

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]

Fifth Week of Easter - Year A

Sunday 3rd May 2026 Psalter Week 1 of Breviary

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Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Sun 3rd May <i>V Week of Easter</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	Margaret McDade RIP (BF) Dominic Macer-Wright RIP (CM-W)
Mon 4th May <i>Feast of English Martyrs</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 5th May <i>St Richard Reynolds</i>	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by Fr. Babu Mass 7 pm	Peg Barclay RIP (BJ)
Wed 6th May	Mass 10 am	Fr Teddy O'Brien's Ints (EW)
Thu 7th May	Mass 10 am	Clare and Kevin's Ints (EW)
Fri 8th May	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am CAFOD QUIZ at Parish Centre 7 pm	Peter Hopford RIP (KH)
Sat 9th May	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am Baptism (Sebastian) Marriage Blessing (Robert and Diana) 11 am Rosary and Mass for Kerala Community 3.30 pm	Terry Henshall RIP (DM)

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>	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by CWL (SB) Mass 7 pm	
Wed 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Mass 10 am	
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)

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Deacon Robin Carter (Southwark); Tue: Deacon Bill Gillan (Lancaster);

Wed: Deacon Gerard Nosowski (Birmingham); Thu: Deacon Peter Scoyles (Nottingham);

Fri: Those who have left active ministry; Sat: Fr Paul Andrew

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: 3rd May (Fifth Sunday of Easter) - "As we enter into this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception.

We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood. Lord hear us"

On this Sunday 3rd May, there will be a Second Collection after the Masses, for the Father Bash Foundation, Mbarara, Uganda for the children whose parents had died in the war or from AIDS

*The PTA, staff and pupils of **St Mary's Catholic First School** wish to extend their sincere gratitude to the Parishioners for their continued and extraordinary support of the St Mary's Goes Green Project. The Camino Walk raised an incredible £2,070 and alongside the other fundraising we have now raised over £8,000. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.*

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

CAFOD Quiz: The annual CAFOD Quiz will be held on Friday May 8th at 7 pm at the Parish Centre. 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. £8 to include the Ploughman's Supper (pay on the door). Bring your own liquid refreshment and glass.

There is a list at the back of the Church to give us an idea of numbers. Please sign up there. Contact Frances Hogwood for queries about the Quiz: 01305 259576

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.

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. 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=l_uH7mi3Rhk

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

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

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

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
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Headteacher: Mr. Simon Thomas

5th Sunday of Easter: Reflections

This Sunday's Readings show how the early Christians kept Jesus alive in their lives. They stayed united, prayed together, and served others with love and humility. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the **Way, the Truth, and the Life**.

- In the **First Reading (Acts 6:1–7)**, the early Church faced a problem of unfair treatment. They solved it by choosing helpers (Deacons) to serve others. This shows a caring and united community.
- In the **Second Reading (1 Peter 2:4–5)**, St. Peter says we are like **living stones**, building a spiritual house with Jesus as the **cornerstone**. We are God's chosen people, called to live holy lives.
- In the **Gospel (John 14:1–12)**, Jesus comforts his Disciples. He promises a place for them in Heaven. When Thomas asks the way, Jesus says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** This means:
 - Jesus is the **Way** to the Father....Jesus is the **Truth** who teaches us...Jesus is the **Life** who shares God's life with us

Message: We are called to follow Jesus in three simple ways:

1. **Follow the Way** – Live with love, humility, and service.
2. **Live the Truth** – Learn and practice Jesus' teachings.
3. **Share the Life** – Stay close to God through prayer and the Sacraments.

We do this by:

- Taking part in the **Eucharist**
- Receiving the **Sacraments**
- Reading the **Word of God** daily
- Listening to the **Holy Spirit**
- Praying personally and as a family

In short: Stay united, serve others with love, and follow Jesus—who leads us to the Father.