



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

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year C  
Weekday Cycle II

### Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Gina Smith RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Souls
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Eric Rowe RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Maria Borrego RIP
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>St. Andrew - Apostle</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Margaret Colaço - Intention
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		<b>Feria</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Honora Ashcroft RIP
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Debman - Intention
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Holy Souls
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Souls
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Gee Keily RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

#### Please note:

Since Most Holy Trinity Church has been closed for refurbishments, we have had very well attended Masses on the weekends in our Parish Hall in Newquay. Therefore, the additional 8.30 am Mass on Sunday morning will continue to be celebrated in the hall until the church re-opens. Thank you for your co-operation.

*“Hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.”*

An elderly woman had been living in a nursing home for years. She had lost the ability to perform many everyday tasks for herself, but she had retained the use of her hands. With these hands she produced the most beautiful embroidery. One day she showed a visitor her latest creation, a beautiful pattern of flowers and birds. “This”, she said, “is the way God sees our world: a thing of beauty, ordered and harmonious.” Then, reversing the material, she showed the other side: the little tufts and loose ends, the irregular patterns. “And this”, she added, “is the world we see: disordered, problems unresolved, questions unanswered. But it will not always be like this. Next time you come I will have tidied up that side too and it will be as good as the other. This is what God will do at the end of time. God will tidy up what human beings have disturbed and put right what has gone wrong.”

At first glance, today’s scripture readings seem to come from another world. Jeremiah looks forward to honesty and integrity in the land. Paul expects us to live a blameless life as we wait for Christ to come. And Jesus speaks of a day when “the powers of heaven will be shaken”, which almost sounds like a scene from a movie. Jeremiah and Paul, and even Jesus himself, may appear more concerned with another world than relevant to the one in which we live. Yet their world was not that different from the world we know today. Jeremiah’s words were spoken in a time of conflict and division, as the Babylonian armies began their destruction of Jerusalem. Paul wrote when the first Christians were beginning to despair under the pressure of persecution. And Jesus’ words came as he faced the prospect of his passion; it was a time when his teaching about God’s love met opposition from an unbelieving world.

How can we see the visions of today’s readings as relevant to our lives and our world today? When we look at the world using our own eyes it can appear broken and confusing, as if we were looking at the back

of the elderly woman’s embroidery. But if we learn to look through the eyes of Christ, we can recognise something beautiful. We see a purpose in life; we are given true insight. The necessary “tidying up” may not come until the end of time when, in Jesus’ words, the Son of Man will appear “with power and great glory”, but the picture can already be recognised.

The season of Advent prepares us to look at the world through Christ’s eyes: it prepares us for his coming into our lives in a deeper way. Sometimes people think that we prepare by ignoring the world we live in, or imagine that the difficulties of this life are an obstacle between ourselves and God. But Christ makes it plain that we prepare for his coming precisely by taking a searching look at this world and perceiving, through the disorder, the guiding hand of God. With Christ’s insight we can recognise that God is truly with us.

Advent is a time set aside to stop and reflect on how Christ comes into our lives. First, Advent directs us to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Our faith is founded on a real event in human history: that in the birth of Jesus Christ, God came into the world as a human being.

Second, Advent directs our attention to Christ’s coming in our everyday life. He comes when we least expect him: in the awkward person we have to deal with; when we are feeling unwell or tired with the difficulties of life. Our daily prayer can help us to prepare for those moments.

Finally, Advent directs us to Christ’s coming for the last time - the “day [that] will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap”. If we have contemplated his coming at Christmas and in our daily life, this final coming will be no fearful scanning of the horizon, hoping we will not be caught unawares. It will be a welcoming of a Lord who has been as close to us as he is in our celebration of the Eucharist: a God with whom we have been in such close communion that we have learned to see the world through God’s eyes.

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### **Synodal Journey**

If you would like to know more information about the Synodal Journey then please follow the link on our website. If you would like to give any feedback then please email [synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk). Thank you for your prayerful support in this.

### **Missio Boxes**

We would like to say a big thank you to Mary Nagappa for her dedication and support representing Missio and organising the collection of the Mission Boxes at Most Holy Trinity from many of our Parishioners over many years. Mary is now standing down from this role and we will keep you updated as to how these will be collected in the future and thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Parish Pastoral Councils**

#### **Newquay, Perranporth and St Agnes**

A number of years ago we had a Parish Council looking to support the Mission of the Church here in the wider parish. Given the rich diversity within our extended parish, 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. We would be looking at having the following representatives: Finance, Buildings, Liturgy and Pastoral. There may be other areas too.

If you are interested or have any suggestion then please email Fr. Martin. Thank you for your support.

## Church Renovations

The pillars have been removed and all of the plastering has been completed. The carpet and lights have been ordered, the pews have been collected for refurbishment and the walls will be prepared for repainting next week. Due to some unforeseen works that need to be completed, the church will not re-open until the New Year and all Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your ongoing support with this project.

## Christmas Mass Times

Please see our website, notice boards and insert herewith, for the Christmas Mass Times for Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes. Please note that all Masses in Newquay will continue to be held in our Parish Hall whilst the church is being renovated.

## COVID - Guidelines

Even though some COVID restrictions has been lifted, we continue to move forward with caution and keep many of the restrictions in place as the Covid numbers here are still currently high. **We would ask you to continue to wear a mask at Mass under these circumstances**, as highlighted by Public Health Devon and Cornwall. We will continue to have our Stewards to welcome you at the weekend Masses. We will respect social distancing and we will continue to use a one way system where you enter and exit.

Please bear in mind these contingences are our decision – other churches may differ depending on their local circumstances. You will still be required to give your name and contact number to our stewards for “Track and Trace” reasons and you also scan the NHS QR code in the entrances to our Churches or Parish Hall if you have downloaded the NHS App.

## Prayers for the Sick

**Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick.** We pray especially for Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, 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.)

## Mary's Meals Collection

Please help us support this Charity. There will be a collection for Mary's Meals next weekend, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December in each of our churches. Mary's Meals provide a life changing meal to hungry children every school day. Thank you for your kind support.

## Mass for First Sunday of Advent

### Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16



**Responsorial Psalm:**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28,34-36

### 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

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

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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 looking to determine the number of children who would like to make 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

Collections: £221.68  
September Standing Orders:  
£811.33

### CTK

Collections: £74.68  
September Standing Orders:  
£30.00

### OLSOS

Collections: £380.36  
September 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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