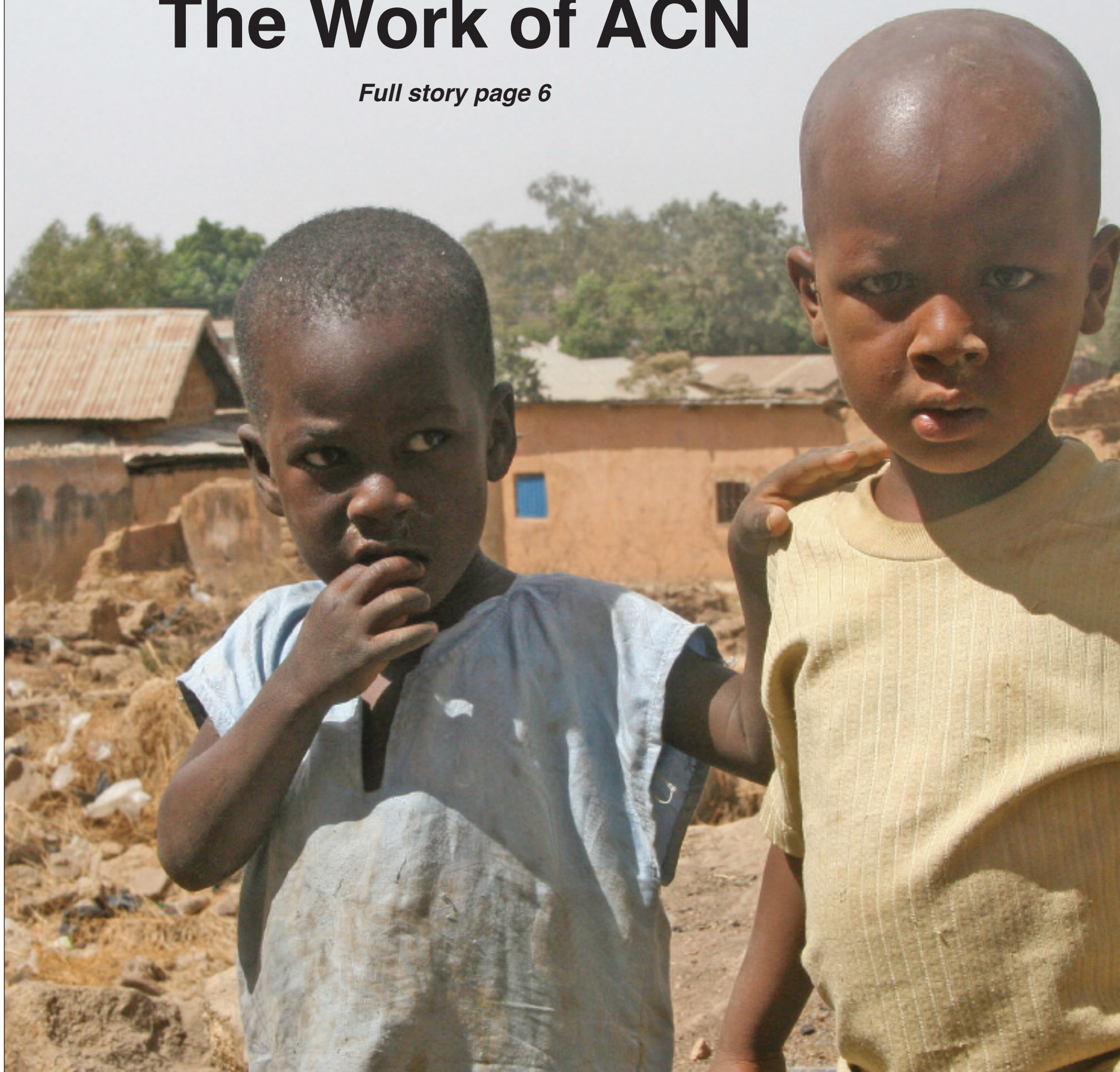




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Hello, and welcome - to the first day of the rest of your life, of course, but also to the first edition of Catholic South West of the rest of my life!

A brief introduction: my name is Ruari McCallion. From that name you will expect that I have Irish ancestry – which I do but, more recently, Scottish. If pressed, I will describe my self as a Gael. It covers a multitude of virtues.

I am what my friends in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham describe as a 'Diocesan Catholic'; I'm a 'Cradle Catholic' but not one whose road has been without its potholes. So not much different from anyone else, then!

I live near Salisbury with my wife; our daughters have grown and flown the nest, a few years ago. I have been a freelance writer, editor, conference chair and other things for over 20 years. While my

main focus has been on engineering and manufacturing I have written about all sorts, including education, green issues, energy sustainability, IT and so on. I also write novels set in the 7th century, in the heart of the Dark Ages. They have been described as 'quite dark and disturbing' but I am happy to assure you that all the very bad guys get their comeuppance, eventually! I enjoy golf, am growing to like model railways and like a holiday from time to time!

This, the first edition that I have edited, is led by reports of the great work that Action for the Church in Need is doing. We are constantly being asked to support activities overseas; in a time of great trial, it's good to see the impact that our care, support,



donations and prayers have. They are the source of our feature on page 6. See below for details of ACN and how to contact them directly.

Your input to the newspaper is always welcome; please send us your stories, news and events to csw@cathcom.org. Your comments and suggestions are also welcome – but please be gentle with me: it's my first time!

Aid for the Church in Need (ACN)

ACN and its staff, including Murcadha O Flaherty and John Pontifex, supplied the stories and photographs for our feature on page 6.

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation directly under the Holy See. As a Catholic charity, ACN supports the faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in need through information, prayer, and action.

Founded in 1947 by Fr Werenfried van Straaten, who Pope St John Paul II named "An outstanding



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The Way the Truth and the Life Diocese of Plymouth 2018 Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

Fr. Philip Austen writes: The May 2018 pilgrimage has attracted pilgrims from across our wide diocese and we are delighted to announce that it is now full. A total of 52 parishioners from across the Diocese will be joined by Bishop Mark and his Private Secretary, Canon Keith Mitchell, in Santiago de Compostela.

The first (of several) 'official get-togethers' of the group will be taking place on Saturday October 14th, when we will celebrate Mass at 11.00.a.m. in Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth before coffee and a pilgrimage presentation, questions & answers session and chatting together over lunch. These social occasions will enable pilgrims to get to know each other before the long pilgrimage along the Camino Frances.

Our first two nights will be spent in a monastery in Santo Domingo de Calzada with the Cistercian Sisters, before moving westwards along the ancient pilgrim route towards Santiago, staying in hotels en route, and walking some of the way. We will visit Sahagun; León; Rabanal; Cruz de Ferro; Acebo, Molinaseca; Ponferrada; O'Cebreiro; Melide and Ribadiso before arriving in Santiago de Compostela itself. On the return journey we will be staying in Oviedo before transferring to the north coast at Comillas. From there we will visit the monastery of San Turibio in the Picos Mountains; it has a relic of the True Cross. We will also enjoy excursions to the Picos mountains and to the ancient village of Santiana del Mar.



I am looking forward to meeting the group of pilgrims from across the diocese and being with them on pilgrimage to Santiago. There is a waiting list and places will be offered if they become available.

If you wish to be put on the waiting list, contact The Parish Office, Holy Ghost Presbytery, 11 Raddenstile Lane, Exmouth, Devon EX8 2JH



BISHOP MARK VISITS ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

Bishop Mark takes the Salute

The Bishop of Plymouth paid his first visit to Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) at the end of July, to celebrate mass with Officer Cadets and gain an insight into training. During two days at the College, Bishop Mark O'Toole met with the Commanding Officer, Capt Jol Woodard, and was given a brief into the role the College plays in preparing young men and women for their future role as Naval officers. He was also able to see at first hand some of the training taking place.

The Bishop was joined for Mass in the Chapel of St Philip Howard by Father Michael Sharkey, Roman Catholic Chaplain for the College, along with Father Sunny Paul, from Brixham, and retired priest Father P J Kelly. His second day began at 0730, when he addressed the Officer Cadets during parade practice.

