

# 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Psalter 2

17<sup>th</sup> May 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

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WED St Bernadine of Siena  
THUR ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
FRI St Rita of Cascia  
SAT Easter weekday after Ascension

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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.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

The great wartime leader, Sir Winston Churchill, said these words: "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

When I was a boy, about 7 or 8, I remember one Christmas opening my presents and complaining about a gift I had received from my Aunt May. If I remember rightly it was a pullover and as a small boy I was not interested in clothes, no I wanted toys and lots of them.

My mother, quite rightly, scolded me and told me not to be so ungrateful but to appreciate all that I was given. My mother also said that one day, when I was older, I would get more joy, receive more pleasure by giving than receiving. And I remember thinking at the time: "Yeah, right, that's never going to happen". However, my mother was perfectly correct, she was spot on. For these days it gives me great joy, great happiness to give a gift to those I care about, to those I love and who are important to me.

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus is preparing His disciples for His eventual return to His Father in Heaven.

Jesus tells them that His leaving, His departure does not mean abandonment, He will not leave them as orphans. They will not have to live their lives in isolation from Him, His presence will still be with them. For His Heavenly Father will send them the gift of the Advocate, the present of the Holy Spirit. And the gift of the Holy Spirit will guarantee the presence and the power of Jesus among the disciples and indeed among all Christians who will come after them.

Jesus loves and cherishes us all and He longs to give His very self to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit means that Jesus continues to live in us and to live in the Church for all ages.

As well as giving us the gift of the Spirit Jesus also gives us the commandment to love.

With the help of the gift of the Spirit all of us can face the future with hope, trust and confidence. The Spirit will sustain and uphold us in our struggles, difficulties and challenges we may face.

Whatever darkness or despair may surround us nothing can destroy the Christian Hope that we have through the gift of the Spirit.

Of course, at this present time all people are in need of the gift of hope. As Christians, as followers of Jesus, we are called to share the gift of the Spirit we have received with others. Part of our Christian vocation is to be bringers of hope. The gift of hope given by Jesus through the Spirit is surely needed among all the world at this time.

The hope that our Christian faith brings needs to be passed on, given to others. The Gospel reminds us constantly that our faith is not just about receiving it is also about giving, reaching out to others.

No act, no gesture towards others of love, care and kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted. For us as Christians it is not really how much we give but how much love we put in that small act of giving to others.

It seems to me when we cheerfully give the gifts of hope, love and kindness to others everyone is blessed both the giver and the receiver. When we try to give God's love to others everyone is a winner!

The coronavirus has brought fear into the lives of so many. However, we can witness to others, by what we say, do and by what we are, that the Hope that Jesus brings through the gift of the Spirit is stronger, far more powerful than fear.

The Hope that our faith brings enables us to see light even when we are surrounded by darkness.

Through the gift of the Advocate, through the gift of the Spirit we are able to hear the voice of Jesus speaking to us, telling us to have faith, courage and hope and to share those gifts with others.

I am aware that in our parish communities many have been sharing the hope of our faith with others in many different ways.

A telephone call, an email, a small act of kindness can truly bring the light and hope of Jesus to others in these dark and difficult times.

The gift of our faith is not meant to be buried and hidden away like a miser's gold. No, it is meant to be given and shared.

And in that giving, in that sharing we receive a joy and a happiness that comes directly from The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In the Gospel Jesus would not leave His disciples as orphans, He would not abandon them when He returned to His Father. He gave them the presence and the consolation of the Spirit.

Because of the coronavirus, perhaps many people feel like orphans, many feel abandoned and alone.

Through our prayers, words and actions many others know that God loves them and the gift of the Spirit is available to all who will turn to Jesus.

Through the gift of the Spirit we will overcome. With faith, trust and love the present darkness will be defeated, will be conquered.

With the gift of faith that the Spirit brings we can echo these words of Corrie ten Boom:  
“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

May God bless you and keep you safe.

### **Message from the Safeguarding Office**

I don't have to tell you that we are undergoing a national crisis at the moment, which as well as bringing all the problems of the current pandemic, also creates increased safeguarding risk in many areas. These include domestic abuse, mental health issues the vulnerable being scammed to mention but a few. If you have any safeguarding concerns either personally or for any other person then do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Office who remain open and available to assist. To contact us either email me direct on [robert.brown@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:robert.brown@prcdtr.org.uk) or ring me on 01364 645431 which will be transferred to my mobile. **Robert Brown Safeguarding Coordinator Diocese of Plymouth.**

### **Laudato Si' Week 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 16-24 May 2020**

This year is the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 which sadly I have not received for this week.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. This coming Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> May) we celebrate the great Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. To the great sadness of us all our churches remain closed and we are unable to celebrate Mass for this feast. We live in strange times when golf courses are open but our churches are closed, although I do understand the reasons why.

However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel as there is talk of our churches being able to open in July. It is expected that when churches do open it will be at first for personal and private prayer. For the safety and well-being of all who will enter our churches specific measures will need to be in place. Therefore, I am asking for volunteers to act as stewards to ensure social distancing among those who enter our churches and also cleaners, as our churches will need to be cleaned fully, at least once a day. I hope enough people will come forward to operate a rota system. Volunteers should not be from any people who are considered to be vulnerable to the coronavirus.

The parish is in the process of obtaining all the resources needed to enable our churches to be open when permission is given. So, if you are fit and able please consider helping.

If you are able to volunteer please contact Hilary on the parish email.

Thank you and God bless

#### **Points to Ponder**

Never stop doing your best because someone doesn't give you credit.

Never apologise for saying what you feel. That's like saying sorry for being real.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more,  
you are a leader.

*(John Quincy Adams)*

### **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.