

St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish

The Parish is a part of Plymouth RC Diocese, a Registered Charity no. 213227

Parish Priest - Father Brian Kenwick V.F.

Parish Church:- St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth serving St Edwards, Mawnan Smith
St Mary's, Killigrew St, Falmouth, TR11 3PR email: falmouth@prcdtr.org.uk
phone 01326 312763 or 07305602680

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

Parish School: St Mary's RC Primary, Mongleath Road, 01326 314540

Safeguarding Officers: - Sheila Jordan (619648)

Hilary Kiszczuk (07305602680)

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Psalter 4

31st January 2021



FALMOUTH

SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH

Sheila Jordan int.

SUN 10.30 am FALMOUTH

People of the Parish

Weekday Masses (4th week in Ordinary Time)

MON	weekday	10.00 am	Marie-Christine Kerr RIP
TUES	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	10.00 am	Monica Shanahan RIP
WED	Ss Blaise & Ansgar	7.00 pm	Teresa & Frank Fallon int. (50 th wedd.)
THUR	weekday	10.00 am	Kathleen O'Halloran RIP MAWNAN SMITH
FRI	St Agatha	NO MASS	
SAT	St Paul Miki and comps.	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, Clodgey 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 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 in Ordinary Time, Yr. B/1; Psalter wk.4)

SAT	17.00	VIGIL MASS <u>at MULLION</u>	for Mark Anthony Symons, RIP
SUN	10.00	4 th SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME	for the Catholic Education Service
MON	09.30	Mass in time of Pandemic	for Fr Ralph Candy & for vocations in the diocese
TUE	10.00	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
WED		no mass	
THU	12.00	St Blaise (transferred) & blessing of throats	for all the sick
FRI	09.30	St Agatha	for our Holy Father Pope Francis
SAT	09.30	First Saturday Devotions (no morning mass)	
SAT	17.00	VIGIL MASS <u>at MULLION</u>	for the Church in the Far East
SUN	10.00	5 th SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME	for our church communities

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available before and after public masses.

Helston & Mullion News

There is a 2nd collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service, postponed from the summer.

You may hear on the radio & TV that this is **Racial Justice Sunday**. It may be for other Catholics in England & Wales, but our diocese has decided to keep Racial Justice Sunday on 14th February for some reason.

There is an extra public mass in Helston at 10.00 on Tuesday for Candlemass – The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.

Even though there is currently no Saturday morning mass at Helston, First Saturday Devotions will still be celebrated this coming Saturday at 09.30 with Rosary, Meditation & Prayers.

Could we please make sure there are names on the list in the porch to steward ALL our masses. If there aren't then the church must remain locked!

Advance notice 1: ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17th. Public Mass at 10.00 in Helston; 11.30 in Mullion.

Advance notice 2: as suggested on the annual schedule published recently **there will be a public mass at Mullion on Tuesdays at 10.00 during Lent**, beginning Tuesday, 23rd February.

Falmouth & Mawnan Smith News

Lent 2021

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am at Falmouth. There will be the traditional blessing of the Ashes. However, the ashes will not be distributed in the usual way. This year the ashes will not be placed on your heads but rather sprinkled on your heads in silence, as you approach the priest as you would for holy communion.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent at 6.30 pm Father Brian will lead the Stations of the Cross. Again, because of current restrictions this will be live-streamed using the 'Live Mass' link on the parish website. To help you participate Father Brian will use the Saint Alphonsus Stations of the Cross every week. Booklets of this stations will be available in the church at Falmouth so please feel free to take one home with you and keep it. We have 29 booklets for people to take. Please join us if you can.

First Holy Communion preparation

My sincere apologies to all the children and their families who were due to make their First Holy Communion last year and to those who put down their names. Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown we have been unable to hold the necessary preparation meetings. The good news is that our parish hall will be ready when the current restrictions are lifted and meetings will be able to take place keeping to the required social distancing.

News for All 4 Churches

Mark's Gospel

This liturgical year it is Mark's Gospel that we read each Sunday. It is the earliest and also the shortest of the Gospels with only 16 chapters. Therefore, I invite you to read and reflect on the Gospel of Mark during the holy season of Lent. I believe it will be very fruitful and a good preparation for Easter.

