

This edition of Catholic South West is dedicated to Bishop Mark and includes extracts from the orders of service of his ordination Mass and of the Vespers of St Cuthbert Mayne ordination celebrated on the eve of his Episcopal Ordination. Many CSW readers will have been able to watch both ceremonies via 'live streaming' on the Internet. You can view, select and order photographs of Bishop Mark's ordination, the reception at Plymouth Pavilions and the Eve of Ordination Vespers via the Plymouth Cathedral website www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk. You can also download a recording of the Ordination Mass by visiting the Diocesan Website www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk.

Bishop Mark O'Toole

(message published in the order of service of the Ordination Mass)

"Into your hands, O Lord"

I want to thank you all for being here today and, at the same time, I ask you to continue to pray for me. I have said often in these past weeks that I feel 'small' in the face of this Mystery but I am aware of the prayers of so many and the support of the Lord, and I know that I will continue to need your prayers.

I want to thank Bishop Christopher most especially for his years of dedicated service to the Diocese. I am delighted that he is able to preside over the Ordination and my own prayer is that I be a worthy successor to serve the clergy and people of the Diocese.

You will see that the Ordination takes place during the celebration of Mass. St Thomas Aquinas, whose Feast we celebrate today, gave us this beautiful prayer about the Mass; "O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us." So at every Mass we remember that it is what God does which is important, not what we do. For at each Mass we are drawn into the offering of Jesus to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ's sacrifice makes the offering of our lives possible and in this is our peace and our sanctification. At the Mass the Lord places Himself into our hands, but it is really we who are drawn into His.



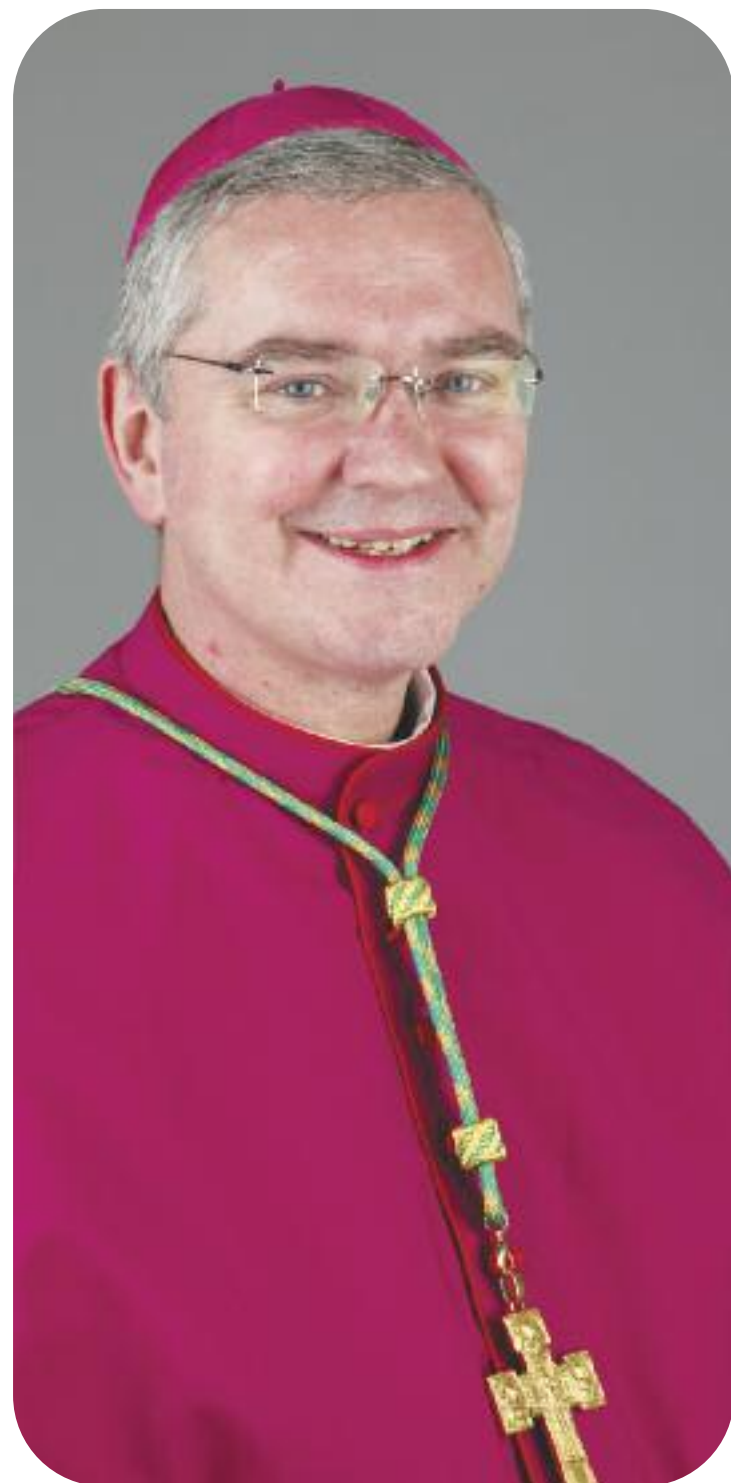
This is very clear to me as I am ordained a Bishop. It is one of the reasons why I chose the motto, In Manus Tuas, Domine ("Into your hands O Lord"), words spoken by Jesus from the Cross. The roots of my priestly vocation date to when I was seventeen, and I experienced an overpowering attraction to the person of Jesus on the Cross. I found I simply could not move away from Him. Over the years I have discovered it is simply enough to look at Him, and place everything into His hands.

In addition, I first received a phone call to go and see the Apostolic Nuncio on the 29th October, the Feast of the Douai Martyrs, the first of whom was St Cuthbert Mayne, one of the Patrons of the Diocese of Plymouth. St Cuthbert's last words before being put to death, were those words of the Lord from the Cross. It is so good that his relic is here in the Cathedral for this Ordination, a sign of his presence and his intercession.

At the beginning of this new ministry in the Diocese of Plymouth I cannot look to myself to know how to be your Bishop, so I place all of us into the Lord's hands. He will show us the way.

God bless you all.

Mark



Episcopal Ordination of Mgr Mark O'Toole as ninth Bishop of Plymouth

Presentation of the Bishop-elect

Provost: Most Reverend Father, the Church of Plymouth asks you to ordain this priest, Mark, for service as bishop.

Principal Consecrator (Bishop Christopher): Have you a mandate from the Holy See?

Provost: We have.

