

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]

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year C

Sunday 11th May 2025 Psalter Week 3 of Breviary

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Date	Church Open for Pilgrims	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 11th May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Jubilee Mass for Married Couples 10.30 am	<i>Margaret McDade RIP (LP)</i> <i>Married Couples' Ints (BF)</i>
Mon 12th May	Closed	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	6pm-7.45pm	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by SB (CWL) Mass 7 pm	<i>Clara P. Ganzon RIP (M and A)</i>
Wed 14th May <i>Feast of St Matthias-Apostle</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am	<i>Katherine Tancred RIP (FM)</i>
Thu 15th May	9.30am-10.45am	Mass 10 am	<i>Charles McIntyre RIP (BMcI)</i>
Fri 16th May	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Mederica Markham's BD Ints (MM)</i>
Sat 17th May	8.30am-11am	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Walenty Maszowski RIP (AD)</i>

Sun 18th May <i>Fifth Week of Easter</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Elena Short RIP (AR)</i>
Mon 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	Closed	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 20th May <i>St Bernadine</i>	6pm-7.45pm	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by MR (Evangelization Group) Mass 7 pm	<i>Clara P. Ganzon RIP (M and A)</i>
Wed 21st May <i>St Christopher</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am	<i>Fred Marshallsay RIP (LH)</i>
Thu 22nd May <i>St Rita</i>	9.30am-10.45am	Mass 10 am	
Fri 23rd May	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	
Sat 24th May <i>St Aldhelm (Mem)</i>	8.30am-11am	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Those who have left active ministry; Tue: Fr Paul Andrew; Wed: Fr David Annear;

Thu: Fr Philip Austen; Fri: Fr James Barber; Sat: Fr Jonathan Bielawski

Pray for the Sick: Rosemary Cortes, Denise Chapman, Christopher Browne, Sarah Jones, Ralph Johnson, Patricia Netley, Jim Watten, Carl Thomson, Alison Sandford, Sr Cosmos, Sr Damian, William Parmiter, Richard Crail, Robin Netley, Kevin Gibson and for all those in Nursing Homes.

Pray for those who have died recently: Pat Charles, Ronald Kirby, Michael John Smith, Phyllis Titterington, Audrey Bowen, Diana McGuinness, Robert Blackwell, Mary Hardiman, Mary Carmel, Kate Gorman, Noreen Hague, Janet Bicheno Margaret McDade and Carmel Moore

Right to Life: 11th May (Fourth Sunday of Easter) - "Let us pray for the grace to always be close to the Lord as the Blessed Virgin is close to Him, especially in our prayers for our vulnerable neighbours, including the sick and infirm, the widow and orphan, and the unborn. Lord hear us"

JUBILEE EVENTS

We joyfully invite **all Religious and Lay Associated Members** to a **Special Jubilee Mass on Sunday May 25th 2025 at 10:30 AM** at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester**.

This Mass is an opportunity to give thanks for your **dedication, service, and witness to the faith**. It will be a time to reflect on God's grace in your vocation and renew your commitment to His mission.

As **Pope Francis** beautifully reminds us:

"A Church without religious sisters and brothers is unthinkable. The Church is in need of you, of your witness, and of your courage to go to the peripheries." (Pope Francis, Address to Religious, February 1 2020)

We invite you to join us in this sacred celebration, where we will honour your commitment to Christ and pray for continued strength in your ministry and service.

May this Jubilee Mass be a moment of **renewal, joy, and gratitude**, as we seek to follow Christ more faithfully in our daily lives. We look forward to celebrating with you!

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

"It's Wednesday" group's meeting is on Wednesday 14th May at 2.00 pm in the Parish classroom for Scrabble, tea and chat. Everyone is welcome!

Don't miss the popular **CAFOD Quiz** Friday May 16th, 7 pm at the Parish Centre. Come as a team or on your own. All welcome. Ploughman's supper provided. Bring your own drink and glasses. No set entrance fee; donations invited. Donations from this event will be given to CAFOD's recently set up fund in memory of Pope Francis which will be given to their Refugee and Conflict Fund. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and support a cause close to the heart of Pope Francis.

The CWL have a coach going to Buckfast Abbey on the 21st May, leaving from Dorchester South Railway Station at 8.45 am, there will be a short break in Bridport then on to Buckfastleigh. Returning to Dorchester at around 6 pm. There are seats available, the cost is £20. If any Parishioner is interested or would like further information please contact Jill Kerley on 07706122558.