"Bishop Mark impressed both staff and officer cadets with his 'Thought for the Day' on Divisions," Father Sharkey observed. "His message was both relevant and thought provoking, drawing a parallel with the track 'Save Yourself' from Sheeran's 'Divide' album."

Bishop Mark reminded the Officer Cadets that: "To be an effective leader is to accept who I am and loving that. It is only when you really love yourself, can you actually contemplate giving yourself to others." He then took an exhilarating trip on one of the Navy's RIB boats to witness the new entry Cadets taking part in their final leadership exercise on the River Dart. He was also shown the state-of-



All Aboard! Bishop Mark on the bridge of a BRNC vessel at the end of July

art bridge simulator used primarily for navigation and Officer-of-the-Watch training.

"I was delighted to be able to stay at Britannia Royal Naval College and to see and experience the many wonderful things that are taking place at the College," Bishop Mark said. "I was struck by the dedication and generosity of the cadets, and the staff who are accompanying them at this

important time of training and formation. BRNC has a rich history and it was good to see that tradition of service to one's country, and those in need, is lived with such courage and selfless sacrifice. I will certainly keep all those involved with the College very much in my prayers. I have taken with me some very fond memories of BRNC and all those I met."

Classic Cinema: Ten Ten at 10!

Ten Ten, the Catholic theatre, film and education company, celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special event at the Curzon cinema in London's West End on Saturday 24 June.

Founded by Martin O'Brien and his sister Clare, the company has seen its work grow exponentially over the last 10 years. At the event, Martin announced that, during its first decade, over 850,000 children, young people, young offenders, teachers, parents and members of the public have been in the audiences of plays and workshops. Highlights include the theatre productions of "Kolbe's Gift" and "This Is My Body", their award-winning play on human trafficking.

The event included a screening of two new short films recently made by Ten Ten as part of their new cinema-in-education venture. "Babies" is a 30-minute film based on the original Ten Ten play of the same name about pregnancy and abortion; "Love, Honour, Cherish" explores teenage relationships including sexting, chastity and marriage. Both films are currently available to secondary schools as part of Ten Ten's Relationship and Sex Education programme.

Guest speaker Fr Christopher Jamison OSB praised Ten Ten saying that their success is due to the fact that they combine "high-quality writing, performances and production with good management skills - all at the service of the Gospel." He highlighted how the combined skills of siblings Clare and Martin in arts management and creative production have been at the heart of the success of Ten Ten.

Anna O'Brien, Clare and Martin's mother, was given a special commendation at the end of the evening for over 10 years of full-time voluntary service to Ten Ten. Fr Christopher presented her with a papal blessing for "supporting the spiritual, moral and cultural development of children and young people."

Ten Ten has exciting plans for development in the future, including: a significant programme of online resources for Catholic primary schools; the development of a new workshop on human trafficking for secondary schools; and a commitment to develop new film and theatre productions for mainstream audiences. For more information, visit: www.tententheatre.co.uk

Gosnell Movie set to launch soon?

The makers of the Gosnell Movie say that they are intending to launch this Autumn - distributors willing. Apparently, they are finding it very difficult to get distribution through the 'normal channels' of cinemas and theatres across the USA.

The Gosnell Movie is a very important film. It documents and describes the activities of Kermit Gosnell, who has been described as one of the 'most prolific serial killers the USA has ever seen'. What did he do? He practised as an abortionist in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for nearly 40 years. He was known for providing late-term abortions, to those able to pay. He was arrested in January 2011 but not for abortion offences; the charges initially related to the illegal prescription of drugs. After investigations and searches of his 'clinic' revealed it as little more than a charnel-house, seven murder charges relating to babies born alive were added.

Find out if and how you can help to get this important film distributed at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/gosnellmovie/> <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/gosnell-movie/#/>

Around the South West

Stella Maris statue

This Stella Maris statue overlooking Plymouth's historic Barbican harbour was recovered from a ship's lost cargo of marble. Here in Mary's month of May, members of the Legion of Mary recited the Rosary every Sunday.



What is a Deacon?

If you feel called to become a Deacon or would simply like to learn more about what is involved, come to the Diocese's Enquirers Day, Saturday 14 October 2017 at St Boniface House, Ashburton. Speak with your parish priest or contact Deacon James: 07906 599389; james.mckain-bremner@prcdtr.org.uk www.ukvocation.org

Chosen to lead the liturgies

The West Country Region of HCPT was chosen to lead the liturgies for the week during its pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter this year. It was ably assisted by the HCPT Band and the choir and dancers from the Salesian College, Farnborough, and Alton College. The late Dr Michael Everitt, who was instrumental in founding the West Country HCPT groups, was remembered at Mass at Chapelle Mont Carmel.

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Pilgrims' Progress...

Hattie and Elisabeth brave the elements on the Camino de Santiago

They made it!!!! ...

Pilgrimages can be fun as well as purposeful and challenging! Despite heavy rain, high winds, and much else besides, on 30th June, Elisabeth & her friend Harriet, from Holy Family Parish Exmouth, arrived in Santiago de Compostela after walking in in memory of their friend Sam Marriott (RIP), who went to Lourdes with HCPT (Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust) 141 Group. They were trying to raise money to send another young person to Lourdes next year. You can read the full story of their amazing journey at www.justoivinc.com/fundraising/walkingtheextramileforhcpt.

The girls send their sincere thanks to those parishioners who donated to HCPT. They remembered you all at the shrine of St. James and thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Elisabeth & Harriet are absolutely delighted to report that they raised much more than anticipated and more than enough to send a young person to Lourdes with HCPT 141 next year.

The details below are extracted from their Just Giving page

Hattie is currently at Brighton University in her first year studying Business; Elisabeth is a first year student at Newman University Birmingham, studying Primary Education (QTS).

We became friends at The King's School, Ottery St Mary, where neither of us exerted ourselves physically to any great degree!

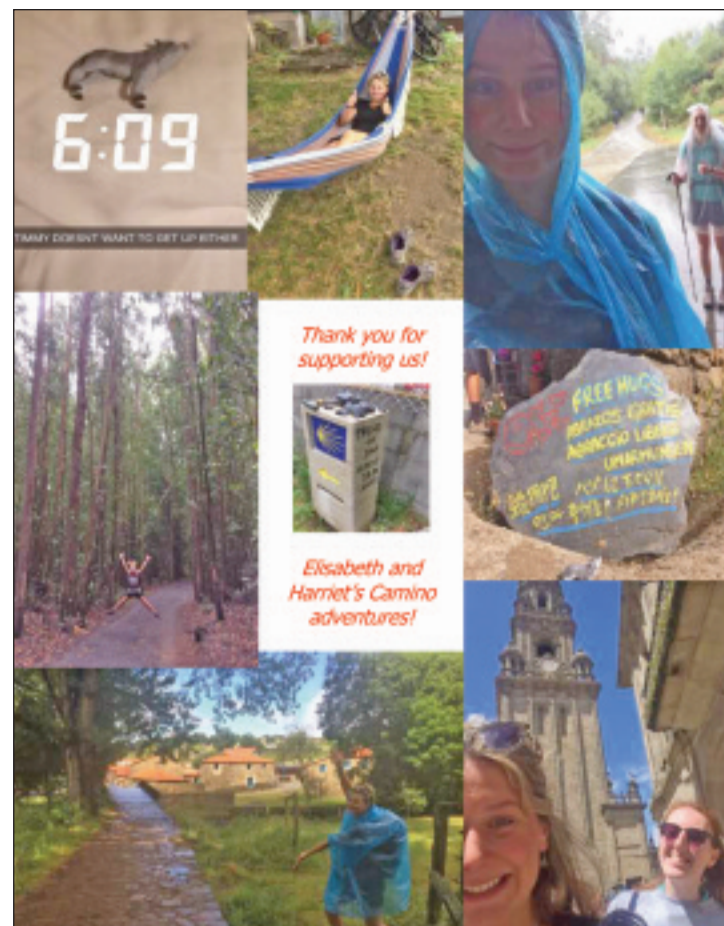
So, time for a challenge! We could have gone off for a nice vacation at the end of the semester; however, we never did conform to the norm, so this summer we will be following the footsteps of thousands of pilgrims who walk the ancient pilgrim route from St Jean de Port in the French Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela. Picking up the route in Sarria, we will hike the last 113km of the way, carrying everything we need. Our aim is to reach the cathedral in time for the pilgrim mass at noon on Saturday the 1st July.

