

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]

Second Week of Lent - Year A

Sunday 1st March 2026 Psalter Week 2 of Breviary

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Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 1st March <i>II Week of Lent</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Parish Ints (BF)</i> <i>Rodulfo Postrano RIP (MG)</i>
Mon 2nd March	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 3rd March	The Rosary 6.25pm led by Fr Babu Mass 7 pm	<i>Maurice RIP (UB)</i>
Wed 4th March <i>St Casimir</i>	Mass 10 am	<i>Keith Hawkins RIP (KH)</i>
Thu 5th March	Mass 10 am	
Fri 6th March	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am Stations of the Cross (Keralite Community) 6.30 pm	<i>Parents of Katherine Tancred RIP</i>
Sat 7th March <i>SS Perpetua and Felicity</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Thanksgiving Mass (JF)</i>

Sun 8th March <i>III Week of Lent</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Thanksgiving (CF)</i> <i>Thanksgiving (MG)</i>
Mon 9th March <i>St Francis of Rome</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 10th March	Stations of the Cross 6.25pm led by EM Mass 7 pm	<i>Eduardo Tamargo RIP (JF)</i>
Wed 11th March	Mass 10 am	<i>Maria Go's Ints (CWL)</i>
Thu 12th March	Mass 10 am	
Fri 13th March	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am Stations of the Cross (Keralite Community) 6.30 pm	<i>Geoffrey Nicholson RIP (MN)</i>
Sat 14th March	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am Rosary and Mass for Kerala Community 3.30 pm	<i>Teresa Klimczak RIP (AD)</i>

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr Anthony Onuoha (Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria); Tue: Fr Cyriacus Uzochukwu (Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria);

Wed: Fr Appollos Mejuru (Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria); Thu: Fr Victor Agbaka (Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria);

Fri: Fr Cletus Ibeka (Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria); Sat: Fr. Donald Nwaka (Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria)

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), Francis Osborn, Maria Go 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, Marilyn Rowland and Colin Rolls

Right to Life: 1st March (2nd Sunday of Lent) - "Let us pray for new parents and grandparents, that they may manifest the love and mercy of God to their children and grandchildren. Lord hear us"

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

CAFOD Fast Day: Envelopes are available at the Church and the theme is focussing on Countries suffering from the effects of Climate change and how, with help from CAFOD, they are able to adapt and survive. We have been informed that donations made online are being doubled thanks to a generous supporter. For keen walkers, details of the CAFOD Big Lent Walk are on the Noticeboard.

Coffee for CAFOD. Coffee and cake will be available after Wednesday's Mass (4th March). Donations for CAFOD

Big Lent Walk: Calling all Walkers! CAFOD is encouraging volunteers to raise funds for their Lent Water Appeal. This will involve walking 200 km during Lent - anywhere and at any time - and seeking Sponsorship to help this Appeal. A poster is on the Noticeboard and information is on the CAFOD website; search for The Big Lent Walk.

Dorchester Poverty Action is a Charity sponsored by Dorchester Churches Together including Holy Trinity. DPA is appealing for donations to provide grants to local people in need to help heat their homes this Winter. You can donate via the website: <https://www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk/>. And save the date - March 14th - for a 'Thank you' Coffee Morning at the United Church. Any questions contact Jane Ashdown, 0781 0624031.

World Day of Prayer: Service at 10.30 am at the United Church South Street Dorchester on Friday 6th March. We are supporting the ladies and families of Nigeria this year. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

Holy Trinity Sharing Group is not meeting Thursday 5th March but will be meeting for three weeks in Lent: March 12th, 19th and 26th on Zoom at 4 pm to discuss Pope Leo's exhortation Dilexi Te (I have loved you). If you want to join us email johnrcalvert@btinternet.com and we will send you a link.

Finances: 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 works 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.

Presbytery Gardening: We kindly ask those who are able to help to come along on **Saturday 7th March at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter for February: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-0BE37BCB3841CCDF2540EF23F30FEDED> This Newsletter also has helpful Lenten resources.

Stay Awake! - Our 8th all-age, all-day Catholic Christian Conference with music and worship on 2nd May at the Thomas Hardy School in Dorchester, DT1 2ET from 10 am to 6 pm. The theme this year is: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.' (Ps 51:10). Your place can be booked from stayawakejc.com now! We invite all Parishioners – whatever age - to a fun faith-filled day with appropriate children's streams (so that adults can engage) and David Wells is our main keynote speaker! We have a choice of workshops too and more! Refreshments supplied including home-made cakes and free pizza after Mass. Free for children and £12.50 for the rest of us! See you there!

Right to Life: Stop Assisted Suicide - further action needed! Please take 30 seconds to Stop Assisted Suicide from being forced into Law. Right To Life UK has made an Easy Action tool to email your MP asking them to oppose

attempts to force Assisted Suicide into Law by bypassing the House of Lords. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026 to ask your MP to oppose forcing the Assisted Suicide Bill into Law.

