



# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

## THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A 2 Psalter 4)

### MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

#### ALL CHURCHES ARE NECESSARILY NOW CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

8<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday 11 am *Parish and People*

9<sup>th</sup> Monday 8. 30 am Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
*Peter Henderson RIP*

10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 8.30 a.m. St Leo the Great  
*Maria Hall in thanksgiving for her 88 years today*

11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.30 a.m. St Martin of Tours  
*Jenny Bashford (ill)*

12<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8.30 a.m. St Josaphat  
*Justin Mulholland RIP*

13<sup>th</sup> Friday 8.30 a.m. *Daniel Thompson RIP*

14<sup>th</sup> Saturday 8.30 a.m. Mass of Our Lady  
*In thanksgiving for prayers answered*

15<sup>th</sup> THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY 11.00 a.m.  
*Parish and People*

**Mass Intentions.** I have managed to fit those already asked for in the next three weeks, so the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> December onwards has some spaces. The Sunday Mass I must always offer the all the parish and people.

**During the month of the Holy Souls the Church offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** and its own intercession for the dead not only at their funerals and anniversaries, but also in the yearly remembrance of all the sons and daughters of the Church who sleep in Christ.

For many of the weekday Masses I will use the crypt Requiem chapel, as I did on 16<sup>th</sup> October, the day of John Burke's death in 1851, and for the All Souls Day Requiem. I will also on 16<sup>th</sup> December, the day of Fr. John Hearn.

My dear people, we all share together the distress and anguish of another lockdown, and our churches closed for public worship. The reality of opening for private prayer which requires stewards present at all times during the opening, and a cleaning after each time, is not viable in our situation. As previously no one should enter the building at any time.

**Cardinal Nichols, as President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales,** wrote a strong letter following the announcement of the lockdown. The whole letter, and much more is on our website, but within the letter two paragraphs I print here:

*"It is a source of deep anguish that the Government is requiring once again the cessation of public communal worship. Whilst we understand the many difficult decisions facing the Government, we have not yet seen any evidence whatsoever that would make the banning of communal worship, with all its human costs, a productive part of combatting the virus. We ask the government to produce this evidence that justifies the cessation of acts of public worship. To counter the virus we will, as a society, need to make sustained sacrifices for months to come. In requiring this sacrifice, the Government has a profound responsibility to show why it has taken particular decisions. Not doing so risks eroding the unity we need as we enter a most difficult period for our country."*

**Following the passing into law of the Regulations, Cardinal Vincent released another statement,** during which he wrote

*"Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations which have the force of law: 'Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity' (Titus 3:1) We do this in solidarity with so many others no whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods. It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society."*

*At this difficult moment, we must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6 p.m. and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21<sup>st</sup> November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. The pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today."*

**Bishop Mark** wrote assuring us all of his solidarity and fraternal prayer in these difficult days. He writes:

*"I know that we feel that faith, and the public worship of God which goes with it, are essential dimension of human life. We have a way to go before those in Government, or in charge of our public institutions, fully understand this. It is a reminder of how we need to continue to 'look outwards' not just in the good that we do, but in bearing witness to our discipleship of Jesus, when there are opportunities to do so."*

**Bishop Mark** also referred to the Cardinal's 'shared moment of prayer each day at 6 p.m.

*"This is an invitation to all people of faith, to pray, where they are, at this time, for an end to the pandemic. For Catholics, this is a traditional time to pray the Angelus, and I recommend this to you. During times of great hardship or upheaval in history, Our Lady has often appeared to her people carrying the rosary. This is how I hope to mark that moment of 6 p.m. each day, following the Angelus."*

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

**Bishop Mark** also urged all of his priests to write to their MP to challenge the closure of churches and religious buildings. **I wrote to Derek Thomas**, who did vote against the Regulations. In his reply to me he did write:

*"I felt strongly that closing churches last time was ill-considered and the plan to close them again demonstrates a lack of recognition of the vital part church fellowship plays in British society. The Government should trust church leaders to take the necessary measures (as they have been) to reflect the concern regarding the spread of coronavirus."*

### **The Pope's Prayer Intention for November**

**Artificial Intelligence:** That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humanity.

**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 & all feeling lonely in the pandemic.

For those who have died, John Ebury, Jean Johnston and for all who mourn.

Good news: Kathy Carr is home and much improved. As ever she got her tiger boots on again!

### **Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic.**

**O Mary**, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that as at Cana in Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**I also share with you part of a letter from our present Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson.** It was addressed to his clergy, but some of it is helpful for us all.

**The Hope within you.** *'I thank God whenever I think of you: and every time I pray for all of you. I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present.'*(Phil.1.3-4). **Bishop John writes:** *"I was reminded recently of a phrase of St Bernard of Clairvaux when he describes himself as 'disturbed, but not perturbed.' He does so because he recalls the wounds of Christ and the power of redemption. These past months have been disturbing for us. The waters of life have been muddied: the closure of churches; the celebration of Mass without a congregation; the gradual reopening, but with restrictions, and the present lockdown again and uncertainty. This has all taken its toll and continues to do so. We have all experienced disturbance these past months. To greater or lesser degrees we have all been stirred up and agitated, both exteriorly and interiorly. The word 'disturb' carries the meaning of being thrown into disarray. St Bernard's experience is ours. We too can be disturbed, churned up, by so much, whether in our lives or the lives of others. But with St Bernard, we are never perturbed. We are not, nor ever should be, completely overcome by whatever turmoil threatens us. The reason why is obvious, even though we need to affirm it often. We have a Saviour. In the Lord Jesus we have a high priest able to sympathise with us in all our infirmities. (Heb. 4:15) As the Carthusian motto states: **The Cross is steady while the world is turning.** To put it another way, everything can spin, even seemingly out of control, but Christ stands firm, reassuring us, consoling us healing our wounds. (To be continued next week).*

**All sacramental classes: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, and baptisms suspended for the time being. In emergencies please ring for Last Rites.**

**My Day by Day**, for both November and December are available. If you wish a copy let me know and they can be posted to you.

**Recent Retiring collections:**

**Plymouth Diocese Children's Society £557.36p**

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day £582.56**

**World Mission Sunday £315.82.**

**Thanks for your generosity in these times.**

**Hats, Scarves & Gloves:** thanks to all knitters many were delivered to The Passage on Wednesday prior to lockdown. Keep on knitting; always a need.

**Mary's Meals: every £ doubled from now to 31/1/2021**

More details next week.