



St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish

Parish Priest - Father Brian Kenwick V.F.



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Psalter: 4

24th December 2023

GAUDETE SUNDAY



SUNDAY MASS TIMES



SAT	6.00 pm	FALMOUTH	Patsy Donnelley RIP
SUN	9.00 am	HELSTON	
SUN	10.45 am	FALMOUTH	People of the Parish

FALMOUTH

HELSTON

Weekday Masses/Services

MON	Christmas Day (Christmas Eve)	6.00pm -- vigil Mass, 10.00 pm -midnight Mass	FALMOUTH
		9.00 am	HELSTON
		9.00 am	MAWNAN SMITH
		10.45 am	FALMOUTH
		11.00 am	MULLION
TUES	ST STEPHEN	11.00 am	John Owen RIP
WED	ST JOHN	10.00 am	FALMOUTH
		12 noon	HELSTON
THUR	HOLY INNOCENTS	10.00 am	Philip Clark RIP
			MAWNAN SMITH
FRI	ST THOMAS BECKETT	10.00 am	Bridget Vanderpool RIP (memorial)
SAT	6 TH DAY OF OCTAVE	10.00 am	FALMOUTH
			MULLION

(fulfils Sunday obligation)

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

Parish Priest – Father Brian Kenwick VF Dean of Cornwall, email: brian.kenwick@prcdtr.org.uk

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CHURCHES

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

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Helston Hall administrator: Margaret Chambers 01326 240048 or 07879 402932.

Website: www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk

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

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you so much for your support for the SVP. You generous donations totalled £1,051.35 and there was an amazing practical response with over 12 bags of food as well as clothing and other items for the guests at Sue's farm. Sue asked me to thank you all for your donations, it will make a real difference to their Christmas

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

Sia's gofundme page:

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

Thank you for your support! :)



Bridget Vanderpool

Following the memorial Mass for Bridget on Friday 29th December there will be light refreshments in the hall and everyone is welcome

A New Bishop!!

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

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 **15th to 22nd April 2024**. If you are interested in joining us please contact the office for details.

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE

On the 7th January 2023, 28year old Chris Parry from Truro was killed in Ukraine whilst helping to rescue Ukrainians from war torn areas and get them to safety.

Chris's parents are carrying on his mantle and travelling as part of the convoys to Ukraine taking much needed medical supplies, generators and equipment to those who are suffering through the Invasion, and are now living in unimaginable makeshift conditions, proving extremely hard, especially through the cold hard winters experienced in Ukraine.

We have been told by Mrs Parry that there is a great need for the Humble Candle!

Their next convoy will be travelling to Ukraine in the middle of January; and we are hoping to collect Candles for the Parry's to take out with them on this trip.

A box will be in Church **UNTIL after 10:45 Mass on Sunday 7th January** for any candles you may wish to donate. Thank you.

Colin and Liz Reeves 07546 932306/ 07833 646529

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 20th December until Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Fr Brian will be available for urgent enquiries, please leave a message and he will call you back.

St Mary's Luncheon Club

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

**Tuesday 16th 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!

Living with Loss

Julie and the team are taking a break and the next Living with Loss meeting will be on Tuesday 19th March.

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 7th January

Diary Dates

any items marked * need to be pre-booked
16th Jan '24 lunch club Fal Hall*
19th March 2 pm Living with Loss Fal hall



From Fr Brian

As we have now reached the Fourth Sunday of Advent I take this opportunity to wish you and all your loved ones a very holy, peaceful, and happy Christmas. We are all aware that the land of the Lord's birth is once again a place of war and conflict. We pray for peace in that troubled land and for all those who are victims of war and violence.

Have a good and safe week.

Points to Ponder

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.

(St Mother Teresa)

Christmas is not a myth, not a tradition, not a dream. It is a glorious reality.

(Billy Graham)

Jesus is the light of our Christmas, the joy of our hearts, and the hope of our world .

(Anon)

Please pray for **Sister Martin** who died on last week. 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.

