

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]

Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 18th October 2026 Psalter Week 1 of Breviary

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Sun 18th October <i>XXIX Week in OT</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Sherlita Caminero RIP (KC)</i> <i>Catherine Richards Ints (PN)</i>
Mon 19th October <i>SS Isaac, John and Companions</i> <i>and St Paul</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 20th October	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by Evangelisation Group (MR) Mass 7 pm	<i>Joseph Rigby RIP (JR)</i>
Wed 21st October	Mass 10 am	<i>Teresa Osborn RIP (F and IO)</i>
Thu 22nd October <i>St John Paul II</i>	Mass 10 am	<i>Eugene Kyne RIP (Linehan Family)</i>
Fri 23rd October <i>St John</i>	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Mary Carmel RIP (MG)</i>
Sat 24th October <i>St Anthony and BVM</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Thanksgiving Mass (JK)</i>

Sun 25th October <i>XXX Week in OT</i>	Mass 8.30 am Mass 10.30 am	<i>Andrea Emilia Bernabey's Ints (BF)</i> <i>Fr Barry Hallett RIP (EM)</i>
Mon 26th October <i>St Chad Bp and St Cedd Bp</i>	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tue 27th October	The Rosary 6.25 pm led by Catechism Group (BG) Mass 7 pm	<i>Eva Cassidy Ints (MG)</i>
Wed 28th October <i>Feast of SS Simon and Jude-Apostles</i>	Mass 10 am	<i>Bob Griffith Ints (MG)</i>
Thu 29th October	Mass 10 am	<i>Anna Vicars Barber Ints (AB)</i>
Fri 30th October	Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am Mass 10 am	<i>Eva Cassidy Ints</i>
Sat 31st October <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass 9 am Confessions 9.35-10.45 am	<i>Lena Smith RIP (MG)</i>

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Deacon Phillip Waites; Tue: Deacon Robin Watson;

Wed: Deacon Lester Yeo; Thu: Deacon Robin Carter (Southwark);

Fri: Deacon Bill Gillan (Lancaster); Sat: Deacon Gerard Nosowski (Birmingham)

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), Geoffrey Markham, Rosemary Chapman, Eva Cassidy and for all those in Nursing Homes.

Pray for those who have died recently: Frances Carroll, Marilyn Rowland, Colin Rolls, Joseph Kerrigan, Jim Watters, Ann Thomas, Monica Riley, Terence Francis Henshall, Kathleen Hilda Anne Cameron, Richard Crail, Veronica Dawn Margret Alden, Michael Elleston, Janet Sandford, Christopher Jones and Jane Thompson

Right to Life: 18th October (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time) - "This Thursday, we will celebrate the Feast Day of Pope St John Paul II, Patron Saint of the Pro-Life movement. We ask for his intercession as we the Church seek to support all the vulnerable, especially those at the end of their lives, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in Society. Lord hear us"

There will be a Second Collection for World Mission Sunday after Mass. Thank you for your generous support.

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

The **CWL** will be Meeting on Wednesday 28th October at 2pm in the Classroom at the Parish Centre. If you are collecting money for Mary's Meals please bring your box with you to the Meeting. Visitors are welcome if you are curious to see what we do at our Meetings.

Blessing of Graves: During **November**, Fr. Babu will be visiting the various Cemeteries to bless the Graves. If you would like Fr. Babu to bless an individual grave, please could you be present to show him where it is located, otherwise he will give a general Blessing. Dates and times are as follows: 8 November: 2.00 pm - Fordington, meet in St George's Church Car Park; 15 November: 2.00 pm - Weymouth Avenue, meet by the Chapel close to the Entrance; 22 November: 2.00 pm - Charminster, meet at the Parish Church first followed by the Cemetery near the School; 29 November: 2.00 pm - Poundbury, meet by the Entrance. Please note that the visit to Hamdown Burial Ground Shillingstone will take place on Monday 16 November at 10.30 am – please meet in the Car Park there. Please speak to Fr. Babu if you would like him to bless graves at other Churchyards.

Women of the Nativity - *An Advent and Christmas journey in nine stories*. Holy Trinity Sharing Group invites you to join our Zoom meetings starting on October 22nd at 4pm, with one of the stories from Paula Gooder's book "Women of the Nativity". The first story is that of Sarah the wife of Abraham. (She heard an Angel say that she would have a baby!) We will be meeting on October 22nd, November 6th, November 20th, December 3rd and possibly December 17th. Each session is self-contained so if you like to join us on one or more of these dates email johnrcalvert@btinternet.com and we will send you the zoom link. John and Mary Calvert

Presbytery Gardening: We kindly ask those who are able to help to come along on **Saturday 7th November at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group Silent Retreats taking place throughout 2026/27. Venue: St Rita's Centre - a well-appointed Retreat Centre run by the Augustinian Recollect Order with comfortable ensuite accommodation (St Rita's Centre, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton, Devon. EX14 1AP). Venue: Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf) Cornwall. A Retreat House with a large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite Monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation. Cost includes Full board and lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on Retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations. For further details and bookings contact: Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637. Please see the dates on the Notice Board or contact the Parish Office.

