

THE PORTICO

A Time of Change



Bishop Mark at his ordination as Bishop of Plymouth, 2014

Bishop Mark has been appointed by Pope Francis to be the Archbishop of Cardiff, the Vatican announced last Wednesday 27 April. We are sure that our readers, along with many others in Plymouth Diocese, wish him well and will pray for his success in his new role. A Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Mark will be celebrated at Plymouth Cathedral on Monday, 30 May, at 12 noon. He will be installed in his new post at Cardiff Cathedral on 20 June.

In Truro as with the rest of the Diocese, it is a time of uncertainty for us, as no successor to Bishop Mark has yet been announced. We understand that when Bishop Mark is installed in Cardiff, the Cathedral Chapter of Canons will meet to elect a priest to be our Diocesan Administrator until a new Bishop of Plymouth is appointed by the Holy Father.

Meanwhile, we are asked to pray that the Holy Spirit will both guide all those involved in the process of appointing our new Bishop, and will give the chosen successor the grace and courage to undertake this ministry.

TCRS Quiz Night

7 May at 7pm, All Saints Highertown

The Truro Refugee Support group is holding a Quiz Night to raise funds and support



for a Community-supported refugee family to be hosted in Truro.

Contact [Chris](#) on 01872-274127 if you can raise a team 2-6)

Reg Lomas, RIP

Reg died peacefully in the early hours of Sunday 1st May with his daughter Caroline beside him.

Attending the original church on Chapel Hill, Reg and his wife Gwen saw the project to provide a new church for Truro's Catholic community come to fruition in our current church buildings.

A seaman in the Merchant Navy during the WW2, he travelled all over the world bringing much needed supplies back to the UK.

Please pray for Reg, and for all his family and friends.

Messages

Thanks for the Easter edition of The Portico. Interesting and thought-provoking as always.

Beautiful singing of the Agnus Dei - a 5 minute video you might like to watch - [Ukrainian Choir Sings 'Agnus Dei' - YouTube](#). thanks to Deacon Andrew for this link.

Pastoral Renewal Exchange

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At Home!



After a long Covid interregnum and the recent season of Lent, it is great to see the gradual return of at-home gatherings, reminding us of Pope Francis' call for us to make parishes *"the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters"* (John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*)

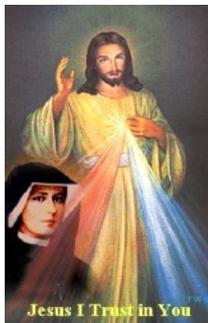
Last week, a dozen or more parishioners enjoyed an impromptu gathering for a simple lunch after Easter, scattered in a couple of rooms. Eagle-eyed readers might spot that men-folk are conspicuously absent, having beaten a strategic retreat into a quieter room!

Send us news and pics of your own at-home events!

Divine Mercy Sunday

A group of parishioners gathered in Our Lady of the Portal Church on the

afternoon of 24th April to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by the following the lead of St Faustina ([read more...](#))



restore dignity to the excluded and protect nature, in the spirit of integral ecology.

Readers are invited to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to create a new kind of solidarity, by [registering for this event here](#)

Ukraine Host Family Meet-up

A non-denominational meeting was held at Truro Methodist Church on 27th April to support the Cornish community in helping Ukrainian Refugees and their hosts. Five refugees from Ukraine were actually at the event which was attended by almost 100 people, including some half-dozen parishioners from Our Lady of the Portal.

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SVP Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection for the SVP at Our Lady of the Portal after Sunday Masses on 14th & 15th May.

This is the first collection for the SVP for 3 years so whatever cash you can spare will be most gratefully received in these increasingly difficult times

Diary Dates

TCRS Quiz Night

7 May, 7pm: All Saints Highertown

Remember Our Child

May 8, 2pm: Truro Cathedral

Truro Mayor's Charity Day

May 14: Truro Lemon Quay

Forest Church: Worshipping in Creation

May 15, 3pm: Tregonigge Woods Falmouth

Christian Aid Book Sale

17-22 May: Falmouth

CARITAS: Caring for Creation

24 May online event

More details to come, or contact THE PORTICO for info



SVP Truro Group

For a friend in need

Call us on 07474-941099 for help, a chat, or to join.

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