Principal Consecrator: Let it be read

Consent of the People

The document is read and after it the people respond: **Thanks be to God**

Mandate from the Holy See

Francis, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, to our beloved Son, Mark O'Toole, from the clergy of the Metropolitan See of Westminster and up to this time the Rector of its seminary of Allen Hall, bishop-elect of Plymouth, greetings and our Apostolic Blessing. In the exercise of our most serious office of

supreme Pastor of the whole of the Lord's flock, desiring to provide for the Cathedral of the Church of Plymouth, vacated by the resignation of our Venerable Brother Hugh Christopher Budd, and having listened to the advice of the Congregation of Bishops, we consider you, beloved Son, endowed with the necessary gifts and virtues, to be suitable for governing this Church.

Therefore, by virtue of Our apostolic power, we nominate you Bishop of Plymouth, with all its rights and duties.



After reading the Papal Bull Rev Canon Keith Mitchell, Provost of the Cathedral Chapter, returns to the Altar showing the document to the people.

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**Episcopal Ordination of Mgr Mark O'Toole continued from Front Page**

We give permission that you may receive ordination by a catholic bishop outside the city of Rome of your choice, in accordance with the liturgical laws, having made the profession of the catholic faith and sworn the oath of fidelity towards Us and Our Successors according to the sacred canons. In addition, we command that you ensure these letters are read to the clergy and people of the same See, and we exhort them to accept you willingly and to support you with due respect.

Finally beloved Son, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary we earnestly ask that you may receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Supported by these gifts may you so fulfil the office of Bishop that the faithful entrusted to you may be diligent at the tables of the word of God and the Eucharistic bread and likewise strong in faith, joyful in hope, and most of all, attentive in charity, which is the fundamental law of human perfection. (cf. Gaudium et Spes 38). May the peace of Christ be also with you and with the ecclesial community of Plymouth, which is most dear to Us. Given at St Peter's Rome on the ninth day of November, in the year of the Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen, the first of our Pontificate.

Franciscus

Laying on of hands and**Prayer of Consecration**

After the 'Examination of the Candidate' and following the Litany of the Saints the bishop-elect kneels before the Principal Consecrator and the other consecrating bishops and they all lay hands on his head in silence.

The open Book of the Gospels is then placed upon the head of the bishop-elect and held in place above his head by two Deacons until the prayer of consecration is completed.

Prayer of Consecration

Principal Consecrator: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you dwell in heaven, yet look with compassion on all that is humble. You know all things before they come to be; by your gracious word you have established the plan for your Church. From the beginning you chose the descendants of Abraham to be your holy nation. You established rulers and priests, and did not leave your sanctuary without ministers to serve you. From the creation of the world you have been please to glorify those you have chosen.

All of the consecrating bishops: So now pour out on this chosen one that power which is from you, the governing Spirit whom you gave to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Spirit given by HIM to eth holy apostles, who founded the Church in every place to be your temple for the unceasing glory and praise of your name.

Principal Consecrator: Father, you know all hearts. You have chosen your servant for the office of bishop. May he be a shepherd to your holy flock, and a high priest blameless in your sight, ministering to you night and day; may he always gain the blessing of your favour and offer gifts to your holy Church. Through the Spirit who gives the grace of high priesthood grant him the power to forgive sins as you have commanded, to assign ministries as you have decreed, and to loose every bond by the authority which you gave to your apostles. May he be pleasing to you by his gentleness and purity of heart, presenting a fragrant offering to you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, through whom glory and power and honour are yours with the Holy Spirit in your Church, now and forever.

People: Amen

Anointing of the Bishop's Head

The new bishop kneels before the Principal Consecrator who anoints his head with Holy Chrism

God has brought you to share the high priesthood of Christ. May he pour out on you the oil of mystical anointing and enrich you with spiritual blessings.

Presentation of the Book of the Gospels

The Principal Consecrator hands the Book of the Gospels to the newly ordained bishop

Receive the Gospel and preach the word of God with unfailing patience and sound teaching

**Investiture with Ring, Mitre and Pastoral Staff**

The Principal Consecrator places the ring on the new bishop's finger

Take this ring, the seal of your fidelity. With faith and love protect the bride of God, his holy Church.

The Principal Consecrator places the mitre on the head of the new bishop in silence, then gives him the pastoral staff. Take this staff as a sign of your pastoral



office; keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd the Church of God.

Seating of the Bishop

The Principal Consecrator leads the newly-ordained bishop to the chair and invites him to occupy it

Liturgy of the Eucharist

After the Offertory Procession Principal Celebrant, Bishop Mark, takes his place at the Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer with Concelebrants Bishop Christopher Budd and Archbishop Peter Smith.

Concluding Rite

Bishop Mark: Let us pray. Complete within us, O Lord we pray, the healing work of your mercy, and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord

People: Amen

The Te Deum is sung

The Bishop invites the congregation to sit during the address by Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Antonio Mennin

Address by Bishop Mark O'Toole

Thank you, your Excellency, for your kind words, for being here today, and for your goodness to me over these months. Through you, I express my fidelity to His Holiness, Pope Francis, the successor of St Peter. I pray that I be given the grace to mirror something of Pope Francis' open heart in shepherding this beautiful Diocese of Plymouth.

There is much that fills my heart today. Overwhelmingly, there is a sense of immense gratitude to God for his faithfulness. I know that I am a sinner, yet I experience the love and mercy of Jesus in this deeper call to service in His



Church I thank The Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Sir Eric Dancer, for being here to represent Her Majesty the Queen, and I am pleased, too, that The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho is here. I am very happy to greet for the first time The Lord Mayor of Plymouth and to thank the other civic leaders and guests who are present. I thank God for the co-operation that we have, working with all people of faith and with those of good will who do not believe in God, in service especially of those most in need. I am delighted, too, that leaders from the other Christian communities are here. Our common witness to the Gospel is so important for our society and I look forward to getting to know you and to working with you. I pray that I be a worthy successor to Bishop Christopher. We all thank you, Bishop Christopher, for your whole-hearted dedication to the diocese over the past twenty-eight years. We pray for God's blessing on this next stage of your ministry.

Especially on this first occasion of speaking as your bishop in this Cathedral I warmly greet the family of the Diocese: laymen and women, religious, seminarians, deacons, and priests. Thank you for the kind and hospitable welcome that you have already shown me.

To all the priests of the diocese, I want to say how much I look forward to meeting you personally and getting to know you; know that you always have my support. The fact that I am your bishop will not prevent us, I hope, from being brothers. I know I will need that, particularly as I make my home among you. Thank you for the gift of this beautiful crozier, this pastoral staff. It is a reminder to us that at the heart of our vocation is the service of God's people. That means, as Pope Francis has reminded us, that we have "the smell of the sheep".

It is a great joy to have our diocesan seminarians with us. You are a sign of hope and of the generosity of our young people. I am convinced that there are many more, who with the right encouragement, can be helped to make life commitments in the Church whether that be to marriage, religious life, the permanent diaconate, or the priesthood. Let us all continue to pray and work in promoting these vocations.

In our Catholic understanding a bishop is sent to a diocese. I am aware that I come to you as someone who, like Solomon, feels he does not know how to go out or come in. I definitely do not know the road to Penzance or to Poole!

I have been asked to step out into something new. This new call that I experience in my life is a reminder of the kind of stepping out that we, as the whole Church, need to do in order that Jesus be better known and loved.

From the age of 17, Jesus has exerted an attraction over my heart; no other can match the magnetic pull of His love, or the peace that His friendship brings. We believe that each person is made for such experience, for each of us is a beloved child of the Father, and called to be with Him forever. We put our belief in Jesus, and our love of Him, at the service of those most in need in our society: the poor, the sick, the vulnerable, those who feel alienated from God.

We need to reach out to those who have turned away from the practice of the faith, many of whom are in our own families and parish communities. How can we walk with them in a way that will help them to see once more the beauty of following Jesus? Especially, we are called to step out from the doors of the Church to those who do not know God or who have never known the power of Jesus' love. There are many in our society who search for truth, beauty and goodness, who need to know the touch of God's mercy and the love of Jesus. This is our mission, and its task, Jesus entrusts to us all.

I know that there is much that I need to become familiar with in the diocese, many to listen to, and a lot to learn. There is much I do not know. But one thing I do know. From all eternity, in the boundless mystery of His merciful love, God has destined Mark O'Toole to be Bishop of Plymouth. He has prepared me for you, and He has prepared you for me. So let us begin to walk together.

And as we begin this path we seek the loving intercession of Our Blessed Lady and our diocesan patrons.

Our Lady, star of the sea... (Pray for us)

St Boniface... (Pray for us)

St Cuthbert Mayne... (Pray for us)

Thank you and God bless you all.

Blessing and Dismissal



Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

People: Now and for ever.

Bishop: As in your majestic power you allot the number of our days and the measure of our years, look favourably upon our humble service and confer on our time the abundance of your peace.

People: Amen.

Bishop: Give a happy outcome to the

tasks that through your grace you have laid upon me, whom you have raised to the rank of Bishop; make me pleasing to you in the fulfilment of my duties, that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherd nor the care of the shepherd be lacking for the flock.

People: Amen

Bishop: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Deacon: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Final Hymn

Hail Queen of Heaven, the ocean star
John Lingard (1771 – 1851)

Bishop's Coat of Arms

Motto: In Manus Tuas, Domine (Into your hands, O Lord)

Galero: Green with twelve tassels for a diocesan bishop

Processional Cross: Displayed behind the shield, in simple form, an unadorned Latin cross.

The Shield: Divided in two, the shield displays various elements of significance for Bishop Mark. One half depicts a ship upon the sea. The Diocese of Plymouth is surrounded by the sea, and the Cathedral City of Plymouth uses the ship as an heraldic symbol. Both sea and ship also reflect the Bishop's family roots in Connemara, County Galway. The ship also refers to the Church as the 'barque of Peter', and image going back as far as Tertullian in the second century AD. The

ship is turned towards the star which guides it, the Stella Maris, an ancient devotional title of Our Lady, Patroness of the Diocese of Plymouth. The star has seven points representing Our Lady's seven joys and seven sorrows.

The other half of the shield has a winged lion, symbol of St Mark, patron saint of the bishop. Drawing on the ancient arms attributed to the O'Toole family, which consist of a white lion upon a red field, the colours adopted are the same. The lion holds in his hands the Book of the Gospels.

The martyrs of England and Wales are also referenced on this side of the shield. Bishop Mark was born on the feast of the Martyrs St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22nd June) and, until his appointment to Plymouth, was the Rector of Allen Hall Seminary, London, which stands on the site of the estate of St Thomas More. Allen Hall is daughter College of the English College at Douai that boasts over 157 martyrs. The Diocese of Plymouth has two famous martyr-priest sons: St Boniface (+754) and St Cuthbert Mayne (+1577), the proto-martyr of Allen Hall. These martyr-saints are represented by the two crossed palm branches, displayed above the head of the lion of St Mark.



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Vespers of St Cuthbert Mayne



On the eve of his Episcopal Ordination as the Ninth Bishop of Plymouth, Monsignor Mark O'Toole took his place a Celebrant for Evening Prayer.

During the Office Hymn, 'Martyr of God', the relic of St Cuthbert Mayne was brought to the Altar in procession and presented to Mgr Mark by Fr David Annear, Parish Priest of Launceston.

After venerating the relic and placing it in the Altar Bishop-elect Mark presented his Bull of Appointment to Rev Canon Keith Mitchell, Provost of the Cathedral Chapter.

Bishop-elect: Reverend Provost, having been appointed by His Holiness Pope Francis to be Bishop of the See of Plymouth, I present to you the Mandate



for my appointment and Episcopal ordination.

Provost: On behalf of the Chapter I welcome you to this Cathedral and pray that God will bless your ministry in this place.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Address by Canon Keith Mitchell

the Provost of the Chapter of Canons of Plymouth Cathedral, at Vespers on the feast of St Cuthbert Mayne, patron of the Diocese.

Among the legion of things asked of a bishop (many of them impossible for a human being) there are two that tower above the others. That he learns quickly to say "no" - and that he be a true witness, a man committed to the Lord. I think we sometimes forget with all our policies and procedures, programmes and ministries that we are essentially about a person, the person of Jesus Christ...

An ever-deepening personal encounter with him, as Pope Francis reminds us, lies at the heart of who we are, as individuals and as community. A bishop must be for his diocese an 'icon' of that encounter for it is the root of the

universal call to holiness. It is also at the heart of the new evangelisation - of our witness - for unless with have a personal encounter with Jesus we have nothing unique to share! It was for the integrity of such a witness that men and women like Boniface and Cuthbert Mayne shed their blood.

In Greek the words "martyr" and "witness" are the same word! To be a martyr is to be a "witness" and "witness" will always involve some element of martyrdom. To be a witness is to say with Paul & the martyrs, "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me". [Gals 2.20] That should be our primary motivation. Tonight we thank God for the integrity of that witness which Bishop Christopher has given us in 28 years as our bishop.

Monsignor Mark, we welcome you with great joy and we look forward greatly to your ministry among us. We assure you, of course, of our prayers and loyalty, with confidence in the witness you too will give us as you commend yourself into the Lord's hands. May this "gifted moment" renew both your (and our) encounter with the person of Jesus and our commitment as bishop and diocese to be his witnesses, his martyrs.

That witness will inevitably bring some hard & difficult times...such is the cost of "witness"! ... "If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad" [1 Peter 4.13]. But if we are true



to our commitment, our witness will so much more abundantly filled with that "great gladness" [that joy] of which the apostle goes on to speak, for "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." [Evangelii Gaudium 1]

May St Boniface, St Cuthbert Mayne and all the blessed martyrs of the diocese pray for you, Mgr Mark and for our whole diocesan family as we commend ourselves anew into the Lord's hands as we celebrate these grace-filled days.

Blessing of the Ring, Mitre and Pastoral Staff

Bishop Christopher: Lord Jesus, with one voice we praise your name and raise our hearts to you in Prayer: you are the Good Shepherd who came to gather your scattered sheep into one fold: Bless ☐ these insignia of Episcopal service, and through those you have chosen as ministers of your truth, feed your faithful; through your chosen shepherds, lead them, and one day gather both shepherds and flock into the joyous green pastures of eternity. We praise you, Christ the Lord.

Concluding prayer

Bishop-elect: O God, who did grant to blessed Cuthbert, to be the first of the seminary students to run the way of torture for the salvation of souls; grant in your mercy that we, likewise inflamed by zeal for souls, may be ready to spend our lives for others. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Bishop-elect: The Lord be with you
People: And with your spirit

Bishop-elect: May almighty God bless

you The Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

People: Amen

Bishop-elect: Go in the peace of Christ

People: Thanks be to God

During the final hymn, Holy Virgin by God's decree, Bishop-elect Mark led the way to the Lady Chapel at the east end of the cathedral where he dedicated himself, and the Diocese of Plymouth, to the care of Our Lady.



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Diocesan News

Exploring the Archives

It was during Advent, on the run up to Christmas, that a few of us from Catholic South West paid a visit to the Diocesan Archives in Exeter. It was nearly two years ago around Easter 2012 that the archives moved to Cardinal Newman House from Buckfast Abbey. They are in the care of the archivist, Sr Benignus O'Brien from Stoodley Knowle Convent.

CSW editor Felicity Stead was accompanied by Adrian Wardle, her predecessor, and Peter Lester, CSW's former distribution manager, who still makes sure that copies of each edition are delivered to Sr Benignus.

The collections in the archives include items from the 1500s onwards. In particular there is the warrant to execute Saint Cuthbert Mayne bearing the royal seal of Queen Elizabeth I as well as a 'Manual for curates' – a book which belonged to the saint himself. The collections are the episcopal and administrative records of our diocese as well as a small collection of documents relating to schools, orphanages, convents and priories.

The collection of books, some of which are quite old and rare, includes almost complete sets of directories, diocesan records and year-books together with numerous photographs and albums. "Since moving here," Sr Benignus told us, "I have been concentrating on getting everything documented and catalogued." She explained that some photographs, for example, were easily identifiable but many images still remain anonymous. Even so there is an impressive gallery of pictures of past clergy from 1850 onwards and some portraits are even earlier. "Our task," said Sister "is to preserve, catalogue and safeguard our heritage for future generations and to assist visitors in their research." She explained that visitors can include parish and local historians as well as a few who are interested in their family history. Then there are teachers and undergraduate and post-graduate students and anyone assisting them. Sister pointed out that such research was



Example of rare and beautiful embroidery by the nuns of Abbotskerswell

appointment only and that there is no unsupervised access to the archives. Even so visitors will be amazed by some of the items displayed especially the collection of old and decorative hand-made vestments with examples of beautiful embroidery, some of which date from pre-Reformation days of the 16th century. There are a number of unique and beautiful pectoral crosses as well as altar vessels such as chalices and ciboria and a wonderful processional cross.

Sister is keen to add to the archives and will welcome selected records and artefacts from parishes or diocesan organisations. She is in fact a member of the Catholic Archives Society and is currently their treasurer. The society welcomes new members; simply contact Sr Benignus as shown below.

Taking care of the diocesan archives is a full-time task for Sister: "Most diocesan archives have two or three people working on them," she remarked, "so this is rather a time-consuming and absorbing task at present." This means that she is not giving any talks on the archives just yet and has only occasionally been able to present exhibition displays.

For any further information or to arrange a visit or research please contact Sister on 01392 279754 or e-mail diocesearchives@prcdtr.org.uk

Adrian Wardle



Peter Lester checking the Catholic South West archive



Bishop Graham's pectoral cross opens to reveal a reliquary concealed inside

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Apostleship of the Sea March update



When John Pinhay, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) Port Chaplain to Falmouth, visited a large roll on-roll off ferry that had come in for a refit, he encountered a seventeen-year-old Filipino seaman on his first voyage. John takes up the story: "He was very quiet and looked lost and alone. We spoke about his family and life back in the Philippines and I discovered that we had something in common and that we were both altar servers. As the crew could not get to any of our local Masses, I arranged for our parish priest to say Mass onboard and introduced the young seaman to him as the Philippines number one server. The young man served at the Mass, which gave him joy, and at last I saw a big broad smile on his face."

John became Port Chaplain to Falmouth in 2012 on his retirement and having been a volunteer ship visitor for the AoS eight years ago. He says "whenever you go onboard a ship for the first time, you always feel a little

apprehensive as you don't know what kind of reception you will receive. I overcome this feeling by saying a quick prayer, which gives me the confidence to board whatever vessel needs to be visited. Once I find someone to talk with, my apprehension disappears, as the vast majority of seafarers are pleased to see a friendly face that reminds them that they have not been forgotten."

If a seafarer is taken ill while in port, he can feel very alone, hundreds or thousands of miles away from his family. When one North African seafarer was rushed to hospital after a suspected heart attack and was told by doctors he needed a few months convalescence, he ended up in a local hotel. With only the clothes he was wearing and none of the basic necessities John was able to buy the things he needed and, with the help of the shipping agent, he was eventually able to fly back home.

Seafarers often ask John if he knows where they can go to Mass. Recalling a visit to the oil tanker FSL Hamburg, just before Christmas, John tells us "the Hamburg had been in Falmouth for a couple of weeks and the mainly Filipino crew had found it difficult to attend any of the weekend Masses. However, the 7 pm evening Mass on a Wednesday at St Mary Immaculate is ideal for seamen wishing to attend Mass while in port so, helped by ship visitor Simon Bromage, I was able to arrange transport to take 7 of the crew to the Mass. After the Mass, the crew was shown the crib in the church – out came their cameras so that photos of the Nativity scene could be sent to the seamen's families in the Philippines."

John is very grateful for the support he receives from

parishioners in Falmouth, Truro, St Austell and Newquay. They are untiring in their fundraising efforts and work to collect the many items that he and his ship visitors take on board the vessels they visit in Falmouth or Fowey. John says that he finds his work as a Port Chaplain more fulfilling than he could have imagined. "what I do is a privilege, as I receive much more than I give whenever I go onboard a vessel."

Greg Watts

Bacon Butty Sunday

It was a cold and frosty morning on Sunday 19th January, but the parishioners of St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth had something to warm them up after attending the morning Mass.

Supporters of the Apostleship of the Sea were kept busy, cooking 120 rashers of bacon.

Gifts of chocolate, DVD's, hats & gloves are taken onboard by AoS ship visitors, who visit vessels when they are in the Port. Profits from Bacon Butty Sunday will go towards purchasing these goods.

