

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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EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR A)

Psalter Easter Octave

12th APRIL 2020



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.30 pm FALMOUTH
SUN 9.00 am MAWNAN SMITH
SUN 10.45 am FALMOUTH

All public Masses suspended
Fr Brian will offer Sunday Mass for the
People of the Parish privately

Weekday Masses (Easter Octave)

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WED EASTER WEDNESDAY
THUR EASTER THURSDAY
FRI EASTER FRIDAY
SAT EASTER SATURDAY

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION By appointment, please telephone

HELSTON

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

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See also our Facebook page: "Catholics on the Lizard Peninsula"

Safeguarding reps: Meg Trevaskis & Margaret Chambers. Hall contact: - Lorna Bean 07769176130



SUN 9.00 am HELSTON
SUN 11.15 am MULLION

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On-Line Masses

Several places are live-streaming Masses, this is one <https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online/> as we hear of others we will let you know. We have also received an email from our sister parish in **Falmouth Massachusetts** offering their live Masses, they invite us to connect to their website falmouthcatholic.org to join them in worship--the times may be a bit daunting, but we can access the service really at any time . And, of course, Fr Paul is live streaming on his Facebook page – 9.00 am daily and the Bishop is streaming from the cathedral on YouTube – Plymouth diocese, check cathedral parish newsletter for Mass times.

Newsletter Items

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the bulletin are received by Wednesday mornings, late arrivals cannot be included.

Year of the Word

We have the text of the excellent talks given by Fr Guy de Gaynesford and Fr Robbie Low on scripture which can be emailed to anyone who wants them from the office or paper copies can be made available.

Falmouth and Mawnan Smith

ALL MEETINGS IN THE PRESBYTERY ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SEE FATHER BRIAN'S INFORMATION ON BACK –

ADDITIONALLY A SUNDAY HOMILY IS INCLUDED AT THE END OF THE BULLETIN,

Helston and Mullion

DURING THIS TIME OF CRISIS...

1. The most important priority is to keep yourself, your loved ones and the community SAFE and HEALTHY.
2. Helston emergency volunteers – if you need help or can offer help please contact them at the guildhall 01326 565761.
3. There is a great deal of useful and interesting material online.
Do think about joining our Facebook page: “Catholics on the Lizard Peninsula”. Some are wary about becoming involved in social media, but used sensibly there can be a lot of entertainment, education and enjoyment in it.
Keep an eye on the parish web page: falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk for the latest news and information.
Many places (some in our Diocese) are offering live streaming of daily mass.
Ring Fr. Paul if you need help accessing any of the above.
4. For your one daily exercise you are welcome to use the presbytery garden or church grounds always ensuring you keep the required 10 feet apart.
5. Lastly, same as No. 1 – KEEP YOURSELF SAFE!

Bishop's Letter – A long Good Friday

We have received the following letter from our Bishop Mark O'Toole.

My dear friends,

This Holy Week will be like no other that we have experienced. It is as though we are living a long Good Friday. We do not know how much longer it will be so.

In this new landscape, which we now inhabit, the supports and regular patterns have had to fall away. There are no public Church services for us to attend. There are no bible reflection groups, no soup lunches, no prayer meetings, no visits, no parish social engagements of any sort. Hardest of all, is the Eucharist fast, and even the opportunity of being able to visit a Church, for some quiet prayer and reflection.

We have all been thrown inward. Into our own homes and households. Into our very selves. Yet, these past two weeks have already born some new and unusual fruits, in us, as Catholics. Brother priests have told me

that the daily rhythm of having to say Mass on their own, has meant that they have been praying with and for, not just the community in front of them, but for the whole Church, spread across the globe. People online, too, are sharing that they feel a deeper connection with unseen brothers and sisters. In a very good way, modern media has made us all more conscious of that fully Catholic Communion present across the entire world, and even of that unseen Communion of the Saints, who gather with us at every Mass. Families, too, are praying more at home than they have ever done. They do so, amidst the stresses and strains of being cooped-up together, for longer than they are used to. But this brings with it, deeper reservoirs of patience and forgiveness, of tenderness towards one another. Many are following the Masses and services online, much more than we anticipated. Some do so, whilst singing their favourite hymns, playing instruments, or joining in reflective songs and choral singing on iPad, iPhone or lap top. So many of us were captivated by that Holy Hour which Pope Francis presided over last week, when he blessed an empty St Peter's Square with our Eucharistic Lord. In doing so, he was calling down the Lord's blessing on the city of Rome and the whole world, Urbi et Orbi. In his words, on that evening, he reminded us of the real heroes of this time, when he said:

"It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people – often forgotten people – who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand catwalks of the latest show, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law

and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.

