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This time last year!



Our May parish tea party, with lots of good company, home-made goodies, and no social distancing – who’s for cucumber sandwiches then?

Hopes and Dreams

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you have tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do.”

St John XXIII.

A Challenge

Imagine during the 2nd year of Jesus's ministry, when many people had begun to follow him, there spread a mystery illness that was killing the population across the land. A plague or pestilence like no other. No-one knew who it would strike next. The best advice was to lock yourself in your houses. With no meetings, no gatherings allowed, what could Jesus do? What would His options be? How would He keep everyone

together? Would God intervene? What would you do?

Just a thought if anyone fancies a challenge!

God Bless, Genevieve

Lock down and open up!

Lessons for lockdown from a Jesuit novice-master: How does Jesuit formation help prepare Jesuits for lockdown?

This online article from the Jesuit site, Pathways to God, could be read as a response to Genevieve’s challenge above! It contains encouraging insights and useful, practical guidance on how we might best respond to our current situation, and is well worth reading.

[Read more here >>](#)

(from Patsy)

Messages

Re the picture on the front of issue 5:

I remember it well, it was a Lourdes Group fundraising event and I think I won a Money Plant in the raffle. I recognise myself at the head of the table, eating with me are Mandy Binney’s Uncle Stan and Auntie Helen, Lindsey Wetherall, Barbara Bramford is facing me, Mary Trengove and John Courtneil are in the background. Those 15 years have really flown! Scary.

Sam

Resources

“Let us be like Christ the Servant” Read Bishop Mark’s [Pastoral Message \(28 April 2020\)](#)

Human Fraternity: In February 2019, Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Egypt’s Al-Azhar Mosque and University celebrated the most heavily attended Mass ever on the Arabian peninsula and signed a [Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together.](#)

(from Peter Cousins)

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The Church Well

If you stand on the left of the church near the central heating grill, you will see in the floor a lid of Cornish slate bearing the inscription FONS MARIAE MATRIS PASTORIS ET AGNI (The well of Mary, mother of the shepherd and the lamb.)



The site of the church was originally that of a house and garden, acquired largely through a financial contribution from Margaret Pollard a parishioner associated with early days of the new church. Before the church was built, Margaret and Faith Godber, were digging up a clump of irises in the garden on the site and discovered the pottery head of a lamb. When the head was removed a spring of water appeared and began to flood the workings. The water was analysed and proved to be pure with a mineral content of a typical Cornish spring. What is curious is that although the site had previously been surveyed, no trace of water had been found.

The well was incorporated into the fabric of the church. To the best of my knowledge the well has not been used as a source of water for many years.

From Tony

Unite against coronavirus

Serious as it is here in Truro, the spread of COVID-19 will be devastating in many countries where CAFOD works, and the threat to people's livelihoods is grave.

We must never forget that we are one global family, united in this struggle. Now is the time to unite in love and compassion. The CAFOD petition asks the UK government to ensure that the most vulnerable and marginalised people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home.

[Sign CAFOD petition here](#)

Live Simply: Refill

The Refill Store in Lemon St Market is the concept of two young mothers, Hannah and Alice, who share a passion for conservation & aim to reduce single use plastic packaging.

Customers can refill their own containers, or use biodegradable packets provided. Products include, cereals, nuts, fruit, spices, tea, coffee, and seasonal treats (e.g., mini Easter eggs) as well as cleaning and body-care products.

All being well, the store re-opens on 9th May. See their Facebook page for details.

(From Yvonne)



Parish Prayer

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people of Truro,
and grant us a new vision of your glory
a new experience of your power
a new faithfulness to your Word
and a new consecration to your service
that your love may grow among us,
and your kingdom come
through Christ our Lord
Amen
St Boniface, Pray for us
Our Lady of the Portal, Pray for us
St Piran, Pray for us

Brain teasers

1: Zoo puzzle.

Allocate all the different kinds of animals and birds to the right enclosures. Difficult?!

(See separate sheet)

2: Change for parking

I got caught in one of these Pay and Display car parks recently without enough change for the meter, so I asked another driver if he could change my £2 coin for me. He looked in his pocket and said: "I'm sorry, I can't do that". I then asked if he could change a £1 coin. He shook his head: "I can't do that either. In fact I can't give you change for 50p, 20p, 10p, 5p or 2p." I said: "Do you have any coins at all". He said: "Oh yes, I have £2.38", and showed me. What coins did he have?

Previous Quiz Answers

Old Money Quiz:

A stone (14 lb) = £14; Bob = 1s; Ape knee (ha'penny) = 1/2d; a half knicker = 10s
Sick squid = £6; Penny farthing = 1 1/4d; Guinea (pig) = £1 1s; Three far things = 3/4d; Pound = £1; Crown = 5s
Tenor = £10; Tanner = 6d

Winners are: Margaret Shute and Yvonne Bane. Congrats & box of Chocs to both!

"Mallet's DIY shopping" quiz:
A widget costs 17p.

