

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER

within the RC Diocese of Plymouth: Diocesan Charity No 213227

*"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel" [Pope Francis EG114]*

## Third Week of Lent - YEAR B

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Psalter Week 3 of Breviary

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Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> March III Week of Lent	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Baptism 12 pm (Swanley Paul Coleman, Isabel Hannorah Coleman and Poppy Grace Coleman)	Diana Willsher RIP (TJ) Josephina Pinca RIP (VPM)	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass at Holy Trinity		St Casimir
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by Fr Babu and Mass 7 pm	Evelyn Burden RIP (HB)	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass 10 am	Darwin Pabico's ints (JF)	
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass 10 am	Thanksgiving (MF)	SS Perpetua and Felicity
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15am Mass 10 am Stations of the Cross in Malayalam at 5 pm (Kerala Community)	Hilary McVey RIP (BV)	St John of God
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	JK Intentions (JK)	St Frances of Rome

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March IV Week of Lent	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30am	Winnie White RIP (FC) Valerie and Peter Griffin RIP (TG)	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass at Holy Trinity		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by CL and Mass 7 pm		
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass 10 am	Geoffrey Nicholson RIP (MN)	
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass 10 am	Antony D'Mello RIP (SD)	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15am Mass 10 am Stations of the Cross in Malayalam at 5 pm (Kerala Community)	Betty and Gordon Baker RIP (BM)	
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am		

### Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Deacon Anthony Carey; Tue: Deacon Geoffrey Carey; Wed: Deacon Brian Cassidy;

Thu: Deacon Edward Channing; Fri: Deacon John Connors; Sat: Deacon Adrian Dyer

**Pray for the sick:** Fr Michael Cole, Rosemary Cortes, Diana McGuinness, Jim Gibson, Denise Chapman, Christopher Browne, Sarah Jones, Laura Marani, Ralph Johnson, Patricia Netley and for all those in Nursing Homes.

**Pray for those who died recently:** Fr. Barry, Malcolm Brown, Jean Warren, Ruby Ryan, Stanislaus Sujoy Mondal, Annie Bennett, Hilary McVey, Rosemary Cain, Valerie Ann Griffin, Aileen White, Di Willsher, Deacon Brian Overall, Chris Irwin and Fr John Smethurst.

*There will be a second collection to support CAFOD after the Sunday Masses*

**Right to Life:** 3rd March - "We pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death. Lord hear us".

**Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment.** Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Take action: Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment! In addition to sending a postcard to your MP, we also need people to contact their MP today via email, asking them to sign NC15.

[https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters?utm\\_source=SUBSCRIPTION+LIST&utm\\_campaign=1d8b89a3ca-abortion-littlefighters-email2\\_resnd-20240227&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_df580bcc69-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D](https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters?utm_source=SUBSCRIPTION+LIST&utm_campaign=1d8b89a3ca-abortion-littlefighters-email2_resnd-20240227&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_df580bcc69-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D)

**Caritas. Faith in Action** - Networking event and Coffee on Tuesday 5th March at St Catherine's Wimborne 10am - 12noon. Caritas would like to invite people interested or involved in Faith in Action to join us. There will be the opportunity to meet other Catholic charities and groups engaged in social outreach and to share your ideas about the work of Caritas in the Dorset Deanery and where our priorities should lie. Please use the form below to register <https://forms.office.com/e/TvUyXDBb9Z>. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth has expanded its work and Teresa Maguire has taken up the role as Caritas Development worker for Dorset Deanery. We have visited many parishes already and seen firsthand what great work is taking place to reach out to people in need in our local communities. All are most welcome and Deborah Fisher and I look forward to seeing you there.

**Evangelisation Meeting Thursday 7th March 7pm:** Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 7th March** at 7:00pm in the Church Meeting Room. We will be discussing Chapters 29 and 30 of "**Rediscover Jesus**" by Matthew Kelly. We will be reviewing Evangelisation encounters and looking to opportunities in the future. All are welcome.

**Holy Trinity CAFOD Group:** Would like to hear from anyone who supports the efforts of CAFOD to bring about environmental justice and development in the poor and vulnerable parts of the world. We are keen to enlarge our group with anyone who would like to help us in whatever way suits them - with ideas, practical help or spiritual support. We have lost two terrific members who have died recently and want to continue their legacy forward. If this appeals to you, please contact Frances Hogwood, any other member of the CAFOD group or Irina Osborn in the office.

**Diocesan Newsletter:** Lenten Offering: Reflections & Prayers Week 3  
<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-0655178B860C7B022540EF23F30FEDED>

Tea and Conversation in a warm place. **The Quiet Space** in Poundbury is open from 2-4 pm every Monday as a registered warm place during the Winter. It is available for those who would like some tea and conversation or read or knit, with tea and cake provided. It is wheelchair accessible and has free parking. (The Quiet Space is supported by all the Christian Churches in Dorchester)

The Holy Trinity **Sharing Group** will be discussing the Sunday Readings of Lent, by Zoom, at 4 pm on Thursdays March 7th, 14th and 21st. If you want to join us on Zoom during Lent, email johnrcalvert@btinternet.com and we will send you the link each time.

