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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

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are all available on request if you need them

TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A 2 Psalter 4)

ALL CHURCHES ARE NECESSARILY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In PENZANCE I offer a Private Mass each morning at 8.30 a.m. and on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Mass intentions this week

21st TWELFTH SUNDAY 11 a.m. *Parish and People*

22nd Monday 8.30 a.m. Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More
Bishop Mark (B'day)

23rd Tuesday 8.30 a.m. St Edward, King and Martyr
Mirek & Pamela Clarke RIP

24th Wednesday 8.30 a.m. St John the Baptist
Penzance and Town Council

25th Thursday 8.30 a.m. *Tony Bawden RIP*

26th Friday 8.30 a.m. *Bill Gadd RIP*

27th Saturday 8.30 a.m. St Cyril of Alexandria
Kathleen Turp RIP

28th Sunday St Peter & St Paul *Parish and People*

It is a great privilege for a priest to be able to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily, and you can all seek the fruits of the Sacrifice of the Mass through a spiritual communion, using the prayer below This reminds us that Jesus does not abandon His people, but draws near, indeed comes into the heart of each one, if we turn to him.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

My dear People,

We should be open for **private prayer and nothing else** from next Friday 26th from 10- 12 noon in Penzance and following Fridays. Stewards must be present on all occasions, and are there to direct you. Deep cleaning must be done after each opening. No one else should enter the building at any other time. The arm chairs cannot be used, nor cushions or any books or papers. The toilets will not be open nor any other part of the building. You are welcome to pop in to pray, and you do not need to stay for the 2 hours, as it may mean other people are not able to come in

Entry for all via main door, not ramp door. If coming from car park come via steps at side of Presbytery.

Do pray earnestly that we shall soon be able to open up for Mass, which is what we all really need and want.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for June

For Evangelisation – The Way of the Heart. That all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus..

All our parishioners: For evangelisation in the parish. For all across the world caught up in natural disaster and Corona virus, and all NHS & all other emergency and vital workers and services.

For all on our Sacramental programmes of Journey in Faith: First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, & Confirmation. May the Lord strengthen them as they await the time we can all be together again

Our own sick, housebound & those in Hospitals or Hospice: Ray & Christine Blaker, Lynda Cripps, Christine Bunt, Tom Dauncey Jnr, Jackie Corsi, Sue Rowies, Hugo (3), Tony Noonan, Caroline Schofield, Grace Bailey, Fr. Richard Finn O.P. Kathy & Bob Carr, Roy Mulholland, Patsy & John Stevens, John Chamberlain, Christine Knowles, Audrey Evans, Anna Andrews, Sheila Devey, Elliot Slade, Lisa Thomas, Eileen Carson, Tony King, Daniel McWilliams, Len Hall, Dee Pascoe, Carrie Williams, Margaret & Norman Woolcock, Janet Honess, Basil Carey, Liesel Young and those with virus, Maura O'Toole, Bridget, & all feeling lonely in the present on-going crisis.

For those who have died, Martin Fogarty (*Teresa's younger brother*) John Butfield (*Sr. Joseph's brother*) and for all families and friends who mourn.

**June – A Month with some English Saints.
They all have something to say to us in the pandemic.**

5th June: St Boniface. 680 - 754 Patron of our Diocese.

Born in Crediton about 680 and baptized with the name Winfried. In early years he became a monk and priest in the Benedictine monasteries Exeter and Nursling. He could not resist a strong missionary desire, so eventually his abbot gave him permission for missionary work in the country of the Frisians, where St Willibrord, (658- 739) (who was from Northumbria and educated in Ripon and Ireland) had been preaching for years. But war and hatred of the Frisians left Winfried's work without success. After some months he returns to his monastery, to devote two more years to intensive preparation. In 718 he leaves again, this time for good; he will never see England again! He goes to Rome to obtain from the Pope a mandate and blessing for his missionary work. On May 14th 719 Winfried is kneeling at the feet of Pope Gregory II. This day the Roman Church celebrated the feast of the saint martyr Boniface. Gregory II gives to the Benedictine monk, Winfried the name of that day's saint: from that day he becomes Boniface. He wanders over the Alps, starts his missionary work in Thuringia, and soon afterwards once again goes to Frisland to Willibrord, then 721 to Hesse, and is called back to Rome in 722 and consecrated bishop. In 723 he fells the so called Donar –oak, near Fritzlar. Over the years he founded monasteries, and dioceses and was Archbishop of Mainz. He was martyred on 5th June 754 with 52 others at a Confirmation by the pagan Frisians. He was buried in his favourite abbey in Fulda. Regarded as the 'Apostle' of Germany, their Bishops Conference is held in Fulda at least once a year.

