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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

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Large Print Newsletter & Hymns: Chairs with arms: are all available on request if you need them

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT (B 1 Psalter 1)

ALL CHURCHES ARE NECESSARILY CLOSED UNTIL NEXT WEEKEND

In PENZANCE as during the last lockdown, I will offer a Private Mass each morning at 8.30 a.m. and on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Mass intentions this week

29th FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS 11.00 a.m.

Aidas Bucnis

Parish and People

30th Monday 8.30 a.m. St Andrew, Patron of Scotland

Private Intention

1st Tuesday 8.30 a.m.

Eric Reeves RIP

2nd Wednesday 8.30 a.m. St Osmund of Salisbury

Kathleen Turp RIP

3rd Thursday 8.30 a.m. St Francis Xavier

Agnes Gridley RIP

4th Friday 8.30 a.m.

Bill Gadd RIP

CHURCHES OPEN

1st Mass of Sunday on Saturdays 5 p.m.

5th Saturday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass 5.00 p.m.

The Legg Family

6th Sunday

Mass 11.00 a.m. *Monica & Jack McFadden (ill) & family*

ST IVES

6th Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass 9.00 a.m.

Kathy and Bob Carr

HAYLE

1st Mass of Sunday on Saturdays 6.30 p.m.

5th Saturday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass 6.30 p.m.

Parish and People

ISLES OF SCILLY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13th Sunday: Mass 10.30 a.m.

Bishop Christopher hopes to be back on the 11th.

.The Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For a life of prayer: that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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

For all on our Sacramental programmes of Journey in Faith: First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, & Confirmation. May the Lord strengthen them all, and those who will join us.

Our own sick, housebound & those in Hospitals or Hospice: Ray & Christine Blaker, Lynda Cripps, Christine Bunt, Tom Dauncey Jnr, Jackie Corsi, Sue Rowies, Hugo (4), Tony Noonan, Caroline Schofield, Grace Bailey, Fr. Richard Finn O.P. Kathy & Bob Carr, Roy Mulholland, Patsy & John Stevens, John Chamberlain, Christine Knowles, Sheila Devey. Elliot Slade, Eileen Carson, Tony King, Daniel McWilliams, Len Hall, Carrie Williams, Margaret & Norman Woolcock, Janet Honess, Basil Carey, Liesel Young, Agnes Boggis, Godfrey Chappell, John Nash, John Price, Claire Docksey, Bridget Jasper, Margaret Dugdale, Basil Perry, Nicolette Parker, Ann Nash Jenny Bashford, Muriel Gadd, Monica & Jack McFadden & family & all feeling lonely in the pandemic.

For those who have died, Peter Hocking, Fr. Nicholas Coote, and for all who mourn.

A Prayer for each week of Advent from CAFOD

Hope

"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come." (Mark 13:33)

Eternal God, you will come when we do not expect you. Help us to welcome you now in one another, to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need of care and support. And in this way may we be found ready, when you come again in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen..

Please continue the time of prayer with people of all faiths at 6 p.m. daily, for an end to the pandemic.

(I ring the bell for the Angelus each day at 6 p.m.)

“The bells of waiting Advent ring” as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Advent is a short season of waiting, of expectancy.

The earliest generation of Christians always sang at every Eucharist ‘Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.’ Has our expectation grown dim as the centuries between his first coming at Bethlehem and his final coming at the end of time seem to lengthen? This year Coronavirus, and many other sombre local and world events remind us of our need for a Saviour and the hope he comes to bring. For many people waiting has been too much, so for some weeks now lights and decorations are all up. Advent points us in two directions: a looking back to Bethlehem, and his birth, but on the other his coming again in glory. The two moods are a contrast but not a contradiction. It is a joyful time of preparation to welcome Christ whenever he comes. Remind people it is ‘**Christ’s Mass**’ that we celebrate.

My dear people, do we see some light at the end of the tunnel with a vaccine possible? As you will know we can open again for Mass on Sat/Sun 5/6th. **It is important that we ALL keep the good practise prior to the latest lockdown of HANDS – SPACE – FACE** and ensure that there are stewards to help facilitate good practice, and there must be no easing off on the applications of this good practice. As previously no one should enter the building at any time other than Mass time.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: NOTE CHANGES.

