

THE PORTICO

Masses go live in Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran!



The above photo is a screen shot of a live stream last week - guess what day and approximate time from the photo, and let us know!

A live-stream system has now been installed in Our Lady of the Portal Church. Trials have been going well and the few teething problems are mostly ironed out.

Masses and adoration should now be available to watch live on the internet [Here](#), or cut and paste the following link: <https://rtsp.me/embed/7KYK3D3b/>

World Day of the Poor:

On World Day of the Poor, and drawing on the day's Gospel about using our talents, Pope Francis urges us to "use what God has given you and look at the poor." In the Gospel, good servants are those who take risks, he said. "They are not cautious and watchful, they do not keep what they have received, but they use it. Because good, if you don't invest, you lose; because the greatness of our life does not depend on how much we put aside, but on how much fruit we bear.

Pope Francis continues that "it is not enough to observe the rules; fidelity to Jesus is not only not making mistakes, it is

negative." He reminds us that our mission as Christians is "to work good, to work good in this life, as a service to God."

Read full homily [here](#)

"Now the Holly Bears a Berry"



It's been an amazing year for the countryside in its abundance of fruit, nuts and berry's.... what a wonderful world! *Paul & Sue*

Messages

Prayers please:

For all COVID-19 victims, remembering especially:

- Margie M's Aunt in the US (2nd time).
- Mark & family who have all tested positive.

For Janet and Patricia.

Thanks & blessings from Genevieve, Antoinette, Rosemary, Mary, Will, Nan, Angela and Sam

Strange lock down this time around! Very busy out there. Terri

Many thanks - just reading the PORTICO makes me feel connected Bless you, Wendy

John C: Jill is now up and about though hobbling on her broken leg - but John's still doing the housework.

Wyn: I'm going stir-crazy!!!

I've not been out for 5 days and am feeling restless now! Angela

The information about the Okehampton parish was very interesting and is a real inspiration. It seems like they are doing a great job. Nan

Cornwall Christmas Box Appeal 2020

This Appeal is for people to provide a box of food and treats for a family on Christmas day. You can find details direct on the website [here](#).

Donations: If you would like to participate but can't put together a box yourself, the Truro SVP group will take donations from you of any amount you like, and parish volunteers will put together boxes for you. Deadline for donations is 30 November 2020

Shop/Collection/drop-off: if you are putting together your own box but would like help to deliver your filled box, the Truro SVP Group can collect and drop off for you. Deadline for box drop-off is 11 December 2020.

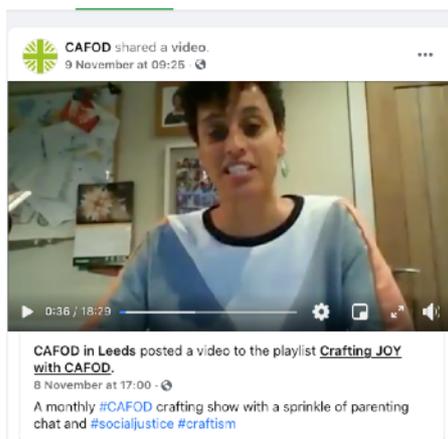
Truro SVP can be contacted on 07474-941099 or svp.truro@gmail.com

or you can just contact us at The PORTICO at jenny.kwee@me.com

Fratelli Tutti – some initial reflections

Caritas Plymouth is preparing a number of short videos to offer a reflection on each chapter of the Encyclical. One reflection will be shared each week over the coming 8 weeks. Hopefully, the videos will provide food for thought and encourage people to read the full text. The reflections can be found on the Diocesan Facebook page [here](#) www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese

Crafting Joy with CAFOD



These are monthly children's sessions hosted on the CAFOD Community Facebook page. You can see the last session featuring our own Maggie, and find details of the next one: [here](#)

Lockdown 2.0

I would like to thank you for all your hard work in editing, producing and distributing the Portico in these troubled times.

The church has been knocked for six by Covid and effectively shut down for many people. Having got out of the habit of going to church, it remains to be seen how many of the congregation return to the fold when things "get back to normal". There is no sign of the government relenting on its stand with communal acts of worship, and I doubt that there will be.

We have been here before.... A few hundred years ago people were risking their lives to celebrate mass (stark contrast eh?), and the church survived that one, so hopefully will survive this one too. Well done on your efforts, which stand in the crisis as a beacon of practical action for us all.

Best wishes, Will

Nice to see photo of Andrew and his family, God Bless Angela.

Sam's new tree seedlings



- a hawthorn that bears very large bright red fruit in Autumn and an oak .

Shoppers Beware!!!

To anyone shopping at Sainsbury's that there is a thief operating in the store despite security's best efforts. Jean says, "I had my debit card taken from my handbag whilst shopping last week and subsequently used 3 times. It's important for people to be on their guard.

(Thanks to Jean)

A Precious Place

Thank you to our readers who have commented on Bishop Mark's recent consultation document, which was the subject of our Special Edition PORTICO (No 26). We can't do justice to everyone's thoughts here; but we would however urge all our readers to continue reading, reflecting, praying and discussing issues raised. More on this soon, hopefully - watch this space!

However, one common concern seems to be about the very tight consultative timescales, and the uncertainty of whether/how wider consultation will genuinely take place in these circumstances. These are perhaps best addressed at Fr John or the Bishop.

What's On

23 November 2020:

Evening Prayer: LIVE



Deacon Andrew is hosting Evening Prayer of

the Church, by Zoom, on Monday 23 November. For the link please email:

andrewshute@predtr.org.uk.

All welcome, no "experience" necessary!

29 November 2020

Parish Children helping the Homeless



The project to get our children involved in providing essentials bags for the homeless this



Christmas is planned for



29 November, when Maggie will be using a zoom event to bring the children and their



parents together to chat about why the items in the bags are needed, and



to get cracking on assembling goodies.



Completed bags will be delivered to St Petroc's in good time for Christmas.

If you and your child would like to get involved, email Maggie for more details at:

maggiemcw@hotmail.co.uk

30 November 2020

Celebrate: Back to Basics



"Back to Basics" continues on Monday 30th November at 7.30 pm, on the theme of 'Mission Taking Risks and Stepping out in Faith to Pursue God's Mission'

The speaker is Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE - Magnus is the founder and Chief Executive of Mary's Meals.

See their website [HERE](#) for details of the next session.

"Formation" on 16 November 2020

4 December 2020

St Petroc's Virtual Carol Service



St Petroc's are holding a virtual Carol Service this year to launch their Christmas appeal for the homeless in Cornwall. Tickets are free, and can be obtained [HERE](#)

Safeguarding:

New developments

Catholic bishops of England and Wales held a press conference last Friday at which they admitted that safeguarding work in the Catholic Church here must change. Their admission comes just days after report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, which was extremely critical of our safeguarding structures as well as Cardinal Nichols handling of safeguarding in the church.

The bishops said that its findings were "shocking and overwhelming", and expressed their sorrow and committed themselves to "listen more intently" to those who had been abused.

They accepted the recommendations for change of the IICSA report and unveiled a set of recommendations that include disbandment of the two current main bodies for safeguarding, the NCSC and the CSAS which lacked power and authority to enforce compliance, would be replaced by one regulatory body, the Catholic Safeguarding Agency, determining policy on, and enforcement of, safeguarding for all dioceses in England and Wales.

There would also be a new Tribunal to deal with cases under canon law.

More details can be found [here](#).

Please let us know if there are any local or online events that you would like other readers to know about

Please send us any prayer requests, news, announcements that you can share with other readers



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