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

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS - WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY IN CORNWALL

Visitors: you are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass in Hayle, St Ives and after 5 p.m. Mass in Penzance.

SECOND WEEK OF CHRISTMAS: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C Psalter 2)

THE YEAR OF MERCY

PENZANCE	1 st Mass of Sunday on Saturdays 5 p.m.
Sat 2 January	The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass	5.00 p.m. <i>Anthony Michael Vassallo RIP</i>
Sun 3 January	
Mass	11.00 a.m. <i>Margaret & Harry Hogg RIP</i>
Mon 4 January	
Mass	10.00 a.m. <i>Edwin Stone RIP</i>
Thu 7 January	
Mass	10.00 a.m. School :Epiphany in Church
Sat 9 January	The Baptism of the Lord
Mass	5.00 p.m. <i>The Milton Family</i>
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated every Saturday from 4.15 – 4.45 p.m.</i>	

ST IVES	
Sun 3 January	The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass	9.00 a.m. <i>Niall Grace RIP</i>
Wed 6 January	
Requiem Mass 11.00 a.m. Funeral	Deirdre Wagstaff RIP
<i>Reconciliation every first Sunday at 8.30 a.m.</i>	

HAYLE	1 st Mass of Sunday on Saturdays at 6.30 p.m.
Sat 2 January	The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass	6.30 p.m. <i>Parish and People</i>
Tue 5 January	
Requiem Mass 10.00 a.m. Funeral	Johanna Peacock RIP
Fri 8 January	
Mass	10.00 a.m. <i>Sean Cousins RIP</i>
<i>Reconciliation every Second Saturday at 5.45 p.m.</i>	

ISLES OF SCILLY: 10.30am. Mass this Sunday and next . Liturgy for a few Sundays after that.

Before Mass *Talk to God* **During Mass** *Listen to God* **After Mass** *Talk to each other.*

Switch off your phone: *Switch on your heart and mind*

This Sunday is the transferred Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast celebrates in the child born of Mary the manifestation of the one who is the Son of God, the Messiah of the Jewish people, and a light to the nations.

In her broadcast to the Nation and the Commonwealth on Christmas Day, H.M. the Queen, quoting directly from St John's Gospel, spoke of light, 'which shines in the darkness and a light that darkness could not overpower', and described it as a verse of great hope. Hope is often the neglected of the Triad of Faith, Hope and Charity (or Love). But it is one that is just as necessary as each year passes into the next, that Christian people are a people of hope. This Year of Mercy will give many opportunities to demonstrate all three. **A holy and happy New Year to all.**

Thanks;Thanks: to all those who in any way contributed to our celebration of Christmas, which still continues. To all who cleaned and prepared our churches; who did floral and other decorations, our servers, sacristans, musicians and of course the choir under David's expert energy and guidance, all contributing to a very happy and holy time. To all also who gave so very generously in the Christmas Collection, for the hundreds of cards, and individual gifts too. Very many thanks. Many prayers for you all. Fr P.

Looking Ahead, brighten up a January evening at the **Parish Christmas Dinner** at the Carbis Bay Hotel on Friday 22nd January 6.30 for 7 p.m. Plenty of parking. It is within the 40 days between Christmas and Candlemas. The choices for menu & signing are in our churches now. **Slight increase in cost to £21.50p per head.**

The Annual White Flower Appeal for the Unborn Child and related issues is at Masses next Sunday 10th This year postcards are headed "The threat of assisted suicide is growing." Cards available, and the usual retiring collection.

Share our Love: Give them hope. Please take time to visit the crib in each of our churches. Offerings will go to the Plymouth Catholic Children's Society as it works across the diocese spreading God's love and giving needy families hope in times of crisis. Thank you for your generosity. The greenery arrangements at the crib in Pz are by Year 1 at our parish school. This crib remains in place until Candlemas.

Churches Together in Penzance Area: (CTIPA) have arranged a Community Hymn singing at High St Methodist 3 p.m. on Monday 11th January; all welcome

Women's World Day of Prayer planning meeting also at High Street Methodist Chapel on 21st January at 11 a.m.

Prisoners of Conscience Cards: we sent off 50. Thanks to those who participated, & to Audrey who does the work.

Red Mission Boxes: very grateful thanks to those who have collecting boxes during the year. Across the parish £1213.17 has been banked. Well done, supporters.

Thai Children's Trust (Father Ray Foundation): I have taken over the collection of money for the Father Ray Children's Home in Thailand. They take care of 850 orphaned, abused and disadvantaged children and students with disabilities. We, at St Ives, sponsor a young girl called Dao. The money we send helps pay for her education and living expenses and we have regular updates about Dao's progress. To maintain our current financial commitment we need a few more people to contribute £1 per month. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Jo Hodding on 0752 733 4523 or hoddings@yahoo.co.uk

West Cornwall Catenian Group 930 meets this Friday 8th at 7.00pm at Branwells Mill, Station Road, Penzance. If any Catholic gentleman would like to join us for a convivial meal & short meeting, please contact Steve Driver 740646

The Holy Year of Mercy: Holy Years always include a pilgrimage to a Holy Door. Our Cathedral in Plymouth will have one which is now open. If you are in Plymouth do go.