Bishop Mark encourages us to think of moving the Midnight Mass to an earlier time, to encourage and enable more people to attend. **For this year only: Midnight Mass will be at 9 p.m.** As at all Masses congregational singing is not allowed, so no carols before or during Mass.

At 9 p.m. the choir will sing an Introit, and a Motet, but otherwise at all Masses **congregational parts will be said**. So Christmas Vigil Masses in **Penzance 5 p.m. Hayle 6.30 p.m. Midnight Mass 9 p.m. Dawn Mass St Ives 9 a.m. and Day Mass Penzance at 11 a.m.** Numbers at Mass are limited to **72** in Penzance and **40** in Hayle and St Ives.

As Saturday 26th and 27th are ‘Sunday’ Masses, usual times on those occasions. Any Mass within the Octave of Christmas is a Christmas Mass, so you may wish to avoid the crush and come then!

Cleaning will be necessary after all Masses. Help with that will be required, esp. in Penzance.

Do make these times widely known and also the number limitations.

Hayle Food Bank: Wanted: Christmas Puddings for Christmas Family Parcels. Please bring in as soon as lockdown is over, and esp. to St Joseph’s at Mass times, or Presbytery anytime. (Ring to check I’m in.)

Christmas Stars of Remembrance: leaflets for both Hayle and Penzance are out now. If you wish to use them please fill in and return as soon as possible.

200 Club. We last drew the big one in the summer. Now we have managed to catch up members who because of Covid had perhaps forgotten their subs, we can draw the past 9 months, after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday 12th

Red Mission Boxes are due for emptying now. As soon as lockdown is over please bring to church/ presbytery.

My Day by Day, for Advent will be in church next week.

Churches Together in Penzance has been chosen for support by the Co-op Local Community Fund. This is great news for CTIPA, and will be for about a year from now until the end of October 2021. There is a poster about this, and more information will be available.

In emergencies please ring for the Last Rites

SINGING IN THE LITURGY:

Singing in large groups, such as a congregation in a church is sadly not considered safe and therefore we cannot do that yet. In Penzance the choir have been practicing again, with socially distanced spacing (which is far from easy to do as you may imagine!), and so we have been working towards bringing some sung elements back into the Mass to lift our hearts and minds to God. However, aware of the need for us all to give praise to God as the gathered community, we will continue for now to say the parts of the Mass we would normally all raise the roof with, in song. The Gloria, Credo, and Sanctus will be **said** by all. I know some of you watch livestream Masses: Singing often is with a single cantor, or as here, with a well-spaced-out small group. During lockdown, some cathedrals have had their professional choirs singing, but in non-public services. Remember too, overseas rules may be different, so things may be different there..

Mary’s Meals: every £ doubled from now to 31/1/2021.

From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, donations made to our **Double The Love** campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas dinner table](#) or buying a Christmas gift card on our [website](#). More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove Thanks

St Petroc’s Appeal: who do a great work with the homeless across Cornwall. Appeal envelopes are in our churches. Take one if you would like to support them.

“A Precious Place of God’s Grace.” *Looking to 2025 in terms of parish structures, availability of priests, provision of sacramental life and the resources needed to meet the evangelising mission of the Church in the Diocese of Plymouth.*

This 23 page discussion document is on our and the diocesan websites, and if you don’t have access to that let me know and a printed copy can be made for you.

Life already is different and changing all the time, and no one knows where we will be after the pandemic, but life is constantly on the move. This is to help all parishioners be formed and resourced to enable them to be faithful to the Church’s missionary mandate, and ready to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Government Consultation on Faith Engagement.

There has been a strong request from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for individual Catholics to respond to an open consultation on the way the Government engages with faith communities. The Link to the online submission is <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultation/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

This call for evidence aims to collect views to underpin the Faith Engagement Review. Closing date is 11th December 2020. Do go online and complete if you can.

The Catholic Union, with Catholic Voices, are organising a webinar on “how the government should engage with faith groups” on Wednesday 2nd December at 7 p.m. Colin Bloom, the Faith Engagement Adviser at the MHCLG will present and promote the government consultation on the issue. Link and registration: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/events/independent-faith-review>

Compass in #Advent. Our lives are being turned upside down at the moment due to **#COVID19** - Join us to reflect on some of the characters in the **#Christmas** story whose lives were also radically changed. Email us: CompassInAdvent@gmail.com More info: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent>