



# The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year C  
Weekday Cycle II

## Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Fifth Sunday of Lent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Ilona Wells RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Sabina Mason (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	The People of Ukraine
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April		Lenten Feria
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April		Lenten Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Margaret Gribben RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea		NO MASS
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April		Lenten Feria
Christ the King		NO MASS
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April		Lenten Feria
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April		Palm Sunday (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Kitty Willis RIP
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April		Palm Sunday
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Joseph Lanigan RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Fred Payton RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Private Intention

*"Has no one condemned you?  
... Neither do I condemn you."*

There is a story from the early centuries of Christianity, when monastic communities grew up in the desert. These "desert fathers and mothers", as they are usually called, lived a life that was more like that of hermits than the communal monastic life found in monasteries and abbeys today. That is not to say that their lives had no structure. For example, there would always have been an abbot or abbess – who was often renowned for wisdom. Some were so famous that people would travel miles through the desert just to hear the wise words of these remarkable holy people. Some also had a well-developed sense of humour – probably a very valuable gift while living in the wilderness. There is a story that one group of monks were walking through desert sands with their abbot until they came to a river. This also gave them the opportunity to replenish their supplies of water for the rest of their journey.

The monks were not the only ones at the water, however. There was a young woman there too, trying to find a way across the water, but with no success. The abbot saw her predicament and offered to let her cross the river on his back. She readily agreed and the two of them reached the opposite bank in no time. The abbot lowered her to the ground and she was able to continue her journey alone. The monks likewise continued on their way. The abbot was aware that one of the monks was particularly quiet. When they reached their destination, he asked the monk why he was so silent. The monk replied, "I am struggling to understand how you, Father Abbot, could possibly bring yourself to carry a young woman across the water." The abbot replied, "I let that woman down as soon as we had crossed the water; it is you who appear to have been carrying her in your mind ever since."



We find the same attitude among the scribes and Pharisees who had caught the woman in the Gospel in the act of committing adultery. This detail is necessary: only when someone was actually apprehended in the act could the capital sentence (stoning to death) be carried out. We must question the motives of anyone who would do such a thing as to spy on someone with the intent of catching them, sentencing them and then being prepared to carry out the sentence in such a horrific way. Jesus is present when they are ready to carry out the capital sentence and they address him: "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?"

Scholars have pointed out that this passage does not seem to fit in with the wider context of the Gospel of John. Many commentators think it is a text that should not be anywhere in John, but should perhaps be in the Gospel of Luke, because it is much more like a typically Lukan story. Let's consider why.

Famously, Jesus refuses to be drawn into expressing an opinion. Moses had stated the Law; Jesus does not contradict Moses. He writes in the sand. Countless attempts have been made to identify what Jesus might have written. It is futile to do so. Perhaps he is just doodling, refusing to be drawn into an argument of law. When he speaks, his words are devastating: "If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then he goes back to doodling in the sand. As usual, Jesus' response is brilliant. He refuses to contradict Moses and the Law, but he also highlights the hypocrisy of sinners wanting to condemn and put to death another sinner. He alone is sinless and he chooses not to condemn the woman.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

**Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick.** We pray especially for Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, Brian Bickle, Rita Lawless and Bishop Christopher Budd at this time. (If you would like to include a close family member in the prayers for the sick then please email the Parish Office.)

### **COVID - Guidelines - UPDATE**

While we are moving back to normal we still request face masks to be worn during our Masses and when inside and to sanitise when entering. This is out of a sense of support to those who are still fearful, are being cautious and also recognises that some of our parishioners have chosen not to be vaccinated. I'm sure you will appreciate we are keen to ensure that our Church is a place where people feel safe to gather for worship. Thank you for your ongoing support and for your selflessness with this matter.

### **Lenten Devotions**

- † 5.30 pm Tuesday - Exposition (CTK)
- † 9.15 am Friday - Rosary for Ukraine (MHT)
- † 6.00 pm Friday - Stations of the Cross (MHT)

Please note that in Holy Week we will endeavour to celebrate Stations of the Cross in all 3 of our Churches at 7pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. These Stations will be based on the film the Passion of Christ and Fr Martin is looking for a female reader to read the part of Mary in each of our churches.