Inspire, Saturday 14th March 2026, Buckfast Abbey. 11-18.00. Youth Events would like to welcome young people aged 12-24 to Inspire. Inspire is a festival of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are £30 per person. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: Inspire 2026 Parish Booking Form – Fill in form

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual **GATHER Conference 20th-22nd March** at the Liver mead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our Speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are attached or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

Gathering Together in Remembrance of children who have been lost and children who were longed for will be at St Mary's Church (St Mary's Street), Weymouth on Sunday 22nd March at 2 pm. The gathering will last 1 hour with refreshments to follow. For more information contact Elizabeth on 01305 833981. See the poster on the board at the back door.

The Shroud of Turin: A Talk with Meditation at St Catherine's Wimborne on Wednesday 4th March, 7 pm-9 pm.

The Divine Mercy and Messages to Faustina: Presented by Simon Lennon at St Catherine's Wimborne 10 am-11 am. Join us for coffee, croissants and conversation. All welcome!

40 Days for Life Lent Vigil 2026: Wednesday 18th March - Sunday 29th April 2026. Through prayer and fasting, with a peaceful and respectful presence in proximity of Abortion centres (outside buffer zones), we seek to reach women in pregnancy crisis, to offer them alternatives to abortion, and both spiritual and practical support. And, in doing so, to give witness to the culture of life. If you would like to take part in the 40DFL, you can contact Livia Tossici-Bolt via email: 40daysforlifebournemouth@gmail.com

'Mission Made Possible' is the course that helps us to PROCLAIM the Gospel message to our friends, colleagues and family in a totally natural way (and people we meet casually in life). So often we hear that people do not want to evangelise but that is because they have the wrong idea about evangelisation! All proclamation is natural as it bubbles up from our every day conversations. In addition, we encourage stepping out of our comfort zones and inviting people into our Churches via special team events...help and support is provided! Wouldn't it be great to hear what has been happening around the Diocese? Come to St Joseph's in Poole on Saturday 14 March from 10.30 to 2.00 pm to catch the fire of growing in mission where you are! (Croissants and Refreshments provided - do bring a packed lunch to keep you going!) See the poster for more information!

A New Passion Play by Paul Birch **"Night Falls"** will be on stage at Dorchester Baptist Church, Tuesday 17th March at 7pm. Book online www.ridinglights.org/nightfalls OR call the Church Office 01305 262045. Any remaining tickets will be available on the door. See the poster on the board at the back door.

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)
Parish Safeguarding Reps: Elizabeth Hughes (01305 269163) and Catherine Macer-Wright (07577 479119)
Guidance and information also on 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 (Presbytery)
Website: www.holytrinitycatholicchurchdorchester.org.uk Facebook: Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester
Parish Secretary: Irina Osborn Tuesday– Friday 9 am – 2 pm
Email: dorchester@prcdtr.org.uk
Pastoral Council: Chair – Mark Rodgers (01305 250488)
St. Mary's Catholic School, Lucetta Lane, Dorchester DT1 2DD Tel: 01305 262258
Headteacher: Mr. Simon Thomas

Second Sunday of LENT [A] (March 1): Gn 12:1-4a; II Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

The common theme of today's Readings is transformation. During Lent, we are invited to renew our lives with the help of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus was transfigured in glory, we too are called to reflect His grace and light in our daily lives

In the First Reading, God transforms Abram. A pagan man becomes a believer in the one true God. His name changes from Abram to Abraham, and his small family becomes a great nation. All he does is obey God's command.

In the Second Reading from Paul the Apostle, we learn what kind of transformation God expects from us. We are changed when we trust that God is working through our struggles and suffering. By cooperating with God's grace through Jesus and the Gospel, we grow in holiness.

In the Gospel, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus reveals His divine glory to His disciples. He appears greater than Moses and Elijah. God the Father declares from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son." The Transfiguration strengthens the disciples for the coming suffering of Jesus. It helps them understand that He is not a political leader, but the true Messiah.

This event is a revelation of who Jesus really is. It also gives us a glimpse of the heavenly glory prepared for those who trust and obey God.

Messages:

1. The Holy Mass transforms us.

At every Mass, Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. This strengthens us against temptation and gives us grace to live faithfully. The Mass renews our hearts and helps us see Jesus in others.

2. The Sacraments transform us.

- Baptism makes us children of God.
- Confirmation strengthens us with the Holy Spirit.
- Reconciliation brings forgiveness and healing.
- Anointing of the Sick gives spiritual strength and healing according to God's will.

3. A message of hope.

In times of suffering and doubt, we need moments of prayer — our "mountain-top experiences." There we hear God's comforting voice reminding us that we are His beloved sons and daughters.

Our Lenten journey, with prayer and sacrifice, will lead us to the joy of Easter.

Dear All

Our Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be coming to Dorchester for the Station Mass on Friday 27th March. He will celebrate Mass at 6:00 pm.

After Mass, we plan to gather for a simple social together with parishioners and friends from our neighbouring parishes.

You are all very warmly invited.

God Bless

Babu

