

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday	6 th Jan	6.00 pm*	Patricia O'Connor RIP	(MHT)
Sunday	7 th 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)
Wednesday	10 th Jan	9.30 am	Holy Souls	(MHT)
Saturday	13 th Jan	6.00 pm*	Holy Souls	(MHT)
Sunday	14 th Jan	8.30 am	Holy Souls	(MHT)
		10.30 pm	Holy Souls	(MHT)
		4.00 pm	Frank, Ethel and Constance Beard RIP	(CTK)
		6.00 pm	People of the Parish	(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 (Collections)	CTK (Collections)	OLSOS (Collections)
24/12/23 - £240.42	25/12/23 - £187.68	25/12/23 - £95.38
25/12/23 - £523.93	31/12/23 - £57.10	31/12/23 - £69.45
31/12/23 - £376.52		

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 7th January 2024
 The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday Year B
 Weekday Cycle II

*"We saw his star as it rose and have
 come to do him homage."*

Three Kings we sing,
 "Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
 Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
 Sorrowing, sighing,
 Bleeding, dying,
 Sealed in the stone-cold tomb."
 Yet the cold of the tomb will give way
 to Christ's glorious rising from the
 dead.

Twelfth Night is the night when people traditionally take down the Christmas trees and put away the time-honoured decorations for another year. It is a moment often tinged with sadness as families and visitors have now departed. Many decorations have stood the test of time and tell a story of a family, sometimes joyful, other times marked by tears. The missing Christmas cards record the stories of bereavement and lost friends. The Three Kings, who have been moving towards the crib, now take their proud place near Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This intimate scene is explained to children who wonder at the sight of the crib.



In the Christmas story, we discover our identity as a people who follow Jesus and are his disciples. The beauty of the scene at the manger captures the hope of the Christ Child and the joy that is proclaimed each Christmas.

The Magi bearing their gifts have followed the star that appeared as a mysterious sign in the night sky. They travelled from the East over mountain and desert. In their longing to understand the meaning of this twinkling light, they persevered on their hard journey through very long, cold nights and short days. Tiredness and weariness must have been part of

Caspar bears the gold for a king, Melchior the frankincense for a deity, Balthasar the myrrh whose scent is already leading us towards the tomb at Easter. In the well-known carol We

their wintry journey.

They enter the house of the Holy Family where they see the Child with his mother Mary and his protector Joseph. Their house has the welcome and warmth of a home that is full of love. They are offered hospitality in the Eastern custom. They bow low and offer their gifts to the innocent and fragile child who is utterly dependent on his mother and St Joseph. They pay homage to the new king. They see both a baby and a king. There is a poverty in the simple scene but also a richness, because the presence of the Christ Child fills the whole room. They recognise him as their God.

T.S. Eliot writes in his poem *The Journey of the Magi* about their homeward journey:

“We returned to our places, these

Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.”

They know that their world has been changed and they no longer fit into the world in the same way. They are not sure what this will mean for their future. They begin to find the meaning of the Messiah who will save his people in the Jewish scriptures. They know in their hearts that this is the child they have met. All people have been sent a redeemer who will free them from their sins. He has been born in poverty in Bethlehem and will proclaim the coming of God’s kingdom. The Magi learn that he will save all people by his death and resurrection and that they will have life in this world and eternal life in the next.

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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 at this time. (If you would like to add yourself or include a close family member then please email the Parish Office.)

Poor Boxes

Thank you for your donation of **£59.00** in the Poor Boxes which enables us to reach out to those in need.

Christmas & Easter Collections

In a large number of 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

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.

Fr Martin’s Health

Thank you to those who have extended words of support 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 this coming week as mentioned. We will continue to keep you informed. Thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers.

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.

Thank you and may God Bless you all!

Fr Martin

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

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.

2024 Diocesan Year Books

A small number of the 2024 Diocesan Year books are still available from the Parish office priced £4.00 each. Please note that there is limited stock available and contains the most up to date information about the Diocese and those who minister in it.