

THE PORTICO

Pandemic? What Pandemic ...?



Truro Farmer's market on this Saturday morning: as shoppers and visitors flocked in large numbers to downtown Truro this weekend, it might well have seemed that the past 16+ weeks have all been a bad dream. Face masks are few and far between, and there is perhaps less evidence of social distancing than some might feel comfortable with.

In contrast, Mass-goers finally returning to Our Lady of the Portal were sensibly mindful that all is not yet over, kept well separated by clearly demarcated areas and traffic systems.



(quiet moments, after morning mass)

Close Encounters ...

It is sometimes difficult to come face to face with real, immediate need - the homeless and hungry or indeed any friend in need.

Maybe it's because we can feel so helpless, or because we are uncertain what the 'right answers' are.

(continued over...)

Messages

Thanks, best wishes & Blessings from:

Sam, Wyn, Rosemary,
Mary, Paul, Jean, Angela

Congratulations to Vincent and Jen Barnes on their new baby girl, Carmella Alba! She joins 4 year old Hector, and all are well.

So good the church has reopened and Mass is now available to us.
(Angela)



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The Caritas Plymouth page on the Diocesan website has a useful resource, giving advice and practical guidance on direct encounters with the homeless.

Compiled in collaboration with St Petroc's Society, it can be found [here](#) →

Pope Francis in his usual fashion offers a simple and direct rule of thumb:

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works."

Here in Truro, through the SVP, we can all do as Pope Francis urges us to do, as an expression of the familial love of all in our community. Please contact the SVP Truro group via jenny.kwee@me.com for information or to join.

Live-streamed Mass

Celebrated by Bishop John Arnold

[Salford Cathedral](#) found here →

Thoughts from the Lady Chapel

Mary on your granite pillar,
firmly set on Cornish ground,
nurturing your royal baby
with warm milk from your breast.

In the light from Jesse's window,
can you see his kin in Jesus' face,
and can you see what suffering
will befall that helpless child?

Can you find time to pray for us
now that babe needs all your care?
Surely when he's had his fill, he'll sleep
and for a while you'll listen to our
pleas.

(Tony Barber)



Pope Francis
@Pontifex

On the Day of Judgment we will not be judged for our ideas, but for the compassion we have shown to others.

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7pm on Wednesday 22 July 2020
for Deceased Catenians



The Offering (an excerpt)

Once upon a time men took into your temple the first fruits of their harvests, the flower of their flocks. But the offering you really want, the offering you mysteriously need every day to appease your hunger, to slake your thirst is nothing less than the growth of the world borne ever onwards in the stream of universal becoming.

Receive, O Lord, this all-embracing host which your whole creation, moved by your magnetism, offers you at this dawn of a new day.

This bread, our toil, is of itself, I know, but an immense fragmentation; this wine, our pain, is no more, I know, than a draught that dissolves. Yet in the very depths of this formless mass you have implanted — and this I am sure of, for I sense it — a desire, irresistible, hallowing, which makes us cry out, believer and unbeliever alike:

'Lord, make us one.'

(from *Mass on the World* by P. Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.)

How interesting to see Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran Catholic Church, Paul Vage did very well to find a photograph of it being built. The drawing of how the church could look was good too. (Sam)

In Bolton we are not quite ready to have mass yet but this week we opened for private quiet prayer. At least a step in the right direction. (Paul)

Truro has been a beacon these last weeks between Fr-John's messages and the Portico. (Francis)

Thank you for sending out Portico, I'm interested in the history of the parish, also what's happening at the moment

It is super to read all about past events, when life is difficult at the moment and we don't have the 'social' connections through the church. (Mary)

Evening Prayers

6pm on Monday 20 July 2020.

Contact Dcn Andrew Shute at andrew.Shute@predtr.org.uk for joining instructions.

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