



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 26th March 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle I

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 25^h March		Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Sophia Dyson (Intention)
Sunday 26th March		Fifth Sunday of Lent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Fr. Kieran Kirby RIP
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Thomas and Josephine Joyce RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Stanley Thomas Godwin RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Tuesday 28th March		Lenten Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Brenda Cowie (Intention)
Wednesday 29th March		Lenten Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Margaret Colaco (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	9.30 am	Bishop Emeritus Christopher Budd (Intention)
Thursday 30th March		Lenten Feria
Christ the King	9.30 am	Special Intention
Friday 31st March		Lenten Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Private Intention
Saturday 1st April		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP
Sunday 2nd April		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Peter Hocking RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Heather Anderton (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Sheila Boeck (Intention)

“He cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’”

“There was a man named Lazarus” is what we’re told in the opening sentence of today’s Gospel. The way Lazarus is introduced suggests that he was well known to many people in the community for which the Fourth Gospel, the one attributed to John, was written. Lazarus has two sisters and this just about tells us all there is to know about Lazarus. Today’s Gospel story is told from the perspective of Jesus and his disciples making their way to Jerusalem, presumably for Passover. There is also the suggestion of this being the lead-up to Jesus’ own passion and death. They are approaching the town of Bethany. This was what we might call the “bed and breakfast” district for those who were travelling to Jerusalem, especially at the time of Passover.

There is a cloud hanging over the gathering as Jesus receives important information: “Lord, the man you love is ill.” This message had been sent by Lazarus’ two sisters, Martha and Mary. There’s a strange piece of editing going on here, because the evangelist tells us that Mary was the sister of the sick man Lazarus, and it was Mary who anointed Jesus’ head and wiped his feet with her hair. The problem is that, in John’s account, we have still to hear that story. The raising of Lazarus will be the final “sign” in the Gospel of John - there are no “miracles” here, the writer of this Gospel calls them “signs”. Jesus says to the disciples, “Let us go to Judaea”, where Bethany was located. The disciples are not happy about this because, as they say, “the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?” The short answer is that they do go back to Judaea.

When Jesus and his disciples reach Bethany - a place that was used for overnight accommodation by pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem for major feasts like Passover - they are met by Martha, one of the sisters of Lazarus. Martha appears in two Gospels: this one, obviously, and in Luke where Jesus visits the sisters. Martha has a lot to say for herself in both cases. Here, she tells Jesus that her brother would not have died had he, Jesus, arrived earlier. She does concede that even now God will hear Jesus’ prayers. Jesus reassures her that Lazarus will live, and Martha replies that she knows he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day. Jesus tells her that he himself is “the resurrection and the life”. Whoever believes in him will never die. Martha’s responses to Jesus have been very impressive, and now she tops them all: “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.”

That statement sounds very impressive - no one has referred to Jesus in these terms before. Unfortunately Martha’s profession of faith is not quite good enough. Jesus gives instructions to the people at the tomb to take away the stone covering the opening, and Martha is horrified: “Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.” So much for Martha’s protestation that she knew that God would do whatever Jesus asked. Clearly she did not think for a moment that this could involve her brother truly coming back to life. In fairness, how could she understand what Jesus was about to do? We’ve already gathered that the faith of the two sisters was quite remarkable for its time, but Jesus’ intended action has no precedents. Martha has said that she believes God will do anything Jesus asks. The statement suggests that she hasn’t fully taken on board Jesus’ full identity and relationship with his Father.

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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, Dominic Keogh, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Kathy Cain, Ann Cain, Patrick Hinder, Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason, Fr. Kieran Kirby and Bishop Emeritus Christopher Budd at this time. (If you would like to add yourself or include a close family member in the prayers for the sick then please email the Parish Office.)

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.

Perranporth Food Bank

A box is available as you enter church in Perranporth to help support Perranporth Community Food Banks. Thank you for your support with any dried/tinned provisions.

Holy Week & Easter Services 2023

Please take with you this week’s insert detailing the times and locations of our Holy Week and Easter Services.

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 £41.61.**

Christ the King, Perranporth (Outdoor Table Top Sale)

There will be a table top sale on Monday 1st May in Christ the King’s church car park from 10am to 4pm. If any Parishioners from our parish would like to reserve a space to sell their goods, it will be £10 per space for a car and table. Please contact Aileen Barry on 01872 396492 mobile 07563617654 or Jodie at Newquay on 01637 851697.

Andrew Henwood - Funeral Director

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Silence in Church

We read in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) of the importance of silence in our celebrations. This allows us quiet moments, for prayer, meditation and thanksgiving during various parts of the Mass. **We have been asked by a number of parishioners, and especially as we journey through Lent, to seek to reclaim some silence before and after our Masses.** Though not mentioned in the GIRM, there is a long practice of maintaining silence within the body of the church after Mass. Some churches erupt in noise once Mass is over. This can spoil the atmosphere of prayer that is conducive and appropriate to personal prayer after Mass. While we do not want to inhibit the communal joy and sharing that is a huge part of our celebrations we also want to respect those individuals that are seeking a few minutes of quiet prayer at those times. Thank you for your support.

Newquay Food Bank

We continue to collect for our local food bank each week at Most Holy Trinity, Newquay. They recently got in touch and informed us that they no longer need donations of pasta and baked beans as they have a very large supply of these products, but donations of tinned desserts such as rice pudding and tinned fruit are very much needed. Please place all food items in the box **under the First Aid Kit**. Thank you for your much needed support.

Holy Week

Stations of the Cross

Please note that in Holy Week we will endeavour to celebrate Stations of the Cross in all three of our Churches. Newquay on Tuesday at 7.30pm, St. Agnes on Wednesday at 7.30pm and Perranporth on Friday at 7.30pm. These Stations will be based on the film the Passion of Christ. We hope to see as many people there as it is an ideal way to focus our thoughts and feelings at this special time in the church's year. Thank you

Choir Practice (Newquay)

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the choir in Newquay, please come along to Most Holy Trinity on Thursday 30th March at 10.30 am for our next practice. All welcome.

New Cleaner (Newquay)

Sachie, our cleaner, has recently finished. We wish her every success as she moves to ventures new. We will be interviewing for a new cleaner on Monday. Thank you for your understanding.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14



Responsorial Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and
fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

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

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Easter Offering Envelopes

These will be available as usual from this weekend onwards. Thank you for your support, generosity and continued prayers.

Communion Under Both Kinds

From Holy Week we will be permitted to distribute Communion under both kinds. We are now looking to ensure we have Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at each of our Masses to help facilitate this. We aim to begin redistribution of the Precious Blood of our Lord from the feast of Corpus Christi.

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:

£268.70

February Standing Orders

£1048.33

CTK Collections:

£74.25

February Standing Orders:

£55.00

OLSOS Collections:

£47.40

February Standing Orders

£415.00

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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