

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday	20 th April	6.00 pm	Holy Souls	(MHT)
Sunday	21 st April	8.30 am	John Lavelle RIP	(MHT)
		10.30 am	Margaret Colaco (Intention)	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Rachel Staffieri RIP	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	People of the Parish	(OLSOS)
Wednesday	24 th April	9.30 am	John Cowie (Intention)	(MHT)
Saturday	27 th April	6.00 pm*	Lilian Tither RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	28 th April	8.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
		10.30 pm	Rivers and Maisie (Intentions)	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Cyril Raymond Honey (Intention)	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	Canon Philip Dyson (Intention)	(OLSOS)

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

7th April £191.71
13th/14th April £415.71
Dec. Standing Orders:
£1173.33

CTK

7th April £95.94
14th April £140.05
Dec. Standing Orders:
£70.00

OLSOS

7th April - **NO MASS**
14th April £57.50
Dec. Standing Orders:
£455.00

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



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Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Year B
Weekday Cycle II

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Saying goodbye can be a painful experience. Saying a final goodbye to a loved one can be heartbreaking. That's how the apostles must have felt at the Last Supper when Jesus told them that he was going to leave them. Next day he would meet a savage, degrading death. And the apostles? They would take to their heels, convinced that Jesus' mission was a disaster.

Jesus tried to prepare them for it. A few days earlier he had begged them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled", even hinting that when he returned to the Father, he'd be closer to them than ever before. And so it was. Within weeks of his death, these same men were boldly proclaiming, "Jesus is alive. We've seen him in the flesh". They recalled how the apostle Thomas had once asked, "We don't know where you're going ... so how can we know the way?" They remembered Jesus' precious reply: "I am the way, the truth and the life."

"I am the way" - Jesus doesn't point outwards, as if to indicate a route to be followed. He points to himself, "I am the way". Walking in step with him, we draw closer to God, we understand what it means to have God as our Father.

"I am the truth" - Jesus doesn't simply speak the truth: he is the truth. In everything he does - in his miracles, his care for the sick and rejected, his acceptance of a cruel death - all is truth, a revelation of the true nature of our God. When one of his friends said that all he wanted was to see this Father that Jesus was always talking about, Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, and you still do not know me? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." Jesus and the Father are equal in every way.

"I am the life" - Life is God's gift to us, a gift so precious that people cling to it even in appalling circumstances. An early Christian writer claimed that the glory of God is a human being who is fully alive. That is what Jesus has come to offer us: "I have come that (you) may have life and have it abundantly."

"Abundant life" - not simply a continuation of life as we know it, but a new and richer life than we could ever imagine, untouched by pain or sadness or distress: the life that was planted in our hearts on the day of our baptism and, like baptism, is ours for ever. No wonder Jesus spoke of it as "being born again"!

All this that we've talked about so far is

the message that the apostles were delivering within weeks of the resurrection, and, as Peter tells us in today's second reading, many souls were coming to accept it. I wonder why? Not because of the say-so of a bunch of Galilean fishermen, but because of their personal experience that Jesus is truly the Way and Truth and Life.

Since that day, countless others have made the same discovery. In his first encyclical letter Pope Benedict explained that becoming a Christian isn't simply a personal decision we make. Rather, it is an encounter we experience with a person. That person, Jesus, gives life a new horizon and a new direction. Ultimately, the reason we are here today is because Jesus is truly the Way and Truth and Life.

The Second Vatican Council was the initiative of Pope John XXIII, "Good Pope John", as he was popularly known. He had quickly endeared himself to countless

souls, whatever their religious affiliation, by his humility and gentle sense of humour.

One night, so the story goes, he was pacing to and fro in his room, weighed down by his heavy responsibilities, when he heard a voice. It was the voice of the Lord: "You go to bed, now, I'll pace up and down for the rest of the night". Whatever the origin of the story, its message is still true because, although life still has its difficulties, Jesus remains our everlasting hope. As Peter put it in our second reading today, to hope in Jesus is like being called by God out of darkness into his own glorious light.

Sometimes friends say, "I wish I had your faith". As we know, faith is not of our making. It is a sheer gift of God. And that is precisely why we are here today - to make Eucharist, to give thanks to the Father through his Son in the power of the Holy Spirit, the one God, who is our Way and Truth and Life.

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Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your prayers for those who are sick and/or housebound. We pray for Fr Martin Stone, Canon Philip Dyson, Joyce Allen, Evelyn Morris, Kathleen Birch, Molly Taylor, Rebecca May, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Mary Cain, Lily Callaghan, Patrick Hinder, Pat Hinder, Vicky Law, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason and John Lavelle at this time.

If you would like to add yourself or a close family member then please email the Parish Office.

John Lavelle RIP

John's funeral will be held at Most Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday 8th May at 10.30 am with refreshments in our Parish Hall afterwards - All Welcome. We remember his family in our prayers at this time.

Mary Rickards RIP

Mary Rickard's Funeral will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, St. Agnes on Monday 29th April at 11.00am. We remember her extended family in our prayers.

Rachel Staffieri RIP

Rachel Staffieri's Funeral will be held at Christ the King Church, Perranporth on Thursday 2nd May at 2.00pm. We remember her family in our prayers.

Prayer Intention for April Dignity & Worth of Women

Pope Francis, invites us to join him in prayer this month for the following intention: "Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world".

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Sick Calls/Visits

If you require a priest in an emergency in the absence of Fr Martin, here are the following numbers for some of the more nearby priests:

Bodmin - Fr Paul Keys
01208 72833

St Austell - Fr Michael Brandon
01726 73838

Truro - Fr John Gilbert
01872 272291

Poor Boxes

Thank you for your donations of £48.79 in the Poor Boxes. The funds raised enables us to reach out to those in need throughout the year.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – 30th April 2024

The Bishop's of England and Wales have set aside the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter as a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused, during a season of hope and new life. This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church.

We pray for those who have come forward to speak of the abuse they have suffered, and for those who are not yet able to.

May the Spirit help us to offer a response that is rooted in the love of Christ and to be a community in which they can continue to feel believed and safe as the search for truth and justice unfolds.

*God of justice and healing;
Hear our prayer.*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens
were made, alleluia.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm:

The stone which the builders rejected has
become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Gift Aid Envelopes (2024-2025)

We have this year's Gift Aid Envelopes for those who use them. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

CAFOD - Home Collecting Boxes

If you have a CAFOD collecting box at home, could you please hand it in either to Jodie at the church office or to Sue Cleaver. Thank you for your support.

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