Having been a young helper with HCPT 141 and seeing the tremendous effect it has on the children's lives and the dedication of the helpers and respite for the parents and carers, this walk will be worth every blister!

Jenny and Colin, the leaders of HCPT 141 East Devon, run miles and miles around the Devon countryside (quite mad!) and their dedication has touched so many lives - it is an utter privilege to contribute in some small way.

We have been touched by knowing Sam, who went to Lourdes with HCPT and he loved it! In memory of Sam, help us to help others. We will remember Sam and pray for all those involved with HCPT at the shrine of St James.

Meanwhile...it's time to get out the hiking boots, the walking poles and start practicing! Please help us and wish us 'Buen Camino'. Gracias!!!



Plymouth Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Maisie Hill writes:

The Plymouth Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes is such a fantastic spiritual journey for anyone involved.

Our Lady of Lourdes has a way of bringing people to Lourdes to assist with sick and elderly pilgrims who require support throughout the week - either physical, by helping to push those who require a wheelchair, or simply those who just need a friend to talk to.



During the week there are many opportunities for youth members to be involved with services including the Marian torchlight procession, the Blessed Sacrament procession and the International Mass. The week obviously has a very important religious significance, as we remember the story of the young girl Bernadette being spoken to by Mary; however, it is also an amazing opportunity for young people to join together in faith. Many lifelong friendships are made in Lourdes as we worship together but also have fun together.

Lourdes is a truly amazing experience and quite often is described as indescribable, due to the overwhelming feelings and emotions that arise. It is always such a fantastic week that all enjoy.


TALKING OF (AND LISTENING TO) YOUNG PEOPLE...

Global Survey of Young People ahead of 2018 Synod: early Feedback

Over 16,500 young people recently completed the “Mega Youth Poll”, responding to the Catholic Bishops’ invitation to share their thoughts and feelings about faith and church. A report on the findings is likely to go to the Bishops around Youth Sunday this November, after which more feedback will be available. The associated survey for parents, teachers, clergy etc resulted in a poorer volume of responses but, it is understood, contains valuable input too.

Pope Francis has expressed his clear hope to obtain as much information as possible from young people before next year's Synod and the global Vatican online Survey for 16-29 year olds is now available. It is very user friendly, and should not take more than a few minutes to complete, if you are within the age range, please access it and complete it. Whether or not you are eligible yourself, encourage those you know who are to participate!

The survey is available at:
<https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>. If you
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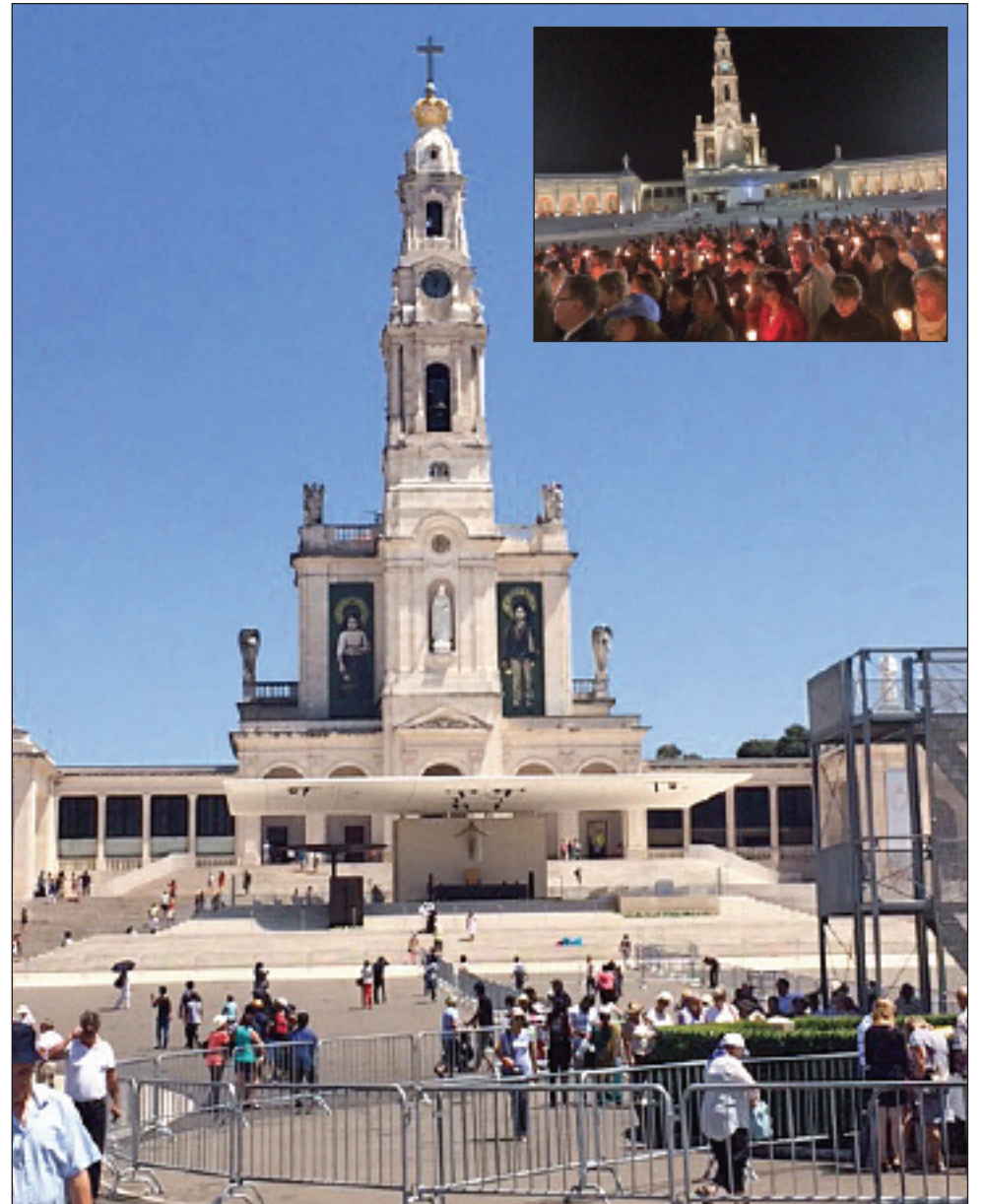
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FATIMA: 100 YEARS ON

Timothy Tindal-Robertson, National President, World Apostolate of Fatima, England & Wales has written a very full report of the its pilgrimage to Fatima, 10-17 July 2017. We expect that it will be published on its website - www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk - in due course. "On our pilgrimage we offer the pilgrims a range of different experiences, but attendance at any of the events is voluntary, and there is plenty of time when they are free to enjoy the sights, and make their own devotions in the various holy places around the shrine."



Bishop Mark's Homily for Pilgrimage to Fatima: World Apostolate, July 2017

What a great privilege has been ours to be in Fatima in these days. You will know that when the Holy Father was here in May he canonised our two young saints, St Jacinta and St Francisco. So, now, we have two new saints to intercede for us. Of course they are best known to us because of the visits made to them by Our Lady a century ago. But their sanctity, their heroic virtue, does not rest in this fact, but rather in the fact that, in their lives, they sought to put into practise the lessons they had learnt from Our Lady. These were lessons about prayer, particularly for others, and about sacrifices or penances - to put your own will aside in order to seek to do God's will more fully. To put the other person first as a sign of love and of service, so that they might know the love of Jesus and Mary more.

