

THE PORTICO

Parish Soup Lunch



Our last Parish Soup Lunch (pictured above) at Our Lady of the Portal hall was just 4 weeks ago on 28 February but it may feel to some of us like a million years ago! Still, it's something to look forward to when we can meet again in groups of more than two!

Keeping in Touch

Our project to keep our parish in touch in these trying times has got off to a great start.

- Our effort to set up an email distribution list has had a very positive response. There are now more than 70 of us in this network, and several of you have passed the message on, so other parishioners are asking to opt in. Keep them coming!
- We have already "reconnected" some parishioners - isn't it funny how we sometimes take for granted being able to just contact someone at Church, and suddenly find out we don't actually have any concrete contact details?

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Messages

I've been getting daily Mass from Toronto, a daily live Mass and Word on Fire. Amazing what you can find (Ginny)

It is so lovely and quiet as there is limited traffic now on our road. We can thank the Lord for His mercy for that (Maria)

Keep in Touch

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Our Lady of the Portal Church

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FOR INTERESTING
ARTICLES!

- So here is Portico - your Newsletter to help us keep in touch with each other; it is yours to use, so thoughts, questions and other contributions please. We are also printing to drop off to people who are know to us not to have email - maybe you could do the same for someone you know, or tell us and we'll take care of that.

Urbi et Orbi

"When evening had come" (Mk 4:35). The Gospel passage we have just heard begins like this. For weeks now it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are perishing" (v. 38), so we too have realised that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this....."

Pope Francis, [Urbi et Orbi address](#) (excerpt)

Looking Out for Each Other

Several people have written in generously offering their services to any fellow parishioners in isolation, for example to shop or pick up medicines. If you need help of that kind, please contact us (jenny.kwee@me.com or on 07861 292290) and we'll put you in touch.

The Truro SVP group has had to stop visiting for now, but we check on people regularly and chats by phone where possible, making sure that all is ok and running essential errands. Do call or write if you or anyone would welcome keeping in touch this way.

That's all for now, Folks!

Messages

I miss you all and remember you in my prayers (Paul)

We have been tuning in to [Vatican TV](#), mass in Italian! Can't understand much but the language is so relaxing. (From Brendan)

Fr Mark Skelton showed his morning Mass live via his parish Facebook page ([All Saints parish Teignmouth](#)). If you click to follow the page you can see it. He gave a small homily which was lovely. I think he is hoping to do it everyday at 9am. (from Nan)

Fr Anthony is saying Mass at The Holy Trinity church in Newquay at 9:30 streaming on Facebook (from Wendy)

I would recommend the [Word on Fire](#) website and Daily Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's Chapel. It is streamed each day. (from Pat)

Help slow the spread of #COVID19 and identify at risk cases sooner by self-reporting your symptoms daily, even if you feel well. Download the app <https://covid.joinzoe.com/> (From Jean)