

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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SS. PETER & PAUL (YEAR A) Psalter

5th July 2020



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH

SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH

People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (14th week in Ordinary Time)

MON weekday 10.00 am

TUES weekday 10.00 am

WED St Oliver Plunket 7.00 pm

THUR weekday 10 00 am

FRI ST THOMAS 10.00 am

SAT NO MORNING MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Currently unavailable

HELSTON

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More information on our Facebook page: "Catholics on the Lizard Peninsula"

USUAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 9.00 am HELSTON; 11.15 am MULLION

All public Masses are suspended – Mass is said privately in church.

EVERY MASS IS LIVE-STREAMED DAILY AT 09.30 ON FACEBOOK

(and later uploaded to our YouTube channel: St Mary's Catholic Church, Helston)

MASSES THIS WEEK (13th week in Ordinary Time)

SUN SS PETER & PAUL

MON weekday

TUES weekday

WED St Oliver Plunket

THUR weekday

FRI ST THOMAS

SAT Chideock Martyrs

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



From Fr Brian

My sincere apologies, my homily this week refers to Sunday week 13 and not the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, my mistake. The Gospel I refer to in my homily is

Matthew 10: 37-42.

Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it, anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

I do hope, despite my error, that my homily will help in your Sunday devotions and worship.

Sunday week 13 – homily

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks a great deal about welcoming, about hospitality.

In the Gospel we hear that when Jesus is welcomed into people's homes and hearts these people receive a holy and sacred reward. For the poor hear the Good News of the Gospel, the sick are healed and the forgiveness of God is freely given.

The hospitality of people who welcome Jesus is not about bed and breakfast and then waving goodbye to a visitor. No, it is about the act of opening our hearts to receive the visit of God who comes in the person of His only Son Jesus.

When we welcome Jesus, when we rejoice at His true presence among us we are inspired and empowered to welcome and show hospitality to others by sharing our Lord with others.

However, as the Gospel reminds us those who do not welcome Jesus, those who close their door on Him face a wasted and empty life.

The Gospel tells us that welcoming Jesus, welcoming His Gospel is not showing hospitality today and then waving goodbye tomorrow.

No, when we welcome Jesus, we welcome Him into our life for eternity, He becomes part of our family, He becomes the most important person in our household.

Hospitality is one of the important characteristics of our Christian faith. For in welcoming others we welcome Jesus and the Father who sent Him into our world.

So, when we welcome the stranger, when we welcome others, when we accept others into our Christian life then it is God who we welcome, it is He who is our guest.

It has been said that those who practise hospitality towards others entertain God Himself.

In the New Testament the word 'Hospitality' comes from two Greek words. The first word means 'love' and the second word means 'stranger'. Therefore, in the New Testament the word hospitality literally means love of strangers.

Hospitality is simply an opportunity for us to show and to share God's love and care to others, to the poor, the stranger and the suffering.

The Gospel, the example of Jesus inspires us to help others, to show love, care and compassion. As Christians, as followers of Jesus we must always be eager and keen to practise and to share the hospitality of the Gospel.

Surely it goes without saying that our parishes, our communities should and must be places of welcome and hospitality.

They must be places where strangers become friends and feel that they are cherished. I think our parishes, our communities should be places where the hospitality we share is not about changing people. Rather I think our hospitality, our welcome should be about offering to others a sacred and safe space where the possibility of change can take place.

The Gospel tells us, the example of Jesus proclaims that God loves us unconditionally so surely in our sharing, our welcome, our hospitality as Christians we should be so careful about placing unnecessary conditions and barriers upon those who sincerely wish to come and be part of our holy and worshipping family.

It seems to me that true Christian hospitality is not just about inviting and welcoming others into our church building it is also about inviting and welcoming people, the stranger, the lonely and the suffering into our hearts.

Hospitality, welcoming others into our churches, into our parishes is essential and important to us as Christians.

For without new people, without their contribution and gifts there is a danger that we can be inward looking and become a closed community.

The Church, founded by Jesus Christ, exists to evangelize, to share the Gospel, to proclaim Christ to the world and to welcome and help others to find the Lord in His Church and so receive salvation and the gift of eternal life.

Evangelization first and foremost is about us as Christians having hearts for Jesus and a commitment and a desire to be agents of the Holy Spirit in helping people to welcome Jesus into their lives and so experience His love and know His saving Gospel.

Therefore, all of us, lay, religious and clergy must work together to make our parishes places of welcome where all feel that they are wanted and where they truly meet and experience Jesus Christ.

Some of you may know I am a convert to the Catholic faith. I was received into full communion in the Church in 1980.

I remember the first time I ever went to Mass and how nervous and insecure I felt. However, I was met with kindness and friendship from people who began as strangers who became friends. I felt welcomed and accepted and so kept coming back. Eight years later the same parish that showed such hospitality to me, hosted my ordination as a Catholic priest.