These lessons they lived in the personal circumstances of daily life, at home, in their village, among their friends and neighbours. St Jacinta and St Francisco are a reminder that sanctity, holiness of life, can be lived in the home, even among the youngest members in a family. And in recalling the struggles and sufferings of daily existence. We know that in their deaths especially Francisco and Jacinta showed enormous courage. Jacinta had a premonition and asked for the Sacrament. The priest said he would bring it the following day and she shouldn't be too dramatic. She died before he came that day, and alone. She was only nine but had made it clear she knew she was going to her heavenly mother. We should never assume that someone is too young to hear about God, to be taught about Our Lady, to begin a path of following Jesus. Many of you here are parents or grandparents. Do we have any great grandparents? Particularly nowadays, parents and grandparents have a sacred task to help their children and grandchildren receive our Catholic faith, in simple ways. Please pray with them, teach them the Our Father and the Hail Mary, pray and teach them the Rosary, and continue to teach them about Jesus and Mary.

When I was a child, we often prayed the Rosary at home, usually in the evening. It was always with a particular style, on our knees, with each of us facing into a chair, with head down. We knelt in a circle but turned outwards, not facing one another. There were five of us altogether: my parents, my two older brothers and me, and my mother insisted



that each of us led a decade of the Rosary. I think it was so that we didn't fall asleep. Yet these simple things taught me that I had to find my own voice in prayer and that prayer wasn't talking to one another but turning in another direction, to talk to God.

When we visited my Grandmother's house during the summer holidays, she would often have a Rosary in her hands and seemed to use it most of the day. She lived in a simple house in the West of Ireland and the back door was left constantly opened and her chickens would often wonder in looking for specks of food on the stone floor. The

words of her Hail Mary's would be interspersed with her shooing the chickens away and swearing at them in Irish. I'm afraid they were some of the first Irish words I learnt! But I learned, too, that the language of prayer and the language of life is intertwined, and in prayer nothing that comes is a distraction, but something merely to be taken up, and offered to God along with everything else.

When we pray with our young ones, when we teach them to pray, we give them a very precious gift. A gift that only Jesus can give. It is the gift of His inner life. None of us are Spiritual orphans. We

have a Father who loves us so much, that He gave His only Son. In Jesus we have a brother who is with us always. And in Mary we have a mother. Our mother in heaven, the greatest and most loyal of all mothers.

You know the story of someone who was praying to Mary at the shrine in Fatima and it was the 13th of the month, and there were tens of thousands of people there, and this person became a little despondent. They started to think to themselves, 'But how can she know and see me, how can she divide up her love between all these thousands of people'. And then the thought came to him as though the voice of Mary were whispering gently to him in the depths of his heart, "But I don't divide it up, I multiply it." And this is what our heavenly mother does. She sees us, she looks us and she loves us. She does not abandon us. She mirrors the fidelity of her Son. This is why we call the Church our Mother. Indeed, my favourite title of Mary is Mother. As St Therese of the Child Jesus used to often say, Mary is so much more mother, than Queen. People go to Mary and they say "Show us Jesus....".

We know that Mary had unsettling and dark moments in her life. Yet she continued to trust and to hope. At the beginning, at the Annunciation, her witness is one of courage in accepting her vocation and the new life entrusted to her. The Gospels speak of a kind of "eclipse" of Mary during the public ministry of Jesus. Following the miracle of Cana she is silent and she follows her Son's ministry in silence. Yet in His passion, when the disciples flee, Mary remains with Him to the end. The image of Mary receiving her dead Son - the pieta - has inspired artists for centuries. It is often the image to which people offer their deepest devotion when they come across it in a Church.

It is a reminder to us that the Peace which only Jesus can give us, is a peace which we find in Our mother, the Church. She is with us, with her Son, in our suffering. So let us be like Mary, open to receiving Jesus when he comes to us. Like her, willing to be faithful and courageous in the dark or difficult moments of life, knowing that Jesus is with us and does not abandon us. Let us place our young people and all children under her protection, and help them step by step to discover Jesus and Mary. To find in Jesus and Mary, the source of our peace.

Mary, mother of Jesus pray for us and for our young people. Help us to show them the way to you so that you can bring them to Jesus. Amen.

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Nigeria – a catalogue of violence

Vital assistance is to be provided for Nigerian widows and orphans who lost loved ones. ACN has agreed a £63,000 (€70,000) package of food parcels and schooling for 1,000 orphans, and counselling for 500 widows, many of whom saw their husbands killed in violence perpetrated by Islamist militants Boko Haram.

The aid is going to the Diocese of Maiduguri, in north-east Nigeria, the area worst affected by Boko Haram, which is intent on ridding the area of Christians. Most families have more than six children, Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme of Maiduguri has established St Judith's Widow Association, which will provide each widow with training with business skills, such as farming and tailoring, and adult education. The bishop stressed the importance of ACN's grant for orphans' schooling. Boko Haram has destroyed 25 schools in the diocese since 2009.



Bp Oliver Dashe Doeme



Displaced children in village attacked by Boko Haram

An ACN fact-finding and project-assessment trip to north-east Nigeria in March was told that extremists had killed more than 20,000 people across the region.

"On Sunday 6 August, a group of armed men entered the Church of Saint Philip in Ozubulu in the Diocese of Nnewi, SE Nigeria, and opened fire on worshippers attending 6.00am Mass, killing 13 and wounding 26. Bishop Hilary Paul Odili Okeke said "I don't think it was an attack against the Church but simply an attack that took place inside a church."

Iraq – return to devastation

ACN (UK) is giving £400,000 to provide shelter as part of a programme of aid for 100,000 displaced people, forced out of their homes in the Nineveh Plains by invading Daesh (IS) forces. The displaced communities in Kurdish northern Iraq, have been totally dependent on emergency aid for three years. Neville Kyrke-Smith, UK Director of Aid to the Church in Need, said:



Father Andrzei Halemba

"Having visited the displaced families sharing homes in northern Iraq, I know how much this vital help means to them. It has put them on the road to recovery." At least 46% of the emergency help provided by Erbil archdiocese has come through ACN, which started giving aid within days of the families' arrival in Kurdish northern Iraq. Initially, the families slept out in the open or under bridges. Ongoing aid provided tents, then portable homes, and finally purpose-built flats, mostly in the Ankawa district of the Kurdish capital, Erbil. The latest grant covers three months' rent for the families living in the flats.



ACN (UK) aid being distributed in Iraq

Daesh forces have also been driven out of Qaraqosh/Baghdada, in the Nineveh Plains. There has been a surge of young families wanting to return in time for the newly-repaired school buildings to reopen for the new academic year. ACN Middle East projects coordinator Father Andrzei Halemba said that up to 10,000 school places could soon be available. At least 400 families (about 2,000 people) have returned to the town after three years living in nearby Kurdish northern Iraq. Father George Jahola, who is tasked with rebuilding Qaraqosh under the aegis of the Nineveh Reconstruction Committee (NRC), said that water and electricity supplies were slowly returning and that the Iraq government had repaired old generators in the town and installed 15 new ones.



**Displaced family from
Qaraqosh, Nineveh, Iraq**



Devastation in Qaraqosh

Syria: coming back to life



**Sister Yvone Bahdi & Sister Jemma Baghdo at
Al-Zababek Armenian Catholic Primary School,
Azizieh Quarter in Aleppo**

ACN has announced 32 projects to support thousands of Christian families continuing to suffer in Syria, after six years of devastating civil war. The projects, in towns and cities across the country, include supply of food packages, shelter, basic help for war widows and other forms of vital assistance. Almost two thirds of families in Aleppo are surviving on less than £1.60 a day; the other third are living in extreme poverty.

The charity is giving more than €987,460 (£875,000) to help those in Homs, Aleppo, Damascus and other towns with projects aiming to strengthening the remaining Christian communities. These include: food aid for 2,200 displaced families in Hassake and Aleppo provided by the Sisters of Jesus and Mary led by Sister Annie Demerjian; support for two schools run by religious Sisters in Aleppo; rent assistance; and basic necessities for 75 widows and war wounded.



