

# *Golden Jubilee*

## *St. Paul the Apostle Tintagel*

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"The Last Supper", the now world-famous picture by Nicholas St. John Rosse.

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## HISTORY

We have become so used to the idea that there is a Catholic Church in Tintagel that it may come as a surprise to hear that there was some strong opposition to this project in the early 1960s when it was being frequently discussed. The opposition came mainly, it seems, from Camelford Catholics who thought it would be more convenient in North Cornwall to base

the church in Camelford. So strong was the feeling at the time that

a meeting was called in Camelford to discuss the issue. After some discussion, the Priest from the Bodmin Community said 'this is a serious matter; we need to have recourse to God so we'll now pray the rosary seeking divine assistance.' At the end of the rosary, everybody was so tired that they went quickly back home.

There never really was any doubt where the church would be because the bulk of the money had already been given for the purpose of building it on land already owned by the church in Tintagel. So in 1967 the builders arrived and started. The building was finished in 1968 and opened by Bishop Cyril Restieaux. The church was especially blessed to have new-style mosaic windows constructed by monks of Buckfast Abbey. It cost £12,000; of this amount £8000 had been bequeathed - the remainder was



The church as it looked in July 1967 when still under construction (photo donated by Molly Dishman RIP; more photos of the church construction can be found in the Social Centre and on our website.)



The unique 30,000 piece mosaic represents St Paul, as the "scales fell away from his eyes" (Acts, 9:18). It was made by Hanspeter Steiner of Zürich and blessed by Bishop Christopher Budd.



One of the stained glass panels.

\* This information came from an article by Mary Lamb RIP about the early years of Catholicism in Tintagel, before our church was built. It can be found on our website under About us>Tintagel - The Early Years

quickly raised through sponsored walks and swims.

The Silver Jubilee was celebrated in 1993 and a unique mosaic depicting St. Paul regaining his sight as he came to believe, was blessed by Bishop Christopher Budd. The mosaic was constructed by the late Hanspeter Steiner of Zürich after a sketch† drawn by local artist Nicholas St. John Rosse. In 1998 the Social centre was added and in 2001 the Priest's house was built as a result of a legacy.



Procession of Witness, Good Friday 2011.

Later in 2008, Nicholas St. John Rosse kindly started to paint a picture of the Last Supper, in which he used local people as models for the Apostles. It became world famous and he donated it to the church. It is now to be found above the Altar.

Over the years, many people have helped this mission in wonderfully generous ways. In fact there are so many that it would not be fair or helpful to name them. I'm also sure we would not be able to recall such a legion of kind helpers. Today they are especially in our prayers.

It is a great pleasure to have our Bishop with us on this day when we are celebrating our Golden Jubilee. We give thanks to Almighty God for so much as we look forward to the next fifty years of service to our joyous, merciful and wonderful God.



Little Alfred Campos Storey was baptised by his great uncle, Fr Storey on the 6th May 2017 and is seen here with his family and Sebastian.

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† now in the Social Centre.



The statue of Our Lady on the right hand side of the altar is of Serpentine stone and was donated to her in Sark by a patient of District Nurse Blucher, who in turn donated it to our church.\*



Judy Baker and Steve Dauncey of the Legion of Mary on a visit to Laure Martin RIP.