

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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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Psalter 2

6th December 2020



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH Helena May, Thomas & Bridget Toy, Sam Micciche, Ben Davis, Teresa Lawrence
SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (2nd week of Advent)

MON St Ambrose 10.00 am Fr. Christopher Poluszny int.
TUES IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 10.00 am People of the Parish (Falmouth patronal)
WED St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 7.00 pm Kathleen Geoghegan int.
THUR Our Lady of Loreto 10.00 am Vivienne Anne Lee RIP MAWNAN SMITH
FRI St Damasus 10.00 am Sheila Hennessey RIP
SAT Our Lady of Guadalupe 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

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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 on Facebook

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

MASSES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

(Masses in RED are public masses, masses in black are private masses)

(2nd week of Advent, Yr. B/1; Psalter wk.2)

SUN 10.00 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT in thanksgiving for public worship re-starting
MON 09.30 St Ambrose, Bp & Mr. for the recently dep't'd & anniversaries this month
TUE 10.00 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION in thanksgiving for vocations to the priesthood
WED no mass
THU 12.00 Our Lady of Loreto for RNAS Culdrose
FRI no mass
SAT 09.30 (Our Lady of Guadalupe, opt.) for Bishop Mark
SAT 17.00 VIGIL MASS for The Apostleship of the Sea
SUN 09.30 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT for The Apostleship of the Sea

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available when the church is open.



HELSTON & MULLION NEWS

Thankfully, public worshipped is once again permitted. Until further notice, we shall return to our previous pattern of a Vigil Mass at Mullion at 5 pm on Saturday, Mass at 10 am on Sunday morning at Helston and one weekday mass at 12 noon on Thursdays at Helston (apart from the octave of Christmas – see below). The first public mass is on Thursday 3rd, so we shall begin **the present tree** then, also the **chocolate bars for seafarers**. I am happy to collect at the Presbytery any **woollen hats** knitted for seafarers and get them over to Falmouth.

The special Advent **“Walk with me”** booklets are available in the porch for £1 each. The calendars are free for any children who might like one. The latest **MISSIO magazine** is also available there.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Please see the accompanying poster – and take one to display if you wish. As I am sure you will be aware, we have to restrict attendance at all church services, so admission to services on 24th & 25th will be BY TICKET ONLY this year. Tickets are now available while stocks last from either church after any service.

We have been asked by the Bishop to stress that **“Christmas Day” is an octave**, i.e. it actually lasts for 8 days as far as the Church is concerned! He asks any who cannot come on 24th or 25th to try to attend another mass within the Octave. With that in view, there will be **EXTRA MASSES** during the Christmas Octave as follows: Monday (Bank Holiday – Holy Innocents’ Day) 11.00 at Helston; Tuesday (St Thomas Becket) 11.00 at Mullion; Thursday (Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God) 19.00 at Mullion; Friday (Mary, Mother of God) 11.00 at Helston. All weekend masses are as our “new normal”: Saturday 17.00 at Mullion, 10.00 at Helston. (A warning: we shall need stewards for all these masses at both churches, and cleaners at Helston on Sunday 27th otherwise they cannot take place.)

Now that home visits are allowed again, may I once more appeal for help in taking Holy Communion to the housebound. It would be great if one person could just take on responsibility for one other person or couple, so that we could be assured they were receiving the sacrament regularly.

On a personal note, I have friends staying Tuesday – Friday this week, so apart from an extra mass at 10am on Tuesday, for the Immaculate Conception (my 9th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood) and Thursday’s mass at noon, I shall be trying to take the week off. So only Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will be live-streamed.

FALMOUTH & MAWNAN SMITH NEWS

Christmas Masses

To avoid disappointment please remember to book your place at the Christmas Mass you wish to attend by 11th December. Places are limited. Christmas Eve 6 pm at Mawnan Smith, 9 pm at Falmouth or Christmas Day 10.30 am at Falmouth. Call or email the office or complete a form in church.

First Holy Communion 2021

If you have a child who will be 8 years old by summer 2021, school year 3 or above, and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion next year please give their details to Fr Brian or through St Mary’s School. We expect to have resolved the difficulties surrounding preparation by January when classes usually begin.

Walk with Me for Advent

These useful little booklets of prayers and reflections are available in church just £1.

Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together

On-line Christmas Service, December 13th at 7 pm. Details to follow.

There is a ‘Christmas 2020’ page on their website at <https://www.falmouthchurchestogether.org.uk/christmas-2020/> Which will give details of the various Christmas Events.

Lord’s Pantry

In the run up to Christmas please consider giving something a little special to the Lord’s Pantry baskets.

