



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 7th May 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Year A
Weekday Cycle I

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 6 th May		Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	June Vosper (Intention)	
Sunday 7 th May		Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Honora Ashcroft RIP	
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	People of the Parish	<i>Music Group</i>
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Miriam Keily RIP	
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Bishop Christopher Budd RIP	
Tuesday 9 th May		Easter Weekday Mass	
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS	
Wednesday 10 th May		Easter Weekday Mass	
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	King Charles III (Intention)	
Our Lady Star of the Sea		NO MASS	
Thursday 11 th May		Easter Weekday Mass	
Christ the King		NO MASS	
Friday 12 th May		Easter Weekday Mass	
Most Holy Trinity		NO MASS	
Saturday 13 th May		Sixth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Isabella Ball RIP	
Sunday 14 th May		Sixth Sunday of Easter	
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Val and Bernie (Diamond Wedding Anniversary Intention)	
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Kathleen Haines RIP	<i>Choir</i>
Christ the King	4.00 pm	People of the Parish	
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Mark Frost and Wendy Frost (Intention)	

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”

Builders will be familiar with the term “cornerstone” or “keystone”. In building terms, the keystone or cornerstone is what keeps the structure from collapsing. It forms the bedrock and core of the building and the soundness of the whole structure depends on it. In the ruins of many large Middle Eastern cities, despite past earthquakes, one can still find certain ancient buildings standing. This is due to the fact that the keystone was so well placed, and in times when cement and mortar were not in use, this was a major feat of architecture.

In today’s second reading, we are given a picture of Christ as the keystone, as the foundation of our faith and the one who builds a spiritual house for God using “living stones”. As members of the body of Christ, we are those living stones, and Christ is our foundation. Christ is the “precious cornerstone” for us as believers and we are “a chosen race”, and “a people set apart”. Today’s Gospel goes on to reassure us that Christ himself will prepare a place for us, close to the Father, and to remind us that whoever believes in Christ will “perform even greater works” than Christ himself.

Our world is troubled by many things and so are our hearts. Life does not present us with constant joy. Jesus’ words at the beginning of today’s Gospel offer us comfort. He says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jesus himself knew what it felt like to be troubled. He knew disillusion and despair. Prior to Jesus’ betrayal, and again in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus uses the word “troubled” to describe how he feels. At these times Jesus is troubled deeply, or as he himself says, his

“soul is troubled”. Even Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith, had to call on the Father in his moments of doubt and struggle. Jesus had to live his faith with the weight of the world bearing down on him, as we ourselves do. Honesty in our relationship with Christ and his Father are vital to keeping the foundation of our lives and our faith secure amid the earthquakes of life. If we seek to follow Christ faithfully, we can be reassured that he understands what life is like for each one of us.

So who is this Jesus we are seeking to follow? As the Gospels relate it, we believe in Jesus, a human being like us who walked the earth; who suffered loss, both of friends and family, during his lifetime; who was a friend of those who were poor and marginalised; a healer of those who were sick; and a person of deep compassion. If this is the Jesus we follow, these realities will be part of our life of discipleship here on earth. Jesus points the way when he says: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.” Jesus’ “Way” is the way of love and compassion. Jesus’ “Truth” is that he, the Son of God, is our brother and is alive in our suffering brothers and sisters. The “Life” we are being offered in today’s Gospel is one where we will no longer be troubled, where we will see the Father and inherit eternal life. Jesus has gone to prepare a home for us. In this going is the suggestion that the life we live now is not the fullness of life for which we are destined. There is another, fuller life for those who believe, who love, who offer the goodness of God to others. This life in Christ is one we get glimpses of here on earth when we do the work of God, and find ourselves at one with God’s ways. In moments of joy and union with our God and with one another, we see the promise of this new life which Christ offers to us.

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Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for Brian Payton, Deacon Brian Everall, Molly Taylor, Dominic Keogh, Heather Anderton, John Cain, Kathy Cain, Ann Cain, Patrick Hinder, 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 the prayers for the sick then please email the Parish Office.)

Communion Under Both Kinds

From Holy Week we will be permitted to distribute Communion under both kinds. We are now, therefore, beginning to look to ensure we have Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at each of our Masses to help facilitate distribution. We aim to begin redistribution of the Precious Blood of our Lord from the feast of Corpus Christi.

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 £61.50.**

Volunteers

Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

We have, since COVID, become aware that the number of volunteers has seriously diminished. This, as you might appreciate, is having a huge impact on what we are able to do and plan. As we reflected last weekend on Vocation let us use this time to reflect on our own particular calling and encourage each other in considering what ways we might use our God given gifts in helping our community grow and flourish.

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 as you enter church in Perranporth to help support Perranporth Community Food Banks. Thank you for your support with any dried/tinned provisions.

Crowning of Our Lady

We have long honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. To mark this special time we will process, after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 7th May at Most Holy Trinity, to crown Our Lady and sing a few verses of Immaculate Mary.

Rosary (during May)

- + Most Holy Trinity, Newquay at 9.00am before all weekday Masses
- + Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Agnes at 5.30pm before Sunday evening Mass
- + Christ the King, Perranporth at 6.30 pm every Tuesday in May.

All are welcome to attend or, if you cannot be present, why not pray the Rosary at home at any of the above times and unite your prayers with the wider community!

Most Holy Trinity Car Park

For everyone's safety, can you please ensure that you abide by the one way system clearly marked in the car park. This was introduced when the car park was re-lined and we therefore ask all drivers to respect these markings. Thank you.

Blessing of the Graves in November

We are looking to arrange to bless the graves of loved ones in the month of November. We realise that there are 5 or 6 locations across our extended parish community where loved ones are buried. Therefore, to help us organise this moment of prayer, we would appreciate your help in letting us know who might be interested in taking part. If you would like the grave of a loved one blessed please let Fr Martin or the Parish Office know the details and which cemetery it is. Thank you for your help.

Deanery Lunch

The Deanery Meeting is on the morning of Tuesday 23rd May at Most Holy Trinity. We need two volunteers to help serve lunch from approximately 12-2.00pm. Please let the Parish Office know if you are available to help. Thank you.

Weekday Masses

Fr. Martin still aims to keep contact with family back home. In order to do this he doesn't take days off but visits home every second week of each month for a few days. He will be away week commencing 8th May, therefore, there will only be a Mass on Wednesday 10th May at 9.30am at Most Holy Trinity which will be celebrated by Fr. Brian Stevens. Thank you for your understanding.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.'
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Prayer for the King

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles,
our King, who, by your providence has received the
governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue, that,
imbued with your heavenly grace,
he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil
and, being blessed with your favour
may, with his consort and the royal family,
come at last into your presence,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Afternoon Club - Newquay

Come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, have a chat, relax and play some board games/cards with us. We meet every Tuesday from 2pm until 5pm in the Church Hall at Most Holy Trinity, Newquay. All Welcome.

Newquay Food Bank

We continue to collect for our local food bank in Newquay. They no longer need donations of pasta and baked beans, as they have a very large supply of these products, but donations of tinned desserts are very much needed. Please place all food items in the box **under the First Aid Kit**. Thank you.

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 have a group of 5 children who are making their **First Communion in 2023**. We keep those younger members of our Parish community in our prayers at this time.

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:

£272.45

April Standing Orders

£1,112.33

CTK Collection:

£131.00

April Standing Orders:

£90.00

OLSOS Collection:

£56.49

April 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

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