

THE PORTICO



Readers' New Year Greetings!

Dn. Andrew & Margaret: wishing you a very happy and peaceful New Year

Evelyne: just a big happy new year to everyone

Gill and John: best wishes to all our friends for a healthy, happy and peaceful new year

Ginny: Happy New Year everyone .Thank you so much for the Portico. There is always so much brilliant content in it.

Jean: I'd like to wish everyone courage and fortitude in the New Year to come!

Margaret Langley: short and simple..... Happy, peaceful and safe 2022. May God bless us all.

Mary B: *“May the Lord bless you and take care of you
May the Lord be kind and gracious to you
May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace”*

Molly: Happy New Year to all my friends at the church and many thanks for keeping us in touch. As for many reasons I am fairly restricted to having to stay at home, I miss you all a great deal and the Portico is a real bonus. Thank you.

Nan Lowe: Sending everyone in our parish best wishes for a very Happy New Year with prayers that our church life will start to become more 'normal' in the not-too-distant future. Looking forward to when we can all see more of each other in person. (Thank you for keeping us all in touch and supplying us with lots of interesting information.)

Pat Roberts: would like to thank everyone for the cards and presents she received for Christmas.

Genevieve: Many thanks and a Happy New Year.

Patsy Stevens: Hello and Happy New Year to those who remember me

Tony Barber: Let us dare to dream, along with Pope Francis, that 2022 will see a serious start to the restoration and protection of the natural world. I pray that there will be an end to the Covid crisis and that peace will come to our Community and Church.

Yvonne and Tony: Wishing you all a holy, healthy and happy new Year. And many thanks to 'the Portico', as well as to Fr John, Dc Andrew, Rosemary and all the other amazing parish doers and helpers, with our love

Jenny & Peter: wishing all of you a Joyful year ahead, and many thanks for all your support!



Events

A Future for the Church: The Synod 2021 -2023

Tuesday 18th January 7.30pm.

Join Fr Adrian Porter SJ, new Director of the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre, and explore what the Synod means for the church.

[Click here for the zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 236 509 2814

or view on Facebook live by typing Edinburgh Jesuit Centre into Facebook

Welcome The Stranger

Tuesday 8th February 2022.

All are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery, with guest speakers from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Brigid McEleney- Smith from Companions, Sidmouth who will talk about community sponsorship. This free online Zoom event is from 5-6 pm.

To register: email caritas@prcdtr.org



Late night Christmas shoppers in Boscawen Street, Truro - photo for Margaret, who misses being able to see the bright lights of town!

Truro and the world!

Tucked away as we are in a tiny corner of Britain, it may be difficult sometimes to remember Tharuvaikulam, in far away India. However, readers may be interested to know that the St Nicholas SVP group there is twinned with our Truro SVP group which just sent its annual gift to support the work in St Nicholas parish. So although the pandemic continues to restrict activities here, our local SVP group, through our readers' past generosity, is still able to give much-needed help to fellow members elsewhere.

Pope Francis: on Humility

“The humble are those who are concerned not simply with the past, but also with the future, since they know how to look ahead, to spread their branches, remembering the past with gratitude. The humble give life, attract others and push onwards towards the unknown that lies ahead.”

In his Christmas address to the Roman Curia, Pope Francis warned against the temptation of

“spiritual worldliness” if we focus on “our role, the liturgy, doctrine, and religious devotion.” leaving no time for service or our true mission.

Humility, on the other hand, means “inhabiting” our humanity with “realism, joy, and hope”, while looking on our poverty with the love and tenderness of Jesus.

’Twas the night before Christmas (almost!)”



A small group of rough sleepers camped out in Moorfields car park in Truro were served an eviction notice on 22 December - to vacate the next day.

Truro Street Pastors thoughtfully liaised with local police and ran an extra street patrol, to check on this and other groups known to be sleeping rough, to make sure that no one would be in immediate distress over Christmas.

Evening Prayer.

Join Dcn Andrew for evening prayers, Mondays at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

Here is the link

For further info e-mail: andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk



SVP Truro Group

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A New Year Prayer

Lord, You make all things new.

You bring hope alive in our hearts

and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this New Year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame.

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God.

And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen.

Fr Denis McBride (thanks to Andrew)

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