



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

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Sunday 25th December 2022
The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle I

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 24th December		The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	5.00 pm	Jean Sweeney RIP
Christ the King	7.00 pm	Frank, Ethel and Constance Beard RIP
Most Holy Trinity	9.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP
Sunday 25th December		The Nativity of the Lord
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Derek Fletcher RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	8.30 am	Catherine Kerr RIP
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Saturday 31st December		Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Freda Stone RIP
Sunday 1st January		Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Deacon Brian and Enid Everall (Intention)
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Fr. Brian and Althea Stevens (Intention)
Christ the King	4.00 pm	The Barberio Family Past and Present (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

May the joy and peace
of Christmas fill your homes
with every blessing!

**Have a Happy
Christmas!!!**



“The Word was the true light...
coming into the world.”

Far away from where Jesus was born, in the city of Rome, there stood a grand temple to the Roman god Saturn. Eight noble pillars still remain, even though it was built nearly five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, had to be restored after a fire, and eventually fell into ruin. Just as we celebrate festivals and holy days, so did pagan Romans; and Saturnalia, as they called it, was the most popular feast in the Roman calendar. It was a public holiday lasting from 17 to 25 December, with music and dancing, parties and colourful costumes. Homes were decorated with greenery, candles were lit and carried around, and people gave each other presents.

If you think this sounds a bit like Christmas, you are right. No one had recorded the date when Jesus was born, and so when the Church decided to fix a suitable day to celebrate it, 25 December was chosen, the last day of Saturnalia. For as well as the singing and merriment, one Saturnalia custom that particularly interested the Church was that domestic slaves changed places with their masters on that day, and the masters waited on the slaves. The Church thought: did Jesus not say, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve”? And St Paul had written, “His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave.” Saturnalia also included the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, after which

daylight begins to increase. As it was a festival of light, Christians thought it an appropriate day to celebrate the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

Christianity is not a narrow faith. The Gospel tells us that every human being is enlightened by God, whether they recognise God or not. Members of other religions, and people without faith, have light. The Second Vatican Council, in its Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, said: “The Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. It has a high regard for the manner of life and conduct, the precepts and doctrines which, although differing in many ways from its own teaching, nevertheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men and women.” The light of reason, of goodness and of truth is found in everyone, but many do not realise it as the light of God.

Therefore God sent John the Baptist to witness and speak for the light, so that everyone might believe. The second reading reminds us that “At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets.” But now God has spoken through God’s Son, Jesus, who came to live among us: “The Word was made flesh.” This is the belief grasped by St Thomas, who on seeing Jesus after his resurrection murmured, “My Lord and my God”, words we might utter silently when the host and chalice are raised above the altar at Mass.

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Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for, Molly Taylor, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Kathy Cain, Ann Cain, Patrick Hinder, Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, Brian Bickle, Rita Lawless, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Mary Bradwell, Nikita Quinn, Fr. Kieran Kirby and Bishop Emeritus 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.)

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.

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 £51.86.**

Personal Thanks!

We seem to have had another busy year with lots of things happening and, thankfully, a sense that we are finally moving back to a more normal times.

I wish to take this moment to offer my sincere thanks to you all for your support and understanding during the last few years and, especially at this time, for the many cards and kind words of support and encouragement. It is encouraging during these times. I thank God for each of you at this special and joyful time, and for the support you have given since my arrival in the Parish. Thank you and may God Bless you all!

Fr Martin

Catherine Linehan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine who died recently. May she rest in peace and also remember her extended family in our prayers at this time.

Michael Prentice RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael who died on 10th December and whose funeral service takes place on 6th January at 10.30 am at Penmount Crematorium. May he rest in peace. We remember his family in our prayers at this time.

Newquay Food Bank

We will be collecting for our local food bank each week at Most Holy Trinity. Please place all food items in the box **located under the First Aid Kit**. Thank you for your much needed support.

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.

Christmas & Easter Collections

In many parishes throughout the Dioceses of 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

Christmas Services A Big Thank You!

A very big and sincere thank you to all who have helped this year to prepare for the services during Advent and Christmas. This includes Sacristans, Flower arrangers, Decorators, Musicians, Choir, those who prepared the Cribs in our three churches, Cleaners and Polishers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers and Kitchen helpers.

As you might expect a great deal of work goes on behind the scenes (we hope we've not missed anyone out!) and which helps all of us have a more fruitful and enjoyable time. Thank you to you all for sharing your giftedness!

Christmas Office Closures

Please note that the parish office will be closed until Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

The Nativity of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon:

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsorial Psalm:

All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.



Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:1-5,9-14

Communion Antiphon:

All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.

Synodal Journey Online Safeguarding Event

As part of the Synodal Journey there will be an online safeguarding event on Monday 9th January 2023. If you wish to attend then please sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337> so that we can send the Zoom meeting details to you.

A voice from a Bethlehem stable
on January 6th, AD 1: 'I dunno.
You wait a lifetime for a wise
man to show up, and then three
come all at once.'



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:

£276.50

October Standing Orders:

£988.33

CTK Collections:

£58.74 and £63.65

August Standing Orders:

£55.00

OLSOS Collections:

£20.60 and £26.00

August Standing Orders:

£325.00

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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