

St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish

The Parish is a part of Plymouth RC Diocese, a Registered Charity no. 213227

Parish Church:- St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth serving St Edwards, Mawnan Smith

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) Psalter week 1

1st December 2019



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.30 pm FALMOUTH
SUN 9.00 am MAWNAN SMITH
SUN 10.45 am FALMOUTH People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (1st week of Advent)

MON St Osmund of Salisbury 10.00 am Sarah Maher RIP
TUES St Francis Xavier 9.00 am Louise McLoughlin RIP
WED St John Damascene NO MASS
THUR Advent weekday NO MASS
FRI St Nicholas 8.30 am Nicky Byrne RIP
SAT St Ambrose 10.00 am followed by Holy Hour Bernard Connelly RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 10.30 to 11.15 am & 5.30 pm to 6.25 pm

EXPOSITION SAT. 10.30 TO 11.30 am (Benediction at 11.15 am)

HELSTON

St Mary's Helston, serving St Michael's Mullion.

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Resident priest - Fr Paul Andrew Email: frpaulandrew@live.com emergency contact 07548654893

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SUN 9.00 am HELSTON
SUN 11.15 am MULLION Keeley family int.

Weekday Masses (1st week of Advent)

MON St Osmund of Salisbury 10.00 am Janet Holmes int.
TUES St Francis Xavier 10.00 am Gordon Elkin RIP
WED St John Damascene NO MASS
THUR Advent weekday 12 noon
FRI St Nicholas 10.00 am 1st Friday Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus MULLION
SAT St Ambrose 10.30 am followed by FIRST SATURDAY devotions.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Helston: SATURDAY 11.00 am to noon, Sunday 8.15 to 8.45 am

Mullion: on request

Morning/Evening prayer 15minutes before daily Mass

EXPOSITION Saturday from 11.00 with Benediction at 11.45, Rosary at noon

All

This weekend at all Masses in Falmouth

We have the annual appeal for the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). In our parish the SVP do great work in visiting and giving practical assistance to those in need. I know you will be as generous as you can.

ADVENT

Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas, here are a few suggestions to help us make it a truly spirit-filled time.

1. **St Luke's gospel** has 24 chapters – read and reflect on one chapter a day from Sunday 1st December and on Christmas Day you will know what we are celebrating and why.
2. **Reverse Advent calendar** – keep a box and every day put in an item for the 'Lord's Pantry' basket for homeless and needy.
3. Get a copy of '**Walk with Me**' a little prayer and reflection booklet, available at back of church, just £1

Advent Retreat

Advent Retreat on **Saturday 14th December** at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. The day will be led by **Father Brian Kenwick** from Falmouth and the theme: "**Advent – A time for looking back and looking forward**".

RNLI Christmas Concert

All saints Church, Killigrew Street 7.00 **pm today 1st December**, £6 tickets on door. Parking at Rugby Club available.

Cornwall Hospice Care are holding a Christmas Concert on **Wednesday 11th December** at All Saints Church starting at 7,30pm. There will be the Nankersey Singers and the St. Keverne Band. Parking is available at the Rugby Ground. Mulled wine and mince pies are available and a raffle of Christmas goodies. Tickets available from Christine or Pat Fitzpatrick or on the door £6. It should be a great evening - please come and join us and help us raise some money for a very worthy charity.

100 + club

Congratulations to our November winners. First no. 122 £50, second no. 69 £25 and third no. 124 £10.

Parish Trip to Exeter – Christmas Market and Shopping

We are planning a trip to Exeter for Christmas shopping and the Christmas Market on **Friday 6th December**, leaving St Mary's Falmouth at 9.00 am. Cars can be left in the car park. Price – just £15 each, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Annual Christmas Concert

On **Friday 13th December** 7.00 pm in St Mary's Falmouth – City of Truro Male voice choir with St Mary's School choir.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent

On **Tuesday 10th December** at 6.00 pm at **St Mary's Falmouth**. There will be 3 priests available to hear individual confessions.

Penitential services at Helston:

Thursday 12th before and after the 18.00 Advent service

Saturday 14th 11.30 after the Advent Candle service. Please try your best to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

PILGRIMAGES in 2020

Fr Paul has been asked to lead an 8-day pilgrimage to **Lourdes and Fatima** from **29th May to 5th June** and a 4-day pilgrimage to **Fatima** from **11th - 15th October**.

More information and price of these from the Tangney Tours web site,

or request a brochure from 01732 886666

He has also been invited to join a pilgrimage to **Rome** from **15th - 21st May**.

(There is a poster about this on the notice board).

Easy Jet from Bristol. B&B accommodation near the Vatican.

Excursions to Subiaco & Monte Cassino. Price £855.

If this interests you please let him know.

Preliminary notice has also been given about a diocesan pilgrimage to **Medjugorje**, with Bishop Mark from **24th - 30th October** next year. No other information

Collections

23rd/24th November

Falmouth - £488.81, Helston - £140.25, Mawnan Smith - £95.05, Mullion - £61.00, Gift Aid Envelopes £385.00, Standing Orders £233.77



Helston and Mullion

Advent Service and Christmas Party

Service **Thursday 12th December**, 6.00 pm in Church followed by party in the hall from 6.30 pm. There will be opportunity for individual confession before and after the service.

Advent

is the start of a New Year in the Church, so there will be a few little changes to the liturgy. Following on from the suggestion at the meeting of parishioners last month the new candlesticks were ordered and have arrived this week. If anyone would like to sponsor one either as a personal gift of their own to the church or in memory of a loved one please see Fr Paul, they cost £40 each.

As an experiment during Advent we shall have some short Bidding Prayers every day, to be said by the reader. Feedback will be requested in January.

