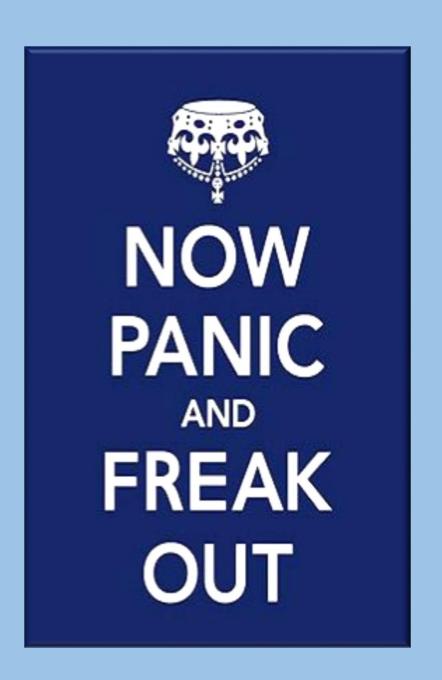
WHY BOTHER – A BRIEF LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE





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WE DO HAVE A BIT OF A **PROBLEM**













PARALYSIS

Fear of doing things wrong

REMOTENESS

Fear of encountering others

A tomb psychology thus develops and slowly transforms Christians into mummies in a museum. Disillusioned with reality, with the Church and with themselves, they experience a constant temptation to cling to a faint melancholy, lacking in hope, which seizes the heart. EG83.

1 PARALYSIS





"The grey pragmatism of the daily life of the Church, in which all appears to proceed normally, while in reality faith is wearing down and degenerating into small mindedness." EG83

2 REMOTENESS



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"The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules."

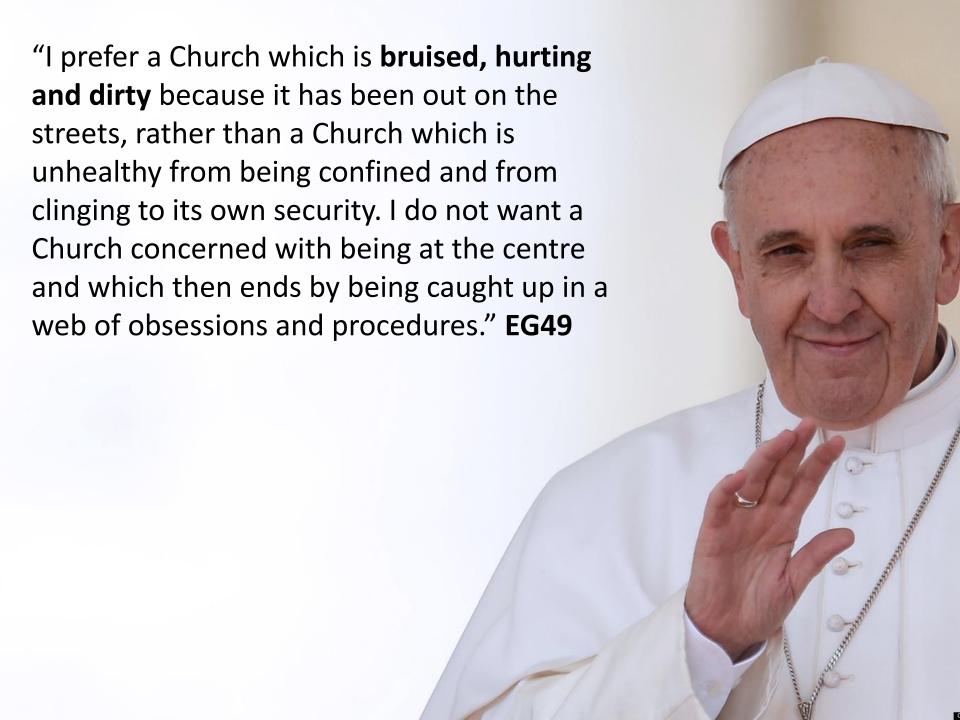
Fr Antonio Spadaro SJ. September 30th. 2013

"But if in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be "devout" and to perform my "religious duties", then my relationship with God will grow arid. It becomes merely "proper", but loveless."

