

THE PORTICO



A Corpus Christi procession through Truro (Ginny Young)

Corpus Christi

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Although sadly we cannot celebrate Corpus Christi in traditional fashion, here is a comforting tweet from Pope Francis to remind us what we all look forward to:



SVP Truro: Reaching Out

The current pandemic has presented daunting obstacles to continuing support of our isolated and housebound brothers and sisters. Inspired by the widening use of internet during lockdown and with one eye on a 'new normal', the Truro SVP group is starting trials of simple, user-friendly internet technology to help enhance social interaction for the housebound.

If anyone can help or participate in this project in any way, please contact the PORTICO in the first instance.

Messages

I hope you won't mind this impersonal response, but I would like to thank the many friends in the parish for their wonderful prayers and words after the death of Guy. I have been touched and overwhelmed by the warmth and kindness I have received. God bless you all.
From Helen Dodd.

Hello to all Portico readers and hope that it will not be too much longer before we can all gather again for Mass. It seems to be an age since we were all together! Hope all is well with you all.



Pat & Trish (McGovern)

I will be glad to go out next week! GodBless *Angela*

Especially interesting was the information about the name of the church and the statue of Our Lady plus the inspired revival of the medieval guild. Grateful thanks from me.

From Margaret

Love getting the weekly Portico. *From Kay*

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Thy Kingdom Come

This annual ecumenical event did not take place in Truro this year. However, Pope Francis celebrated an online service on Pentecost Sunday with Anglican and other Christian Church leaders. In his address, Pope Francis said “The Spirit assures us that we are not alone, that God sustains us. Dear friends, we must give in turn the gift that we have received: we are called to share the comfort of the Spirit, the closeness of God.

“How can we do this? Let us think about all those things that we long for: comfort, encouragement, someone to care for us, someone to pray for us, someone to weep with us and help us face our difficulties. Everything we would like others to do for us, let us do for them instead”

(Full text here: [Thy Kingdom Come](#))

CAFOD Appeal: COVID-19

There is little in the UK news about the impact of COVID-19 in Africa and parts of South America & Asia but the WHO is alarmed at acceleration of infections, and has reported in the last few days that it has taken just 18 days for the number of infections in Africa to double.

We know that at the minimum, clean water, soap, protective equipment and help with containment are desperately needed. People are having to choose between going to work (& risking contracting Covid 19) or seeing their families starve - a disaster in the making.

Simon Giarchi (CAFOD Plymouth) writes: “This global emergency requires a global response from our Church. Many Catholic

Bishops around the world have written to Cardinal Vincent Nicholls and the Bishops Conference of England & Wales to ask for our help.

“CAFOD is repurposing its grants to existing partners to help them respond to the crisis but needs considerably more funding to scale up its response.”

PLEASE consider making a donation via the [CAFOD Website](#).

Whose Cake?

Yes it was of course Barbara’s delicious cake, Anne wins for correct answer.



Mass by myself

For a priest to say Mass by himself without anyone else present is strange. It used to be forbidden. The Eucharist makes the Church, it is the gathering of the assembly. The dialogue between priest and the people shows that it is not a private, solitary act.... throughout the Mass, every time I say “the Lord be with you” I am speaking to the parish. The response is more difficult, I say it too. I am united with the people through the body of Christ and speak as one of them.

Mass is not on my own. Through the Mass each day I am united with all in the parish and beyond, praying for those affected by the Coronavirus, medically, financially, socially. We pray for those suffering and that all may be given the grace they need at this time.

(excerpt, from Mgr George Hay)

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Greetings to Fr John and a thank you for sending out his daily email reflection on part of the Office or the Mass
From Francis

Thank you for your dedicated hard work and commitment to producing the Portico; we are enjoying reading it.

We have a large field that goes down to the water. It forms a sort of natural theatre, with 2-3 ways of getting there; so perhaps it could be used for an open air event?

From Evelynne

ED: anyone interested? If so contact **THE PORTICO**

How about the Truro Cricket Club for Open Air Masses? I'm sure we could keep 2 metres apart. *From Sam*

Truro Live Vespers

Monday 15 June at 6pm.

It is easy to join with others in saying Evening Prayers via ZOOM. Write for instructions to Dcn Andrew Shute at andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk

A big Thank You to all our readers and contributors for your support.

More people ask to join the PORTICO distribution list every week - thanks to all, and pass on the news!

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020



(Collage: thanks to Maggie)

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Sunday the 14th June was meant to be a very special day in our parish when 9 of our children were due to make their First Holy Communion. It was to be a day of great celebration with many of the children expecting family and friends (some from abroad) to join and support them.

As we all know, sadly, this is not possible but the children have continued to work hard at learning about the wonderful gift of Jesus in the Eucharist and will be prepared and ready to receive Him once we are able to gather again. Kay and I have been delivering the programme via email and post and we would like to commend the children and their parents for carrying on their preparation at home in what are difficult and challenging times for all families.

Each week we send the families a 'lesson plan' along with the

resources (information sheets, activities for the children, YouTube links, etc) that will help the parents to deliver the week's objective.

On a personal level, Kay and I are very sad not to be meeting the children each week and sharing the more fun part of the preparations with them (eg laying up the church altar as we compare it to a celebration meal at home, re-enacting the Last Supper, as well as the art and crafts activities that we all enjoy).

We also miss our discussions with the children as they always amaze us with their insights - we feel we learn as much from them as they do from us.

So well done to our First Holy Communion families for carrying on in difficult times. Let us pray that it won't be too long before our

Prayers

Dear Lord,
I am thankful for all you have given me,
I am thankful for the food,
I am thankful for my home,
I am thankful for my family and my friends.

But, most of all I am thankful for the love you have given me. Amen.

Natalia

God in heaven,
Thank you for my life and my family.

Please teach me to be good and bless everyone who loves me and you. Amen.

Teresa

Dear God,
Thank you for all the plants and my family that I have.
Thank you for my friends and my pet dog. Amen.

Sophia

Dear Lord,
Look after all the living things.
Help us to care for things.
Teach us to be good so we can care for the planet. Amen.

Hywel

parish family are all able to celebrate as our Holy Communion children receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion.

In the meantime, please keep Delia, Natalia, Maja, Saskia, Lorcan, Teresa, Max, Hywel and Sophia, as well as their families, in your prayers.

(From Nan)

