

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]

Easter Sunday - Year A

Sunday 5th April 2026 Psalter Week 3 of Breviary

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Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 5 th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	Parish Intentions (BF) Parish Intentions (BF)
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	Ann Thomas RIP
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)

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

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Deacon Adrian Dyer; Tue: Deacon Rafael Krasnodebski; Wed: Deacon Jonathan de Kretser;

Thu: Deacon Tim Van Kroonenburg; Fri: Deacon Terry Enright; Sat: Deacon Simon Fletcher

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

Right to Life: 5th April (Easter Sunday) - "As we rejoice in the triumph of life over death, we pray for those carrying the heavy burden of a difficult pregnancy or medical diagnosis. May the joy of the Resurrection scatter their fears and grant them the hope and peace that only Christ can give. Lord hear us".

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

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. You can also use the Card Machine. 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 £337.60 for CAFOD.

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 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/EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED> This Newsletter also has helpful Lenten resources.

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)
Parish Safeguarding Reps: Elizabeth Hughes (01305 269163) and Catherine Macer-Wright (07577 479119)
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St. Mary's Catholic School, Lucetta Lane, Dorchester DT1 2DD Tel: 01305 262258
Headteacher: Mr. Simon Thomas

Easter Sunday Readings: (ACTS 10:34, 37-43; or Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41; Mt 28:1-10)

Why We Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus :-

1. Jesus foretold it Himself
Jesus Christ said He would rise again (Mk 8:31; Lk 9:22). He even said, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” (Jn 2:19)
2. The tomb was empty
On Easter morning, the tomb was found empty (Lk 24:3). The story that the disciples stole the body is not convincing, because they were afraid and weak at that time.
3. The disciples first doubted
The disciples did not believe immediately. This shows they were not making up a story—they were convinced only after truly seeing the risen Lord
4. Their lives were completely changed
After the Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, fearful disciples became bold witnesses, preaching everywhere (Acts 2:24).
5. No one could prove it false
If Jesus had not risen, His enemies could have shown His body. But they could not.
6. They were ready to die for this truth
The Apostles preached courageously and even faced death. People do not die for something they know is false.
7. The conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Paul went from persecuting Christians to becoming a great preacher of Christ. This powerful change points to the truth of the Resurrection.
8. The growth of the Church
The early Church spread quickly, even through persecution. This would not have happened without a real experience of the risen Jesus.
9. The witness of the early Christians
The Apostles and early believers were sincere and convinced. They truly believed that Jesus had risen.

Thank You Note – Station Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed in so many ways to make the visit of our Bishop and the celebration of the Station Mass such a prayerful and joyful occasion.

It was truly a beautiful expression of our parish faith, unity, and generous service.

We would like to acknowledge with sincere gratitude:

1. The Chair and the Planning Committee for their guidance, organisation, and coordination.
2. The Welcomers Team for greeting parishioners and guests with warmth and kindness.
3. Representatives from parish groups who came forward to welcome the Bishop on behalf of our parish community.
4. Representatives of the different communities and nationalities, whose presence reflected the rich diversity of our parish family.
5. Volunteers from different age groups who took part in the offertory procession with reverence and enthusiasm.
6. The Music Ministry for their uplifting and prayerful music.
7. The Sacristan and Cleaners for their quiet and dedicated preparation behind the scenes, ensuring everything was in place for the liturgy.
8. The Photographers for capturing these special moments.
9. With special thanks to the Refreshments Team and to all who baked cakes, donated food and snacks, served tea and coffee, set up the hall, and stayed behind to tidy up afterwards.
10. Special thanks to the Booklet Preparation Team including Volunteers, for preparing the booklets so carefully.
11. Our Clergy Fr Scott and Deacon Jonathan, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Catechists, Children and Youth, and their Parents for their dedicated service and encouragement.
12. The generous hearts who kindly volunteered to prepare and serve coffee and refreshments for the Bishop at the Presbytery.
13. The PPC, the Parish Secretary, Liturgy Committee and the Finance Team for their support and stewardship.

A special word of appreciation is extended to Chris Tozer, Chair, for his generous time, commitment, and careful coordination of this event with Lawrence Mondal for his great efforts too behind the scenes.

Finally, we thank each and every one of you, seen and unseen—for your time, effort, and prayer. Your willingness to serve reflects the true spirit of our parish community.

May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity and dedication.

Thanks a lot for all that you do.

God Bless,

Babu

