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]

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 1st November 2026 Psalter Week 3 of Breviary

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Sun 1st November ***All Saints***	**Mass 8.30 am** **Mass 10.30 am**	*David Rawlings' Ints (DR)* *Souls in Purgatory (MG)*
Mon 2nd November *XXXI Week in OT*	**Mass 10 am** **Mass 4 pm**	***The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)***
Tue 3rd November *SS Winifride and Martin*	**The Rosary 6.25 pm led by Bible Group (JB)** **Mass 7 pm**	*Vlad, Charles and Anna Ints (Slawek)*
Wed 4th November *St Charles*	**Mass 10 am**	*Francis Mathew RIP (BF)*
Thu 5th November	**Mass 10 am**	*Joseph Francis RIP (BF)*
Fri 6th November	**Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am** **Mass 10 am**	*Mary Teelings' Ints*
Sat 7th November *St Willibrord and BVM*	**Mass 9 am** **Confessions 9.35-10.45 am** **Rosary and Mass for Kerala Community 3.30 pm**	

Sun 8th November *XXXII Week in OT* ***Remembrance Day***	**Mass 8.30 am** **Mass 10.30 am**	*Anne and Danny Cusack RIP (HB)*
Mon 9th November	**No Mass at Holy Trinity**	***The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast***
Tue 10th November St Leo the Great (Mem)	**The Stations of the Cross (EM) 6.25pm** **Mass 7 pm**	*Thanksgiving (MG)*
Wed 11th November *St Martin of Tours Bp (Mem)*	**Mass 10 am**	
Thu 12th November St Josephat Bp (Mem)	**No Mass at Holy Trinity (Clergy Requiem Mass at Plymouth Cathedral)**	
Fri 13th November	**Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am** **Mass 10 am**	*Peter Pinca RIP (V Mc)*
Sat 14th November *Blessed Virgin Mary*	**Mass 9 am** **Confessions 9.35-10.45 am**	*Al Souls in Purgatory (BG)*

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr Jonathan Bielawski RIP; Tue: Fr Martin Budge; Wed: Fr Ralph Candy;
Thu: Fr George Carrick; Fri: Fr Patrick Chrystal ; Sat: Fr Petroc Cobb

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, Jane Thompson and Mike Edwards

PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

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 5th, November 19th, 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!

We are **Hiring a Parish Secretary:** Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm Church, **Sherborne.** We are recruiting a Parish Secretary for the Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm Church, Sherborne reporting to the Parish Priest. The purpose of the Role is to manage the administrative and secretarial support alongside the Office resources to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his Diocesan responsibilities. If you have good knowledge of and experience using Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Outlook and Teams, along with excellent organisational skills and the ability to act as a key representative for the Diocese of Plymouth, we would love to hear from you! · Hours: 12 hours a week · Location: Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm Catholic Church, Westbury, Sherborne, DT9 3RA · Salary: £14.50 an hour · Closing date: Wednesday 11 November 2026. To apply, please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk to obtain an Application Form and Job Description. Applications are by Covering Letter and Application Form to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk

40 Days for Life – Procession for the Unborn: Sunday 1st November 2026. Prayer starts at 4.15pm outside Malmesbury Park School (corner of Ascham Street, BH8 8NW); 4.45pm - Rosary Walk Procession to the Bournemouth Oratory; 6pm Benediction – Litany of Saints, Final event for 40 Days of Life at the Bournemouth Oratory. Everyone is invited! See poster on the Notice Board *"There is nothing the devil fears so much, or so much tries to hinder, as prayer" – St Philip Neri*

Fair Trade and Chocolate Making, Saturday 14th November, Okehampton 10am-3.30pm. Young people aged 10 - 16 are welcome to join us at Okehampton Parish Church Hall to explore the impact of the chocolate industry on people working within the industry and the environment. The day offers a chance to meet others from across the Diocese, join in games and activities including making chocolate from raw ingredients to create Florentines. A £10 contribution towards cost. Booking essential: Chocolate Making Day, 14th November 2026 – Fill in form https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4ZacZb3hbGtbDxGmw1Owwi3-lZUQlJXMUU2WVlLUVhHWVVVVEhUOEJaWUY0USQlQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

