

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

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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

DIVINE OFFICE ~ *Psalter Week 3*

CHURCH PREMISES REMAIN CLOSED

EXCEPT WHEN OPEN FOR MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER ON THE ADVERTISED DAYS

On other days Fr John will celebrate Mass privately in the church at Truro

The permitted number at Mass is limited – please see the back of the bulletin for details

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	10.00 am Mass	<i>People of the parishes of Truro and St Mawes</i>
MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	No Mass	
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Feast</i>	Private Mass	<i>Noelle Elliott RIP</i>
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	10.00 am Mass	<i>Raymond Davies RIP</i>
THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	Private Mass	<i>Robert Cain RIP</i>
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	Private Mass 10.00 am Exposition	<i>Stephany Cashman & family int</i>
SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER <i>Blessed Virgin Mary; Opt Mem</i>	10.00 am Mass	<i>Gregory Talbot int</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *By appointment only*

NEXT WEEKEND : TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION:

“I want creation to penetrate you with so much admiration that wherever you go, the least plant may bring you the clear remembrance of the Creator....”

St Basil the Great

MASS AT TRURO:

Currently there is Mass at 10.00 am on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, with a limit on the number that can be admitted to any one Mass. For information about availability of spaces, please contact the office by email truro@prcdtr.org.uk or phone (between 10 am and mid-day, Tuesdays to Fridays)

Given that Sunday obligation remains suspended, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: The church is open from 10 am to 12 mid-day on Friday mornings for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Booking is not necessary.

WEARING OF MASKS: Masks must now be worn in places of worship, unless you are exempt from doing so. We continue to maintain 2-metre safe distancing.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: *Respect for the Planet's Resources* - We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please remember to pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and for those who have died. At this time, too, please pray especially for all those affected by the Coronavirus.

MARGARET RYAN RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Ryan, a parishioner who died recently, and for her family in their sad loss. Her funeral will be in Padstow. May she rest in peace.

PATRICK GERALD FRENCH RIP: Please pray for Gerry French of St Columb, who has died recently, and for his family. His funeral is at Penmount on Friday 11th September. May he rest in peace.

ZOOM EVENING PRAYER: *Deacon Andrew writes "We have decided to take a break from our Monday evening prayer sessions. Thank you to all those who attended: it was a lovely medium to keep connected and pray together during uncertain times."*

MODERN SLAVERY – HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: CARITAS Plymouth invite you to join a one-hour event (via Zoom) on modern slavery in rural areas and the shipping industry, with a focus on Cornwall and Plymouth. This event is from 2-3pm on Friday 25th September. Presenters include Caroline Virgo (Clewer Initiative), Ann Donnelly (Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris) and Deborah Fisher OBE (Caritas Plymouth). To register go to: www.transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources

POPE FRANCIS - WEDNESDAY AUDIENCE - Summary of the Holy Father's words: Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing reflection on the current pandemic, we have seen how closely connected we are, dependent on one another precisely because we were created by God and share a common home. We can only emerge stronger from the present crisis if we do so together. The Church's social doctrine thus speaks of the need for the virtue of *solidarity*. Authentic solidarity is not just about offering help to others; it is a matter of justice; it requires a radical change in our thinking that looks to the good of the community, defends the right to life for all, and promotes a just sharing of the earth's goods. The Biblical story of the Tower of Babel shows what happens when a society seeks to build its own way to heaven, forsaking God, losing sight of solidarity with the most vulnerable, and valuing things over relationships. This destructive "Babel syndrome" is countered by the event of Pentecost, where the gift of the Holy Spirit creates a harmonious unity in diversity for the true building up of society. May the Spirit grant us the wisdom and creativity to find those forms of solidarity needed in our post-Covid world, for the healing of interpersonal and social ills, and the growth of the human family in fraternity, justice and peace.

UNIVERSAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LEBANON: Pope Francis has asked for a special day of prayer and fasting on Friday 4th September for Lebanon as a whole and for Beirut, in a time of crisis following the tragic explosion of a month ago.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thank you to all who have sent cheques or set up Standing Orders for the weekly offerings during this time of closure. This is much appreciated.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESE VACANCIES: Plymouth Diocese is currently advertising 3 posts: two Parish Property Mentors (who will be home based), and a Project Support Worker for Caritas Plymouth (who will be based at St. Boniface House, Ashburton). For more information see the notice board in the narthex.

SAFEGUARDING: The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted by email at safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk or by phone on 01364 645430.

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

Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a fiery sermon on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out - it's probably just your dad."