John Pinhay

AoS Port Chaplain, Falmouth

Editor: In January 2014 Pope Francis praised the work of the Apostleship of the Sea; for full details visit <http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/pope-hails-work-aos>



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Catherine Fennell

With the kind permission of Fr Martin Stone, HCPT Group 179 have organised an evening fundraising

concert on Sunday 23rd March 2014 at the Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay. The concert will be presented by singers from Riveria Sound and Stoodley Knowel choir. All funds raised will be for the HCPT 179 Easter Pilgrimage. Details from c_woodman@icloud.com.

2014 HCPT Pilgrimages:

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Cornwall Deanery

Parish of St. Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston



We know that Bishop Mark has a great devotion to St. Cuthbert Mayne, and he asked for the major relic of the Saint, the crown of his skull, to be brought to Plymouth Cathedral for the Solemn Vespers of St. Cuthbert Mayne and the Mass of Ordination. To prepare for this, the relic in its ornate wooden reliquary was brought from Lanherne Convent, where it has been kept since 1807, to our parish.

At the weekend Masses just before Bishop Mark's ordination the relic was placed on the altar. After Mass, people were invited to venerate the relic and ask for St. Cuthbert Mayne's intercession for our new bishop as he begins his ministry among us, and for our parish.

And, after many years of waiting, the restoration of our two churches at Bude and Launceston has begun.

At Launceston two redundant buildings near the Presbytery have been demolished and a new driveway leading to the church is being constructed. At Bude a small extension to our cramped foyer is well under way. We hope to provide a more detailed report when all the work is finished.

St. Cuthbert Mayne, pray for us.

Fr. David Annear
Parish Priest

(Pictures by Colin Barrett)



Fr Harry seated second from the right



Fr Harry with Pope Francis

Photographs courtesy of Osservatore Romano

Cornish Curate Concelebrates

To give thanks to God and all people who have supported me in the journey to Priesthood I decided to celebrate a private Holy Mass for this intention at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. This, however did not happen although I did celebrate a private Mass for the repose of the soul of my late wife Margarita, who died in 2002, in the Grotto Chapel of the Madonna of Parturienti, which also has the altar of St Boniface IV commissioned by Pope Boniface VII.

The intention of Thanksgiving for my priesthood and all who supported me took instead place at the Domus Sanctae Marthae on Thursday 16th January 2014, after having been granted to attend the Holy Father's Private Mass beginning at 7am by the Personal Secretary of Pope Francis, Monsignor Alfred Xuereb. Together with twelve other priest and bishops, some of whom were like me invited from outside, I concelebrated Holy Mass.

In his homily the Holy Father gave a thoughtful, prayerful and humble warning to clergy and laity that scandal and defeat comes when people refuse to let God transform them. Based on the readings of the Day (1 Sam 4:1-11) in which the people of Israel are defeated, relying instead on the Ark of the Covenant seeing it as 'something magic'. The Ark is taken by the enemies, and the Holy Father comments that there was no true faith in God, in his real presences in their lives. Pope Francis related these readings and the Psalm (44: 10-25) to the scandals of the church, saying there are so many scandals that I don't want to mention them one by one, but we all know what they are, and we know where they are. The people that cause scandals are living lives cut off from God, and their corruption ends up poisoning others. The Holy Father then asked all to pray that God would help them never to forget Him, to remember that God is alive and to enter their hearts.

Fr Harry Heijveld
Assistant Priest

Holy Family Parish (Penzance, St Ives, Hayle & Isles of Scilly)

University of Cornwall, Catholic Society



The Catholic Society say a BIG thank you for a great evening spent supporting the sanctity of life with Cornwall Hospice Care at the well organised and enjoyable Quiz Evening at the Falmouth Hotel.

With well over a hundred competitors and after tackling hundreds of questions, three hours later, the Student Team were delighted to receive a consolation prize for last place – and with a confident return to their university studies.

University Masses for 2014

Old Chapel Lecture Theatre, Penryn, Cornwall.

Fr Jon Bielawski, Catholic Chaplain to the University and Parish Priest of the Parish of St Mary, Falmouth will be celebrating Masses on Friday 7th March and Friday 2nd May. All are welcome and all are prayed for.

Sr Veronica
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4th Sundays at 3.00pm
Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy: Fridays (term time) at 7.30pm
Lanterns Convent, St Mawgan, nr, Newquay TR8 4ER: Sundays and Holydays at 10.00am. Mondays to Saturdays inclusive at 7.30am
Sacred Heart, 25 South Street, Exeter EX1 1EB: Wednesdays at 5.30pm



Night-time liturgy in the gardens at Buckfast

Children from the age of 8 to 16 have been enjoying summer camps for just over 60 years in the Plymouth Diocese. The Catholic Women's League were the driving force behind these camps for many decades and still support us today. Many of our helpers and indeed leaders, experienced these camps as children and we hope that this will continue as it epitomises what the camps are all about – that we are all part of God's family - living with him for a whole week is a truly moving experience that we never want to come to an end.

As we explore and learn more about our faith, liturgies are celebrated at various times during the day, bringing together what the children have heard in song, prayer and drama. Everyone, adults and children, prepares and participates in

these celebrations. Alongside these celebrations, we take advantage of being in the lovely surroundings of Buckfast Abbey and enjoy the hospitality of the Benedictine community and Education Centre. Activities in recent years have included treasure hunts, barn dances, camp-fires, trips to Totnes on the South Devon Railway and to the Butterfly and Otter Sanctuary in nearby Busckfastleigh. Plans for this year's summer camps are already underway and literature about the camps will be sent to all parishes at Easter time. We recommend that application forms are returned by 31st May as this assists with the arrangements for the camps. Donations from either individuals or parishes are very welcome and will be used to provide financial support for any

families experiencing difficulties with the cost of sending their children on camp. Donations can be sent to the treasurer, Mrs Natalie Williams at 13 Peas Hill, Shipton Gorge, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 4LR (cheques payable to PRC DTR Catechetical Camps). The Camps' teams work in accordance with the Plymouth Diocesan Safeguarding Guidelines and with the Safeguarding office. If you would like to become a leader on one of our camps please contact Deacon Michael Turnbull on 01258 820388.

Natalie Williams
Camps Committee

Editor: The dates for the 2014 Summer Camps are in the Diary Dates section on page 11.

South Sudan: thousands flee armed conflict



We responded as soon as fighting broke out in South Sudan. But we desperately need to scale up our work. Over 500,000 people have fled their homes in search of safety. Speed is vital to reach those in greatest need.

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In the worst affected areas, many buildings have been looted, food is scarce, and lots of people have fled and are hiding in forests.

Despite the difficulties, our partners are working tirelessly to help people. Thousands have taken shelter in church buildings, including Stella, who is looking after her three children with

the help of the Sisters at St Theresa's Catholic Cathedral.

