



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 11th December 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle I

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 10th December		Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	John Cowie (Intention)
Sunday 11th December		Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Peter Hocking RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Sabina Mason (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	David Fahy (Intention)
Tuesday 13th December		St. Lucy
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Wednesday 14th December		St. John of the Cross
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Honora Ashcroft RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea		NO MASS
Thursday 15th December		Feria
Christ the King		NO MASS
Friday 16th December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Saturday 17th December		Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Pat Lawson RIP
Sunday 18th December		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Private Intention
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Brigid O'Neill RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Jayne RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent

Saturdays - 5pm in Newquay (except 10th December), Tuesdays - 5.30pm in Perranporth, Wednesdays - 10am in St Agnes. During Exposition there will be opportunity for individual confession. Thank you.

“Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.”

This time last year, the United Nations annual conference on Climate Change - COP 26 - had just concluded in Glasgow. While world leaders met inside the summit, climate campaigners - many of them Christian - campaigned for climate action outside. Near the front gates, a banner of Christian Climate Action read “Stop Climate Chaos Deaths” and below it was a line-up representing seven dead bodies covered with white sheets labelled “War”, “Famine”, “Pollution”, “Skin Cancer”, “Drought”, “Suicide”, “Floods”. The drama highlighted that the climate crisis and associated issues were already having a profound impact on communities and ecosystems around the world.

However, the same group also organised a “Coat of Hopes” which travelled with campaigners walking to the conference from London. The patchwork garment appeared at a Global Day of Action in Glasgow and conference delegates were invited to wear the coat to feel the weight of responsibility of the hopes, fears and prayers of ordinary people across the UK and the world for the environment and for vulnerable communities. Sewn onto the coat were more than three hundred patches produced by local church groups. The patches showed grief for loss of species, remembrances of landscapes, prayers that hearts could expand to welcome refugees displaced by climate breakdown, and also positive dreams of carefree joy in nature and living in peace. The Coat



of Hopes displayed bees on flowers, birds feeding their young, and phrases like “Protect our home”, “Waste is a design fault” and “Save our children’s future”.

Today’s reading from Isaiah is full of joy. This third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete” Sunday and that is why we light the pink candle. “Gaudete” means “rejoice”. The prophet inspires thoughts of a world of hope, a world of God’s sure and strong promise to lift those who are bowed down. All creation will be fruitful, reflecting God’s love. In the Gospel we sense a feeling of anticipation growing among the people. This is picked up in the Psalm and the second reading, which emphasise God’s faithfulness to us. It is difficult during the trials of our lives to continually praise God in all the circumstances we experience. But that is what faith is and we must be patient. Faith is bigger than our today and filled with the promise of tomorrow.

In the Gospel reading we hear that John the Baptist is so important because he urges people to turn from sin and towards God to experience God’s mercy. Such challenges are crucial for any reform or authentic transformation of people or groups. That is why we focus on John the Baptist every Advent. However, Jesus’ teaching goes way beyond John the Baptist. Christmas always renews our commitment to bring God’s revolutionary love into a world that so desperately needs it. It is the Lord who brings love and healing into our lives.

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COVID - UPDATE

Thank you to those who continue to wear face masks during our celebrations and think about the welfare of others. However, in seeking to move back to a more normal practice Fr Martin and Fr Brian will now only wear a mask during the distribution of communion. You will appreciate we are keen to ensure that our Church **remains a place where people feel safe to gather.** Thank you for your ongoing support and selflessness with this matter.

Perranporth Food Bank

A box is available in church to help support Perranporth Community Food Bank. Thank you for your support with any dried/tinned provisions.

Rosary

Most Holy Trinity in Newquay pray the Rosary at 9.00am before all weekday Masses. St Agnes pray the Rosary at 5.30pm before Sunday evening Mass. All are welcome!

Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for Catherine Linehan, Molly Taylor, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Kathy Cain, Patrick Hinder, Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, Brian Bickle, Rita Lawless, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Mary Bradwell, Nikita Quinn, Fr. Kieran Kirby and Bishop Emeritus 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.)

SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND

If you have a family member sick at home, in hospital or in a nursing home and they would like a visit please contact the Parish Office. Visitations can only be made on request of family members. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Poor Boxes

Thank you for your prayerful support in enabling us to reach out to those people most in need. **Thank you for your kind donations this week of £26.55.**

Newquay Food Bank

We will be collecting for our local food bank each week at Most Holy Trinity. Please place all food items in the box **located under the First Aid Kit.** Thank you for your much needed support.

Annual Leave - Weekday Mass

Fr. Martin will be away on annual leave from 5th December to 17th December. There will be no weekday Mass during this time, apart from on Wednesdays in Most Holy Trinity, Newquay at 9.30am, which will be celebrated by Fr. Brian Stevens. Weekend Masses will be celebrated by Fr. David Mead, Fr. Brian Stevens and Fr. Jacek Kostuch and we thank them for their kind support.

Parish Database Forms

Thank you to those of you who have recently completed our Parish Database Forms and handed them to Jodie in the Parish Office. If you have not yet done this then please collect a form, complete it and return it as soon as possible. Forms are available at each of our churches on request. Thank you.

Christmas & Easter Collections

In many parishes throughout the Dioceses of England and Wales the Christmas and Easter Collections are for the support of the ministry which takes place within the local Parish community and therefore go to Priest in charge. As such any contributions received for ministries and Christmas and Easter Collections etc go to the Parish with the parish priest receiving an allowance from the parish where he ministers. This is the case here and those monies offset anything I receive.

I therefore would like to extend my sincere thanks to you for your generosity and support, not only at this time, but throughout the year.

Fr Martin

Betty Gent RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty who died on 27th November and whose funeral takes place on Tuesday 20th December at 11.00 am at Most Holy Trinity. May she rest in peace. We also remember her extended family in our prayers at this time.

Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6,10

Responsorial Psalm:

Come, Lord, and save us.



Second Reading: James 5: 7-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

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:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

The Season of Advent

As we move into Advent we have additional opportunities for prayer and reconciliation as well as the normal scheduled Masses. Please see the website and notice boards for further information.

2023 Diocesan Year Books

2023 Diocesan Year books are available from the Parish priced £4.00 each while stocks last. This resource is packed full of useful information for the coming year and feature a photo of Levant Mine and Beam Engine on the front cover.

Sacramental Programmes & Preparation

PARISH REGISTRATION – New Parishioners to our Parish, please consider completing a “Parish Records” form and returning it to the Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – See Fr. Martin

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We are looking to determine the number of children who would like to make their **First Communion in 2023**. 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 Collection:

£239.70

October Standing Orders:

£988.33

CTK Collections:

£54.52

August Standing Orders:

£55.00

OLSOS Collections:

£60.50

August Standing Orders:

£325.00

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

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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