

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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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Psalter 3

13th December 2020



GAUDETE SUNDAY

FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH Edgar Stephens RIP

SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (3rd week of Advent)

MON St John of the Cross 10.00 am Patrick O'Carroll int.

TUES Advent weekday 10.00 am Olive Fox RIP

WED Advent weekday 7.00 pm Fr Jon Bielawski int.

THUR Advent weekday (O Sapientia) 10.00 am Fr Nyhan int.

MAWNAN SMITH

FRI Advent weekday (O Adonai) 10.00 am Anne & John Jenkin RIP

SAT Advent weekday (O Radix Jesse) 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

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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)

(3rd week of Advent, Yr. B/1; Psalter wk.3)

SUN 10.00 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete) for The Apostleship of the Sea

MON 09.30 St John of the Cross, Pr & Dr for all those in public office

TUE 09.30 Advent I feria for the Queen

WED no mass

THU 12.00 Advent II feria – O Sapientia for Seminarians

FRI 09.30 Advent II Feria - O Adonai for all retired clergy

SAT 09.30 Advent II feria – O Radix Jesse for Mawnan Smith, on its anniv. of dedication

SAT 17.00 VIGIL MASS at MULLION for Expectant Mothers

SUN 09.30 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT – O Clavis David for Expectant Mothers

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available when the church is open.



HELSTON & MULLION NEWS

Today, Gaudete Sunday, is the traditional day for blessing the bambini, the Christ child figures in our Christmas cribs. I hope everyone has remembered to bring theirs!

Because of present circumstances, there will be NO PENITENTIAL SERVICE this Advent. The Sacrament of Penance IS AVAILABLE after every public mass, or before if you come early enough!

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. Also available there: the latest **MISSIO** magazine, a free copy of “Mass of Ages”, and the **CAFOD Christmas gifts booklet**.

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.

I have had some comments that the evening mass at Mullion is a deterrent to those who don’t like to drive in the dark. I’m afraid a second Sunday morning mass is not possible at the moment, but from the New Year I could bring the Saturday evening mass forward to 3 p.m. if that would help. Let me have your comments please.

FALMOUTH & MAWNAN SMITH NEWS

Christmas Masses

We are now in the process of allocating places. In order to maximize our capacity we will be directing people to particular seats. If you need to cancel your booking please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank You

To **John and Sean Pinhay** for preparing the outside crib, a beautiful witness to our faith for the people of Falmouth.

Message from Les Filles de la Croix

“We are extremely grateful to you for all your good wishes and gifts for Christmas. They are so numerous, however, that we find it impossible to thank each person individually. This year we shall do as we did last year; give donations to charities which are dear to you and to us in lieu of Christmas cards. We hope this will be acceptable to you. We wish you all a blessed and safe Christmas and a better year ahead than this one has been!”

Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together Online Christmas Carol Service

Churches together in Falmouth and Penryn invite you to an **Online Christmas Carol Service** 13th December 2020 at 7pm. To view this **Christmas Service**; - You Tube link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmUMEmAXR-wDK23meemG2g> It is well worth watching!

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

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. Day 7 to 14 were published over the last two weeks. Here are the final 11

- Day 15 – How can you use your gifts to help God and his creation?
- Day 16 – Buy a toothbrush made from Bamboo or sustainable materials
- Day 17 – Do you need to buy new clothes, or can you make do with what you have, mend them or buy second-hand?
- Day 18 – Shut down your computer or television when you have finished using it
- Day 19 – Get in touch with someone who may feel alone to let them know you care about them
- Day 20 – Use recycled gift wrap for your Christmas presents
- Day 21 - Wash clothes at a lower temperature. Hang your laundry out to dry, instead of using the tumble dryer
- Day 22 – How can you be generous to someone today? Can you lend someone a helping hand?
- Day 23 – Check in with someone for whom Christmas may be a difficult time
- Day 24 – switch off the Christmas tree lights at night.
- Day 25 – Thank God for all the gifts you receive – pray for those who have less than you



(Jesuits and Friends magazine)

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

Crypt Pre-school Nativity

This year the Crypt Pre-school nativity play will be live-streamed on **Wednesday 16th December** at 11 am. Just go to the parish website www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk and click on Live Mass.

AVE MARIA CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT



“Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support has launched in the Plymouth Diocese to offer a listening ear and support to those with an unexpected pregnancy, or to those worried about coping with another baby, or those who have been confronted with a diagnosis of potential fatal foetal abnormality, as well as to women suffering after a miscarriage or experiencing regret or remorse after an abortion or any other similar situation. Their support line is open 7 days per week between 7.30pm – 9.3pm Tel: 01752 916076 ”

From Father Brian

This weekend we reach the third Sunday of Advent known as 'Gaudete Sunday'. The word 'gaudete' comes from the Latin and means 'rejoice' and is used in the Entrance Antiphon at the Masses this Sunday; 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.' This Sunday reminds us that the birth of Jesus is very near and we as Christians, we rejoice at His coming.

This weekend is also Home Mission Sunday and we are reminded that we are all called to share the Light of Christ where we are and among the people we live with and come into contact with on a daily basis

Have a good and safe week

God bless

Father Brian

Points to Ponder

A rejoicing heart soon makes a praising tongue.

(Charles Spurgeon)

Being strong means rejoicing in who you are, complete with imperfections.

(Margaret Woodhouse)

I rejoice in what I have and I greet the new with open arms.

(Louise Hay)

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.