

# THE PORTICO

A Start-of Lent edition

## “Lent : a time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love.”

### Pope Francis’ Message for Lent:

Pope Francis focuses on the three virtues in his Lenten message for 2021, inviting the faithful to “renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.”

In these fragile and uncertain times, “Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God.”

He also reminds us that “To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic.” and so invites us to “speak words of reassurance, and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.”

Experiencing Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, will help us individually and as community “to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.”

Full text [Here](#)

## Celebrating Ash Wednesday

Cardinal Vincent Nichols this week suggests “celebrate Ash Wednesday at home, with your family, in the household or support bubble”. He observes that “Receiving ashes is an outward sign of an inner step, a movement of the heart towards our beloved Lord. This year I invite you to concentrate much more on this inner, spiritual movement than on its outward manifestation in the imposition of ashes.”

He urges us “to bless each other by making the sign of the cross on each other’s forehead, using one of the traditional blessings (e.g. *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*).



Spend some time praying in a way that you know. Make this a prayer of your heart for God’s mercy upon this world.”

Open your hearts to the gift of God’s presence to support, comfort and strengthen you. This year, it may be best to do this, not by going to church, but by sharing the prayer, the blessing and this moment of dedication within the love of your family and friends.”

from [The Tablet](#), 11 February 2021

## Deacon Leo Pilley, RIP

Please pray for Deacon Leo who passed away last week in St Ives

## Messages

Greetings, thanks and blessings from:

David R, Sam, Richard F, Angela and Andrew

“I liked The Garden of Your Daily Life; it was really inventive.” *Sam*



a frosty morning walk Brrrrr...  
(*Paul V*)

## Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday, we pray for an end to prejudice and racial inequality. May we live in harmony with those we meet who are from different countries and cultures, for God created us as brothers and sisters, on whom he equally bestows his love and compassion. (*Mary B*)

## The Sixteen in concert

Monday 15th February at 7.30

Concert will be broadcast free to watch at [Wigmore Hall](#).



needs tinned fruit,  
packets of rice and  
toilet rolls



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Our family in Christ  
helping each other  
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### Need help getting online?

If anyone needs any help going online, using ZOOM or finding an online mass etc, SVP Truro can help

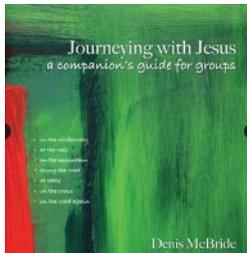
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**LENTEN COURSES:**

**Journeying with Jesus**  
Truro Parish

**Mondays @6pm (ZOOM)**  
from 22 February, 7 sessions.



Follow this lenten course, written by Redemptorist priest Fr Denis McBride, and led by Deacon Andrew Shute. There will be 7 sessions.

Information: [Deacon Andrew](#)

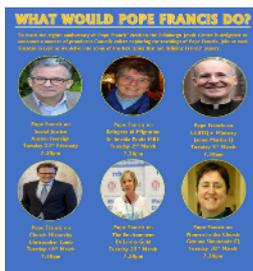
**Stations of the Cross**  
for Children



Download free from the [Loyola Press](#)

**What would Pope Francis do?**  
(Edinburgh Jesuit Centre)

**Tuesdays at 7:30 - 8:30 (ZOOM)**  
from 23 February, 6 sessions.



Six prominent Catholic voices including

Austen Iveigh (Social Justice), Sr Imelda Poole (Migrants), Fr James Martin (LGBTQ), Christopher Lamb (Church Hierarchy), Dr Lorna Gold (the Environment), Gemma Simmonds (Women in the Church)

No booking needed. Information and links: [Edinburgh Jesuit Centre](#)

**Time to be Slow**

*(John O' Donohue)*

This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.

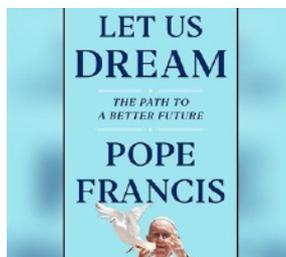
Try as best as you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning

*(thanks to Antoinette)*

**Let us Dream**  
(Salford Diocese)

**Wednesdays @7pm-8:30pm (ZOOM)**  
from 24 February 6 sessions



Explore Pope Francis' book, Let us Dream, with the assistance of Austen Iveigh, who worked closely with Pope Francis on the book.

The course starts with an Introductory presentation by Austen followed by sessions to explore the book in five sections, again with an opening reflection from Austen, time to share our thoughts, ask questions and deepen our understanding of the Lord's call to us, to our Church and world through the teaching of Pope Francis

Book direct with [Salford Diocese](#)



**Walk For Water**

“All of us have a responsibility for the wounded , those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth. Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan.”

*(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti)*

Please join CAFOD's Walk for Water challenge this Lent

We can't all walk 10 kilometres a day, or even 10,000 steps a day so just set your own target for what you can achieve and ask friends and family to sponsor your efforts in the 40 days of Lent OR take part in a one day sponsored walk of 5 miles or 10,000 steps on 20th February

Sign up at [CAFOD here](#)

**A Truro Quiz**

1. What are John and Richard Lander famous for?
2. Who built Walsingham Place (clue: a road in Truro is named after one of the two men)?
3. What was the Truro Coinage Hall built for?

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