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-Third Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 15th November 2026 Psalter Week 1 of Breviary

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Sun 15th November *XXXIII Week in OT*	**Mass 8.30 am** **Mass 10.30 am (Reception of First Holy Communion Children)**	*Ivan Lobov RIP (IO)* *Michael O'Flaherty RIP (BS)*
Mon 16th November *SS Edmund, Margaret and Gertrude*	**No Mass at Holy Trinity**	
Tue 17th November *SS Hilda, Hugh and Elizabeth*	**The Stations of the Cross led by TLB 6.25pm** **Mass 7 pm**	*John Payne Ints (MG)*
Wed 18th November *The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul-Apostles*	**Mass 10 am**	*Luisa and Isidro Farinas RIP*
Thu 19th November *World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse*	**Mass 10 am**	*Tina Hatkin Ints (HJ)*
Fri 20th November	**Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am** **Mass 10 am**	
Sat 21st November *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mem)*	**Mass 9 am** **Confessions 9.35-10.45 am**	*Thanksgiving for Bruce F Florentino (JF)*

Sun 22nd November ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***	**Mass 8.30 am** **Mass 10.30 am**	*Mary Kibbey RIP (TB)* *Thanksgiving Mass (BG)*
Mon 23rd November *XXXIV Week in OT* *SS Clement and Columban*	**No Mass at Holy Trinity**	
Tue 24th November *St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (Mem)*	**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6.25pm led by Fr Babu** **Mass 7 pm**	*Noreen Drake-Stoker RIP (MN)*
Wed 25th November *St Catherine*	**Mass 10 am**	*Rosemary Chapman RIP (CWL)*
Thu 26th November	**Mass 10 am**	*Gerard Finnigan RIP (AF)*
Fri 27th November	**Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am** **Mass 10 am**	
Sat 28th November	**Mass 9 am** **Confessions 9.35-10.45 am**	

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr Royston Davis; Tue: Fr Guy de Gaynesford; Wed: Fr John Deeny;
Thu: Fr Tony Delsnik; Fri: Fr Robert Draper; Sat: Fr Christopher Findlay-Wilson

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, Eva Cassidy, John Payne 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, Mike Edwards and Rosemary Chapman

Right to Life: 15th November (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) - "Tomorrow, we will celebrate the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland, who was a great lover of the poor. We ask St Margaret to teach us this same love. May

we be like her, loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, the poor, the helpless, the sick, the dying and the unborn. Lord hear us"

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: 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; **6 December: 2.00 pm - Weymouth Avenue (Date change)**, meet by the Chapel close to the Entrance; Please note that the visit to Hamdown Burial Ground Shillingstone on Monday 16 November has been postponed. 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 was that of Sarah the wife of Abraham. (She heard an Angel say that she would have a baby!) We will be meeting on Thursdays 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

SVP: Are you housebound and/or lonely? Or do you know anyone who is housebound and/or lonely? We are holding a Christmas Carol sing-song on **Friday 11th December** in the Parish Centre Classroom from **2-3.30pm**, including Tea/Coffee/Cake/Mince pies 🎄 Please contact svpdorchester@gmail.com or phone Sarita on 07884328324 with names so we can plan the catering and arrange transport.

And please remember to use the SVP box at the back of Church for referrals (forms on the side) and for Cash donations. We are grateful for any Cash or Card machine contributions. Thank you

Dorchester Poverty Action: This Winter both young and old will feel the cold! DPA has launched its Winter campaign to raise funds for those local families experiencing fuel poverty. DPA is a charity supported by Dorchester Churches Together. Please donate via the website www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk or send a cheque to DPA c/o United Church, 49-51 Charles Street, Dorchester, DT1 1EE. Thank you

Churches Together Ecology Group are holding a meeting on Tuesday 24th November at the Dorford Centre at 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity for anyone interested to catch up on the meeting held this weekend at Kingston Maurward College which is being held to coincide with the important International meeting on the Climate being held in Turkey. What are the important messages? - What can you do? Come and find out! See poster on the Notice board.

Finances: The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially. The Offertory Collections for October were as follows: Standing Orders £4,200.; Card Machine/Website £768; Envelopes £186; Loose plate £1,503.82; Total for October 2026: £6,657.82. Thank you to all Parishioners.
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 and donations to the SVP. 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 5th December at 11:00 am**. Many hands make light work, and there is plenty to be done!