Regular worshippers will know that the entrance and communion antiphons are made available for everyone to say on a daily basis. Again, feedback on this will be sought in January.

Ecumenical Advent Prayer Walk

around Helston, starting at St Mary's at 7.00 p.m. on **Tuesday 3rd December**

Forthcoming Ecumenical & Community Events:

Sat 14th Dec 6 pm Christmas Lights at Mullion
Sunday, 19th January 2020: Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity Service: 3 pm Methodist Church, Fr Paul to preach.
Thursday, 30th Jan. Churches Together in Helston & Wendron AGM at St Mary's

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are on sale at St. Mary's, in the stand near the Confessional

Falmouth and Mawnan Smith

Annual Christingle and Christmas Draw

On **Sunday 15th December** at 5.30 pm in the church, followed by our Christmas Annual Draw to include mulled wine and refreshments. The draw will take place after the Christingle in the Church due to our Hall undergoing refurbishment. Lots of great prizes to be won, raffle tickets available at the back of the Church

A plate of food to share towards refreshments would be much appreciated.

Father Brian

Is sorry that there are no Masses on Wednesday and Thursday in Falmouth this week. His brother-in-law died recently and he is attending the funeral in the London area.

Falmouth and Exeter students

Penryn Campus: There will be mass at 12:15pm and lunch as usual at about 12:50pm. Lunch will be chili con carne (vegan option available) with doughnuts for dessert. Any student who has a busy timetable on Mondays is very welcome to pop in to the Multifaith Chaplaincy at Tremough Barton Cottages at any time from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. It would be lovely to see you and there is always some food to eat.

Falmouth Campus: Our Tea and Cake at the Chaplaincy continues on Wednesday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Come and see us in the Multifaith Chaplaincy room near the Compass. Both Fran and Fr Anthony will be there.

Falmouth Live Nativity

**Sunday 8th December 2019 1.pm Events Square
FREE FOR ALL TO ENJOY**

The event will be followed by free refreshments at Falmouth Methodist Church. **We need lots of homemade biscuits and cakes with a Christmas theme – can you help?** Cakes and biscuits can be dropped off at the Methodist Church the morning of the event.

Stewards are also needed to help guide people safely through the town as the story unfolds. No special qualifications needed. Just a willingness to wear a high-viz vest! If you are interested, please contact Pat Fitzpatrick: 01326 316566 or email patfitzpatrick70@btinternet.com.

A message from Sr Damian and the Bethany House Community

With Christmas now approaching and bearing in mind the need to preserve our environment and everyone's increasing concerns about climate change, we, this year have decided that, in lieu of Christmas cards, we will arrange for Masses to be said each month for all your intentions. We will also make donations to the following: The Parish Hall Fund, Cornwall Hospice Care, and the Apostleship of the Sea. We really appreciate all your Christmas gifts and greetings and thank you for these and for your understanding; we assure you of your continued place in our affections and in our prayers.



From Father Brian

This weekend we begin the season of Advent and the start of the new year of the Church. May all of us use this time wisely to prepare ourselves to celebrate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas and to be ready for when he returns again.

Point to Ponder

The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize Him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.

(Henri Nouwen)

Diary Dates – we are all welcome at all events – both sides of the parish!

Falmouth

Wednesday 4th December – 10.00 am Chat'n'Craft – presbytery

Tuesday 10th December – 6.00 pm – penitential service – church

Wednesday 11th December – 6.00 pm - SVP – presbytery

Friday 13th December – 7.00 pm – Concert by City of Truro & St Mary's School -church

Sunday 15th December – 5.30 pm - Christingle and Christmas Draw - church

Tuesday 17th December – 2.00 pm – Living with Loss – presbytery

Helston

Thursday 5th December - 10.00 am - Shawl Ministry – hall

Thursday 12th December – 6.00 pm -Advent service & party – church then hall

Other locations

Friday 6th December – 9.00 am – Exeter Christmas Market trip.

Sunday 8th December – 1.00 pm Live Nativity – Event Square

Saturday 14th December – Advent Retreat – St Rita's, Honiton

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those in the Parish who are sick or housebound or in need of our prayers.

Falmouth:

Kathleen O'Flaherty, Pip Owen, Colin Campbell, Lynda Peace, Eve Anderson, Annette Biagini, Theresa Sullivan, baby Isabella Grace, Finn Lyons, Katie Turner, Rebecca Emms, Ursula Emms, Suzy Hoyle, Kerry-Ann Patrick, Prue Sharrock, Marta Castillo Capel, Nick Malone, Colin Jago, Jason Campbell, Stuart Fearn, Chelsea Robinson, Joe Ryan, Alison Wheatley, Dennis Scrace, Barbara Davis, June Martin, Sylvia Rowe, Jozef Stasiak, Winn Xenaky, Sister Martin, Steven Pellow, John Harkin, David Malloy, Hazel Wilkes, Pat Berney, Marek Jurina, Slavo Pekar, Eileen Quilter, baby Charlie Wilkes, Wilf Perham, Hugh McLoughlin, Rosemary Moffat, baby George Perry, Patrick O'Connor, Chris Batten, Anne Noonan, Mark Holley, Fr Paul Hughes, Michaela Harris, Kathy Bray, David Stevens, Noelle Elliott and Mary Froom.

Helston:

Lisa Tripconey, Mary Harry, Heather Ashton, Poppy De'Ath, Mary Gilbert, May Gordon, Frieda Curnow, Joe Chapman, Isobel Ellis, Christine Cowen, John Shiell, Chris Gilbert, Celia Kirkland, David Kerslake, Carmel Kerslake, Colin Neal and Betty Sposini.

