

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH) NEWS

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) – forthcoming events:

Great Big Diocesan Quiz – Friday, 1 July 2022

We are delighted to announce that we have a new date for our next Great Big Diocesan Quiz, as the last two planned quizzes have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

We're looking for parishes to join us on Friday, 1 July 2022 at 7.30pm and we would love to make this our biggest quiz ever. The last quiz in 2019 saw 9 teams including one school compete for the trophy, which was won on the night by Heretics from Blessed Sacrament and almost £1500 was raised.

All you need is a quiz master and a venue to host your parish quiz and then ask for teams to come forward to compete against each other in your parish on the night and against all the other parishes. If you would like to register an interest to take part or would like to discuss the quiz in more detail, please email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk - all materials will be supplied by CCSP – you just need to find a venue, a quiz master and some teams to compete. Good luck !

2022 Annual Appeal – Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August

The theme of our CCSP Annual Appeal this year is 'Extend a Hand: Give Hope'. Packs will be sent to all parishes soon and we hope that even more parishes will be able to support this year's annual appeal as 30 parishes helped to raise over £17,000 in 2021.

We have just received £875.90 in Gift Aid from last year's donations so it's wonderful if supporters are able to tick the Gift Aid box if you can, as this money alone can help an extra 5 families through our Essential Grants programme.

From November 2022, packs of Christmas cards will be on sale slightly earlier this year following feedback received last year.



Thank you to all our loyal supporters who generously gave to our Annual Appeal 'Step Forward, Reach Out and Help' last summer, which raised over £17,000.

Thank you also to those parishes who generously donated their crib collection monies as your support means even more to us at the current time, as many of our usual fundraising activities are still on hold because of Covid-19. The number of applications we received for our help through our Essential Grants programme rose by 95 to a staggering 314 in 2021 and we envisage this number rising even more in 2022. We are only able to help these vulnerable children and their families who live in our Diocese thanks to the generosity of you all.

We are looking for CCSP Parish Volunteers

We are delighted that a number of parishes have stepped forward and now have a Parish Volunteer in place to help us with our fundraising once it is safe for us to do so. There is a ladder of involvement and some parishes just want to MAINTAIN AND MONITOR our supply of CCSP promotional material, whilst others want to help PROMOTE organised CCSP fundraising events such as the Annual Appeal and the Great Big Diocesan Quiz and some are happy to get more involved by ORGANISING fund raising events of their own.

A Parish Volunteer pack has now been produced and has sent to all parishes but if anyone would like a copy sent to them to see what's involved, please contact Vicki Dunstone by calling 01364 645420 or emailing vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth Diocese) is looking for enthusiastic new Trustee Directors to fill vacancies that have arisen as a result of retirement. The Society's purpose is to provide help to families in urgent need and to alleviate child poverty, avoid neglect or abuse and prevent homelessness.

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Do you have the time, enthusiasm and commitment to take an active role - mentoring our staff and attending events? You may also have valuable experience with other charities. We welcome applications from all sections of the community. The Board meets at least four times a year and whilst the position is voluntary and unpaid, reasonable travelling expenses are paid as per our policy.

To find out more, please contact us by phone 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk We can send further information about becoming a Trustee for a charity and can arrange for an informal chat with either of our Co-Chair's, Andrea Rodgers or John Larter.