VACANCY - Deputy Headteacher at the Cathedral School of St Mary Plymouth: Do you have the vision, drive, and leadership skills to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people? We are seeking an inspirational and strategic leader to join our Senior Leadership team. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future direction of our School, working closely with colleagues, pupils, families, and the wider Trust to secure excellence in teaching, learning, and pastoral care. Full details, Job Description, Recruitment pack and Application Form can be found using the link below:
<https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-PIC-0145>

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic Multi-Academy Trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our Mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel. We are looking **to expand our Board of Directors**. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience of education at Primary or Secondary level, particularly within a Multi-Academy Trust. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

Youth Volunteers Newsletter: Here's the link; <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-t-FD9D3738248EC9822540EF23F30FEDED> for the new E-Newsletter for those working with youth in the Diocese. It aims to keep volunteers up to date with training sessions, legislation changes and a place to share resources. Please contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

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: Mrs Sharon Betts

Marriages this year:

Regina Alege OGAR and Dibang Parchely Matthew BEBIA at St Patrick Parish, Ikot Ansa, Calabar, Nigeria on 31st October 2026

Iona Christine ROBINSON and Lewis Jak GUNTER at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester on Saturday 14th November 2026 at 3.30 pm.

Sunday Reflection

World Mission Sunday

Today, Catholics around the world celebrate World Mission Sunday. This special day was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. Every October, the Church invites us to pray for Missionaries and support their work. World Mission Sunday reminds us that we belong to one universal Church and share the Mission of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers, contributions and daily lives, we help spread the Good News of God's love throughout the world.

The Popes's Messages for Mission Sunday

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that sharing God's love through charity is an important part of evangelisation.

Pope Francis encouraged every Christian to share the Gospel with courage and hope. He reminded us that every baptised person has a mission. He said, *"I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always."*

In 2026, Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme for World Mission Sunday: **"One in Christ, united in mission."** This reminds us that, although we come from different countries and cultures, we are united in Christ and called to share His love with everyone.

The Missionary Church

The Church is missionary by her very nature because Jesus Himself was sent by the Father to bring the Good News of salvation to the world.

As Christians, we are all called to continue the mission of Jesus. How can we do this? Through our prayers, our financial support for missionary work, and, above all, by living a good Christian life.

The best way to proclaim Christ is to show His love through our words, actions, kindness and care for others. Let us ask the Lord to strengthen our missionary spirit so that we may become joyful witnesses of His love wherever we are.

Thank you Notes

From Deacon Geoffrey: "I wish to thank Father Babu and all of you for making my Silver Jubilee Celebration so joyful. I am deeply grateful for your gifts and your kind messages written on my card. I do not know all of you by name, but you have made me feel really at home here. I hope to be a blessing to you."

From Deacon Jim: “Dear Father Babu, very many thanks for your organisation of the Jubilee Mass Celebrations held at Holy Trinity yesterday evening. It was obvious that a great deal of thought and work went into making the whole event such a meaningful occasion. Please pass on my thanks to all who assisted you in making it a truly memorable evening for me and the other two Deacons, Jonathan and Geoffrey, as we celebrated our Silver Jubilee, and for the thoughtful gifts we received. May Almighty God bless you all. Jim Brennan”

From Deacon Jonathan Simon: “Thank you Fr Babu, and your wonderful Parish Community, for your kind invitation to celebrate the 25th Anniversaries of our Ordinations, at the same time as your Parish Celebration of the 50th Jubilee of your Church. We could not possibly have been made more welcome. It was so generous to give our Jubilees such prominence within the Mass, and also to include Ben's institution as Lector. To have a second cake especially for us was so unexpected, as were the lovely gifts, and the card signed by so many from the Parish. Please pass on my gratitude to the people of the Parish. It is wonderful to visit a Parish where the love and joy of the Gospel is so visible. May the Lord bless Dorchester Parish, and all in her - Jonathan”

From Ben Sloper: “I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, for your welcome on Monday evening. So many people contributed their time and efforts to the Celebrations, and it brought so much joy to my being instituted as a Lector by Bishop Nicholas. I am very grateful for all of your efforts and I look forward to continuing to serve the people of this area in both my Ministerial role in the Church, and my employed role in the Ambulance service. With thanks and prayers. Ben”

Mary Calvert enjoys her creative writing and has written a Jubilee Doggerel:

Holy Trinity Church Dorchester – Living Stones!

O God our help in ages past

For me 200 years have passed
 Since I was built to last
 150 years of Anglican Communion
 But to live is to change
 The Catholics needed space
 The Glory of God was at stake
 Thus I was converted.

Our hope for years to come

It's now my Catholic Jubilee
 50 years of Catholic Communion
 These 50 years have restored
 The Reredos and the Organ but also
 The rain proofing of my Roof!
 Now in the dry people gather and adore
 As we celebrate Mass together.

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

Bishop Nicholas celebrated Mass for
 Our Catholic Jubilee here
 Prayer, thanksgiving and songs of praise
 Resounded around my walls.

Pray that my shelter shall continue
 And Mass be constantly celebrated as
 Christ leads his people to His Father.

And our eternal home.