

OUR LADY OF THE PORTAL & ST PIRAN, TRURO
&
OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA & ST ANTHONY, ST MAWES

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT ~ YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE ~ Week 1

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER <i>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	Truro St Mawes	10.00 am 5.00 pm	Mass Mass	<i>People of the parish Mandy Binney & Danine int</i>
MONDAY 4 DECEMBER <i>Advent Weekday</i>	NO MASS			
TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Truro	12 noon	Mass	<i>Mags Slane int</i>
WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Truro Truro	10.00 am 10.45 am	Mass 'Franciscan at Home'	<i>Maurice Dineen RIP</i>
THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER <i>St Ambrose, Bp Dr; Mem</i>	Truro	10.00 am	Mass	<i>Rosemary Pickford int</i>
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER <i>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; Solemnity</i>	Truro	10.00 am	Mass <i>followed by Adoration until mid-day</i>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER <i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>	Truro	6.00 pm	Mass	<i>John Langley RIP</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fridays 11.15 to 11.50 am; other days/times by appointment

NEXT WEEKEND : SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ YEAR B

REFLECTION:

"... what matters most in this life is: our blessed Jesus Christ, his holy Church, his Gospel, and in the Gospel above all else the Our Father according to the mind and heart of Jesus, and the truth and goodness of the Gospel, goodness which must be meek and kind, hardworking and patient, unconquerable and victorious."

St Pope John XXIII (from his 'Spiritual Testament', 1954)



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR DECEMBER ~ for people with disabilities: let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusion programmes that value their active participation.

See also the.popevideo.org

PRAYER REQUEST: Please remember to pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, and for those who have died recently.

DEACON ANDREW: Please join us in the hall after Mass this Sunday to celebrate the anniversary of Deacon Andrew's ordination to the diaconate and his retirement as parish deacon.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: Deacon Andrew invites you to join him for Advent Evening Prayer on Zoom on Monday evenings at 6 pm. For more information and joining instructions, please email:

andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk

'WALK WITH ME' ADVENT BOOKLETS are available in the narthex, price £1 each. These booklets offer daily reflections for Advent and Christmastide, up until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on 8th January 2024.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: "Sometimes people ask: how can we pray and what can we pray in the face of Christian persecution in the world – when our brothers and sisters are being attacked for their faith, imprisoned, tortured, and even killed? I would suggest that the most powerful prayer that we can pray is the rosary. It is the prayer that we can do anywhere at any time. It takes us through the mysteries of the life of Christ, His birth, His life, His suffering and His glory. And when we unite ourselves to the mystery of Christ in our prayer, we do a powerful act of spiritual solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering. So in these coming weeks, after Red Wednesday, please pray the rosary. Even just a decade of a rosary. Even just the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be. Please pray for Christian brothers and sisters who suffer for their faith." [from the homily of Archbishop John Wilson]

SOUP LUNCH: The final soup lunch of the year is this Friday, 8th December, from 12 noon until the soup runs out! Join us for home-made soups and bread & cheese. Everyone is welcome - good food and good company.

DOMESTIC ABUSE: The parish is hoping to run a short course on Domestic Abuse Awareness starting in January 2024. This would be a series of 5 half-hour Zoom sessions offered by the organisation [Restored www.restored-uk.org](http://www.restored-uk.org). The day and time are still to be decided. If you are interested in taking part or would like to know more, please contact our Safeguarding Rep, Jean Anderson, via the parish office email.

ST PETROC'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Last year 50 people accessed St Petroc's winter services in 37 different hotels, 90% of whom moved on into longer term accommodation and did not return to rough sleeping. Supporting St Petroc's will genuinely make a significant difference to the lives of those facing homelessness this winter. Yellow envelopes for their Christmas Appeal are available as you enter the church (please return via the collection baskets), or donations can be made online via: www.stpetrocs.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CARDS designed by children for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) are on sale after Mass or from the office. A pack of 12 cards costs £5.

'THE NIGHT JOURNEY': Copies of this delightfully illustrated Christmas story by Fr Robbie Low are on sale after Mass or from the office at £5 a copy. Proceeds go to Aid to the Church in Need.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN will be on Tuesday 19th December in the morning. If you could help with this, please sign the list in the narthex - or just turn up on the day: many hands make light work!! Mince pies and coffee will be on offer to keep you going.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to help with the Christmas flowers on Friday 21st December (after mid-day), please let Rosemary (parish office) know.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection for October (5 weeks)

Loose Plate: £ 2,441.22 Envelopes: £ 323.00

Weekly Collection for November (4 weeks)

Loose Plate: £ 2008.91 Envelopes: £ 323.00

Standing Orders

October: £ 1,791.00

CAFOD Israel-Gaza Appeal: £ 385.74

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN: Please email any items for the parish bulletin to truro@prcdtr.org.uk by Thursday morning at the latest.

Teacher: Peter, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Peter: A teacher