**Destroyed building opposite
St Warten Jesuits Centre, Aleppo**

'A step up the ladders of life...'

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH) ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

Hi This is just a note to say one big thank-you!
with the help you gave me it has put me one step
up the ladders in life. Life is good, and it will
only get better.

THANK YOU!!

On Bank Holiday weekend, 26/27 August, the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) was officially held across the Diocese. The support of the parishes and people of Dorset, Devon and Cornwall is absolutely essential. The Society does vital work and steps in when there is no-one else who can help. You may have missed the formal appeal but it is not too late to help – see below.

Mum was struggling on a low income and 'Vinnie' was performing badly at a school due to poor sleep and nourishment. The Society helped by buying a new cooker and a bed; life is very different for them now. Life is good and they feel they can start again. Your support has given this little boy and his mum a new start in life but there are many more families like them who need help from the Catholic Children's Society.

The summer holiday are upon us, everyone is excited to finish school, have time off with friends and family, having treats and fun but is this does not ring true for everyone? Time off from school can be an expensive time for any mum, dad or carer, but for those living 'hand to mouth' there really isn't the money for 'extras', days out or even an ice cream on the beach. Child care has to be paid when parents work and meals found where normally a child would receive them free, at school. It is a difficult time – and then there is the return to school. New uniforms, new shoes, new sports kits. Pens pencils and folders, yet another worry to the family barely getting by day to day.

Thanks to the generous donations of the Catholic community across Dorset, Devon and Cornwall

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) strives to help vulnerable families across the Diocese and works to support parents and carers as they bring up their children. As you can see in the financial 'snapshot' below, the majority of the charity's funding (36%) comes from the generous collections made by our congregations across the Diocese and the kind donations of individuals (36%). We could not continue without this support and every single donation is valued enormously. Please support the appeal directly, as much as you can, or consider helping in other ways: we are always looking for help! Call 01364 645420 for more details or visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk. Thank you so much.

though, the CCSP is able to help these challenged families. When a Syrian family arrived in Devon seeking asylum with only the clothes they were wearing the CCSP were able to step in and help with three complete uniforms. The family's three children were able to go to school and start their new life dressed like all the other boys and girls in school.

Similarly, children progressing from primary school to secondary school are moving up the ladder. Most are excited and looking forward to the change but for some it is very worrying; they are anxious about making new friends and coping with their new environment. It is a very vulnerable time of their lives and stresses children and parents alike. To support parents through these challenges, the CCSP offers 'Parenting through the Teenage Years', a parenting programme where parents can have time to consider how their teenager feels, reflect on their parenting style and learn how to communicate better and manage conflict more effectively, making the climb that bit easier.

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Rebecca Bradley from Dorchester, who completed the inaugural Dorchester Marathon, raising nearly £300 for the Society - thank you Rebecca!

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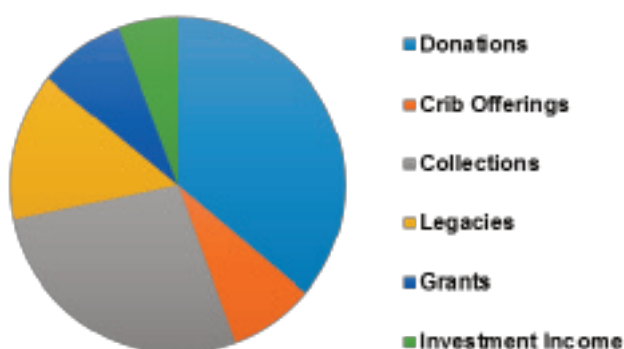
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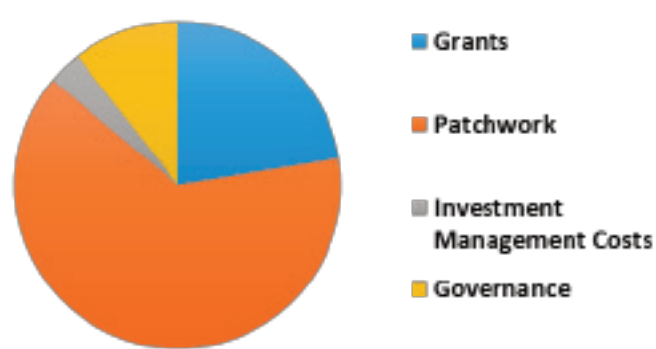
For every £1 donated to the CCSP, 68p goes towards helping vulnerable children across Dorset, Devon and Cornwall

Total Income £87,648 (2015: £96,770)
(2015: £114,364)
9% decrease between 2015 and 2016



101 grants were made to vulnerable families during 2016, helping 274 children

Total expenditure: £105,820
7.5% decrease in expenditure between 2015 and 2016



In 2016 there was a 62% increase in the number of parents attending a PATCHWORK PARENTING PROGRAMME

37 household items such as cookers, washing machines, fridges and freezers were provided

53 beds and mattresses supplied

27 applications granted for new school uniform and 4 families granted new baby equipment

3 grants given for young pilgrims to travel to Lourdes

Economic changes are leading to increased requests for help as families struggle to cope on low incomes

Provision was extended beyond the Catholic schools into the wider community

The service was reviewed and managerial changes made to ensure the efficient delivery of the programme and the most appropriate use of donors' money

Parents and carers of children with more challenging needs were helped sooner reducing the need for statutory help.

Supporters of HCPT seem tireless in their efforts to support the cause

This year they have been cycling, walking and made a pilgrimage to Lourdes at Eastertime

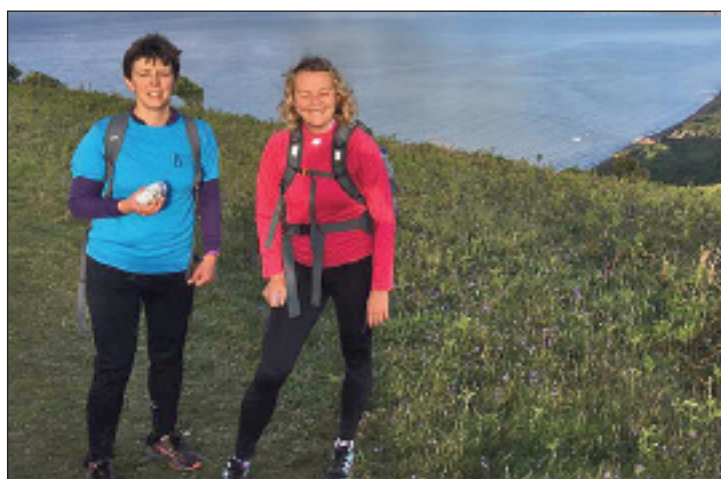
GROUP 45 undertook a "Memorial Ride" in memory of Chris Dennehy, within the London 100 mile Prudential Peloton, 30th July

Chris was a very faithful member of Group 45 and a brilliant fundraiser for around 30 years. He was also a keen cyclist. Tragically, he was knocked off his bike on his way to work at Tesco, Lee Mill, and killed. He was held in high esteem by all staff and customers and his former employers were very willing to support this event, which saw Nigel, Mark, Mark W and Ed take part in the Prudential Peloton, wearing cycling outfits advertising HCPT Group 45.



While they were "on show" in the entrance of Tesco, Lee Mill they met loads of people who Chris knew: customers, neighbours and even his G.P. They covered 420 miles in their demonstration! Now, Tesco wants them back again as a memorial fundraiser. It's not too late to support the boys; visit www.justgiving.com/teamhcpt to make a donation.

GROUP 141's Jennifer Bentley took on the mighty Jurassic Coast and reckons she won! To be fair, 100km along the challenging coastline in 24 hours and six minutes as part of the Jurassic Coast Challenge is pretty good.



The event started at 10pm on Friday 19 May 2017 and the first part was walking along the fleet behind Chesil Beach – through the night, which is about as difficult and grim as you

can get. By around 4am, Jennifer and her companions were approaching West Bay and were able to turn off their head torches. They weren't too tired to marvel at the fantastic sunrise, nor to revel in the world coming to life, as animals started to wake and move around. The normally busy coastline was devoid of human beings, except for Jurassic Coast competitors.

