

St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Psalter 1

10th May 2020



FALMOUTH

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

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People of the Parish privately

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WED Our Lady of Fatima
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Currently unavailable

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: - vacant



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Please contact Fr Brian if you have a relative in danger of death for advice.

5th Sunday of Easter

In the last 5 years as your parish priest I may have mentioned on occasions that I am a great fan of The Beatles. I think I must have in my possession nearly all their recordings.

My favourite album, my favourite record of theirs is the L.P. 'Abbey Road'. I remember clearly as a 16 year old buying 'Abbey Road' on the day it was released on the 26th September 1969.

My favourite song on the entire album is called 'Golden Slumbers' and it begins with these words: "Once there was a way to get back homeward, once there was a way to get back home."

The song always stirs up in me the emotions of longing, yearning and nostalgia for my home in 1969 when all those I loved were still alive. Even now, at the age of nearly 67, part of me would like to get back to my home and my family of 1969.

As the American poet Maya Angelou wrote: "The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned."

For those of us that have these feelings, the longings, the yearning and the ache for home, there is Good News. That Good News, of course, is Jesus Christ.

For in this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us not to be afraid or to let our hearts be troubled. For the true home that we long for, we yearn for and we ache for, awaits us and there is a way for us to get homeward. For Jesus is the Way, He is the Truth and the Life.

Jesus tells us that there are many rooms in the Father's House and if we have faith and trust in Him He will lead us homeward to our true home in the Father's House, to the safety and security of heaven.

And in that holy and sacred place there is no more pain, suffering and tears. The longings, the yearnings and the ache of the human heart will be no more.

If we believe in the power of Jesus to save and to raise up then we can be confident and look forward to the time we will sit down, with all those we have ever loved, at the table in the Father's House to celebrate the eternal heavenly banquet surrounded by the awesome Glory of God.

We believe that the Mass, the Eucharist is a glimpse of heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that awaits us in our true home of the Father's House.

At this present moment we long, we yearn and we ache for the time when we can return to the home of our churches to be fed and nourished by Jesus through the Mass, through the Eucharist.

However, Jesus tells us in the Gospel He is the Way and if we keep faith with Him He will lead us home, He will lead us to celebrate Mass once again. He will offer Himself in the Eucharist so we can once again glimpse heaven and have a foretaste of paradise and be united with our loved ones who celebrate the heavenly banquet in our true home of the Father's House.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us not to be afraid. I would be less than honest despite my faith, in Jesus, to say I am not afraid. I am not afraid for myself, no I am afraid for those I love and cherish, I am afraid for you my dear and precious people.

I pray that none of us will be troubled by the evil of the coronavirus. However, despite my worries and fear I absolutely refuse to be defined or controlled by some virus.

For we are Christians, we believe in Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. It is He and only He who defines us as human beings, who gives us our identity.

Jesus will lead us homeward, through this current fear and darkness, to once again celebrate together the Eucharist, the Holy Mass.

Someone once said: "Home is not a place, it's a feeling".

As long as we feel the presence of Jesus within us, as long as we feel and care for our absent friends, family and loved ones then our community is as real and as authentic as any physical structure we call home or a church building.

We will get back home, we will return to our churches to celebrate Mass.

For Jesus has promised us that He will lead us to the place and the people we long, yearn and ache for.

I refuse to be a victim. Despite the lockdown we are free people created in the image and likeness of Almighty God.

Jesus will lead us home, Jesus will guide us to the open doors of our churches to once again celebrate the Mass.

In these dark and uncertain days may we truly believe that the coronavirus is not in control, no God is in control of our future and destiny.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Laudato Si' Week 5th Anniversary – 16-24 May 2020

This year is the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. [Laudato Si'](#) tells us that "everything is connected" and tragically, the current health catastrophe has much in common with the theological catastrophe. Both are global emergencies that will affect many people, both directly and indirectly. Despite the current situation, there are still lots of ways we can take action to mark this anniversary, sharing [the common prayer](#) and celebrating what we have achieved in our homes, schools and parishes.

CAFOD and Caritas Plymouth have produced a summary of resources for anyone interested in exploring further the message of Laudato Si'. A note will be posted on the Plymouth Diocese website next week. During the week itself we will be sharing reflections and examples of how our Diocese is taking action via our Diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/>

Mass in Polish

Available by live stream on YouTube Christ the King Plymouth. The current link is identified by the title of the Sunday so for this week it will be 'Czwarta Niedziela Wielkanocna'

They also have Children's Liturgy weekly but recorded.

