



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

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year A  
Weekday Cycle I

## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Peter Hutchinson RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Holy Souls
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Peter Hocking RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	People of the Parish
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>St. Cuthbert Mayne</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>St. Andrew - Apostle</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Felix Colaço RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		<b>Feria</b>
Christ the King	9.30	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>		<b>St. Osmund of Salisbury</b>
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)</b>
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Sean Ward RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Holy Souls
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Souls
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Fred Payton RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

### Prayers for the Dead during the Month of November

During the Month of November, we remember especially in our prayers and during the celebration of Mass our loved ones who have already gone before us.

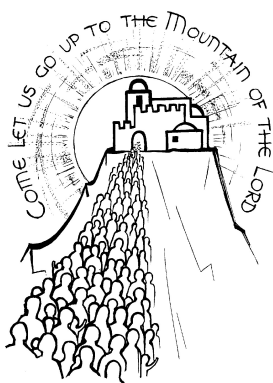


**“Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming.”**

The Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh’s poem “Advent” speaks powerfully to these weeks. The opening lines are very evocative: “We have tested and tasted too much, lover - / Through a chink too wide there comes in no wonder.” In an age that is often focused on the next experience, seeking one “high” after another, the poet invites us to recognise the desire for pleasure and to begin a more reflective time. We are invited into the “Advent-darkened room” with the penances of “dry black bread” and “sugarless tea” which will “charm back the luxury/ Of a child’s soul”. It is an opportunity to rediscover wonder and surprise in a tired and overstimulated life.

Children can teach us many lessons during these weeks. They are busy preparing their Nativity plays, carol singing and end-of-term activities. They are full of natural excitement and exuberance as they look towards Christmas. Being naturally curious and wanting to explore their world, children teach us to be more spontaneous. Parents will know how one question follows another as they discover knowledge and are fascinated by what they see around them. The poem invites us to see again, like children, “the newness that was in every stale thing” and evoke wonder and praise at the mystery of the gift around us. Already small bursts of colour begin to break into the dark world of winter as some winter flowers appear. They are hopeful signs pointing us towards new life and Christ. The poem ends, “Christ comes with a January flower.”

Both St Paul and St Matthew present an urgent



message to us today: “stay awake”. Jesus warns us that if we are complacent, then the life of a Christian can become lukewarm. We live in a half-hearted way and are only half-alive. We may be ashamed of aspects of our lives that we wish to hide in the darkness and do not want to expose these deeds to the harsh reality of light where others may see them. Rather Advent invites us to be ready to move out of darkness into the light and live with integrity and honesty. There is no room for hidden bad practices. The early Church expected Christ to return in glory very soon after the resurrection. The Gospels communicate an urgency and a warning about living expectantly for the coming of the last days. Now, well into the third millennium, we have lost our expectation for the coming of Christ at the end of time. His promise remains that he will come to judge the living and the dead at the second coming. We can trust in the promise of eternal life and the resurrection from the dead.

While we are not as aware of the second coming, the time of our death remains uncertain. We can hope for a long life but cannot guarantee it. We know so vividly and painfully that this is often not the case: sickness strikes, an accident happens, a tragedy occurs and life is turned upside down. It is like a burglar coming in the middle of the night and breaking into the house. The Advent readings remind us of our mortality. This season provides an opportunity to reassess our priorities and live with eyes open to wonder and the gifts we see around us. It is a good time to appreciate and thank those we love for their presence and place in our lives. Advent is a time of waiting in hope. The old will pass away. We can hope that Christ will break again into our lives to bring his gift of peace, for which so many people long today.

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### **COVID - UPDATE**

**Thank you to those who continue to wear face masks during our celebrations and think about the welfare of others.** However, in seeking to move back to a more normal practice Fr Martin and Fr Brian will now only wear a mask during the distribution of communion. You will appreciate we are keen to ensure that our Church **remains a place where people feel safe to gather.** Thank you for your ongoing support and selflessness with this matter.

### **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.

### **Rosary**

Most Holy Trinity in Newquay pray the Rosary at 9.00am before all weekday Masses. St Agnes pray the Rosary at 5.30pm before Sunday evening Mass. All are welcome!

### **Prayers for the Sick**

**Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick.** We pray especially for Catherine Linehan, Molly Taylor, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Kathy 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.)

### **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 £52.80**

### **Afternoon Club - Newquay**

We meet every Tuesday from 2pm until 4pm. Please join us for tea and a chat and board games.

## Moving into the Future

Thank you to all who completed questionnaires and give us your suggestions as we seek to move forward as a Parish. We seem to be gradually getting back to some resemblance of normality. To help with this, if there is something that was taking place before COVID, that you would like to see taking place again, could you please let us know in plenty of time so we can plan these.

Furthermore we will aim, wherever possible, as with Advent and Christmas to organise events and celebrations across the wider parish, being open to as many people as possible, as we recognise that all parishioners in this parish are of equal importance, with no church community being more important or less important than any other. Thank you for your understanding and together we can make a difference.

## 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**.

There are certain items they are in need of:

- ✓ Tinned meals: chilli con carne, meat balls, mince, stew. Tinned sweet corn, carrots and peas. Tinned rice pudding, custard or fruit. Noodles or couscous packets. Angel Delight or Jelly. Tea, coffee, long life milk, cereals, biscuits, jam, peanut butter.

### THEY DO NOT CURRENTLY NEED:

- × Pasta, pasta sauce or baked beans.

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.

## Missio Boxes

Thank you to those who continue to donate to Missio. Please hand your red boxes into the parish office for counting and distribution of funds direct to them. We thank you for your kind support.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am for our next practice. All welcome.

## First Sunday of Advent

### Entrance Antiphon:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5



**Responsorial Psalm:**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

### Prayer for a New Bishop

Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.  
In your mercy grant to the Diocese of Plymouth  
a shepherd who will walk in your ways,  
and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.  
We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

## The Season of Advent

As we move into Advent we have additional opportunities for prayer and reconciliation as well as the normal scheduled Masses. Please see the website and notice boards for further information.

### Annual Leave - Weekday Mass

Fr. Martin will be away on annual leave from 5<sup>th</sup> December to 17<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no weekday Mass during this time, apart from on Wednesdays in Most Holy Trinity, Newquay at 9.30am, which will be celebrated by Fr. Brian Stevens. Weekend Masses will be celebrated by Fr. David Mead, Fr. Brian Stevens and Fr. Jacek Kostuch and we thank them for their kind support.

### Andrew Henwood - Funeral Director

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## 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:

£285.41

### October Standing Orders:

£988.33

### CTK Collections:

£80.89

### August Standing Orders:

£55.00

### OLSOS Collections:

£48.50

### 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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