

*THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEWQUAY,  
PERRANPORTH AND ST. AGNES  
24th March 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent*

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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**

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

The parable in today’s Gospel, of the barren fig tree reminds us yet again this lent of the importance of trying to live the way that Christ told us to. To not give up when times get hard and events don’t go the way we would like them to. It would have been very easy for the man to cut down the fig tree or dig it up and plant something completely different like a water feature instead. But he does none of these, rather he leaves it one more year, digs around it and gives it manure.

There would be many people in today’s world who would say that it is a waste of time being a Christian, what’s the point? Nobody believes in that anymore? The Churches are empty, nobody bothers going to Mass anymore? Some people would have us believe that the Church is fighting a losing battle.

For many in today’s world the Church is like the fig tree in today’s Gospel, totally barren and no longer bearing any fruit. However, we know that this is not the case, each one of us bears much good fruit by trying to live the way that Jesus told us how to live. Don’t forget the Church is not bricks and cement, the Church is you and me. Together we are the Church. The very fact that we gather together as a community to celebrate Mass, is a sign to the outside world that the Church still bears much fruit.

Jesus is the gardener who tends us, who gives us nourishment which enables us to continue. The nourishment Jesus gives us is his grace. It is because of this grace of this that he fills us with, each one of us is able to be a sign of the love of God in this ever increasing materialistic world and the love that God has for his creation. Providing we as Christians continue to work for each other, and not as individuals for the building up of God’s Kingdom here on earth, the greater the sign we are to the rest of the world. So as Christians, filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit it is up to us to continue bearing fruit.

The fig tree which is the Church will never need to be uprooted, dug up or replaced. It will always be here and will always be tended to, and nourished by Jesus. It will continue to grow in a world which, ever increasingly refuses to recognise it, tries to damage it and would rather see it pulled up simply because it challenges them.

During Lent especially we are called to be a sign to the rest of our society of the love of God.

So let us never forget that the Church is one fig tree that will never be replaced by a water feature.

## SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 24th March		Third Sunday of Lent
MHT	10.30 am	People of the Parish
CTK	4.00 pm	People of the Parish
OLSOS	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 25th March		No Mass
MHT	7.00 pm	Adoration
Tuesday 26th March		Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent
MHT	9.30 am	Special Int.
CTK	9.30 am	Rosary
Wednesday 27th March		Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent
MHT	9.30 am	Allan Cunningham RIP
Thursday 28th March		No Mass
OLSOS	9.30 am	Rosary
Friday 29th March		No Mass
MHT	6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
CTK	9.30 am	Rosary
Saturday 30th March		Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
MHT	6.00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## RESPONSES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is compassion and love.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## NOTICES AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that the Stations of the Cross will be held throughout Lent every Friday at 6.00 pm at MHT.

Sunday 24th March 2019 (Confirmation and Communion Candidates)  
Confirmation Class will be on Sunday 31st March 2019.

Please note that there will be no Mass or Holy Hour on Friday 29th March 2019.

Please note that the clocks go forward one hour at midnight on Saturday 30th March 2019.

Can all Ministers, Readers and Welcomers please collect their new Rotas from the back of the Church.  
Thank You.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Nullmeyers who died on Wednesday 20th March.  
May he rest in peace. The funeral will be on Monday 1st April at 3.00 pm at MHT,  
followed by a cup of tea in the hall and then to Penmount thereafter.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Ward, her funeral is at 10.00 am on Wednesday 3rd April  
at Our Lady of the Portal and St. Piran, St. Austell Street, Truro, TR1 1SE. May she rest in peace.

We congratulate Fr. Peter Morgan and Fr. Mark O'Keefe who will be appointed as Canons  
and Fr. Philip Dyson as an Honorary Canon at the Cathedral on Monday 25th March.

### TRINITY LADIES CIRCLE

Every third Monday of each month at MHT at 7.00 pm. Next Meeting 15th April 2019. All Welcome.

### AFTERNOON CLUB

Every first and third Tuesday of the month at MHT 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. All Welcome.

### YOUTH ALPHA (11 – 18 years)

We meet every Friday (MHT Hall at 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm).  
Food and Drinks provided

There are no weekday Masses on Monday and Thursday.

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

If you have any unwanted or unused gifts and would like to donate these to the  
Church for future sales, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, ST. AGNES

## COLLECTIONS

<b>MHT</b>	<b>CTK</b>	<b>OLSOS</b>
Collection – £394.75 Cafod - £924.58 Cafod Lenten Lunch - £82.45 Standing Orders (Jan) - £790.00	Collection- £162.85 Cafod - £38.42  Standing Orders (Jan) - £30.00	Collection - £118.41 Cafod - £162.85  Standing Orders (Jan) - £125.00
<i>(Thank you for your generosity)</i>		

## MINISTRIES (MHT)

DATE	MINISTERS	READERS	WELCOMERS
Saturday 23rd March (6.00 pm)	P Connell, E Hunter	L Friel, J Lavelle	Pat H
Sunday 24th March (10.30 am)	E Davies, P Ainley	H McCarthy, B Probett	Anne and Sebastian
Saturday 30th March (6.00 pm)	A Pickup, G Strudwick	J Pickup, S Kelly	Pat A
Sunday 31st March (10.30 am)	M and A Maguire King	J Kelly, T Kelly	Pat H and Jackie

DATE	CLEANERS	COUNTERS
Monday 25th March		Team B
Friday 29th March	D Wilson, A Rose	
Monday 1st April		Team C
Friday 5th April	E Ryan, 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. Peter Morgan (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  
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## 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 are on alternate Sundays after 10.30 Mass  
CONFIRMATION – YEAR 6 UPWARDS – Classes are on alternate Sundays after 10.30 Mass  
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