Deus Caritas Est, 18 (Pope Benedict XVI, 2006)

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REMEDIES



self-deception

- 1. Don't be robbed of enthusiasm #80
- 2. Don't be robbed of joy #83
- 3. Don't be robbed of hope #86
- 4. Don't be robbed of community #92
- 5. Don't be robbed of the Gospel #97
- 6. Don't be robbed of the ideal of fraternal love #101
- 7. Don't be robbed of missionary vigour (why) #109

KEEPING A MELLOW HEART IN THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF IMPROVMENT





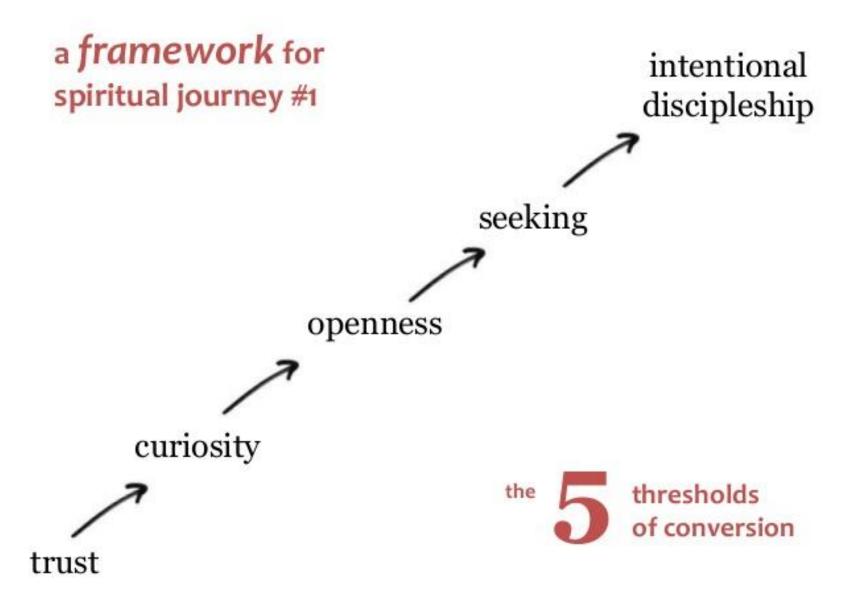




Mother Teresa

"It is no longer I that live, but Christ who lives in me."

Gal 2:20. EG160



"I Invite all Christians everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ."

EG3

ANTIDOTES



1 MERCY 2 JOY

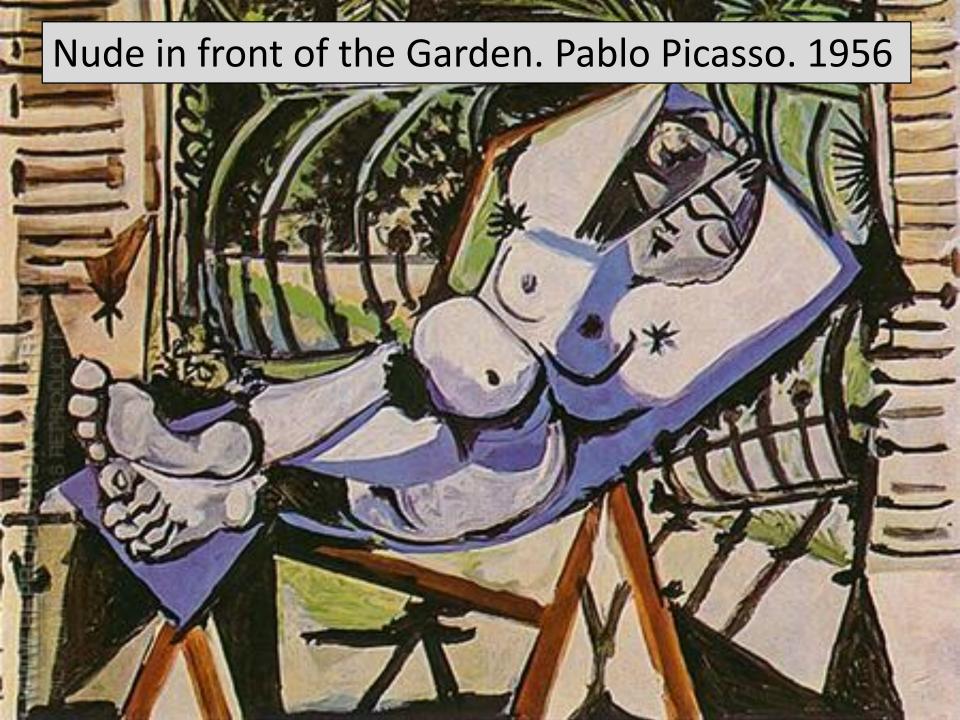


"While the boy was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly." Luke 15: 20

