

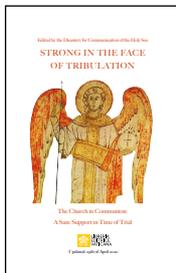
# THE PORTICO



A parish fund-raising soup lunch in support of Lourdes pilgrimages, on 28 April, just a few years ago now! Can you recognise anyone?

## Strong in the Face of Tribulation

This short book just published by the Vatican is subtitled ‘The Church in Communion: A Sure Support in Time of Trial’. It is aimed at us all and to help us “to know how to discern and experience God’s closeness and tenderness in pain, in suffering, in solitude and in fear”.



It contains 3 sections: prayers and rites, guidance documents on the Sacraments during lockdown, and words from Pope Francis given during the present pandemic.

It is well worth your time and is available FREE in full online here: [Strong in the Face of Tribulation](#)

*(Thanks to Nan for this ‘Stop Press’)*

## A Poem

Life is mostly froth and bubble  
Two things stand alone  
Kindness in another's trouble  
Courage in your own

*From Jean Anderson*

## Truro Foodbank

The Foodbank is still operating, but only in Highertown. Over 90% of food distributed comes from public donations, so please don’t forget them while we are in lockdown.

At present, Truro Foodbank is short of items like pasta sauce, instant mash, coffee and tinned foods like spaghetti, custard, rice pudding, potatoes, long-life milk. Donation points at supermarkets are still operating, and All Saints Highertown is also taking delivery of food donations.

## Messages

*Greetings, best wishes and Thank You’s from:*

*Pamela, Andrew, Sam, Francis, Rosemary P, Margaret, Yvonne, Angela, Jean, Will, Gwyn.*

From Jenny: My target - Ring at least 2 people every day, excluding immediate family. This is the mortar that holds us together and keeps me on track.

From Molly: no-one got the right answers to the “Old Money” quiz so no-one gets a box of chocolate till more of you have done your homework and someone gets all the right answers. So get working everyone !! (Sorry to all who submitted answers - better try again!)

## Resources:

[Light a candle:](#)

You can light a virtual prayer candle for your personal intention on this site. See it burning and slowly melting down along with those of many others. Do try it:

[www.svp.org.uk/light-candle/](http://www.svp.org.uk/light-candle/)

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## News from Churches Together in Truro (CTT)

CTT's vision & hope for the future includes two big and exciting initiatives: First, Truro City Council has donated the Moresk Centre to CTT for work with our city's young people. Secondly, Cornwall Council is working with CTT in planning a new ecumenical Church in Langarth. Both projects will require sustained faith and vision from the whole Church community in Truro as they proceed. Please pray for their success.

Meanwhile at All Saints Highertown, Truro Foodbank is working hard in these challenging times to provide food for those in need.

And after the Lockdown CTT's other shared ministries will be even more needed: Street Pastors, Christians Against Poverty, Lanterns and the Agricultural Chaplaincy.

*(From Val Kincaid)*

## The Painting over the Church entrance



In the last issue of THE PORTICO I said I'd tell you about the painting over the Church entrance. Older parishioners may remember the original tiled mosaic of Our Lady. Gradually it became impossible to preserve it, and it was decided to replace it with the Crucifix. That in turn found a better home overlooking the patio. So Fr. Gilmour and I started to look for a local artist (with a Christian perspective) that could do justice to the location. Eventually we found Carole Page Davies from Penzance who was willing to work with us to illustrate the joint dedication to Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran.

The final design shows Our Lady carrying the Christ Child, holding back the curtain covering the entrance to the Lady Chapel inviting us to pass through the Portal. Saint Piran, the patron of tanners, is wearing his flag (which supposedly represents the silver tin flowing out of the black rock) and carrying his miner's pick over his shoulder, his arm resting on a millstone. Legend has it that Saint Piran sailed over from Ireland on a millstone to convert the heathen Cornish; you can read all about it in Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch's book *The Delectable Duchy*. More than likely he came over carrying his altar stone, but we never like the truth to spoil a good story.

*(From Tony Barber)*

### *Live Streaming Masses:*

Listing of various live streams of Mass, Adoration etc with links, can be found here:

[svp.org.uk/well-hope/mass-live-streams](http://svp.org.uk/well-hope/mass-live-streams)

### *Breviario*

IBreviario is an Italian source site, but the prayers are in English. At the foot of the Morning Prayer page is 'I Santi di Oggi' and 'gli altri santi'. Selecting the latter gives a list of saints of the day, in Italian. If you 'open' a Saint you get a biography with an option to translate into English.

So on 20th April, eye openers for me include the post 1945 martyrs in Albania and Ukraine and martyrs in Congo.

*(from Francis)*

Win a Prize!

## *Brainteaser No.2*

I recently went into Mallett's in Truro to buy some widgets. I had a plentiful supply of all the usual coins (i.e. 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2).

I discovered that to buy 1 widget I had to use at least 3 coins. To buy 2 widgets, I had to use at least 4 coins. To buy 3 widgets, I had to use at least 2 coins. How much is each widget?

*(Thanks to Tony)*

Answers by email, phone or whatever please. A box of chocolates for first correct answer, drawn out of a hat.

## Lockdown connections - a bonus for families!

One of the positives of the lockdown for me has been the opportunity to connect with family more closely. Although I miss regularly seeing my mum & dad who, like many grandparents carry out the bulk of my childcare, I find that I am spending much more quality time with my children & speaking to my siblings more regularly through WhatsApp and Skype.

My favourite thing though has been sharing three meals a day with the children and this has become an important part of our daily worship. I hadn't realised how rare this actually was. Even during the holidays and weekends, we were rarely sitting down together for more than our evening meal. Now as we sit, one or other of the children will lead grace before our meal and often this will lead to conversations about how fortunate we are. The main thing I have taken away though has been my youngest teaching us the grace that they say at school - a lovely thing to share as a family.

*I close my eyes  
And softly say  
Thank you for  
My lunch today.*

Look out for us sharing a meal on this weeks CAFOD children's liturgy.

*(From Maggie McWilliams)*

## This is the Time

Pope Francis on how different things are, now that most of the world is in lock down:

“Let us not file it away and go back to where we were.

This is the time to make the decisive step to move from using

## My Special List

I have a list of folks I know all written in a book,  
And every now and then I go and take a look.

That is when I realize these names they are a part,  
not of the book they're written in, but taken from the heart.

For each Name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime,  
and in that meeting they have become the reason and the rhyme.

Although it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,  
I really am composed of each remembered name.

Although you're not aware of any special link,  
just knowing you, has shaped my life more than you could think.

So please don't think my greeting as just a mere routine,  
your name was not forgotten in between.

For when I send a greeting that is addressed to you,  
it is because you're on the list of folks I'm indebted to.

So whether I have known you for many days or few,  
in some ways you have a part in shaping things I do.

I am but a total of many folks I've met,  
you are a friend I would prefer never to forget!

*From Angela Buckley*

and misusing nature to contemplating it.

Humanity must draw lessons from the COVID-19 crisis. It's a time to reconnect with nature.”

*(From Yvonne Banes)*

...And in the same vein, on Divine Mercy Sunday:

“Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind.... May we be profoundly shaken by what is happening all around us: the time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice that is undermining the health of the entire human family!”

*(Pope Francis, 19 April 2020)*

Full text can be found here: [homily on Divine Mercy Sunday](#).



- *How blessed are we, with time enough to love!*

**FINALLY: BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ALL FOR YOUR MESSAGES OF SUPPORT AND HELP - WE ARE NOT ALONE!**



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