They have a bi-weekly Prayer with the Word of God group (this coming Tuesday) and a separate Men's prayer group that are all on line... any others... But people need to email Fr Jacek on jacekkostuch@gmail.com if they will to join these or receive information so they can join if they wish. Please share this information with any Polish people you may know.

MISSION MADE POSSIBLE!

Is the thought of sharing your faith with family friends and others just too scary? Are you thinking; 'that's not for me, I could never do that' or perhaps you just don't know where to start? Well you are not alone JOIN CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE AND ACROSS THE GLOBE WHO FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

With the encouragement of Bishop Mark, you are invited to take part at home, and learn how to have these conversations appropriately and without feeling awkward.

If you would like to learn more please send an email with your telephone number

to jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk and follow this link to watch the overview video titled 'How to Evangelise' <https://wp.me/paTncV-8rl>

Fr. Jon Bielawski

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 – 9.30 am daily and the Bishop is streaming from the cathedral on YouTube – Plymouth diocese, check cathedral parish newsletter for Mass times.

From Father Brian

We have now reached the 5th Sunday of Easter. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus talks about our Christian future and destiny. Our Lord tells us that a time will come when He will come to each and every one of us to lead and guide us to our eternal home in the Father's House. At this present time our future is confused and uncertain. Many people are anxious and afraid. Jesus tells us not to be afraid but to have faith and trust in Him. We are safe and secure in the love of the Lord both now and for all eternity. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He will lead and guide us out of this present darkness and one day He will lead and guide us to our place, our room in the father's House.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Points to Ponder

If your compassion does not include yourself, it is incomplete.

(Jack Kornfield)

Kind words do not cost much, yet they accomplish much

Message from the Clergy

Father Paul and I are very grateful to all those in our parish communities who have asked about their financial contributions during these challenging times. A few people have asked about setting up standing orders. If you would like to set up a standing order please email falmouth@prcdtr.org.uk and Hilary will send you the sort code and account number for the parish. Also a big thank you to the many of you who have sent the parish cheques through the post and those who, put their collection through our letter boxes. Your contributions are most welcome, however, your prayers are even more welcome and Father Paul and I are so thankful for your generous prayers and support. With my blessing Father Brian

Please remember in your prayers **Pam Bielawski**, Fr Jon's mother, who died last Thursday. May she rest in peace.

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, Winn Xenaky, Sister Martin, Steven Pellow, Pat Berney, Hugh McLoughlin, Rosemary Moffat, David Stevens, Noelle Elliott, and Mary Froom.

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.

“Stretch Out Your Hands”

The Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth) needs your help now more than ever !

In every country and community across the world, the coronavirus pandemic is turning children’s lives upside down. We urgently need your help so that we can continue to support vulnerable children and their families throughout the Diocese. The number of grant applications we receive has already begun to increase as a result of Covid-19 with more families needing our help to meet their basic needs such as a working cooker or a proper bed or cot for their children to sleep in. And we envisage that this number will continue to rise as more families living in Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset are affected.

We rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters, parishioners and schools but with so many of our planned fundraising events cancelled, we now need to look for alternative sources of fundraising and funding. **And this is where your help comes in please.**

We have already secured some funding from the Devon Coronavirus Response & Recovery Fund and we have also set up a crowdfunding page. We hope to raise between £3,000 and £6,000 which would enable us to help at least 40 children directly (although more likely 80-100 family members would directly benefit). £6,000 would allow us to purchase for example –

- 10 children’s beds/cots and mattresses - £1,000
- 10 cookers - £2,000
- 10 fridge/freezers - £1,500
- 10 washing machines - £1,500

Please help us to reach our target by donating at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/catholic-childrens-society-plymouth-1?tk=66698bb1ee6de155fddab240e0ce9c4e7ffea7bf>

The link to our crowdfunding page can also be found via our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk where you can also find alternative ways of donating ONLINE via Virgin Money Giving, Charities Aid Foundation or the Big Give. Simply visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk and click the DONATE button to find out how.

Thank you – we can not do what we do – without you !