So I can testify to the importance of our parishes and communities being places of welcome to all who visit seeking a meaning, an eternal value in their lives.

We eagerly await the time when our churches are fully open, fully available for the celebration of the Holy Mass.

When the doors of our churches are once again fully open may we ask Jesus to open our hearts so that our parishes are places of Gospel welcome and hospitality.

Knowing that when we welcome and show hospitality to the stranger then we welcome Jesus Himself. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Father Brian

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.

Caritas Plymouth

[annual review](#) is now on the Diocesan website. We would welcome feedback from parishes on our plans for the coming year. We have also produced a [news update](#) to share some of the positive work happening in our parishes during the Covid-19 crisis.

Catholic Children's Society

Please see details of grants available from the Catholic Children's Society at the end of the newsletter.

From Father Brian

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, the two greatest saints of the early Church. Saint Peter was one of 12 Apostles chosen by Jesus in the Gospels and was chosen by the Lord to be the rock on which He would build His Church. St Peter was crucified in Rome around 67 AD and is regarded by the Church as the very first Pope.

St Paul, who at first was a devout Jew known as Saul of Tarsus, was converted to Christianity on the road to Damascus. St Paul became the Apostle to the Gentiles, non-Jews and travelled tirelessly to bring the Gospel to others and build up the early Church. St Paul was beheaded in Rome during Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians also in 67 AD.

Happy Feast Day to you all.

Father Brian

Points to Ponder

Pain is real, but so is hope

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.

(Nelson Mandela)

And sometimes, against all odds, against all logic, we still hope.

SwordFish!CAFOD – Coronavirus National Appeal

Families without enough food to eat and without access to clean water, or living with underlying health problems like HIV are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus. The virus has now hit the Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh which is catastrophic for the thousands of families already struggling to access health care and sanitation there. In Zimbabwe and Zambia 7 million people are without enough food.

CAFOD is expanding and adapting its programme to prevent the spread and reduce the risks of coronavirus. Every step taken now getting food and clean water to families will prevent deaths and reduce suffering, ensuring the survival of communities. Local experts on the ground understand the challenges and needs in their respective communities and can respond quickly.

- Improving hygiene, handwashing and sanitizing of household items
- Delivering food where most needed
- Producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local language on risks and prevention
- Training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns

So, your gifts are needed now and your essential support will help families survive. Donations can be made online or by phoning 03033033030

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and compassion.

Mary Bradley is hoping to raise funds to help them in their work and invites anyone who would like to sponsor her for 20, 7am swims across the width of Swanpool Beach. Her contact details for sponsorship are 01326 312 768 and mary@corisande.plus.com. Thank you to all who have already sponsored her

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, Mary Froom and Sheila Hennessey.

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.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) celebrates after receiving £6,000 from the National Lottery

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is celebrating after being awarded £6,000 in National Lottery funding to support its work with vulnerable children and their families. CCSP, which is based in Ashburton, covers Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset and will use the cash to help with their Essential Grants programme. This aims to prevent an immediate crisis from threatening the stability of family life, by providing essential items that parents and carers could otherwise not afford for their children.

In April and May, with £2,000 funding from the Devon Coronavirus Fund (DCF), the charity was able to support 10 families by purchasing 4 cookers, 3 washing machines, 1 fridge/freezer, 1 bed & mattress and 1 cot, mattress & high chair. And CCSP have just heard that they've been awarded another £4,000 from DCF as well as some funding from the Albert Gubay Foundation Trust in addition to the National Lottery funding.

Around 30 more families will be supported with similar grants using the new £6,000 of funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, which distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes and is the largest community funder in the UK.



Vicki Dunstone, who works for the charity as their Fundraiser and Communications officer, says: "We're delighted that The National Lottery Community Fund has recognised our work and is able to help us with this funding. Now, thanks to National Lottery players, we will be able to continue to support families who are already struggling financially, but as a result of Covid-19, face even more financial hardship. We rely entirely on the generous donations from our parishes, individual donors, grant funders and Catholic schools but with the recent lockdown restrictions, all of our fundraising activities have been cancelled. We have already begun to see an increase in grant applications as more families living in the Diocese are affected by Covid-19, and we only envisage this number continuing to increase. We do not want to turn anyone away when they need our help more now than ever."

A local NHS worker who often makes referrals to the charity for help purchasing basic essentials for local families, says of the National Lottery support: "Wow that is amazing. Thank you for all your support. We see where it goes and how it helps our families in financial difficulty. Without charities like the CCSP, I dread to think how they would cope. So thank you thank you !"



CCSP also organised a recent Crowdfunding campaign – 'Stretch out Your Hands' - which raised another £1,200.

Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign by making generous donations online.

More donations were received as some supporters do not have access to the internet or just preferred to send their donations via the post to St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL.

If you are aware of a family who needs their support, please visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or call 01364 645420 for more information.