

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]

First Week of Advent - Year C

Sunday 30th November 2025 Psalter Week 1 of Breviary

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Date	Church Open For Pilgrims	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 30th November <i>I Sunday of Advent</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Robert Ambrose Wicker RIP (FO)</i> <i>Brian Lee RIP (EW)</i>
Mon 1st December		No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 2nd December <i>St Osmund (Mem)</i>	6 am-7.45pm	Mass at St Mary's School 9 am The Rosary 6.25 pm led by Fr. Babu Mass 7 pm	<i>Deceased members of the Donaghy Family (CM)</i>
Wed 3rd December <i>St Francis (Mem)</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am Reception of Frances Carroll's coffin at the Church 5 pm	<i>Anthony Austin RIP (EM)</i>
Thu 4th December <i>St John</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Funeral Mass of Frances Carroll at 11 am Cremation at Weymouth Crematorium 4 pm	<i>Frances Carroll RIP (BF)</i>
Fri 5th December	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Michael Livesey RIP (AB)</i>
Sat 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>	8.30am-10.45am	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35 am-10.45 am Rosary and Mass for Kerala Community 3.30 pm	<i>Thanksgiving (BG)</i>

Sun 7th December <i>II Week of Advent</i>	8am-12 noon	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Michael Mateer RIP (ID)</i> <i>Mavis Tate RIP (CT)</i>
Mon 8th December		Mass 7 pm (The Immaculate Conception of the BVM SOL)	
Tue 9th December <i>St Juan Diego</i>	6 am-7.45pm	Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by JC Mass 7 pm	<i>Rosemary Cain RIP (RC)</i>
Wed 10th December <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Mass 10 am Marilyn Rowland's Funeral Service at Weymouth Crematorium 1 pm	<i>Frances Carroll RIP (E Mc)</i>
Thu 11th December <i>St Damasus I</i>	9.30am-10.45am	Mass 10 am	<i>Rosemary Cain RIP (K and L)</i>
Fri 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9.30am-12 noon	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Marilyn Rowland RIP (P Mc)</i>
Sat 13th December <i>St Lucy V (Mem)</i>	8.30am-10.45am	Mass 9 am No Confessions Altar Servers Retreat at Parish Centre 10 am to 3 pm	<i>Thanksgiving (JJ)</i>

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr Peter Cox; Tue: Fr Paul Cummins; Wed: Fr Royston Davis;

Thu: Fr Guy de Gaynesford; Fri: Fr John Deeny; Sat: Fr Tony Delsink

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), Colin Rolls 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, Frances Carroll and Marilyn Rowland

Right to Life: 30th November (1st Sunday of Advent) - "In this Season of Advent, as we expectantly wait for the Christ child to enter our hearts, let us pray for all expecting mothers, that they would have all they need to joyfully welcome their new child into the world. Lord hear us"

There will be a **Second Collection for Church Flowers on Sunday 7th December**. You can also use the Card Machine if you would like to contribute.

JUBILEE EVENTS

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

Advent Reconciliation: As we prepare our hearts to welcome the Child Jesus this Christmas, we invite all Parishioners to take the beautiful opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr. Colin Groombridge will be available for Confessions in Holy Trinity Church on: Friday 19th December 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

This is a grace-filled moment to experience God's mercy, peace and healing as we ready ourselves for the joyful celebration of the Lord's birth. All are warmly encouraged to come.

Christmas Mass Times at Holy Trinity Church: As we joyfully prepare to celebrate the Birth of our Saviour, please note our Christmas Services at Holy Trinity Church:

Wednesday 24th December

- Christmas Carols by all International communities: 7 pm
- Nativity Play
- First Christmas Mass: 8:15 pm

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

- Christmas Mass: 8:30 am
- Christmas Mass: 10:30 am

All are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the coming of the Child Jesus with joy, unity and thanksgiving.

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 is 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

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: 30 November: 2.00 pm - Poundbury, meet by the Entrance. 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 towards these costs would be greatly appreciated. Donate online at <https://www.dorchesterfamilysupport.co.uk/>. Any questions contact Jane Ashdown 0781 062 4031.

The Roof Repairs: Thank you to all who contributed to the Second Collection towards the Roof Repairs which totalled £806.73. This brings the total donated and grants received to £14,306.73. The cost of the repairs is £30,698 and you can still make a donation. Please speak to Fr Babu or use a yellow envelope and mark it Roof Repairs or you can use the Card machine.

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially. 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. *The Card Machine is working on a mobile signal in a similar way to a mobile phone and sometimes the signal is weak and it does not work.* So please try again later. Many thanks for using this method of contributing.

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: The Lost Property will be removed after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 7 December. There are glasses, water bottles, gloves and hats in the box. Did you leave these things in the Church - please check. 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!

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their apostolates of prayer, parish missions, hospitality, chaplaincy and youth work. Any amount, large or small is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. Cheques payable to COLW can be sent to House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org E: office@walsinghamcommunity.org T: 01362 692574

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,
Deacons: Rev Nicholas Thompson (Retired) and Rev Jonathan de Kretser (07876 748836)
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Sunday Reflections: I ADVENT [A] (Nov 30th) Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Today we begin our yearly journey through the story of our salvation. We start by preparing for the birth of Jesus at Christmas and end by reflecting on his glorious Second Coming at the end of time.

This season is called Advent, which means “coming.” During Advent, we think about:

- Jesus’ First Coming as a baby in Bethlehem,
- His Daily Coming into our lives through the Sacraments, the Bible, and our worshipping community,
- and his Second Coming at the end of the world as our Judge.

