



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

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday Year C  
Weekday Cycle II

## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>The Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Pat Evans (Intention)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Skidmore and Butterly Family (Intention)
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Sabina Mason (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Sheila Chidwick RIP
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
University	12.15 pm	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Honora Ashcroft RIP
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Private Intention
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Kathleen Patricia Lewis RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Irene Wilcocks RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish



**It is a legal requirement that face coverings be used in Places of  
Worship. We ask that masks be placed on before entering and worn  
at all times. This is for the safety of us all. Thank you!**



*“You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”*

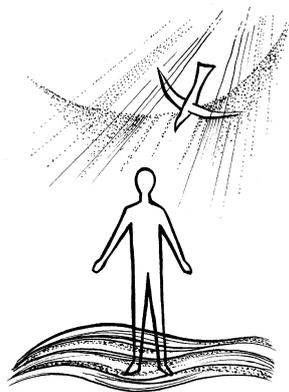
On the east coast of Scotland, in the River Forth, they do it on New Year’s Day: it’s typically bitterly cold. At Varanasi, on the River Ganges in India, the climate is much kinder to participants; people do it all year round. In some exotic holiday places, people do it from cliffs. The common theme is diving into water. It’s not to everyone’s taste, but in each of the places where it happens, those who take part find the experience invigorating. Not everyone agrees, however - in fact, it’s probably safe to say that most people think the practice is utter madness.

There is clearly a feeling of comfort and satisfaction in being immersed in something, especially if we are feeling insecure. To be wrapped in warmth, or the company of those close to us, is reassuring. The same can be true in water - as long as you can swim, of course.

Immersion as part of rituals is commonplace and plays a part in many religious practices - Christian immersion practices in particular, when they usually go under the name of baptism. In fact the word “baptism” comes from the Greek word for immersion.

We often associate baptism with John the Baptist. And it’s true that baptism only appears in the Gospels at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, although there are also references to people being baptised in the Acts of the Apostles.

Baptism as a ritual was used by various communities, the best known being the Essenes who lived in the mountain caves near the Dead Sea. This community produced a large number of scrolls, known to us today as the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Essenes were a Jewish sect and they adopted the practice of baptism - the immersion in water was a symbol for immersing themselves in a new way of living. John the Baptist may have belonged to the Essenes at one point, which might help explain his appearance, although that is usually attributed to him emulating the prophet Elijah. John famously encouraged people to



immerse themselves in water. This is often described as a spiritual cleansing, but there is much more to it than that. John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance.

Today we think of “repentance” as feeling sorrowful - a change of heart. This is because we in the West think of the heart as the seat of emotions in humans; therefore a change of heart means a change of the way we feel - sorrow, the need to change our ways. This, however, would not have occurred to the people of the Middle East in Jesus’ time. For them a change of heart meant a change of thinking. John’s repentance, then, was about inviting people not to be sorrowful, but to announce a change in their own lives. It is at this point that Jesus begins his ministry and the kingdom of heaven is inaugurated. It is because of these two events that Jesus can announce the Good News: the kingdom of God is at hand.

So far, so good, but we are not finished yet. When Jesus comes out of the water, a voice proclaims, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.” And the Spirit descends in the form of a dove. If we think about this for a moment, we can see how remarkable the event is: in the Gospels we seldom hear the Father’s voice; it’s Jesus who is the voice of God - and we *never* see the Holy Spirit. This, therefore, is the only time when we have perception through human senses of the Trinity: the voice of God the Father; the taking of visible form by the Holy Spirit - usually spirits are invisible - and, of course, the Son of God, the Word of God in human form, is Jesus himself.

What a commitment this is: God - Father, Son and Spirit - entering the world of humans in a way that humans can perceive. The River Jordan is, therefore, the interface between the two worlds, and Jesus immersed in the Jordan is the point of contact between heaven and earth, divinity and humanity. This action of the Trinity is a commitment to humanity. Jesus’ immersion in water is symbolic of God’s immersion in humanity. Jesus’ immersion in water is also symbolic of our immersion in God. It’s a truly unique moment in human history.

