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# Holy Angels

## Torquay

Account Name: ICKSP Account Details: 40-03-33 Account Number: 12333902

Date	At Lanherne	Canon Tanner
	Mass Offered For:	
	Fr Gibzinski	Zbigniew Klewiado RIP
II	Benefactors	
12	Alison, Sam & Ethan Powell	Zbigniew Klewiado RIP
13	Holy Souls	Zbigniew Klewiado RIP
14	Holy Souls	Zbigniew Klewiado RIP
	Tony Allcott RIP	Zbigniew Klewiado RIP
15	Private Intention (Parents)	
16	David Buscombe	Zbigniew Klewiado RIP
17	Deceased of Harper/Powell Families	Zbigniew Klewiado RIP

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#### At Lanherne Convent

Sundays: 8.30am Low Mass 10am Sung Mass Monday through Saturday: 8am Mass Thursdays: 8am and 6.15pm Mass

Confession: Thursdays: 5.15pm-5.45pm Fridays and Saturdays after Mass Rev. Canon Scott Tanner, Prior House of Saint-Richard-Reynolds Holy Angels Church, Queensway, Torquay TQ2 6BP mobile: 07763 277697 torquay@icksp.org.uk Safeguarding Rep: Katarzyna Adamiak

### At Holy Angels

Sundays: 10 -10.15am Confessions 10.30am Sung Mass 5.30pm Vespers & Benediction

Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri.
7.30am Lauds & Meditation
8.30am Mass (Mon, Tues, & Thurs.)
12 noon Mass (Friday)
5.30pm Vespers
6pm Adoration (& Confessions)
7pm Compline

Wednesday Mass at 12 noon Saturday Mass at 8.30am Plymouth: Sundays at 8.30am



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

11th of December 2022

Notice: Holy Angels Torquay No Mass on Wednesday 14th.

#### Schedule for Christmas

Holy Angels:

Christmas Eve: 8.30am Prime 9.30am Low Mass 6pm Matins, 10pm Carols, 10.30pm Sung Mass

Christmas Day: 10.30am Sung Mass

St Edwards: Christmas Day 8.30am Low Mass

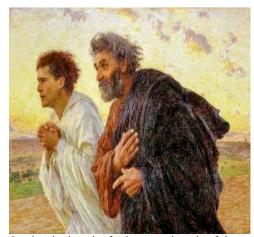
Lanherne:

Christmas Eve: 7am Prime, 8am Low Mass 11:59pm Midnight Mass (Sung)

Christmas Day: 8.30am Low Mass

10am Sung Mass 7pm Vespers

Ouaerere Deum.



On this third week of Advent, as the title of the newsletter states; let us proceed and make every effort to 'Seek God.'

In order to achieve this we will examine two trusted sources:

A conference by Blessed Columba Marmion; title: 'The Divine Plan of our Adoptive Predestination in Jesus Christ.'

The CTS Definitive & Complete Edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Let us begin with the opening passage of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in which he speaks of God's plan for the human race:

"As he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and unspotted in his sight and charity.

5. Who hath predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ unto himself: according to the purpose of his will.

6. Unto the praise and glory of his grace, in which he hath graced us in his beloved son."
(Eph 1: 4-6)

Blessed Colomba in his conference makes reference to this key passage of St Paul's:

"These are the terms in which the Divine plan is set forth by the Apostle St Paul, who had been caught up to the third heaven, and was chosen by God to bring to light, as he himself says, the economy of the mystery which hath been hidden from all eternity in God"

God has a plan for our redemption. He alone knows what it is. For man, although he has reason and can have some knowledge of God, without God it will always be imperfect. "Because God, Who is the Author of our salvation, and the first source of our sanctity, could alone make known to us what He desires of us in order that we may attain to Him."

The Catholic Catechism speaks of our longing for God and why we have this yearning:

27. "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for."

