

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]

Twenty Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 12th October 2025 Psalter Week 4 of Breviary

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Date	Church Open For Pilgrims	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 12th October <i>XXVIII Week in OT</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Willian (Bill) Hanson RIP (MH)</i> <i>Mary Teeling's Ints (EW)</i>
Mon 13th October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	Closed	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 14th October <i>St Callistus</i>	6pm-7.45pm	The Rosary 6.25pm led by CWL (SB) Mass 7 pm	<i>Jose Francis (BF)</i>
Wed 15th October <i>St Teresa of Jesus (Mem)</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am Funeral Service of Peter Eric Maughan at Weymouth Crematorium 1pm	<i>Nincant and Ann McDonnell's Ints (M and K)</i>
Thu 16th October <i>SS Hedwig and Margaret</i>	9.30am-10.45am	Mass 10 am	<i>For World Peace (BM)</i>
Fri 17th October <i>St Ignatius (Mem)</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Dr Edward Tierney RIP (ME)</i>
Sat 18th October <i>Feast of St Luke-Evangelist</i>	8.30am-10.45am	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35 am-10.45 am	<i>Fr Alan Sharp RIP (BF)</i>

Sun 19th October <i>XXIX Week in OT</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Thanksgiving Mass (JK)</i>
Mon 20th October	Closed	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 21st October	6pm-7.45pm	The Rosary 6.25pm led by Evangelisation Group (MR) Mass 7 pm	<i>Thanksgiving Mass (JJ)</i>
Wed 22nd October <i>St John Paul II</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am	<i>Kath Bacon's Ints</i>
Thu 23rd October <i>St John Capistrano</i>	9.30am-10.45am	Mass 10 am	<i>Paul Bacon RIP</i>
Fri 24th October <i>St Anthony</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Peter Chapman RIP (RC)</i>
Sat 25th October <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.30am-10.45am	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35 am-10.45 am	<i>Thanksgiving Mass (JJ)</i>

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Deacon Tim Van Kroonenburg; Tue: Deacon Terry Enright; Wed: Deacon Simon Fletcher;

Thu: Deacon Peter Found; Fri: Deacon Peter Gahan; Sat: Deacon Robert Giampaglia

Pray for the Sick: Rosemary Cortes, Christopher Browne, Sarah Jones, Ralph Johnson, Patricia Netley, Jim Watters, Carl Thomson, Sr Damian, William Parmiter, Richard Crail, Robin Netley, Kevin Gibson, Eileen L, Joseph Rigby, Paul Burden, Ruth Davis, Deborah Follett, Joe Rigby, Deacon-Reverend Nicholas Thompson (Retired) 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, Carmel Moore, Sr Cosmos, Alison Sandford, Paul Gladstone, Mei Xian Lin and Michael Phelan

Right to Life: 12th October (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time) - "This week, we will celebrate the Feast day of St Gerard Majella, the Patron Saint of expectant mothers. We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child. Lord hear us"

On Sunday 19th October there will be a second collection for Mission Sunday after the Mass.

JUBILEE EVENTS

Pilgrims from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Cecilia's Church Blandford: We warmly welcome Pilgrims from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Cecilia's Church Blandford as they make their Pilgrimage to Dorchester on Saturday 18th October.

Pilgrimage Walk to Holy Trinity Church Dorchester:

A group of pilgrims from Our Lady of Lourdes Blandford will be walking from Puddletown to the Holy Door at Dorchester and would be delighted if anyone from Holy Trinity would like to join the party.

The walk starts from Puddletown crossroads at 10.11 when the bus from Blandford arrives. There is a bus from Dorchester arriving in Puddletown at 9.45, otherwise parking may be found in the village. You would need to be reasonably fit for the six mile walk and have suitable clothing, footwear, water and a packed lunch. We expect to be at the Church between 1.45 -2.00 pm., and then we will join the non-walking pilgrims for Exposition, Rosary and Benediction. Please ring Madeleine on 01258 480778 with any queries.

Jubilee Year 2025 – Prisoners' Mass: As part of the Jubilee Year 2025 celebrations, a special Jubilee Prisoners' Mass will be celebrated at **Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 19th October at 8:30 am.** The Liturgy will include special readings and prayers for prisoners, their families, and all who support them in pastoral care.

Altar Servers and Youth Retreat – 13th December: During this Jubilee Year, a Faith Renewal Retreat for all altar servers and youths will be held on **Saturday 13th December from 10:00 am–3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre.** Fr. Jacek will be guiding the Retreat, which will include Talks, Confession and Holy Mass. Programme details to follow.

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

Prisoners' Sunday – 12th October: Prisoners' Sunday is the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their dependents as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. Today we reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church, and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

Blessing of Graves: During November, Fr. Babu will be visiting the various Cemeteries to bless the Graves. If you would like Fr. Babu to bless an individual grave, please could you be present to show him where it is located, otherwise he will give a general Blessing. Dates and times are as follows:

2 November: 2.00 pm - Fordington, meet in St George's Church Car Park; 9 November: 2.00 pm - Weymouth Avenue, meet by the Chapel close to the Entrance; 16 November: 2.00 pm - Charminster, meet at the Parish Church first followed by the Cemetery near the School; 30 November: 2.00 pm - Poundbury, meet by the Entrance. Please note that the visit to Hamdown Burial Ground Shillingstone will take place on Monday 17 November at 10.30 am – please meet in the Car Park there. Please speak to Fr. Babu if you would like him to bless graves at other Churchyards.

