



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

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year C  
Weekday Cycle II

## Mass Times & Intentions

<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
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>St. Anthony</b>
University	12.00 pm	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Private Intention
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>		<b>St. Agnes</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>		<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Ann Davis RIP
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Brian Hughes RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	People of the Parish
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Mary Moore (Intention)



**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!**



## “There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee.”

Since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, there have been periods when weddings have been subject to restrictions, for example in the types of celebration allowed or the numbers permitted to attend. Yet for many people, their wedding is the most important and life-changing event they experience, so they go to huge effort and expense to make sure that the day is unforgettable. It has been calculated that the average wedding takes more than 250 hours to plan, and the average cost of a wedding has spiralled over the years.

The careful planning of a wedding is a way of making a statement about who we are and what we hope for the future life of the couple. The circle of the gold wedding band symbolises never-ending love; the confetti expresses a desire for fertility and an abundance of good fortune. Weddings speak of our hopes for the future, especially our desire for love, security, and a full and happy life, though we have to recognise that those hopes are not always fulfilled, or not fulfilled in the way we expect. And we shouldn't be critical of people - or of ourselves - if those hopes are not fulfilled in the way we thought they would be.

Many of those themes come together in today's readings. The image of a wedding is frequently used in the Old Testament to describe the relationship of God and God's people - the Lord is Israel's husband, as Isaiah tells us, though often Israel is an unfaithful bride who breaks her vows, worshipping false gods. Time and again God forgives her, turning her sadness into joy, as in today's first reading. In the time of Jesus, the people's longing for the coming of the Messiah was often expressed in terms of a wedding: the days of the Messiah would be a time of rejoicing, a wedding feast, with an abundance of wine and celebration. And so John tells us the story of the wedding at Cana at the beginning of his Gospel to indicate to us that God's blessings are being poured out on God's people, because the groom - Jesus - has arrived to marry his bride, Israel.



Despite this rejoicing, the event is tinged with the shadow of the cross. Like all Jesus' signs, it points to the greatest of all signs: the glory of Jesus on the cross, saving the world through his perfect obedience to the Father, since this is how God's relationship with God's people is restored. This is how the new covenant - the new marriage between God and God's people - is brought about. There are many hints of the cross in this story. Jesus speaks of his "hour" having not yet come, which is a reference to his death, when his glory would be fully revealed. Significantly, Jesus' mother is involved, addressed by Jesus with the title "woman". The only other time this happens is at the foot of the cross. The cross is the ultimate blessing the Lord can give his people: it is the source of eternal life to all who believe. So the abundant wine is indicative of the inexhaustible riches God the Father pours out on those who believe in the Son he has sent. This first sign does indeed produce faith: the disciples see his glory and believe in him.

Just as a wedding is a sign of who we are and what we hope for in life - love, security, abundance of good things - so Cana is a sign of what God offers us, God's people. Through the death of Jesus, the Lord offers us more than we could ever dream of - not simply the gifts of the Spirit Paul mentions, but the fullness of life and love.

What is asked of us is that we believe, as the disciples did, in Jesus' power to change our lives and to lead us to God. It is through faith in God that the water of our daily life can be transformed into something far superior. Our lives gain a new meaning, a new quality, if we enter into this covenant, this marriage with God, which Jesus makes possible. Mary shows us how to do this: by doing whatever he tells us. And in John's Gospel that simply means believing in Jesus and loving as he has loved us. Faith and love - all that is needed for a good marriage and all that God requires of us to have the fullness of life.

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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!

## 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.

## 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.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This traditionally takes place between 18<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> January. While we cannot gather as we might usually we nevertheless take this opportunity to pray for this intention and, on Wednesday, we will have a short reflection in Mass on True Leadership to mark this time of prayer.

## Catechetics for First Holy Communion

We will be looking at the preparation for those who are looking to make their First Communion this coming summer. If there is anyone who would like to help with Catechetics for First Holy Communion then please speak to Fr Martin. Thank you for your support.

## Diocese of Plymouth Walking Together

The Diocese have been receiving lots of feedback from parish groups on the Synodal journey but would love to hear more from those who may not be able to or wish to participate in a group. There is a short online survey which can be completed anonymously [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9MVCQ7M](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9MVCQ7M). Please share this link with family and friends.

If you want to keep in touch with the Synodal Journey, newsletter updates can be found on our website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/walking-together-the-process/>

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5



**Responsorial Psalm:**

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among  
all the peoples.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

### 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

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

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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 finalising the number of children who will be making 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 Collection: £249.50

November Standing Orders:  
£867.33

CTK Collections: £77.23

November Standing Orders:  
£30.00

OLSOS Collections: £198.50

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

#### 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

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

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