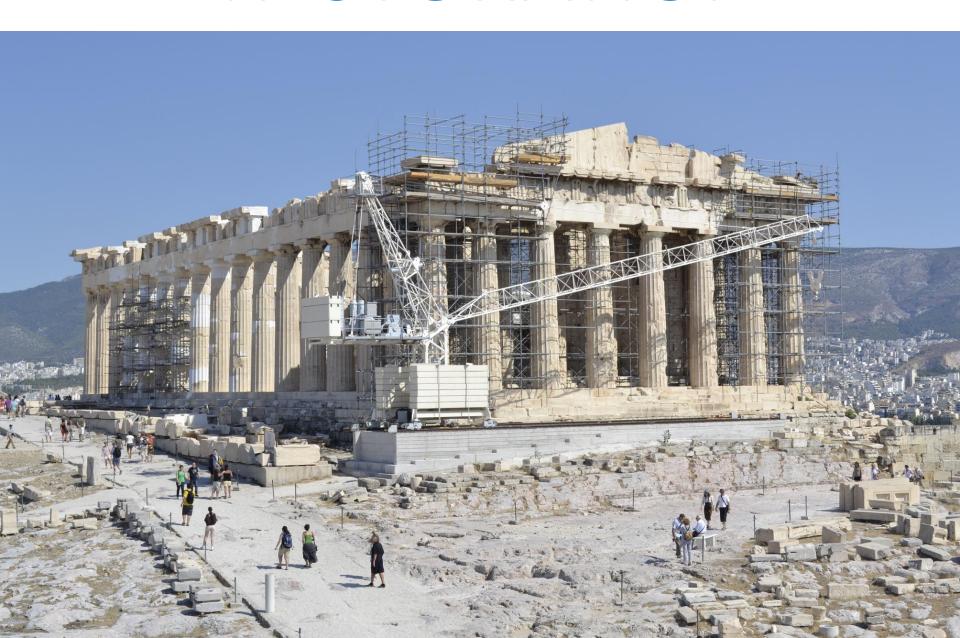
"The programme of Jesus-is "a heart which sees". This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly. Deus

Caritas Est: 31b

"Another virtue which stands out, one often overlooked in our world of frenetic and superficial relationships. It is tenderness." AL28



