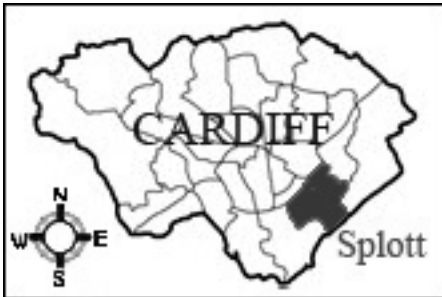


# News from Splott

Magna readers with a long memory will remember Betti Thomas who once was a stalwart Holy Crosser and resident in Coston's Lane. Betti receives a copy of Magna regularly and stays in touch with her old parish from her new home in Splott, South Glamorgan.



Splott is the home of John Humphrys, Shirley Bassey and Clive Sullivan, to name but three famous people and one of the episodes of Torchwood features the Splott streets.

The name Splott is a typical Englishman's poor attempt to pronounce foreign words as the proper Welsh name for the area is Y Sblot.

Betti has written to us! She writes:

It may surprise people at Holy Cross to know there are still parishes who will not accept women priests.

In St. Saviour's, Splott where I worship, the vicar and most of the parish are totally opposed to the ordination of women.

Our vicar, Father Alan Rabjohns is the Chairman of Forward in faith Credo Cymru and he placed us in the care of a provincial assistant bishop or "flying Bishop" because the Bishop of Llandaff is in favour of women priests.

Credo Cymru are now waging an active campaign against women being admitted to the episcopate.

Father Rabjohns retires in May and is not only concerned about who replaces him but is "advising" us not to accept a male priest who is sympathetic to women.

It will be very interesting to see what the future holds. We already know there is a strong possibility that we will have to share a priest with another parish.

Despite our differences, I play an active part at St. Saviour's. I may be in a minority here but who knows what will happen in the next few years?

I love reading Magna and keeping up to date with Holy Cross and hope to visit in June.

Betti.

