

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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All Masses live-streamed on our website: www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk

Parish Priest - Father Brian Kenwick V.F.

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) Psalter 1 23rd August 2020



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH

Sister Rose int.

SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH

People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (21st week in Ordinary Time)

MON	ST BARTHOLOMEW	10.00 am	Dermot McGurik RIP
TUES	Ss.Louis of France & Joseph Calasanz	10.00 am	Liam Fitzpatrick RIP
WED	Bl'ss'd Dominic of the Mother of God	7.00 pm	Monica Biscoe int.
THUR	St Monica	10 00 am	Eunice Middlewick RIP MAWNAN SMITH
FRI	St Augustine	10.00 am	funeral Peter John Davis RIP (private Mass)

SAT Passion of St John the Baptist NO MORNING MASS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - ring for information

HELSTON

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

Resident priest - Fr Paul Andrew Email: frpaulandrew@live.com emergency contact 075 1547 2547

The Catholic Presbytery, Clodgy Lane, Helston TR13 8PJ

Hall contact: - Liz Granville (01326) 561751

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

(This week ONLY Sat: 9.30 & Sun: 10.00.)

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

(21st 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	21 st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	<i>for Irene & Harold Waddington, RIP</i>
MON - FRI		no mass	
SAT	09.30	The Passion of St John the Baptist	<i>Sr Margaret Canty (ann. of profession)</i>
SUN	10.00	22 nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	<i>for the Diocesan Children's Society</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is not available this week

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - homily

Back in 1988 I was a curate at the Sacred Heart parish in Exeter. At the time the Rocky boxing films starring Sylvester Stallone were very popular.

One day a couple, parents came to see me about the baptism of their infant son. The father was a great fan of those boxing films and therefore was keen to call their son 'Rocky'. Now this caused me a problem as the Canon Law of the Church states: "Parents, sponsors and parish priests are to take care that a name is not given which is foreign to Christian sentiment." Indeed, at the time most parents chose names of saints or names found in the Bible.

However, I had a bright idea and suggested to the parents that they name their son 'Peter'. For as today's Gospel reminds us the Cephas in Aramaic or Peter in Greek, is taken from the root word for 'Rock'. The parents were happy with this compromise and the child was baptised Peter.

In today's Gospel it is Peter alone of all the disciples who recognises Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Peter makes his famous statement of faith in the region of Caesarea Philippi and Jesus responds to Peter's words by giving him a new name which is an indication of what Peter will become.

For Peter will become the rock on which Jesus will build His Church. Jesus also promises that the Church founded on the rock of Peter will endure, grow and flourish.

Jesus elects Peter to be the leader of the early Church. Peter is given by Jesus the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Peter is given authority to forbid or to permit. The decisions and the choices of Peter will be inspired and confirmed by God through Jesus Christ. All the decisions of Peter will be at one with God.

Christian tradition proclaims that Peter was the very first Bishop of Rome and therefore the first Pope.

As Catholics we believe that the popes are direct successors of Peter with the same God given authority.

We believe that God, through the Holy Spirit, inspires the choice of each and every pope.

For us as Catholics, the Pope is important and essential as he represents a direct link back to Jesus through Peter.

The word pope comes from the Latin Papa and the Greek word for father. The Pope is the source of unity within the whole Catholic Church and we believe that being in communion with the Pope, the successor of Peter, is as important today as it was in the early Church.

Being in communion with the successor of Peter, being united with the Pope, is one of the great strengths of our Catholic Faith. In the figure of the Pope we see in a visible and practical way that God through Jesus keeps His promises.

For Jesus made His promise concerning the durability of the Papacy and the Church when Christian faith was very new and the future was very uncertain indeed.

And yet, despite all the persecutions, the setbacks and the scandals, the Church and the Papacy are still standing.

The Church has been entrusted with the keys of God's kingdom so that the Church may show the door of salvation to all peoples.

We pray that united with the Pope, the successor of Peter, on which the rock of the Church of Jesus is built, we may do our best to share and witness to Jesus, the Christ and the Son of the living God.

May God bless you all.

Helston News

We thank **Canon David Annear** for coming to celebrate mass today. This mass will NOT be live-streamed. The next live-streamed mass will be on Saturday. While Fr Paul is away please refer all pastoral matters to Fr Brian.

Message from Jack Orders.

I am planning to restart regular counting and banking every two weeks on a Tuesday after Mass starting in September. If you can help please let me know. Safety equipment such as hand sanitiser, face masks, visors, etc can be provided if requested. I will see to the banking and prepare a rota depending on your response. Contact details 01326 212440 : jackorders@talktalk.net . : 07527 924123

Spiritual Communion

We are aware that some people are not yet able to come back to Mass celebrated in the church but are able to join us via our live-stream so as to keep in close contact with their own community. Below is a prayer of spiritual communion to enable them to join even more closely with the community. This could be said whilst the congregation in church are coming up for their communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

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 and click on the link 'Live Mass'.

We are also live streaming Mass from Helston on Facebook: Catholics on the Lizard Peninsula and later up loaded to YouTube.

For Mass times please check the front of the bulletin.

Pope's Intentions for August

Universal prayer intention – The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

Stretch out Your Hands – Putting All Children First: the Annual Appeal of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is next weekend. Please take a leaflet today or visit their website to understand the wonderful work which the Society does to help struggling children and their families, and to view the list of alternative ways you can donate this year. Thank you. Please note – we will not be making a collection in church.

Donations can also be **posted to CCSP, St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL** or can be transferred by **BACS direct into our CCSP bank account sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335**. For the full list of ways to support our Annual Appeal this year, please **visit our website at www.ccsplymouth.org.uk**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) New CAP Debt Centre Launched

This new CAP Debt Centre is run in partnership with St Budock Parish Church. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Jacqui Bennett (Debt Centre Manager), mobile:+447376655711, or email:

jacquibennett@capuk.org There are various ways in which you can help, including;

- Befriending a client
- Praying for needs sent via text/email
- Making meals/cakes to take to clients
- Helping with shopping
- Plus, many more

Fundraising ideas are also welcome. Please contact Jacqui if you have any suggestions for fundraising events, especially in these times of social distancing.

Prayers are needed

Please pray for the people the centre will be reaching out to, that they might find relief from their debts and find a fresh new start.

From Father Brian

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus names Peter as the rock on which He will build His Church. The word 'church' is only found twice in the four Gospels, both times in Matthew. Someone once said "the Church is not something you go to, it's a family you belong to." I am very conscious that because of the coronavirus, many of our parish community are still unable or unwilling to return to the celebration of the Mass. I would like to reassure everyone that the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended and there is no pressure on anyone to return to public worship. Only when you feel happy and safe should you think about returning to Mass. The decision is yours. Please remember you remain cherished members of our parish family and those of us who are able to celebrate Mass miss you and look forward to the day when all of us are united in the celebration of the Eucharist.

May God bless you all
Father Brian

Points to Ponder

Feed your faith and your fears will starve to death.

ipod? ipad? iphone? Try iPRAY. God is listening

Be the type of person who leaves a mark not a scar

We Welcome

into the church **George and Elsie Perry** and **Lenny-Lewis Martin-Roberts** who were baptised, and **Hugo Lomax**, who was received into full communion this month.

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, 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, Colin & Theresa Neal, John Shiell, May & Gordon Stewart, Catherine Taylor and Chris Cowen.