



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 29th January 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle I

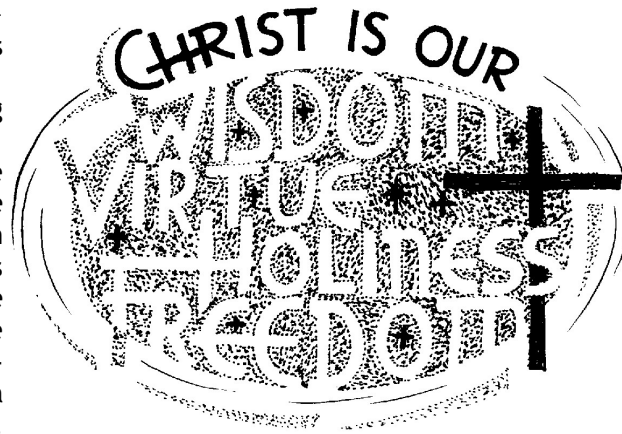
Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28th January		Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Sally Baird RIP
Sunday 29th January		Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Gil and Joyce Allen (Intention)
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Special Intention
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 30th January		
Penmount Crematorium	1.30 pm	Funeral Service of Valerie Lavelle RIP
Tuesday 31st January		St. John Bosco
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Brenda Cowie (Intention)
Wednesday 1st February		Feria
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Our Lady Star of the Sea	9.30 am	Conchita Dunn (Intention)
Thursday 2nd February		The Presentation of the Lord
Christ the King	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Friday 3rd February		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Saturday 4th February		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Moyra Whelan RIP
Sunday 5th February		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Bernard Haines RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Cyril Raymond RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

“How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

History, some might say, is the story of human ambition and its often tragic consequences. Wealth and power, always an attractive prospect, have never been more glamorised than in our own day and age. People are encouraged to “Think Big”. There is even a children’s book entitled *Think Big!* In repurposing a well-known nursery rhyme, its author, Kes Gray, has Humpty Dumpty sitting on a wall, discussing the future with his friends. Humpty expects to end up on someone’s breakfast table - boiled - but his friends encourage him to aim higher. Had he thought of becoming an artist, asks Little Boy Blue. Maybe I’ll get a job in a space agency, Humpty thinks. He starts to imagine himself as an astronaut. Before long, he is boasting: “I’m going to be the best astronaut in the whole wide universe!” At this, Jack-Be-Nimble gives Humpty a hearty slap on the back, accidentally knocking him off the wall! “On second thoughts,” Humpty calls up, rather more meekly this time, “Make that an omelette!”

Over-ambition has its real-life casualties, too, especially in a celebrity culture that fosters unrealistic expectations. It is why, when encouraging youngsters to work hard and aim high, we may also need to remind them that it’s OK to live an unremarkable life - and better still to live a good one.



The Roman Empire in which Jesus lived was as aspirational as our own society. Glamour and power were much admired. The Jewish elite even assumed that wealth was a sign of God’s favour, and that poor people were accursed. Proudly they paraded their good fortune as though money and reputation were synonymous with a state of blessedness. Power and fame meant nothing to Jesus. He was happy in the company of people who were unimportant or scorned. He dined with tax collectors, welcomed little children, consorted with fisherfolk and, rather scandalously for those times, numbered women among his companions; some were probably widows. Many widows in those days were the poorest of the poor. In today’s Gospel, Jesus helped them see themselves as the lucky ones: “Happy those who mourn,” he said.

The widows may have been surprised to hear that, but Jesus used startling language to make people stop and think. Status and security, he was trying to say, do not bring the contentment people crave. Not even a wonderful relationship can offer any “happy-ever-after” guarantees. Ultimately, deep and lasting fulfilment comes, not from the things we have, but from the person we are and the good we do. Those truly blessed are the gentle, compassionate, humble people who suffer for doing the right thing and work hard to build bridges. They are the real princes and princesses of this world, for one day they will inherit God’s kingdom and enjoy all the comfort and recognition so far denied them.

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Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for Fr. Brian Stevens, Hilary McCarthy, Molly Taylor, 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 in church to help support Perranporth Community Food Bank. Thank you for your support with any dried/tinned provisions.

Parish Database Forms

Thank you to those of you who have recently completed our new Parish Database Forms and handed them to Jodie in the Parish Office. If you have not yet done this then please collect a form, complete it and return it as soon as possible. (If you received a Christmas card from Fr Martin then you are on our database.) Forms are available at each of our churches on request. Thank you for your support with this as it is important that we have up to date information and the information that we hold is what you have provided.

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.

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 £30.27.**

Data Protection Issues & GDPR

Please don't be offended if we, as a Parish, cannot share information with you when asked, for example, an address or telephone number. We are **simply not permitted to share personal information** and respect everyone's right to privacy.

Furthermore, GDPR applies to volunteers in the same way as any other individual. In other words, volunteers may be data processors, dealing with other people's personal data, and they will also be **data subjects** because you process personal information. Anyone who volunteers will, therefore, need to understand the church's policies and procedures and the importance of data protection, data security and confidentiality.

Thank you for your continued support.

Afternoon Club

There will be no afternoon club held at Most Holy Trinity Church until further notice. Thank you.

Valerie Lavelle RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Valerie Lavelle who died on 3rd January, and whose funeral service takes place on 30th January at 1.30 pm at Penmount Crematorium. May she rest in peace and may we also remember her family in our prayers at this time.

New Caretakers

Given the challenges of trying to maintain 3 church sites and move forward with various projects we have recently appointed 2 part time caretakers. Hopefully, over the next few weeks and months you will see them around.

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 2nd February at 10.30 am for our next practice. All welcome.

Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes

We thank those who have used Gift Aid Envelopes who are now giving by **Standing Order**. Given that many of our banks have now closed and the challenges and additional expenses associated with dealing with cash, it makes our admin very much easier, less time consuming and less expensive. Thank you. **If you are Gift Aided and have changed your address then please make sure we have your up to date details.**

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: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13



Responsorial Psalm:

How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-31

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: Matthew 5:1-12a

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.

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!

In Case of Snow/Adverse Weather Conditions

While we are committed to fulfilling our Sunday obligation there are sometimes moments when, due to adverse weather conditions, we would be advised to stay at home. If the Met Office ever issues a red weather warning then we would repeat this advice and ask you to remain safely at home. Thank you.

Building Works (Newquay)

We will be starting building works on the roof in Newquay on Monday 30th January. Please respect any health & safety guidelines when coming to church.

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:

£269.99

October Standing Orders

£988.33

CTK Collections:

£67.76

October Standing Orders:

£55.00

OLSOS Collections:

£77.54

October 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

Our Parish is part of the Diocese of Plymouth: Registered Charity No. 213227