"The last mile and a half stretch down the entire length of Exmouth seafront was hard," Jennifer said. "I was on my own, my legs were aching and my feet hurt so much as I walked! Strangely enough, running (slowly) was easier." Much to her amazement, she ran the whole of the last mile and a half to the finish line at the Grove Pub. "I was so happy to see Debbie and Colin waiting for me. I signed in at 10.06pm grabbed my medal, and went home for some well-earned sleep." Of the 157 participants, 95 people completed the course.

Thanks to everyone that sponsored me," Jennifer said. "Thanks especially to Suzanne Rampersad and Debbie Marriott, without whom I could not have done it."

Still time to donate, at <https://www.justgiving.com/jennifer-bentley7>

GROUP 179 had their reunion in June. Everyone was very happy to be back together and, while they haven't done any fundraisers yet they had plenty in the pipeline, including a BBQ hosted by the Church of the Holy Spirit in Bovey Tracey; a Quiz Night at Farmhouse Tavern in Torquay on August 11th and their annual Barn Dance September 16th! Contact Hannah at hannah.hewson85@gmail.com for more information.

Group 179 would also like to say a massive thank you to Rebecca Bowden and Rosie Gaywood for being amazing Group Leader and Deputy Group Leader, respectively, for several years. They have decided to step down but thankfully are staying involved. Jordan and Hannah will be taking over but know they have big shoes to fill!

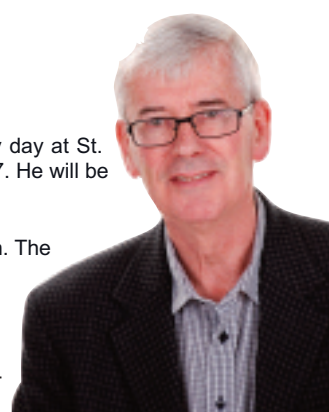
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Redemptorist Priest and Writer Fr. Denis McBride will lead a study day at St. Mary's Church Wimborne Road, Poole on Saturday 23rd. Sept 2017. He will be speaking on the Parables of Jesus.

The day will begin with Mass at 9 a.m, at which Fr. Denis will preach. The first talk will begin at 10 a.m. and the day will conclude at 2pm.

Coffee / Tea and Lunch will be provided. Cost for the day is £5.

For further details please contact Deacon Declan, email: mcconville@ntlworld.com



ROME MARATHON – ENTER NOW!



On Sunday 2 April, in the pouring rain, Linda Cronin of Ilfracombe parish and Michael Quainoo from the parish of Newton Abbot completed the Rome Marathon in aid of the diocesan Catholic Children's Society. They both struggled with injuries in training and on the day but soldiered on, determined to finish.

"The training has not been easy," said Michael before the race, "but I believe I have still had it easier than the children who have no beds to sleep on, no school uniforms or warm clean clothing when needed."

Thanks to their will, drive, power and tenacity many children and families across the Diocese will now benefit from the funds he and Linda have raised.

If you, or someone you know, would like to take up this challenge in 2018, please get in touch NOW to book your place. Details and an application form can be found on our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or you can email claire.warren@pcdtr.org.uk



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FIRST MEETING OF "ST BRIDGET'S FRIENDS"

Sunday 23 July was a special day for Saint Bridget of Sweden; her feast day fell on the Sunday, and that won't happen again for six years. It was an opportunity for St Bridget's Friends to mark the day in style, which they did, with a special celebration in the afternoon at Buckfast Abbey. St Bridget's Friends is an international, ecumenical members-only Facebook group and this was the first chance for some of them to be together in prayer.

Sister Anne Smyth, O.Ss. S. gave an illustrated talk about St Bridget and the origins of The Syon Breviary. She is the last of the original English Bridgettine community of Syon Abbey, which was founded more than 600 years ago by King Henry V. Sister Anne was the last Lady Abbess of Syon Abbey, in office from 1976 - 2011. St Bridget (1303 - 1373) founded the Bridgettine Order of the Most



Sr Anne Smyth

Holy Saviour and was the only woman to be canonised in the 14th Century. She is perhaps best remembered for vigorously urged the popes in Avignon to return to Rome.

Pilgrimage

Joy Hanson had been a gardener at Syon Abbey and is one of the founders of St Bridget's Friends, which exists to link those around the world who use the latest edition of The Syon Breviary (*The Daily Office of Our Lady*) for their daily prayer. It has now published in English for the very first time. Joy had a collection of photographs on display and presented a slide show of her recent pilgrimage to St Bridget's first monastery, at Vadstena in Sweden. She was accompanied on the trip by her husband Robin.

Historian Father Thomas Regan, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk from Wales, compared St Bridget to other canonised women of distinction, including St Catherine of Siena who, with St



St Bridget Votive Altar



Gilded Icon of St Bridget

Bridget, was made a Patroness of Europe by Pope St John Paul II in 1999. He pointed out that those like Bridget, who have had visions and encounters with Our Lady, always came under the strict scrutiny of the Church. Even the three children who saw the Virgin Mary 100 years ago at Fatima were not believed at first and were actually thrown in jail! Nevertheless their legacy lives on, just like St Bridget, in the thousands who are brought to Christ by his holy mother Mary.

Father Regan's entertaining and informative talk was the highlight of a united service of celebration attended by people of different Christian traditions, including the unique River Dart Wild Church and its pastor, the Rev. Samantha (Sam) Wernham. During the service a Hymn to St Bridget was sung for the first time in English outside the chapel of Syon Abbey. The singing was led by Paul Evans, a choir member of the Schola of Buckfast Abbey.

The organisers wish to thank the Abbot and monastic community of Buckfast for their kind and generous support of this event and for the loan of Syon Abbey's historic and beautiful vestments which were on display. Copies of The Syon Breviary are now on sale in Buckfast Abbey's bookshop, tel. 01364 645506.

To join St Bridget's Friends,
e-mail joyhansonuk@gmail.com and pay a
visit to www.syonbreviary.co.uk

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Landevennec Pilgrimage

Have you ever wanted to go on a Pilgrimage but missed out through not knowing the dates? Don't miss out again! A pilgrimage to Landevennec Benedictine Monastery in beautiful Brittany, is planned for 22-27 April 2018.

To help get you in the right frame of mind, a "Discover Landevennec" Day has been arranged at Epiphany House, Truro, Wednesday 25th October 2017, from 11am till 3pm. Soup or pasty lunch included.

This 'Day' is designed for you to experience (through audio and visual presentations) more about this special time together and to ask all the questions you may wish and which might lead you to register to be one of 30 pilgrims.

If you would like to attend please register by phoning David H Smith on 01736 719432, or by email: ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk

SINGERS WANTED!!

Rita Joesbury writes:

The Plymouth Catholic Choral Society has been serving the Plymouth Diocese since 1949 and is looking forward to its 70th anniversary celebrations in 2019.

We meet to practice at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Plympton every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30, under the baton of our musical director Shaun Brady, who does his best to keep us in order. Our wonderful organist, Ancilla Schroeder, has a magic touch and encouraging words to help keep us focused!

This year has seen three of our long serving members leave us. Pat Thurkettle passed away in May this year, after battling a long term illness. It was our great privilege to sing at her Requiem Mass. Ann and Roy Bishop have had to retire, due to Roy's poor health. We miss their cheerfulness, professionalism and Roy's "bad jokes". God bless them both.

We continue to support the Cathedral Choir at the Rite of Election and Chrism Mass each year at the Cathedral and organise our own service at Advent and Pentecost, which we are delighted to perform at any church on request.

Our services are usually free of charge but at our recent Pentecost Concerts we had a retiring collect on behalf of St. Lukes Hospice, in memory of Pat Thurkettle. We were delighted to donate £290 to this wonderful cause.



The Choir is now looking for new members. All you need is a sound-a-like out there: come along and join us on our practice nights. No audition necessary, an enjoyment of praising the Lord through song is all you need. We start again on Wednesday 6th September following

our summer break.

