

REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus talks about hating our families. This is not a phrase to be taken literally, because that is not what the Lord intended. Jesus was talking to the Jewish people of his day and to them the phrase about hating their families simply meant 'Do not fall into the trap of loving them more than you love God.' It's a bit like that common phrase we use, 'See you later', even when we are not likely to see that person ever again; it's just a way of saying 'goodbye.' So when Jesus talks about hating our families, what he means is that the natural affection we have for them should not be allowed to deflect us from our life's mission (and vocation) of loving and serving God.

Even Jesus' own family seemed to fail to understand just what he was about and his relationship with them was marked by a degree of friction. In the early days of his mission such crowds gathered that he could not even have a meal: "When his family heard this," St Mark tells us, "they set out to take charge of him, saying, 'He is out of his mind.'" So it's clear that Jesus put his ministry before his family's feelings and in the end it meant that his mother was exposed to a great depth of grief. Yet Jesus *did* care, because even from the cross he took responsibility for his mother by entrusting her to the care of his young disciple, John.

So we must not think that we have no responsibilities to our families, because the Christian Faith teaches that we should care for them until we can do so no longer. St Paul writes in his first letter to Timothy, "Anyone who does not look after his own family has rejected the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." What we must realise is that as with all other aspects of this earthly life, *love of family must not come before love for God.*

The words of Jesus about hating our families are clarified in a parallel passage in St Matthew's gospel: "Anyone who loves his father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me," he says. He is not asking us to despise our own flesh and blood, but is simply making a comparison. In completing our mission we may discover that our love for Jesus is greater than that for our families; but the comparison will only become meaningful if we have first loved our families a great deal.

Fr John Gilbert

Sick

Please pray for those in the Parish who are sick or housebound.

Falmouth:

Kathleen O'Flaherty, Pip Owen, Gill Beaton, John Jenkin, Colin Campbell, Bill Cummins, Joan Lesk, Lynda Peace, Eve Anderson, Diana Momber, Annette Biagini, Sheila Mooney, Maureen Crosthwaite, Marjorie Brady, Peter Moffat, Chris Gee, Stan Gwynne, Margaret Wright, Brian Harry, Theresa Sullivan, Fr Louis Rieunier, Ben Davis, Sheila Mongey, Kerry Chellew, Caitlin Bee, baby Isabella Grace, Fr Robbie Low, Sheila Parsons, Marguerite Molyneux, Finn Lyons, Katie Turner, Rebecca Emms, Mark Fanning, Ursula Emms, Kevin Allen, Suzy Hoyle, Howard Brebner, Liam Rogers, Pat Richards, Kerry-Ann Patrick, Colin Toomey, Peter Beaumont and Prue Sharrock.

Helston:

Lisa Tripcone, Mary Harry, Heather Ashton, Nancy Bowkett, Poppy De'Ath, Pam O'Brien, Bill Collins, Chris & Mary Gilbert, May Gordon, Lilian Gilbert and Frieda Curnow.

St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish

The Parish is a part of Plymouth RC Diocese, a Registered Charity

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with St Mary's, Helston, St Michael's, Mullion and St Edward's, Mawnan Smith

Parish Priest - Fr Brian Kenwick

Safeguarding Officers: - Sheila Jordan (619648) Hilary Kiszczuk (212070)

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Psalter week 3

4th September 2016

SAT 6.30 pm FALMOUTH

SUN 9.00 am MAWNAN SMITH

SUN 10.45 am FALMOUTH

People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (23rd week in Ordinary Time)

MON	weekday	10.00 am	Kathleen Weaver int.	FALMOUTH
TUES	weekday	10.00 am	Sr. Martin recovery	FALMOUTH
WED	weekday	9.30 am		ST MARY'S SCHOOL
		12 noon		HELSTON
		7.00 pm	Sr. Madeleine recovery	FALMOUTH
THUR	NAT. BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.00 am		MAWNAN SMITH
FRI	weekday	10.00 am	Sr. Louise Int.	FALMOUTH
SAT	weekday	10.00 am		MULLION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 11 am to 12 noon Helston, 5.30 pm to 6.25 pm Falmouth

EXPOSITION

Wednesday 10.30 am to 1 pm, with Rosary at 12 noon, Falmouth

Congratulations to **Andrew Walkey** and **Julie Longton**, married this weekend at Falmouth

From Fr Brian

This weekend we bid a fond farewell to Father John Gilbert. We thank him for his dedicated service to the communities of Helston and Mullion and we ask for God's blessing as he prepares for his new ministry at Truro. The move of Father John will mean changes and challenges to us all. However, united in the power of the Gospel, I am confident that our parish will grow and flourish in the love of Jesus and bring that love to others.

The Big Picture - is back !!

Meeting Tuesdays in the hall at Falmouth at 7 pm

Sept. 6th – Resurrection

Open Meeting

For parishioners of Helston and Mullion on **Thursday 8th September** at 7.00 pm in the church hall at Helston. This meeting will give the opportunity for Father Brian to discuss the future direction of the community now that it does not have a resident priest. All very welcome.

Justice & Peace group meeting, Tuesday 13th September 2016, 2pm- 4pm.

See poster in porch for details

A Man for All Seasons

5th – 10th September – A Man for All Seasons. Open air theatre production at Buckfast Abbey. See poster in porch.

Apostleship of the Sea

The Mass of Our Blessed Virgin Mary (Stella Maris) is on **Thursday 22nd September at 7pm.**

This Diocesan Annual event normally takes place at our Cathedral in Plymouth, but this year it will take place here at St Marys Falmouth. The Mass takes place on World Maritime Day and 2 Chaplains will be re-commissioned along with several ship visitors. There will be refreshments in the hall after the Mass and everyone is invited.

Parish Autumn Lunch

To be held at The Membly Hall Hotel, Cliff Road, Falmouth on **Sunday 25th September, 12.30** for 1 pm. Three course meal to include roast, beef or veggie option/fish, tea or coffee £14.50. Contact Pat Miller 313752

RCIA 2016/17

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or if you know of someone who is, please pass your names to Father Brian 312763

Table Tennis resumes!

On Wednesday 7th September from 3.30 pm in the hall at Falmouth. All very welcome – no need to be an expert just come along and have a go.

Ian & Mary Froom

Will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 10th September with Mass at St Mary's, Falmouth at 6.30 pm and afterwards you are invited to join them in the church hall for a parish get together. Strictly no presents but a plate of food would be very much appreciated. Anyone will be most welcome to call at 11 Marlborough Crescent between 10.30 to noon and 3 to 5 pm that day.

Key Holders

We need to update our lists of key holders for all churches, halls and presbyteries. Please give details of all keys you hold to the office.

Confirmation

If you are or will be school year 8 or above in September and would like to prepare for the sacrament of confirmation, please let Fr Brian know.

A Coffee Morning is being held at THE ROYAL DUCHY HOTEL on THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER in aid of CORNWALL HOSPICE CARE. 10.30 - 12NOON. Everyone very welcome. See poster in porch for details.

In August, the **Catholic Children's Society** had a positive impact on sixteen families providing essential items such as beds, cookers and school uniforms. Thanks to your generosity (raising **£975.87**) last week the Society will be able to help many more children across the year. Thank you and please keep the children and families in your prayers.

Collections this week

£1,287.96 including standing orders
thank you

Catalyst Group – is a fellowship group for 18 to 40 year olds, providing an opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet, socialise and pray together. For more information please contact the Pastoral Youth Coordinator on 07805 171751.