

# THE PORTICO

## More Lockdown Activities!

Several people have written to say what they have been doing during lockdown. Here are just some:



Desiree's (Paul's Mum) 95th birthday celebration- Congratulations!



Tony & Yvonne's bread & marmalade



Sam's garden



Margaret's cross stitch

## Laudato Si

This past week parishes everywhere have been celebrating the 5th Anniversary of *Laudato Si* - Pope Francis's encyclical on our Common Home and our human family in it, which was acclaimed around the world by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

To celebrate this anniversary, Bishop Mark has published a reflection on 'Our Common Home and Care for the Vulnerable'. Bishop Mark reminds us of the core of Pope Francis' message, saying "This is a call for all of us to look at the earth and all its creatures with the eyes of Jesus."

Bishop Mark says that "For me, *Laudato Si* needs to be read not only as a work of Catholic social teaching, but also as an example of proclaiming our faith anew." Take

a few worthwhile minutes to read Bishop Mark's reflection is [HERE](#) on the Diocesan website. or listen and see on [Youtube](#)

## Truro Foodbank: Update

The Food bank is experiencing a significant increase in customers during the current pandemic, and is asking people to please continue donating food. Readers will be interested to know that between the Truro SVP and other private donations, our local Catholic community has donated almost £500 to the Truro Foodbank during this crisis so far. This was made possible in part because local SVP groups have been allowed in the present pandemic to make donations from our funds to local Foodbanks.

## Messages

### Requests for Prayers

for my cousin Marion who has tested positive for Coronavirus (from Angela)

for my mum who continues to be unwell, she has been in hospital and was slowly improving after antibiotics, scans, treatment etc it, but has worsened this week. (from Wendy xxxx)

Landevennec is of course in Brittany, not Normandy (PORTICO 7). There are several live-screened times of prayer from the Abbey each day. (from Pam)

### Best Wishes, Blessings & Thanks

from Angela, Rosemary, Francis and Mary, Nan, Val, Jane, Pam, Wendy

"How time flies week 8 of lock down!!!

"I am especially enjoying Tony's interesting articles about the history of the church and our town. "

"I think the Holy Spirit is somehow hidden in the page too."

*continued*

## Shop & Drop

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or call Jenny on  
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For help or a chat



because  
we are one world



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## Keep in Touch

To join our mailing list  
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## Truro Men's Retreat



some of our retreatants

The Truro Men's Retreat at Buckfast Abbey is a special and perhaps unique experience for its participants. During the retreat, the men are made welcome by Bro Daniel the guest-master and the other Benedictine monks to share their prayers, holy mass, meals and spaces, providing a strong monastic rhythm and flavour to this event.

The programme includes relaxed, informal group sessions that span individual topics as well as reviews of the period since the last retreat and a look forward, interspersed with periods for solitary reflection and prayer. The retreat ends with the Conventual Mass on Sunday before a final lunch and coffee with the Abbot and the monks.

This annual weekend event celebrated its tenth anniversary last November. The group wondered if we might have outstayed our welcome after such a time but were assured that, on the contrary, our retreat is regarded as a valued institution, and that the monks could wish that more would follow our example.

## Vigil Mass for Ascension

In celebration of *Laudato Si's* 5th Anniversary by CAFOD Chair of Trustees Bishop John Arnold, a Vigil Mass was streamed online and joined in solidarity and prayer by the CAFOD family of workers, supporters and volunteers everywhere including several of us here in Truro. Bishop John puts us in the place of the apostles after the Ascension, asking each other "what do we do now?" He suggests an answer that might have provided "the foundation to discern every decision that they were making" at the dawn of our Church, as well as the guiding principle behind *Laudato Si* and the challenge each of us faces today. Find out more: video of the Mass can be found [here](#).

## Photo Quiz:

This feature is located in Truro town centre: where can it be approached or seen from?



## Evening Prayers Live

**Every Monday at 6pm.**

Live Evening Prayers was successfully trialled last Monday, and it was an obvious pleasure for long-separated people to be able to meet and greet each other face-to-face again, even if only on screen.

If you wish to join with others in saying Evening Prayers via ZOOM, write for instructions to

Den Andrew Shute at [andrew.shute@predtr.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shute@predtr.org.uk).

## A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, ....

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. *(Prayer excerpt, from Laudato Si)*

" lovely to keep in touch with the going ons of parish friends."

*"After the flood"*

- more readers' thoughts

"Obviously spiritual groups are very important but sometimes we just need to connect with each other, so anything that brings the parish together socially is a good thing. "

"encourage and support families who in 'normal' times leading busy and stressful lives, meeting them where they are rather than where we think they should be."

## Reflection

*"Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence, that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them.*

*He has guided and guarded you thus far in this life. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms... Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all useless thoughts, all vain dreads and all anxious imaginations."* (unknown)

I was thinking about how to make the best use of our time in this extended 'holiday period' and the fact that God made time for us, He created us and put us in time.

I'd like to return the gift and give some time to God

from Genevieve



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