

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (A 2 Psalter 1)

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 15th THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

Parish and People

16th Monday 8. 30 am St Gertrude Catherine Carey (ill)

17th Tuesday 8.30 a.m. St Hilda of Whitby: St Hugh of Mary Thomas Lincoln

18th Wednesday 8.30 a.m. Dedication of Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul Florence Mary Dunne RIP

19th Thursday 8.30 a.m. John Ebury RIP

20th Friday 8.30 a.m. Bridget Burnett RIP

21st Saturday 8.30 a.m. Presentation of Our Lady Departed Presentation Sisters RIP

Vigil of Christ the King: Exposition of the Blessed **Sacrament 10 – 12 noon.** Private Prayer: Church open

22nd Sunday CHRIST THE KING: MASS AT 11 A.M.

Parish and People

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. Mass Intentions. The week of the 5th December onwards has some spaces. The Sunday Mass I must always offer the all the parish and people. Once lockdown is lifted and there are the usual weekend Masses, it gives chance for more intentions.

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 ioin 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 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.

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.

Bishop Mark and the Bishops Conference, and with leaders of other faiths invites "all people of faith, to pray, where they are, at 6 p.m. 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 and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st 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."

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

The Vigil of Christ the King, Saturday 21st we will mark with a time for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Anyone is welcome, but you must observe the usual Covid rules: and sit 2 metres apart. As both priests will be there, time for confession/reconciliation will be available. You do not have to stay for the 2 hours, just as long as you need/want.

World Day of the Poor 15 November 2020 Pope Francis asks us on this day to pray:

For the Church of God, that she may reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the gospel. For all who work with the poorest in our society, encouraged by the God of mercy, may they bring hope and dignity to all in need.

Caritas Plymouth held a Diocesan event on 24 October to prepare for World day of the Poor. We heard about some of the wonderful work that is happening across the Diocese and also learned about areas of unmet need where we might do more to reach out to those who need support, particularly during the current Coronavirus pandemic. Bishop Mark opened the event with a reflection and the recording of his thoughts, those of other speakers and the liturgy are being posted on the Diocesan Facebook page. We invite those who were unable to attend to find out more about what was discussed and to get involved if they wish. videos: Anvone these can view https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/. And if you to get involved in our work email would like caritas@prcdtr.org.uk. Caritas has updated our list of grants that people might find useful if they are struggling. We will be sharing this via our website, but thought you might also welcome a copy. Here is the link if you would like to share it more widely in your newsletter: https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/11/Covid-19-Support-for-Individuals-November-2020-Update.pdf

Mary's Meals: every £ doubled from now to 31/1/2021 Here is an appeal from them: & visit their website.

So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to be the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a lifechanging meal at school. 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

In emergencies please ring for the Last Rites. 362619

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

All sacramental classes: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, and baptisms suspended for now.

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.

Continued from last week: the final part of a letter from our present Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson. It was addressed to his clergy on All Saints Day and is helpful for us all. The Hope within you.

'Steadfast faithfulness, no matter what, is the great encouragement we take from the saints. In the end, holiness is always about fidelity, about knowing who has the words of eternal life. We desire to listen consistently to the voice of Divine love. We choose to allow ourselves to be shaped, from the inside out, according to the mind, image and heart of Christ.

Remembering the experience of the saints has brought me great comfort and strength in these past months. We all have our favourite's saints, the ones we think we discovered, but who really found us. Whether they are martyrs, confessors, or witnesses to the power of the Gospel to mould a human life by faith hope and charity, celebrating All Saints, this year especially, can bring renewed courage and confidence. Their extraordinary lives all began with lives like ours. What marks them out is their unshakable conviction that Christ has conquered; and that dying with Him, even in the tiniest loving ways, causes us to rise through a sanctification that reaches its crescendo in heaven.

Moving forward, none of us knows the impact Covid 19 will continue to have. We face the future with faith, looking to the saints, asking their intercession and drawing upon their inspiration. They teach us that sanctity is within reach for everyone; that holiness can happen in the present moment. It's about how I face life and the people and the situations the Lord allows me to encounter. Will they bring me, and others, closer to Christ, or push me, and others further away? Simple steps of faith and devotion, of love made real, made for holy living.

St Teresa of Avila's beautiful words can be accented to capture all this means; Let nothing disturb you, let nothing perturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience gains all; nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient.'

Fratelli Tutti – Pope Francis' latest encyclical: Some initial reflections

Caritas Plymouth is preparing a number of short videos to offer a reflection on each chapter of the Encyclical. One reflection will be shared each week over the coming 8 weeks. We hope that the videos will provide food for thought and encourage people to read the full text. The reflections are all on our Diocesan Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/videos

The Catholic Bishops Conference have issued a statement on the publication of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. (IICSA) The letter is on our website, or on theirs on ccn@cbcew.org.uk See also on website letter from Bishop Mark on this.

Christmas Masses: I hope to keep to our traditional pattern, but as from Thursday 24th to Sunday-27th there would be 9 Masses: we shall need cleaners for all places after Christmas Eve/Day. And numbers limited to 40 in Hayle and St Ives, and 72 at each Mass in Penzance.