

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]

Sixth Week of Easter - Year A

Sunday 10th May 2026 Psalter Week 2 of Breviary

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Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 10th May <i>VI Week of Easter</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	William and Margaret Hume RIP (RC) Eva Zawadzka RIP (AD)
Mon 11th May	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 12th May <i>SS Nereus and Pancras</i>	Service for the Crowning of the Bl. Virgin Mary at St Mary's School 1.30 pm The Rosary 6.25 pm led by CWL (SB) Mass 7 pm	Katherine Tancred RIP (FM)
Wed 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Mass 10 am	Ann McDonnell and Family's Ints (K and M Seneghan)
Thu 14th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord OBL SOL</i>	Mass 10 am Mass 7 pm	Betty Scolard RIP (AF)
Fri 15th May	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	Denise Chapman RIP (RC)
Sat 16th May	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	All Souls in Purgatory – No one to pray (BG)

Sun 17th May <i>VII Week of Easter</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	Intentions of the Parish (BF) Venanzio Maragoni RIP
Mon 18th May <i>St John</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by Evangelisation Group (MR) Mass 7 pm	
Wed 20th May <i>St Bernadine</i>	Mass 10 am	
Thu 21st May <i>St Christopher</i>	Mass 10 am Mass 7 pm	
Fri 22nd May <i>St Rita</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am Funeral Service for Kathleen Hilda Ann Cameron at Weymouth Crematorium 1pm	
Sat 23rd May <i>Vigil of Pentecost</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr David Annear; Tue: Fr Philip Austen; Wed: Fr James Barber;

Fri: Fr Jonathan Bielawski; Sat: Fr Martin Budge

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, Damian Cosmos Cummins, Monica Riley, Terence Francis Henshall and Kathleen Hilda Anne Cameron

Right to Life: 10th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter) - "As we approach the Ascension of the Lord, this coming Thursday, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit, all those who are in hospice care and all those who are terminally ill. May they feel the warmth of God's comforting presence and find strength and hope in their time of need. Lord hear us."

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

Children and Youth Choir Practice (2pm - 3pm) and Sports Afternoons (3pm - 5pm): Sunday 10th May
We are pleased to announce that Holy Trinity Catholic Church will begin our Children and Youth Choir, along with Sports Afternoons, starting Sunday 10th May at the Parish Centre. These activities are only open to all children and young people aged 7 to 17. The aim of the Youth Choir is simple and joyful: to help children grow in confidence, learn hymns together, and once a song is fully ready, they will sing it during a Parish Mass. Thank you to the parents who have already shown interest. If you wish your child to be part of this Choir and Sport Afternoons, or if they would like to play an instrument, please speak to Lawrence after Mass or contact him on 07487 759276 or email on dorchester@prcdtr.org.uk. If it all works well, we hope this will grow into a permanent Youth Choir Group for our Parish. After the Choir practice, the children and young people will be able to use the All-Weather Court beside the Parish Centre to play tennis or football.

We will try to avoid Bank Holiday weekends and School holidays in case families are away. However, if enough children are available, we may still continue Sessions during those times. Thank you to all Parents and Guardians for your enthusiasm and support. We look forward to welcoming the children as we begin on Sunday 10th May.
Please note: Any siblings below 7 years coming must be supervised by their Parents or Guardian.

Tennis: Fun and Friendship: A group of Parishioners are getting together to play tennis at the Parish Centre on Wednesday evenings at 5.30 pm. We play for FUN and people of all ages and abilities, OR NONE, would be most welcome to join in. Come and Try - we can lend you a racquet. If you would like to use the court on any other evenings after 5.30 pm or at the weekend or require more info - ring Liz on 01305 269163 or just turn up.

Would you like others to **hear the truth about Jesus and the Gospel**, to share the wonderful gift you have received? Come and join us at the evangelisation meeting, this Wednesday, 13th May at 7pm at the church.

Evangelisation Stone Painting Workshop: "For Crying Out Loud" (based on Luke's Gospel 19:38-40).
"Jesus Rocks": Saturday 30 May, 11am – 3pm at the Dorchester Parish Centre, Culliford Road North, DT1 1QG. All welcome to a Stone Painting event with artist Judith Gait. The event is one of Mission as we are the 'Diocese of Proclamation'! Proclaim the kerygma through your creative craft: bring a packed lunch; all materials provided. As places are limited, please email pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to participate. Booking is essential!

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all parishioners who support the Parish financially. The Offertory collections for April were as follows: Standing Orders £4,095.50; Card Machine £630; Envelopes £157; Loose plate £1,014.04; Total for April 2026 £5,896.54. 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 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 6th June at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter: Bishop Nicholas has recorded a short video about vocations in support of Good Shepherd Sunday. We are also sharing via our website and social media.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_uH7mi3Rhk **The Diocesan Newsletter for May** has now been issued:
<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

Caritas May Newsletter. Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese
<https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

UNIVERSAL WELCOME AT PENTECOST. As we journey towards Pentecost, we remember the Church was universal in its make-up from its very beginning. To mark this Caritas has produced a WELCOME poster to celebrate the 75 languages we have identified being present in our parish communities here in the diocese. As part of A Million Acts of Hope we are inviting parishes to display our Welcome banners, not just for Pentecost, but to share our continued invitation that all are welcome in our churches and communities. Come and look at the poster and see how many languages you recognise!

Plymouth Diocese is **recruiting an Executive Assistant** to the Bishop working 35 hours a week based at Bishop's House, Plymouth, to provide high-level organisational and administrative support to the Bishop, enabling him to fulfil his mission and ministry across the Diocese. This will entail proactively dealing with all administrative matters pertaining to the Bishop's Office and will include duties such as complex diary management.

