

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]

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 19th July 2026 Psalter Week 4 of Breviary

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Sun 19th July <i>XVI Week in OT</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am Baptism (Akisha Luna) 12 pm Parish Picnic 12 pm	<i>Jack and Sarah Smuller RIP (BS)</i> <i>Richard Crail RIP (MC)</i>
Mon 20th July <i>St Apollinaris Bp</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 21st July <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by SB Mass 7 pm	<i>Rosemary Chapman's Ints (JH)</i>
Wed 22nd July <i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>	Confessions 10-10.45 am followed by Mass for Sick 11 am at the Parish Centre Cream Tea (CWL) at the Parish Centre 2.30 pm	<i>Fr Barry Hallett RIP (IO)</i>
Thu 23rd July <i>Feast of St Bridget of Sweden Rel</i>	Mass 10 am	<i>Roy Barnard's Ints (BF)</i>
Fri 24th July <i>St Sharbel Makhluf Pr</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Richard Crail RIP (BF)</i>
Sat 25th July <i>Feast of St James Apostle</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Rosemary Chapman's Ints (JH)</i>

Sun 26th July <i>XVII Week in OT</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Ann Widdecombe RIP</i> <i>Patricia and Robin Netley's Ints (JH)</i>
Mon 27th July	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 28th July	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 6.25 pm led by Fr Babu Mass 7 pm	<i>Anne Redfern RIP (F)</i>
Wed 29th July SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Mem)	Mass 10 am	<i>Alison Sandford RIP 1st Anniversary (MS)</i>
Thu 30th July <i>SS Germanus and Peter</i>	Mass 10 am	<i>In Thanksgiving K and L Carter</i>
Fri 31st July <i>St Ignatius Mem)</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Ints for people of Kramatorskei Raion (S)</i>
Sat 1st August <i>St Alphonsus (Mem)</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Ivan Lobov RIP (IO)</i>

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

*Mon: Fr Gerald Wilberforce; Tue: Fr. Jaromir Wilczak; Wed: Fr Jose Romero O.A.R. (Vicar Provincial);
Thu: Fr Frank Umendia O.A.R. ; Fri: Abbot David Charlesworth O.S.B.; Sat: Fr Benet Conlon O.S.B.*

Pray for the Sick: Rosemary Cortes, Christopher Browne, Sarah Jones, Ralph Johnson, Patricia Netley, Carl Thomson, Sr Damian, William Parmiter, Robin Netley, Kevin Gibson, Eileen L, Paul Burden, Ruth Davis, Deborah Follett, Deacon-Reverend Nicholas Thompson (Retired), Maria Go, Geoffrey Markham, Rosemary Chapman, Eva Cassidy 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, Richard Crail and Veronica Dawn Margaret Alden

Right to Life: 19th July (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time) - "Let us pray for all those who are close to death, especially those who are alone, that they would always be treated with respect and have their human dignity upheld. Lord hear us"

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

Parish Picnic: Sunday July 19th: Come along and join in the Holy Trinity Parish Picnic in the **Borough Gardens** for a relaxing time together. Meet by the Green in front of the Clock Tower **from 12 noon**. Bring your own picnic, blankets and chairs. Everyone is warmly invited and feel free to bring a friend along!

SICK AND HEALING MASS

A Mass for the Sick and Elderly will be celebrated on **Wednesday 22 July at 11:00 am** in the **Holy Trinity Parish Centre**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from **10:00 am to 10:45 am**. All are warmly welcome. Tea and Refreshments will be served after Mass.

The **Catholic Women's League** are hosting a Cream Tea on **July 22nd at 2.30 pm** in the Parish Centre. There will be a speaker, a raffle, and a table for donations to the Foodbank. If you would like to attend, please email Jill Kerley by the 18th July at jillandfrankkerley@talktalk.net

If you would like to place an order for the **Ordo 2026-27**, please leave your name on the Form at the back of the Church. Deadline is Thursday 23rd July.

CAFOD Appeal:

Two devastating Earthquakes have struck Northern Venezuela, killing and injuring scores of our neighbours there and bringing down buildings. Our local partner, Caritas Venezuela, is ready to help the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter. Please help us to support this Emergency by making a donation online: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal>

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 have supported the Parish financially during the last year. Thank you to those who have increased their giving (by standing order, envelope, use of the card machine/Website or loose plate), this has been a great help.

The Offertory Collections for June were as follows: Standing Orders £3,948.50; Card Machine/Website £876; Envelopes £183; Loose plate £1,498.60; Total for June 2026: £6,506.10. Thank you to all Parishioners.

Please consider whether you could increase the value of your giving by signing up for **Gift Aid and a Standing Order**. If you would like to do this, forms are available at the back of the Church, and more information is also available from your Parish Gift Aid Organiser: email Dorchester-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone the Parish Office.

Gift Aid donors: *You should have recently received an individual Statement showing how much you gave in the Tax Year so that you can check you have paid enough Tax to cover the Gift Aid that the Parish will claim. This Statement will go to the address that is currently held by the Gift Aid Organiser. If you are expecting a letter but have not received one, please contact Dorchester-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone the Parish Office.*

Donating by cheque: All cheques 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 1st August at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

The Diocesan June Newsletter is out now: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-5EF9A62E5613824F2540EF23F30FEDED>

Dorchester Family Support is a Registered Charity and an initiative of Dorchester Churches Together. DFS will be distributing weekly Food parcels to about 200 local families in need during the upcoming School holidays. Children who normally receive free school meals during term time depend on this supplementary food during August. If you are able to make a donation to support this effort then please go to the website <https://www.dorchesterfamilysupport.co.uk/>. Or contact Jane Ashdown for cash or cheque donations at 0781 062 4031. Thank you.

