

Mass Times & Intentions for Christ the King

Saturday	2 nd Dec	6.00 pm*	Canon Kristian Paver (Intention)	(MHT)
Sunday	3 rd Dec	8.30 am	Holy Souls	(MHT)
		10.30 am	Honora Ashcroft RIP	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Holy souls for the Clarke Family and Pat Evans	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	People of the Parish	(OLSOS)
Tuesday	5 th Dec	NO MASS	NO MASS	(MHT)
Wednesday	6 th Dec	9.30 am	Holy Souls	(MHT)
		NO MASS	NO MASS	(OLSOS)
Thursday	7 th Dec	NO MASS	NO MASS	(CTK)
Friday	8 th Dec	NO MASS	NO MASS	(MHT)
Saturday	9 th Dec	6.00 pm*	Holy Souls	(MHT)
Sunday	10 th Dec	8.30 am	People of the Parish	(MHT)
		10.30 am	Holy Souls	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Alan Begley RIP	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	Holy Souls	(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: £311.87	Collections: £82.97	Collections: £68.00
Oct. Standing Orders: £1,118.33	Oct. Standing Orders: £100.00	Oct. Standing Orders: £440.00

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support!

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

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Sunday 3rd December 2023
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year B
Weekday Cycle II

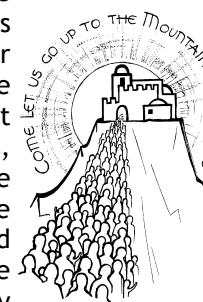
*"Let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved."*

"O that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" This desperate cry for help is heard wherever war, violence and the breakdown of order inflicts terror and suffering on innocent people. It is heard in the silent, sobbing pleas of millions in refugee camps; human beings surviving in terrible conditions. These are the people the Church asks us to remember and pray for today, Migrants' Sunday. The urgent appeal for God to sort out the mess of human affairs, "to tear the heavens and come down to save us", is the constant plea of the Old Testament prophets, the prophets to whom pay attention in Advent. This appeal comes from the Prophet Isaiah in our first reading: why doesn't God stop all this evil?

"Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways?" Isaiah goes on. "Return for the sake of your servants." Isaiah continues to cry out for the sake of all

who are suffering; people close to us or maybe in our own family; neighbours and friends who sometimes have a secret anguish in their heart, like someone who has been hurt and damaged in childhood. "Return for the sake of your servants." Isaiah goes on. "Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways?" That is the cry of someone who longs to find the way forward. "You hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins." This is the cry of many a recidivist criminal who goes back to prison again and again, too weak to change. Or it can be the crushed and tearful prayer of an addict, someone addicted, perhaps, to gambling or drugs or alcohol.

"O that you would tear the heavens and come down!" But God has. Isaiah's prayer was heard. God did tear the heavens and come down. God was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He has not left us to stray from his ways: he came to be our Good Shepherd who seeks out the stray, saves the lost sheep, bandages the wounded, makes the weak strong;



someone who doesn't just teach us, but who puts out his hand to save us.

St Paul was one of the first he saved. Converted by a blinding light Paul suddenly realised that Christ had set him free from his awful past. It no longer controlled him and he began living in a new way for Christ, saving others like himself. In the reading today, he exudes a strong confidence. Jesus Christ "will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ, and God is faithful."

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Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your prayers for those who are sick and/or housebound. We pray for 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 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.)

MASS TIMES

For the Coming Week

Please take note of the Mass times as Fr. Martin, while he might not be visiting family, will nevertheless be taking his monthly days off and trying to get back to full strength. There will of course be a Mass on Wednesday 6th December at 9.30am in Newquay with Fr Brian. Thank you for your understanding

The last day is, of course, the day when he will return. Meanwhile, as Jesus says in the Gospel today, it is as though he has now gone abroad, leaving his servants in charge, each with their own tasks. To his servants, the Church, he gives the task of proclaiming the message of salvation, and for 2000 years, both the Church and individual Christians have been so doing, bringing hope and help to others. People do repent like Paul and change. Sometimes world leaders listen to the Pope. When they are deaf, he never stops calling to them, like Isaiah.

Fr Martin's Health

Thank you to those who have extended words of support and offered your help. Fr Martin is still suffering from post herpetic neuralgia as a result of having had shingles. There has been no improvement this week and he will be speaking with the Diocese after going to print. So there might be more news in the notices at Mass. Thank you for your patience.

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 at this challenging time.

Poor Boxes

Thank you for your kind donation of **£60.65** in the Poor Boxes last weekend which enables us to reach out to those most in need.

Safeguarding Forms

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

Newquay - Kneelers & Pews

Please can you leave the kneelers down during Mass. For health and safety reasons, they are only to be lifted for cleaning purposes. Thank you.

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, etc. 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.

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 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

Responsorial Psalm: 79

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face
shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

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

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