

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 Easter - Year A

Sunday 12th April 2026 Psalter Week 2 of Breviary

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Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 12th April <i>II Week of Easter</i> <i>Octave Day of Easter</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Intentions of the Rawlings Family (DR)</i> <i>Geoffrey Markham's Ints. (MM)</i>
Mon 13th April <i>St Martin</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 14th April	The Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6.25 pm led by Fr Babu Mass 7 pm	<i>Thanksgiving Mass (JJ)</i>
Wed 15th April	Mass 10 am	<i>Kenneth McDowell-Hook RIP (EMcD-H)</i>
Thu 16th April	Mass 10 am	<i>Ann Thomas RIP (BF)</i>
Fri 17th April	Funeral Mass for Monica Riley 10 am	<i>Monica Riley RIP</i>
Sat 18th April	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Derek Convey and Family's Ints (ME)</i>

Sun 19th April <i>III Week of Easter</i> <i>Octave Day of Easter</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Intentions of the Rawlings Family (DR)</i> <i>Thanksgiving 25 Years of Catholic Faith (J and M)</i>
Mon 20th April <i>St Martin</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 21st April	Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by SB Mass 7 pm	<i>Monica Riley RIP (BF)</i>
Wed 22nd April	Mass 10 am	<i>Clare Willson Ints (EMc)</i>
Thu 23rd April	Mass 10 am	<i>Derek Convey and Family's Ints (ME)</i>
Fri 24th April	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am Funeral Service for Terence Francis Henshall 1 pm Cremation at Weymouth Crematorium 2.30 pm	<i>Anna Viccars Barber Ints (AB)</i>
Sat 25th April	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Maurice Turner RIP (CL)</i>

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Deacon Peter Found; Tue: Deacon Peter Gahan; Wed: Deacon Robert Giampaglia;
Thu: Deacon Paul Hewson; Fri: Deacon Michael Hughes; Sat: Deacon Nicholas Johnson

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 Markham 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, Monica Riley, Terence Francis Henshall

Right to Life: 12th April (Second Sunday of Easter) - "As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray for all who have suffered the loss of a child. May the Mercy that flows from the Heart of Christ bring healing and comfort to their souls. Lord hear us"

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

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 £262.50 for CAFOD.

CAFOD Quiz. The annual CAFOD Quiz will be held on Friday May 8th at 7 pm. To include Ploughman's Supper. Please put the date in your diary. This is always an occasion of fun: come and enjoy while supporting CAFOD. More details later.

The Catholic Women's League will be meeting at the Parish Centre at 2 pm on April 22nd in the Classroom. If you would like to see what the meetings are like, you are welcome to come along.

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

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially. The Offertory collections for March were as follows: Standing Orders £4,250.50; Card Machine £538; Envelopes £220; Loose plate £1,732.76; Total for March 2026 £6,741.26. Thank you to all Parishioners.

Recent Special Collections: Church Flowers £208.16, Good Friday Collection for Holy Places in Palestine £330.90, Easter Giving £4,182.03. Many thanks to all for your generosity.

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.*

Presbytery Gardening: We kindly ask those who are able to help to come along on **Saturday 2nd May 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/t-EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED> This Newsletter also has helpful Lenten resources.

A Deeper Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Begins Summer Term 2026. Monday evenings at 7pm online, from Monday April 13, 2026. Spend just one hour a week with others online, going gently but deeply and prayerfully into the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Sessions are for Catechists, those who hope to be Catechists, those seeking to know more about their faith, anyone interested in discovering more about the teaching of the Church, in fact anyone who is interested. To find out more, or receive a link please contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Easter Talk: Wed 15 April: Defending the Resurrection - 7.15 pm for Coffee with a 7.30 pm start (until 8.30 pm). Dr Michael Foster will enlighten us as we explore together how one might defend the Resurrection of Jesus (rather as a lawyer might deal with evidence in a case). All welcome! Venue: St Catherine's Church, Lewens Lane, Wimborne, BH21 1LE. This event is free but there will be a basket for donations.

Sunday 26 April is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for Vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life. The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our Seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and

financial support. If you are able to contribute to our Seminarians' Fund we would be grateful for your donations at the Retiring collection or you can donate online at <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/donate>
More information on resources on the National Office for Vocation website: <https://www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday>
This has not yet been updated for 2026 but at the bottom of the page are several downloadable Prayer cards, including a Prayer for Seminarians.

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/>

Youth Ministry Gap Year Opportunity: Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and Schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming Community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com

Mass for Marriage 2026: Midday, Saturday September 12. Celebrant Bishop Nicholas Hudson. The Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth PL1 5HW. Marriage enriches us all, all are welcome, including those remembering late loved ones. Let us know your Anniversaries or intentions, or your planned Wedding date. For more information please contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Information

Priest in Charge: Fr. Babu Francis CM, Hon Assistant Priest: Fr. Scott Anderson,
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Divine Mercy Sunday - Reflection

One week after celebrating the glory of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Church invites us to enter even more deeply into the heart of Christ through Divine Mercy Sunday. The Risen Jesus appears to His disciples, not with words of condemnation, but with Peace and Mercy. He shows them His wounds, not to accuse, but to heal.

This Sunday reminds us that the Resurrection is not just about victory over death, but about the triumph of mercy over sin. Jesus invites us, like Thomas, to come close, to touch His wounds, and to believe not only in His Resurrection but in His boundless love for us.

In the light of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday is a Celebration of the gift of new life — not earned, but freely given. As we receive His Mercy, we are also called to share it: to be instruments of Peace, Forgiveness, and Hope in a world that longs for the gentle touch of God's love.

St. Faustina Kowalska and the Image of Divine Mercy: St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known Apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in Mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son, Jesus. The Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina during her short life three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: *“The Cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in Mercy.”* *“The Lord of Divine Mercy,”* a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, *“Jesus, I trust in You!”* (*Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meanings: the red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of our souls, and the white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the Mercy, Forgiveness and Love of God.

“Jesus, I trust in You”

Dear All,

I wish to express my **heartfelt gratitude** to each of you for your generous Easter offerings, thoughtful cards, and gifts. Above all, I am deeply touched by the love, care, and concern you have shown me always.

Your kindness and support are a true reflection of the spirit of Easter and a testament to the bond we share as a faith community. Please know that your gestures of generosity and thoughtfulness mean so much to me and are greatly appreciated.

May the blessings of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and love. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers and ask that you pray for me as well. Babu