

# 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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16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) Psalter 4

19<sup>th</sup> July 2020



## FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH

People of parish from Bethany Sisters

SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH

People of the Parish

### Weekday Masses (16<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time)

MON St Apollinaris 10.00 am

TUES St Lawrence of Brindisi 10.00 am

WED ST MARY MAGDALENE 7.00 pm Sr Madeleine int.

THUR ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN 10 00 am Pam Bielawski RIP

MAWNAN SMITH

FRI St Sharbel Makluf 10.00 am Sr Christine int.

SAT ST JAMES NO MORNING MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - ring for information

## HELSTON

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Safeguarding reps: Meg Trevaskis & Margaret Chambers.

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

**All masses are live-streamed daily on FACEBOOK**

**(Sun: 10.00; Thu: 12.00; Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat: 9.30)**

**then later uploaded to our YouTube channel: St Mary's Catholic Church, Helston**

### MASSES THIS WEEK

(16<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time, Yr. A; Psalter wk. 4)

**Masses in RED are public masses, those in black are private masses**

***The church will be open ½ hour before public masses for private prayer***

**SUN 10.00 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time *for our church communities***

**MON 09.30 St Apollinaris**

**TUES 09.30 St Lawrence of Brindisi**

**WED no mass ST MARY MAGDALENE Fr Paul's day off**

**THUR 12.00 ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN**

**FRI 09.30 St Sharbel Makluf**

**SAT 09.30 ST JAMES**

**SUN 10.00 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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



## **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – homily**

Mother Teresa once said, “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

In today’s Gospel Jesus uses a parable of the ‘darnel’ to proclaim the patience, kindness and forgiveness of almighty God. A ‘darnel’ is a noxious weed which grows amongst wheat. The servant in the Gospel, seeing this weed among the wheat, wants to go out and remove the darnel. But his master cautions patience, let darnel and wheat grow together until harvest time, only then will judgement be made about what will be saved and gathered.

I think the message of the parable is that often we want and demand instant judgement. Many of us want those who appear to have done harm, damage and evil things to others to face judgement from God here and now. Many of us want to bring the ‘Last Judgement’ into the present time.

We judge by human standards, God judges by His standards.

To some God’s patience and forbearance, as expressed through Jesus Christ, towards wrong doers is a scandal.

However, Jesus wants no premature judgement. Our Lord will never condemn or judge people by their past. Jesus allows people to learn, to change, to grow and move on.

God’s love for us is unconditional and universal. It is available to us all. The Dalai Lama has said, “Love is the absence of judgement.”

Jesus is well aware that all communities are a mixture of the good and bad, the weak and the powerful. And Jesus reminds us the last word said about everyone, their judgement does not come until death and then it is the job of God, it is not our job or duty.

As Christians, as followers of Jesus, we have no authority, we have no right to pronounce the final judgement on everyone. As St. Paul says: “There must be no passing of judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes.” (1Cor 4:5)

As human beings in our daily lives we have to make judgements about all sorts of things. We constantly have to judge situations in our lives, we have to make decisions. Unfortunately at times our judgements can be flawed.

Jesus calls on us to be Christians with open minds and open hearts. Jesus asks us to choose love over hate, light over darkness and compassion over judgement.

Let’s face it, most of us find it easy to judge others. But it is more difficult to try to understand others and their actions.

Understanding requires us to accept the values and teachings of the Gospel. For it requires compassion, patience, and a willingness to try to see the potential good in everyone.

The teaching of Jesus tells us that through judging we separate and divide. Through understanding, through forgiveness we grow and we try to bring about unity.

We live in a world where often it seems that people who do wrong and harm thrive and conquer.

However, Jesus makes it clear that there will be a final judgement. All of us, every single one of us will have to give an account to God of how we have lived our lives.

In the end God will see justice is done. As Christians we leave the final judgement to almighty God.

Knowing that this judgement, through Jesus, will be given with love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

Of course, we too will also face that judgement. Knowing and believing that in the end we will be judged by God not in terms of what we have done for ourselves, but in terms of what we have done for others.

May God bless you all

## **Mass Intentions**

Now that we are again able to celebrate Mass publicly, please would those who have booked a Mass contact the office so that we can re-book for a convenient day.

## **St Edwards Mawnan Smith**

We are re-opening St Edwards, Mawnan Smith on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for Mass at 10 am. In order to continue to do this we need a pool of stewards and cleaners. We are very grateful to those who have already come forward and would welcome anyone else who is able to help.

### **Live-Streaming**

We are in the process of testing our live-streaming system in Falmouth. The camera is now in place and live (so recording) it picks up sound as well as pictures. As soon as we can we give details of how you can access it we will.

### **Car Park**

Please leave the bottom car park as soon as you leave church after Mass. This is to ensure social distancing both for parishioners and users of the Crypt Pre-school.

### **CAFOD National Coronavirus 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](mailto:mary@corisande.plus.com). Thank you to all who have already sponsored her

- Mary has now completed her swims and would welcome any more donations to her collection

### **Baptisms**

We have just received permission to celebrate baptisms in the church and the restrictions required for the celebration to take place. If you wish to have your child baptised please contact the parish office for further information.

### **Homelessness- How can we help?**

Meeting a homeless person on the streets, especially if they have nowhere to go that night, can be quite shocking and worrying. To think that an individual will be cold, wet and vulnerable can invoke a host of emotions. Decision-making around how we act for that person, however, needs to remain clear, needs to keep the homeless person at the heart of any decision, but also needs to keep you safe from harm. People experiencing homelessness are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19. Any support needs to minimise the risk of infection.

Caritas Plymouth has produced an updated guide for supporting people who are homeless, in partnership with St Petrocs, Cornwall. The guide can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Homelessness-advice.pdf>

**From Father Brian**

In a world where suffering, injustice and poverty is all around us it can seem that evil has the upper hand. However, as the readings for this Sunday proclaim through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the end kindness, forgiveness and love of God will prevail.

Good News! From this Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the celebration of the Mass will begin at St Edwards, Mawnan Smith. Hopefully a 10 am Mass will be celebrated at Mawnan Smith each Thursday and I would like to thank those who have volunteered to be stewards and cleaners, without them the churches at Falmouth and Mawnan Smith would be unable to open for Mass.

Have a good and safe week

May God bless you all  
Father Brian

**Points to Ponder**

Trust is the first step to love  
*(Munshi Premchand)*

Once you choose hope, anything's possible  
*(Christopher reeve)*

Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future  
*(Robert H. Schuller)*

**Pope's Intentions for July**

Universal prayer intention – Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**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, 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, May & Gordon Steward and Catherine Taylor.