

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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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Psalter 4

20th December 2020



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH

Laura and Edgar Stephens RIP

SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH

People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (4th week of Advent)

MON Advent weekday (O Oriens) 10.00 am Sheila and Roger Jordan – Golden Wedding
TUES Advent weekday (O Rex Gentium) 10.00 am D'c'd members of Bradley family
WED Advent weekday (O Emmanuel) 10.00 am Clare Batten RIP

Christmas Masses

	<u>Falmouth</u>	<u>Helston</u>
Christmas Eve	6.00 pm at Mawnan Smith 9.00 pm	6.00 pm 8.00 pm at Mullion
Christmas Day	10.30 am	10.00 am
St Stephen's Day	11.00 am Altar Servers int. 6.00 pm Fr Peter Stone RIP	5.00 pm at Mullion (vigil of Holy Family)

**** Please note ALL Christmas Eve and Day Masses are pre-booked (Falmouth) or by ticket (Helston)**

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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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)

(4th week of Advent, Yr. B/1; Psalter wk. 4)

SUN 10.00 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT – O Clavis David for Expectant Mothers

MON 09.30 Advent II Feria - O Oriens **Foundation Mass:** "for Timothy & Hannah Richardson, RIP, & the spiritual & temporal welfare of the Richardson family"

TUE 09.30 Advent II Feria - O Rex Gentium for those without food or shelter at this time

WED No mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available when the church is open.



HELSTON & MULLION NEWS

Church cleaning in Helston at 10.00 Monday morning. Remember: "More hands make light work"! Once again we shall sorely miss PAF Grant in the run up to Christmas, he was the expert at organising all the preparation that needed to be done at this time. Sadly, I can't rely on a miracle that the angels won't come and put up the crib or the tree or clean the church, so it's up to US to do it. Please don't feel you will be treading on anyone's toes by offering to do a job – no one will be offended by the offer of help.

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!

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 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.)

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

All Christmas Masses are fully booked and seats have been allocated. Please arrive in good time as you will be guided to your named seat and there will be a large number of people attending. Face coverings must be worn

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!"

Lord's Pantry

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

St Mary's Hall

The contractors should finish in the hall this week. The hall then needs to be thoroughly cleaned and hopefully we will re-open in January once we have received our certificate from the diocese.

NEWS FOR ALL 4 CHURCHES

Stella Maris (AOS)

Due to the generosity of the parishioners of Falmouth/ Helston/ Mawnan Smith we have been able to deliver Christmas gifts to visiting crews to our ports.

Woolly hats are now on the heads of crew from Russia/Ukrainian/Filipino/Cape Verdi/Poland/ Croatia. The hats and chocolate have been accepted with a lot of joy, as the photograph shows. This was the 3rd Officer off the EEMS Spring Jonathan at Fowey. The crew were made up of Croatian/Filipino/Ukrainian.

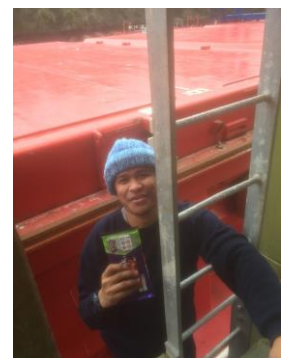
Due to social distancing we were unable to get on board, so Jonathan came clambering up to greet us.

When we handed over a bagful of goodies he said "The crew will love this."

Thank you and God Bless you on behalf of our seafaring friends

John Pinhay

Port Chaplain Falmouth & Fowey, Stella Maris



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)

Fairtrade and Christmas

Need some ideas for Christmas presents this year? Why not put Fairtrade gifts on your Christmas list? You will find a variety of Fairtrade gifts from specialty teas, delicious chocolates, wine, pure honey, flowers, jewellery, clothing, beauty products and much more. A selection of Fairtrade goods can be bought from local supermarkets and high street stores.

Spread the love. Support Fairtrade farmers. Buy a Fairtrade gift for someone you love.

Date for your diary: Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 will take place 22nd February – 7th March

More details to follow in 2021



[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 ”

Prayer - Pope Francis



“Praying to God in times of joy and sorrow is a natural thing to do because it connects men and women to their father in heaven. Prayers of petition, including the ‘Our Father’, were taught by Christ so that we might place ourselves in a relationship of filial trust with God and ask him all our questions.”
In the ‘Our Father’, the Pope said, “we also pray for the simplest of gifts, such as ‘daily bread’ --- which also means health, home, work, everyday things; and it also means for the Eucharist, necessary for life in Christ. Now we are in a time of Advent, a time that is typically of expectation, of the expectation of Christmas. And prayer is always in expectation, because we know the Lord will answer”

From Father Brian

This weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we celebrate 'Sea Sunday'. It is a time for churches around the world to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all our lives. For us as Catholics it is also a time to remember and give thanks to the Catholic Agency Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Normally there would be a second collection to help them in their vital work for the welfare and care towards seafarers, however, this year all the money collected at the Sunday Masses and the weekday Masses will go to Stella Maris. Stella Maris has always been appreciated and supported in our parish and I am confident that our generosity will continue.

Have a good and safe week

God bless

Father Brian

Points to Ponder

The heart of a person is very much like the sea. It has its storms, it has its tides and in its depths it has its pearls too.

(Vincent Van Gogh)

Out of difficulties grow miracles

(Jean de la Breyere)

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

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.

