



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 18th December 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle I

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Tuesday 20th December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	11.00 am	Funeral Mass of Betty Gent RIP
Wednesday 21st December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Our Lady Star of the Sea	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday 22nd December		Feria
Christ the King	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday 23rd December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Dean Sefton RIP and Breeze Sefton RIP
Saturday 24th December		The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	5.00 pm	Jean Sweeney RIP
Christ the King	7.00 pm	Frank, Ethel and Constance Beard RIP
Most Holy Trinity	9.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP
Sunday 25th December		The Nativity of the Lord
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Private Intention
Our Lady Star of the Sea	8.30 am	Catherine Kerr RIP
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	People of the Parish

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

“Do not be afraid.”

There are times when we think we know where life is going; we've mapped out what the future is going to hold. People excitedly tell others of their plans, how they will get their qualifications, then make their way up the career ladder. Or how they are planning to get married, create a home, have children. But something unexpected puts all their plans in disarray. It's happened to plenty of people in the last couple of years during the Covid-19 pandemic: lockdown changed lives, and illness and death upended ambitions. It's at moments like these that people have to make different life-changing decisions and the strength of their character is shown, overcoming their fears, sticking to their principles and standing by others.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is betrothed and is expecting to marry Mary. Then he finds that she is pregnant. We are told how he discovers this; it would have been a shattering blow. All his plans for the future are in disarray. Yet as a man of honour he decides not to shame Mary but divorce her informally, for betrothal then in Jewish culture was a serious legal contract. At first, Joseph seems to see things as they are: Mary is having a baby outside wedlock, and this is unacceptable. But it takes an angel for Joseph to see things as they *really* are - as God sees them. To do this, Joseph has to put aside his fears: “do not be afraid”, the angel tells him.

So Joseph first has his world turned upside down, and then makes a choice about what he will do next that will go against the customs of his people, against what he has accepted all his life as the way to behave. It is an extraordinary challenge, but Joseph has both the strength of character and the faith in God to do it. It is not the life he has chosen, or at least not the way he expected life to turn out. Joseph highlights what comes with responsibility and what comes with love. Above all, he is open to listening to God through a messenger.

While Joseph's situation is unique - unique in the history of salvation - his story is one that so many of us can identify with. Everything he thought was sure - that he had found love with Mary, and could look forward to a certain future - is suddenly undone. Nor can life go back to normal. Suddenly, God is asking of him something more momentous than Joseph might ever have envisaged. In the Gospel story of the annunciation, when the angel appears to Mary, she has to make a choice and she accepts the role that God wants of her. In Joseph's case, what God asks of him could be said to be even harder: he is being asked to stand by Mary's choice. What his life will be in the future is a consequence of her decision. We have to face those decisions ourselves in life, too. A husband who stands by his wife when she gives up a well-paid job to take on a much lower-paid but worthwhile career; a wife who accepts that her husband can no longer take the suffering of more chemotherapy treatment and instead chooses palliative care.

Joseph's story also highlights the importance of listening. We are all influenced by our culture, our past experiences, our expectations. But Joseph was prepared to listen to the angel. Are we prepared to recognise those among us who are credible messengers, who might have something to say that is totally unexpected? Can we put aside our preconceived notions, and be open and humble enough to listen to those around us, and to discern what God might be saying and what God is calling to us to do? The Gospel stories around the birth of Jesus frequently refer to fear. When the angel appears to Mary explaining that she will conceive the Son of God, when angels appear to the shepherds in the fields announcing Jesus' birth, as well as when the angel appears to Joseph, the message is the same: do not be afraid. All of them were shocked by what they saw, and what they were told, but faith in God helped them muster courage to deal with what befell them. When we are faced with the most tremendous challenges, can we also find the courage to heed the message: do not be afraid?

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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!

Weekday Mass

There will be no Mass at 9.30 am on Tuesday 20th December as this will be replaced by Betty Gent's Funeral Mass at 11.00 am.

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.

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 £1,037.20.**

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.

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, Ann 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.

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.

Synodal Journey Online Safeguarding Event

As part of the Synodal Journey there will be an online safeguarding event on Monday 9th January 2023. If you wish to attend then please sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337> so that we can send the Zoom meeting details to you.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14



Responsorial Psalm:

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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.

Christmas Day

Please note that there will be **no refreshments** in the hall at Most Holy Trinity, Newquay on Christmas day.

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:

£206.70

October Standing Orders:

£988.33

CTK Collections:

Recorded next week

August Standing Orders:

£55.00

OLSOS Collections:

Recorded next week

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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