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## **Parish Pastoral Councils**

Given the rich diversity within our extended parish, and bearing in mind the various challenges we are all facing at this time, but nevertheless seeking to move forward, we are exploring the possibility of having a local Pastoral Council in each of our communities. If you are interested or have any suggestions then please email Fr. Martin. Thank you for your support.

## **Prayers for the Sick**

**Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick.** We pray especially for 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**

Due to the changes that came into force in public places, the wearing of masks/face covering is mandatory. We are keen to ensure that Churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship and would ask you to continue to respect the social distancing guidelines. Thank you.

To help in ensuring that we keep each other safe, can we ask you to please ensure that you put your mask on before you enter the building and to keep it on for the duration of your time with us. Please speak with Fr Martin if for whatever reason you are exempt to avoid any embarrassment. **We also ask that you don’t kneel at this time to help keep a safe distance.** Thank you for continuing to think about each other!

### **Personal Thanks!**

I wish to take this moment as we continue to celebrate Christmas to sincerely thank you for the many cards and gifts and for your kind words of support and encouragement. It is heartening during these difficult and challenging times!

While these last 4 months have been kept quite busy I have enjoyed beginning to get to know you, albeit under some unusually difficult circumstances. I thank God for each of you at this special and joyful time, and for the support you have given, not only at this time but since my arrival in the Parish. Thank you!

*Fr Martin*

### **Church Renovations**

We are in the final stages of the renovations to the church with the painting being completed in the next few days, the carpet will be fitted week commencing the 24<sup>th</sup> January and the newly refurbished pews are soon to be delivered. While we aim to reopen on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February for the 6.00pm evening Mass an unrelated issue has arisen which might delay this. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support with this extended project. Please check the website to view some of the photos of the works so far via the link on our Welcome page. Thank you.

### **Therese Chiswell - "Thank You"**

As a demonstration of our heartfelt thanks to Therese for all that she has contributed we sent a thank you and flowers on behalf of the extended parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes. Therese extends her thanks to all for the flowers and card. We continue to wish her the best in her retirement.

### **Hospital Visits and Anointing**

If you, or a loved one, are due to go into hospital and would like to be anointed please speak with Fr Martin beforehand and this can be arranged. We can then also ensure that the chaplaincy team know. At this time there are various restrictions in place within the hospital which limit my ability to visit as we might normally. Thank you for your understanding.

### **CAR PARK PARKING CHARGE NOTICES**

We would like to apologise to those who received Parking Charge Notices when attending the Christmas Eve Masses. Parking Eye have now cancelled these and will be sending out cancellation letters to those recipients shortly.

## **The Baptism of the Lord**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

After the Lord was baptized,  
the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are.

**Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Someone is coming, said John,  
someone greater than I.  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit  
and with fire. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### **Prayer for the Synod**

May our synodal preparations  
inspire people to dream  
about the church we are called to be,  
to make hopes flourish,  
to stimulate trust,  
to bind up wounds,  
to weave new and deeper relationships,  
to learn from one another,  
to build bridges,  
to enlighten minds and  
restore strength to our hands  
for our common mission.  
We trust in your Spirit who journeys with us.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### **Andrew Henwood - Funeral Director**

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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** – We are looking to determine the number of children who would like to make their First Communion in June 2022. If your child is in year 3 or above then please speak with Fr Martin at your earliest convenience.

**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 (Collections)  
Christmas Offerings - £ 537.59  
26/12/21 - £ 75.20  
02/01/22 - £234.50  
November Standing Orders: £867.33

CTK (Collections)  
Christmas Offerings - £ 90.25  
26/12/21 - £35.20  
02/01/22 - £ nil  
November Standing Orders: £30.00

OLSOS (Collections)  
Christmas Offerings - £50.00  
26/12/21 - £208.23  
02/01/22 - £ nil  
November 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 McGuinness • 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**  
16 Trevaunance Road,  
St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

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