Pilgrimages on offer so far for the year 2016:

Medjugorje : 30th April–7th May 2016 flying from Bristol. Spiritual Director Fr. Tony McGrath. A few £100 discounted places remaining at £439 (sharing). Otherwise £539 (£150 deposit) Single room +£126. Contact Tony 01736 362925 or parish office. www.maryqueenofpeace.info/2016

Lourdes with the Diocese, led by Bishop Mark 28 May-3 June, flying from Exeter. £705, fully inclusive. See posters. We have some booking forms in the Office.

Walsingham: Cornish arranged from here. Dates are 9 – 15 October: Book with Christine. £20 deposit.

The Christmas Tree. The Queen mentioned this in her broadcast, and spoke of Prince Albert introducing it here. Indeed. But it is a far more ancient custom used by the principal patron of our diocese, St Boniface, who left here to become the Apostle of Germany. He lived 675 – 754, and was born at Crediton. At Geismar in Germany for Christmas 723 the people had reverted to pagan customs and were worshipping an oak tree. At one stroke, Boniface cut it down; most people, realising now that Thor had no power were converted. Boniface pointed to a small fir tree that remained intact. He used it to tell the people 'this can remind you of Christmas. Your homes are built of wood, so let it remind you that Christ came from heaven to make his home among us. Its leaves stay green, even in the darkest days, so let it remind you that Christ is the light of your lives. Its branches reach out, as Christ's love does, so let him be your comfort, and it points to heaven as Christ does, so let him be your guide through life. Cribbs came later.

Music during Advent and Christmas. We are very fortunate at our weekly 11 a.m. Mass, to have such a high standard of music covering the very wide span of Catholic liturgical tradition. This was apparent at the Gaudete Carol Service and the carols leading into the Midnight Mass.

Many visitors and parishioners ask ' what was that?' Each Sunday of Advent began with the old Plainsong *Rorate Coeli, (Drop down ye heavens)* with a verse for each Sunday. The Mass setting was either XVII for use in Advent and Lent dating from the 10-15th Cent. or *Cum Jubilo*, for use on Feasts of Our Lady from the C.12th used for the Patronal Festival on 8th Dec. and 4th Sunday. Music from the Renaissance period, especially Palestrina and contemporaries is used, as are familiar carols and hymns of more recent times. These included works written by modern composers; The Gloria by Andrew Wright, director of music at Brentwood Cathedral. Philip Ledger, b.1937, (*who succeeded Sir David Willcocks (1919 -2015) at King's College Cambridge*) for 'Adam lay ybounden.' Mervyn Cousins, b 1962, for his 'Ave Maria' motet on the 4th Sunday of Advent, and who also wrote for our parish the Mass of the Celtic Saints, and the post Gospel reflection 'O Magnum Mysterium, O great mystery' sung at Midnight, as was 'O Radiant Dawn', sung as the procession went to the crib by Catholic composer Sir James MacMillan, b.1959, who received his knighthood recently from Prince William, and also has the honour of becoming the Catholic Herald's 'Catholic of the Year 2015'. The headline of an article about him in the Herald was "the holy warrior with a baton". He does say "Beauty is at the heart of our Christian faith. It should be paramount in our attentions as we approach the Throne of all Beauty for our divine praises."

Save Your Stamps! Remember to bring in your used stamps for the Catholic Children's Society.

Christmas Cards; most supermarkets have boxes for them

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue : That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelisation: Christian Unity: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

All our parishioners and young people, For evangelisation in the parish. Our own sick, housebound & those in Hospitals or Hospice: Ray & Christine Blaker, Lynda Cripps, Mary Dean, Bev Willis, Margaret Crocker, Christine Bunt, Wies Wood, Jennifer Prin, Leanne Thomas, Tom Dauncey Jnr, Tony Lidiard, Simone Slater, Jim Scott, Jake B, Michael Loughran, Colin & Gazelle, Jackie Corsi, Mary Rawley, Andy Wilkins, Judith Milton, Joyce Rogers, Mirek, Sue Rowies, Debs & Peter Neave, Eileen Nolan, Patricia Martin, Anthony O'Mahony, Christopher Knight, Julie Sideway, Mary Syms, Fr. Louis, Fr Robbie Low, Eileen Woolmington, Anne Wilson, Maria Verncombe, Aidan Stevens, Annie Fowler, Jenny Sullivan, Neil Mellor, Mark Griffin, Alba Bath, Alan Sopp & baby Hugo.

For the departed esp. Deirdre Wagstaff, Johanna Peacock, David Eddy, Albert Betts & Fr. John Bolland, and for all who mourn.

The Funeral Requiem Mass for Johanna Peacock will be this Tuesday 5th January 10 a.m. in St Joseph's, Hayle.

The Funeral Requiem Mass for Deirdre Wagstaff will be this Wednesday 6th in St. Ives at 11 a.m. Deirdre will be received into church on Tuesday 5th at 3 p.m.

Smile Lines: Shooting season. Butcher: "Sorry sir, but I'm out of wild ducks. I could let you have a fine end of ham." Customer: "Don't be absurd. How could I go home and say I shot an end of ham?"