

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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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR A) Psalter 3

14th June 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 (11th week in Ordinary Time)

MON weekday
TUES St Richard of Chichester
WED weekday
THUR weekday
FRI MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
SAT Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary

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People of the Parish privately

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Currently unavailable

HELSTON

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The Catholic Presbytery, Clodgey Lane, Helston TR13 8PJ

Safeguarding reps: Meg Trevaskis & Margaret Chambers. Hall contact: - *vacant*

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 (11th week in Ordinary Time)

SUN MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST for all those deprived of the Sacrament at this time
MON weekday Layla Griffin Fromson, RIP
TUES St Richard of Chichester
WED weekday
THUR weekday
FRI MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Tony ("Lit") Wright - funeral
SAT Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary

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

The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

This Sunday we celebrate one of the greatest feasts in the calendar of the Catholic Church, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, known to many of us as Corpus Christi.

Through this Feast we celebrate in awe, wonder and thanksgiving, the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The Feast has been celebrated in the universal Church since 1264 during the papacy of Pope Urban IV. For many of us the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, will bring back vivid and happy memories of First Holy Communion, processions of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

However, this year the Feast will be celebrated in a strange and challenging way. For the doors of our churches remain locked and closed. There are no public Masses where the faithful can be fed and nourished through Holy Communion, the real and true presence of Jesus Christ.

So many of us will experience the Feast with an acute sense of longing, mourning and hunger for the Eucharist, for the Blessed Sacrament.

As a priest I have the immense privilege of still being able to celebrate the Mass, still being able to be fed and nourished by the Eucharist in an empty and silent church.

I too feel an acute sense of longing, mourning and hunger for my people, my community that I serve and I love. I am a shepherd without his flock and it hurts!

Of course, the absence of the Mass has not destroyed the Church, our Catholic communities and parishes. Many Catholics have found new ways of practising and witnessing to their faith. Many have grown and found nourishment outside of the celebration of the Mass.

Indeed one woman said in a catholic magazine that after the lockdown she may not want to return to the Mass and spend her time "watching other people (mainly men) doing rituals when I can be participating and challenging myself to grow through prayer and study...."

Quite frankly I was amazed by this attitude. I accept that this person and indeed some Catholics have issues and disagreements with the Church. But surely none of us have issues and disagreements with Jesus Christ.

And as the Feast of the Body and Blood proclaims loud and clear at every celebration of the Mass we receive the real and true presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As St Peter Julian Eymers said: "The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself."

Why would any Catholic freely choose to be absent from the Mass and deny themselves of this wonderful and supreme gift, the gift of Jesus Himself.

For we as Catholics are a Eucharist people and the Mass, the Eucharist is the glue that holds us together, that unites us as the Universal Church founded by Jesus Our Lord. The Mass, the Eucharist, Holy Communion is the shining and bright jewel in the crown of our Catholic faith.

One of the saints said these challenging words: "A person who fails to love the Mass fails to love Christ." It seems to me that the woman from the catholic magazine got it wrong. For the Mass, the Eucharist is not something we come to watch, no it is something we come to do. We gather as the people of God, as a community to do something together. In the celebration of the Mass we share and keep holy the memory of Jesus. We share the Eucharist, the body and blood of Our Lord.

Through the Mass, through the Eucharist we strengthen our faith and we strengthen each other and we become the body of Christ to others.

No, the Mass is not about passively watching, it is about sharing, it is about being a community united and as one through the Eucharist.

Through the Mass, through the Eucharist we experience and receive Jesus in the form of bread and wine. Then we leave our churches and, inspired by our reception of Jesus in Holy Communion, we see the same Lord in the form of the hungry, the poor and the suffering. And as we are called to honour the Blessed Sacrament we are called to honour them.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, who died in a Nazi concentration camp said these words: "If angels could be jealous of human beings, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

So, as we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ it is with a sense of longing and yearning for the days when our churches will be open for the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Of course, we continue to be the Church and a parish without the celebration of the public Masses. We remain and will always remain an Eucharistic People.

But the Mass, the Eucharist is essential for us as a church, as a parish community and as individuals created in the image of God. As Christians, as Catholics, the Mass, the Eucharist is not only the centrepiece of our worship, it is the centrepiece of our whole existence.

We cannot be truly content, satisfied and even happy being deprived of the celebration of the Mass.

For as Pope Benedict has written: "The happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist."

Oh Happy Day when we will all be together to celebrate the Mass, to celebrate the Eucharist and to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ once again.

Happy Feast Day to you all

Father Brian

CAFOD

As we grapple with the coronavirus pandemic CAFOD have been looking at the disastrous effects in developing countries. 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.

CAFOD have also produced some informative videos:

Links to watch and download below:

Coronavirus threatens Sierra Leone

<https://vimeo.com/418056059>

CAFOD responds to coronavirus in Sierra Leone

<https://vimeo.com/418056395>

CAFOD supporters keep hope alive in Sierra Leone

<https://vimeo.com/418056858>

United in prayer - Pope Francis

"As trustful Children, we turn to the Father. We do it every day; but right now we wish to beg mercy for mankind, so sorely tried by the coronavirus pandemic. And we do this together, Christians of every Church and Community, of every tradition, of every age, language and nation.

We pray for the sick and their families; for health workers and those who help them; for the authorities, law enforcement agencies and volunteers; for the ministers of our communities." Our Father....

Please pray especially for all those living in countries with high levels of poverty and limited access to health care. A report from the UN's Development Programme, voiced the following concerns: "The growing Covid-19 crisis threatens to disproportionately hit developing countries, not only as a health crisis in the short term but as a devastating social and economic crisis over the months and years to come. With an estimated 55 per cent of the global population having no access to social protection, these losses will reverberate across societies, impacting education, human rights and, in the most severe cases, basic food security and nutrition".

The Fairtrade Foundation is deeply worried that this virus will devastate communities; not only because of its impact on people's health, but also the very real possibility that containment measures will cause widespread hardship to people's incomes

From Father Brian

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, known to many as Corpus Christi. This celebration has its origin in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 and was known as Corpus Christi. In the reforms of Vatican II, Corpus Christi was joined with the Feast of the Precious Blood, celebrated on 1st July, to become the Solemnity of the Body and Blood. Through this Feast we celebrate Christ's gift to us through the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church.

The Church teaches that in the Eucharist we experience the Real Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Of course, it is with a great sense of sadness and loss that we cannot mark this great Feast with the celebration of the Mass because of the current restrictions.

However, better days are on their way and from Monday we will be opening our churches for a limited period. From 15th June St Mary's Falmouth will be open for private prayer only from 10 am to 12 noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. St Mary's Helston will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays again from 10 am to 12 noon.

My sincere thanks to all those who have worked so hard to prepare for the churches at Falmouth and Helston to open and to those who have volunteered to be stewards and cleaners.

We all pray that we will soon be able to celebrate once more the Holy Mass together.

May God bless you all.

Points to Ponder

The Mass is not about God reaching down to Earth as much as it is about us being swept up to Heaven.

In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world.

(St. John Paul II)

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.