



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year C
Weekday Cycle II

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 18 th December		Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Joyce and Gill Allen (Intention)
Sunday 19 th December		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Brigid O'Neill RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Alice Giovannone RIP, Valentino Barberio RIP, Emma Marasco RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Peter Kemsley RIP
Monday 20 th December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	7.00 pm	Exposition
Tuesday 21 st December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Jayne RIP
Wednesday 22 nd December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Charles Colaço RIP and Felix Colaço RIP
Friday 24 th December		The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	5.00 pm	Julie Lennon (Intention)
Christ the King	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Miss E Beard, Frank and Constance
Most Holy Trinity	9.00 pm	Margaret Bell RIP
Saturday 25 th December		The Nativity of the Lord
Our Lady Star of the Sea	8.15 am	Elzbieta & Amelia Przybysz (Intention)
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.45 am	Dean Sefton RIP and Breeze Sefton RIP
Sunday 26 th December		Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Freda Stone RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Holy Souls
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Private Intention

"Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

There's something about news, both good news and bad news. The most-watched programmes on television are news programmes. Even though it can be repetitious and depressing, people want to keep up with the latest news. And if we have news of our own we want to share it. You have to tell someone: news begs to be passed on. But how terrible it is if the news we have to impart is bad: "My mother has been diagnosed with cancer." "I've just had a call and Sally's gone missing." "Unfortunately Robert has been made redundant." The heart sinks at news like this.

But when the news is good it is so different: "John's done well; he got the grades he wanted." "Caroline has got engaged!" The best kind of news there is? Perhaps there is nothing quite like the joy of telling someone that a baby has been born. "Is it a girl or a boy?" is the immediate question. "Are mother and baby doing well?" "How was the birth?" "What does the baby weigh?" The questions come tumbling out.

As we hear in today's Gospel, Mary was bursting with news and it was about the birth of a baby. She couldn't keep it to herself: no sooner did the angel bring her the good news of great joy than she set off to share it with her cousin. The news tumbled out of her and immediately Elizabeth was beside herself with joy. And she, too, had her own good news to tell. She, who for so many years had been childless, who perhaps had given up hope of having a baby, had similar news to share. Why had she not travelled down from the hill country to tell Mary her news first, since she was pregnant first? Perhaps she was advised not to travel, not to risk losing this precious bundle inside her. So it was that these women shared their news, and just at that moment Elizabeth's child stirred inside her, leapt in her womb, and they were filled with joy.

There was something more. Elizabeth was filled, not only with joy, but with the Holy Spirit. And, filled with the



Spirit, she gave a loud cry and gave us, if ever we should need it, the reason for our exaltation of Mary. She cried out to her cousin, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?" Suddenly her young cousin became the "mother of my Lord". And the visit of Mary was an honour. Then Elizabeth added, "blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled". It is what Micah the prophet had promised. A saviour would be born, in Bethlehem: "He himself will be peace." Mary had believed the promise would be fulfilled - and would be fulfilled in her. That is the real secret of Mary: her faith. She believed the promise of the Lord.

The two women joyfully shared their faith together. Mary, travelling with the good news of the Gospel, was the first apostle, the first evangelist, the first missionary, the first person to share the faith she had. And when she reached Elizabeth there was a stirring in response. A great deal is said today about spreading the faith, "new evangelisation". Pope Francis commented on it: "We evangelise not with grand words, or complicated concepts, but with 'the joy of the Gospel'." The ones who do this best are often those whom the world has treated badly or who have made a mess of their life, and who find their way to the Church where Jesus meets us and answers the prayer we made in the response to the psalm today, "let your face shine on us and we shall be saved".

That is how the Church began, how the Gospel was first preached and how it spread throughout the world. People couldn't keep it to themselves: good news has to be shared. There are lots of ways to do it: singing carols round the streets and collecting for good causes; sending Christmas cards of the nativity rather than reindeers and robins; having nativity plays; inviting someone to come with you to Christmas Mass. Through such simple ways people can come to recognise that what we are celebrating is the birth of Jesus, the saviour of the world, and the faith of his mother, Mary.

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Therese Chiswell

I would like to thank Therese for her generous and devoted service to the Parish over many years. Therese stood down from her role as Treasurer and Admin Assistant and I would like to wish her well in her retirement.

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.

Missio Boxes

Could all holders of a Missio (APF) Red box, please hand them into church or direct to your collector.

Pastoral Councils

A number of years ago we had a single Parish Council looking to support the mission of the church here in the wider parish. 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 prayerful support in this venture.



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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 painting has begun. 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. Please check the website to view photos of the works so far via the link on our Welcome page.

Christmas Mass Times

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

COVID - Guidelines

Due to the changes that came into force in public places this week, 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/face covering on before you enter the building and to keep it on for the duration of your time with us.

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 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.)

Catechetics for First Holy Communion

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.

Free Car Parking

Saturday from 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm and
Sunday 8.00 am - 1.00pm

For all other times, all visitors must go to the Reception to register your vehicle and avoid a fine. If you have any issues with Parking Eye please come to reception first. Thank you.

Mass for 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: Micah 5:1-4



Responsorial Psalm:

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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

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

Andrew Henwood - Funeral Director

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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: £239.54

November Standing Orders:

£867.33

CTK

Collections: £76.65

November Standing Orders:

£30.00

OLSOS

Collections: £67.50

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 McGuiness • 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

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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