

# 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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17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) Psalter 1

26<sup>th</sup> July 2020



## FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH  
SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH

Bert & Melville Barnett RIP  
People of the Parish

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

MON weekday 10.00 am Michael Reeve RIP  
TUES weekday 10.00 am  
WED St Martha 7.00 pm  
THUR St Germanus of Auxerre 10 00 am MAWNAN SMITH  
FRI St Ignatius of Loyola 10.00 am Elizabeth Bee int.(b'day)  
SAT St Alphonsus Liguori NO MORNING MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - ring for information

## HELSTON

St Mary's Helston, serving St Michael's Mullion. email: [helston@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:helston@prcdtr.org.uk) phone 01326 572378

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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

(17<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time, Yr. A; Psalter wk. 1)

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 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time *Mary Gilbert (98<sup>th</sup> birthday last Thursday)*  
MON 09.30 feria *Richard Rutt, RIP*  
TUES 09.30 feria *George Marlon Busby, RIP*  
WED no mass St Martha Fr Paul's day off  
THUR 12.00 *St Germanus of Auxerre* *for the Church in Cornwall*  
FRI 09.30 St Ignatius of Loyola *Mass in time of Pandemic*  
SAT 09.30 St Alphonsus Ligouri *For Pope Francis + 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotions*

SUN 10.00 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time DEDICATION OF HELSTON CHURCH 1967

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

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

Over the years as your parish priest I have spoken many times about my parents, my family and my childhood.

Like most of us, I was taught by my parents to have certain values, standards and principles. My sisters and myself embraced these teachings and tried to live our lives by them.

My family values are central to everything I am. In my life I have experienced many changes but the values I was taught all those years ago have remained the same.

Our values reflect what is important to the way we live our lives.

In today's Gospel, using a couple of parables, Jesus proclaims that at the top of our values must be the Kingdom of Heaven, our Christian faith.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that our faith is a treasure, a pearl beyond all price. As Christians, as followers of Jesus, we must do our very best to hold on to and to protect our faith.

The Gospel tells us that our faith must be our number one priority and the most precious treasure in our life.

We live in a world, we live in a society where many value their lives in terms of wealth, power and celebrity. Many regard the treasures of life in terms of what they have and own.

Many of us dream of having a lovely house, a flash car and money to burn. But none of these kind of things have any eternal value at all.

However, the treasure of our Christian faith, the pearl of the Gospel, has an eternal and everlasting value. With Jesus we possess all that matters, we have the wisdom and value of the Gospel and the promise and pledge of eternal life, the gift of heaven.

The question we constantly need to ask of ourselves is, "Do we really value the gift of faith? Do we embrace and regard our faith as a treasure and a precious pearl?"

If we fail to try to live out our lives according to the values of the Gospel then our faith is more like a hobby rather than the centre and purpose of our existence.

The Gospel challenges us to accept and acknowledge the great truth that not all treasure is silver and gold. The Brazilian author Paulo Coelho, who was educated by the Jesuits, wrote: "Remember that wherever your heart is, there you will find your treasure."

If we have a heart for Jesus, if our faith is the essential value in our life then we have discovered a treasure beyond all price, and a treasure that is eternal and everlasting. Today's Gospel reminds us that we must do our very best never to de-value our faith, to take the kingdom of heaven for granted.

To appreciate our faith, to hold on to the values of the Gospel we need to cherish it through prayer, the Mass and by reading Holy Scripture. And, of course, we are called by Jesus to share the values of the Gospel, to share the kingdom of heaven with others.

There is an old Jewish saying that states: "Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure". Jesus is our friend and through His friendship we are given the opportunity of eternal life.

Often the values of the material world are in stark contrast to the values of the Gospel and the Christian faith. But only the treasure that is Jesus has the power to purchase for us a life beyond the grave.

We have a choice, we can sell our soul to try to obtain the treasures of this present and temporary world, or we can discover the treasure of the Gospel and live our lives according to the eternal values of Jesus Christ.

As Timothy Keller has said: "Every treasure on this earth says, 'Give your life to purchase me'. Jesus says 'I'm the one treasure who died to purchase you.'"

May God bless you all

Father Brian

**Mass at Helston on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August will be at 10 am, not 9 as previously advised.**

### **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.

### **Youth Events in the Diocese:**

September 26<sup>th</sup> There will be workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Workshops will be offered through ZOOM. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peters, Crownhill later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

In October there will be a series of 5 sessions, exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead 3 of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly, I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be; My spiritual journey, living through COVID 19.

If you are interested in either of these events or any future events, please email: [youth@prcdtr.org](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org)

### **Live-Streaming**

We are now live-streaming Masses in Falmouth. We are still perfecting things so please be patient with us and email any comments to help us. To access the Mass go to our website:

[www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk) and click on the link 'Live Mass'. For Mass times please check the front of the bulletin.

### **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>

### **KEEP KITKAT FAIRTRADE**

After a 10-year partnership with Fairtrade producers, Nestle, plans to stop making KitKat with Fairtrade cocoa and sugar? All details on [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

This decision will mean a loss of almost £2 million in Fairtrade Premium each year for co-operatives in Cote d'Ivoire, Fiji, and Malawi, representing 27,000 small scale producers.

The Fairtrade premium, as well as the guaranteed minimum price for their produce, provides a real lifeline for some of the world's poorest farmers. In Malawi and Fiji, Nestle, will stop buying their cane sugar altogether, so not only will farmers lose their Fairtrade premium but also their market. The impact on farmers will be very severe.

The Fairtrade Premium, has enabled producer communities during this pandemic to act quickly to protect themselves against the effects of COVID-19 with protective equipment, hand sanitisers, awareness raising and support for sick families.

If, you feel that KitKat bars should remain Fairtrade, please consider signing the online petition:

<http://chnng.it/wj84wfGmHf> or if you prefer, write a letter to Nestle UK, expressing your concern.

Maureen d'Silva, Mary Bradley, Pat Fitzpatrick

**From Father Brian**

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that our faith, the kingdom of heaven is a great treasure, a pearl beyond all price. Jesus challenges us to make our faith in Him our number one priority, the essential factor in our life. May all of us cherish and protect our faith, knowing it is the only treasure that has eternal and everlasting value.

Just to underline because we are keeping the **2 metre** social distancing in our churches it is **not** mandatory to wear face masks at Mass, although we are encouraged to do so. Those of us on the sanctuary are not expected to wear masks.

May God bless you all  
Father Brian

**Points to Ponder**

You can't blame gravity for falling in love  
*(Albert Einstein)*

The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing  
*(Blaise Pascal)*

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies  
*(Aristotle)*

**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.

**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, Sheila Hennessey and John Ford.

**Helston:**

Heather Ashton, Frieda Curnow, Poppy DeAth, Isobel Ellis, Mary Gilbert, Margaret Grant, Mary Harry, Walter Hayes, Celia Kirkland, Mary Myles, Colin & Theresa Neal, John Shiell, May & Gordon Stewart, Catherine Taylor and Tony Vyvyan.