How often in a world where materialism exists to such an extent, does man seek an alternative. The catechism identifies why God, who cannot be known by human knowledge alone, is the only source of true happiness.

52. "God, who "dwells in unapproachable light," wants to communicate his own divine life to the men he freely created, in order to adopt them as his sons in his only-begotten Son. By revealing himself God wishes to make them capable of responding to him, and of knowing him, and of loving him far beyond their own natural capacity."

Therefore dear faithful, it is God who reveals Himself. How are we therefore to respond to God's call? Blessed Colomba addresses this issue in a number of important paragraphs:

"Among the souls who seek God, some hardly succeed in reaching Him. Some have no precise idea of what holiness is; being ignorant of the plan traced out by Eternal Wisdom, or setting it aside, they make holiness consist in such or such a conception formed by their own intelligence, they only wish to be guided by themselves; attached to those purely human ideas they have framed, they go astray; if they make great strides, it is outside the true way marked out by God."

The catechism states:

29: "But the "intimate and vital bond of man to God" can be forgotten, over looked, or even explicitly rejected by man. Such attitudes can have different causes: revolt against evil in the world; religious ignorance or in difference; the cares and riches of this world; the scandal of bad example on the part of believers; currents of thought hostile to religion; finally, that attitude of sinful man which makes him hide from God out of fear and flee his call."

It is clear that man has free choice. He can so choose to make his own imperfect image of God. Often with a view to fit God to the life of man. God in His love for us never interfere's with man's free will.

For that reason, as Blessed Columba states:

"It is therefore extremely important, as St Paul says, to run in the race, "Not as an uncertainty," as one beating the air, but so as to obtain the prize. To know as perfectly as possible the Divine idea of holiness; to examine with the greatest care, so as to adapt ourselves to it, the plan traced out by God himself."..."In so grave a matter, in so vital a question, we must look at and weigh things, as God looks at and weighs them. God judges all things in the light, and His judgement is the test of all truth. "We must not judge things according to our own liking" says Francis of Sales, "but according to that of God; this is the great secret. If we are holy according to our own will, we shall never be truly holy, we must be so according to God's Will."

It is therefore very important for Blessed Columba that we seek God's light and truth; to judge only as God judges. In his final comment he identifies the joy we may receive when we fufill God's plan.

"That is why God's plan is so wise that it cannot fail to reach its end because of any intrinsic insufficiency, but only through our fault. If we leave the Divine idea full freedom to operate in us, if we adapt ourselves to it with love and fidelity, it

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becomes extremely fruitful and may lead us to the most sublime sanctity."

And finally, the catechism strives to guide the faithful on the correct path:

30. "Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice" Although man can forget God or reject him, he never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart," as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God."

In conclusion therefore dear faithful, the desire to know God has already been written on our hearts. It is for us to submit to God's will. We have to make an effort and never be distracted by the wants of this world. Let the Holy Ghost guide us and let us unite ourselves with Our Lady's words in the gospel of Luke:

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." (Luke 1:38)

The 13th of December 2022



Feast day of St Lucy of Syracuse (d. 304) Martyr.

Lucy is one of the most famous virgin martyrs of the early fourth century. Christians suffered persecution under the Emperor Diocletian of Rome. Lucy chose death rather than lose the incorruptible treasure of her virginity. Her name occurs in the Canon of the Mass.

The historical accuracy for Lucy is that she became a Martyr at Syracuse, Sicily, and that she had a significant following for many centuries through out Europe. Churches bore her name in Rome, Naples, Venice, and England. Venice claims to have her remains in the church of San Geremia, located in the sestiere of Cannaregio.

#### Christmas Novena of Masses



This Christmas give a spiritual gift by enrolling yourself and your loved ones, in the Novena of Masses offered during the Christmas Octave by the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest in Plymouth.

Each packet contains an enrollment envelope, a card together its envelope. Please ensure that Canon Smith or Canon Tanner has received it before Midnight Mass.