CAFOD Gap Year: Eleanor Margett graduated with English and History Hons in 2013 and was secretary of Exeter University and Falmouth University Catholic Society; she was a much appreciated and valued member of St Mary's Parish, Falmouth during her time at the University. Eleanor is one of this year's CAFOD programmes and visited Sierra Leone in January, you can follow Eleanor's BLOG at <http://cafodplymouth.wordpress.com/2014/01/23/falmouth-student-steps-into-the-gap/>

Torbay Deanery

Priory RC Primary School

Retirement Celebrations

On Wednesday 15th January the Staff and pupils of Priory school gathered at Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, together with parishioners, for a Mass celebrating the retirement of Mrs Val Edgington, a member of the support staff at the school for twenty-one years.

Val Edgington has given many years of care to the children and staff at Priory RC Primary School during her many years of service. We wish Val and her family all our very best in the years to come. May they enjoy many years of happy retirement.

Mrs Sarah Barreto
Headteacher



Message from the National President of the SVP

In January 2014 Adrian Abel, National President of the SVP published the following message:



Dear fellow Vincentians,

We are delighted to announce that the Prime Minister, David Cameron, has recognised the SVP with a Big Society Award. He said: "The St Vincent de Paul Society turns concern into action. The Society's incredible number of volunteers build on a 200 year history of lending a practical hand to support those in need."

"I'm delighted to recognise all 10,000 St Vincent de Paul volunteers, and the staff who support them to do their vital work, with this Big Society Award."

This award is recognition for each of our members and volunteers who work tirelessly for those in need in their local communities. The concept of the 'big society' is nothing new for us, we have been doing it for nearly 200-years, and will continue to do so without regard to what government is in power, but are grateful for this recognition.

One of the most frequent complaints that we hear from members and from the wider Church community is that no one has ever heard of us. This award is therefore a great opportunity to inform people of all the fantastic work being done in the community by members, volunteers and staff of the Society, without any suggestion that we are boasting about ourselves as individuals. It should raise our profile, but there is no cash prize!

The award will only be considered successful if it attracts more members, more funding or helps us to be taken more seriously when we speak on behalf of those living in poverty. It should allow us to be more effective in our vocation preaching the Good News, using St Francis of Assisi's phrase "if necessary using words".

We are hoping that it will create interest from people who want to become members when they hear about the tremendous work that is done in the name of the Society and come to realise how they too 'can turn concern into action'. Hopefully, not least with your help, it may mean that the SVP will receive some positive news coverage in the next week or so. Please circulate the information to your members and local news organisations and be prepared to respond to enquiries that come your way.

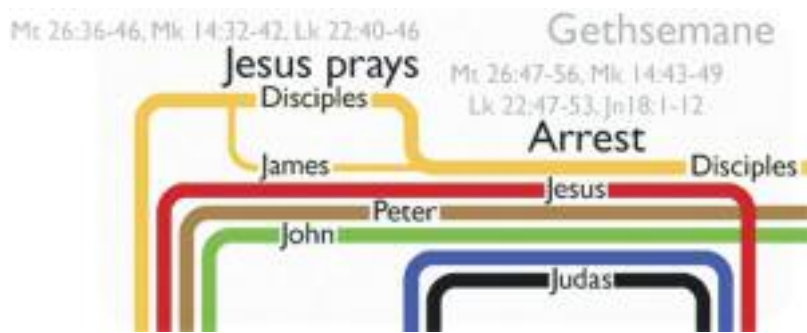
Finally, on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to and thank all members, volunteers and staff for their continued service to the poor. This award belongs to us all.

More information about the Big Society Award is available at www.bigsocietyawards.org/fags/



Editor: I am grateful to the SVP Group in my own Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Denis, St Marychurch for bringing the news of the Big Society Award to my attention and asking for it to be included in this edition of Catholic South West (CSW). I am certain that there are more SVP Groups operating in parishes around the Diocese; if you would like the existence of a group to be mentioned and (anonymised) examples of the work that they do published in a future edition of CSW please contact me at felicitystead@btinternet.com.

Quiet Day of Recollection



Walking towards Easter – a reflection on Holy Week

Two 'quiet days' will be led by Fr Kevin O'Connell and will take place from 10.30am to 4.30pm at Serene Brook, 20 Ayleston Park, Modbury, PL21 0TX on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th April 2014.

Please bring a Bible, notebook and packed lunch - hot drinks will be provided; to book a place on one of the 'quiet days' call Monica Beck on 01548 830758.

Richard Stead
Torbay Deanery

Exeter Deanery

Sacred Heart Church Bideford celebrates refurbishment

In 1882 a small Catholic church was opened in Bideford. The site on which the church had been built was purchased in 1902 from the Bideford Bridge Trust and the church was extended to its present size in 1907.

Over the years maintenance was carried out but, by 2000, major

maintenance and refurbishment was urgently needed. That work, funded in part by grants from the Devon Historic Churches Trust and the Bideford Bridge Trust, was completed by the autumn of 2013 and included:

- The repair and restructuring of the fabric to provide easier access for the elderly and disabled with some new seating and refurbished kneelers to improve comfort and appearance.
- The Altar, Sacristy and Confessional have been redesigned in line with current liturgical practice; new

heating and sound systems installed and the whole church redecorated.

- The parish area, adjacent to the Church has been modernised to comply with Health & Safety and Safeguarding regulations, this will allow more social and educational activities to take place.

Fr Terry O'Donovan and his parishioners are very grateful to the Church of England and parishioners of the Church of St Margaret's, Northam, for kindly allowing them to use their church during the major building works.

All who have seen the changes call it a stunning transformation and parishioners feel that the liturgy is greatly enhanced by the refurbished 'worship space'. Bideford now has a church fit for the 21st Century.

Patricia Hawkins
Parish Pastoral Council



Dorset Deanery

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth



Silver Jubilee celebrations

In December 2013 Parish Priest, Fr Stephen Geddes, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his priestly ordination on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December 1988. After a joyful Mass parishioners joined Fr Stephen for refreshments and 'cake cutting' in the Parish Hall.

Enrolment of Altar Servers

Altar Servers at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Weymouth, have been enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen by Deacon Jonathan de Kretser.



Ninety in November

Vicky Webb, a parishioner at Our Lady Star of the Sea, celebrated her 90th birthday at the end of November. Vicky is pictured with Bill and John Webb, 2 of her 3 sons; John is our very own 'Fr John' – Parish Priest of St Peter and St Thomas More, Crownhill, Plymouth.

Esmée Nicholls
Weymouth



Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm, Sherborne

Axminster Catenians recently presented Isobel Worrall, 'Izzy' with cheque for £500 at Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm church, in Sherborne.

The gift was awarded by the Catenian Bursary Fund, which helps young Catholics undertake voluntary charitable work, in sometimes strange and demanding circumstances.