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

Homily for All Saints' Day – 1 November 2026

Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This Sunday (1st November) we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. When we hear the word *Saints*, we may think of great people like St Peter, St Paul, St Francis or Mother Teresa.
But today's Feast is not only about famous Saints. It is also about countless ordinary men and women who lived their faith quietly, loved God, cared for others and are now enjoying Eternal life with Him.
Some of them may have been our own parents, grandparents, relatives, friends or people we have known in our lives. They may never have been officially declared Saints by the Church, but they lived holy lives.
The beautiful Message of today's Feast is this: holiness is not only for a few special people; it is for all of us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."
Jesus teaches us that we become holy not by becoming rich, famous or powerful, but by being humble, merciful, gentle, forgiving and peacemakers.
For example, a Mother who patiently cares for her family, a person who forgives someone who has hurt them, a neighbour who visits someone who is lonely, or someone who quietly helps a person in need – all these are simple ways of becoming holy.

I remember a simple but beautiful saying: A little girl once asked her Mother, "Mummy, what is a Saint?" Her Mother pointed to the beautiful stained-glass windows in the Church and said, "Look at those windows. They allow the light to shine through. That is what a Saint does – a Saint allows God's light to shine through their life."
What a beautiful explanation! We are called to allow God's light to shine through us.
So, how can we become Saints in our everyday lives?

We can learn three simple lessons from three great women called Teresa:
St Teresa of Avila: Spend time with God every day through prayer.
St Thérèse of Lisieux: Offer even the smallest things we do to God with love.
St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa): Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.

My Dear Friends, we don't need to perform great Miracles to become Saints. We don't need to travel to distant places or do extraordinary things. We can become Saints in our own homes, workplaces and communities.
Let us remember that the Saints were not born perfect. They were ordinary people who trusted God, made mistakes, got up again and continued to follow Jesus.
St Augustine once asked himself: "If these men and women could become Saints, why can't I?"
That is a question we can all ask ourselves today.

Let us not simply admire the Saints; let us follow their example. Let us not only celebrate their holiness; let us try to become holy ourselves.
May God help each one of us to become Saints, so that one day we may join all the Saints in the joy of God's heavenly kingdom.

Amen

Homily for All Souls' Day – 2 November 2026

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On 1st November, we celebrate All Saints' Day, remembering all those who are now enjoying eternal happiness with God. On 2nd November, we celebrate All Souls' Day, remembering our family members, relatives, friends and all those who have died.

Today is a Special day to pray for our departed loved ones. We remember them with Love, Gratitude and Hope.
Sometimes, when we lose someone we love, we feel sad and ask ourselves: Where are they now? Will we meet them again?

Today's First Reading gives us a beautiful message: **"The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God."**
What a comforting message! Our loved ones are not forgotten. They are in God's loving hands.
As Catholics, we believe in Purgatory. It is a state of purification for those who die in God's friendship but still need to be purified before entering the fullness of heaven. It is not a second chance after death, nor is it hell. It is part of God's mercy and love.

That is why we pray for the dead. We believe that our Prayers, especially the Holy Mass, can help them on their journey towards Heaven.

St Augustine once spoke about his Mother, St Monica. Before she died, she asked him not to forget her at the altar. She wanted him to remember her in his Prayers and especially at Mass.
This reminds us how important it is to pray for those who have died.

My Dear Friends, there are three simple things we can do for our departed loved ones:

Pray for them: Remember them in our daily prayers and offer Masses for their souls.

Remember them with love: Visit their graves, remember the good things they did and thank God for their lives.

Continue their good work: If our parents or grandparents were kind, generous and loving, let us follow their example and pass those values on to the next generation.
There is a beautiful saying: "We never truly lose those we love; they remain in our hearts and in our prayers."

Today's Gospel gives us another beautiful promise from Jesus:
"Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have Eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day."

This is our Christian hope. Death is not the end. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we believe that we will have eternal life.

So today, let us not only remember our departed loved ones with tears, but also with faith and hope.
Let us entrust them to God's mercy and love. And let us pray that one day we may all be reunited in the joy of God's heavenly kingdom.

May the Souls of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace
Amen