

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]

Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 16th November 2025 Psalter Week 1 of Breviary

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Date	Church Open For Pilgrims	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 16th November <i>XXXIII Week in OT</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Baptism (Florence Lily Gatehouse): 12 pm Blessing of Graves Charminster: 2 pm	<i>Gabriela Daniel RIP (JD)</i> <i>Thanksgiving (BG)</i>
Mon 17th November <i>SS Hilda, Hugh and Elizabeth</i>		No Mass at Holy Trinity Blessing of Graves Hamdown Burial Ground Shillingstone: 10.30 am	
Tue 18th November <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul - Apostles</i>	6pm-7.45pm	Pilgrims from All Saints Parish Teignmouth in HT Parish Centre: 11.45 am Visiting Church 12:15 pm Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by MG Mass 7 pm	<i>Deceased members of Butler's Family (CM)</i>
Wed 19th November	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am	<i>Deceased members of CWL (CL)</i>
Thu 20th November		NO MASS at HOLY TRINITY (Clergy Requiem Mass at Plymouth Cathedral)	
Fri 21st November <i>The Presentation of the BVM (Mem)</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am (Memorial Mass for Joe Rigby)	<i>Joe Rigby RIP (BF)</i>
Sat 22nd November <i>St Cecilia (Mem)</i>	8.30am-10.45am	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35 am-10.45 am Altar Servers' Training Session 11 am	<i>Annie Bennett RIP (BA)</i>

Sun 23rd November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am (Welcoming Mass for the First Holy Communion Children)	<i>Mary Kirby RIP (TB)</i> <i>Denise Chapman RIP (RC)</i>
Mon 24th November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac (Mem)</i>		No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 25th November <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	6pm-7.45pm	The Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6.25 pm led by Fr. Babu Mass 7 pm	<i>Deceased Members of Munroe Family (CM)</i>
Wed 26th November	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am	<i>Noreen Drake-Stoker RIP (MN)</i>
Thu 27th November	9.30am-10.45am	Mass 10 am	<i>Harry and Eileen Sutcliffe RIP (M and K)</i>
Fri 28th November	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Stewart White RIP (MN)</i>
Sat 29th November <i>St Cuthbert Mayne (Mem)</i>	8.30am-10.45am	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35 am-10.45 am	<i>Thanksgiving (JJ)</i>

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr Philip Austen; Tue: Fr James Barber; Wed: Fr Jonathan Bielawski;

Thu: Fr Martin Budge; Fri: Fr Ralph Candy; Sat: Fr George Carrick

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, Paul Burden, Ruth Davis, Deborah Follett, Deacon-Reverend Nicholas Thompson (Retired), Marilyn Rowland and for all those in Nursing Homes

Pray for those who have died recently: 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, Michael Phelan, Joseph Rigby, and Frances Carroll

Right to Life: 16th November (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) - "We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"

Funding the Roof repair - Thank you to the kind Parishioners who have sent contributions for the Roof repair, they are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution, there will be a Second Collection this Sunday 16th November. If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution, please use a yellow envelope which you can find at the back of the Church or you can also use the Card machine.

JUBILEE EVENTS

Pilgrims from All Saints Parish Teignmouth: We warmly welcome Pilgrims from Our Lady and St Patrick's Catholic Church All Saints Parish Teignmouth as they make their Pilgrimage to Dorchester on Tuesday 18th November arriving at 11:45 am. They will be with us until 3.30 pm.

Altar Servers Retreat – 13th December: During this Jubilee Year, a Faith Renewal Retreat for all Altar Servers will be held on **Saturday 13th December from 10 am-3 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre**. Fr. Jacek will be guiding the Retreat, which will include Talks, Confession and Holy Mass. Parents are invited to stay and hear talks by the Clergy. Drinks will be provided, please bring your own Lunch.

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

Christmas Lunch: If you will be on your own this Christmas Day, you are warmly invited to join fellow parishioners for Christmas Lunch at the Presbytery. It would be wonderful to share the day together! Please call (or leave a message with) the Parish Office on (01305) 251978 or Judith Bryson on (01305) 756558 by 11th December, so we can make sure there's enough food and space for everyone.

During November we particularly remember and pray for those who have died. There is a **Book of Remembrance** at the back of the Church. Please add the name(s) of any loved ones you wish to have included.

Holy Trinity Sharing Group weekly meetings into Advent. There will be a weekly Advent course on Zoom starting from 20th November leading towards Christmas. We meet at 4pm on Thursdays so if you wish to join us email johnrcalvert@btinternet.com and we will send you the link for that week. There will be four sessions towards Christmas ending on 11th December. All are welcome any week. John and Mary

Altar Servers' Training Session: This is to inform all altar servers and their parents that there will be a training session for altar servers on Saturday 22nd November at 11:00 a.m. at the Church. Please make sure to attend.

