

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]

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

Sunday 29th March 2026 Psalter Week 2 of Breviary

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Date	Mass Times	Intention
Sun 29 th March <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	Jack Munroe RIP (JM) Damian Cosmos Cummins RIP (F and IO)
Mon 30 th March	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 31 st March	Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by BA Mass 7 pm	All Souls in Purgatory – no one to pray RIP (BG)
Wed 1 st April	No Mass at Holy Trinity Chrism Mass at Plymouth Cathedral 12 pm	
Thu 2 nd April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm, followed by Silent Adoration until 10 pm	
Fri 3 rd April <i>Good Friday</i>	Walk of Witness (Churches Together in Dorchester) Start at St Peter's Church - 9.30 am Stations of the Cross 12 pm (Kerala Community) Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 pm	The Good Friday Collection will be sent to support the Holy Places in the Holy Land
Sat 4 th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	The Easter Vigil 8.00 pm	

Sun 5 th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	
Mon 6 th April <i>Easter Monday SOL</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 7 th April <i>Easter Tuesday SOL</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 6.25 pm led by Fr Babu Mass 7 pm	All Souls in Purgatory (JJ)
Wed 8 th April <i>Easter Wednesday SOL</i>	Mass 10 am	John Dalzell RIP (PD)
Thu 9 th April <i>Easter Thursday SOL</i>	Mass 10 am Reception of Ann's Coffin into Church 6 pm	Jean Clarke on Retirement (CWL)
Fri 10 th April <i>Easter Friday SOL</i>	Funeral Mass for Ann Thomas 12 pm Service at Weymouth Crematorium 4 pm	
Sat 11 th April <i>Easter Saturday SOL</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am Rosary and Mass for Keralite Community 3.30 pm	Gurney Family and Rachel Ints (AG)

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Deacon Glenn Carroll; Tue: Deacon Brian Cassidy; Wed: Deacon Edward Channing

Pray for the Sick: Rosemary Cortes, Christopher Browne, Sarah Jones, Ralph Johnson, Patricia Netley, 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), Maria Go and Geoffrey M 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, Mei Xian Lin, Michael Phelan, Joseph Rigby, Frances Carroll, Marilyn Rowland, Colin Rolls, Joseph Kerrigan, Jim Watters, Ann Thomas and Damian Cosmos Cummins

Right to Life: 29th March (Palm Sunday) - "As we recall the welcome of the Lord into Jerusalem and then His Passion and Death, let us pray for those who are sick and fearful, that our Lord, who walked the lonely road to the Cross, will accompany them in their suffering and assure them of His love. Lord hear us"

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

Chrism Mass at Plymouth Cathedral 12 noon: Weymouth Parish will have a Coach at the Top O'Town Car Park at 7.30 am at a cost of £10. If you would like to come, please call Weymouth Office on 01305 786033 to book in advance. There are limited spaces left.

Easter Giving: The Easter Offering is an opportunity to show our appreciation for Fr Babu. Envelopes will be available in the Church from this Sunday and you can place them in the Collection basket at any time. Numbered envelopes have been sent to those who Gift Aid their donations. If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, forms are available at the back of the Church or please email dorchester-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk
Thank You

Coffee for CAFOD: Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Wednesday Lent Coffee Mornings. These proved to be very enjoyable and in all we raised £263.40 for CAFOD.

Churches Together - Good Friday Walk of Witness will begin at St Peter's at 9.30 am. It will proceed down South St to the War Memorial (or United Church if wet). Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be at 6 am at Maumbury Rings.

Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorant of Christ. **Bible Study group.** There is a Bible Study group on every Saturday from 9.45 am to 11.15 am at the Church Meeting Room in Holy Trinity Church. All are welcome. At the moment we are studying the Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians as well as the Psalms. For more details please phone Agnes Gurney on 01305 852590 Or email her on Ahgurney@gmail.com

Sinead Gannon, a teacher at St Mary's Catholic First School is walking 100k on the Camino Ingles Pilgrimage in Spain this Easter to help the School raise funds towards a new greenhouse and growing area in the School grounds. If you would like to sponsor Sinead, please contact the School on 01305 262 258. QR code will be on the Notice Board and attached in the Newsletter email to those who receive it. Thank you very much for supporting the children at St Mary's Catholic First School.

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.

Presbytery Gardening: We kindly ask those who are able to help to come along on **Saturday 4th April at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter for March: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED> This Newsletter also has helpful Lenten resources.

Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating the **Chrism Mass** in Plymouth Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April at 12 noon. It will be a great opportunity to support him as well as our Clergy with our prayers and presence. The Cathedral will provide a pasty as you leave so if you wish to attend the Mass, please contact the Parish Office or Cathedral at plymouth-cathedral@prcdtr.org.uk

On Good Friday, 3rd April at 6 pm there will be a devotional performance of Stainer's **Crucifixion** in St Peter's Church. Admission free.

Chocolate making Workshop on Saturday 11th April at St Mary's Poole, Dorset. The event will start at 10.00 am and finish around 3 pm. Young people aged 10 - 17 are invited to explore the Catholic social teaching around farming, selling and marketing of chocolate. As part of the Workshop they will explore the ingredients that make chocolate

and make some themselves. This chocolate will be used to make Florentines. Young people who wish to take part in this Workshop must complete an online form: Chocolate Making Workshop 11th April 2026 – Fill in form and make a contribution of £10 per person. Feel free to contact Saskia saskia.hogbin@prcdtr.org.uk or call on 01364 645401 for any further information.

Stay Awake! Bishop Nicholas Hudson is coming to Stay Awake on 2 May, 2026 at The Thomas Hardye School, Dorchester, DT1 2ET from 10 am to 6 pm. The day runs from **10 am to Mass with Bishop Nicholas** (celebrating early Saturday evening). Please get your tickets from www.stayawakejc.com (£12.50 for Adults and FREE for children). An all age event with appropriate children's streams (so that parents can engage), keynote speakers (**David Wells and Maria Heath**); workshops and free pizza after Mass. Bring a packed lunch but there will be plenty of free refreshments throughout the day and plenty of spiritual nourishment for all. YOU are invited to celebrate and grow in your faith at Stay Awake, 2026! See you there!

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

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.

Called to Love 2 - 3 May 2026: A Retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's Retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

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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Headteacher: Mr. Simon Thomas

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord (March 29, 2026) Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11; Passion of Christ: Mt 26: 14-27 or Mt 27: 11-54)

Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday), the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem and also His suffering, death, and burial. This week invites us not only to recall what Jesus did for us, but also to share in His journey—dying to sin and rising to new life. By taking part in the Holy Week Liturgies, our faith is strengthened and our relationship with God grows. Today's Liturgy shows a contrast: joyful praise ("Hosanna") and deep suffering (the Passion).

Scripture in Brief

- First Reading: From Isaiah, it speaks about the suffering servant, which points to Jesus and His mission.

- Responsorial Psalm: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” brings us into the pain of Jesus on the Cross.
- Second Reading: St. Paul tells us that Jesus humbled Himself and obeyed the Father, even to death, and through this, He saved us.
- Gospel: The first part shows Jesus being welcomed as King when He enters Jerusalem. The second part tells the story of His Passion. We are invited to reflect on characters like Peter (who denied Jesus), Judas (who betrayed Him), and Pilate (who chose wrongly), and examine our own lives.

Messages

1. Repent and return to God during this Holy Week, especially through Reconciliation.
2. Bear good fruits like love, humility, justice, and forgiveness.
3. Keep your heart clean, because it is the temple of God.
4. Welcome Jesus into your life as Lord and Saviour, just as the people welcomed Him on Palm Sunday.
5. Be like the humble donkey, carrying Jesus to others with love, even if it brings challenges or suffering.

Maundy Thursday – A Brief Note

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Sacred Triduum. On this day, the Church remembers the Last Supper, where Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Eucharist and showed us the meaning of selfless love and service.

The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin Mandatum, meaning “Commandment,” referring to Jesus’ command: “Love one another as I have loved you.” This is beautifully expressed when Jesus humbly washed the feet of His disciples, teaching us to serve one another.

After the meal, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where He prayed in sorrow and surrendered to the Father’s will before being betrayed and arrested.

Maundy Thursday invites us to receive the Eucharist with gratitude, serve others with humility, and love one another more deeply.

Volunteers Needed – Washing of the Feet

Those who are willing to take part in the Washing of the Feet on Maundy Thursday are kindly requested to write your name on the sheet placed at the back of the Church. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Good Friday – Historical Facts

Good Friday is the day Christians remember the suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. It is called “Good” because through His sacrifice, Jesus brought salvation and hope to the world.

On this day, Jesus was arrested, tried, and condemned to death. He carried His Cross to Calvary, where He was crucified between two criminals. Before He died, He forgave His enemies and entrusted Himself to the Father.

From the earliest Centuries, Christians have observed Good Friday with Fasting, Prayer and Reflection. The Church does not celebrate Mass on this day; instead, the Liturgy focuses on the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Good Friday invites us to reflect on God’s great love, repent of our sins, and remember that through the Cross comes forgiveness, redemption, and new life.