

THE PORTICO

First Holy Communion: A Special Day!



Max, Hywel and Teresa, some of the 9 children making their first Holy Communion yesterday.

Nine of our parish children made their First Holy Communion at a special Mass celebrated yesterday (5 December 2020). Although numbers were severely restricted to the children and some family due to the current pandemic, many others were able to join them in spirit through the live-stream.

It was the delayed culmination of a long period of preparation but, as Fr John told the children, it marks not an end but the beginning of a new phase in their relation with God.

Congratulations to children and parents, as well as those who accompanied and helped them through this journey; and we look forward to celebrating this joyous milestone with the children and families in proper communal style when we finally can!

Cornwall Christmas Box:

Thank You!

Thanks to readers for your generosity in providing Christmas day boxed meals. As well as those who are putting together their own boxes, the SVP have had donations for seven more communal boxes that Tony Barber is very kindly putting together - thank you Tony!

Welcome to Cornwall!

Father Jaroslaw Kucharczyk

You will remember Fr Jarek who came to the Parish last Autumn during Fr John's sabbatical. He has now returned as Parish Priest at Camborne /Redruth. We are sure that our readers join us in sending him greetings and a Welcome to Cornwall.

Prayers

Sr Kathleen, RIP



(Sisters Edith & Kathleen, right)

We are sad to report the death of Sr Kathleen who, with Sisters Edith and Flora were so active in our parish life. Sr Kathleen died peacefully last Sunday at the Notre Dame Motherhouse. Before she died, she asked to be remembered in our prayers, and said she was at peace and ready to go.

Helen Whittingham, RIP

Sadly, Helen also died peacefully last Sunday. We will remember her as a reader, as a singer in the Music Group and "for the dry sense of humour she possessed in abundance!"

Prayers also please for Ginny and Jenna, and for all who have to wait for hospital appointments.

Messages

Kay Money sends greetings and best wishes to all her friends in the parish. She is living in

A Precious Place: Update

We understand that here in Truro, a small team is helping Fr John to prepare the way for a parish self-audit, as suggested in Bishop's recent document *A Precious Place*. Meanwhile, in response to readers' suggestions, we have produced a Short Summary of *A Precious Place* to help and stimulate you to examine the longer document. This Short Summary is attached as a supplement to this issue.

Sharing



We were not able to have any Harvest Festival celebrations this year so here is a reminder of one from the past. Fr Gilmour is presiding over an altar decorated with local produce. We called it 'Sharing Sunday' as a reminder that we need to become involved in sharing our wealth not only with those of our local community but also with the wider world. Sharing is especially important today with so many suffering from the effects of the pandemic.

Thanks to Tony

Evening Prayer, LIVE: every Monday at 6pm

Deacon Andrew is hosting Evening Prayer of the Church, by Zoom, on Mondays at 6pm. All welcome, no "experience" necessary!

For the link please email:
andrewshute@predtr.org.uk

Truro Men's Retreat

Undeterred by the pandemic restrictions, the first of two sessions was held last week via ZOOM. It was a small and relaxed coffee lounge style discussion in keeping with the intimate 'spirit of Buckfast sessions'. The discussion on evangelisation was led by Mark, with an interesting copywriter's take on selling our religion.

Bags for the Homeless



Thank You to Truro's own little 'Secret Santas' Lucia and Sophia, Marie and David, Maggie, Hywel, Eve and Iestyn who last week put together these goodies into 'essentials' bags for the homeless in Truro. Well done!!

Friday 11 December 2020 Truro (NOT) Big Christmas Sing



Sadly, the ever popular Big Sing can't be held live this year but will be online. It starts at 7pm on Friday 11th December and you can join in on the [ChristianAidWest facebook](#) page, and on YouTube.

You can donate via the JustGiving page (trurobigsing) [here](#), or send a cheque to: Christian Aid PO Box 100 London SE1 7RL



Bristol near her family,
but she misses Truro.

Greetings, thank-you's
and blessings also from:

Evelyne, Rosemary,
Sam, Mary, Yvonne &
Molly

"That was a particularly
good issue, I thought."

"just what is needed in
these uncertain days"

"You do keep us on our
toes!"

"very useful to have the
links for Mass etc"

PORTICO 27 photo:



Congrats to Mary and
Yvonne who both of
course spotted the give-
away that it was during
Adoration on Friday
morning.

Nature's Thank you NHS



(thanks to Paul)

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