In Church we see Advent signs: violet vestments, simple decorations, and the Advent wreath. These remind us to prepare our hearts so Jesus can be “born again” in us—so that his love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness can shine through our lives.

- First Reading (Isaiah 2:1–5):
Isaiah sees a future when all nations will journey to Jerusalem to worship the one true God.
- Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 122):
A joyful song sung by pilgrims going up to the Temple. It reminds us of our own pilgrimage through Advent.
- Second Reading (Romans 13:11–14):
St. Paul urges the Christians in Rome to wake up, live good and responsible lives, and leave behind sinful habits like drunkenness, immorality, jealousy, and rivalry. We too must prepare spiritually for Christ’s coming.
- Gospel (Matthew 24:37–44):
Jesus warns us to stay awake and be ready for his coming. He recalls the people in Noah’s time who were unprepared and perished in the flood. He also uses the image of a thief who comes without warning. Jesus calls us to be always ready by doing God’s will and loving God and one another.

Messages

1. Be alert and spiritually ready for Christmas.
Offer your daily work to God, practice self-control, turn away from sinful habits, and seek reconciliation with God and with others. Ask God’s forgiveness, and forgive those who have hurt you.
2. Begin each day with a prayer to the Holy Spirit.
Ask for strength to prepare your heart for Jesus’ birth in your life.

In Loving Memory of Frances Carroll (1937-2025)

Profession and Life: Our Mum worked in the family Jewellers in Yeovil until she married.

Three Best Qualities: Mum was a very strong and determined person who never gave up despite her physical frailties.

Funny/Happy/Inspirational Stories: A funny story about Mum. Mum used to love chatting to people. When we were growing up we had some friends that lived at the bottom of our garden. We were only separated by a hedge, one day Mum was chatting through the hedge to her friend Helene Keene for so long that Dad brought a chair out for her to sit and made them both a drink so they could carry on talking while sat down.

Service at Holy Trinity Parish: Mum was a regular Sunday churchgoer until her physical health deteriorated a few years ago which made it very difficult for her to make it to Mass.

Stories of her faith in Jesus Christ: Above all, Mum was a woman of deep and enduring faith. She trusted in Jesus Christ with her whole heart, and that faith guided her right to the very end of her earthly journey. It shaped her strength, her kindness, her perseverance, and her love for her family. (Frances's son Paul)

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

Frances's Coffin will arrive at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 5.00 pm and the Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 4th December at 11.00 am. Then the Committal Service will take place at Weymouth Crematorium at 4 pm.

Advent Season Quiz (20 Questions) for Adults and Children

Multiple Choice

1. How many Sundays are in Advent?
A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 6
2. What does the word "Advent" mean?
A. Light B. Coming C. Peace D. Waiting
3. What colour is primarily used in the Liturgy during Advent?
A. Green B. Red C. Purple/Violet D. White
4. Which Sunday of Advent uses a Rose (Pink) Candle?
A. 1st B. 2nd C. 3rd D. 4th
5. What is the 3rd Sunday of Advent called?
A. Gaudete Sunday B. Laetare Sunday C. Epiphany Sunday D. Emmanuel Sunday
6. What virtue is the main focus of Advent?
A. Charity B. Hope C. Humility D. Faith
7. What two comings of Christ does Advent prepare for?
A. His Birth and His Passion
B. His Birth and His Second Coming
C. His Baptism and His Resurrection
D. His Passion and His Resurrection
8. Which Prophet is frequently read during Advent?
A. Ezekiel B. Isaiah C. Jonah D. Hosea

9. The Advent wreath originated in:
A. Italy B. Germany C. Spain D. France
10. What does the circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolize?
A. Eternity B. Creation C. Joy D. Unity
11. Which Candle represents Peace?
A. 1st B. 2nd C. 3rd D. 4th
12. The Jesse Tree tradition relates to:
A. The Apostles
B. The genealogy of Jesus
C. The Prophets
D. The Beatitudes
13. Which prayer is not sung during Advent in Catholic Liturgy?
A. Sanctus B. Gloria C. Kyrie D. Agnus Dei
14. What Feast marks the end of Advent?
A. Christmas Eve B. Epiphany C. Holy Family D. Immaculate Conception
15. Advent begins on:
A. 1 December
B. The Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Feast (Nov. 30)
C. The 1st Sunday of December
D. The 4th Sunday before Christmas
16. The O Antiphons are prayed during:
A. First week of Advent
B. Last seven days before Christmas (Dec 17–23)
C. All of Advent
D. Advent Sundays only
17. "Emmanuel" means:
A. God saves
B. God is love
C. God with us
D. God eternal
18. Which Saint is especially associated with Advent?
A. St. Francis
B. St. Nicholas
C. St. Joseph
D. St. Paul
19. The Advent season is a time of:
A. Penance and joyful expectation
B. Strict fasting
C. Solemn mourning
D. Missionary work only
20. Which Gospel is prominent in Advent Year B?
A. Luke B. Matthew C. Mark D. John

Answer Key: 1. B – 4 Sundays, 2. B – Coming, 3. C – Purple/Violet, 4. C – 3rd Sunday, 5. A – Gaudete Sunday, 6. B – Hope, 7. B – His Birth and His Second Coming, 8. B – Isaiah, 9. B – Germany, 10. A – Eternity, 11. B – 2nd Candle = Peace, 12. B – Genealogy of Jesus, 13. B – Gloria, 14. A – Christmas Eve, 15. B – Sunday closest to Nov. 30, 16. B – Dec 17–23, 17. C – God with us, 18. B – St. Nicholas, 19. A – Penance and joyful expectation, 20. C – Mark (Year B).