

Stretch out Your Hands

Putting All Children First

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August 2020



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Catholic Children's charity
in the Diocese



Catholic Children's Society
(Plymouth)

www.ccsplymouth.org.uk

Charity No. 282803

AUG 2020

'... do good and share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.'
Hebrews 13-16

This year's Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal is being launched in a time when great economic hardship has fallen on many families due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Society has been responding to a significant increase in the number of families in our Diocese who find themselves in difficulty and who lack essential basic needs. This has meant that the Society's limited resources available to support such families have been significantly depleted.

So I appeal to your generosity to support the good work of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) by offering what you can. By doing so, you will enable it to continue offering assistance to those struggling families who are in most need.

May God bless you for responding as generously as you can to this Annual Appeal.



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Rt Rev Mark O'Toole
Bishop of Plymouth

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing"
Deuteronomy 10:18



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Yes, I would like to give a one-off gift to a child or family in need of support

1 I would like to make a gift of £_____ I enclose a cheque/CAF voucher made payable to Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

2	Title	Forename	Address
	Surname		
	Parish		Postcode

3 ☐ I would like to Gift Aid my donation

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax &/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please notify us if you: want to cancel this donation; change your name or home address; no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or Capital Gains.

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4 **Keep in touch**

If you would like to receive our newsletters by post, to find out about what we are up to and how you can continue to support us, please tick the box below. We can also keep you updated via emails and phone calls if you provide your contact details.

For postal information eg newsletters ☐

For emails:

For phone calls:

Thank you

5 Thank you. If you would like to join our NEW Caring Club and make an annual donation, please turn over.

If you would like to support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth), but don't have the time to get involved with a fundraising event, please would you consider joining our NEW Caring Club?

We are looking for 100 loyal supporters to join us to help raise £10,000 every year. For the cost of a cup of coffee each week, you could help us to raise enough money each year to help 50 children and their families.

To join our new Caring Club, please complete the following form to make a regular donation and send it to **St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on **01364 645420**.



THANK YOU for your support!

INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY
TO ARRANGE A STANDING ORDER.

To: The Manager (Bank/Building Society)
Address:
Postcode:

☐ I would like to make an annual payment of **£100** starting on (date): _____ until further notice.
☐ I would like to make a half yearly payment of **£50** starting on (date): _____ until further notice.

Name of Account Holder	
Account Number	
Sort Code	
Address	
Email	Postcode
Signed	I am over 16 years of age (please tick)

Payee details: Please pay: NatWest Bank PLC – Sort Code: 52-41-60
Account name: Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)
Account number: 06024335

The donation you give, really does make a difference to children's lives!

- 2020 has been the most challenging year
- All fundraising events have been cancelled
- The number of grant applications we receive has steadily increased
- Additional Covid-19 funding has been received from the National Lottery, Devon Coronavirus Fund and the Gubay Foundation
- Our first Crowdfunding campaign was generously supported
- We envisage the number of grant applications to rise further as more families feel the effects of Covid-19
- We do not want to turn away anyone who needs our help

We need your help now more than ever please and we ask you to 'Stretch out Your Hands' a little further this year to support our Annual Appeal, so that we can continue to help families throughout the Diocese well into 2021. We know we are asking a lot, but your donations and prayers really are needed.

In 2019, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth):

- raised almost £45,000
- provided almost £33,000 in grant funding to children and their families in time of financial need
- supported over 51 families through our Patchwork Parenting programme.

Grant Giving 2019

223 grants made helping 347 children

-  **16** washing machines
-  **28** cookers
-  **10** fridge freezers
-  **41** beds and mattresses
-  **15** grants for essential furniture
-  **67** clothing grants (school uniform, clothes and shoes)
-  **21** grants for new baby equipment
-  **13** grants for educational purposes (residential, courses and books)
-  **3** grants for pilgrims going to Lourdes
-  **9** grants for other purposes including hoovers and help with a college placement

We thank you for your continued support, which will enable us to assist even more families irrespective of their circumstances and faith and we ask you to remember the CCS and the families we help in your prayers.

A local NHS worker who often makes referrals to the charity for help purchasing basic essentials for local families, says of the additional coronavirus funding support:

"Now that is amazing. Thank you for all your support. We see where it goes and how it helps our families in financial difficulty. Without charities like the CCSP, I dread to think how they would cope. So thank you thank you!"

"My new washing machine has made a big difference to mine and my baby's life. When I didn't have one, I was constantly doing hand washing every day as I had a lot of baby clothes and items that needed constant washing. I did not mind, but it felt like I was spending a lot of the day washing clothes! I am now able to spend more time with my baby, playing and doing other things together - it has taken one less thing off my mind to worry about during lockdown."

Patchwork Parenting

- In 2019, we provided eleven parenting courses in the Diocese including eight 'Parenting through the Primary Years', two 'Parenting through the Pre-Teen Years' and one 'Parenting through the Teen Years' courses. 73% were held within Catholic schools, 9% in other church schools, and 18% in other schools within the wider community.
- Through the sessions, we have enjoyed working with 51 parents and carers, including seven parents with English as an additional language, six Dads and two grandparents, all bringing valuable perspectives on family life.
- Parents valued the opportunity to meet within a small group setting to share their individual concerns, ideas and successes relating to their own children – 108 children, made up of 16 pre-schoolers, 65 primary children and 27 secondary students in all.
- 100% of parents said they would recommend our Patchwork Parenting sessions to other parents.

"I have definitely learnt a lot of useful things to help with my children and how to be more mindful. The most helpful things were just how to react to my children's behaviour and useful ideas with home routines."

Please don't let parents and carers struggle alone

Please give generously today using the attached envelope or you can donate online www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/donate or if you prefer, you can post your donation to us using the address below thank you.

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