



# St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish

## Parish Priest - Father Brian Kenwick V.F.



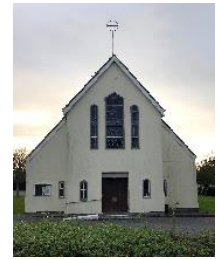
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)**  
GAUDETE SUNDAY

Psalter: 3

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



## SUNDAY MASS TIMES



SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH Edgar & Laura Stephens RIP  
SUN 9.00 am HELSTON  
SUN 10.45 am FALMOUTH People of the Parish

### FALMOUTH

Weekday Masses/Services (3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent)

MON Advent weekday O Adonai 10.00 am Ann McMahan RIP  
2.00 pm Whole School  
TUES Advent weekday O Radix Jesse NO MASS  
WED Advent weekday O Clavis David 12 noon  
6.00 pm Fr Jon Bielawski int.  
THUR Advent weekday O Oriens 10.00 am Anne Ohly & Michael Ohly RIP  
FRI Advent weekday O Rex Gentium 10.00 am Anne & John Jenkin RIP  
SAT Advent weekday O Emmanuel 10.00 am John Ronan int.

### HELSTON

FALMOUTH  
ST MARY'S SCHOOL  
FALMOUTH  
HELSTON  
FALMOUTH  
MAWNAN SMITH  
FALMOUTH  
MULLION

*(fulfils Sunday obligation)*

All Masses at Falmouth and Helston are live-streamed on our website: [www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk](http://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

Parish Priest – Father Brian Kenwick VF Dean of Cornwall, email: [brian.kenwick@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:brian.kenwick@prcdtr.org.uk)  
Retired Priest in Residence at Helston – Father Paul Andrew email: [paul.andrew@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:paul.andrew@prcdtr.org.uk) 075 1547 2547

### CHURCHES

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St Mary's, Clodgey Lane, Helston TR13 8PJ  
St Michael's, Meaver Road, Mullion TR12 7AH  
St Edward's, Old Church Road, Mawnan Smith TR11 5HJ

### USEFUL CONTACTS

#### Parish office:

St Mary's Presbytery, Killigrew Street, Falmouth TR11 3PR email: [falmouth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:falmouth@prcdtr.org.uk) phone 01326 312763  
Parish School: St Mary's RC Primary, Mongleath Road, 01326 314540 <http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk>  
Safeguarding Officers: -Falmouth & Mawnan Smith Sheila Jordan 01326 619648, Hilary Kiszczuk 07305602680  
Helston – Margaret Chambers (01326 240048) Meg Trevaskis 07813118426, Mullion Mary Keeley 01326 765458  
Helston Hall administrator: Margaret Chambers 01326 240048 or 07879 402932.  
Website: [www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk](http://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.

### A New Bishop!!

**Canon Christopher Whitehead** from Clifton Diocese has been announced as the Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Plymouth.

### Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday 17th December Helston

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!

### Christmas clean at Helston church on 19th December at 10am

We would be grateful if as many volunteers as possible could come and clean our Church in readiness for Christmas. "Many hands make light work"..... with many thanks for your work throughout the year.

### 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.

### Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

We are delighted to announce that this has finally been arranged and will take place from **15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**. If you are interested in joining us please contact the office for details.

### Holly (with berries)

And other variegated leafed evergreens – if you have a little to spare please bring it along to St Mary's Falmouth on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to help decorate the church.

### Student News

#### **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](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ChloeJonesHCPT2024?utm_term=Ma6PwBNnr)

#### **Sia's gofundme page:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/d4g6gc-lourdes>

Thank you for your support! :)

### MISSIO CALENDARS

In the church porch in Falmouth we have left lots of free calendars.

Would Red Box holders help themselves and even if you are not a box holders please take one as we have plenty to give away.

### Office Closure

In line with Diocesan guidance the Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Fr Brian will be available for urgent enquiries, please leave a message and he will call you back.



### 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.

### **St Mary's Luncheon Club**

If you live on your own come and join us for a 2 course lunch (£8)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 St Mary's hall  
Falmouth**

**To book: contact Sheila Mac on 319524 or  
Mary Bradley 312768.**

#### MENU

WELCOME DRINK AND NIBBLES  
PORK LOIN CHOPS, ROAST POTATOES  
SELECTION OF VEGETABLES  
CHOICE OF DESSERTS  
TEA/COFFEE AND MINTS

### 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!

### **Homelessness – What can we do? – 17 January 2024 6-7pm Online**

According to the charity Crisis, on a given night around 1 in 100 households in England are experiencing the worst forms of homelessness. Forecasts show homelessness rising significantly in the immediate future, with inflation squeezing real incomes and increasing poverty and destitution, alongside rising private rents and evictions. Many people in our Diocese will be affected by this housing crisis but it can be difficult to know how to help.

Why not join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth on Zoom on Wednesday 17th January from 6.00pm-7.00pm to pray and reflect on this important issue and to hear from charities across our Diocese about what they are doing and how we can respond. St Petros Cornwall and Routes to Roots based in Poole will be sharing their work and insights. Please register to receive the Zoom details <https://forms.office.com/e/VVp5t5qU7F>

### Taize Service

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

### Diary Dates

any items marked \* need to be pre-booked  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.30 Gaudete Service Helston church  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan '24 lunch club Fal 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

### From Fr Brian

We have now reached the third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is also known as 'Gaudete Sunday'. The word Gaudete is derived from the Latin words 'gaudium', joy, and 'gaudeo' to rejoice or to be glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas and the nearness of the feast is the reason for great joy.

Have a good and safe week.

### Points to Ponder

A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.

*(Denis Wailey)*

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

*(Father James Keller)*

The supreme happiness of life consists in the conviction that one is loved.

*(Victor Hugo)*

Please pray for **Elizabeth O'Hagan** who died on Thursday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

