

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday	16th Dec	6.00 pm*	Holy Souls	(MHT)
Sunday	17th Dec	8.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
		10.30 am	Peter Hocking RIP	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Jayne Evans RIP	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	Terri Crooks (Intention)	(OLSOS)
Saturday	23rd Dec	6.00 pm*	Dean Sefton and Breeze Sefton RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	24th Dec	8.30 am	Pat Daly (Intention)	(MHT)
		10.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
Christmas Eve		6.00 pm	Alice Giovannone RIP	(CTK)
		9.00 pm	Beverley Ann Cox Fitzgibbon RIP	(MHT)
Christmas Day		8.30 am	Antonietta Macari RIP	(MHT)
		8.30 am	Mary Rickards (Intention)	(OLSOS)
		10.30 am	Volunteers (Intention)	(MHT)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before or after Mass, or on request.

**First Mass of Sunday*

Collections

Please note all cheques to be made payable to:
PRCDTR Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes RC Parish

MHT	CTK	OLSOS
Collections: £217.42	Collections: next week	Collections: next week
Oct. Standing Orders: £1,118.33	Oct. Standing Orders: £100.00	Oct. Standing Orders: £440.00

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support!

Our Churches	Most Holy Trinity (MHT) Lower Tower Road, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 1LS	Lanherne Convent Chaplain's House, St. Mawgan, Newquay, Cornwall, TR8 4ER
	Christ the King (CTK) Wheal Leisure Road, Perranporth, Cornwall, TR6 0EZ	Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSOS) Trevaunance Road, St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

Our Parish is part of the Diocese of Plymouth: Registered Charity No. 213227



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 17th December 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year B
Weekday Cycle II

“For as the earth sends up its shoots and a garden makes seeds sprout, so the Lord makes saving justice and praise spring up in the sight of all nations.”

In winter it is difficult to believe that our gardens and fields will ever again enjoy the flowering and fruition of what has been sown in them. The ground is like stone; the earth looks dry and unyielding; and it seems as if everything has died. But keen gardeners and farmers know how to be patient and to stay hopeful that all their hard work will be rewarded come spring and summer. No true gardener or farmer spends wintertime digging down into the soil to see what is going on there. That would be the surest way to ruin a harvest. It's a question of holding on in faith and confidence in the God of life.



images for an audience that lived off its own produce. Most of us nowadays live removed from such direct contact with the earth, but we know how heavily we depend on crops growing well to feed ourselves, and what a threat to the earth's future it poses when the good health of our natural environment is ignored.

Environmentalists have taught us to be alert to the signs of the times. Like John the Baptist, they are the prophets of our era, who warn us to keep awake and to prepare for the coming of God in all the calls

of our day to conversion and right living.

Today's Gospel reading has clear links with the two readings that precede it. The setting is the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist as the announcer of the Messiah. John makes clear to the religious authorities that his is a preparatory role. Like a gardener or farmer, he makes the ground ready for the seed of faith to be sown to

The prophet Isaiah uses agricultural

grow well and unhindered. John sees himself as the preparer of the soil where Jesus will sow the seed of God's word and make it become flesh through his own life and ministry. In the verses that follow, we see the impact of this and the way that faith and commitment are spread. John has already prepared Philip and Andrew, who meet Jesus and are captivated by him. Immediately they call their brother and friend respectively, so Peter and Nathanael become disciples. They will in turn go out to

spread God's word and minister through healing. Faith and commitment can be contagious.

Advent is a time for thinking about our own preparedness to receive God's word and God's call in our hearts. In what way does the soil of our heart need preparing, the paths of our life need making straight? It's also a time for reflecting on how we prepare the ground for the faith of those around us to grow and flourish.

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Fr Martin's Health

Thank you to those who have extended words of support and offered your help over the last few weeks. As many of you will know, on top of the shingles and post herpetic neuralgia, Fr Martin went down with COVID before last weekend. (We thank Fr Paul for standing in during this time.) As a result Fr Martin has been forced to take sick leave in order to allow him time to recover in time for Christmas. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

Food Banks

We continue to collect for our local food banks in Newquay and Perranporth. Please place all food items in the box provided. Thank you for your ongoing support .

Poor Boxes

Thank you for your kind donation of **£42.07** in the Poor Boxes last weekend which enables us to reach out to those most in need.

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

Christmas Eve

Please note that there will be no refreshments in the hall on Christmas Eve after the 10.30am Mass at Most Holy Trinity. We thank those who serve throughout the year.

Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your prayers for those who are sick and/or housebound. We

pray for Fr Martin Stone, Joyce Allen, Evelyn Morris, Pat Byrne, Deacon Brian Everall, Molly Taylor, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Mary Cain, Lily Callaghan, Patrick Hinder, Pat Hinder, Vicky Law, Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason at this time. (If you would like to add yourself or include a close family member in our prayers then please email the Parish Office.)

Safeguarding Forms

If you have been handed a Safer Recruitment or full DBS form recently, please complete them and return them to Fr. Martin or the Parish Office. If you would like help with completing these forms then please ask Jodie or Aileen who are willing to assist. Thank you for your understanding and support in this.

2024 Diocesan Year Books

2024 Diocesan Year books are available from the Parish office priced £4.00 each. Please note that there is limited stock available.

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Christmas until Friday 29th December for a well earned break.

Henwood Funerals

74 Edgcombe Avenue, Newquay 01637 851199
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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 61:1-2,10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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: John 1:6-8,19-28

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.