If you are interested please ring Brian Blades on Plymouth (01752) 701397 – or speak to any choir member you may encounter. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Making our mark with God

... by **Julia Beacroft**

WE NATURALLY CONSIDER the first day of January to be a new beginning and the commencement of a time when anything could happen. It's the start of a new year when we make all kinds of promises to ourselves (and often fail to keep!).

Yet personally I've always experienced very similar feelings and emotions when September rolls around each year. After the long lazy days of summer, autumn arrives with a hint of crispness in the air. Education restarts then, in schools, colleges and universities and in fact all kinds of courses and programmes burst forth at this time.

BACK TO SCHOOL

For Mums this re-commencement is usually marked by digging out the children's school uniform to see what fits and what doesn't – (for me it always came as a shock to see how short trousers and sleeves had become during the six weeks holiday) – the dreaded school uniform shopping trip as a result of this, often followed by that most laborious of tasks: marking all new said uniform with name tapes or various other methods. And in fact the shops have traded upon this phenomenon with their signs of 'Back to School' to act as a yearly reminder.

And the Church is no different in its September revival. After the summer, when so many activities are put on hold and the priest usually takes a well-deserved break, the Church launches into the new season's activities with gusto. And this is hardly surprising. With Harvest Festival around the corner, followed by the Feast of Christ the King, Advent and then the great celebration of Christmas, the Church is always geared up for the busy time ahead. Our lives are marked by notable events – births, deaths and marriages, birthdays, new home, new job and a variety of others. In the same way the Church celebrates so many occasions which have been brought to us by scripture and tradition – and rightly so.

Yet as we prepare to launch ourselves into this wonderful new season, with all its accompanying activities, this could be a time for us to consider some different and possibly new pursuits of our own.

MELLOW

Spending time with the Lord in prayer and reflection can be a challenge for many of us in our busy lives, but nevertheless a wholly worthwhile one. And as the days become shorter and the nights



darker and colder, this may possibly be the perfect time to make that window of opportunity to be with the Lord.

New beginnings can be strange, exciting and delightful. But as we prepare to enjoy the new and mellow season of autumn, may our hearts also be mellow with love of God as we find a place and time to be with him. After all, marking time with the Lord is far preferable than marking school uniform!

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One of the first things Pope Francis said was that he wanted a Poor Church for the Poor and he has introduced an annual World Day of the Poor every November. Heaven's Road Catholic Radio is producing a new series of programmes to highlight the projects that various Catholic people, charities, and parishes are running to help those in poverty both in the UK and overseas. Hopefully, these programmes will inspire others either to get involved in helping established organisations, large and small, or even start their own project.

The programmes cover a diversity of "poverty" and how the Church is helping the Hungry; Homeless; Lonely; Sick and Dying; Prisoners; Refugees; Lost and Parentless Children; Slavery; no religious freedom; lack of education; trapped in War zones; those trapped in Debt; those in Sin, etc.

The programmes will be broadcast on the Radio <http://www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now/> from September. There will also be a weekend of TV programmes, on 17th-19th November for the World Day of the Poor 2017. The Saturday will be an all-day music and entertainment extravaganza, broadcast live from churches in England, Eire, Canada, USA and Australia, in conjunction with Church Services.tv.

If you've a story to tell about a project helping the poor, or would like to help us, please email ger-rycoates@blueyonder.co.uk or phone Gerry on 07906 073376. The Radio is especially keen to hear from people who can help on the TV weekend – and from musicians, singers, dancers, mime artists etc who can perform on 18th November.



.....have had a very active summer, both at home and abroad. Here are some of the highlights

Cornwall District Annual Meal



On Saturday 3rd June at Epiphany House Truro, the Truro Conference hosted Cornwall District's annual meal. Our guests were CC President Simon Coombs and Marion, his wife; Father John Gilbert of Truro; Father Ciaran McGuinness of Bodmin; and Father Cadoc Leighton of Camborne. The 16th Century Epiphany House has an Anglican background but is now devoted to ecumenical activities.

South Hams Catenians



While South Hams Catenian David Snelling and his wife, Gill, were on holiday in Cyprus in May, they visited a new venture set up by some ex-pats, who are trying to set up a new Catenian Group in Paphos. They are assisted by some existing Catenians who live in various parts of England and visit Cyprus regularly. Fathers Carlos and Fernando are very supportive of their efforts and any Catenian visiting Cyprus would be made most welcome; contact trevorwendy31@gmail.com

Province 13 of the Catenian Association held its Annual Mass and Provincial Dinner at Buckfast Abbey on 31st May 2017.



Brother Director Peter Holman welcomed everyone to the event. Brother Peter Frost thanked Trevor Davies for his nine years of service to Province, Graham Johnson for his seven years and everyone for attending. Brothers Peter Frost, Provincial President, and Brother Bob Butler presented trophies for achievements including best visitors to other circles; best recruitment; winners of the Provincial Quiz; the Boules competition; golf competitions; etc. Trevor Davies, President of the South Hams Circle was presented with the Peter Bleakley Boules Trophy.

South Hams Circle held a ladies evening on 17 July at Thurlstone Golf Club, overlooking the sea and countryside. Brother Ben Morby, last year's President, presented Monsignor Adrian Toffolo, the Priest at Kingsbridge and the Circle's Chaplain, with a cheque for £757 for Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya (WORK), a charity run by the Monsignor and Mary Jane Butler.



The proceeds of the evening's will go to Brain Tumour research, a cause close to President Trevor Davies' heart; his daughter Sue has a brain tumour but she is still active in raising money for this cause. Brother Kevin Duggan from Plymouth Circle who gave us a very interesting and informative talk about Saint Teresa of Calcutta. His sister, now Sister Michael, is a doctor in the Sisters of Charity order. She works in Calcutta and other places in the world with people living with leprosy, AIDS and other serious illnesses. She nursed Saint Teresa to the end of her life. Kevin personally met Saint Teresa on a few occasions and has been spiritually affected by these experiences.

On Tuesday 8th August three Brothers from the South Hams Circle made the long trek to Truro Golf Club to play West Cornwall Group from Penzance in a round of the Province 13 Quiz -which South Hams won 65-55.



Back row left to right. Steve Driver (WC) Mike Rabbitte (WC) Simon Elliot (WC) Trevor Davies President (SH), Martin Sullivan (SH), Peter James (SH). Front row left to right Peter Ripley (Duchy) Peter Shaw (Duchy) Tom Regan (Duchy)

Sunday 23rd July saw South Hams Circle's President's Sunday. Mass at Kingsbridge was followed by a meal at the Cottage Hotel, Hope Cove, near Kingsbridge. They were joined by the Circle Chaplain Monsignor Adrian Toffolo, family and friends.



Plymouth Circle

After Mass at St. Augustine's Priory, Cadleigh, a Barbecue and a Boules competition for The Peter Bleakley Trophy were held in the Priory Grounds. The trophy was won by Duchy Circle, represented by Peter Kwee and Peter Shaw; South Hams Circle were runners-up. A separate competition for mixed teams from Province 13 saw Richard Sroka, (Plymouth) Brian Blades, (Plymouth) Anna Sroka as winners, run close by Carolyn Hindley, Anthony Hindley (Duchy) and Peter Chapman (Torbay).



Winners and runners-up for the Provincial Tournament (l to r: Fred Hiscock, Peter Hvisc (South Hams Circle); Kathy Butler who presented the trophy on behalf of Jaqui Russell), Peter Kwee, Peter Shaw (Duchy Circle)



Enjoying the Barbecue



Winners of The Peter Bleakley Trophy - Duchy Circle Peter Shaw and Peter Kwee

Jim Murphy's Plymouth Circle President's Charity for 2016-17 year was a small educational project, based on a farm in East Cornwall, which supports young people with autism and other communication challenges. **REACCH Autism South West** is one of a small number of providers in the UK who are certified by the internationally known TEACCH programme in North Carolina USA, to provide training for schools, colleges and a variety of adult settings in how to use Structured TEACCHing methods to effectively meet the needs of young people on the autism spectrum.