The Bishops Speak Out

On the 22nd January the **Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** came into being. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued the following statement;

"This is a historic milestone on the path to nuclear disarmament. We urge support for the treaty and repeat our call for the UK to forsake its nuclear arsenal. At the same time, we implore the government to strengthen its arms control regulation, tackling the manufacture and sales of other weapons which continue to destroy so many lives throughout the world."

Pope Francis reminds us; "International Peace and Stability, cannot be based on a false sense of security or the threat of mutual destruction or total annihilation."

“A Precious Place of God’s Grace”

Since it was issued on 1 November 2020, “A Precious Place of God’s Grace”, on the development of the pastoral structures in our diocese over the next five years and beyond, has rightly generated a lot of interest amongst our clergy and laypeople, with a number of individuals and parish groups having already fed back their initial thoughts. However, the on-going Covid-19 restrictions have impeded parish communities from being able to engage fully and widely with the document and its accompanying Parish Self-Assessment Tool. Therefore, in order to ensure that the important voice and views of our laypeople and parish communities are heard in this process of discernment, “A Precious Place of God’s Grace” will be relaunched, with the Parish Self-Assessment Tool, when lockdown restrictions are eased. I hope in this way, we can hear from as many people as possible. Anyone in the diocese is still welcome to send any feedback directly to Canon Kristian Paver (kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk), who is collating it on behalf of myself and the Bishops Council. Please also note Saturday 1st May in your diaries, when an online event for Clergy and faithful in the Diocese, on “A Precious Place”, will be facilitated by Michael Dopp, Director of the International Summit on the New Evangelisation. Further details will be sent out by the Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis soon.

Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!

We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health’s questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

Retrouvaille – marriage recovery

Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages.

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing... Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can’t cope, would you be better apart you wonder.

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don’t need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille’, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **25th- 28th February 2021** Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443.

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Tuesdays 16th February and 23rd February at 6.30 pm

Presentation by Fr Brian on ‘**Jesus Outside of the New Testament**’ – how Jesus was written about by non-Christians in the early days of the Church. Because of present restrictions the presentations will be live streamed and will be available by going to the parish website www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk and clicking on ‘live Mass’. The second presentation will be the follow up to the first and Father Brian would welcome any questions and queries concerning the first presentation which he will address on 23rd February. Please forward any questions by emailing falmouth@prcdtr.org.uk or put your question etc. through the letterbox and if you attend Mass you can leave your questions in the collection basket at the back of church.

Stay Awake 2021

– Booking is open via the webpage: see www.stayawakejc.com for more info This is the *third year* for our home-grown **all age** event and takes place on **Saturday 27th February** online, via Zoom. Running from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm with inspiring / encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home! Includes a session for kids from 13:00 – 13:30 (Reception – Yr 9). Check out the new Facebook and Instagram Pages – be sure to like/follow to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links below and we look forward to seeing you online!:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/> Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

Email: stayawakejc19@gmail.com

From Father Brian

In today's Gospel Jesus frees a man from an unclean spirit. Through this action we see that Our Lord has power over the forces of darkness. Through our baptism we have been claimed for Christ and therefore, if we remain true to Our Lord, evil and negative forces have no hold over us. Through Jesus we believe that light will overcome darkness and love will conquer hate.

This coming Tuesday (2nd February) we celebrate the 'Feast of the Presentation of the Lord' because of the restrictions this feast will be celebrated in a limited way but some of the candles that will be used in the parish will be blessed.

This Feast is also a 'World Day for Consecrated Life'. We remember in our prayers and give thanks for our religious Sisters and Brothers and indeed all those who have consecrated their lives to God. Of course, we appreciate the presence of the Daughters of the Cross within our parish.

Keep safe and have a good week

Father Brian

Points to Ponder

For those searching for the light...never stop.

(A. Meredith Walters)

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

(Martin Luther King Jnr.)

The light of God's love will pierce even the darkest night.

(anon)

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 and Sheila Mulligan.

Helston:

Heather Ashton, Ian Bond-Stocks, Chris Cowen, Frieda Curnow, Poppy DeAth, Mary Gilbert, Mary Harry, Walter Hayes, Colin & Theresa Neal, John Shiell, Daniel Williams and May & Gordon Stewart.

St Joseph

On 8th December 2020 Pope Francis declared the beginning of a Year of St Joseph. The Bishop has asked all the parishes to seek the intercession of St Joseph throughout the year.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen