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

NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A 2 Psalter 2)

PENZANCE

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

Sat 8 August

Mass 5.00 p.m. *Fran and Patrick Stone RIP*

Sun 9 August

Mass 11.00 a.m. *Mark Baigent RIP*

Mon 10 August St Lawrence

Private Mass 8.30 a.m. *Herbert O'Brien RIP*

Thu 13 August

Mass 10.00 a.m. *Roy Mulholland (b'day)*

Watch and Pray after Mass until 12noon

Funeral Requiem Mass in afternoon *Aidas Bucnis RIP*

Fri 14 August St Maximilian Kolbe

Private Mass 8.30 a.m. *Wendy Campbell RIP*

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

Sat 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mass 5.00 p.m. *Sydney Parker RIP*

Sun 16 August

Mass 11.00 a.m. *Fr. Freddie Jackson RIP*

ST IVES

Sun 9 August

Mass 9.00 a.m. *Parish and People*

Wed 12 August

Mass 10.00 a.m. *Ray and Christine Blaker (ill)*

Sun 16 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mass 9.00 a.m. *Parish and People*

HAYLE

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

Sat 8 August

Mass 6.30 p.m. *Fr. Gerard Mary Intentions*

Tue 11 August St Clare

Mass 10.00 a.m. followed by Exposition -noon *Anna Andrews RIP*

Sat 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mass 6.30 p.m. *Lesley & Alex King 50th anniv.*

ISLES OF SCILLY: GOOD NEWS: hope to open for Mass on Sundays, 16, 23, 30, Aug: 6, 13, & 27 Sept.
10.30 a.m. Church not open during other days, sadly.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August

The Maritime World – for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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 as they await the time we can all be together again

For all on holiday: may it be a time for recreations, rest and renewal. For all who provide for holiday makers in any way

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, 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, Agnes Boggis, Maura O'Toole, Bridget & Rosie Jasper, & all feeling lonely in the present on-going crisis.

For those who have died esp. Anna Andrews, Aidas Bucnis, Sue Cooke, Daphne Gregson, and all who mourn.

It is a continued joy to be back for Mass, and now including some weekdays. Last weekend numbers were much the same, with a few of us missing, and a few visitors to make over 160 across the parish. We realise very many are remaining in isolation, or feel nervous about coming out to meet groups of people. Our churches are as safe as we can make them. We still welcome other volunteers, both as stewards and in Penzance and Hayle as cleaners. Each time **anyone at all** is in the building and touching anything (and it is amazing how much we do unwittingly touch) it has to be cleaned.

Stewards must be present on all occasions, and are there to direct you. Thorough cleaning must be done after each opening. No one else should enter the building at any other time. The last thing we want is to have to close and go into isolation, because we have not been vigilant and careful.

Face Coverings: Government decrees: From today, 8th August face coverings are mandatory in places of worship. All those attending must wear a face covering unless exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant from the congregation do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion. Other ministers in the sanctuary should wear face coverings and remain socially distant from each other.

Readers may remove their face coverings at the lectern to read, and should replace them before stepping away.

Helpful Mask Advice at Holy Communion time:

When removing your mask to consume the Sacred Host please remember to slip the elastic off one ear and return it again without touching the front of the mask with your hand. Touching the part of the mask that you are breathing through with your hand is where you are at most risk of picking up and then passing on the virus to surfaces that other people will also touch. Please replace face covering, having consumed the Host before moving back to your pew in an orderly manner.

Congregational singing is still not allowed. Wind instruments are also not to be used. The largest wind instrument is of course the organ, which blows air through the pipes to make the sound. Air circulating is to be avoided, except fresh air!

I know many watch live-stream Masses, and you do find some singing, and some organs used, and we wonder why if there, not here? Some reason may be that the organs used are electronic, so no air is passing through pipes, as they don't have pipes. Other places where singing with a soloist or choir, well-spaced out, may also not be "public occasions" For example Westminster Cathedral Vespers and Benediction is a closed door occasion, and only the clergy, who all live together in the clergy-house take part, and act as server, reader, cantor and officiant. That was true for St James, Spanish Place on St James Day.

A complication here also is the organ in Pz is large and most weekends at least 3 different people play. A thorough clean of handrails, stops manuals and pedals would have to take place each time someone else uses it.

In the Catholic Church it is the Mass that should be sung. So until now we always sang the Acclamations, Alleluia, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation at all Masses. Sunday Masses also included singing the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo (11 a.m.) Sanctus and Agnus Dei. Hymns and other music are 'extra's. 'We will work on it, as we are very much aware how 'cold' it can seem.

The instructions for other services are not always clear.

For Funerals it says only family and close friends to total 30, and additional people such as an organist, verger/sacristan, sound system operator should not attend. For weddings, numbers to be the same, 30. It says music can be played if pre-recorded or an organist may play. No congregational singing, and music should not prolong the ceremony. "It is advised that the ceremonies and services should be concluded in the shortest reasonable time". It is useful to keep reminding ourselves about all this.

It is for everyone's safety. All our lives matter.

Confessions/Reconciliation: Our confessionals are not user friendly because of social distancing. The easiest is to make a phone appointment, and we can arrange to meet either in church when empty or outside. For Canon David still use Presbytery phone and arrangements can be made.

Visits with H.C. to the sick and housebound are possible again with extreme caution on either side. I will slowly get round to the many on the list. This does not apply to those who are still remaining in Isolation. That very fact means visitors are excluded.

Adult Baptism & Receptions will be on Sunday 20 September, at the 11 Mass. We shall be as all Masses at the moment in Penzance limited to 72.

Hayle: Cleaning church on Mondays 5-6 & Thursdays 10-11. All welcome to lend a hand.

The place of Silence: St John Paul II writing in 2004 said that 'one aspect that we must foster in our communities with greater commitment is the experience of silence. We need silence 'if we are to accept in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely to the Word of God and the public voice of the Church.' In a society that lives at an increasingly frenetic pace, often deafened by noise and confused by the ephemeral, it is vital to rediscover the value of silence. The spread, also outside Christian worship, of practices of meditation that give priority to recollection is not accidental. Let us keep before our eyes the example of Jesus, who "rose early and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed." (Mark 1:35) The Liturgy, with its different moments and symbols, cannot ignore silence.'

Real silence, though is not just an absence of noise. We can be very noisy indeed on the inside even if the outside is quiet. It is also possible to be quiet on the inside while chaos reigns on the outside. This is because silence helps us to get in touch with our real selves and opens that path for us to hear the **still small voice of God**. Silence indeed is golden. For some the lockdown has given some space and time for quiet, which some have found helpful. It is something always to cultivate, and not to be frightened or afraid of. Silence helps us shift to a different interior space.

Fostering Silence (St Teresa of Calcutta)

The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service

The fruit of service is peace.

St Paul VI reflecting on the life of the Holy Family at Nazareth offered these thoughts.

"May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitised modern life. May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of prayer which God alone sees in secret."

200 Club. YOU may be lucky next time, but you have to be a member, so join up today. The 200 Club is primarily a fund raiser for the whole parish. There are quite a few spare numbers, and you can have more than one. If you haven't joined yet consider it now; for we all benefit, and you may win! The Annual Subscription is £18 and you are welcome to send contributions in to the Presbytery. Cheques payable to Penwith RC 200 Club.

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