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027: We are organising a local group travelling to Lourdes from Poole by Jumbulance (jumbo coach/ ambulance with beds – Jumbulance https://jumbulance.org.uk/) next year from August 5th - 14th. We are looking for VIPs (sick and disabled) as well as helpers and medical personnel. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Dec or Jill on 07919 388203/ 07876778809/ jillanddec.turner@virgin.net

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE - September 2027: There will be a Pilgrimage from Poole for 7 nights, flying from Gatwick to Split on 16th September and staying at the Royal Hotel, near the Church, on a half board basis. We will have a coach to Gatwick and from Split to Medjugorje. If you are interested, please see the poster in the porch and contact Lorna on 01202 914869 for more details. Please note: there is a discount for early payment!

Residential Marriage Course, 8th – 10th January 2027: Are you wanting to understand the Church's teaching on Matrimony and its vision for the Sacrament more deeply? Join us for this weekend exploring the theology of Marriage, based on Scripture and structured around the Rite itself. With time for personal reflection and exercises, sharing in couples and as a group, this Weekend Course serves as a standalone or as an accompaniment to other in-person or online course. For more information and to book: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

Parish Information

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Sunday Reflections: OT 33 [A] (Nov 15): Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; I Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

As we come towards the end of the Liturgical Year, today's Readings remind us that our life on earth will one day come to an end. They encourage us to prepare for eternal life by using the gifts and talents God has given us.
Jesus reminds us that we should use our gifts wisely and faithfully. One day, we hope to hear Him say: *"Well done, good and faithful servant… Come and share your master's happiness"* (Mt 25:21).

The Scripture Readings

The First Reading speaks about a hardworking and faithful woman who uses her gifts to do good and help those in need. She reminds us that we should use our God-given talents for the good of others.

The Responsorial Psalm tells us that those who respect and follow the Lord will find happiness and blessings. In the Second Reading, St Paul encourages us to remain awake, alert and prepared for the Day of the Lord. He also asks us to encourage and support one another.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the Parable of the talents. He challenges us to use whatever gifts we have received, not to hide them or waste them, but to make them fruitful in serving God and others.

Messages

1. **Use your God-given talents:** Everyone has different gifts. Whatever our abilities, we should use them for the good of others.

2. **Share your gifts in the Parish:** We can serve through reading, singing, teaching, welcoming, visiting the sick and helping with Parish activities.

3. **Put your faith into action:** Faith is a gift to be shared through prayer, love, kindness and service

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The message is simple: God does not expect everyone to have the same talents. He simply asks us to use faithfully whatever He has given us.

Growing Together in Faith – An Ongoing Journey

Session 2: The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed – What Is the Difference?

In our First Reflection, we explored why we profess our faith and what it means to say, "I believe". This time, let us look more closely at the two Creeds of the Church: the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Both Creeds express the same Christian faith, handed down from the Apostles. However, they have different histories and slightly different ways of expressing what we believe.

1. The Apostles' Creed – The Faith of the Early Church

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest Summaries of Christian faith. Although it was not written directly by the Twelve Apostles, it reflects the faith and teaching they handed down to the early Christian communities.

It is traditionally associated with the Church's Baptismal profession of faith. Even today, we use it particularly in Baptism celebrations and in personal prayer, especially when praying the Rosary.

It begins with the words, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty…" and takes us through the central beliefs of Christianity: God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and eternal life.

2. The Nicene Creed – A Clear Expression of Our Faith

The Nicene Creed has a special place in the celebration of Sunday Mass. It developed through two important Church Councils: the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 and the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.

At that time, there were serious questions about the identity of Jesus Christ. The Church wanted to make clear that Jesus is not simply a great teacher or prophet, but truly God, equal to the Father.

That is why we profess:

"We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God…"

The Nicene Creed also expresses our belief in the Holy Spirit, the Church, Baptism, the Resurrection of the dead and eternal life.

3. Why Do We Use the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass?

At Sunday Mass, we normally recite the Nicene Creed after the Homily. It is an important part of the Liturgy of the Word.

After listening to God's Word and reflecting on the Homily, we respond by professing our faith together. It is a moment when the whole congregation declares its unity in the faith of the Church.

The Creed is not simply a personal prayer. When we say "We believe", we express our belonging to the Universal Church and our communion with Christians throughout the world and across generations.

4. What Does This Mean for Us?

Whether we pray the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed, we are professing the same Christian faith.

The important thing is not simply to know the words by heart, but to understand their meaning and allow them to shape our lives.

The next time we stand together at Sunday Mass and recite the Nicene Creed, let us do so with greater awareness and conviction.

A question for Reflection: When I say "I believe", am I simply repeating familiar words, or am I truly placing my trust in God and trying to live according to the faith I profess?

Let us continue to grow together in faith, understanding more deeply what we believe and allowing that faith to guide our daily lives. (Session 3 will be continued…..)