Retrouvaille: MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

Churches Together in Dorchester Area: Dorset County Show 2026: Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the Churches Together marquee over the weekend. We will be offering a range of activities and services, including Refreshments; Baby changing and feeding facilities; Games and children's play area; Front-of-house welcome. We are asking for volunteers to cover the following time slots: One 2-hour slot – a contribution of £7.50 is requested to help cover the cost of entry. Two 2-hour slots (with a break in between) - free entry provided. Anyone willing to volunteer, please contact Peter Jenner at peterjenner@outlook.com

Fr. Chris (Parish Priest in Poole) is planning a day-return coach for the **Eucharistic Congress in London 10th October**. It would leave Plymouth at 5am and pick up at Exeter Services - and possibly Taunton or Wincanton. If you would like to come, we have 32 places left. Please contact Fr Chris (01202) 746539.

The Brown Family Annual Cake Sale and Raffle in aid of Weldmar Hospice will be held on Saturday 1st August from 10am to 2pm in the Old Salvation Army Hall in Durngate Street Dorchester. All are very welcome to come and support this amazing cause.

Churches Together: People's Emergency Briefing: St George Church at 7 pm on 23rd July. Please join us for the showing of a film based on the National Emergency Briefing on Climate and Nature held in November 2025, in Westminster. This high-profile event briefed an invited audience of over 1,200 leaders—including politicians, business executives, and the media. Ten leading experts delivered clear-eyed assessments on our climate and nature, with a view to bringing hope of solutions to tackle these issues. St George's Church, in collaboration with the Dorchester Churches Ecology Group, is holding this event to share ideas of what we are already doing in our Churches and community, and to think about new possibilities going forward. We have also invited members from the Town Council and from the local Climate Action group. Tickets are free but please book in advance through the QR code (on the Notice Board) or email admin.stgeorges@gmail.com

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
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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

Sunday Reflections: OT XVI [A] (July 19) Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

Today's Readings remind us that God is patient, merciful, and full of hope. He never gives up on anyone, even those who have gone astray. While we may be quick to judge others, God always gives people time to repent and change.

In the First Reading, we see that God is kind and compassionate. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the wheat and the weeds. The farmer allows both to grow together until the harvest. In the same way, God patiently allows good and bad people to live together, giving everyone the opportunity to change and return to Him.

Message for us

Jesus invites us not to judge others too quickly. Instead, we should be patient, merciful, and pray for those who have lost their way. We all need God's mercy because none of us is perfect.

At the same time, we are called to be like good wheat by growing in faith, love, kindness, and forgiveness. When we live good Christian lives, we become an example that can help others come closer to God.

May we trust in God's patience, accept His mercy, and become instruments of His love in the world. Amen

CHURCH CHOIR

More Singers - Our Choir would welcome some new Singers with vacancies available in all voice ranges - Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. This is a great opportunity for Singers to step forward and support the leading of the Sung Liturgy in our Church. For more information, please speak to Chris or contact him on 07817 087493.

New Conductor and Leader - The Parish is looking for another Conductor and Leader of our Church Choir from November. Some experience in conducting and choral singing would be beneficial. Enquiries may be made via Fr Babu or Chris, contact details as above.

In Loving Memory of Richard Edward Crail

1939 – 2026



Richard was born in Westbury in Wiltshire just before the outbreak of war. His father went off to war and his mother returned to her home in Dorchester to help look after her mother and brother. Richard and his mother were members of the Grassby family, who had been stone carvers in the town since the early 1860s, his grandfather being Algernon Grassby.

Richard went to junior school in Dorchester, walking daily along Grey School Passage, before going onto Hardy's Boys School when he was a little older. Later, his parents moved to Sherborne, where Richard completed his schooling.

Richard moved to London where he started his career in the National Health Service as a junior clerk. He met his future wife Margaret while working in Richmond Hospital. Called up for National Service, he served in the Royal Air Force, moving to Swindon.

Richard and Margaret married in May 1961 and returned to London. His career took him to Plymouth then back to London – first to St James' Hospital, Balham, and then to King's College Hospital. By this time, he had risen to the rank of Hospital Administrator. Life never was hectic. The first liver transplant was performed here on an Australian lady, and I think the Australian press forgotten the time difference. We had phone calls from journalists all night.

Another time, Queen Elizabeth II came to visit and wanted to be taken round the children's ward. Going up in the lift, she laughed and said she hoped the lift would not do the same thing as when her father had visited: it had got stuck half-way up. Richard said a few prayers!

Richard's next move was to Norwich, by this time we had three children: Mark (born 1962), Su (1965) and Jacqueline (1966). Following a reorganisation of the NHS, Richard had been appointed Chief Administrator and oversaw many changes. The next move was to Burnley in Lancashire, where he became Chief Executive to East Lancashire Health Authority.

Richard took early retirement in 1995. He and Margaret moved to Croydon to be near family. By this time there were two grandchildren: Tom and Georgia. When Su emigrated to Australia and subsequently married, we gained a further three grandchildren.

Richard was very active in our church. He was a Eucharistic Minister, seeing three changes of Priests. SVP was a busy group, and we enjoyed visiting people and taking them out on trips. He also joined Croydon Catenians where he was President of a very active group.

We later moved to Dorset, where Richard has always wanted to be, living first on Portland and then in Dorchester. Unfortunately, Alzheimer's took over. Richard had to move to a care home, where he passed away peacefully knowing that his family was close by.

Richard was a much-loved husband to Margaret for 65 years, a proud Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. We will all miss him.

Margaret Crail

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.