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England to get third Cardinal



Pope Francis with Archbishop Arthur Roche

On Sunday 29 May, Pope Francis announced that Yorkshire-born Archbishop Arthur Roche will be made a Cardinal in a ceremony on 27 August, making him the third English cardinal and one of two cardinals from England eligible to vote in any future conclave to elect a new pope.

Archbishop Roche is one of 21 new cardinals mostly from distant corners of the world, including two Indian bishops, an Italian missionary serving in Mongolia, and bishops in Singapore, Ghana, Nigeria and East Timor. Sixteen of the new cardinals are within the age limit for any future conclave. Archbishop Roche's promotion follows his appointment last year to lead Vatican's department for the Liturgy (see [The Portico 42](#))

The Pope also chose to give a Cardinal's red hat to Robert McElroy, the Bishop of San Diego, in what is reported by *America Magazine* as "the biggest surprise of this consistory for the church in the United States". Bishop McElroy is regarded as one of the strongest supporters of the Pope's vision for the Church, and his promotion has perhaps also sent a strong message in response to recent controversies about Holy Communion, as Bishop McElroy has been firmly opposed to the withholding of Holy Communion from individuals, widely regarded as the weaponisation of the Eucharist.

Cup of Coffee in the Sun



(photo: Ginny Y)

This year's Christian Aid Coffee Morning held outdoors on 14th May was very well supported by our readers, and raised an amazing £806.11!

TCSR Refugees

Truro's Community Refugee Support group raised £1000 at a quiz event at All Saints Highertown, followed by a further £105 on Lemon Quay at the Mayor's Charity Day.



Messages



The Butterfly & Bee Garden seeds I sowed with you in the church garden last month, around the edge of the car park, should hopefully have taken. A few days later I sowed seeds of the same variety; here's some from my back flowerbed. (from Sam)

Afternoon Tea!

Friday 10 June 2-4pm
Our Lady of the Portal

Come and enjoy home-made cakes, cucumber sandwiches and some good company. Donations to the SVP

THY KINGDOM COME

Participate in the "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer initiative, say a Novena in the 9 days between Ascension and Pentecost, and pray that the Holy

Spirit will bring Peace into those places where there is no peace. Read and download Scriptural reflections written specially for this year [here](#)



Synod 2021-223

Dioceses
around
England
and Wales
have now
submitted



their responses which will be summarised for discernment by the Council of Bishops later this year.

As well as church governance and structures, local discussions inevitably centred on issues to do with role of the laity and in particular treatment of women, young people, ethnic minorities, LGBT+, the poor and people in irregular relationships; celebration of the liturgy; role of priests; clerical abuse, etc.

Without any unanimity, a number of common themes on synodality begin to emerge, including

- how most people welcomed and embraced the actual experience of a synodal process despite suspicion and scepticism.
- an acknowledgement that, with some notable exceptions, the synodal process has largely failed so far to include anyone other than a small proportion of regular church attenders. Those marginalised by the Church continue to be excluded from the synodal process so far!
- a general recognition that this “beginning” process needs to be followed up in parishes and dioceses, and that tools, resources and structures are needed for this.

All the [Diocesan Reports for England and Wales](#) can be found [here](#)

“Our journey continues” Plymouth Synod report

The Pope’s pleas for us to listen with the ear of the heart (article next page) resonates in Bishop Mark’s *foreword* to the Plymouth Diocese synod report. Observing that this initial “parish listening” exercise only reached some 10% of the church-going population, Bishop Mark urges us all to listen more intently: “We need to strain our bodies, our ears, and our hearts to reach out, to listen deeply to ... voices of those who are not on the road with us, but who are nevertheless our brothers and sisters and who are perhaps silently pleading to us from the side of the road”

Assuring us that “we continue in our ongoing journey as a Precious place of God’s Grace” in these next months, Bishop Mark asks and challenges participants, non-participants and clergy: what can we take forward? How can we walk more authentically with one another? What can assist in giving you the confidence and the energy to be more intentionally part of this journey?

The report itself has 5 sections. Sections 1 and 2 summarise the process and the experience of synodal listening. Sections 3 and 4 do a good and fair job at trying to pick out the key issues as well as reflect the diversity of views expressed, while section 5 Future Growth identifies 6 key challenges that we need to reflect on and respond to as a next step. Encouragingly, it concludes that “it can be challenging to ‘journey together’ but there is a strong desire to do this...”

Diversi-Tea

**Sunday 12 June, 3pm
Penmount**



A Cornwall Faith Forum event. For further information, please contact Rita Stephen dorkemmyrn.rita@btinternet.co.uk m 07775 937485



SVP Truro Group

For a friend in need

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

The Visitation

Every time we say the Hail Mary, we celebrate the Visitation of Our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth. 'Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb---.' (Luke 1:42.)

At its simplest it's a sharing of good news: 'I'm having a baby!' 'So am I!'. But there are two miracles, Mary's virginity, and Elizabeth's old age; and a third, Elizabeth's baby, St John the Baptist leapt in the womb, inspired by the Holy Spirit to recognise Jesus as his, and our Lord, a Spirit filled meeting for the four of them. (From Francis)

Laudato Si Week

“Creation is a wondrous gift that God has placed in our hands, so that we may enter a relationship with him and we may recognise in it the imprint of his loving plan.”

