

OLYMPIC PILGRIMAGE TRAIL “SEEKING GOLD”

PILGRIMAGE PRAYER

Holy God, you are the source of our life and the goal of journeying. Guide us by your Holy Spirit along the pilgrimage of our lives. Strengthen us when the road is tough, let us not forget you when the path is

smooth; and may we share your love with companions along the way. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Nicholas Holtam,
Bishop of Salisbury

CHURCH OF OUR LADY,
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Memorials to the Weld family lie in front of the 2 side altars. The left hand side altar is a beautiful dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. *The heart of Christian teaching is love. Here we reflect on Christ's all-encompassing love and pray for the gift to love without counting the cost..*

At the back of the church on the left is a remarkable Pieta of German origin, showing Mary holding her dead son. *As we look on this image of Mary cradling her dead son in her arms, we pray for all parents who mourn the loss of a child.*

So many have been put to death for their faith. We pray for religious tolerance, for all who still suffer persecution and we give thanks for our freedom to worship. Amen

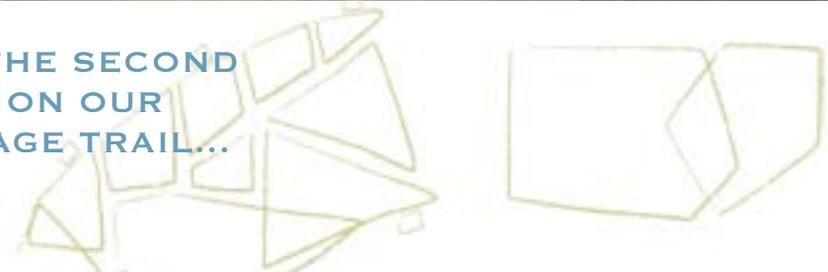


SALISBURY DIOCESE with Bishop Nicholas Holtam



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH with Bishop Christopher Budd

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has a heroic history of faith and determination. Here is a gem of English Catholicism in this beautiful West Dorset valley.

We are glad to be a part of this ecumenical Pilgrimage Trail “Seeking Gold”.



The painted terracotta rondel above the entrance porch shows Mary to whom the church is dedicated, surrounded by her Seven Sorrows - episodes in the life of Christ - with an inscription by Charles Weld who built the church in 1872.

We pray for all mothers as we remember Mary, who suffered enormously for her son, Jesus. She is the outstanding example of loving faithfulness.

To the right of the old pews, the splendid stone font has an ingenious wooden cover. The wooden panelling surrounding it was taken from Westminster Abbey.

In baptism we become as little children, born again into the new life of our Christian family. We give thanks for this new life which unites us with Christ.

Above the nave are a double line of portraits of English Martyrs, with the Chideock Martyrs nearest the sanctuary on the right, all painted by members of the Weld family.

Light pours down on to the High Altar, built in the style of Pugin, with paintings of saints and martyrs. Soaring above is a beautiful gilded statue of Our Lady looking heavenwards with cherubim at her feet.. *At the Altar we offer bread and wine, fruit of the earth, work of our hands. We contemplate the mystery of God's boundless love when these gifts become Christ in the communion we share.*

Following the right hand side aisle you come to the Altar of St Ignatius, with a statue of this patron saint of the Weld family, surrounded by Jesuit saints.

The Jesuit Fathers took Christ's teaching all over the world. We pray for all who teach the Gospel message of love, compassion and understanding.