

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEWQUAY,  
PERRANPORTH AND ST. AGNES**  
1<sup>st</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent

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**Our Churches**

Most Holy Trinity RC Church, Lower Tower Road, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 1LS

Christ the King, Wheal Leisure Road, Perranporth, Cornwall, TR6 0EZ

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 16 Trevaunance Road, St. Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0SE

**REFLECTION**

HOMILY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Today we celebrate a New Year of the Church and we asked very much to play the waiting game. It seems that at present in our society some people are very bad at waiting patiently. Indeed I can think of nothing worse than waiting in a dentists, or doctors, especially when I am on time and it is the Practitioner who is running late - or when I am waiting over an hour for a bus and three come along all at once - or every time we approach a traffic light it appears to turn red as soon as we get to it. However, in many of these scenarios we know that there will be an end to the wait pretty soon. The traffic light will turn green eventually, the Practitioner will eventually get around to seeing us, and the bus will eventually come. Certainly, Christ will, one day, come again.

In today’s first reading we get a chant from the prophet Isaiah. The Israelite people believe that God has abandoned them into Exile and left them. The Prophets are chanting for the Messiah to rescue them.

Many years ago, I passed Wembley Stadium and saw the bulldozers hovering outside, I began to get a bit nostalgic. I was reminded of when I was about 12 or 13 and went to see a football final there, and it was the last time that 100,000 people were there. When we got to our place my Father lifted me up onto the roof and I had one of the best views, even better than if I had been in the royal box. The experience of seeing 100,000 people chanting waiting for the arrival of the two teams was quite awe inspiring. With over half of them cheering for my team it was even better. When the teams arrived on the pitch the noise was deafening and of course when my team scored the first goal it was even worse. Then when lost it was very quiet.

Throughout the first two weeks of Advent we have readings from the Prophet Isaiah. They are chants which remind us to prepare a way for the Lord. We are just like the football fans chanting for their team. We chant for our Saviour that he will come again. The people in the time of Isaiah were chanting for the first coming, we chant for the second coming. So, chanting and singing have always been part of our tradition going write back to King David and beyond. This is why singing hymns at Mass is important, and just like with everything else new hymns are written and new football chants are thought of. There are always those hymns and chants which survive and remind us that we are rooted in history and carrying on a tradition. Like the prophet Isaiah. So, let us hope that when Christ comes again, we are chanting even louder than the football supporters were in Wembley and let us not forget what we are told in the Gospel today. “Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come”. We don’t know when the time will come, all we know is that unlike Wembley, God’s kingdom will never be demolished. God is always there for us.

## SERVICES

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
MHT	10.30 am	People of the Parish
CTK	3.15 pm	Rosary
CTK	4.00 pm	Valentino Barberio, Alice Giovannone, Giacinto Barberio RIP
OLSOS	6.00 pm	Barbara and Douglas Frost RIP
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
MHT	7.00 pm	Adoration
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
MHT	11.00 am	People of the Parish
CTK	4.00 pm	Adoration
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Advent Weekday Mass</b>
MHT	9.30 am	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
OLSOS	10.00 am	Rosary
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Advent Weekday Mass</b>
MHT	9.30 am	John Cowie Int.
MHT	10.00 am	Holy Hour and Rosary
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent</b>
MHT	6.00 pm	Holy Souls

**Confessions from 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm every Saturday evening before Mass.**

## RESPONSES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's House.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us you saving help. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

The next Holy Communion class will be on Sunday 1st December after Mass.

The next Mini Alpha class will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December after Mass.

A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Tuesday 3rd December at 11.00 am at Most Holy Trinity followed by refreshments in the hall.

Please note that the Afternoon Club will meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ZOO TRIP - Saturday 7th December -10.30 am – 1.00 pm.

Please put your names on the list at the back of the church. Open to Children of all ages.

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS TO BE HANDED IN BY SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

(For all those who have already signed up to go to the Zoo we will meet by the entrance at 10.30 am)

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Saturday 7th December at MHT Hall at 11.00 am until 1.00 pm.

Donations of items for gift stall, raffle, tombola, can be placed in the box in the church porch or handed into the Parish Office. Please bring in any homemade cakes on Friday 6th December or on the day.

Hot pasties to be served at 12.00 noon. Offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sue Cleaver, Mary Nullmeyers or Anne Kelly or phone 01637 876303.