President Jim Murphy presenting Mary Pittman (co-founder of REACCH) and members of the REACCH Student Council with a cheque for £2,225.



REACCH students receiving their ASDAN Course certificates at their open day.



REACCH Student Council Chairperson John Halliwell giving a vote of thanks to Plymouth Catenian Circle

40 year Scroll Presented to John Cleary of Plymouth Circle

Plymouth Circle Ladies Night in July saw Brother Peter Holman, Director of Province 13, present Brother John Cleary with his 40 year membership scroll. John has been President of Plymouth Circle twice, was Chamberlain for six years and has actually done every job in Circle, at some time. His wife, Chris, has always given full support to John and everyone in Circle.



Plymouth Circle welcomed Bill Bugler, its newest member during the July meeting.



photo l. to r. Bill Bugler and Plymouth President Paul Robinson.



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution. Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Like a Middle Eastern country, one of the past (7)
- 5 Apostle with him out is going to die (5)
- 8 Written word puts crier in a tizz (9)
- 9 Part of the chair to reinforce (3)
- 10 Way a desert country contracted for plant opening (5)
- 12 One tucking into pineapple's an eye opener for Paul? (7)
- 13 Conflicting reports one may have heard of 25, perhaps? (6)
- 14 Figures car check-ups should be inclusive (6)
- 16 Old coal town's right to get Japanese firm to attract a large number in (7)
- 19 King of Ammon's sounding surprised to meet one with a habit (5)
- 21 NASA's concern – in short, it may have a blinking light (3)
- 22 Rig Madras constructed for carnival... (5,4)
- 24 ...is handy to re-use for masses, he wrote (5)
- 25 Xerxes and Themistocles scrap here for sausages (7)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Port of Mysia from which Paul sailed when seeing mayday (5)
- 2 Rhode Island's return address (3)
- 3 Rachel's sister's taken up hip-hop to promote a Renaissance Man (7)
- 4 Polish invasion of an unoccupied Antarctica island (5)
- 5 Gratitude indicated after pastry Madonna caught (while having a tot) on her lap (5)
- 6 Piece of jazz, it reaches Number One contrary to custom (9)
- 7 Flock's inner bearing, one to follow by the

Nile (7)

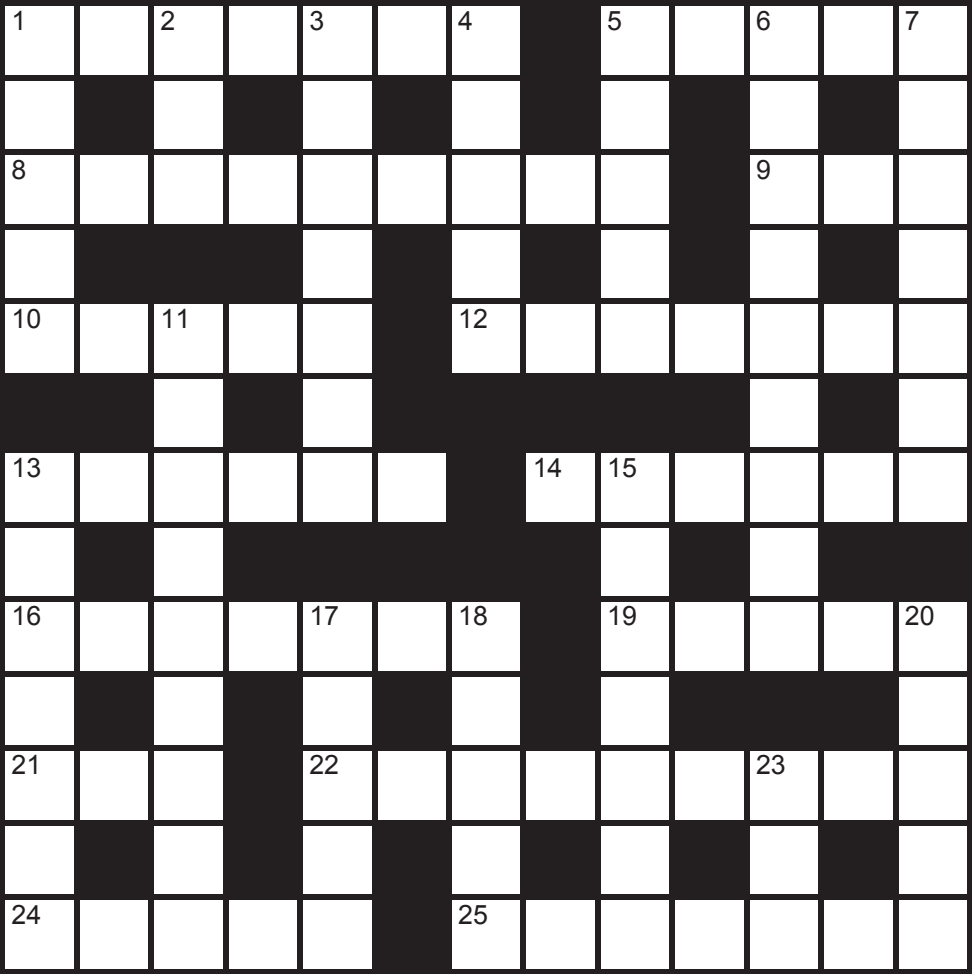
- 11 Ring flea-pit about Thor, shortly to be seen on date that smacks of 6 (9)
- 13 Branch out with gold into the London market (7)
- 15 Judge's hot-line's been tampered with (7)
- 17 Monster doctor discovers during study (5)
- 18 Anathema, frostiness, covering cuts made in the 70s? (5)
- 20 Time for loch to accommodate animal dwellings (5)
- 23 Suspect in Germany the cull from a bunch of crows is upsetting (3)

QUICK Across

- 1 Biblical country, now part of N Iraq (7)
- 5 Apostle entrusted with the 'keys of the Kingdom of Heaven' (5)
- 8 Religious writing, especially the Holy Bible (9)
- 9 Ready for 13 (3)
- 10 Mouth-like opening in certain animals: plant pore (5)
- 12 Curer of Paul's blindness in Damascus (7)
- 13 Struggle (6)
- 14 Themes (6)
- 16 S Wales valley(s) whose steam coal fuelled Britain's navy a century ago (7)
- 19 King of Ammon, son of Nahash (5)
- 21 Roswell sighting? (3)
- 22 Fat Tuesday (5,4)
- 24 Composer brothers (Franz) Josef and Michael (5)
- 25 Sea 13 between the Greeks and Persians, 480 BC (7)

QUICK Down

- 1 Mysian port from which Paul sailed to



- Jerusalem for the last time (5)
- 2 Rod Stewart, for one (3)
- 3 In Tobit, one of seven archangels (7)
- 4 Caribbean island, independent from the Netherlands Antilles since 1986 (5)
- 5 Representation of the Virgin Mary mourning over the dead body of Jesus (5)
- 6 Convention [1] (9)
- 7 Any of twelve kings of ancient Egypt between 315 and 1090 BC (7)
- 11 Convention [2] (9)
- 13 English town that forms the constituency of a member of parliament (7)
- 15 One of the first Israelite judges who stopped his people worshipping Baal (7)
- 17 Ghoul; evil being (5)
- 18 70s hairstyles (5)
- 20 Makes a home (5)
- 23 Liquor distilled from fermented molasses (3)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Assyria, 5 Peter, 8 Scripture, 9 Arm, 10 Stoma, 12 Ananias, 13 Battle, 14 Motifs, 16 Rhonda, 19 Hanun, 21 UFO, 22 Mardi Gras, 24 Haydn, 25 Salamis. Down: 1 Assos, 2 Sir, 3 Raphael, 4 Aruba, 5 Pieta, 6 Tradition, 7 Ramesses, 11 Orthodoxy, 13 Borough, 15 Othniel, 17 Demon, 18 Afros, 20 Nests, 23 Rum.

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