The award will enable Izzy to travel to the Diocese of Auki in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. This is a relatively new catholic community in a very remote location, and she will have to travel by plane, via Australia, and finally by a four hour boat journey to reach her destination. Izzy will spend three months giving teaching and liturgical advice to schools and parishes in the Diocese, living with local people and sharing their life.

Bill Stead
Axminster Catenians

Editor: we look forward to hearing about Izzy's visit to the Diocese of Auki when she returns home to Dorset; and to seeing pictures of her time with people of the Solomon Islands.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Joseph, Wool

Margaret Jones RIP
27th October 1924
– 1st November 2013



Margaret was educated at St. Angela's Ursuline Convent in Forest Gate. On leaving school she worked at Reuters as a House of Commons reporter and was spoken to by Winston Churchill as they passed on the stairs, and babysat David and Jonathan Dimpleby when courting a reporter on a local paper owned by the Dimplebys. She then started work at the BBC and this is where she met Charles, her future husband. After marriage and the safe delivery and upbringing of four children Margaret trained as a social worker and worked in

Tower Hamlets until the move to Dorset in 1975 where she continued her work in Weymouth and Wareham until retiring.

Margate was a widow for 23 years but she continued to live life to the full. She became involved in the local Conservative Party, worked endlessly for Macmillan Cancer Support, and for many years worked with the local parish priests on the Pastoral Council at St Joseph's Wool. She was an active and valued member of the Catholic Women's League and the flower arranging team at St Josephs and was Press Officer for the newly formed Parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Joseph. She was punctuillious in filing her copy to Catholic South West and became a personal friend of Adrian Wardle its past editor. Margaret was responsible for numerous press releases and inserts in the local parish magazines; this only came to an end when her sight failed and she started to tire in 2013.

Margaret died peacefully surrounded by her family, only a few days after celebrating her 89th birthday.

Surprise Christmas present!

Our Parish Priest, Fr Ciaran McGuinness M Afr, recently announced, with delight, that the Secretary for Culture, Media & Sport has decided to add our parish church of St Joseph to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest for England; the building is listed grade II. The church, designed

by Anthony Jaggard of John Starke & Partners, Dorchester and built by Gilbert Griffin of Bere Regis, merited listing because of its strong design which makes use of bold forms and massing and the careful play of light and space to create a modern space for worship from materials more commonly associated with more secular buildings. The quality of its understated design and its materials, which extends to its fixtures, combined with its particular completeness gives the building clear special interest. Architectural quality: a bold exterior employing brickwork, a mineral render, vertical glazing and space ornamentation. It is a building of real quality in its materials, composition and detailing. Structural interest: for the novel use within an ecclesiastical building of a space frame roof to provide a large open nave and sanctuary. Interior quality: the interior contains good-quality fixtures and fittings and has an impressive simplicity of design.

Birthday Boy steps out in the wind and rain!!

Bill Marshallsay recently celebrated his 80th birthday – but in a very different way. He decided that there were to be no gifts and no party; instead he set off on an 11 mile sponsored walk to raise money for the Weld Hospice in Dorchester. He walked in heavy rain from Wareham to Poole before lunch! And raised a total of £1,300.

Fr Ciaran, Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Wool and St Edwards, Wareham – where Bill and Gretta are 'regulars' - thanked Bill during Sunday Mass saying "While most men celebrate their 80th birthday with a party or going on a cruise, Bill thought of the needs of others less fortunate than himself and did this 11 mile walk which would tax many younger people. The whole parish congratulates him on this wonderful achievement."

Bill was supported by sponsorship from family members, friends, parishioners and the Hemsbach Society. He walked via Lychette Minister, Upton, and along Holes Bay to Lake Side in Poole, a total of 11 miles. Despite the adverse weather he arrived at The St Peter's Finger in 1 hour 40 minutes; fortified by coffee and doughnuts he walked on to Upton House where he was joined by his wife Gretta, sister-in-law, Joyce Coleman, grandchildren and his great grandson for the stroll into Poole.

Andrew McCarthy
Wool & Wareham



Diary Dates

March 2014



If you would like an entry for your Parish or Deanery to be included in the Diary Dates section please email details to the Editor at felicitystead@btinternet.com by the last day of each month.

March 2014

Saturday 1st March

- **10.30am, Men's Breakfast, the Bull, East St, Bridport:** for more information please contact the Parish Office Tel. 01308 422594.
- **7.30pm, 'Evening of Hope', Royal British Legion Hall, Victoria Grove, Bridport:** in aid of the Uparo Dispensary Project, Tanzania. Tickets £3 on the door or from Ruth Tel: 01308 423034

Friday 7th March 11.15am, University Mass, the Old Chapel Theatre, Penryn Campus, Falmouth: for all students and staff celebrated by Fr Jon Bielawski, Catholic Chaplain. All welcome – all prayed for.

Saturday 15th March, Monthly Pro-Life Prayer Vigil, 11am to 12noon outside Treliske Hospital: if you possibly can please join us can in this very important witness for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

Sunday 16th March (Second Sunday of Lent), 10.30am, Buckfast Abbey: Voces, the Abbey Choir will be singing at the Conventual Mass.

Sunday 23rd March, Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay: Concert in aid of HCPT Group 179. Details from c_woodman@icloud.com

APRIL 2014

Good Friday 18th April, 7pm, Buckfast Abbey: Voces, the Abbey Choir will be singing at Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 27th April (Low Sunday), 10.30am, Buckfast Abbey: Voces, the Abbey Choir will be singing at the Conventual Mass.

JULY 2014

Saturday 5th July, St Joseph's Church, Newton Abbot: Torbay Deanery Liturgy/Music Day with Richard Hubbard. Full details will follow in the May edition of CSW.

IMPORTANT DIOCESAN EVENTS AT PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL

Sunday 9th March, 3pm: RCIA Rite of Election

Wednesday 16th April, 5pm: Chrism Mass.

For information about rehearsal times for participating singers/musicians/choirs please contact Richard King, Plymouth Diocese Liturgy Commission – Music Committee Tel: 01626 872815 or email: richard.king5@virgin.net.

REGULAR EVENTS

Cornwall Deanery

- **First & Third Tuesdays from 10.30am:** Coffee morning in the Charles Langdon Room, St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston.
- **Wednesdays, 11.30am to 4pm:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - with Rosary at 12noon, Church of St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth.
- **Wednesdays, 3.30pm to 5.30pm:** Table Tennis - parishioners of all ages welcome to come along to the Church Hall, Falmouth.
- **Thursdays at 11am:** Legion of Mary, St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.
- **First & Third Fridays 7pm to 9pm:** Prayer Group, Mary's Eucharistic Renewal, St Paul's Social Centre, Tintagel.
- **Saturdays, after the 10am Mass:** All are warmly invited to join a small group of parishioners who pray the Rosary at St Cuthbert Mayne Church, Launceston.
- **Alternate Sundays, 7 – 9pm:** Catholic Society and 18+, at St Mary's Presbytery, Killigrew Street, Falmouth.