### **Fr Martin - Away**

As Fr Martin is away this week there is only one weekday Mass, on Wednesday with Fr Brian.

### **Lenten Lunch**

You are invited to join us for a soup and bread lunch on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Church Hall at 12 noon to 1.00 pm. Donations to CAFOD.

## Baptism of Noah

We welcome into God's Family Noah who was Baptised at Christ the King, Perranporth on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## Support For Ukraine

As well as remembering the people of Ukraine in our prayers we had a second collection last weekend to help support those most affected. Our Parish raised a grand total of £603.08 and these funds have been sent via CAFOD who will ensure donations reach those on the ground. Thank you for your prayerful support and generous donation.

## Parish Pastoral Councils

Given the rich diversity within our extended parish but, nevertheless, seeking to move forward, we looking at establishing a local Pastoral Council in each of our communities. One of the main focuses, in Perranporth and St Agnes, will be looking at the buildings (including safeguarding their future) and what we, as a community, would like to see taking place including social gatherings as well as church services etc. This will be building on what we have undertaken already in Newquay.

If you have not already made your interest known to Fr Martin then please speak with him or with the Parish Office. Thank you again for your support with this. Together we can continue to make a difference in the lives of the communities we serve.

## Health and Safety Review

We have undertaken Health and Safety reviews now in Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes. These were undertaken by the Diocese's new Health & Safety rep and included a Fire Risk assessment. In carrying out this review it has come to light that we are in need of First Aiders. If you have any experience in this area please pass on your details to the Parish Office. There were various issues raised and we aim to look at these within the framework of the new Parish Councils. Thank you again for your support.

## Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes

While we have a small number of Gift Aid Envelopes we would encourage as many parishioners who give in this way to consider giving by Standing Order. Given how many of our banks have now closed and the challenges associated with dealing with cash, it makes our admin very much easier and less time consuming. Thank you to those who already give this way.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation  
that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21



**Responsorial Psalm:**

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –  
come back to me with all your heart,  
for I am all tenderness and compassion.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, **...who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (All bow)** suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman?  
No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you.  
From now on, sin no more.

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## Sacramental Programmes & Preparation

**PARISH REGISTRATION** – New Parishioners to our Parish, please hand your details into the Office.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – See Fr. Martin

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022** – Please pray for those who will be making their First Communion this year in June.

**CONFIRMATION** – Year 9 upwards. If interested please speak with Fr Martin.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** – Please contact Fr Martin (or the priest in the parish where you are looking to get married) at least six months prior to your proposed wedding date. A contribution of £175 is requested for the Church for weddings with a Registrar Fee of £55.00 (flowers and organist are by personal arrangement).

**RCIA PROGRAMME/JOURNEY IN FAITH** – If you are interested in knowing more about the Catholic church then please contact Fr Martin.

## Collections

*Please note all cheques to be made payable to: **PRCDTR Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes RC Parish***

### MHT Collection:

£215.07

### February Standing Orders:

£867.33

### CTK Collections:

£63.59

### February Standing Orders:

£30.00

### OLSOS Collections:

£53.33

### February Standing Orders:

£165.00

*Thank you for your generosity which allows our extended parish to grow and flourish!*

## Sick Calls/Visits

**If you require a priest in an emergency in the absence of Fr Martin, here are the following numbers for the various parishes in Cornwall (Plymouth Diocese).**

Bodmin ☎ 01208 72833 - Fr Ciaran McGuiness • St Austell ☎ 01726 73838 - Fr Michael Brandon  
Falmouth ☎ 01326 312763 - Fr Brian Kenwick (Dean of Cornwall)  
Penzance ☎ 01736 362619 - Fr Philip Dyson • Newquay ☎ 01637 851697 - Fr Martin Stone  
Truro ☎ 01872 272291 - Fr John Gilbert • ☎ 01637 861752 Lanherne Convent - Canon Scott Smith

### Our Churches

#### Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Lower Tower Road,  
Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 1LS

#### Lanherne Convent

Chaplain's House, St. Mawgan,  
Newquay, Cornwall, TR8 4ER

#### Christ the King

Wheal Leisure Road,  
Perranporth, Cornwall, TR6 0EZ

#### Our Lady Star of the Sea

Trevaunance Road,  
St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

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