

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)

Psalter 1

31st 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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TUES Ss Marcellinus & Peter Mm
WED St Charles Lwanga & comps.
THUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST
FRI ST BONIFACE
SAT St Norbert

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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 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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Available on Facebook

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

Pentecost Sunday homily

Today's Gospel begins with the words: "In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews."

During the last few months most of us have been living behind closed doors because of fear of the coronavirus.

It is one thing to live behind closed doors because it is the right and sensible thing to do. But as today's Gospel and the Feast of Pentecost reminds there is no need for fear to be our companion during our time behind closed doors.

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus enters this place of fear and breathes the Holy Spirit on the disheartened disciples.

The gift of this Holy Spirit gives the disciples a new heart, a new strength and a peace that only God can give.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Disciples now have an exit plan from their lockdown.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit fear is changed into freedom. Through the Spirit, through Pentecost the Disciples and indeed all Christians can face the future with hope.

The Holy Spirit is the exit, the release from the hopelessness of being locked into a fearful and hopeless past and present. Outside or in, we walk freely and proudly with Jesus beside us.

Today we may be apart, separated behind closed doors but the Holy Spirit unites us and encourages us to face the future with hope, trust and faith.

During these last few months the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit have been clearly evident among our various parish communities. The Spirit has guided and directed us, lay, religious and clergy, in new and different ways of being church, and being Christian communities.

The Spirit has shown us new ways of witnessing to the Gospel and sharing Jesus with others.

So many of us have used our individual gifts, given to us by the Spirit, to share the reality of our faith with others. The Spirit has prompted us to telephone or email others to remind them they are not forgotten by God or by us. The Spirit has encouraged us to shop for others or pick up prescriptions for the housebound from the chemist.

Even behind our closed doors, we as Christians have still been able to touch others with the love of Jesus. However, the time will come when the doors of our homes and the doors of our churches will be open. And open doors will give us new opportunities to share the Holy Spirit with others and introduce them to Jesus and His saving Gospel.

As Christians, as followers of Jesus filled with the Spirit, we must embrace the new opportunities to share our faith that will come when the lockdown is ended.

Old ways, old practices will not open new doors to allow others to come in and meet and know Jesus.

I truly believe that using the coronavirus crisis the Holy Spirit will unlock new doors of opportunity for us to share our faith. But we must allow the Holy Spirit to lead us to open these doors of opportunity and have the courage to share our faith with others.

There is much talk of living a 'new normal' after the lockdown is over. I pray that the new normal for Christians will be taking every opportunity of sharing our faith with others.

All of us, every single one of us must allow the Holy Spirit to change us, to accept His power and presence, to overcome the obstacles of our fears, shyness and our sense of unworthiness and become worthy sharers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May all of us believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit. If we do then we will find ourselves doing and saying things for Jesus we could have never imagined.

As Christians, as followers of Jesus may we let ourselves be led by the Spirit, with freedom, courage and faith.

Please, please God may we never try to cage or imprison the presence of the Holy Spirit that dwells within all baptised Christians.

I know that for many of us the end of the lockdown, when it comes, will be as challenging as its imposition. But we must not allow our fears and uncertainties to imprison us in rooms that have no exit.

After all, as Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel peace, His peace, is a mark of the Holy Spirit. This peace, given through the Spirit, will overcome our fears and doubts.

When I was a boy, when I was young there was a talent show on television called 'Opportunity Knocks'. This Feast, the Feast of Pentecost proclaims loud and clear that through the gift of the Holy Spirit opportunity knocks for every Christian to use our individual gifts and talents to share Jesus and His saving Gospel with others. We must not deny this God given opportunity by hiding behind spiritual locked doors. On this Feast of Pentecost I conclude with these words from Pope Francis:

"The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission."

Happy Feast Day to you all.
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 17th 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 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 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.

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.

Also here are 3 sites which give you a list of all the times of Masses from early am to pm and very easy to get.

churchservices.tv/whats-on-now

churchservices.tv/livemass

churchservicenowonTV1

From Father Brian

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and also come to the end of Eastertide. The Feast of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in Jerusalem as proclaimed in the First Reading from Acts 2: 1-11 for the Mass today. Jesus had promised His Apostles that He would send the Holy Spirit, and on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. From that moment the Apostles began to preach the Gospel, starting from Jerusalem to all nations.

The Feast of Pentecost is often called 'the birthday of the Church'. It is really the birth of a church that is called by Jesus to witness to Him throughout the world. Through the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost the early church began the mission to share the Good News of the Gospel to all people. This mission continues to this very day. For through our baptism we too receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We too are called to be part of the mission of the Church to share Jesus with the world. All of us will be given opportunities in our lives to share our faith with others. Prompted and encouraged by the Holy Spirit may we, by what we say, by what we do and by what we are, be part of the mission of the Church to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus to others.
Happy Birthday to you all.

Points to Ponder

Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us.
(Robert Baer)

Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace.

Mercy is not easy, it requires courage.
(Pope Francis)

Pope's Intentions for June

Prayer intention for evangelization – The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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.