

**Short Address at the end of the Installation Mass  
given by Rt Rev Tom M Burns SM BA BD  
11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Menevia  
St Joseph's Cathedral, Swansea  
Monday, 1 December 2008**

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Pryahawn da bawb (Good afternoon everybody).

**Prin houn da bawb.**

I have three short messages that I would like to give you:

First of all, I wish to ask the Papal Nuncio if he would kindly convey a message to the Holy Father for me.

**May God forgive you for what you have done to me!**

My second message is to the priests of the diocese. It comes from a sticker plastered across the rear windscreen that I saw on a car on the M4. Around it were other stickers that read:

**Baby on board, Child in car** and even **Mother-in-law in boot!**

But the sticker that caught my eye and seems most appropriate as my message to you on this occasion, read:

**Be patient with me, God hasn't finished making me yet!**

And the way the car was being driven seemed to prove the point!

So, be patient with me, please, as I move around the diocese and get to know as many of you, your parishes and organizations as quickly as possible.

My third message is one that I have already told the priests, and I now pass on to you, the people of the diocese:

I wish to ban grand titles like **My Lord** and **Your Lordship**. If you wish to know what to call me, then I'm very happy with **Father**, or **Bishop Tom**. There's a penalty for any offenders. Call me **My Lord** or **Your Lordship**, and you'll be fined £1 on the spot. All monies raised will go to HCPT - the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

My final message is for Bishop Mark (Bishop Mark Jabalé OSB - retiring Bishop of Menevia)

**Enjoy your retirement.**

But I have no need to tell you that.

Even so, may I make this small present to you.

If you ask what it is, the only thing I can say is:

**I'm sorry I haven't a clue!**

(Both Bishop Mark and Bishop Tom are addicts of the BBC Radio 4 programme *I'm sorry I haven't a clue*. The gift is the complete CD set of the programmes)

To all of you, may I finish by saying:

I'm delighted to be among you.

Diolch yn fawr. (Thank you very much).

**Dee-olch un vowr.**