



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

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year A  
Weekday Cycle I

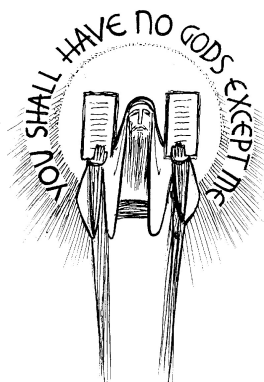
## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Nicola Bulley RIP
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Anne Batchelor RIP
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	Fr. David Mead (Intention)
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Lenten Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	The Pickup Family (Intention)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Lenten Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Catherine Mary Gregory RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	9.30 am	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Lenten Feria</b>
Christ the King	9.30	Private Intention
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>St. Patrick Missionary - Patron of Ireland</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30	The Sheehan Family (Intention)
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Valerie Lavelle RIP
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Private Intention
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Ray Nullmeyers RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	People of the Parish
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Private Intention

*“Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again.”*

Throughout the year the Atacama Desert in Chile normally receives less than twelve millimetres of rain. All that can be seen is mile after mile of dust and barren landscape. But if there is a year with unusually high rainfall, the desert blooms and is suddenly filled with flowers in vibrant colours that can be seen throughout the coastal valleys. All of these flowers have lain dormant for months, even for years, but they haven't died - they are just waiting for the water they need to turn a barren landscape into a lavish garden.

If you saw or walked through the desert on a normal day, it would take a considerable act of faith to believe that anything could possibly grow there. The view from the surface is anything but encouraging, but there is potential life hidden beneath the brown dust. Today's readings suggest that we are like that. To ourselves, and perhaps to others, it may seem that there is no life in us, no potential for growth or change. But God has been a gardener since the beginning, and knows what lies in our fallow ground, just waiting to flower and become fruitful.



In his encyclical on hope, *Spe salvi*, Pope Benedict wrote: “the Christian message [is] not only ‘informative’ but ‘performative’. That means: the Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known - it is one that makes things happen and is life-changing... The one who has hope lives differently” (2).

We see Jesus making things happen in his life-changing encounter with the Samaritan woman. His message is performative, in that it brings something to life in her that has been there potentially, although only he can see it. This woman has been living in shame, avoiding her neighbours. No woman was allowed to divorce her husband in ancient Samaria, so it is likely that she was widowed or abandoned repeatedly. There must have been a lifetime of grief and hurt in her. But Jesus is willing to make himself vulnerable to her, to be dependent on her generosity and willingness to engage, despite all the social taboos against this. He creates what Pope Francis has called “a culture of encounter”, by offering her welcome and listening to her questions. He has hope and trust in her and invites her to hope and trust in his offer of “living water”. His gift of the Spirit to her allows what has been hidden in her to grow and flourish like the desert blooming.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

**Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick.** We pray especially for Molly Taylor, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Kathy Cain, Ann Cain, Patrick Hinder, Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason, Fr. Kieran Kirby and Bishop Emeritus Christopher Budd at this time. (If you would like to add yourself or 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.

### **Perranporth Food Bank**

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

### **Parish Database Forms**

Thank you to those of you who have recently completed our new 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. (If you received a Christmas card from Fr Martin then you are on our database.) Forms are available at each of our churches on request. Thank you for your support with this as it is important that we have up to date information and the information that we hold is what you have provided.

### **Newquay Food Bank**

We continue to collect for our local food bank each week at Most Holy Trinity, Newquay. They recently got in touch and informed us that they no longer need donations of pasta and baked beans as they have a very large supply of these products, but donations of tinned desserts such as rice pudding and tinned fruit are very much needed. Please place all food items in the box **under the First Aid Kit**. Thank you for your much needed support.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal

This Lent CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they have asked for to fight the climate crisis in Bangladesh. We thank you for your kind donations and once all monies have been collected and counted, we will report the amount in next week's Newsletter.

We thank everyone who supported our soup lunch on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Most Holy Trinity and thank you for your kind donations of £122.00 which will go to CAFOD's Lent Appeal.

### 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 £35.00.**

### Parish Youth Music Club

We are also in the process of looking to open a Parish Youth Music group. If you are interested in learning to play a guitar, singing and generally have an interest in music, then please let the Parish Office know. We are yet to confirm a start date and timings, but a suggestion is Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm until 7.30pm at Most Holy Trinity - we will let you know the start date when we know.

### Anne Batchelor RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne who died on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Anne's funeral will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm at Penmount Crematorium. May she rest in peace. We also remember her extended family in our prayers at this time.

### Lenten Devotions

- † 5.00 pm Saturday - Exposition (MHT)
- † 7.00 pm Tuesday - Exposition (CTK)
- † 10.00 am Wednesday - Exposition (OLSOS)

During Exposition Fr Martin will be available for individual confessions. As with last year Stations of the Cross will be available and this year we hope to also offer Stations based on the film the Passion.

### Choir Practice (Newquay)

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the choir in Newquay, please come along to Most Holy Trinity on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am for our next practice. All welcome.

### Andrew Henwood - Funeral Director

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athenwood@btconnect.com - henwoodfunerals.co.uk

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### Liturgy of the Word



**First Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'*

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:  
give me the living water,  
so that I may never get thirsty.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel:** John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

### 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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

### Missio Boxes

Thank you to those who continue to donate to Missio. Please hand your red boxes into the Parish Office for counting and distribution of funds direct to help support overseas missions (This is Pope Francis' office charity for this cause.) We thank you for your kind donations of £53.44.

## 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:

£263.56

### February Standing Orders

£1048.33

### CTK Collections:

Recorded next week

### February Standing Orders:

£55.00

### OLSOS Collections:

Recorded next week

### February Standing Orders

£415.00

*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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