



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 24th April 2022
Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday Year C
Weekday Cycle II

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23rd April	Second Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Shirley Robins RIP
Sunday 24th April	Second Sunday of Easter	
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Francesca Iacobelli RIP
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Julie Harper RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	People of the Parish
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Fr Jacek Kostuch (Intention)
Tuesday 26th April	St. George - Patron of England and Ptotector of the Realm	
Most Holy Trinity	NO MASS	
Wednesday 27th April	Easter Weekday	
Most Holy Trinity	NO MASS	
Our Lady Star of the Sea	NO MASS	
Thursday 28th April	Easter Weekday	
Most Holy Trinity	NO MASS	
Friday 29th April	St. Catherine of Siena - Patron of Europe	
Most Holy Trinity	NO MASS	
Saturday 30th April	Third Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Carolyn Hogan RIP
Sunday 1st May	Third Sunday of Easter	
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Margaret Gribben RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Fr. Adrian Toffolo (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Private Intention

**“Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.”**

Detective series are very popular on television at the moment. We, the viewers, often have the advantage of knowing exactly what has happened and we then watch the less informed police trying to work out who committed the crime. Sometimes, when confronted with reports of what a witness has said, the officer in charge will exclaim in exasperation something along the lines of “That’s only hearsay. It’s not evidence.” Witnesses have to have been present and have reliable information about what they have observed. It is not enough to mention what someone else has told them, even if that turns out, in the end, to be accurate.



That, in a nutshell, is what the resurrection appearance stories in the Gospel are all about. Hearsay is not enough. Elsewhere, the Gospels tell us that the male apostles at first did not believe the testimony of the women who visited the tomb of Jesus and reported that he was risen. But today’s story makes the point that to be a true witness to, not of, the resurrection, the person has to have had a personal experience of the risen Jesus.

In John’s Gospel account, there are no apostles. An apostle means “one who is sent”. In John’s version of the Jesus story, Jesus is the sole actor: his followers do not share in his ministry. For ex-

ample, in the story of the feeding of the crowd, it is Jesus who distributes the bread. Jesus does not send out others to preach and heal. There are no apostles, only disciples. It is this group who are locked away, fearful that what happened to Jesus might happen to them as his followers. The risen Jesus makes himself present among them and bestows on them peace, which removes the fear of the Jewish authorities that has locked them away.

To overcome any remaining doubt, Jesus shows them his wounds from the crucifixion. Fear turns to joy and Jesus sends them as the Father sent him. It is at this point that disciples become apostles. Jesus then breathes the Holy Spirit on them: those who receive their message and confirm this publicly by being baptised will have their sins forgiven; those who do not will remain as they were.

The second scene occurs a week later when Thomas, the sceptic, is present. There is an important point here that, in the Gospel tradition, no one comes to believe in the risen Jesus purely on the word of other people. The official witnesses to the resurrection all have to experience the risen Lord for themselves. Hearsay is not enough. Thomas represents all those who have heard about the resurrection but are not yet sure. It is this questioning, this desire to know for himself, which brings him to his personal encounter with Jesus and leads to his making the ultimate declaration about who Jesus really is: “My Lord and my God!”

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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.

A Big Thank You & Update

A big thank you to all those helped us navigate these challenging few weeks, especially given the special time it is. It was great that Fr. Jacek was able to step in at such short notice and we thank the parishioners who stepped up to help.

It seems that a large number of local clergy have now tested positive and our main aim is for all concerned to get back to full health. As a consequence we will be focusing on ensuring that Sunday Masses are continued. There will be no weekday Masses/Services over the coming few weeks. However, this will be under constant review. Thank you again for your understanding and support.

CAFOD Lunch

Many thanks to those who joined us for our Lenten Soup Lunch. We raised £100.00 for CAFOD’s Lent Appeal.

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.

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.

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.

Digital Toolkit Programme

Our Parish has been invited to partake in the Pilot phase of the above programme for a period of six months. We are looking for a volunteer, ideally a young school leaver or indeed anyone wishing to improve their digital communication skills, to become a "digital champion". The role will entail some learning on how to leverage best practices in reaching out to parishioners, whether it be via electronic newsletters or website improvement techniques. If you are interested in this proposal, please speak to Fr. Martin or Jodie for more information.

Second Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants,
you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk, that in him you may
grow to salvation, alleluia.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16



Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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:
Recorded next week
March Standing Orders:
£1007.33

CTK Collections:
Recorded next week
March Standing Orders:
£30.00

OLSOS Collections:
Recorded next week
March Standing Orders:
£275.00

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

Christ the King
Wheal Leisure Road,
Perranporth, Cornwall, TR6 0EZ

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Trevaunance Road,
St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

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