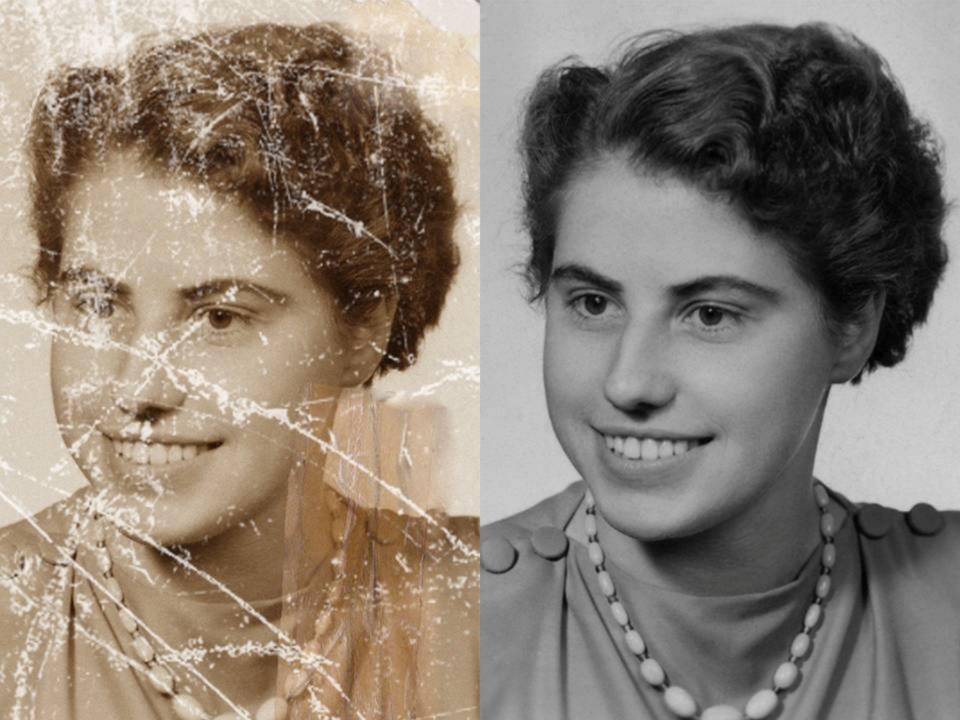
RESTORATION



Changing hearts is always about restoration









John 10:10

God is always restoring





Trust in the Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Ephesians 1:18-19



Seeing where love is needed and acting accordingly



Becky Sutton



Our Lady's School Barnstaple





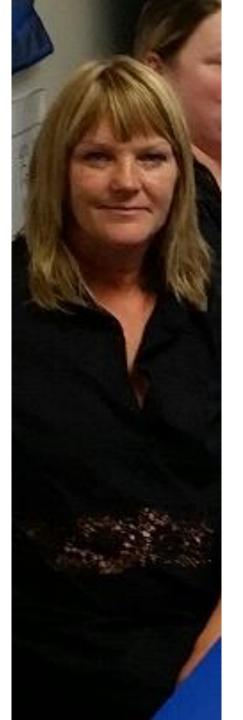
The warmth, respect and affection we have for the men and children makes the group one of our highlights of the year. The feedback from the gentlemen has been that of huge gratitude. They are issued with certificate of 'Cooking Excellence' at the end and they truly beam!"





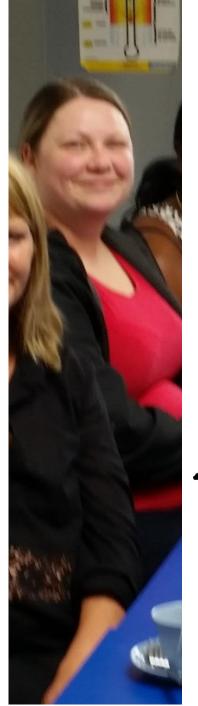
Debbie, Debbie, Latoya, Sylwia, Emma. Leah Bartrum and Lorna Taylor





"The hardest 🐱 thing is admitting you need help"

"When you discover your child is "special" you have to grieve the person they'll never be. And I do that here."





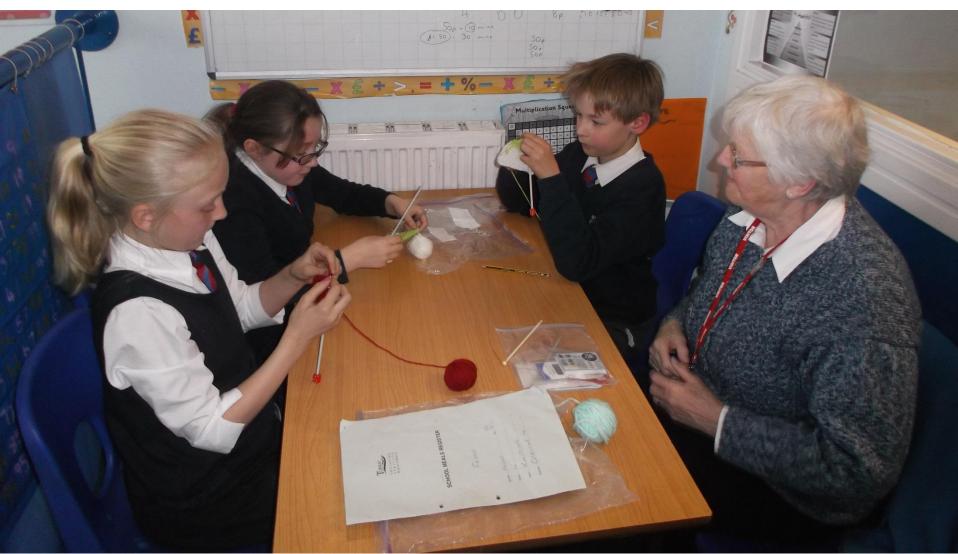


"I come away thinking....
'I've got this.' I'm going to be ok"





Christine – Priory School in Torquay



Mercy looks like knitting





Wednesdays 8.45 - 9.30am

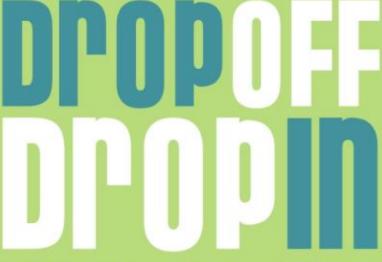
Pop in to the Bickleigh Room after drop off and treat yourself to fresh coffee, cake and biscuits on us!

