



Newsletter 8
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**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

Dear Parents / Carers

It is lovely to see all the children back in school and with their friends again. Thank you so much for all of your support with your child's learning during lockdown, we were delighted with the level of engagement of all children.

The way the children have conducted themselves since being back in school is a testament to how you as parents have supported them through what has been a very difficult period.

At the beginning of the Summer term we will be holding virtual parents evenings where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's learning with the class teacher. More information will go out about this in the next couple of weeks but if you have any concerns before then, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Warmest wishes

Demelza Bolton

Hello everyone,

What a brilliant week we have had! The children have come to the gate each morning with big smiles and our school once again has the buzz of our busy, happy St. Mary's family. The teachers are so impressed with their positive learning attitudes since their return.

Thank you for continuing to arrive at the allocated timings for each class. It really makes a difference to the availability of space outside the gate to follow the social distancing rules. Please please park away from the cul-de-sac outside of school- this will help us to ensure the safety of all our families. If Grandparents or other family members are helping with the school run, please pass on this important request. Thank you.

I would like to wish all the ladies very Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Draycott

Dear Friends,

As another week comes to a close I hope and pray you are all safe and well. The priests have now received 'Guidance for the Celebrations of Holy Week'. You will not be surprised to learn that our celebrations have been adapted due to the coronavirus.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated in the church without an outside procession. Palms will be given out as you enter the church by our stewards. The Passion according to St. Mark will be read without multiple readers.

Holy Thursday- Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of Feet will be omitted and there will be no procession to the Altar of Repose. The Reserved Sacrament is to be kept in the Tabernacle and there will be no watching before the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday – the Proclamation of the Passion according to St. John will be read without multiple readers. The Adoration of the Cross with the unveiling and showing will take place as usual, however, the responses will be said as congregational singing is still not permitted. Personal veneration of the cross will be limited to the priest only. The people present will be invited to adore the cross in their places with a gesture such as genuflection or a bow.

The Easter Vigil: There will be no fire and the Paschal Candle will be prepared before the Mass begins and lit at the beginning of the celebration. No votive candles will be available for the people. The Liturgy of the Word will consist of 3 readings from the Old Testament, the Epistle and the Gospel. The baptismal water will be blessed on the sanctuary and the Renewal of Baptismal promises will take place.

Easter Sunday: Mass will be celebrated with the Renewal of Baptismal promises.

As well as the Vigil Mass and a 10.30 am Mass on Easter Sunday there will be a 9.00 am Mass at Mawnan Smith. I would remind you that, unlike Christmas, there will be no booking system. However, our stewards will seat as many as possible while maintaining the required social distancing.

Despite the restrictions and the limited nature of the celebrations it is a great blessing that this year the Holy Week ceremonies will have people attending. I would remind you all that all the Holy Week celebrations will be live-streamed and recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel.

Take care

With my prayers and blessing

Father Brian

Dates for your Diary

March

Weds 17th

Y6 Multiskills—after school club

Thurs 18th

St Joseph's Day. Mass live streamed from St Mary's Church @ 11.15 www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk

Y5 Dance with Kylie—after school club

Thurs 25th

Feast of the Annunciation. Mass live streamed from St Mary's Church @ 11.15 www.falmouthcatholicchurch.org.uk

Fri 19th

CAFOD Dress Down Day— home clothes & donation

Fri 26th

CAFOD Dress Down Day— home clothes & donation

April

Thurs 1st

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Thurs 1st

Easter Mass live streamed from St Mary's Church @ 11.15 with Y5

Thurs 1st

School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 1st-16th

EASTER HOLIDAYS



St Mary's would love to say a BIG thank you to Jacqui Bennett , the debt centre manager for Christians Against Poverty .

**We have received
SIX new free laptops!!**

https://capuk.org/downloads/cap_debt_help/weighed_down_by_debt.pdf



**Y5 Dance Club with Kylie
Starts next Thursday 18th
After School
don't forget to return your form!**



**TRURO
HIGH SCHOOL**
Girls First

Our next Virtual Open Day is as follows:

Senior School – Tuesday 20 April, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

www.trurohigh.co.uk

**Y6 Multi Skills
is back After School on
Wednesday
Remember to sign up!**



What's growing in Reception....?

Reception class have been excited to see roots and shoots on their beans and spotting new growth from their wildflower seeds. We have also been planting sunflowers to go in our outdoors area





Truro Cathedral are recruiting for **boy choristers** and are seeking to audition boys currently in Years 2, 3 and 5. For the right boy, this can be a life-changing experience that boosts self-esteem while being part of a close-knit team singing great music.

Please contact their Director of Music Christopher Gray:-

christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRyzQW7hYME&t=225>

**Y5 were busting some great moves on
Thursday in their new Zumba Class!**



CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

We are walking for water for CAFOD!
Our school community will join thousands of others throughout the nation supporting some of the poorest communities in the world.

We will be joining the Water Droplet Trail in support of CAFOD's Walk for Water appeal. CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. To get involved at home, display a water droplet in a window and look out for others on your daily walk.

Your children are welcome to wear their home clothes on:-
Friday 12th March
Friday 19th March
Friday 26th March
Thursday 1st April.



If you are able to bring in a small donation for CAFOD that would be wonderful!
Further details at cafod.org.uk/schools
Thank you

First Holy Communion 2020/21

As you may know the schools have returned and each year group act as a 'social bubble'. In other words year groups do not mix. This causes us a problem for our potential First Holy Communion meetings as some candidates will come from different social bubbles and even different schools. Therefore, after discussions with catechists and teachers we do not think it would be possible, while keeping to the restrictions, to hold the meetings for First Holy Communion at this stage. However, we will review the situation on a monthly basis. Hopefully the gradual easing of the restrictions will allow us to begin the preparation meetings in the Parish Hall in the near future. I know this will be a great disappointment to many, as it is for me and all concerned with Holy Communion preparation. However, I am hopeful the First Holy Communion celebration will take place sometime this year. I appreciate your patience and understanding.