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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

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THIRD WEEK OF EASTER – ALLELUIA: THE LORD IS RISEN (A Psalter 3)

ALL CHURCHES ARE NECESSARILY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

In PENZANCE I offer a Private Mass each morning at
8.30 a.m. Sundays at 11 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Mass intentions this week

26th Third Sunday of Easter 11 am *Parish and People*

27th Monday 8. 30 a.m. *Derek Andrews RIP*

28th Tuesday 8.30 a.m. St Peter Laver *Private Intention*

29th Wednesday 8.30 a.m. St Catherine of Siena
Florence Tobin & Gwen Byrne

30th Thursday 8.30 a.m. St Pius V *Elizabeth Nowak RIP*

1st Friday 8.30 a.m. St Joseph the Worker
Michael Wood RIP

2nd Saturday 8.30 a.m. St Athanasius
John and Richard Leather RIP

3rd FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11.00 a.m.
Parish and People

It is a great privilege for a priest to be able to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily, and you can all seek the fruits of the Sacrifice of the Mass through a spiritual communion, using the prayer below This reminds us that Jesus does not abandon His people, but draws near, indeed comes into the heart of each one, if we turn to him.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

My dear People,

I know we all miss being at Mass so much. I know also that very many of you do go on the internet and live- stream Masses and other Devotions from all over the world. It is great that we are able to do that today. But nothing can replace that coming together and being with the Lord.

Virtual reality is fine, except.... that you don't have a virtual reality breakfast or dinner. It won't satisfy you for very long!

One reason, among many, why we miss Mass is that it is what Jesus asked us to do, and it is Jesus giving himself to us in his physical body and blood, which feeds and nourishes us. I know every year in Eastertime I remind you that all the sacraments flow from the Easter Mystery, especially The Mass. Vatican II referred to The Liturgy as "the source and summit of the Christian life," from which the whole of Christianity flows, and to which it returns. All parts of The Mass come from the scriptures and from Jesus himself.

The Mass begins with the Opening Rite, the Gathering of the People, and the very start says why we are missing it; we are unable to gather. Normally we come together as the Catholic community, beginning with either the Entrance Hymn to join in, or the Entrance Antiphon, (always used on weekdays, which is a verse from a psalm or scripture), after which follows The Greeting. As we gather we are invited to look into our hearts and acknowledge our sins. Think of the first Easter Night, as the disciples are gathered in the upper room, and the Risen Lord comes, "Peace be with you." (When a/the bishop is present, as a successor of the apostles, that is also his greeting)

Jesus knew how uneasy the disciples were, so he reassures them, saying peace again, and commissioning them to forgive sins (Jn. 20:19ff)

We then pray the **Kyrie, Eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord; we sing **Gloria in excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest;** This is song of the angels at Christ's birth) Then the **Collect** (the collected prayer of the people)

The Ministry of the Word; Readings from the Old Testament, always answered by a Psalm, a second reading from the New Testament; the preparation for the Gospel, Alleluia acclamation, and a reading from the Holy Gospel. Then just as Jesus did on the road to Emmaus, the priest is to 'break open the scriptures,' opening our

hearts, recalling God's great works for us, and feeling our hearts burn within us! On Sundays we profess our faith, **Credo**, following Thomas, who on meeting the risen Jesus made his great statement of faith, 'My Lord and my God.' Then in our Bidding Prayers we pray for all of humanity; The Church, the world, the living, and the departed.

The Ministry of the Eucharist; we fulfil the Lord's command to 'Do this in memory of me.' (It is good to recall it is a command of the Lord, not just to love God and one another, but to 'do this'.) The Gifts are offered, Thanksgiving is made in the Preface, the **Sanctus, (Holy, holy)** sung, and the bread and wine consecrated, become the Body and Blood of the Lord. The Lord's Prayer and **Agnus Dei** (Lamb of God) are sung, All this happens as the bread is **taken, blessed, broken and given**, all as Jesus did at the Last Supper, and also at Emmaus. We receive the Lord and then the **Concluding Rite**. After a prayer, we are blessed and sent out, rejoicing, re-charged for His service. 'Go on your mission,' (Mass is ended, we are fed and nourished by Word and Sacrament)

This is a great reminder that what we celebrate Sunday-by-Sunday, day-by-day, is not what we've made up. It is what Jesus left us, and has been continued since He was with the disciples. The 1st Reading last Sunday from Acts 2:42-47 says "The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." (In Eastertime the 1st Readings are from the Acts of the Apostles) All that we do is from the scriptures.