Parish Fete on Saturday 7th June, 12 - 3pm: We will be selling Fete Raffle Tickets every week up to the Fete and on the day. We are asking for donations of Bottles of Wine, Spirits for the Bottle stall. New unwanted gifts. Plants, Cakes, Books. You can bring these to Mass or contact the Parish Office or (Maureen Jones - 07941859461) to arrange collection if necessary. There will be a volunteer sheet at the back of the Church for you to offer your time. Let us make this Parish Fete a great celebration!

Parish Fete: More HELP required prior to the Fete! Cleaning/Preparing the grounds will take place each Saturday. For more information, please contact Michael on 07530611623.

Tennis: Fun and Friendship. A group of Parishioners are getting together to play tennis at the Parish Centre on Monday evenings at 6 pm. We play for FUN and people of all ages and abilities, OR NONE, would be most welcome to join in. Come and Try - we can lend you a racquet. If you would like to use the court on any other evenings after 5.30 pm or at the weekend or require more info - ring Liz on 01305 269163 or just turn up.

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially. The Offertory collections for April were as follows: Standing Orders £4,368.00; Envelopes £148; Loose plate £1,274.98; Card machine £250; Total for April 2025 £6,040.98. Thank you to all Parishioners.

If you are donating by cheque, it 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.

The Card Machine is available for your Offertory giving and you can Gift Aid Offertory donations. It is also available for purchases from the Repository.

Pilgrims' stories: Please see the laminated Jubilee posters, which we hope, will encourage all Pilgrims to share their stories of Hope with our Diocesan community.

Assisted Suicide Bill - less than 2 weeks left! Report Stage of the Assisted Suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. Please take action now and visit [//www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [//www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – Tuesday 20th May: The focus for this year's Day of Prayer is the theme of “The Empty Chair”. Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our Churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a Church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by “The Empty Chair”. If you have been impacted by abuse and would like to speak to someone, please contact the Safeguarding Office on 01364 645430 (Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm).

Evangelisation – the heart of the Church's Mission: in the light of the death of Pope Francis, we recall that his first major Encyclical to the Church was on the necessity to proclaim the Gospel and the mission to evangelise. The aim of this day is to explore the nature of this Mission and how we can put it into practice in our daily lives. This day will be of particular interest to all who are already endeavouring to share their faith or who would like to know how to get started. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre on Saturday 17th May 10am-3pm (Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey Mass at Noon. Booking is essential and needs to be done through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you at this inspiring day.

CAFOD Jubilee Reflection Day and Diocesan Launch of the Worldwide Church Debt Campaign. Venue: Buckfast Abbey, Schiller Hall, Saturday 31st May, 10.30am - 3pm. Join us to pray and reflect on CAFOD's Jubilee themes and be inspired to take action on the worldwide Church Debt campaign, with a live Link to Kenya! In the last year of his life, Pope Francis repeatedly spoke about the global Debt crisis impacting many of the world's poorest countries. Calling for urgent action to be taken in this Jubilee Year, he said, “More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice”. At his request, the Church has launched a worldwide Debt campaign. Join CAFOD to find out more about the campaign and what you can do to answer Pope Francis' call to action. Keynote speaker live from Kenya: Fr Charlie Chilufya SJ, Jesuit priest based in Kenya, who is an expert on the Debt crisis and on the human suffering that this is causing in Kenya. Fr Charlie is Director of JENA (Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network, Africa) he fosters and coordinates the Jesuits' work in economic, social, migration, juvenile, gender, and climate justice in Africa. He speaks globally at the African Union, United Nations, G20, and IMF/World Bank meetings, advocating for debt relief, climate justice, and economic systems that serve people over profit. All welcome. Booking not necessary, but appreciated: Email: plymouth@cafod.org.uk or Tel: 01752 268 768

Parish Information

Priest in Charge: Fr. Babu Francis CM, Fr Antony John Punneth CM (In Residence), Fr. Scott Anderson (Retired)

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

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Elizabeth Hughes (01305 269163)

Guidance and information also on www.csas.uk.net/resource-area

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Parish Secretary: Irina Osborn Tuesday– Friday 9 am – 2 pm

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Pastoral Council: Chair – Mark Rodgers (01305 250488)

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Headteacher: Mrs. Paula Fearn

Marriages this year:

Madeleine Ruth KERRIDGE and Mark Christopher MITCHELL at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 2 pm.

