

MOST HOLY TRINITY R.C. CHURCH, NEWQUAY



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH NEWSLETTER. YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US.

Sunday 13 March	10.30 am	Fifth Sunday Of Lent	Louisa & Gonzalo Medina R.I.P.
Monday 14 March	7.00 am	Fifth Week of Lent	Private Ints
Tuesday 15 March	9.30 am	Fifth Week of Lent	Eve Shirley R.I.P.
Weds 16 March	9.30 am	Fifth Week of Lent	Arthur Biggs R.I.P.
Thurs 17 March	9.30 am	St. Patrick	Felix Colaco R.I.P.
Friday 18 March	9.30 am	Fifth Week of Lent	Felix Colaco R.I.P.
	10-11 am	Holy Hour & Benediction	Holy Hour & Benediction
	5.30 pm	Stations Of The Cross	Stations Of The Cross
Saturday 19 March	6.00 pm	Vigil Of Palm Sunday	Felix Colaco R.I.P.

CONFESSIONS – Extra Confessions during Holy Year. In common with all parish churches in the Diocese, the church will be open every Tuesday in Lent from 7-8.30 pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a priest will be available to hear Confessions. Please do take this opportunity and try and make this part of your Lenten commitment if you can.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL COMMENCE ON FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AT 5.30 – 6.00 PM. THE STATIONS WILL BE LED BY BERNARD MAHER.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please continue to keep in your prayers all the sick & housebound of our Parish. Santiago Alvarez, Margaret Baker, Nell Dillon, Joy Slater, Ann D’Arcy, Eugene Tuilizewski, Robert & Sam Cain, Benjamin Donnelly-Wescomb, Bob & Mary Anslow, Paul Berryman, Pat O’Connor, Katherine Smith, Robert Bussandri, Fiona Southern, Alex Barton, Nelson Alvarez, Patrick Wilson, Irene Fury, Helene Johnston, Mark Dougherty, Elizabeth Hill, Pam Morgan, Hilda Ward, Frank Lockeridge, Barbara Ogden Mary Bradwell and Kay Senior.

N.B. Car Parking Free until 1.00pm Sunday and Sat Evening from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm. For all other times all visitors must go to the Reception. Thank you.



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REFLECTION – As we approach the end of Lent, today’s Gospel carries on one of the major themes, which is addressed during Lent. Not to condemn others without first looking at ourselves and see where we may need to ask for forgiveness. When thinking about today’s Gospel, I was reminded of a scene in a film I saw many years ago called American Beauty. There is part of the film where one of the characters who is always over confident and thinks that she is the best thing since sliced bread, is always criticising everyone and talking down to them. She is finally confronted by someone who challenges her. The character who challenges her, tells her that actually she is the most least attractive person he has ever met. Unable to cope with this she totally breaks down and is inconsolable.

It doesn’t always follow that people who we perceive as being strong, unbreakable and have no visible weaknesses are all they seem. In many cases they are just as vulnerable as everyone else. They are just better at putting up a front. Very often it is the people we perceive to be weak that are the strong ones. In today’s Gospel the Pharisees very quickly condemn the women who are committing adultery and are all willing to stone her, without first looking at themselves, to see if they had sinned. The Pharisees as ever are very good at sticking to the letter of the law. Very often this is a criticism directed towards the Church. It is often said that there are too many laws and rules which we usually have to keep. But, the difference between the Church and the Pharisees is the way that they are applied. Whilst the Pharisees apply the rules to the letter and sit in judgement on people, the Church applies its laws in a very special way. It applies them using compassion. We are a Compassionate Church, not a Judgmental Church. One of the reasons why Christ left us the Church is so that we may show compassion to one another and not judge one another.

Remember ,Jesus tells us that the most important rules that we should live by, are to love God, love one another and love ourselves. If we don’t love one another then very often we are unable to love God and ourselves. The Gospel always reminds me just how easy it is to condemn someone before I have even spoken to them. We can condemn someone without ever realising we are doing it. So the next time we find ourselves starting to be critical of someone else, let us just stop for a minute and think about that familiar saying from today’s Gospel; “If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone.....”

Fr Anthony +