**Caritas. Caring for our Common Home** – An Evening of Reflection - Wednesday 20th March 2024, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm (Mass at 6.00 pm) at St Catherine's, Wimborne a Diocesan event we will be hosting. 'And the Lord took the man and put him in the garden to tend it and keep it' Genesis 2:15. Please join Caritas - Diocese of Plymouth, for an evening of prayer and reflection about how our parishes are responding to Pope Francis' call 'Laudato Si', to care for people and planet. To register use the QR code or register here - <https://forms.office.com/e/XtkJe1eeGq> or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages** April – Oct 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)  
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**Saturday Bible Group:** We are coming to the end of the study of the Acts of the Apostles and will be starting to learn Pope Benedict XVI books on Jesus of Nazareth. If you are interested, please come and join us or contact Agnes for more details on (01305) 852590.

**Stay Awake's** sixth year on Saturday **13th April, 2024**, at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth, from 10:00 – 19:00. Tickets are available from the website [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com). They are FREE for those in Year 9 and under – yes, free for the kids!, £10 if you are in Years 10 to 13 and only £12.50 for the rest of us! All of this information is accessible via the website, and via our Facebook and Instagram pages! For those who would rather not use the Internet, please contact Pippa Worth by email: [stayawakejc19@gmail.com](mailto:stayawakejc19@gmail.com) or telephone: 07531266224

Would you like to win some free tickets totalling approximately £180 thanks to the generosity of Exeter Chiefs, Torquay United and Exeter Racecourse ? The **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** have teamed up with these local sporting clubs and grounds to offer a one wonderful prize for one lucky winner. All proceeds raised from the prize draw will enable CCSP to continue to support families of all faiths and none living in our Diocese, which covers Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset.

The lucky winner will receive the following sporting bundle - EXETER CHIEFS - 2 standing tickets in the North Terrace for the game against Newcastle Falcons on Saturday, 23 March 2024. TORQUAY UNITED - 4 seats in the family stand for the game against Havant and Waterloooville on Saturday 20 April 2024. EXETER RACECOURSE - 2 complimentary tickets for a race day of your choice in the 2023/24 season. Please visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/a-sporting-bundle> to purchase tickets - £10 for one entry or buy two entries for £20 and receive a third entry for free. The closing date is on Thursday, 14 March.

Would you like to be a **Youth Ministry Leader** in the Lake District? Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**Refugees:** Clothing, medical and sanitary supplies urgently needed. Please deliver directly to Barbara Argent or contact the Parish Office.

The **Presbytery Gardening Club** takes place on the first Saturday of each month and will next meet at 11.30 am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Finances:** Thank you to all Parishioners who continue to support the Parish financially.  
**Donating by cheque:** All cheques should be made payable to "**Plymouth Diocesan Trust Dorchester RC Parish**". **Please make sure all giving envelopes are sealed as donations may easily slip out.**

**Parish Information**

**Priest in Charge: Fr. Babu Francis CM**

**Deacons: Rev Nicholas Thompson  
and Rev Jonathan de Kretser (07876 748836)**

**Parish Safeguarding Reps**

**Elizabeth Hughes (01305 269163), Teresa Jeanes (01305 263216)**

**Guidance and information also on [www.csas.uk.net/resource-area](http://www.csas.uk.net/resource-area)**

**The Presbytery, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North, Dorchester DT1 1QG**

**Tel: 01305 251976 or email: [babu.francis@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:babu.francis@prcdtr.org.uk) (Presbytery)**

**Website: [www.holytrinitycatholicchurchdorchester.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitycatholicchurchdorchester.org.uk)**

**Parish Secretary: Irina Osborn Tuesday– Friday 10 am – 3 pm,**

**Email: [dorchester@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:dorchester@prcdtr.org.uk)**

**Pastoral Council: Chair – Mark Rodgers (01305 250488), Vice Chair – Christine Land**

**St. Mary's Catholic School, Lucetta Lane, Dorchester DT1 2DD Tel: 01305 262258**

**Headteacher: Mrs. Paula Fearn**

**Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent Year B : Ex 20:1-17; I Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25**

**Introduction:** Today's readings from Holy Scripture teach us that Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by obeying the Ten Commandments. They also teach us that our *New Covenant* with God demands that we should keep our Parish Church holy, and our Divine worship vibrant by our active participation in the liturgy with hearts cleansed by repentance, and made holy by allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives.

**Righteous anger, good anger, healthy anger:** Abraham Lincoln was angry about slavery. Martin Luther King Jr. was angry about racial discrimination, Mahatma Gandhi was angry about the racial discrimination against the “untouchables” by the “high castes” in India, Nelson Mandela was angry about apartheid in South Africa ... all that was righteous anger. When we see a bully beating up a young kid, when we see a thief stealing an old woman's purse, when we see a group of girls being catty and mean to another girl at recess, when a husband beats up his wife — the list goes on and on. The Lord God has wired us in such a way that most healthy human beings are angry inside when we see evil and injustice being done to someone. “Anyone can be angry. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, with the right purpose ... that is not easy.” (Aristotle). — Today's Gospel pictures the righteous, healthy anger of Jesus, seeing the desecration of a holy place. ( P. Edward F. Markquart; online)

**Messages: 1) We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship:** Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings. **2) Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit:** St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **3) Let us love our Parish Church as our “Heavenly Father's house”** and make it a holier place by our care for it, by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries, and by our financial support for its maintenance and development.

**Marriages this year:**

Alice Kara de KRETZER and William Rollo SPENCER at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Katherine Margaret REDFERNE and Thomas James GARBETT at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Jasfer-Zyra Bucog LABA and Mark Glyn John POTTER at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024