



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 19th February 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle I

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 18th February		Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Special Intention
Sunday 19th February		Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Alice Ryan RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	People of the Parish
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Fr. David Mead (Intention)
Tuesday 21st February		Feria
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Wednesday 22nd February		ASH Wednesday
Our Lady Star of the Sea	9.30 am	Mary Moore (Intention)
Christ the King	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	7.00 pm	Fr. Brian Stevens (Intention)
Thursday 23rd February		Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Christ the King	9.30 am	Sabina Mason (Intention)
Friday 24th February		Friday after Ash Wednesday
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Private Intention
Saturday 25th February		First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Stephen Martin RIP
Sunday 26th February		First Sunday of Lent
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Felix Colaço RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Private Intention
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

“You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

In Nathaniel Hawthorne’s tale *The Birth-Mark*, the brilliant scientist Aylmer falls in love with a beautiful young woman called Georgiana. She is beautiful but has a birthmark like a small hand on her cheek. It is attuned to her emotions, becoming almost invisible when she blushes, but standing out when she is pale. Other lovers have thought this a sign of beauty, telling her that a magical fairy must have touched her cheek, but Aylmer sees it as a blemish, an imperfection that challenges his scientific skills. He becomes unable to appreciate his wife’s beauty clearly as he becomes obsessed with what he sees as her imperfection. He urges her to let him remove the mark.

Georgiana realises that Aylmer is disturbed by her blemish. He cannot see beyond the blemish to the beauty that is within her. She is deeply hurt but, out of love for him, agrees to submit to whatever experiment he devises to render her beautiful again in his eyes. She drinks a chemical potion destined to remove the birthmark but finds that the mark is linked to her life. As the mark disappears, her life drains from her. Aylmer has achieved his idealistic dream of a perfect wife, but in the process he has destroyed what he failed to love and accept. The Gospel for today, from Matthew, may seem as

harsh and burdensome as the urge to have the perfect image of oneself or another. How can sinful people like ourselves measure up to the exacting standard of perfection that Jesus seems to put before us? Is there any point in even trying to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect? How could we ever hope to reach such a state of perfection in this life and not be destroyed in the attempt?

Luke’s Gospel echoes the same teaching but makes a crucial change in the wording. We are told by Jesus to be *compassionate* as our heavenly Father is compassionate. That in itself is a tall enough order, but it avoids the tyranny of that word “perfection”. Yet here Matthew faces us, without escape, with the challenge of Jesus. There must be a key to this, as Jesus does not place impossible burdens on our shoulders nor make demands that will lead to inevitable failure. The key lies in the promise of God’s grace and in the very fact of the incarnation. God does not demand the impossible of us. Instead, we are offered a share in God’s own life - a life that is lived in us by Jesus



himself. His becoming human transforms our human nature from within, making it possible for us to be holy because Jesus himself is our holiness and our healing. When we make space for him in our lives and try our best to follow his teaching, his grace comes alive within us.

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Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for Fr. Brian Stevens, Hilary McCarthy, 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 in church to help support Perranporth Community Food Bank. 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.

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 £46.10.**

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Devastating earthquakes have hit Turkey and Syria, killing thousands of people and reducing buildings to rubble. People need urgent aid to survive. We will have a second collection this weekend and thank you for your prayerful 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. Family Fast Day is on Friday 3rd March and we are all asked to eat simply, pray, and give what we can.

Envelopes will be given out at all Masses on 25th and 26th February and collected the following weekend. You can also give online at cafod.org.uk/lent. Please also support our soup lunch on 3rd March, 12-1 pm in the Church Hall at Most Holy Trinity. Donations for CAFOD's Lent Appeal.

Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes

We thank those who have used Gift Aid Envelopes who are now giving by **Standing Order**. Given that many of our banks have now closed and the challenges and additional expenses associated with dealing with cash, it makes our admin very much easier, less time consuming and less expensive. Thank you. **If you are Gift Aided and have changed your address then please make sure we have your up to date details.**

Parish Youth Club

We are, as mentioned, looking to restart the Youth Club. We have completed the Youth Room (St Benedict's Room) and the younger members of our Parish will be using the space before and after Sunday morning Masses. If anyone would like to help please speak with the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18



Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Communion Antiphon:

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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!

Exposition (During Lent)

Tuesday at 7.00 pm at Christ the King
Wednesday at 10.00 am at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Weekday Mass

Please note that there will be no Mass on Tuesday 21st February at Most Holy Trinity as Fr. Martin will be attending a Deanery Meeting in St. Austell that morning.

Ash Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Ash Wednesday and Lent is fast approaching. Please see Mass times below:

9.30 am - Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Agnes
11.00 am - Christ the King, Perranporth
7.00 pm - Most Holy Trinity, Newquay

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:

£244.47

January Standing Orders

£1048.33

CTK Collections:

£43.32

January Standing Orders:

£55.00

OLSOS Collections:

£25.57

January 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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