

# THE PORTICO

PENTECOST ISSUE: GUEST EDITOR MAGGIE MCWILLIAMS



Pentecost is a time to recognise and remember we are part of a worldwide community of Christians. Many of the submissions this week relate to reminding us of [this link](#).

## The Our Father:-

*in Spanish*

Padre nuestro  
Que estás en el Cielo,  
Santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga a nosotros tu reino,  
Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra  
cómo en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada  
día,  
Y perdona nuestras ofensas,  
Como también nosotros  
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,  
Y líbranos del mal.  
Amen

*Thanks to Peter Cousins*

## Hidden Christians of Japan

I first heard about the “Hidden Christians” of Japan while I was teaching in Kobe in the 1960’s. In the 17th century, Japan banned Christianity and killed all the missionary priests. For 200 years, small numbers of converts maintained their faith in secret. It was only after missionaries returned to Japan in the early 20th century that the existence of these secret Christians was revealed. Find more details on the internet.

*Jennie Buckland*

## Live Simply: CAFOD award

Listen to Fr Jonathan Stewart on the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si speaking on [YouTube](#) about how his Parish set about trying to Live Simply, and winning the CAFOD Live Simply award.

## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for my daughter Patricia. (*from Victor*)
- Margie asks if we can pray for her cousins family as her husband is seriously ill.
- Pray for our housebound brothers and sisters; as our lockdown eases, theirs continues

## Messages

Thank You's from Rosemary, Angela, Sam

“good to see the pictures of some of our parishioners.”  
*Rosemary*

“I do miss receiving Holy Communion on a Wednesday”

*continued...*

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## Keep in Touch

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### Bishop Mark with the Truro Confirmation Group 2015!

Please remember in your prayers all those around the world who would have been receiving the sacrament of confirmation in this season but are unable to due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Tony’s article on the Dominicans in Truro reminded me that when I was young, my church was run by their order and every year we had a Black Friars market”

“ Nice to see a photo and article from the Men’s Retreat at Buckfast. “

“God Bless” *Angela x.*

“We are tuning in regularly to Father Mark’s daily masses from Teignmouth streamed via the church facebook page. ... full of a positive spirit and it is very uplifting. “

“I wonder if a short directory of where one can access mass, prayer, etc on line would be useful in the bulletin?” *Brendan*

**EDITOR’S NOTE: DONE! The PORTICO LIST is appended**

### An American in Truro

Living away from your family and keeping in touch is a challenge that many people face. Time zone, schedule differences and travel means texting or sending a message becomes the norm instead of speaking on the phone or visiting. With the spread of COVID-19, even staying in touch with family and friends that live close together presents hurdles for all of us!

It is funny how people and families overcome these challenges. I normally get all my news from my mum, and speak with my brothers and sister occasionally. My mum and I suffer from the same problem – deciding to contact each other at exactly the wrong time for the other person! My brother, on the other hand, is a creature of habit. He lives in the same time zone as my mum, so he speaks with her every Sunday night.

How holidays are celebrated is different when you are far apart. Christmas has been a virtual occasion for us for number of years. Making sure presents arrive on time – procrastinating can get expensive! - then opening presents over Skype, Messenger, or Zoom is more “normal” than being there is person. One thing that hasn’t changed is that birthdays still bring a raft of messages and phone calls!

Having our whole family together in person is a rare occasion. This often occurs on a random day – when at a sporting event, a performance or graduation. My mum dubs these days our “Christmas”! We may just see each other for a few days or a few hours, but it is our special time.

During Pentecost, we celebrate the beginning of the church - when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and their followers. With family (and friends) living far apart we can continue to show our love and concern by keeping in touch, sending a message and spreading our own good news to those around us every day. And maybe, in the process, creating our own version of “special”.

*Margie Chart*

## The Gift of Pentecost



*The Holy Spirit descends on the disciples - Val Kincaid*

For me Pentecost is a wonderful time. I already knew Jesus as a personal Saviour from early childhood. I had an unforgettable visit from the Lord at the age of 12 which set me on my future calling. Then as a young wife and mother in 1968 I had an amazing experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which changed everything for me in the way I related to the Trinity and equipped me for service. Such grace and joy is my source of life.

*Val Kincaid*

## St Philip Neri

This week celebrated the feast of St Phillip Neri, he promoted the 40 hours of devotion and organised a series of evening meetings with prayer, hymns, readings and the Martyrology followed by discussion of some religious question. Maybe some lessons on how we can share worship?

*Francis McWilliams*

## ¡Enamórate!

Nada puede importar más que encontrar a Dios.  
Es decir, enamorarse de Él  
de una manera definitiva y absoluta.  
Aquello de lo que te enamoras atrapa tu imaginación,  
y acaba por ir dejando su huella en todo.  
Será lo que decida qué es  
lo que te saca de la cama en la mañana,  
qué haces con tus atardeceres,  
en qué empleas tus fines de semana,  
lo que lees, lo que conoces,  
lo que rompe tu corazón,  
y lo que te sobrecoje de alegría y gratitud.  
¡Enamórate! ¡Permanece en el amor!  
Todo será de otra manera.

## Fall in love!

Nothing can matter more than finding God.  
That is, than falling in love with him in a quite absolute, final way.  
What you are in love with,  
what seizes your imagination,  
will affect everything.  
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,  
what you do with your evenings,  
how you spend your weekends,  
what you read, whom you know,  
what breaks your heart,  
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.  
Fall in love, stay in love,  
and it will decide everything!

*by Pedro Arrupe - former Jesuit general*

## Quiz

What comes next?

- A. 1, 7, 11 13, 17
- B. Tomorrow Never Dies, The World is Not Enough, Die Another Day
- C. Pentagon, Hexagon, Heptagon, Octagon
- D. 10k, 14K, 18K
- E. Churchill, Eden, McMillan
- F. Z,V,R,N

## Evening Prayer Live

Every Monday at 6pm.

If you wish to join with others in saying Evening Prayers via ZOOM, write for instructions to Dcn Andrew Shute at [andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk)

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