In the face of so much suffering, when the authentic development of our peoples is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: "That they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility."

With our Holy Father, I believe, that what we are witnessing is a sign of a renewed humanity.

In nature, too, these past weeks have seen the definite signs of spring. There's the deeper red, or brighter evening skies, the sound of so many birds and the budding forth of the different varieties of flower and foliage.

Although this time, so often feels like a long Good Friday, in God's good purposes, it already contains the hope of brighter and better days to come. And who knows what gifts God will have bestowed upon us, in the meantime?

I think this is why, words from a popular song, originally written by Amanda McBroom, and sung by many, stir in my mind. The song is called The Rose and the last stanza goes like this:

"When the night has been too lonely, and the road has been too long.

And you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong,

Just remember in the winter, far beneath the bitter snows

Lies the seed, that with the sun's love, in the spring becomes the rose"

I always like to think that the seed is our deepest self, buried deep down within us, now being loved, not just by the sun present in our sky, but by the Son, Jesus Christ.

So, as we live through this long Good Friday, let us try to remember; "in the winter, far beneath.....lies the seed that with His love, in the spring becomes the rose."

Our sharing in the Son of God's dying, in this long Good Friday, is a real participation in His redemptive act of love, for all. It will bring forth fruits, unknown now, for each of us, for our Church and especially for our world. In this, is our hope.

God bless you.

Please, pray for me.

+Mark O'Toole

Bishop of Plymouth

From Father Brian

Father Paul and myself wish everyone in our communities of Falmouth, Helston, Mawnan Smith and Mullion a very happy and holy Easter. Even in these dark and uncertain times the Easter message, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the light of Hope cannot be put out. Easter proclaims loud and clear that better days will come. So let us pray for each other and support one another in any way we can.

God bless and protect you

He is Risen

Alleluia, Alleluia!

From Father Brian and Father Paul

Thank you for your Easter cards, offerings and messages of best wishes.

Points to Ponder

Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.

(Floyd W. Tomkins)

If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave but it won't stay there

(Clarence W. Hall)

Diary Dates – all events are postponed or cancelled at this time

Prayer Requests

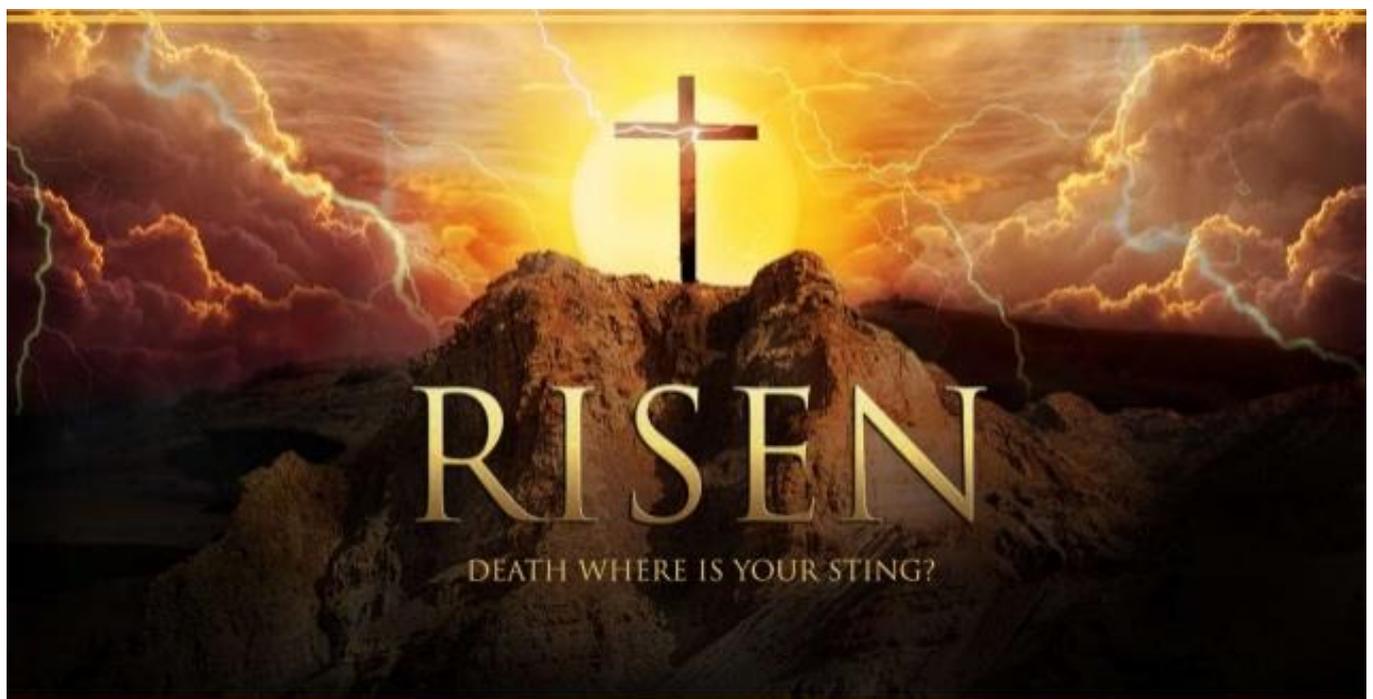
Please pray for those in the Parish who are sick or housebound or in need of our prayers.

