

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]

The Most Holy Trinity - Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 31st May 2026 Psalter Week 1 of Breviary

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Sun 31st May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Baptism (Jaira Velcy Juayong) 12 pm	<i>Raymond Archer RIP (CL)</i> <i>Health Intentions (EC)</i>
Mon 1st June <i>St Justin Mem</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 2nd June <i>SS Marcellinus and Peter</i>	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by The Bible Group (AG) Mass 7 pm	<i>All Souls in Purgatory (JJ)</i>
Wed 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga Mem</i>	Mass 10 am	<i>Richard Crail RIP (BF)</i>
Thu 4th June	Mass 10 am	<i>Jain Cox's Ints</i>
Fri 5th June <i>St Boniface Bp SOL</i> <i>Patron of the Diocese</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Deacon Nicholas's Ints (A and D)</i>
Sat 6th June <i>St Norbert and BVM</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Anne Cameron RIP (BF)</i>

Sun 7th June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	Mass 8.30 am First Holy Communion Mass 10.30 am	
Mon 8th June	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 9th June <i>SS Columba and Ephrem</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 6.25 pm led by Fr Babu Mass 7 pm	
Wed 10th June	Mass 10 am	<i>Barbara James RIP (K and LC)</i>
Thu 11th June <i>St Barnabas (Mem)</i>	Mass 10 am	<i>Thanksgiving (JF)</i>
Fri 12th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus SOL</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Rev James Weeks RIP</i>
Sat 13th June <i>St Anthony and BVM</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr John Deeny; Tue: Fr Tony Delsink; Wed: Fr Robert Draper;

Thu: Fr Christopher Findlay-Wilson; Fri: Fr Win Fish; Sat: Fr David Gassor

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, Kathleen Hilda Anne Cameron and Richard Crail

Right to Life: 31st May (The Most Holy Trinity) - "We pray for all those going through difficult pregnancies, that an overwhelming sense of hope and joy will fill their lives, and that increased support will be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us"

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

First Holy Communion Celebration Mass: the children have been working hard during the year preparing for their First Holy Communion. This Mass will take place on Sunday 7th June at 10.30 am in the Church. Please support the young people, their families and friends as they celebrate this wonderful occasion!

Children and Youth Choir Practice (2pm - 3pm) and Sports Afternoons (3pm - 5pm): Sunday 31st 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.

Please note: Any siblings below 7 years coming must be supervised by their Parents or Guardian at all times.
Thank You

School Transport Grants for the Academic Year 2026-27: The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking Applications from Parents/Guardians wishing to apply for Grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE joint school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth. Applications for the Academic Year 2026-27 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn Term if their application has been successful. There are limited Funds and not all Applications may be successful. You can obtain an Application Form from the Parish Office.

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.

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially. 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.

Gift Aid and Standing Orders: Could you consider making your contribution by Standing Order and if you pay Tax signing a Gift Aid Declaration. The regular Income the Parish receives from this method of giving enables the planning of expenditure. Forms are available near the Card Machine or if you would like more information, please email dorchester-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk. Thank you for considering this method of giving.

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 July at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

This year's **SUMMER CAMP** will take place **27th -31st July at Buckfast Abbey**. This is aimed at young people aged 9 - 12 years. The theme of this Residential will be *Dilexi Te* to reflect on God's love for us, it is underpinned by the Scripture Revelations 3:9. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion alongside creating a sense of fraternity. Young people are being asked to make a contribution of £150 each. This event is subsidised by the Summer Camp Fund. For more information please contact Saskia Hogbin.
Contact number: 01364 645401 or **Email:** saskia.hogbin@prcdtr.org.uk

A People's Emergency Briefing will take place on Thursday June 4th in the Corn Exchange High East Street DT1 1HF at 7 pm. This is part of a National effort to raise more awareness of the Climate Emergency. It will include a Film and discussion. Free screening of this **Film** about the **National Emergency Briefing** that was given to MPs at the end of last year will be shown. The purpose of the Film is to raise awareness of the threats posed by climate change to our national security and standard of living. This event will be the latest in a series of screenings across Dorset. It is supported by Dorset County Council and will be attended by our MP, Edward Morello. Doors open 6.30 pm for Refreshments. Film at 7 pm. Tickets are free at <http://buytickets.at/dorsetaction> or visit www.nebriefing.org

Dorchester Churches Together Eco Group are organising a Litter pick in the town on Saturday June 20th 10-11 am. Meet at the Dorford Centre. Equipment provided. All welcome!

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter for May: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

Young Adults Retreat: Sclerder 19th - 21st June. A Weekend Retreat for 18 - 30-year-olds to reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth, this is underpinned by the Scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a contribution of £40 each. Transport will be provided from Liskeard Station both on the Friday night and Saturday morning, returning around 2pm on Sunday. It is important to book: Sclerder Retreat (18-30) - Stewards of the Earth – Fill in form <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KIdbqQHRkEKigby9p4ZacZb3hbGtbDxGmw1Owwi3-IZUQUIEVUJCNkk5UTgzQjFCVlpZNjJTTjVSSCQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl>. Any further questions contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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.

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

Reflections on HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; II Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith. It is not fully understood by the human mind but is accepted with faith and experienced in the heart. The Church teaches that there are Three distinct Persons in one God — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — sharing the same Divine Nature, equal in glory and eternal in existence. Human reason struggles to understand how 1+1+1 equals 1 and not 3. Yet we believe this mystery because Jesus, who is God, revealed it clearly. The Evangelists recorded His teaching, the Fathers of the Church reflected on it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople proclaimed it as a fundamental doctrine of Christian faith.