If anyone would consider **volunteering in Portland Prison**, please contact Elizabeth by Email memcdowellhook@icloud.com OR Tel 01305 854018. Just a little of your time would be a great help. Thank you.

A Newsletter regarding the announcement that Pope Leo XIV has appointed **Bishop Nicholas Hudson as our new Bishop of Plymouth**. Here is the link <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-3D44E10F9BB463122540EF23F30FEDED>.

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: 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.

Dorchester Family Support is a Charity run by volunteers from Dorchester Churches Together including Holy Trinity. On December 13th DFS will be providing Christmas food hampers for up to 240 local families in need. Each food parcel costs £29. A donation toward these costs would be greatly appreciated. Donate online at <https://www.dorchesterfamilysupport.co.uk/>. Any questions contact Jane Ashdown 0781 062 4031.

Concert in Aid of CAFOD: 29th November at 7 pm in the Parish Centre. Please come along and support this very worthy cause which promises to be an enjoyable evening. Refreshments will follow the Concert and will be a time to socialise and enjoy meeting up with friends. Entrance is free with a Retiring Collection in aid of CAFOD.

The Roof Repairs have gone well and the latest inspection was completed on Wednesday 22 October. Some ceiling plaster has been affected by the work vibrations and this will be repaired by the Contractor. Also, some Timber Board repairs are needed.

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially. The Offertory collections for October were as follows: Standing Orders £4,545.00; Card machine £449; Envelopes £139; Loose plate £1,488.76; Total for October 2025 £6,621.76. 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.

Hand gel: new Hand gel has been placed at both Church doors. Please make use of it during this time of colds etc.

Lost Property - If you think you may have left an umbrella, hat, gloves or any other item in the Church, please check the Lost Property box. The box will be emptied at the end of November. Thank you

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 6th December at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

Latest **Special Edition Newsletter:** Ahead of his installation on Saturday 29 November, Bishop Nicholas Hudson speaks to us about his new appointment as Bishop of Plymouth.

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World Day of the Poor. In this year's celebration we are invited to reflect on *the words of Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of the Poor the Day* (<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html>) and his recent, and first, *Apostolic Exhortation: Dilexi te* (“I have loved you”) - . https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html. He reminds us that true faith in Christ cannot be separated from love for those who suffer, and that the Church is called to recognise in the poor not simply recipients of our help, but in some way our teachers in the Gospel.
On this day let us open our hearts and our parish life more deeply to the cry of the poor, mindful that in serving them we serve Christ himself.

Diocesan Newsletter for November is now available here: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-80114A1E3743F9BF2540EF23F30FEDED> This edition also contains information about the installation of our new Bishop which can also be found on our website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/category/diocese-news/>

Parish Information

Priest in Charge: Fr. Babu Francis CM, Hon Assistant Priest: Fr. Scott Anderson,
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Sunday Reflections: OT 33 [C] (Nov 16, 2025) Mal 3:19-20a; II Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Introduction: Today's Readings focus on the "Day of the Lord" — Jesus' Second Coming. They remind us that the end of our lives and the final judgment will come, so we should stay ready.

Summary of the Readings: Malachi warns that the Lord's Day will bring reward for the faithful and judgment for evildoers. Paul tells the Thessalonians not to sit idle while waiting for Jesus, but to keep working and living responsibly. Today's Gospel passage underlines the truth that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Jesus' promise of the protective power of a providing God was meant to encourage His disciples to persevere in their Faith and its practice. Jesus later adds the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world to prepare His disciples and to remind them to rely upon him, not their own power, for Salvation.

Messages:

1. Be ready each day by doing God's will — through prayer, loving service, mercy, forgiveness, and examining our conscience.
2. Remember this world is temporary. What matters is being faithful to God and living that faith daily, even when it is difficult. Pray for the strength to persevere.

In loving Memory of Mr Joseph Rigby (1938-2025)

Profession and Life: Joe Rigby was a devoted husband, father, and professional whose life was marked by service, dedication, and love. He served as an Executive at Granada TV, Manchester, from 1964 to 1994, where he was respected for his professionalism and mentorship.

Three Best Qualities: Joe will be remembered as a humorous man, a warm-hearted and courageous gentleman who radiated kindness and generosity.

Funny/Happy/Inspirational Stories: He inspired many young people who went on to have wonderful careers in television, leaving a lasting impact on those who worked with him. His guidance, encouragement, and gentle humour were a source of motivation for all.

Service at Holy Trinity Parish: Joe was deeply committed to his faith and to the church, which played a central role in his life. He was a regular at Holy Trinity Parish and sang joyfully in the choir. His devotion and presence enriched the parish community, and he lived and died in faith. (Josie)

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.

Joe's funeral service will be held at Edington Abbey, Birmingham, on Tuesday, 18th November 2025, at 11:30 am, followed by a Committal Service at the Crematorium at 1:00 pm.

Memorial Mass: A memorial Mass will be celebrated for him on Friday, 21st November 2025, at Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester at 10 am.