



The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

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Sunday 5th December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Year C
Weekday Cycle II

Mass Times & Intentions

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Saturday 4th December		Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Mary Debman (Intention)
Sunday 5th December		Second Sunday of Advent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Holy Souls
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Souls
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Gee Keily RIP
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 6th December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	7.00 pm	Exposition
Tuesday 7th December		St. Ambrose
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Brenda Cowie (Intention)
Wednesday 8th December		The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Special Intention
Friday 10th December		Feria
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	John Cowie (Intention)
Saturday 11th December		Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Bill Gent and Family RIP
Sunday 12th December		Third Sunday of Advent
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Peter Hocking RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Sabina Mason (Intention)
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Holy Souls

Since Most Holy Trinity Church has been closed for refurbishments, we have had Masses that have been very well attended on the weekends in our Parish Hall in Newquay. Therefore, the additional 8.30 am Mass on Sunday morning will continue to be celebrated in the hall until the church re-opens. Thank you for your co-operation.

“I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished.”

Have you ever noticed that if you stop for a few moments and watch construction workers on a building site, it often appears that nothing much is happening? Yet if you regularly pass the site and check the progress, you will probably be amazed at the speed with which the building is taking shape.

As human beings we have learnt how to construct not only buildings but transport networks that enable us to travel across or through even the most barren or mountainous terrain. Indeed some of the great viaducts and bridges add to the spectacular views we encounter. They are testimony to our determination to get to places no matter what the obstacles.

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah painting a powerful poetic vision: “Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.” The writer of the book of Baruch, which we heard as our first reading, would have been familiar with Isaiah’s words and echoes them in his own. In the Gospel Luke links it with the work of John the Baptist. John was the last of the prophets, sent to prepare for the Lord’s coming. His job was to prepare as smooth a passage as possible for Jesus. We in turn are being invited to use this image as a way of thinking about how we might prepare ourselves to welcome the Lord.

As the years pass we might be tempted to reflect that, while we hear the call to prepare well every Advent, nothing much seems to change either in our own lives or in the family of the Church or in the world at large. But if we do think like that we would be wrong. The first coming of Jesus did radically change the course of human history. John’s proclamation of a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins paved the way for Jesus to minister his Father’s compassion to us in a way

far beyond our imagining. Nothing can ever be the same again, whether we have taken this fact on board yet or not. The faith of the Church is that everything is moving towards the fulfilment of God’s plan and that in due time the Lord will return again in glory. This is very much part of the Advent message: we look back and celebrate the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem and at the same time we look forward to his coming again in glory. So there is a lot to prepare for.

St Paul gives us a clue as to how we can get this right in practice. Firstly, it is worth remembering that the work begins and ends in God, which is why Paul says: “I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes.” The work began for us when we were baptised and will continue until the journey is completed. Sometimes on a long journey we can get tired and disillusioned and wonder why we ever began it in the first place. Apart from the fact that we may become physically tired, there can also be the tension that arises with those who share the journey with us. We may have had to do our fair bit of bridge-building on that front and know that overcoming personal relationship problems can be much more taxing than finding or preparing a straight road to our destination. It is here that we can begin to take Paul’s prayer to heart: increasing in love for each other, improving our knowledge and deepening our perception so that we can always recognise what is best.



The Christian faith has so much to offer others and especially at this time of the year. Christmas, for all that we may feel it has been hijacked by the commercial world, still touches the hearts of people and the story loses none of its magic, no matter how often it is told. Tell the story again to one another and especially to the children. Look back and see just how far you have come: hopefully the building has been going up more quickly than you realised. And now look for ways to smooth out what still needs sorting before the Lord comes again.

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Parish Pastoral Councils

A number of years ago we had a single Parish Council looking to support the mission of the church here in the wider parish. Given the rich diversity within our extended parish, and bearing in mind the various challenges we are all facing at this time, but nevertheless seeking to move forward we are exploring the possibility of having a local Pastoral Council in each of our communities. If you are interested or have any suggestions then please email Fr. Martin. Thank you for your prayerful support in this venture.

Missio Boxes

Could all holders of a Missio (APF) Red box, please hand them into church or direct to your collector.

Synodal Journey

Please take with you the inserts that are included in this week’s newsletter and consider speaking with the people around you about the issues that you feel are important as well as seeking to listen, without judging, to the issues they might wish to share. If you would like to know more information about the Synodal Journey then please follow the link on our website.

If you would like to give any feedback then please email synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk or synodus@synod.va. Thank you for your support.



**FACE COVERINGS
MUST BE WORN FOR THE
SAFETY OF US ALL**

Church Renovations

The pillars have been removed and all of the plastering has been completed. The carpet and lights have been ordered, the pews have been collected for refurbishment and the walls will be prepared for repainting next week. Due to some unforeseen works that need to be completed, the church will not re-open until the New Year and all Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your ongoing support with this project.

Christmas Mass Times

Please see our website, notice boards and insert herewith for the Christmas Mass Times for Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes. Please note that all Newquay Masses will continue to be held in our Parish Hall whilst the church is being renovated.

COVID - Guidelines

Due to the changes that came into force in public places this week, the wearing of masks/face covering is now mandatory. We are keen to ensure that Churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship and would ask you to continue to respect the social distancing guidelines. Thank you.

To help in ensuring that we keep each other safe, can we ask you to please ensure that you put your mask/face covering on before you enter the building and to keep it on for the duration of your time with us.

Prayers for the Sick

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick. We pray especially for Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, and Bishop Christopher Budd at this time. (If you would like to include a close family member in the prayers for the sick then please email the Parish Office.)

Mary's Meals - Collection

Please help us support this Charity. There will be a collection for Mary's Meals next weekend, Saturday 4th December and Sunday 5th December in each of our churches. Mary's Meals provide a life changing meal to hungry children every school day. Thank you for your kind support.

Free Car Parking

Saturday from 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm and
Sunday 8.00 am - 1.00pm

For all other times, all visitors must go to the Reception to register your vehicle and avoid a fine. If you have any issues with Parking Eye please come to reception first.

Mass for Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9



Responsorial Psalm:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Prayer for the Synod

May our synodal preparations
inspire people to dream
about the church we are called to be,
to make hopes flourish,
to stimulate trust,
to bind up wounds,
to weave new and deeper relationships,
to learn from one another,
to build bridges,
to enlighten minds and
restore strength to our hands
for our common mission.

We trust in your Spirit who journeys with us.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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Sacramental Programmes & Preparation

PARISH REGISTRATION – New Parishioners to our Parish, please hand your details into the Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – See Fr. Martin

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 – We are looking to determine the number of children who would like to make their First Communion in June 2022. 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

Collections: £224.00
November Standing Orders:
£867.33

CTK

Collections: £74.72
November Standing Orders:
£30.00

OLSOS

Collections: £76.70
November Standing Orders:
£165.00

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

16 Trevaunance Road,
St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

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