A well-known story speaks of St. Augustine walking by the seashore while trying to understand the mystery of the Trinity. He saw a child scooping water from the sea into a small hole in the sand. Augustine said, “It is impossible to fit the whole sea into that little hole.” The child replied, “It is even more impossible for your human mind to fully understand the mystery of God.” The story reminds us that God’s mystery is greater than our understanding.

Importance of the Holy Trinity in Christian Life:

1. Every prayer in the Church begins in the name of the Holy Trinity and ends by giving glory to the Trinity.
2. All the Sacraments are celebrated in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We are baptized, confirmed, forgiven, married, and ordained through the power of the Holy Trinity.
3. The ringing of Church bells three times a day reminds us to praise the Holy Trinity and to remember the Incarnation of Jesus and His saving work.
4. We bless ourselves and receive blessings from the priest in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Biblical Basis of the Holy Trinity:

The Old Testament contains only hints about the Trinity, but the New Testament clearly reveals this truth.

1. **At the Annunciation:** God the Father sends the Angel Gabriel to Mary, the Holy Spirit comes upon her, and the Son of God becomes incarnate in her womb.
2. **At the Baptism of Jesus:** Jesus, the Son, is baptized by John; the Father’s voice is heard from heaven; and the Holy Spirit descends like a dove.
3. **At the Ascension:** Jesus commands His disciples to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
4. **In John’s Gospel (Chapters 15–18):** Jesus explains the role of each Divine Person:
 - a) The Father creates and lovingly cares for creation.
 - b) The Son redeems us and reconciles us with God.
 - c) The Holy Spirit sanctifies, strengthens, teaches, and guides us.

Messages:

1. Let us respect ourselves and others because each person is a temple of the Holy Spirit where the Holy Trinity dwells.
2. Let us live with firm faith that the Triune God lives within us, giving us hope, courage, and strength, and leading us toward our eternal home.
3. Let us build relationships of love and unity in our families, reflecting the loving communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through Baptism, we become children of God and members of His family.
4. Let us live our relationship with God and neighbour faithfully, loving God and sharing His love with others through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and service.

Feast Day Greetings

Dear Parishioners

Grace and Peace to you all as we joyfully celebrate **Holy Trinity Sunday**, the Patronal Feast of our **Holy Trinity Church Dorchester**.

On this special and blessed occasion, I extend my heartfelt Feast Day greetings and prayers to each one of you and your families. As we honour the mystery of the **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**, may the Holy Trinity fill our hearts with love, strengthen our faith, and unite us ever more deeply as one Parish family.

Our Patronal Feast is a time of thanksgiving for the gift of our Parish Community and for the many blessings God continues to pour upon us. May this celebration renew in us a spirit of prayer, service, and joyful witness to the Gospel.

I thank you for your faith, commitment, and generous participation in the life of our Parish. May the blessings of the Holy Trinity be upon you today and always.

Happy Feast Day to you all!

God Bless

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Parish Fete 2026

**PARISH SUMMER FETE 2026 (Saturday 20th June) from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM Holy Trinity
Parish Centre Culliford Road North Dorchester DT1 1QG**

We warmly invite everyone in the Parish to take part in this year's Summer Fete. Your help big or small will make the day special and memorable for our whole community.

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

1. **Friday 19th June (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM):** Setting up tables and chairs, decorating, preparing stalls (lifting and carrying involved).
2. **Saturday Morning (9:00–11:00 AM):** Final touches before the Fete opens.
3. **Help During the Fete (11:30 AM – 2:30 PM):** Running your own stall, supporting other stalls, welcoming visitors, assisting with children's activities and general coordination.
4. **Help with Tidy-Up (from 2:30 PM onwards):** Packing away, clearing the grounds, and restoring the hall.
5. **Run a Stall or Activity:** Some popular stall ideas include : **International Food • Tea, Coffee & Cakes • Cool drinks & Ice lollies • Face painting • Bouncy Castle • Books • Plants • Tombola • Raffle • Games • Synodality Car Boot sale • Blessing booth • Arts & Crafts • Toys • Repository • Music & Entertainment** *(Please let us know if you have your own Gazebo)*

6. **Donate or Sponsor Items:** We welcome donations or sponsors of: Food, cakes, tea/coffee supplies, drinks, ice lollies, face-painting materials, bouncy castle, books, plants, tombola prizes, wine bottles, spirits, unwanted gifts, toys, crafts, or anything suitable for sale at the Fete.
7. **Donation Drop-Off:** Items may be brought to the Church or Parish Centre during opening hours. Please see the Newsletter for opening times.
8. **Parking & Safety Team (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM):** Guiding cars to ensure smooth parking. Signs and markings to be placed. High-visibility vests and walkie talkies will be provided

Please Note:

- In case of rain, activities will move into the Parish Hall and Classrooms where possible.
- All children remain the responsibility of their parents/carers during the Fete. Young volunteers (aged 14+) are welcome to assist with parents supervision.

If you wish to get involved, Please contact the Parish Office or (Lawrence on Mobile: **07487 759276** or email lawrencep_m@yahoo.co.uk.) and register your interest **latest by 10th June please.**