On our website see Bishop Mark's very helpful paper on our patron. Here is an extract from one of St Boniface's letters, used at the Office of Readings for his feast day.

"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course. Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God's strengthening aid and say to him: 'O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations'."

16th June: St Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253)

Richard of Wyche (i.e. Droitwich) after coping with a decaying family estate, went to Oxford, Paris and Bologna to study. He became chancellor of Oxford University, and diocesan chancellor to St Edmund of Canterbury, after whose exile Richard was ordained and became parish priest of Deal. He was appointed bishop of Chichester by Blessed Boniface of Canterbury in opposition to King Henry III's unworthy candidate. Amid much opposition he was a stern reformer of his clergy, a great almsgiver and simple in his own life style. He died naturally, was not martyred. His familiar prayer is often sung by our choir to a setting by a 20th century composer L. J. White, and it was also used in Godspel.

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester.

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

20th June: St Alban, Proto (First) Martyr of England.

Died c. 287 According to St. Bede the Venerable, Alban was a pagan, a Roman soldier who was stationed in Verulamium who gave shelter to a fugitive Christian priest. He was so impressed with the priest's holiness and way of life that Alban was converted and baptized.

During a persecution, when the governor sent soldiers to search the house, Alban changed clothes with his guest, arrested, charged, tortured and sentenced to death, which took place where the Abbey and Cathedral of St Albans now stands. Following our Lord's teaching, "Greater love has no man than to give his life for his friend." The collect for his day prays: *O God, by whose grace Saint Alban gave himself up for his friend and received the martyr's crown as the first in this land to shed his blood for Christ, grant, we pray, that, following his example and supported by his prayers, we may worship you, the living God, and give true witness to Christ our Lord.*

22nd June St John Fisher (1469 - 1535) & St Thomas More (1477 – 1535)

John Fisher was a Yorkshireman, ordained at 25 after a brilliant career at Cambridge University. At 35 retaining chancellorship of the University he became bishop of Rochester. He was confessor to the mother of King Henry VIII, Elizabeth of York. He was noted for his humanistic as well as his theological learning. Erasmus, a great scholar noted of Fisher "there is not a man more cultured, more admired or more holy." He was imprisoned because of his opposition to Henry's marriage to Anne Boleyn, and refused to take the oath of loyalty rejecting papal authority over the Church in England. On the scaffold he said to the people: *"I have come here to die for the faith of the Catholic Church and of Christ."*

Thomas More was born in London and studied at Oxford and in London. Also a friend of Erasmus, was a great humanist. His most famous work *Utopia* is a book of political philosophy, showing a society based on the natural virtues. More became Chancellor to Henry VIII, succeeding Cardinal Wolsey. More refused, as Fisher to recognize the King's spiritual supremacy. He wrote many letters, but the last paragraph to his daughter, Margaret Roper is well worth pondering. *"Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however it may seem, shall indeed be best."*

Our three mainland churches all have statues of these two.

23rd June: St Edward 963-978 was the eldest son of Edgar the Peaceful from Wessex whom he succeeded aged 16. He was murdered at Corfe, Dorset, by his stepmother to open the way for his half-brother Ethelred. A considerable cult spread from Wareham where he was first buried to Shaftsbury. He was considered a good Christian.

23rd June: St Etheldreda (Audrey) from East Anglia, a king's daughter, and who founded a double monastery at Ely in 672 of which she was abbess until her death in 679, setting a high example of asceticism and prayerfulness.

A shrine grew up there as a place of pilgrimage, and the diocese was formed in about 1083.

The saints our brothers and sisters in Christ. Sinners as we are, for no one here is perfect. They are there to inspire and help us always.

200 Club continues of course. The last draw was March, so the annual big draw normally in April will take place once we can gather again. Something to look forward to.

The 200 Club is primarily a fund raiser for the whole parish. Each year we lose faithful supporters through moving away or moving to the next life. There are quite a few spare numbers, and you can have more than one if you haven't joined yet you could consider it now; for we all benefit, and you may win! Subscriptions are due from May, and you are welcome to send contributions in to the Presbytery, or leave until the time we can meet again. The annual sub is £18. Cheques payable to Penwith RC 200 Club.

Celebrate Conference; on line 27-28 June. See website.