

# Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00 pm*	Mary Clarke RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	8.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
		10.30 pm	Derek Fletcher RIP	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Volunteers (Intention)	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	Volunteers (Intention)	(OLSOS)
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.30 am	Canon Christopher Whitehead Bishop-elect (Intention)	(MHT)
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00 pm*	Patricia O'Connor RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30 am	Michael Delaney RIP	(MHT)
		10.30 pm	People of the Parish	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Mary Clarke RIP	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	Roy Gauge (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

<b>MHT</b> Collections: <b>next week</b> Oct. Standing Orders: <b>£1,118.33</b>	<b>CTK</b> Collections: <b>next week</b> Oct. Standing Orders: <b>£100.00</b>	<b>OLSOS</b> Collections: <b>next week</b> Oct. Standing Orders: <b>£440.00</b>
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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

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



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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Sunday Year B

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Weekday Cycle II

*“The child’s mother and father stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him.”*

There is a programme on various national TV channels called, *Who do you think you are?*, which aims to help well-known personalities delve into their family backgrounds, highlighting the most interesting discoveries. In the British version of the programme, it has proved possible to trace more than one family back to medieval monarchs. More unusual episodes are when expectations are turned upside down. A black woman returning to the Caribbean was surprised to find a black



ancestor who owned slaves rather than being a slave himself. Moreover, most of the local population were still named after him. An actress knew that her family was of Irish stock, and her anti-Catholic mother was of the firm belief that they were members of the Anglo-Irish gentry whose name they bore. However, the research team

discovered that they were in fact descendants of Irish Catholic Travellers who had taken the name of their local gentry on emigrating to England, as they thought it would help more in their acceptance and settling down in their new home. The actress could not wait to inform her mother, whose reaction to the news was not recorded.

What would be the response if we asked the same question of Jesus and his family? St Mark and St Luke offer us family genealogies of Joseph, heredity deemed to come through the father even if he was not the biological parent. The genealogies are not the same. The evangelists have different intentions. St Mark wants to show how Jesus is descended from Abraham and David, thus continuing the line of the covenant God makes with God’s chosen people. St Luke goes back to Adam because he is more interested in showing Jesus as the one who calls all humanity to salvation.

In their infancy narratives Matthew continues to give Joseph a more central role. He is the one who guides and protects Mary and her child, relying, like his forebear of the same name, on instructions given by angels in his dreams. Luke, perhaps because of his personal acquaintance, has Mary as his dominant person, recording the visit to her of the angel Gabriel, her visit to Elizabeth and the birth of her son in the stable. Both parents bring Jesus to the Temple and marvel at Simeon's prophetic words, but it is to Mary that Simeon speaks personally, warning that a sword will pierce her soul. When both parents find the boy Jesus sitting in the Temple among the teachers, it is his mother who

addresses him with their anxieties.

Joseph is absent from the public life of Jesus, leading commentators to presume his death. All the synoptic evangelists depict Mary as visiting Jesus with relatives - and he seems to give them the cold shoulder, pointing out that his true family are his followers. St John, however, portrays Mary in a very different role. She is the one who propels Jesus into his public life at the marriage feast of Cana. She stands at the foot of the cross at the end of her Son's life. Jesus gives Mary into the care of the beloved disciple, with whom, according to tradition, she will spend the rest of her days.

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### **Fr Martin's Health**

Thank you to all those who have extended words of support over the last few months in relation to Fr Martin's ongoing health concerns. Unfortunately, Fr Martin's health is still an issue and he did too much in seeking to celebrate all the Christmas services. He is aiming to focus on being able to celebrate the Sunday Masses and will not be celebrating any weekday Masses for the next few weeks. We will continue to keep you informed. Thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers.

### **Food Banks**

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

### **A Big Thank You!**

A very big and sincere thank you to all who have helped this year to prepare for the services during Advent and Christmas. As you will appreciate a great deal of work goes on behind the scenes and which helps all of us have a more fruitful and enjoyable time. Thank you to you all for sharing your giftedness! Mass was celebrated over Christmas for those who volunteer.

### **Poor Boxes**

Thank you for your kind donations in the Poor boxes throughout the year which enables us to reach out to those most in need.

### **2024 Diocesan Year Books**

2024 Diocesan Year books are available from the Parish office priced £4.00 each. Please note that there is limited stock available.

### **Christmas & Easter Collections**

In many parishes Christmas and Easter Collections are for the support of the ministry which takes place within the local Parish community and therefore go to Priest in charge. As such any contributions received for ministries and Christmas and Easter Collections etc go to the Parish with the parish priest receiving an allowance from the parish. This is the case here and those monies offset anything I receive. I therefore would like to extend my sincere thanks to you for your generosity and support, not only at this time, but throughout the year.

*Fr Martin*

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

### **Safeguarding Forms**

If you have been handed a Safer Recruitment or full DBS form recently, please complete them and return to the Parish Office. If you would like help with completing these forms then please ask Jodie or Aileen. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## **Feast of the Holy Family**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the  
Infant lying in a manger.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3

**Responsorial Psalm: 104**

He, the Lord, is our God.  
He remembers his covenant for ever.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
At various times in the past  
and in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors  
through the prophets;  
but in our own time, the last days,  
he has spoken to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22,39-40

### **Communion Antiphon**

Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.

### **Christmas Personal Thanks!**

Given all that has happened over the last few months I wish to take this moment to offer my sincere thanks to all who have given their support and, especially at this time, for the many cards and kind words of encouragement.

I would particularly like to thank our Parish Team who have kept things going while I have been off. And I thank God for each of you at this special and joyful time.