Cloudagh Roseleen McBRIDE and Harvey James HEARN at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester on Friday 15th August 2025 at 12 pm.

Klaudia Eliza OSMALEK and Sylvanus Omotuemen EHIABHI at Holy Cross Catholic Church Eastleigh on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 11 am.

Ivana JELINIC and Michael Stephen DALTON at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester on Saturday 13th September at 2 pm.

The Statement from Canon Paul Cummins

"Habemus Papam!" (Latin for 'We have a Pope!')

What a joyful evening. God has blessed us with a new Shepherd to guide His Church, **Pope Leo XIV**. This is a moment of pure joy and hope for all of us in the Diocese of Plymouth, in England and Wales, and indeed across the World. Thanks be to God for this great gift.

The election of a Pope is always a significant moment for the Catholic Church, so I invite you to support **Pope Leo XIV** in his new ministry of service as we join in prayer for him;

May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days. Amen.

May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm. Amen.

May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen."

Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Plymouth

Reflections on the Fourth Sunday of Easter : Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*, is also the "*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*." Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly and kindly taking care of his flock. The title "*Pastor*" means shepherd. A Shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to all Church leaders, parents, civil leaders, and all who are in charge of others.

Shepherds in the Bible: In the Old Testament, the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as to the leaders of the people. The book of Exodus represents Yahweh several times as a Shepherd. The prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel compare Yahweh's ongoing care of His people to care a Shepherd exercises for his flock. Ezekiel represents God as a loving Shepherd who searches diligently for the lost sheep. Psalm 23 is David's famous picture of God as The Good Shepherd: "*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*" In the New Testament: Jesus introduces himself as the Good Shepherd of his flock and makes three claims in today's Gospel.

Message: Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local Parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our Shepherds. Hence, as the good sheep of the Parish, Parishioners are expected to **a)** hear and follow the voice of their Shepherds through their Homilies, Bible classes, Counselling, and Advice; **b)** receive the spiritual food their pastors provide by regular participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the Sacraments, and by attending Prayer services, Renewal programs, and Missions; **c)** cooperate with their pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the Parish, by encouraging them in their duties, by lovingly offering them constructive criticism when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties, by praying for them always, forgiving them at need; and **d)** by cooperating in the activities of the various Councils, Ministries, and Parish Associations.

Biography of New Pope Leo XIV

Early Life and Education

Robert Prevost was born to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish heritage. He grew up in Chicago alongside his two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph. His early education included studies at an Augustinian minor seminary in Michigan, followed by a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Villanova University in 1977. He later pursued theological studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and earned advanced degrees in canon law from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome .

Religious Vocation and Missionary Work

In 1978, Prevost officially entered the Order of St. Augustine, making his solemn vows in 1981 and being ordained a priest in 1982. His missionary zeal led him to Peru, where he served from 1985 to 1986 and again from 1988 to 1998. During his time there, he worked as a parish pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher, and administrator, eventually becoming a Peruvian citizen .

Leadership Roles and Vatican Service

Prevost's leadership qualities were recognized when he was elected Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine, a position he held from 2001 to 2013. In 2015, Pope Francis appointed him as the Bishop of Chiclayo in Peru, a role he fulfilled until 2023. He was then called to Rome to serve as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. In 2024, he was elevated to the rank of cardinal .

Papal Election and Vision

Prevost was elected as the 267th pope during a conclave that included 133 voting cardinals, the highest number to date. He chose the name Leo XIV, likely in homage to Pope Leo XIII, known for his emphasis on Catholic social teachings and workers' rights . In his first address, Pope Leo XIV emphasized themes of peace, unity, and dialogue, reflecting his commitment to bridging cultural divides and fostering inclusivity within the Church .

Personal Traits and Global Impact

Fluent in Spanish and Italian, Pope Leo XIV is known for his humility, pastoral sensitivity, and dedication to social justice. His extensive experience in both North and South America positions him as a unifying figure capable of addressing the diverse challenges facing the global Catholic community. His election has been met with widespread support from international leaders and faithful alike, signalling hope for a continued emphasis on compassion and unity within the Church .