Falmouth:

Kathleen O'Flaherty, Colin Campbell, Annette Biagini, Theresa Sullivan, Isabella Grace, Colin Jago, Jason Campbell, Sylvia Rowe, Winn Xenaky, Sister Martin, Steven Pellow, +Pat Berney, Hugh McLoughlin, Rosemary Moffat, David Stevens, Noelle Elliott, Mary Froom and Wendy Pyatt.

Helston:

Heather Ashton, Frieda Curnow, Poppy DeAth, Isobel Ellis, Mary Gilbert, Mary Harry, Walter Hayes, Celia Kirkland, Colin & Theresa Neal, John Shiell and May & Gordon Steward.



Easter Sunday Homily – Father Brian

Last November my brother-in-law Fred died, he was 91 and had suffered from dementia for 10 years. It was hard to be too sad and in many ways it was a happy release.

Unlike my sister, Fred was not a Christian, he did not believe in God. Therefore, his funeral service that took place at a crematorium near Sandhurst, was a humanist service.

To support my sister I, along with Sister Damian and Sister Cosmas, travelled up to attend the service. It was my first experience of a humanist service and I was quite impressed.

The woman who conducted the service did it with great sensitivity, care and gentleness, conscious of the importance of the celebration.

The service contained songs that Fred loved, poetry and non-religious readings. There were many pictures of Fred and his family displayed and a number of tributes given by his family.

However, what struck me and the sisters was that the service focused on Fred's past, on his history. There was no acknowledgement that Fred had a future beyond physical death.

The service proclaimed that the person that was Fred was gone forever, we would never see Fred again. This Sunday is, of course, Easter Sunday, when we as Christians, celebrate with great joy the resurrection of Jesus.

And through the first Easter, through the resurrection of Our Lord we now have a future and a destiny beyond bodily death.

Yes through Jesus and His resurrection the darkness and hopelessness of physical death is overcome and defeated.

Easter Sunday proclaims loud and clear that our future as Christians is as bright as the promises of God. And God through Jesus has promised that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and those who believe in Him will receive the gift of eternal life.

As Christians we believe, hope and trust that what awaits us is far, far better than what has gone.

Our future with Jesus in heaven should influence and inspire our present just as much as our past. We as Christians, we as followers of Jesus are never history, we are never just memories.

Easter tells us that we have a future, we have a destiny. God has made us, has created us for eternity. In these dark and challenging times we remind ourselves that we are an Easter people with a happy and glorious future.

We look forward to the future when we will gather to celebrate the Mass, to celebrate the Eucharist once again.

For every celebration of the Mass is a glimpse of heaven, at every Mass we touch eternity. Every celebration of the Mass shows that Jesus keeps His promises about our eternal future.

On Easter Sunday of 2020 we may be physically apart but we are united, we are as one in our belief, trust and hope in the risen Jesus Christ.

Just as Jesus overcame sin and death, and gave us an eternal future so we as Christians know and are certain that we have a bright future beyond the darkness of the coronavirus, we will celebrate the Mass again, we will rise again, for **we are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song.**

May God bless you all.