

THE PORTICO

Sunday - it is our Day



The CBCEW issue statement on resumption of worship after lockdown

The Bishops of England & Wales, in their [statement](#) on 15th July accompanying their latest [COVID-19 guidance](#), say that Churches may now open for prayer and worship without the whole raft of pandemic restrictions (e.g. stewards, one way systems etc), but advise caution.

They recognise that, mindful of the certain fact that the virus is still with us, it is not possible for us all to resume Sunday Mass attendance. They hope “that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021.” In the meantime, we are asked to do our best to participate in Sunday Mass and “to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.”

Here in Truro, cautious social distancing, mask wearing and booking places at Mass are still in force for the time being though the taking of Holy Communion to the housebound and those in care homes is gradually being restored.

Name this place?

Can anyone tell us the name of the building in the background of this photograph? A pat on the back to anyone who can and thanks to Paul Vage for the beautiful image!



RIP

Stella McDermott

We were sad to hear of the death of Fr Gilmour's mother, Stella, this week. We understand that she passed away peacefully, with her family and the nuns by her side. Please pray for Stella and her family. Many readers will remember her from her visits to Truro when Fr Gilmour was our Parish Priest.

Messages

"Greetings to everyone. I had the real pleasure of meeting some of you last weekend on my first visit to Truro for a long while. It was great to see you and be welcomed. On the Sunday I went to mass in Falmouth and met other people I knew including two nuns who broke all the rules by kissing me at the end of Mass 🥰😊 It was lovely to see and hear Fr. Brian your Dean. Hope you will all be back to normal soon. God bless " *Paul Barnes*

I would like to wish Andrew and Margaret a happy anniversary.

Sam

Community Fridge

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Sad Goodbye to the Music Group

After 30 years' involvement in providing music at Mass in Truro, Gill Cousins has decided to stand down and consequently, the Music Group in its current form will be no more.

For many years now, ably assisted by Molly, Gill has led the Music Group and planned the hymns and



Some of the Music Group stalwarts, though no Gill!

Mass settings for each season of the church year, attending courses to keep up with changes, organising rehearsals and much much more.

Our heartfelt thanks to Gill and Molly and all who have sung and played with the Music Group, contributing so much to Sunday morning Mass in our church over the years.

Truro Street Pastors - New volunteers needed!!

Truro Street Pastors are part of a well organised, fully insured ministry that started in 2003 in Lambeth, London, and is now present in hundreds of towns and cities across the UK. Wherever they are present, crime rates fall, and for this reason many police forces have asked local churches to start Street Pastor groups.



We launched in Truro in 2010 after a request for help by the local police inspector, and have trained volunteers from many different churches and denominations across the City. The service is almost entirely funded by an annual grant from the City Council and is a unique affirmation from the secular

authorities of the practical difference that Christian 'Agape' love can make in the world.

Street Pastors go out onto the streets – generally on Saturday nights – to care for people who find themselves in difficulty or vulnerable for reasons such as alcohol consumption, drugs use, mental health problems, homelessness etc. while Prayer Pastors remain back at base, praying for those who need help and for the Pastors out on the streets trying to help them.

TRURO STREET PASTORS are inviting members of the churches in Truro to consider taking part in this excellent work by becoming Street Pastors, and Prayer Pastors. New Trustees are also needed.

See the article on The Portico website for more information,; or contact Val Kincaid at vrkincaid@gmail.com or on 07884-976434.

Thank you for your interesting newsletter. It was good to read about Mary Bradley. She was very helpful to me when a friend died in Falmouth. I do admire her. Good to read about Andrew and Margaret. Send my best wishes. *Angela*

Thank you very much for all your hard work on the Portico. Issue 45 was very interesting to me because of the Pope's Motus Proprio which you linked, enabling me to read it quickly without having to search. The very subject came up in the daily Catechism group I follow. *Evelyne.*

Called to Mission: correction

Editorial Note: In the supplement to Issue 45 we incorrectly referred to Mary Bradley as a "Lay Assistant" of the Medical Missionaries of Mary when we should have said "Lay Associate". Apologies for this mistake.

Not quite a crumble — yet!



Early ripening blackberries tempting us to think of autumn fruit crumble already

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