

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday	23rd Dec	6.00 pm*	Dean Sefton and Breeze Sefton RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	24th Dec	8.30 am	Pat Daly (Intention)	(MHT)
		10.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
Christmas Eve		6.00 pm	Alice Giovannone RIP	(CTK)
		9.00 pm	Beverley Ann Cox Fitzgibbon RIP	(MHT)
Christmas Day		8.30 am	Antonietta Macari RIP	(MHT)
		8.30 am	Mary Rickards (Intention)	(OLSOS)
		10.30 am	Volunteers (Intention)	(MHT)
Saturday	30th Dec	6.00 pm*	Mary Clarke RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	31st Dec	8.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
		10.30 pm	Derek Fletcher	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Volunteers (Intention)	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	Volunteers (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	CTK	OLSOS
Collections: £331.86	Collections: £117.53	Collections: 63.98
Oct. Standing Orders: £1,118.33	Oct. Standing Orders: £100.00	Oct. Standing Orders: £440.00

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 24th December 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year B

Weekday Cycle II

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so, the child born of you will be holy and will be called Son of God.”

The incarnation is the most extraordinary, mind-dazzling, significant and fascinating event in human history. It has fired the imagination of artists of every kind. Poets, sculptors, writers, and biblical experts have used striking imagery to put this unimaginable truth into human language. They've spoken of it as “a divine kiss of peace”, an “explosion of God's extraordinary love for us”, a “fresh bond of intimacy” between God and humanity,



between the mighty God and God's tiny creatures. At the heart of this astonishing story stands a woman who is totally one with us in our humanity.

The annunciation uniquely focuses, not upon a great man, such as a general, a politician or a renowned scholar, but upon a young teenager called Mary. Almost from early childhood she has been hidden away in a tiny village called Nazareth located on the very edges of the mighty Roman Empire. She is the kind of person who might be dismissed as a “Little Miss Nobody”. St John's Gospel records that when Philip, one of Jesus' first disciples, was told that the long-awaited Messiah had come and

was living in Nazareth, his cool reaction was, “What good ever came from Nazareth?”

The story of the annunciation begins with the arrival of an unexpected visitor at Mary’s

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Fr Martin’s Health

Thank you to those who have extended words of support over the last few weeks. While Fr Martin’s health’s health is improving he has been forced to take time off in order to rest and allow himself time to recover in time for the Christmas celebrations. Thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers.

Christmas & Easter Collections

In many parishes throughout 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

little cottage. An angel, the bearer of startling news, reveals that she is to conceive, carry in her womb, give birth and finally be mother to the long-awaited Messiah.

Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your prayers for those who are sick and/or housebound. We pray for Fr Martin Stone, Joyce Allen, Evelyn Morris, Pat Byrne, Deacon Brian Overall, Molly Taylor, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Mary Cain, Lily Callaghan, Patrick Hinder, Pat Hinder, Vicky Law, Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason at this time. (If you would like to add yourself or include a close family member in our prayers then please email the Parish Office.)

Poor Boxes

Thank you for your kind donation of **£57.20** in the Poor Boxes last weekend which enables us to reach out to those most in need.

Food Banks

We continue to collect for our local food banks in Newquay and Perranporth. Please place all food items in the box provided. Thank you for your ongoing support .

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Christmas until Friday 29th December for a well earned break.

Christmas Eve

Please note that there will be no refreshments in the hall on Christmas Eve after the 10.30am Mass at Most Holy Trinity, Newquay. We thank those who serve throughout the year.

Safeguarding Forms

If you have been handed a Safer Recruitment or full DBS form recently, please complete them and return them to Fr. Martin or the Parish Office. If you would like help with completing these forms then please ask Jodie or Aileen who are willing to assist. Thank you for your understanding and support in this.

2024 Diocesan Year Books

2024 Diocesan Year books are available from the Parish office priced £4.00 each. Please note that there is limited stock available.

Christmas Personal Thanks!

Given all that has happened over the last few months I wish to take this moment to offer my sincere thanks to all who have given their support and, especially at this time, for the many cards and kind words of encouragement.

I would particularly like to thank our Parish Team who have kept things going while I have been off. And I thank God for each of you at this special and joyful time.

Thank you and may God Bless you all!

Fr Martin

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: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Responsorial Psalm: 88(89)

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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.