

THE PORTICO



Happy Easter!

To all our Truro family in Christ: wishing you a peaceful, safe and blessed Easter!

This lovely Easter Egg was produced by our 2019 First Holy Communion Group - we hope you enjoy it.

(Thanks to Kay)

Children’s Liturgy at Home

When the closure of the church was announced, like all of us it was a big concern, but my focus was on how to keep the children engaged in their spiritual life. We say our prayers together every day as a family, but community engagement and talking about their faith and learning with other children of the same age is so important. I was worried they would lose that but thankfully, Cafod have filled that gap by providing a weekly Sunday morning children’s liturgy. The liturgy is celebrated online as a webinar with lots of involvement from the children. Singing together, praying together reading the gospel, answering questions and being responded to by the

liturgists has made this a really important part of our new way of worshipping. After the session the children complete an activity sheet that helps us to talk about how we can enact the gospel in our lives. I have been involved in the children’s liturgy in our parish for a number of years, but this has really helped me to keep my young children engaged in the life of our worldwide church community sharing the liturgy with people from around the country and this week even around the world. If you have young children and have not yet taken part, I would wholeheartedly recommend it.

Visit this link to get involved cafod.org.uk/Education/Childrens-liturgy

(from Maggie McWilliams)

Messages

Prayer Requests

- From several readers who have relatives with COVID-19 symptoms
- For all those living alone in anxiety and uncertainty

from Sam:

“it’s great is email. I’m just taking it one day at a time with the lockdown. I’m keeping well, busy and not too bored thank you. And as I’ve heard a lot lately, “We’re all in this together”.

from Paul B:

“It was a pleasure reading the recent newsletter, particularly seeing the picture of Luci Issacson speaking at the Parish Big Breakfast. Seeing the photo in the Portico has inspired me to want to start one up in Bolton - once the lockdown is over of course.”

from Margaret L:

Thank you... especially for the photo of the Easter table. That space in the church is tailor made for suchlike things.

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Please remember



because there are others worse off than us

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Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen. (Cameron Bellim - from John C)

Michael Finn's Crucifix



When you admire the crucifix overlooking the church patio, do you realise that it was designed by a distinguished Cornish artist Michael Finn? Michael was one of the most influential post Second World War generation of artists who engaged in art education. He served as Principal of first Falmouth School of Art, and then the Bath School of Art. He and his wife Cely moved to St Just in Penwith after retirement where he took up his crucifix constructions and paintings full-time thereafter.

Their son, Fr. Richard Finn is a Dominican priest, who first asked

his father to make him a pectoral cross, which turned out to be far too heavy to wear around the neck, it led to a series of crucifixes using mixed media (mainly scraps of wood and other oddments). These were never intended for use outdoors, only inside and for private devotions. Eventually they featured in an exhibition in Truro Cathedral.

Our crucifix started that way. Michael's original was converted into the one we have, using treated hardwood to resist the weather, by a local Cornish cabinet maker. It was originally placed in the panel over the front gates where it never seemed very happy and later moved to its present position. The panel was then occupied by the painting of Our Lady and St Piran, but that's another story.

(from Tony Barber)

Parish Big Breakfast

Our last Portico issue featured a photo of our last Big Breakfast. Paul Barnes, who was of course the prime mover of these events, writes that "seeing the photo made me reflect on how it all started."

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Messages

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from Kay:

- Daily Reflection at pray-as-you-go.org
- [Holy Week in Three Minutes on Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- and [Virtual Stations of the Cross](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) also on Youtube

from Andy:

Virtual Catholic Conference
virtualcatholicconference.com

from Jenny:

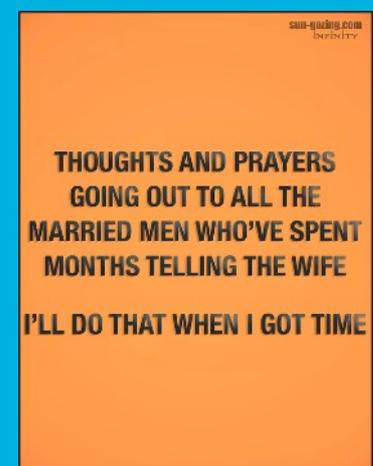
Look out for the wild violets in flower in the banks and hedgerows at the moment - even along main roads you can see clusters as much as a metre square in amongst the brambles and other plants.

from Josianne

Friday at 3pm Christians together are coming out to say the "Our father" together (like clapping for the NHS on Thursdays). (apologies - we did not get this out in time but we can do it anyway!)

From John:

Oh dear!





“A Taste of Christmas” lunch (December 2018) for incoming Syrian families, hosted by our parish, organised jointly by our Truro CAFOD and SVP groups.

David Wells and Fr. Trevor organised the first Men’s Big Breakfast in Plymouth. As the only person from Cornwall to go to it, I came back full of enthusiasm to replicate the event in Truro. Between 2008 and 2015 we had 14 Breakfasts mainly for men but latterly full parish ones.

We had a wide range of speakers including several Bishops, Diocesan staff, lay men, and representatives of other faiths.

(from Paul Barnes)

A Royal Priesthood

A while ago when I was praying for the parish, the following passage came into focus:

‘But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart (belonging to God). that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.’ (1 Peter 2:9-10)

I believe that God wants to reaffirm each of us — and therefore the whole parish — in who we are in Christ, and his word “...But you are a chosen people... (etc)” is a sword he is giving us to free us from any negativity, any lie that we are anything different.

I want to encourage each of us who reads this to take that passage

and declare it out loud first over yourself and believe it and receive it. Even go and speak to yourself in the mirror. This can take discipline and perseverance, at least 63 days, but it will be worth it. By declaring this out you will become what Jesus says of you. This is not just mind games. This is in the bible. It IS how God the Father thinks of you, it IS how Jesus thinks of you and it IS what the Holy Spirit wants to make you. It is the desire of the Holy Trinity and of ALL the saints for you, for me and for the whole parish.

Imagine the parish alive with everyone living the reality of this. Wouldn’t that be amazing.

(from Andy Staynes)

An Easter Chick!



A rare visitor for Easter 🐣 How lucky are we ?!

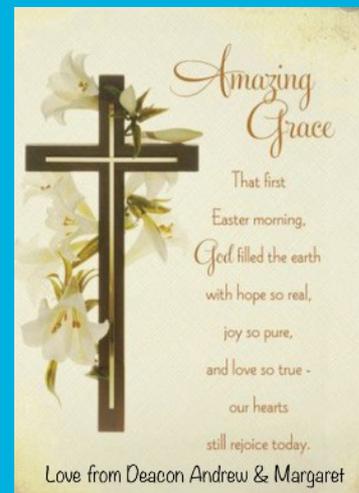
(from Paul & Sue)



Messages

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from Andrew & Margaret:



Wanted:

bits of wood for home hobby woodworking

Offered FREE:

Cotton gloves (new, unused, smallish, washable). More than 24 pairs available!

Let us pray dear friends to God Our Father Almighty, that he may cleanse the world of this harmful virus, banish disease, give health to the sick, strength to our NHS, drive out hunger, and help our food banks give food to the hungry.

Through Christ Our Lord.

(from Andrew Shute)

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