NEWS FOR ALL 4 CHURCHES

Diocesan Youth Service

I am beavering away with new projects for the Youth across the diocese. We have just completed an online drama series where a group of young people Year 6 - Year 13 have produced an alternative nativity play. Look out on The Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook page and Diocese of Plymouth Youth YouTube channel to see the completed version.

Look out on the Diocese of Youth Facebook page, young people have created daily reflections or clips on Advent and Christmas activities. These are a great way to help us reflect upon this time of year and prepare for the coming of Christ.

If you would like to hear about future events or have a skill to offer the young people in our diocese, please contact me Saskia: at youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Transformation Cornwall and FoodBanks

“Transformation Cornwall are continuing to work hard with the foodbanks and around food poverty in Cornwall— with the lockdown, that is enormously difficult for the foodbanks, - not only are they really busy they have drastically changed the way that they work with little opportunity to signpost people to other areas of help; a lot of their services are now delivery only so they have had to recruit drivers; many are trying to operate in split teams – so that if a volunteer or customer contracts the virus, then the 2nd group can step in without closing the foodbank down and a whole host of other issues... They have these resources that might be of interest to folk at the moment:

They publish the weekly Cornish Foodbank Update:

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/update-on-cornish-foodbanks>

They publish a weekly grants list for foodbanks, grassroot organisations and faith based social action projects in Cornwall

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/transformation-cornwall-grants-list>

They have a really handy signposting telephone information list for grassroot organisations in Cornwall

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/whats-new/telephone-signposting-information-list>

Congratulations

To **Mary Bradley** on her interview with Radio Cornwall and article in the Falmouth Packet about her CAFOD swim and the important work CAFOD do.

Advent Calendar with a difference

If you are looking for ways to care for our common home this Advent, this calendar inspired by Laudato Si (encyclical by Pope Francis), offers plenty of ideas about how you can make a difference in your daily life. The first 7 were published last week. Here are the next 7;

December 2020

- Day 8 – Spend some time in nature and notice how God speaks to you
- Day 9 – Try to avoid unnecessary plastic packaging when you shop for groceries
- Day 10 – Can you walk or use public transport for a journey you take?
- Day 11 – Take a shorter shower to avoid wasting water
- Day 12 – Carry a flask instead of buying bottled water
- Day 13 – Could you go without meat for one of your meals or a whole day?
- Day 14 - Remember to switch off lights when leaving a room



(Jesuits and Friends magazine)

15 – 25 will be printed next week

Christmas Chocolate for Seafarers

As we enter Advent, out comes the box for chocolates, as of Wednesday 2nd December. Our Stella Maris supporters will take your donations to seafarers visiting the port of Falmouth & Fowey on the lead up to Christmas.

From previous years, we have had enough chocolate to give out, well into the New Year. If you are one of the band of volunteer knitters, you may use the box to deposit the hats in the box.

Frs. Brian & Paul have also said they are willing to receive chocolate bars and woolly hats at the Presbytery.



A forward looking Christian Charity, supporting the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families. We have a vacancy for a Lay Pastoral Worker to join the Chaplaincy team at RNAS Culdrose, Helston, Cornwall

Full time post, 36 hours per week, annual salary £18,571

This exciting post calls for a Christian vocation with the ability to work effectively in a disciplined military environment.

For a full recruitment pack visit www.aggies.org.uk/vacancies Closing date for applications: 08:00 on Monday 18th January 2021. Interviews will take place during week commencing 1st February 2021

From Father Brian

In this Sunday's Gospel the work and the preaching of John the Baptist is highlighted. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' second coming. We respond to the message of John by repentance and re-committing ourselves to the Gospel of Jesus. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

Have a good and safe week

Father Brian

Points to Ponder

Commitment is an act not a word.

Courage is knowing what not to fear.

(Plato)

Freedom lies in being bold.

(Robert Frost)

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, John Ford, Toni Kennedy and Maureen Micciche.

Helston:

Heather Ashton, Chris Cowen, Frieda Curnow, Poppy DeAth, Mary Gilbert, Mary Harry, Walter Hayes, Colin & Theresa Neal, John Shiell, and May & Gordon Stewart

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen

We seek refuge under your protection, o Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – deliver us from every danger, o glorious and blessed Virgin.

A prayer for those living alone

I thank you Lord, I know I am not alone

When I feel abandoned, I know you are here

Holding me in Your all-embracing Love

Your arms stretched in pain and love on the cross

are the arms that hold, protect, and raise me,

beyond my anxieties and fears

You are there in my struggles,

my fears, my joys and my memories

I thank you Lord, that you hold me in your Love

(SVP. Turning prayer into action)