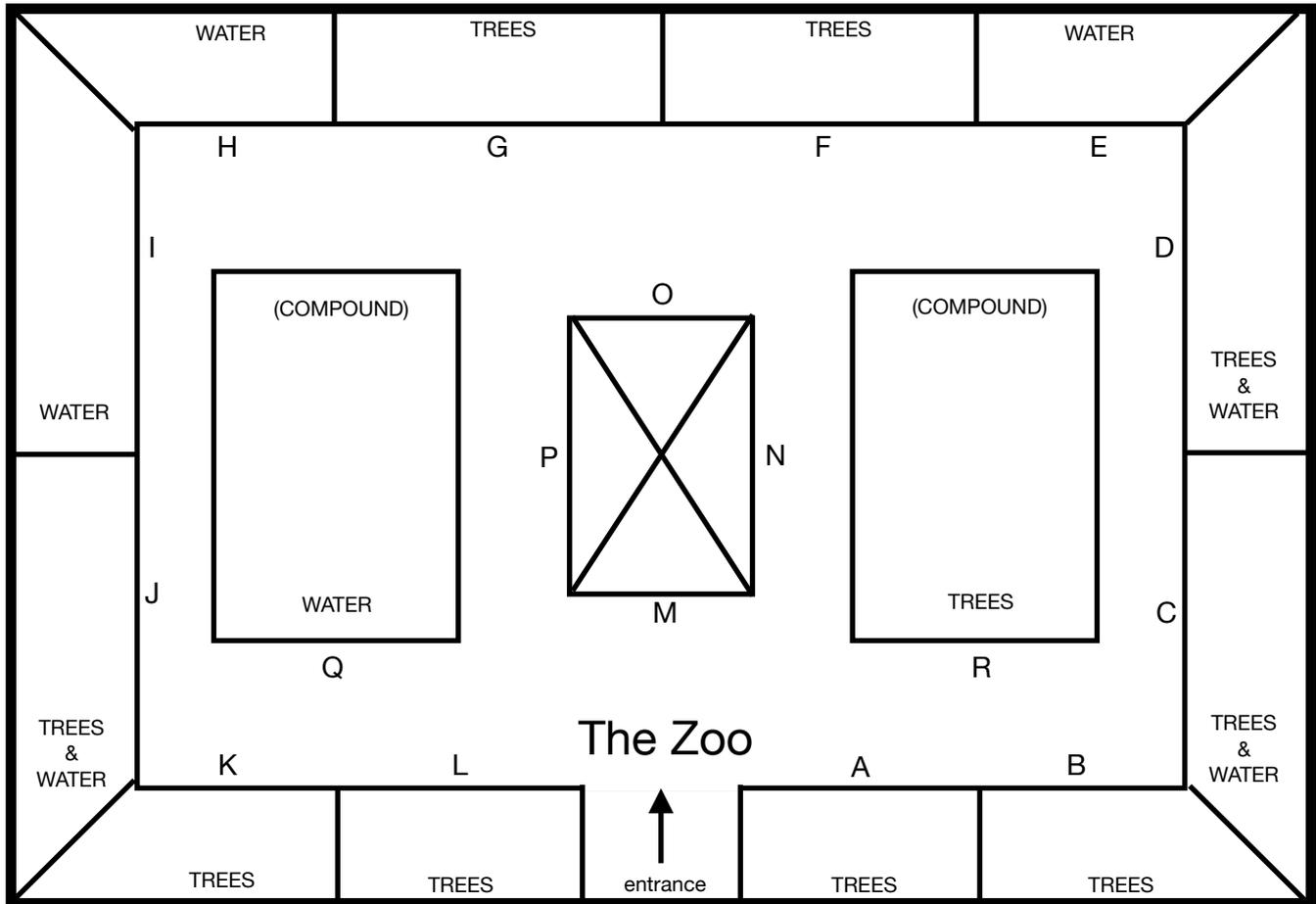
No correct answers received!

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BRAINTEASER: Put the animals in their correct ZOO locations



**Compounds contain 3 types of animals;
Pens contain 1 type of animal.**

1. Lions live nearer to monkeys than to chimpanzees
2. Parrots can see out of the entrance
3. Baboons live between leopards and penguins
4. Snakes live between vultures and eagles
5. Wild boar live between brown bears and chimpanzees
6. Elephants live with antelopes
7. Seals live next to polar bears
8. Eagles cannot see elephants
9. Seals, polar bears, brown bears, penguins, tigers, wild boar, rhinos and elephants need water pools
10. Tigers live between seals and monkeys
11. No 2 members of the monkey family live next to each other
12. Zebras, monkeys, baboons, chimpanzees, brown bears, lions, tigers, leopards, pumas, wild boar and giraffes need trees
13. Camels live with zebras
14. No 2 'cats live in adjoining cages
15. Snakes and birds live in pens but in the same compound

List of animals:

- antelopes
- baboons
- brown bears
- polar bears
- wild boar
- camels
- chimpanzees
- eagles
- elephants
- giraffes
- leopards
- lions
- monkeys
- parrots
- penguins
- pumas
- rhinos
- seals
- snakes
- tigers
- vultures
- zebras