Dorset Deanery

- **Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm:** Inspire 20s to 40s Church Friends Group and Home Group, St Mary's Church, Poole after the 7pm Mass.
- **Monday evenings at 8pm:** Bournemouth Hebrew Congregation Adult Education, the 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

Exeter Deanery

- **Monday evenings at 7.30pm:** Meditation Group meets at the Richard Reynolds Centre, Heavitree Road, Exeter.
- **Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 9pm:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Mount St Mary Convent, Wonford Road.

Plymouth Deanery

- **Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3.30pm:** Union of Catholic Mothers meets in the Cathedral Centre.
- **Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm:** Discussion Group meets at the Jeremiah Centre, Stott Close, Efford, Plymouth to reflect on the liturgical readings for the coming Sunday.
- **Thursday afternoons at 2pm:** Rosary in Malayalam in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Cathedral.
- **Friday evenings at 6pm:** Holy Hour in the Cathedral
- **Saturday evenings, after the First Mass of Sunday, 6pm:** CREDO, a new group for young Catholics ages 18 to 35, meet in the Cathedral Centre.
- **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.
- **Second Monday of each month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm:** Knights of St Columba meet in the Cathedral Centre.
- **Third Monday of each month at 7pm:** FOCOLARE – Word of Life Group meets in the Cathedral Centre.

Torbay Deanery

- **Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March, 2nd and 9th April, Lenten Lunches, 12noon to 2pm, the meeting room at the rear of Sacred Heart Church, Fore Street Kingsbridge:** each week during Lent members of a different area church will be responsible for the catering. Everyone is most welcome to visit the lovely town of Kingsbridge and enjoy a Lenten Lunch. For more information please contact Fred Hughes Tel: 01548 581344.
- **Third Monday of every month, 7.15pm:** South Hams Catenians meet at the Seven Stars Public House, Kingsbridge. Please note new venue.
- **Wednesdays from 6pm:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Vespers at 6.30pm and Benediction at 6.50pm): Holy Angels, Chelston, Torquay.
- **First Saturday of every month (except January) 7.45am for an 8am start:** Christians Together in Torquay – Prayer Breakfast at St Luke's Parish Church, St Luke's Road.
- **First Sunday of every month:** Polish Mass, Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay at 4pm with confessions from 3.30pm.

GUIDED RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH - 2014

Individually guided retreats at Southgate, Buckfast Abbey, offering each person the opportunity for space, SILENCE and prayer with a spiritual companion to help you pray and reflect. For further information please tel: 01548 852670

Saturday 15th March: Lenten Quiet Day

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th June: Weekend retreat

Monday 16th to Friday 20th June: Mid-week retreat

Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th October: 6-day retreat

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th October: Weekend retreat

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November: 'Taster' weekend for anyone who would like to 'try' a retreat for the first time.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESE CATECHETICAL SUMMER CAMPS:

Sunday 27th July to Friday 1st August 2014: Senior Camp for children currently in school years 7-10;

Sunday 3rd August to Friday 8th August 2014: First Junior Camp for children currently in school years 3-6;

Sunday 10th August to Friday 15th August 2014: Second Junior camp for children currently in school years 3-6.

Plans are also afoot to run a St Petroc's Camp camp for those currently in school years 11 and 12 from Sunday 27th July to Friday 1st August 2014; details to be confirmed.

For more information visit <http://www.pdsommerscamps.org.uk/>

PILGRIMAGES:

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 24th to 31st May 2014: For further information please contact Sue King, Pilgrimage Director Tel: 01752 224414 or sue@plymouth-diocese.org.uk

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7th to 14th June 2014: A few places are still available on the flying from Bristol. Cost £499. For more information please contact Tony Allbright Tel: 01736362925 e-mail: tobright@btinternet.com (or from Holy Family Parish Penzance office Tel: 01736 362619) or see online at www.maryqueenofpeace.info/2014/

Pilgrimage to Fatima 7th to 14th October 2014: Organised by Holy Trinity Parish, Dorchester. For more information or booking forms please call the Parish Office Tel: 01305 251976 or email: fatherjohnrice@btinternet.com

St Cuthbert Mayne School – supporting Lepra

St Cuthbert Mayne Year 7 students recently took part in a 2 week fundraiser for Lepra. They organised and participated in a variety of activities including making personalised bookmarks, cake sales and sponsored silences. In the 2 weeks they raised over £1,000 which will provide 40 'cures' for Lepra.



I'm really proud of the tutor group,
Caroline Carter
St Cuthbert Mayne School

Editor: Lepra (formerly the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association (BELRA) was launched on 31st January 1924 at Mansion House in the City of London. Ninety years later, their expertise supports not only people affected by leprosy but also other neglected diseases such as lymphatic filariasis and visceral leishmaniasis. For more information about Lepra and the organisation's achievements over its 90-year history visit www.lepra.org.uk

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Diocesan Golf Championship in the making.

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) (CCSoc) would like to hear from anyone who is a member of a golf club within the Diocese of Plymouth and willing to act as a point of contact between their club and the Society.

The CCSoc charity has great plans for a championship across the Diocese but needs to make a link with as many clubs as possible in order to develop the idea. If you can help, please call Claire Warren on 07783 156184 or email fundraising@ccsplymouth.org.uk.

In the meantime, if you would like to play a round of golf then come and join the Society at the Libbaton Golf Club, in High Bickington, Devon where the first 'Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Charity Golf Day' will be taking place on Monday 19 May 2014. Teeing off at 10am golfers from around the Diocese are welcome to join us on the par 73 course followed by a buffet lunch; tickets for green fees and lunch cost £25 per person. All proceeds on the day will go towards helping the children and families in the area who are struggling to cope and could benefit from some financial assistance.

For more details and a booking form visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or to reserve your tee off time call Claire on 07783 156284.

Rome Marathon 2014

On Sunday 23rd March, Mark Shaw, Colin Bentley, Marco Palamino, Ann Donnelly and Mary Pool will be running the Rome Marathon in aid of the Catholic Children's Society. Please pray that they stay fit & healthy and make the distance! To sponsor the group go to www.ccsplymouth.org.uk

Claire Warren
Catholic Children's Society
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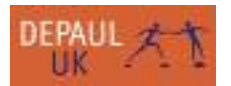


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Last year hundreds of school children from Catholic schools raised thousands of pounds to help Depaul UK's crucial work with young homelessness people.

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For more information about this year's School Sleep Out taking place on World Homeless Day please visit www.depauluk.org/sleepout contact Natalie Wood on 020 7939 1229 Email Natalie.wood@depauluk.org
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