

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/livemass

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (YEAR A) Psalter 4 16th August 2020



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH

Sister Maria int.

SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH

People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (20th week in Ordinary Time)

MON weekday 10.00 am John Bistoquet RIP
TUES weekday 10.00 am Sister Helen int.
WED St John Eudes 7.00 pm Bridget Delaney RIP
THUR St Bernard 10 00 am Sylvia Wainwright RIP & Hazel Wainwright int. MAWNAN
FRI St Pius X 10.00 am Funeral Noelle Elliott RIP (private Mass)

SAT Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary 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

(This week: Sun: 10.00; Mon, Tue: 9.30; Thu: 12.00;)

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

(20th 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	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY	<i>for Michael Morris, RIP</i>
MON 09.30	feria	<i>for Fr John Gilbert (Ordo Day)*</i>
TUES 09.30	feria	<i>for Fr Colin Groombridge (Ordo Day)*</i>
WED	no mass (St John Eudes)	Fr Paul's day off
THUR 12.00	St Bernard, Abbott & Doctor	<i>for Fr Barry Hallett (Ordo Day)*</i>
FRI & SAT	no mass	
SUN 10.00	21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	<i>for Irene & Harold Waddington, RIP</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available – please ring for information

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



Feast of the Assumption – homily

Saint Augustine once wrote: “Symbols are powerful because they are the visible signs of invisible realities.” For us as Catholics statues are part of our faith tradition. The statues of the Sacred Heart and the saints remind us of the invisible reality and truth of God’s love and how it is possible for Christians to achieve a profound and lasting relationship with the Holy and the Sacred.

If you walk into any Catholic church throughout the world it is almost certain that you will find an altar or a statue dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God.

Mary is the greatest of all the saints. For us as Catholics Mary is a visible symbol of how a human being can give a life totally and completely to the will of almighty God.

Mary’s life was a total “Yes” to God and is a sign, symbol and example of how a human being can fulfil their God given potential and destiny.

Today, of course, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Church teaches that at the moment Mary’s earthly life ceased she was assumed body and soul into heaven.

Although the dogma of the Assumption was only proclaimed by the Church in 1950, it had been believed and taught for many, many centuries. For belief in the Assumption emerged and was driven by the faith and belief of ordinary Catholics.

Because of Mary’s unique role in sacred and salvation history early Christians could not believe that God would allow His perfect servant to undergo the physical decay that comes to the body at the end of earthly life.

However, the belief of the Assumption and the celebration of this Feast is not just about Mary, it is about all Christians.

For the Feast of the Assumption is a sign and a symbol for us all as it points to what we believe God through Jesus will one day do for us.

We believe that through Jesus our sacred destiny is for our whole person, body and soul to be raised to a new existence in the presence and peace of God for all eternity.

This promise is made to us by Jesus and is fulfilled in Mary and one day will be fulfilled for us.

The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated by the Church so that the example of Mary may make our faith and belief in the resurrection both stronger and more active.

Of course, Mary is not only an example and symbol of our future destiny with God in heaven. No Mary is also an example, a symbol and a sign of how we should try to live out our daily Christian lives.

Her life was totally given over to serving God and supporting His only Son Jesus.

And as the Gospel reading reminds us Mary is a woman and indeed a mother for all people. In the great prayer of the Magnificat that Mary proclaims in the Gospel she gives every Christian hope, faith and trust in the struggles, hardships and sufferings of everyday life.

This feast and the example of Mary is a sign and a symbol of what we are called to be by God. For Mary fulfilled her God given potential totally and completely.

Because of her total and faithful commitment to Jesus she has taken her place in heaven.

Mary gives us hope concerning our eventual eternal destiny. For where Mary has gone one day we hope to follow.

Yes, the Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary is a beacon of hope for all Christians.

Through Mary’s intercession and trying to follow her example we continue on our journey to eternal life.

One day we too hope to reach our heavenly home and to experience the presence and peace of God.

Until that glorious day Mary reminds us as a symbol and a sign of what we can achieve as people created in the image and likeness of God.

The example of Mary reminds us that we have a glorious future in heaven where decay, pain and suffering has no place.

May God bless you all.

Helston News

The compulsory wearing of face coverings has allowed us to increase the seating capacity at Helston. Please pay careful attention to the areas marked on the benches – **GREEN** where seating is allowed and **RED** where it is forbidden. This is for our mutual safety in these difficult times, so your co-operation is greatly appreciated. As before couples, and families from the same household, may sit together.

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.

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.

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

The annual appeal for the Catholic Children's Society is due to take place on the weekend of 29th/30th August, however we will not make a physical collection so many of you may wish to send a donation yourselves. Please see the following message from the society giving details of how that can be done.

This year, because of the restrictions in place, we are hoping that our parishioners will be able to donate in alternative ways so that the amount of money raised is not adversely affected by the current pandemic. Donations can be made via our **Crowdfunding page** <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/2020-ccsp-annual-appeal---stretch-out-your-hands>, where we receive 100% of every donation as all fees have been waived, and we acknowledge all donations as some parishioners have mentioned a reluctance to donate online. 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

From Father Brian

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This important feast recalls and celebrates our belief of the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of almighty God. This ancient Christian belief was formally defined as a dogma of our Catholic faith in 1950. The Feast proclaims that Mary has taken her place in heaven and from there she constantly intercedes for us in the presence of God. Mary is our perfect example for she represents us all and where she has gone one day, with the help of her prayers, we hope to follow.

A happy Feast Day to you all.

Please note: because face coverings are now compulsory for our acts of worship in the church how we receive Holy Communion has been amended, the following needs to be adhered to:

As the communicant approaches the priest they should unloop or adjust their face covering, consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving back to the pews. It is very important that communion is received in the presence of the priest who will stop you if you move away without consuming the Sacred Host.

May God bless you all

Father Brian

Points to Ponder

My job is to inform, not to convince.

(Saint Bernadette)

Have you talked to your mother lately? She hasn't heard from you in decades. Pray the Rosary.

The Moon does not take away from the brilliance of the Sun. all its light is reflected from the Sun. the Blessed Mother reflects her Divine Son, without Him, she is nothing, with Him, she is the mother of us all.

(Bishop Fulton Sheen)

Please Pray for **Noelle Elliott** and **Liam Rogers** who died last week. May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

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