Church Roof: As many of you know part of the Church roof has been leaking for many years. Helpful work has been done in the last two years, including clearing the drainpipes and fixing slates that have slipped. However, we have been advised that the flat gradient of the roof valley drainage is an underlying issue, and work will be starting soon to fix this. The valley gradient will be steepened, and the lead will be extended higher on either side, so that the rainwater should drain away better to the drainpipe. The work is expected to last 3 weeks and the Diocesan Property Team are providing professional support with the project's contractual arrangements. It is expected to cost about £30,000 and we have received a grant of £5,000 from the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. (Thank you to all who have taken part in Ride and Stride over the years: this fundraising provides funds for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust). The Balance of the Expenditure will be met from Parish Income. (Thank you to all who contribute regularly by Standing Order, Card Machine, Loose Plate, and Envelopes).

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially. The Offertory collections for September were as follows: Standing Orders £5,036.00; Card machine £535.00; Envelopes £204; Loose plate £1,525.45; Total for September 2025 £7,300.45. 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.

Hymn Books: You will notice that we have new Hymn books this weekend. They are a gift from some Parishioners for which we thank them. If you would like to pay for something else that needs renewal or repair in the Church, please speak to Fr Babu.

Presbytery Gardening: We have quite a lot of gardening work to do around the Presbytery. We kindly ask those who are able to help to come along on **Saturday 1st November at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

Anti-Slavery Week (13th–19th October): In this Jubilee Year of Renewal and Hope, we are called to “proclaim liberty throughout the land” (Lev. 25:10) by confronting the injustices of modern slavery. Observing this week is a way to live the Gospel call to love our neighbour and work for a world where all can live in dignity. Contact Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to learn how you can help to eliminate this evil.

Stop Assisted Suicide - further action needed! As the Assisted Suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new Easy Action tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. Please take action now and visit [//www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter) to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose Assisted Suicide.

Parish Information

Priest in Charge: Fr. Babu Francis CM, Hon Assistant Priest: Fr. Scott Anderson,
Deacons: Rev Nicholas Thompson (Retired) and Rev Jonathan de Kretser (07876 748836)
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Relic of the True Cross

Dear All,

We are truly blessed to have the Relic of the True Cross displayed in our church on Saturday 11th October and Sunday 12th October. This sacred relic has been kindly loaned by the Latin Mass Society from Southwark Cathedral, as part of its pilgrimage to visit every cathedral and major pilgrimage centre in the country. Within the reliquary is a tiny piece of the wooden Cross on which Jesus was crucified. Let us take this opportunity to come before the Cross with deep faith and reverence, giving thanks for the great love and sacrifice of our Saviour.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.”

Special thanks to Maurice and Maria, who lovingly brought the relic to our church from Torquay : Babu

Sunday Reflections : OT XXVIII [C] (Oct 12, 2025): II Kgs 5:14-17; II Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Introduction: Today's Readings focus on gratitude—how God desires us to recognize and give thanks for His blessings. The Gospel story of the “Forgetful Lepers” reminds us that God feels joy when we are thankful and sorrow when we are not.

- First Reading: Naaman, a Syrian military commander and non-Israelite, was healed of leprosy. His gratitude led him to acknowledge and serve the God of Israel.
 - Second Reading: St. Paul encourages Timothy to remain grateful to God, even amid suffering and challenges, trusting in God's faithfulness.
 - Gospel: Of ten lepers healed by Jesus, only a Samaritan returned to thank Him. This story shows that faith and gratitude go hand in hand, and God's love extends to all peoples, even those considered outsiders.
1. Practice gratitude daily: Thank God through prayer, family devotion, and acts of forgiveness. Show gratitude to others by loving and caring for them, including our parents. Cultivating an “attitude of gratitude” brings God's love, mercy, and compassion into our lives.
 2. Celebrate the Eucharist: The Mass is the supreme act of thanksgiving (“Eucharist” means thanksgiving). By participating in the Holy Eucharist, we thank God for Jesus, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the blessings of the Church. We also express gratitude through sharing our time, talents, and resources in Parish life and community service.

Dear people of Holy Trinity Dorchester

I have just come back from France and I want to say thank you to Fr Babu, Dn Jonathan and all of my dear friends at Holy Trinity for your great kindness in allowing me to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my Anglican Ordination with you.

Thank you for your generous gifts, the flowers and magnificent plaque; musicians for the beautiful rendering of the Communion motet written by a former Music Director of mine; a joyful Mass with Fr Babu's kind (undeserved) words; the party after Mass and much more.

How good is God who has brought me, in retirement, to such a wonderful Parish. God bless and keep you all.

Fr Scott

Thank You!

Dear Friends

I am truly overwhelmed and filled with gratitude for the wonderful Birthday celebration arranged at the Presbytery by all the Parish groups — Bible, CAFOD, CWL, Evangelisation, and others. Thank you for your prayers, thoughtful gifts, and beautiful cards. My special thanks to Brenda and the children for their heartfelt prayers and flowers, to Deacon Jonathan for his kind words, and to the congregation for the lovely Birthday song. I am also grateful to all who helped with and contributed to the refreshments after Mass — especially Elizabeth M., Anjali, Anjali's mother, Elizabeth W., Sarita, Bernard, Ashley, and everyone who kindly assisted.

A very special thanks to Fr. Antony and the Weymouth Parishioners for their warm wishes, beautiful card, and thoughtful gift.

Thanks a lot for all that you do for me and the Parish. May God bless you all: Babu