



St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish

Parish Priest - Father Brian Kenwick V.F.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Psalter: 2

10th December 2023



SUNDAY MASS TIMES



SAT	6.00 pm	FALMOUTH	Mgr Robert Draper int.
SUN	9.00 am	HELSTON	
SUN	10.45 am	FALMOUTH	People of the Parish

FALMOUTH

Weekday Masses/Services (2nd week of Advent)

MON	St Damasus	10.00 am	Mary Moroney RIP
TUES	Our Lady of Guadalupe	NO MASS	
WED	St Lucy	12 noon	
		6.00 pm	Ann McMahon RIP
THUR	St John of the Cross	10.00 am	Brian Bailey RIP
FRI	Advent weekday	10.00 am	Irene Ellen Reed RIP
SAT	Advent weekday	10.00 am	

(fulfils Sunday obligation)

HELSTON

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All Masses at Falmouth and Helston are live-streamed on our website: www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available on Saturdays 12 noon at Helston and 5pm – 5.45 pm at Falmouth

PARISH CLERGY

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St Edward's, Old Church Road, Mawnan Smith TR11 5HJ

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Website: www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk

Pope's intentions for December

For people with disabilities: Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusion programmes that value their active participation.

A VERY WARM WELCOME

to all who are worshipping with us today.

Opportunities to spend more time with the Lord at St Mary's, Helston

Tuesdays – 10 am Morning prayer then rosary

Wednesdays – 11.40am Morning prayer + Angelus before Mass

Or 10 am Morning prayer if no Mass

Thursdays 10 -12 Shawl ministry with coffee in the hall followed by Angelus + morning prayer in church at 12.05

Saturdays (from Advent) 11.00 am – Exposition and Holy hour prior to confessions

And at St Mary's Falmouth...

Mondays – 10.45 am Rosary

Mondays & Tuesdays church open for private prayer from 9 am to 1 pm.

Join us for Morning prayer before Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays at 9.45 am.

Children's Liturgy

What do we know?

The children are very important as future parishioners. Children's liturgy is the gospel presented at their age level.

What do we need?

We need your help, more leaders to support church and our faith.

What does it involve?

Reading children's version of the Gospel of the day, simple prayers and activities to reinforce the message. It lasts between 15 and 20 minutes. There is no need for experience as all information and resources will be supplied.

What would we like?

We aim to build a group of people gradually running a session, hopefully in pairs once a month at most as we take it in turns.

Why don't you

Shadow an existing leader before you decide and consider getting involved to build our future church.

Walk with Me

This popular little booklet of scripture and reflection for Advent is now available in our churches, just £1 .

Reconciliation Opportunities

There will be two extra opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in the parish, both will have two priests available.
Falmouth Wednesday 13th December 6.30 pm
Helston Saturday 16th December 12 noon

Student News

WE HAVE A NEW CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN AT THE UNIVERSITY!

The CathSoc Committee are pleased to announce that a new Catholic Chaplain for Falmouth University and the University of Exeter has been appointed. We look forward to welcoming our new Chaplain to our university and Parish community.

CHLOE AND SIA ARE GOING TO LOURDES WITH HCPT EAST DEVON GROUP 141 AS HELPERS

Our CathSoc President, Chloe, and Sia, a student from our CathSoc community are both going as helpers with the HCPT East Devon Group 141 to Lourdes at Easter. They will be taking a group of young people who are disabled and/or from less fortunate backgrounds on a trip to Lourdes for a couple of days. The cost of the trip is £903 each and the £903 will go towards their personal expense to go on the trip (travel, accommodation, etc.). Any donations would be greatly appreciated by Chloe and Sia. There is a poster in the St. Mary's porch with QR codes and the links to their donation pages. We will add the links to their donation pages below also:

Chloe's JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ChloeJonesHCPT2024?utm_term=Ma6PwBNnr

Sia's gofundme page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/d4q6gc-lourdes>

Thank you for your support! :)

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN ADVANCE!

There will be no CathSoc events until after the Christmas break. We would like to thank you all for your support that you have shown towards CathSoc over the past year. Merry Christmas in advance everyone and we are looking forward to seeing you all in 2024!



Follow us on Instagram @falmouth_cathsoc for more news and updates!

Christmas Cards at Falmouth

Available after Mass on Sunday in the hall.

Christmas Mass times in the parish

Falmouth – 6pm Christmas Eve - vigil Mass
Falmouth – 10 pm Christmas Eve -midnight Mass
Helston - 9 am Christmas Day
Mawnan Smith - 9 am Christmas Day
Falmouth – 10.45 am Christmas Day
Mullion - 11 am Christmas Day

Kanji Project - Thank you

Thank you to everyone that purchased Susan's chutney last weekend. All jars have now been sold and all money will be sent to The Kanji Project charity.

Can You Help??

We are in real need of volunteers to help with a variety of roles in the church. We especially need welcomers, readers and collectors. The more volunteers we have the fewer times you would be asked to help.

There are lots of other ways to get involved – if you have a talent please don't hide it!

St Vincent de Paul Society

The annual appeal for the SVP will be held this weekend 9th/10th December.

The SVP do great work, quietly, visiting the sick and housebound, and collecting and distributing the donations so generously given by the parish in the Lord's Pantry basket.

This appeal will help to fund items such as gas bottles for heating and cooking for those living in caravans at Halvasso.

Cornwall Hospice Care

The Falmouth Fundraising Group are holding a Christmas Concert, **Wednesday 13th December** at All Saints Church. There will be the Nankersey Male Voice choir and the St Keverne Band. We are serving mulled wine and a mince pie on arrival. There is a Christmas raffle with lovely prizes. Parking is available at the Rugby ground. Tickets are £10 each. Doors open at 7.30pm for a 8pm start. Everyone very welcome - please come and enjoy a lovely evening.

Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday 17th December

Please join us to celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The Service led by Fr Paul starts at 16.30 and will be followed by Christmas Carols and a light supper in the hall. There is a list in the Church porch for food contributions to the supper.

Everyone in the Parish welcome to join us and rejoice!

Giving Tree at St Mary's, Helston

Our annual "Giving Tree" will commence on the first Sunday in Advent until the Third Sunday in Advent. May we please ask our generous parishioners to take a gift tag from the tree at the Baptistry and purchase a gift for an adult male, adult female, boy or girl. Please wrap the gift and identify for whom the gift is intended. These gifts will then be distributed locally through the Helston Food Bank and accompany the parcels of food. Last year over 250 baskets and gifts were distributed, thanks to your generosity.

God bless you for taking part in this initiative which has been a part of St Mary's charitable giving for over 35 years.

Taize Service

Every first Sunday of the Month at 6:30pm at St. Michaels. Please join us, all welcome. Next on Sunday 7th January

Christmas Cards and Greetings

Sisters Cosmas and Damian, have said that rather than sending Christmas cards they will make a donation to charity and have a Mass said for all in the parish. If you would like to join them there will be a board in church where you can place a single card.

Diary Dates

any items marked * need to be pre-booked

3rd Dec 6.30 pm Taize Mullion church

5th Dec. 10.35 am coffee morning Fal hall

7th Dec 1 pm Carol concert Fal church.

13th Dec 6.30 reconciliation Fal hall

16th Dec reconciliation Helston church

17th Dec 4.30 Gaudete Service Helston church



From Fr Brian

In this weekend's Gospel we meet the impressive figure of St John the Baptist. He appears in the wilderness witnessing and preparing for the coming of Jesus. So many live in a wilderness and a desert of not knowing Jesus, of not knowing the true meaning of Christmas. May we all try to follow the example of John the Baptist and proclaim the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. May all of us by what we do and what we say proclaim that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Have a good and safe week.

Points to Ponder

Truth is never determined by majority opinion, but by divine revelation.

(Steve Lawson)

Be a good witness by the way you live. The way we live is often more convincing than the words we say.

(Billy Graham)

A Christian who doesn't witness is a contradiction in terms.

(Adrian Rogers)

Please keep in your prayers our sponsored seminarian in Kenya, **Brother Francis Achieng**, and **Hugo Lomax** seminarian from our own parish studying at Allen Hall.

Please pray for those in the Parish who are sick or housebound or in need of our prayers.

Kathleen O'Flaherty, Theresa Sullivan, Isabella Grace, Sister Martin, Pat Berney, Hugh McLoughlin, David Stevens, Sheila Mulligan, Jenny Davis, Francis Thompson, Veronica Robbins, Audrey Holley, Lorna Bean, Ian Bond-Stocks, Frances Chapman, Chris Cowen, Frieda Curnow, Lucy Daish, Poppy DeAth, Joan Duffy, Jenny Gilbert, Mary Harry, Jenny Hayes, Marie Kennan, David & Carmel Kerslake, Frances Meeks, Theresa Neal, John Ronan, Paul Ronan, Tony Ronan, May Stewart, Mike Hughes, Susan Barrow, the Mosely family, Colin Campbell, Jason Campbell, Daniel Williams, Cynthia Millward, Mairead McInerney, Baby Edward Bromage, Marie Lockeridge, Eve O'Connor, Patricia, Maggie Wilton, Pauline Richfield, Treeve Rowe, Luke, Tom Prowse, Obi, and Sister Cosmas.

Thank you for your prayers, it is a pleasure to say that we have been able to take some people off the list because they have recovered.