You will work closely with the Bishop, the Vicar General, the Chief Operating Officer and the wider Diocesan team. A strong understanding of the Diocese's mission and an empathy with the Catholic Church's values and ethos are essential.

Hours: 35 hours a week. Location: Bishop's House, 45 Cecil Street, Plymouth, PL1 5HW. Closing date: Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 12pm. For more information and/or an application form, please contact Avocet Commercial Careers.

Email: sophia@avocetlegal.co.uk Telephone: 01392 642518

Dorchester Churches Together. The Gospel of Mark. Hear the Gospel read as you sit comfortably with a cup of tea/coffee. St Mary's church, Dorchester on Sat, 23rd May at 2.30pm. This is not a Service, no preaching, no hymns, just a simple reading of the Gospel. All are welcome. More information on the posters on the Notice Boards at the back of the church.

Volunteering for Youth Ministry, in the Diocese of Plymouth

Do you or have you thought about volunteering to work with the youth either in your Parish or further afield? Youth Events are setting up a database of volunteers to keep in contact with them, offer training and support for the work they do, and keep them informed of events that are happening across the Diocese. In completing the form it does not mean you are committed to any voluntary work, it is simply an expression of interest. People on the database will be contacted and asked if they would like to support an event. Please follow the link: Volunteer Data Form – Youth Diocese Events – Fill in form. For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

'Rise to Our Cause' this Ascension Thursday! Make Ascension Day extra special by taking a little day trip and joining us for our fundraising event at the Church of the Assumption, Torquay, TQ2 5NJ on Thursday, 14th May 2026. After having a wonderful day in Launceston, Cornwall last year, this year we are holding our 'Rise to Our Cause' event in Torquay, Devon. The day will consist of - Mass at 12 noon; 2 course lunch. Speakers on the power of prayer. Tickets cost £15 per person and there will also be a Raffle. The day will finish by 4pm. Please come along and join us; we would love to welcome you. For tickets, please - email vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk; call the CCSP office on 01364 645420 or you can email the Parish direct: torquay-abbeyroad@prcdtr.org.uk

Laudato Si Week will be celebrated on 17th-24th May this year. To celebrate, why not hold a Picnic with your Community to enjoy the beauty of Creation around you. You may like to hold this on the 16th May as a moment of reflection before the week begins, so that your hearts will be in a disposition to enjoy the wonders of Creation that God reveals to you during the Laudato Si week.

God's Wild Acre: Caritas invites you to take part in a new Project – God's Wild Acre. Do you have a little space in your garden, a window box, or any area you can give to encourage nature to do what it does best? We would like to reach an acre of land that has been set aside to celebrate creation's wild growing. Please send us your stories, images and size of your plot so that we can share them on our media streams caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

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

ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY on **FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2026 at ST RITA'S CENTRE HONITON.** Principal Celebrant: Father Jose Romero OAR. The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for the sale of Religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website www.stritascentre.org and collect your items on site on the Feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm. We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am.

Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you, and there will be a small army of volunteers working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy Feast day for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

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@predtr.org.uk (Presbytery)
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Parish Secretary: Irina Osborn Tuesday– Friday 9 am – 2 pm
Email: dorchester@predtr.org.uk
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St. Mary's Catholic School, Lucetta Lane, Dorchester DT1 2DD Tel: 01305 262258
Headteacher: Mr. Simon Thomas

6th Sunday after Easter : Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, I Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the beautiful promise Jesus made to His apostles: the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a distant force or an abstract idea. He is the living presence of God within us — our guide, comforter, strength, and advocate. Through these readings, the Church helps us understand who the Holy Spirit is, what He does in our lives, and how we can experience His transforming power every day.

In the first reading, we see how the Holy Spirit worked powerfully through Philip the Deacon. Filled with the Spirit, Philip preached the Gospel with courage and conviction, and many Samaritans accepted the faith with joy. The Holy Spirit also strengthened Peter and John, giving them a fresh anointing as they prayed over the new believers. This reminds us that the growth of the Church is never merely human work; it is always the work of the Holy Spirit moving in receptive hearts.

In the second reading, St. Peter encourages Christians who were facing suffering and opposition. He reminds them that the Holy Spirit gives believers the grace to live holy and God-fearing lives even in difficult circumstances. Faithfulness to Christ is not always easy, but the Spirit gives courage, patience, and hope to those who trust in God.

In today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus promises His disciples that He will not leave them orphaned. He promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who love Him and keep His commandments. Through this gift, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit come to dwell within the hearts of believers. What a beautiful truth: God desires to make His home in us.

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the "Advocate." As our Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit has many important roles in our lives. First, the Holy Spirit teaches and enlightens us. He opens our minds and hearts to understand the teachings of Jesus more deeply. Many times, when we read Scripture, pray quietly, or listen attentively at Mass, we experience the gentle guidance of the Spirit helping us grow in faith and wisdom.

Second, the Holy Spirit gives us courage to defend and witness to our faith. In moments when we are afraid, confused, or challenged, the Spirit gives us the right words, strength, and conviction to stand for truth with humility and love.

Third, the Holy Spirit teaches us how to love as Jesus loved. He helps us recognize Christ in the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely, the marginalized, the addicted, and even those whom society rejects. When we serve others with compassion, forgive those who hurt us, and work for peace and reconciliation, we become instruments of the Holy Spirit in a wounded world.

As we continue this Eucharist, let us open our hearts more fully to the Holy Spirit. Let us pray each day: "Come, Holy Spirit. Teach me, guide me, strengthen me, heal me, and help me to love as Jesus loves." When we welcome the Spirit sincerely, He transforms our lives and makes us true witnesses of Christ in the world.