



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 27th March 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Year C
Weekday Cycle II

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 26 th March			Fourth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)		
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP			
Sunday 27 th March			Fourth Sunday of Lent		
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Allan Cunningham RIP			
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Peter Hocking RIP			
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Ella & Amelia Przybysz (Intention)			
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish			
Monday 28 th March			Lenten Feria		
University	12.00 pm	Private Intention			
Tuesday 29 th March			Lenten Feria		
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Private Intention			
Wednesday 30 th March			Lenten Feria		
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Mark Spears RIP			
Our Lady Star of the Sea	9.30 am	Private Intention			
Thursday 31 st March			Lenten Feria		
Christ the King	9.30 am	Canon Eddie Matthews RIP			
Friday 1 st April			Lenten Feria		
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls			
Saturday 2 nd April			Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)		
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP			
Sunday 3 rd April			Fifth Sunday of Lent		
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish			
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Ilona Wells RIP			
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Sabina Mason (Intention)			
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	The People of Ukraine			

“Your brother here was dead and has come to life.”

One of the big problems with funerals, as any funeral director knows, is not the attitude of the family to the deceased person but the attitude of those who come to mourn to each other. A Catholic funeral is an act of mercy by its nature, which is what the Catholics who come to a funeral should always keep in mind. They come to pray for the dead, which means that God has put God's own mercy at our disposal. Not absolutely, of course, as if we could stand in the way of God's mercy, but the way God forgives is left, to some extent, in our hands.

Yet forgiving the dead is easier than forgiving the living. Or to put it another way, forgiving the living might be more real than our forgiving the dead. As for the dead forgiving us, either they forgive everyone or they forgive no one. Funeral directors become very adept at managing this lack of forgiveness. They make sure that wives and ex-wives are not seated together, for instance. In one case, when a priest was asked not to pray for someone who was living with the deceased, who had left his wife for her, he simply refused to comply. He said that he would bend a lot at funerals, but wouldn't ever refuse to pray for someone - if he did so, he would stop being a servant of Christ. In the end, that worked out well. If this seems too negative, it's important to remember that funerals can also be a time and place for reconciliation of a sort. At least for a moment, people remember how unimportant our little squabbles are.

What comes first, justice or mercy? You might think that mercy comes first because you have to do something wrong before you can be shown mercy. That might be true for people, but it is not true for God. That is because God always knows what God intends to do. So even in God's creating us there is a sort of mercy, which was what St Thomas Aquinas thought. Mercy is the desire for the happiness of someone else. No one is made by God to

be unhappy, but we have our choices. Justice is, therefore, never a final end, but people get stuck with justice because they won't accept mercy.

The story of the prodigal son is a parable about mercy, but it is not a human mercy. Human mercy needs something to forgive, whereas God does not. Human mercy also comes from our own sinfulness, which is not the case with God. God's mercy comes into this world as forgiveness, but that is down to us and our human behaviour. God does not need us to sin in order to show us love. So in the parable the elder son is loved perfectly by the father but somehow has lost sight of that. It is interesting that some of the words of the father to the elder son are very similar to the words of Jesus to his heavenly Father in the Gospel of St John. The words of the father to the elder son in the parable, “you are with me always and all I have is yours”, can be compared to Jesus' words to the Father in the Gospel of St John, “all I have is yours and all you have is mine”. The mercy of God is the love of the persons of the Trinity for each other, shared with humanity. Mercy is the most godlike of all virtues.

Mercy starts with prayer, because mercy starts with God. It is the fundamental purpose of God for all God's creation, so we cannot really be merciful without prayer. In a family, in our friendships, in our workplaces, we need to be merciful, and that means having a power that is from God alone. Gestures and actions help, but unless we are convinced we are carrying out God's work in being merciful, we will fail.

This is why forgiveness is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer and why a life of prayer is always a life of mercy. To put it another way, we might start from our own heart in committing ourselves to a course of action, but if we wish to commit ourselves to mercy, we must start from the heart of God, from the life of the Holy Trinity.

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Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, Brian Bickle, Rita Lawless 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.)

COVID - Guidelines - UPDATE

While we are moving back to normal we still request face masks to be worn during our Masses and when inside and to sanitise when entering. This is out of a sense of support to those who are still fearful, are being cautious and also recognises that some of our parishioners have chosen not to be vaccinated. I'm sure you will appreciate we are keen to ensure that our Church is a place where people feel safe to gather for worship. Thank you for your ongoing support and for your selflessness with this matter.

Lenten Devotions

- † 7.00 pm Monday - Exposition (MHT)
- † 5.30 pm Tuesday - Exposition (CTK)
- † 9.15 am Friday - Rosary for Ukraine (MHT)
- † 6.00 pm Friday - Stations of the Cross (MHT)

During Exposition on Mondays Fr Martin will be available for individual confession. If there are any additional devotions that like please let us know.

Lenten Lunch

You are invited to join us for a soup and bread lunch on Friday 8th April in the Church Hall at 12 noon to 1.00 pm. Donations to CAFOD.

Missio

Missio would like to thank our Parishioners for their generous donations of £481.11 which will go towards the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries - thank you.

Support For Ukraine

As well as remembering the people of Ukraine in our prayers we are having a second collection to help support those most affected. Any funds raised will be sent via CAFOD who have launched a fundraising campaign and will ensure donations reach those on the ground. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Baptism

We welcome into God's Family Charlotte who was Baptised at Most Holy Trinity Church, Newquay on Sunday 20th March 2022.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Our Parish raised a grand total of £772.00. Your gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts can support training to grow and make healthy food so that children have a brighter future. Thank you so much.

Parish Pastoral Councils

Given the rich diversity within our extended parish but, nevertheless, seeking to move forward, we looking at establishing a local Pastoral Council in each of our communities.

One of the main focuses, in Perranporth and St Agnes, will be looking at the buildings (including safeguarding their future) and what we, as a community, would like to see taking place including social gatherings as well as church services etc. This will be building on what we have undertaken in Newquay and, hopefully, will ensure that we develop places which will build upon what we already have as well as encourage new initiatives. If you have not already made your interest known to Fr Martin then please speak with him or with the Parish Office.

Thank you again for your support with this. Together we can continue to make a difference in the lives of the communities we serve.

Health and Safety Review

We have undertaken a Health and Safety review in Newquay, subsequent to the works in the church being completed. This was undertaken by the Diocese's new Health & Safety rep and included a Fire Risk assessment. (We will be undertaking one in Perranporth and St Agnes this week.) In carrying out this review it has come to light that we are in need of First Aiders. If you have any experience in this area please pass on your details to the Parish Office. Thank you again for your support.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12



Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against
heaven and against you.'
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3.11-32

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

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

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 – Please pray for those who will be making their First Communion this year in June.

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:

13/03/22 - £250.52

20/03/22 - £346.24

Standing Orders: £867.33

CTK Collections:

13/03/22 - £57.52

20/03/22 - £86.75

Standing Orders: £30.00

OLSOS Collections:

13/03/22 - £84.00

20/03/22 - £101.65

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

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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