Meet new people and catch up with friends everyone is welcome!

Starts 28th Sept!

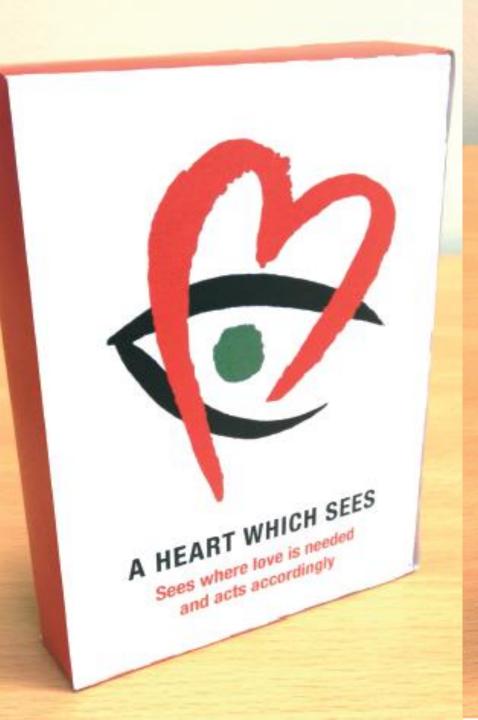






Suppose a *home-school-parish* partnership doesn't have to start with a course or a meeting











St Mary's Catholic Primary School



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School



Julia, Jane, Mary, Paula, Maria, Lucy, Becca, Alison, Angie



BEFORE

AFTER





PRESS RELEASE

Teignmouth school children tell radio listeners about

Children from Our Lady & St Patrick's RC Primary School in Teignmouth will tell radio listeners about what prayer means to them and how they pray in a

programme being aired on Sunday morning (1# May).

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Head teacher Sarah Barreto and Father Mark also spoke about the role of prayer

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"made us think more about God and Jesus", Another child added: "I feel a lot closer to God and Jesus and very proud of

The show will be aired on Sunday morning at 6:30 am. Sunday Service is also myself for talking about I feel about God." available on demand from the BBC iPlayer,

Broadcasting their thoughts of worship

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Year 3 pupus, Ava.

Our Lady and St Patrick's headteacher Sarah

Barreto and Father Mark also spoke about the role of prayer in school life and in their own lives.

Mrs Barreto told the listeners: 'We would like our children to know God, not just know about our cantaten to know God, not just know about him. We would like our children to hear God, not just hear about him. As educators of children in a just near about min to collect the church school, we don't want to solely rely on learning about religion but wish instead to probe

PICTURES CONTRIBUTED



AIR THE PRAYER: Pupils of Our Lady and St Patrick - Ava Gardner, Lily Redfern and Piran Wills - are interviewed for BBC Radio Devon for its Sunday morning service. BELOW: The children sang hymns and heard a Gospel story.

deeper and apply it in our everyday lives.

People in our community do not then just hear us talking about God, but see us, through our actions, living out our faith each and every day

I truly believe that if we can encourage good ratice with children and particularly when children and adults worship together, it might improve the prayer life of the whole church community.

After listening to our children being interviewed today and explaining the power that God has had in their lives, I understand that what they can teach us all is both awesome and wonderful. th's sometimes difficult to imagine what most young children pray for, and how prayer has affected their lives. But the innocence and transparency of these young people, and their love for others, will touch your heart. Jesus is the reason for all of their blessings, and they know it. They may teach adults a thing or two about the importance and power of prayer.

After the recording, Year 5 student Ava said that taking part in the show 'made us think more about God and Jesus'. She added: 'I feel a lot closer to God and Jesus and very proud of myself for talk-

One pupil commented: Everyone was cheerful and singing with a smile. The atmosphere was amazing.





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