Dr Scott Hahn in his book "The Lamb's Supper," tells how all we do at Mass is there in the scriptures, and esp. in Apocalypse/ Revelation. The references are here:

Sunday Worship 1:10; a high priest 1:13

An altar 8:3-4, 11:1, 14:18. Consecrated celibacy 14:4

Priests (*presbyteroi*) 4:4, 11:15, 14:3, 19:4.

Vestments 1:13, 4:4, 6:11, 7:9, 15:6, 19:13-14.

Lamp stands/Menorah/candles 1:12, 2:5

Penitence Chapters 2 & 3. Incense 5:8, 8:3-5

The book or scroll, readings 5:1 Eucharistic Host 2:17

Chalices 15:7 Ch. 16, 21:9 Sign of Cross 7:3, 14:1, 22:4

Gloria 15:3-4. Alleluia 19:1, 3, 4, 6, Holy, Holy, 4:8

Lift up your hearts 11:12, The Great Amen 19:4, 22:21

Lamb of God 5:6 & throughout. Virgin Mary 12:1-6, 13-17

Intercession of Angels and Saints; 5:8, 6:9-10, 8:3-4

Michael, Archangel 12:7.

Readings from Scripture Ch. 2-3,5: 8:2-11

Antiphonal chant 4:8-11, 5:9-14, 7:10-12, 18: 1-8

Priesthood of all the Faithful (the people) 1:6, 20:6

Catholicity/Universality 7:9. Silence 8:1

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb 19:9, 17.

At the Office of Readings for most of Eastertime the 1st Reading is from Apocalypse. John says it was on the Lord's Day, Sunday, when he had this vision which is of the Mass. He mentions trumpets and harps, which in his day were the standard instruments for liturgical music, as the organ is today. Scott Hahn also says, "If you read the book from end to end, you'll notice that all of God's great historical interventions—plagues, wars, and so on—follow closely upon liturgical actions; hymns, doxologies (that is Glory be) libations and incensing. Scott also notes that Apocalypse, like the Mass, divides rather neatly into half: Chapters 1-11 is a Proclamation; Liturgy of the Word. The first 3 chapters form a sort of Penitential Rite, and then the second half, chapter 11v 19—end of the book, The Liturgy of the Eucharist. It opens with God's Temple in heaven, with the chalices at the banquet /supper of the Lamb.

I hope all this helps you understand the importance of Mass, and why you are missing it.

I continue to try and keep in touch, a lot of phone calls and many emails. Do keep in touch with each other if you have contact details, as we are bound together in our common faith. I have Mass intentions up to the first week of May, and some others looking ahead. If you wish for any intentions just be in touch by email, post or telephone, and don't worry about stipend until we are on the move again.

I am very grateful to those who have sent Easter cards and offerings. Many thanks to you. Tremendous thanks to those who did know my special birthday last Tuesday, and for all the emails, cards, gifts and phone calls;

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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

For all on our Sacramental programmes of Journey in Faith: First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, & Confirmation.

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, Audrey Evans, Anna Andrews, Sheila Devey. Elliot Slade, Lisa Thomas, Eileen Carson, Tony King, Daniel McWilliams, Len Hall, Dee Pascoe, Carrie Williams, Margaret & Norman Woolcock. Pam Bielawski (Fr Jon's mother) & and those with virus, Maura O'Toole, (who is improving) & Bridget (Mary Jasper's daughter) and all feeling lonely in the present crisis.

For those who have died, Fr Michael Downey, Dr Colin Keith, Edward Lindsey and for all who mourn.

If someone needs the Last Rites, ring me, and one of the younger priests will come.

Food Bank News

The Transformation Cornwall website is maintaining a comprehensive up to date register of Cornwall Foodbanks. It shows location, opening arrangements and procedures for operation for customers and donations. Due to current circumstances many are now "closed to the general public", but they still offer service to those in need and require food donations, now often through local supermarkets. A weekly update is prepared each Friday with direct input from 17 of the Cornwall foodbanks with their individual details and needs

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/whats-new/cornish-foodbanks-remain-open-and-crucially-need-our-support>

Mission Made Possible.

Normal life may have 'paused' but the Mission of the Church can continue and grow. We have a great opportunity within our diocese to deepen our discipleship and answer the call to Mission. You are invited to learn from your home, how to have conversations about faith, with friends, family or in everyday encounters that don't make you or anyone else feel awkward. Join disciples across the globe who are learning together to spread the Good News. To begin, register your interest to be part of this great mission at info@genesismission.co.uk and click on this link <https://youtu.be/nmigFaMrs4w> to watch the 40 minute overview.

Smile lines- Lex Ophilia: or who dreams them up.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words. Velcro: what a rip off!