



St. Mary's Falmouth & Helston RC Parish



Parish Priest - Father Brian Kenwick V.F.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

Psalter: 4

22nd December 2024

SUNDAY MASS TIMES



SAT 6.00 pm FALMOUTH
SUN 9.00 am HELSTON
SUN 10.45 am FALMOUTH

Mark Fanning RIP
Margaret Ollington RIP
People of the Parish



HELSTON

Weekday Masses/Services (4th week of Advent)

MON Advent weekday (O Emmanuel) 10.00 am D'c'd of Bradley family FALMOUTH

TUES	Christmas Eve	6.00 pm		FALMOUTH
		6.00 pm		HELSTON
		10.00 pm		FALMOUTH
WED	Christmas Day	9.00 am		HELSTON
		9.00 am		MAWNAN
		10.45 am		FALMOUTH
		11.00 am		MULLION



THUR ST STEPHEN 11.00 am Philip Clark RIP MAWNAN

FRI ST JOHN 10.00 am Srs. Damian & Cosmas int. FALMOUTH

SAT HOLY INNOCENTS 10.00 am (fulfils Sunday obligation) MULLION

Masses at Falmouth & Helston are live-streamed on our website: www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available on Saturdays 12 noon at Helston and 5pm – 5.45 pm at Falmouth

PARISH CLERGY

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The Parish is a part of Plymouth RC Diocese, a Registered Charity no. 213227

A VERY WARM WELCOME

to all who are worshipping with us today.

Come and join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat after Mass on Sunday in the Church Hall at both Helston and Falmouth. Everyone is welcome!

Opportunities to spend more time with the Lord at St Mary's, Helston

Tuesdays – 10 am Morning prayer and Rosary

Wednesdays – 11.30am Morning prayer + Angelus before Mass

Or 10 am Morning prayer if no Mass

First Saturdays – 11 am - Exposition and Holy Hour including the Perpetual Novena to Mary Immaculate under the title; Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

And at St Mary's Falmouth...

Mondays – 10.45 am Rosary

Mondays & Tuesdays church open for private prayer from 9 am to 1 pm.

Join us for Morning prayer before Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays at 9.45 am.

Missio Calendars 2025

The Missio calendars will be available in the porches of St Marys Immaculate, Falmouth. Parishioners and Red Box holders please feel free to take one.

Hats for Homeless

As we are no longer knitting hats for seamen, we would like to invite people to knit hats (and scarves and gloves) for the homeless which we will take to Halvasso & St Petroc's.

First Holy Communion 2025

The first weekly meeting for children hoping to celebrate their First Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 4.30 pm in the hall at St Mary's Falmouth. on Sunday 19th January 2025 there will be the enrolment of the children at the 10.45 am Mass in St Mary's Falmouth. first Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 8th June at 10.45 am

Berried holly and variegated greenery

needed to decorate the Church in Falmouth for Monday. It could be dropped off in porch if at Mass on Saturday or Sunday.

Office Closure

Please note the office is now closed for Christmas and will re-open on Friday 3rd January.

Fr Brian is still available on the parish number for emergencies.

Make a Difference – Become a Foundation Governor!

St. Mary's School is looking for committed foundation governors to join our governing body. This rewarding role offers a chance to shape the future of our school, ensuring that our Catholic ethos is at the heart of everything we do.

As a foundation governor, you'll help guide the school's vision, strategy, and development, working closely with staff, parents, and the wider community. No prior experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn and make a difference.

For more information, or to apply, please contact the headteacher, Mr Moran, for an informal chat.

secretary@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk or (01326) 314540

Walk With Me

This handy little aid to reflection for Advent is now available at the back of church in both Falmouth and Helston



Save the date:

Day of Reflection – Saturday 1 February at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy
Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, [Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU](#).

The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

Thank Yous

Helston Cake sale

The Children would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support of the Cake Stall on Sunday. We hope to reach the total of nearly £300 when all monies are in.

Falmouth Christmas Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who came along and/or donated gifts – we raised over £370!

Mark and Audrey Holley

Will be renewing their marriage vows at the 10.45 am Mass on Sunday 29th December and would love to have the parish join them for light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

4th Sunday of Advent – A reflection by Mgr. Robert Draper

Looking forward - the time is now

Mic 5:1-4 Ps 79 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-44

It is striking the way in which Luke depicts the scene of today's gospel. The greatest moment of all history – the reality of the Incarnation – God becoming human – is perceived by just three figures: an elderly woman whose childlessness means she is despised, a young woman who is pregnant without the involvement of her betrothed and a child in the womb. Luke is always known as the gospel for the poor and marginalised – but the way he has carefully crafted the scene in which humankind receives the knowledge of the advent of the saviour is breath-taking.

Luke will give us a list of the all the powerful (male) key players in Palestine at the beginning of chapters 2 and 3 of his gospel, but here where the reality of God's action is announced we have only "insignificant" people aware. That should not surprise anyone familiar with the scriptures; "And you Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah" – it is those who are least who have ready access to the ways of God. All the rest of the infancy narratives confirm this – as does the whole gospel story as it unfolds – and that is what all disciples need to keep hold of as they seek to live their lives in conformity to the values of the kingdom.



From Fr Brian

We have now reached the last Sunday of Advent. In a few days we will celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all your families a very holy and happy Christmas. We live in a broken and divided world and yet Christmas always gives us hope. For the story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us.

Have a wonderful, happy, and safe Christmas

Points to Ponder

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future.

(Agnes M. Pahro)

Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.

(Pope Francis)

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

(Janice Maeditere)

Please keep in your prayers our sponsored seminarian in Kenya, **Deacon Francis Achieng**, and **Hugo Lomax** seminarian from our own parish studying at Allen Hall.

Please pray for those in the Parish who are sick or housebound or in need of our prayers.

Kathleen O'Flaherty, Theresa Sullivan, Isabella Grace, Pat Berney, Hugh McLoughlin, David Stevens, Sheila Mulligan, Jenny Davis, Francis Thompson, Veronica Robbins, Audrey Holley, Lorna Bean, Ian Bond-Stocks, Frances Chapman, Chris Cowen, Frieda Curnow, Lucy Daish, Poppy DeAth, Joan Duffy, Jenny Gilbert, Mary Harry, Marie Kennan, David & Carmel Kerlake, Frances Meeks, Theresa Neal, John Ronan, Paul Ronan, Tony Ronan, May Stewart, Mike Hughes, Susan Barrow, the Mosely family, Gerard Boeck, Colin Campbell, Jason Campbell, Daniel Williams, Cynthia Millward, Marie Lockeridge, Eve O'Connor, Patricia, Maggie Wilton, Pauline Richfield, Treeve Rowe, Luke, Obi, Kate H, Hannah Davies, Connie Falkus, George, June Guerin, David Nash, Tom Dunn, Valerie Dalton, Penny and Tony Barbary, Josie Bee, Patricia Eggleton, and Sisters Cosmas and Damian.

Thank you for your prayers, it is a pleasure to say that we have been able to take some people off the list because they have recovered.

St Mary's Helston

As we wait for Western Power to complete the work to increase the electricity supply I am acutely aware that in these winter months our church gets very cold. Therefore, after consultation with clergy and some parishioners Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the hall, starting

Sunday 29th December 2024.

I know this is not ideal but hopefully we will soon be able to return to our warm and comfortable church.

Father Brian

Christmas offering envelopes

Are now available, this is our opportunity to thank our priests for all they do for us throughout the year.