

# THE PORTICO



Christ has risen! Our Easter Sunday Garden in 2015. Enjoy.

## *In Such An Hour (by Fay Inchfawn)*

Sometimes, when everything goes wrong;  
When days are short and nights are long;  
When wash-day brings so dull a sky  
That not a single thing will dry.  
And when the kitchen chimney smokes,  
And when there's naught so 'queer' as folks!  
When friends deplore my faded youth,  
And when the baby cuts a tooth.  
When John, the baby last but one,  
Clings round my skirts till day is done;  
And fat, good-tempered Jane is glum,  
And butcher's man forgets to come,  
Sometimes I say on days like these,  
I get a sudden gleam of bliss.  
Not on some sunny day of ease,  
He'll come.....but on a day like this!

I came across this poem when I was reading the Commentary by William Barclay on today's gospel (The Road to Emmaeus), I thought it was very telling and down to earth. "It is not only at the communion table we can be with Christ; we can be with him at the dinner table too".

(From Genevieve)

## Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Faustina recounted being spiritually transported by the Lord in order to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the bedside of a dying man she did not know. We too can spiritually place ourselves, in the days ahead, beside one of the many unfortunate men and women who are dying alone all over the world because of the virus.

In praying the Chaplet for the dying, let us petition Jesus to enfold them in His Merciful Love in their final hours and grant them the experience of His consoling presence before they take their leave of this life.

(From Andrew)

## Messages

Happy Easter wishes and Thank You's from lots including Jo, Kay, Sam, Liz, John, Paul, Nan, Pam, Lynette, Janet, and Margaret.

(From Sam)

The Parish Big Breakfasts were very successful to last so long; started January 2006 (not 2008 as reported in last Portico) finished September 2015. My mouth is watering just thinking about them.

(From Peter)

I recently called an old friend on impulse, and it turned out I was the first person she had spoken to in over a week. Call a different person a day!

From Jenny)

God's presence is everywhere and the risen Christ is not limited by space. In the Didache, a first century new disciples' guide, it says "Wherever the things of the Lord are spoken about, there the Lord is present."

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### The closing prayer from the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.*

The full Novena can be found on [praymorenovenas.com](http://praymorenovenas.com)

## First Holy Communion



I thought people would like to know that we are carrying on with the First Holy Communion programme via email and post. We would appreciate everyone's prayers as obviously it is not an ideal way to carry on with the programme but means that the children are still receiving instruction so that when this time has passed, they will be in a position to carry on as before and make their First Holy Communion. Thankfully they did all receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the lockdown and have all been working very hard since September.

(From Nan)

## Local Shopping etc

Pharmacists and most of the convenience stores in and around Truro are still open and some are providing a delivery service. This certainly is the case for the Spar

shop on Tresawls Road Truro (01872 262366).

If your taste runs to more exotic vegetables, spices and other produce, Mustafa's shop (opposite Burger King) is open.

The Shortlanesend Store (01872 275102) is operating an appointments only service for the Post Office and a local delivery service only for other goods.

For other goods, Wilko is still open, and Malletts (01872 274441) are offering a Call and collect service.

The Cornish Food Box has had to stop taking orders from new customers for now, but watch this space!

Thanks to readers who wrote in. If you have any tips or information on local shopping, do share it by letting us know!

## Shop & Drop

If you need anything from such local shops or indeed, a bigger supermarket shop, we have set up a quick and simple "shop and drop" system in partnership with the SVP, that covers ordering, delivery and payment to respond to your personal circumstances.

Most people have up to now coped well with their shopping, and it's almost the only excuse we have to get out and about. But if your situation changes now that

lockdown has been extended, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at The Portico.

Win Prize!

## Old Money Quiz:

Here is a quiz donated by Molly. Try it! As an added incentive, we are providing a wonderful prize (well, a box of chocolates!) for the clever person who submits a complete correct answer (a draw will be made if more than one correct answer is received)

The first clue has been completed for you, to show you what to do. Find the name of various old money denominations of coins / slang names for amounts of money to fill in the missing amounts to add up to the total at the bottom

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PART OF A MONKEY'S LEG			
50% OF PANTIES			
AN UNWELL SEA CREATURE			
A BICYCLE			
A PIG			
THE SUN, MOON AND PLUTO			
HIT REPEATEDLY			
ROYAL HEADRESS			
A SINGER			
A LEATHER WORKER			
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Overheard: "Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job."

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