We will have a collection on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December for the "Trinity Action Group" who provide support and service to the sick and those most in need in our community. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December – 5.00 pm (Children's Mass) / Tuesday 24th December – 8.30 pm (Carols)  
Tuesday 24th December – 9.00 pm (Christmas Mass) / Wednesday 25th December – 10.30 am (Mass)

Thursday 26th December – 9.30 am (St. Stephen's Day Mass)

There will be no Mass on Friday 27th November

Weekend Masses and Tuesday 31st December are as usual.

Wednesday 1st January 2020 – 11.00 am (Mass) - (This replaces the 9.30 am Mass)

Please note that Youth Alpha meet every Friday at MHT Hall – 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm (11 – 18 years)  
Food and drinks provided.

N.B. Car Parking Free: Saturday from 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm and Sunday 8.00 am - 1.00pm

For all other times, all visitors must go to the Reception to register your vehicle and avoid a fine.

If you have any issues with Parking Eye please come to reception first.

CHRIST THE KING, PERRANPORTH

MISSIO RED BOXES - Could all the holders of a Missio (APF) Red Box, please hand them to their collector no later than Sunday 1st December.

Advent Calendars, Cards and other repository items will be on sale after Mass. Thank you for your support

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December - 7.00 pm (Mass) For all other services during this Holy Season, please see above.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, ST. AGNES

MISSIO RED BOXES - Could all the holders of a Missio (APF) Red Box, please hand them to their Collector no later than Sunday 1st December.

The Coffee Morning and Sale has been transferred to Saturday 14th December.

Help on the day and contributions gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday 25th December – 8.30 am (Mass) For all other services during this Holy Season, please see above.

Please note all cheques to be made payable to: **PRCDTR Newquay, Perranporth and St. Agnes RC Parish**

## COLLECTIONS

MHT	CTK	OLSOS
Collection - £368.90 Standing Orders (Oct) - £740.33	Collection - £175.31 Standing Orders (Oct) - £30.00	Collection - £134.24 Standing Orders (Oct) - £125.00
<i>(Thank you for your generosity)</i>		

## MINISTRIES (MHT)

DATE	MINISTERS	READERS	WELCOMERS
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November (6.00 pm)	S Derbyshire, G Strudwick	M Felstead, L Friel	Angela and Bill
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December (10.30 am)	E Biela, A Stevens	J Kelly, T Kelly	Trish and Chris
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December (6.00pm)	S Derbyshire, P Connell	S Kelly, G Strudwick	Angie
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (10.30 am)	M and A Maguire-King	K Mendes-Scott, R Grove	Teresa and David

DATE	CLEANERS	COUNTERS
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December		Team A
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	D Wilson, A Rose, R Pesaud	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Team B
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	E Ryan and P Ainley	

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Under the new General Data Protection Regulation that came into force on 25th May 2018, we are unable to list names of any sick family and friends without their prior consent.

I ask you to pray for all who are sick or are suffering in any way.

IF YOU REQUIRE A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY IN THE ABSENCE OF FR. ANTHONY, HERE ARE THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FOR THE VARIOUS PARISHES IN CORNWALL (PLYMOUTH DIOCESE)

BODMIN: 01208 72833 – Fr. Ciaran McGuinness ST. AUSTELL: 01726 73838 – Fr. Michael Brandon  
FALMOUTH: 01326 312763 – Fr. Brian Kenwick (Dean of Cornwall)  
TRURO: 01872 272291 – Fr. John Gilbert NEWQUAY: 01637 851697 – Fr. Anthony O’Gorman  
PENZANCE: 01736 362619 – Fr. Philip Dyson  
ANDREW HENWOOD – FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 74 EDGCUMBE AVE, NEWQUAY  
TEL NO: 01637 851199 – [athenwood@btconnect.com](mailto:athenwood@btconnect.com) – [henwoodfunerals.co.uk](http://henwoodfunerals.co.uk)

## INFORMATION FOR SACRAMENTS

PARISH REGISTRATION – New Parishioners to our Parish, please hand your details into the Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – See Fr. Anthony O’Gorman

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Classes take place 11.30am – 12.30pm after Sunday Mass.

CONFIRMATION - Year 6 Upwards (2021)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - Please contact the Parish Priest six months prior to your wedding date.

WEDDINGS - CHURCH FEES £175.00 - REGISTRAR FEE - £55.00 (flowers and organist by arrangement)

RCIA PROGRAMME/JOURNEY IN FAITH