

# 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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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Psalter 3

24<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

### Weekday Masses (7<sup>th</sup> week of Easter)

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TUES St Philip Neri  
WED ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY  
THUR Easter weekday after Ascension  
FRI St Paul VI  
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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Resident priest - Fr Paul Andrew Email: [frpaulandrew@live.com](mailto:frpaulandrew@live.com) emergency contact 07548654893

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.

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

Publilius Syrus was a Roman writer and actor who died about 40 years before the birth of Jesus. He wrote these words: "The road to glory is difficult."

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks a lot about glory. Throughout His life Jesus sought no honour, glory or prestige for Himself. No, all that Jesus said and did was for the glory of His heavenly Father.

In today's Gospel Jesus is nearing the end of His earthly life, a life dedicated to the Glory of God.

Jesus final act in His life will be by giving glory to God by mounting the wood of the cross.

By this glorious act of unselfish love and sacrifice He will bring honour to His Father in fulfilling His ministry through bringing forgiveness to all humanity and opening the door that leads to eternal life.

Jesus also proclaims that His Glory, the Glory of God, will continue on earth through His disciples and through His Church.

Jesus tells us, His followers, constantly that if we share His cross, His suffering, we will also share the glory of His resurrection.

Jean de la Fontaine, a French poet of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, wrote: "No path of flowers leads to Glory".

In other words our efforts to give glory and honour to God in our lives will not always be easy, comfortable or cosy.

On our journey, on our travels towards the glory of eternal life we will fall, we will trip and stumble.

However, as the American poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson reminds us: "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Each time we fail, each time we fall, each time we get it wrong, we dust ourselves off and start again and we give glory to God.

Witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus, sharing His cross, living for God's glory is the greatest achievement we can accomplish with our lives.

For we were made, we were created in the image of Jesus to give glory to Almighty God.

Jesus constantly tells us in the Gospel that through Him our pain, our suffering, our failures are temporary but the Glory of God, which we share, is forever, is eternal.

Our sharing in the glory of God is not a conceit. It is not a decoration or a medal for honouring our efforts or achievements.

No, true Glory, the Glory of God, is about being constant, true and faithful to something and someone far greater than ourselves. It is about our faith, our church and our God.

It is not often I quote Martin Luther but I like these words of his: "A dairymaid can milk cows to the glory of God."

God does not expect or demand our witness to Him to be extravagant or spectacular. No, even our simple acts of love, care and compassion towards others gives glory to God.

Jesus invites us to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way for the glory of God.

During the lockdown, during the current restrictions we have been challenged to witness to our faith and give glory to God in new and different ways.

It seems to me when we telephone someone to find out how they are coping, when we shop for someone who is totally self-isolating, when we go out on a Thursday evening to show our appreciation to the NHS and other key workers, we are giving thanks and giving Glory to God.

Surely those of us who are totally isolated and alone in their homes sharing the company of no one and continue to pray and think of others are giving glory to God in a special and unique way.

In my priestly life I have the privilege of having many Irish religious sisters as good and dear friends.

Often if I have said something cheeky or outrageous they have said, "Don't be so bold", or "You are a bold boy".

But as the famous Ancient Roman poet Virgil once wrote: "Fortune favours the **Bold**"

So in this difficult time may we all be bold, brave and imaginative in how we try to share and witness our faith. For in doing this we truly give glory to God.

In our simple, quiet and ordinary acts of love, kindness and care Jesus is glorified.

My favourite poet, W.B. Yeats wrote: "Think of where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends."

As well as being my parishioners you are also my dear friends.

I have gloried and felt joy in how, in this difficult time, you have been united in your efforts to give glory to God by trying to help one another in so many and varied ways.

So be bold, be brave and strong in trying to share the love of Jesus and by doing so you are giving glory to God.

May God keep you safe and well.

Father Brian

### **First Holy Communion 2020**

I am conscious that a number of our children were due to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. I share the disappointment of the children and their families that this was unable to take place because of the current restrictions. Because the children did not complete their preparation and celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation it is not expected that First Holy Communion will be celebrated until the Autumn of 2020 at the earliest. I am sorry I cannot give the children and their families precise details but because of the present restrictions it is not possible to do so. I am aware that if stringent rules on social distancing are imposed upon us for the celebration of the Mass in our churches the First Holy Communion celebration would be very challenging. All concerned will have to give much thought to how best we celebrate the First Holy Communion Mass to make sure it is a memorable and wonderful occasion for the children. I will keep you informed when I have more details of how to proceed. I am sorry for all the uncertainty.

### **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.**

### **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-8rI>

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 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost which sees the end of Eastertide. According to the Church we are then in Ordinary Time with green being the liturgical colour. However, we are all aware that we are not living in 'Ordinary Times' . the coronavirus and the lockdown has removed from our lives many of the freedoms we have taken for granted. At the moment we as Catholics are waiting with patience and hope for our churches to be open again. According to the government places of worship will be open for 'Public Worship' on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Your clergy are now thinking and preparing how best to celebrate the Mass etc. when our churches are once again open. All of us expect that we be asked by the government to maintain social distancing when churches are open and the Mass is celebrated.

So I ask for your prayers as your clergy work for the day when our churches are open and we can come together to celebrate Mass safely. Keep hopeful and keep smiling for better days are on the way.

**Points to Ponder**

The secret of patience is to do something else in the meantime.

*(Croft M Pentz)*

Don't underestimate what God is doing in your season of waiting

Once you chose Hope, anything's possible.

**Thank you**

The Family of Father Jon would like to thank all who sent cards, prayers and condolences after the death of their Mother, Pam. Pam had very happy memories of her short stays here over a period of 10 years and loved the friendly welcome of you all and the beautiful Churches that you have to worship in. She often reminisced with a big smile on her face. Praise God!!

**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.