(Pope Francis Video Message)



Marking the seventh anniversary of the Pope's Encyclical – *Laudato Si'* Caritas Plymouth and CAFOD Plymouth organised an online event On 24 May, to reflect on our Diocesan environmental policy and how we are all called to be stewards of God's creation. The event was lead by Canon John Deeny and invited participants to reflect on where we hear the cry of the Earth and what action we can take to care for our common home. Read more about it [here](#)

“Fix the Food System”: CAFOD campaign



It is widely accepted now that our global food system is broken: a third of food produced is wasted while 800 million people go hungry every day. The global

How Green Are our Parishes in Cornwall?

In the spirit of *Laudato Si* Week, we asked some of our Cornish parishes how they are 'living' *Laudato Si*. Here are some extracts from their responses:

In **St Ives/Penzance**, Fr Philip reports that the Parish and School re-cycle as much as they can through a variety of routes (including jewellery, coins and currency, mobile, camera's & gadgets, stamps), and use Fairtrade goods wherever possible. On the *Care of Creation* day before lockdown, everyone at Mass received a 10 point leaflet: “10 tips to help our Common Home NOW”, and Fr Philip is now keen to re-convene the *Care for Creation* group, which used to meet before Covid, to consider *'The Journey to 2030'* a booklet produced by the Ecological Conversion Group, a lay group of Catholics. Penzance Council's “Sustainable Penzance” leaflet is recommended to parishioners.

St Austell has been a Fairtrade parish for several years, and recycles old jewellery, watches, cameras, mobile phones via a company which pays CAFOD from the proceeds. Parishioners also made a point of buying local milk in glass bottles for refreshments after Mass. The Justice and Peace group is being revived imminently, so it is hoped to also revive plans to register for the *Live Simply* award which were put on hold due to the pandemic.

From **Liskeard and Saltash**, Fr Gilmour writes that the Chemin Neuf Community at Sclerder Abbey, much inspired by *Laudato Si*, is considering a project to develop community working on the farm and gardens there. Also at Sclerder, a parishioner was involved in the production of a publication called “The Slow Path with an associated photographic presentation At Your Own Pace. Books were sold at Mass with donations going to the parish's Refugee Fund. In Saltash, planting and limited mowing is underway to encourage wildlife.

In **Truro**, Fr John writes that active consideration is being given to solar panels / a ground source heat pump and battery storage of energy - with cost being one of the main holding factors. Fr John himself drives a hybrid electric car and walks wherever he can. Everything that can be recycled is.

food industry is largely controlled by giant agribusinesses which leave small farmers with little choice what, or how to grow.

Alternatives are both possible and essential, so we must make sure that our government implements its COP26 Commitments which support more sustainable agricultural systems and the small farmers who use them. See CAFOD's campaign and sign

the petition to the Foreign Secretary [here](#)

Truro Plastic recycling

Truro and Falmouth recycling centres, along with Cornwall's other districts, have extended their plastic recycling capabilities. They now accept garden plastics, bins, water butts, buckets, garden furniture etc. for recycling.

Let's do it!

Youth: a second-class ministry?



“Here in the Diocese of Truro we’re committed to being a church that celebrates children and young people at its heart. Sadly that is often not the reality....”

(Philip Mountstephen, CoE Bishop of Truro)

In the Birmingham Diocese Synodal synthesis, there is joyful appreciation of the huge value and opportunity provided by having 36 Catholic secondary schools in their Diocese. In Cornwall of course we have none - and precious few Primary Schools, though those we have play a great part in engaging and developing the faith of our children in the parishes where they are located. This flags up the need to be ever more determined to find alternative ways to reach out to our young people however challenging that feels.

A study published by SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) provides a thought-provoking snapshot of how Churches and Christian organisations of all denominations are working here in the South West. It has four key findings that make a useful

starting point for considering future plans and actions, any readers who are interested in the future of youth activities can read the report [here](#).

“Listening with the ear of the heart” World Communications Day



In his message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis quotes St Paul saying “faith comes through hearing.” and observes that “listening corresponds to the humble style of God”. Stressing that listening is the first indispensable ingredient of dialogue and good communication, he explains that it allows people to exercise the art of discernment, the ability “to orient ourselves in a symphony of voices.”

Read the full text of the Message [here](#)

Sanctuary:



An introduction to refugee safety, wellbeing and support

From safeguarding to trauma and from cross-cultural communication to community integration this course provides essential basic training for all those living, working or volunteering with refugees.

This course is designed to be followed online in your own time. Each lesson will take you around 20 minutes. A certificate will be issued to all who complete the course

To find out more, click on the photo and then click to play the short video about this course.

Message of Pentecost

The message of Pentecost is that ‘... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and then you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.’ (Acts 1-8)

‘When the Father sends his Word, he always sends his Breath.’ ‘--- to be sure it is Christ who is seen, the visible image of the invisible God, but it is the Spirit who reveals him. (Catechism P 159)

The Hebrew word for Spirit is ‘ruah’, breath, air, wind.

From Francis



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