

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse - 17th May 2022

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have chosen Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (17th May 2022) as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused, in a season of hope and new life.

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
the source of all consolation and hope.
Be the refuge and guardian of all
who suffer from abuse and violence.
Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.
Help us all and make us one with you
in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.
Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating
your praise, both now and forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

If you have experienced abuse and would like to speak to someone about this please contact:

The Safeguarding Office – We are here to listen to you and take any concerns that you share with us seriously. Please call the office on 01364 645430 between Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm for a confidential conversation.

Safe Spaces - A free and independent support service for anyone who has experienced abuse, however long ago, in relation to the Church of England, the Church in Wales or the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

Telephone – 0300 303 1056 between Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm, apart from Thursday when the service is open 12pm-8pm.

A live chat service can be accessed via <https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

You can also visit the Safeguarding pages of the diocesan website to find contact details for local and national services that can support you: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/vicariate-for-safeguarding-and-pastoral-care/help-and-support-for-victims-and-survivors/>



Now that we have journeyed from the preparation of Lent to the action of the Easter season, do you know what spiritual gifts you've been given to help you live out your faith every day? If not, you're missing out on a source of spiritual strength that helps you be the person God intended you to be! The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

Over 2000 people across the UK have experienced the Called and Gifted discernment process and, for many, it has led to a more active and fulfilling life. Please visit the Called and Gifted website to see examples of testimonies from previous participants, including an inspiring video testimony by a priest from Leeds Diocese who has experienced Called and Gifted himself and seen the difference it has made in his parish after inviting parishioners to discern their spiritual gifts: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

More specific details can be obtained from Gerry Penfold (Mob: 07802608549 or gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth – Annual Mass date correction:

The CCSP Annual Mass will be held on Thursday, 30 June 2022 (not 30th May as previously advertised).

If you would like to attend this year's annual mass at St Nicholas' Catholic Primary Academy in Exeter, please contact **01364 645420** or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk