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“Honouring Sunday”



Readers will have recently noticed that Our Lady of the Portal has opened her gates to the street — a truly welcome sight, visually announcing to the world that the church is indeed ‘open for business’! In the same vein, and with Advent and the new liturgical year about to commence, the Bishops have issued a Statement in which they ask us to review the patterns of behaviour that we have formed these past months during the pandemic, regarding Sunday mass attendance.

While acknowledging that the pandemic is not over, we are encouraged to call to mind how our Lord Jesus invites us to receive anew the gift of Sunday as the pre-eminent day, when we gather together to offer our thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrate the Eucharist; how the Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on. [Full Statement here](#)

COP26 and beyond

Tuesday 23 November @ 7pm, via ZOOM

Dr Lorna Gold, chair of the *Laudato Si* Movement, discusses ways in which faith communities can be catalysts for change. This postponed session may be of added interest, coming as it now does after the COP26 conference has ended.

Join in on [ZOOM here](#) or on facebook (Edinburgh Jesuit Centre page)



Sunday Evening Bedtime Prayers

Attention all Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandads!!

Sadly, the CAFOD Children’s Liturgy on Sundays online sessions over these last months have now come to an end.

However, the liturgy team are planning to follow up with a new initiative **Sunday Evening Bedtime Prayers** probably on a monthly basis. Whether or not you’ve managed to follow the last series, there’s a chance to [register an interest in their Bedtime Prayers here](#)

Messages

New Faces!

Mass-goers will have spotted some new faces in the pews recently. We are sure our readers join us in welcoming Anthony, as well as Jonathan and Delia who have moved into Truro in recent months.

Please Pray for...

The 16 crew members who have been without food since the vessel owners stopped supplies last week. They are owed wages for the last 8 months so are very worried about their families at home.

Read about them here at stellamaris.org.uk

Parish Listening: Redruth

Just to share, we in Redruth plan to use the structure we've been sent, with four meetings starting Tuesday next but instead of the Scripture readings suggested on the sheet, we will use Luke 24:13-27 the Road to Emmaus, plus the 1st four verses of Acts 2 (day of Pentecost), moving hopefully to the life in the Spirit. Francis

Monday Evening Prayer:

via ZOOM on Mondays at 6pm.
Contact Deacon [Andrew Shute](#) for joining instructions.

Reflections on “Behind the Global Synod”

Val Kincaid shares her personal response to the recent online talk and discussion with Austen Ivereigh, hosted by the Diocese. The event was very well received by the audience of almost 150, in which Truro was very well represented.



A recording of the event can be found on Youtube [here](#)

The call to be a Synodal Church may seem beyond our reach but the wonderful news is that it invites all of us to participate on the journey.

SPEAK UP SPEAK OUT At parish level all are encouraged to share how they would like to see the future Church. No voice has less weight than any other and the laity are asked to give voice equal to that of the Clerics.

DON'T SHOUT This conversation should be a communion of voices. It should not be a talking shop and it should not be place to pressure personal or group opinions and agendas. An exchange of gifts should be at the heart of this dialogue.

LISTEN Mutual listening should put shape to what is produced as our vision of how we want to see the Church of the future. A Church that is prepared to change in order to be effective in the challenging world of today.

INSIDE OUT Becoming more effective missionary disciples in our neighbourhood, parish and beyond to the ends of the earth, is a call with a promise “That He will be with us” This Christian call is seen by the Bishop of Rome to go beyond the Roman Catholic Church. Ecumenism is a huge challenge from which we should not turn away.

HOLY SPIRIT ANOINTING Above all, the need to rely on the Holy Spirit to anoint and teach us new and surprising things is essential. In this journey through time and space our collaboration in our diversities will not succeed without His power, to bring us to unity. Gathering in the Holy Spirit will make this journey dynamic.

Val Kincaid

Synod Watch

- Because not all will be able or want to attend parish-organised events, the Diocese welcomes use of parish resources individually or with others at times to suit; [Parish resources are here](#).
- The Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) has published a video: “Explaining the Synod Process” on [Youtube here](#)

For the latest news, features, all back issues and supplements and a Synod resources page, visit www.the-portico.com



3 December 2021 at 7:30pm in Truro Cathedral

Congregational carol singing plus songs from Cornwall Junior Choir and Truro Methodist Church Choir.

All welcome to this joyful FREE event. Retiring collection in aid of Christian Aid's Christmas South Sudan Appeal



Shopping List and drop-off points are on the website [here](#).

We can make up parish boxes: still time to donate to communal boxes via the Church office by 30 November.



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