

# Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00 pm*	Holy Souls	(MHT)
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30 am	Holy Souls	(MHT)
		10.30 pm	Brenda Cowie RIP	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Pamela June Honey RIP	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	People of the Parish	(OLSOS)
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.30 am	Holy Souls	(MHT)
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6.00 pm*	Mary Clarke RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
		10.30 pm	Carol Mappley (Intention)	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Holy Souls	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	Terri Crooks (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: <b>£232.82</b>	Collections: <b>£62.62</b>	Collections: <b>£10.00</b>
Oct. Standing Orders: <b>£1,118.33</b>	Oct. Standing Orders: <b>£100.00</b>	Oct. Standing Orders: <b>£440.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support!

<b>Our Churches</b>	<b>Most Holy Trinity (MHT)</b> Lower Tower Road, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 1LS	<b>Lanherne Convent</b> Chaplain's House, St. Mawgan, Newquay, Cornwall, TR8 4ER
	<b>Christ the King (CTK)</b> Wheal Leisure Road, Perranporth, Cornwall, TR6 0EZ	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSOS)</b> Trevaunance Road, St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

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Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B

Weekday Cycle II

*"He taught them with authority"*

One of the surprising gaps in the Gospels is any description of what Jesus actually looked like. If you had known someone who had been in the synagogue in Capernaum and had heard that Jesus had healed the possessed man, you would have wanted to know what this Jesus was like. Would you have wanted to know how tall he was, the colour of his hair, what he was wearing? But your friend who was a witness tells you something else – he taught with authority. This impression seems to block out everything else.



Justice Sunday, and the diversity of ways of seeing Jesus can not only give us insights into who Jesus was but also remind each one of us to see the presence of Jesus in both friend and stranger.

Jesus is seen as offering something new, something different to the scribes. Just as the Gospel writers do not tell us what Jesus looked like, neither does Mark actually tell us what Jesus taught at this time. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel, the only teaching is: "The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand.

Repent, and believe the Good News." In keeping with the style of these initial chapters, where Mark moves quickly from place to place, it is short and to the point. Jesus is like a commander issuing instructions; the commands must be clear and brief so that they are understood and received – and that is what gives him authority.

The lack of description in the Gospels of what Jesus looked like is a gap that can inspire creativity. The absence of a description can lead to a generous range of images as different communities recognise Jesus as one of their own. Today we mark Racial

Jesus' authority seems therefore to be based on the brevity of what he says – and on the meaning being clear. The people recognise him as a prophet who, as Moses says in the first reading, speaks the words of God.

That we are still listening to Paul's letters today tells us that the people of Corinth also recognised that Paul taught with authority and wished to pass on that teaching. Unlike the succinctness of Jesus in Mark's account, Paul has more to say – developing his argument over longer sections. The danger is that we can miss the essence of what Paul is saying by being caught up in the way he is saying it. To contemporary ears, Paul may be presenting a series of stereotypes of men and women, but

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### 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 Everall, Molly Taylor, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Mary Cain, Lily Callaghan, Patrick Hinder, Pat Hinder, Vicky Law, Brian Fury, Justine Hocking, William Walton, Sabina Mason, John Lavelle at this time. If you would like to add yourself or a close family member then please email the Parish Office.

### Annual Leave

Fr. Martin will be on annual leave from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the Website and Newsletters over the next few weeks for all Mass times and contact details for all Mass times and contact details for a priest in case of emergency.

this may miss his main point. As it was true in 1st century Corinth so it is today that people lead busy lives and yes, we need to make time to listen to the Lord, but not so that we neglect the needs of others. Be holy but also be real.

Returning to the Gospel, in Mark's account words are not enough. What gives Jesus' teaching true authority is not only what he says but also what he does. When Jesus speaks to the possessed man, he is direct and to the point: "Be quiet! Come out of him!"

The possessed man responds to his command and is healed. This action causes the people to repeat that Jesus' teaching has authority.

### Brendan Sheehan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brendan who died recently. Brendan's funeral will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am at Most Holy Trinity Church. May he rest in peace. We remember his family in our prayers at this time.

### Food Banks

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

### Poor Boxes

Thank you for your donation of **£66.50** in the Poor Boxes. The funds raised enable us to reach out to those in need.

### Fr Martin's Health

Thank you to those who continue to extend words of support in relation to Fr Martin's ongoing health concerns. This week again has seen Fr Martin aggravating his right shoulder and, therefore, he still needs to move forward cautiously. Following advice he is still aiming to focus on being able to celebrate the Sunday Masses and hope to allow his shoulder to heal over the next few weeks. During this time he continues to undergo physiotherapy due to the secondary issues that he has as a result of the shingles and postherpetic neuralgia. As always we will continue to keep you informed.

### Lenten Devotions

We are looking to see what Devotions (Exposition, Stations of the Cross etc) we might be able to offer across our extended parish community. If you would like a particular devotion and are able to help then please give your suggestions to the Parish Office or Fr Martin. Thank you.

### Ash Wednesday & Lent Booklets

Ash Wednesday and Lent is fast approaching. Please see Mass times below:

- † 9.30 am - Newquay
- † 9.30 am - St. Agnes
- † 7.00 pm - Perranporth

We will have Walk With Me booklets available soon to help us on our journey through Lent at £1 per booklet. Thank you for your support.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

### Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

### Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

### Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries  
of the kingdom to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

### Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,  
for I call on you.

## Missionary Society of St. Paul Annual Mission Appeal

Fr. Mark Odion from the Missionary Society of St. Paul will be joining us the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February to give the Annual Mission Appeal and will be celebrating Masses in Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes whilst Fr. Martin is on annual leave. There will be a second collection this weekend to support the Appeal. Thank you for your warm welcome and support.