



# The Catholic Parish of Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes

Served by: Fr Martin Stone

☎ 07783 452663 • martin.stone@prcdtr.org.uk

Fr Brian Stevens (Retired) • Deacon Brian Everall (Retired)

Parish Office: ☎ 01637 851697 • newquay@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Secretary: Jodie Roberts

Most Holy Trinity, Lower Tower Road, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 1LS

Website: www.newquayperranporthandstagnes.org.uk

Safeguarding Representatives:

Jodie Roberts ☎ 01637 851697 & Maggie Hill (OLSOS) ☎ 01872 553802

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday Year C  
Weekday Cycle II

## Mass Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Our Lady Star of the Sea	8.15 am	The Nativity of the Lord Elzbieta and Amelia Przybysz (Intention)
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.45 am	Dean Sefton RIP and Breeze Sefton RIP
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Freda Stone RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Holy Souls
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	The Holy Innocents Dominic Keogh (Intention)
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	St. Thomas Becket Victoria and David Montagu and Family (Intention)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>		
Most Holy Trinity	9.30 am	Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave Private Intention
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>		
Most Holy Trinity	6.00 pm	Second Sunday after the Nativity (Vigil) Kathleen Patricia Lewis RIP
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>		
Most Holy Trinity	8.30 am	Second Sunday after the Nativity People of the Parish
Most Holy Trinity	10.30 am	Kitty, Philip and Joseph McGlynn RIP
Christ the King	4.00 pm	Holy Souls
Our Lady Star of the Sea	6.00 pm	Jane Mullaney RIP



**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**



***“He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.”***

An exhibition of artworks from the Renaissance in the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge contained knives from a rich Italian house with musical notes engraved on them. What were the notes for? It was to enable the singing of grace before meals. Presumably most people would know the simple tunes used, but the design was there to make a point. The Christian family is just as much a sacred gathering as a service in church. In fact it is more so in one respect. People gather in church of their own free will, even though they are called by the Holy Spirit. They then disperse. We can gather at any church. The family is different. It is partly a matter of choice for the husband and wife, but it is not a matter of choice for the children. The family is the first church, and even if we may separate ourselves from the family by marriage or religious vows, we never lose our responsibility for each other in family.

Jesus was born into a family because this is part of the human good. Some people are deprived of that human good, but Christ was not, because he is the perfect human being. His deprivation would come from the persecution and unbelief of others, but it would not come from human dysfunction, as happens so often. This means that he offers us grace as part of a human family. Where he is, Joseph and Mary are not far away. We too need to offer prayer as part of the family, whatever sort it might be, because this is part of our own perfection, to acknowledge how much we are shaped by God through other people.

The word “person” may not sound like a theological word, still less the words that derive from it, such as “personality” or “personally”, yet it has its origin in Christian theology. It was adapted from the Latin word for “mask” as used by actors in ancient drama so that the actors could portray a multitude of characters. It was used to describe the persons of the Trinity and applied to human beings and angels as created persons. Person

means the fundamental reality of each one of us, whatever we may be. Human weakness, or illness such as dementia, can limit our ability to act as free persons. Newborn children are limited in their ability to make decisions for themselves. There are limitations of nature, but nature cannot destroy the fact of personhood.

Children grow up and become more capable of making decisions for themselves, which is often difficult for their parents to accept. The story of Jesus in the Temple is precisely about that fact: that in his humanity Christ had to grow up to become able to fulfil his mission. This story might seem to suggest that Mary and Joseph were unaware of his divinity, but it is more a case that they were coming to terms with his humanity. A real humanity is always limited and, by accepting these limitations, the Son of God was deepening his humanity. If his Godhead had overwhelmed his humanity, the redemption would have been imperfect. Instead Jesus is truly dependent on his family and ultimately humanity as a whole, even to the point of death. Only at the resurrection is our personhood fully affirmed, where all redeemed humanity will be about their Father’s business.



The family is not an absolute good. Sometimes we may have to break away from our family to avoid sin. Yet the desire for good family life is an absolute. Here on earth nature often binds us to our families, but our love has to go beyond those bounds. This is not a contradiction but a larger truth, the truth of heaven, which swallows up the lesser truth of family life on earth.

So the Gospels speak of the importance of family life, with the story of the prodigal son where the love of the father is the image of the love of God. Yet Jesus also says, “If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.” The paradox is resolved in the Holy Family, who are for each other but where all three keep in mind first their relationship to God, and from this fidelity a greater unity is forged.

*Reflection by Redemptorist Publications. Used with permission.*

### **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.

### **Synodal Journey**

If you would like to know more information about the Synodal Journey then please follow the link on our website. More information is added weekly.

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

### **Prayers for the Sick**

**Thank you for your heartfelt prayers for all those who are sick.** We pray especially for Sabina Mason, Dominic Keogh, Brian Bickle, Rita Lawless 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.)



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

### **Personal Thanks!**

I wish to take this moment to sincerely thank you for the many cards and for your kind words of support and encouragement. It is heartening during these times!

While these last 4 months have been kept quite busy I have enjoyed beginning to get to know you, albeit under difficult circumstances. I thank God for each of you at this special and joyful time, and for the support you have given, not only at this time but since my arrival in the Parish. Thank you!

*Fr Martin*

### **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 painting has begun. 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. Please check the website to view photos of the works so far via the link on our Welcome page.

### **Christmas Mass Times**

Please see our website and notice boards 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 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.

### **Missio Boxes**

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

### **Mary's Meals - Collection Update**

Thank you for your generous contributions. We raised a staggering £965.02 which will buy roughly 25,000 meals. Thank you, once again, for your kind and generous support.

## **Mass for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

### **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:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

**Responsorial Psalm:**

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

### **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**

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

### **Andrew Henwood - Funeral Director**

74 Edgcumbe Avenue, Newquay ☎ 01637 851199  
athenwood@btconnect.com - henwoodfunerals.co.uk

## 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: £216.06  
November Standing Orders:  
£867.33

### CTK

Collections: £93.96  
November Standing Orders:  
£30.00

### OLSOS

Collections: £36.00  
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

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