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]

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 22nd November 2026 Psalter Week 2 of Breviary

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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**	*Mary Cunningham RIP (KH)*
Sat 28th November	**Mass 9 am** **Confessions 9.35-10.45 am**	*Edith (Jan) Gray's Ints (CWL)*

Sun 29th November *I Week of Advent Year B*	**Mass 8.30 am** **Mass 10.30 am**	*Colin Rolls RIP (PR)* *David Evans RIP*
Mon 30th November ***Feast of St Andrew-Apostle***	**No Mass at Holy Trinity**	
Tue 1st December	**Requiem Mass for Rosemary Chapman 10 am** **Stations of the Cross 6.25pm led by MG** **Mass 7 pm**	 *Thanksgiving (for successful treatment) (EC)*
Wed 2nd December *St Osmund (Mem)*	**Mass 10 am**	*Rosemary Chapman RIP (A and P)*
Thu 3rd December *St Francis (Mem)*	**Mass 10 am**	*Antonio Artiaga RIP (AH)*
Fri 4th December *St John*	**Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am** **Mass 10 am**	*Rose Cain RIP (K and L)*
Sat 5th December	**Mass 9 am** **Confessions 9.35-10.45 am**	*Jack Smuller RIP*

Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

Mon: Fr Win Fish; Tue: Fr David Gassor; Wed: Fr Stephen Geddes;
Thu: Fr John Gilbert; Fri: Fr Colin Groombridge; Sat: Fr Dylan James

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, Guy Moran 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: 22nd November (Christ the King) - "As we contemplate the kingship of Christ, we ask that He rule each of our hearts. We pray that He guides the hearts of lawmakers to protect all human life, especially the most vulnerable: the unborn and the dying. 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,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.

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!

Part time/Self-employed role at **Aid to the Church in Need**. Do you want to do more to support Christians around the world who suffer for their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is seeking Parish Appealers to help share the stories of persecuted Christians in parishes near you. Spend a few weekends each year giving short appeals at Mass. Full training and support are provided, and no fundraising experience is necessary. This flexible, self-employed role is suitable for those who are working, retired, or semi-retired. To view the job description and apply, visit acnuk.org/apply-pa or email Aloma Do Rozario at aloma.dorozario@acnuk.org

Teenagers' (13 - 17 year olds) Residential, 22nd - 24th January 2027. This residential will be held at East Shallowford Farm for those aged 13 - 17 years old. Young people will explore the scripture Matt 7:7 whilst considering ways to communicate with God. There will be 4 themed divisions; producing short footage, dance, music and craft. Young people always talk about how they enjoy meeting fellow Catholics from across the Diocese.

Donation £40 per place. Booking essential: Teens Residential January 2027 – https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4ZacZb3hbGtbDxGmw1Owwi3-lZUQ1ROWUUxRFlXUFRDUlhITkNMODRaU1FTMiQlQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl. For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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/

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Feast of Christ the King – 22 November 2026

(Ez 34:11–12, 15–17; 1 Cor 15:20–26, 28; Mt 25:31–46)

Today's readings focus on Christ the King coming in glory to judge the world. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to remind people that Christ is the true King and that His values of love, justice, peace and truth must guide our lives, society and governments. We celebrate Christ as King by enthroning Him in our hearts, surrendering our lives to Him and recognising Him in everyone, especially the poor and vulnerable.

The first reading presents God as the Good Shepherd who cares for His sheep. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that the Lord is our Shepherd. The second reading proclaims Christ's victory over death and His sovereignty over all creation. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged by how we have treated the hungry, thirsty, strangers, the sick, prisoners and those in need. Whatever we do for them, we do for Christ Himself.

Messages:
Make Christ the King of our hearts: Surrender our lives to Him, listen to His Word and follow His will.
Become servants of others: Like Jesus, our Servant-King, let us serve others with humility, kindness, forgiveness and compassion.
Use our authority responsibly: Whether as parents, leaders or teachers, let us use our authority to promote Christian values and serve others.
Recognise Christ in everyone: Let us love others as Jesus loves us, especially the poor, lonely, sick and forgotten, through unconditional and sacrificial love.

Growing Together in Faith – An Ongoing Journey

Session 3: "I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth"

In our previous reflections, we explored why we profess our faith and the difference between the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Now, let us begin reflecting on the words of the Creed, starting with our belief in God the Father.

I Believe in God

When we say, "I believe in God", we are expressing our trust in Him. Faith is more than simply believing that God exists; it is placing our lives in His hands, trusting His love and allowing Him to guide us.

God is not distant from us. He is our loving Father who knows us, cares for us and walks with us through the joys and struggles of life. Even when we face difficulties, disappointments or uncertainty, we are invited to trust in His presence and love.

God, the Father Almighty

Calling God our Father reminds us that we are His children. He loves us unconditionally, welcomes us and never abandons us. His almighty power is not a power of fear or domination, but the power of love, mercy and compassion.

As Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father", we are reminded that we are not alone. We belong to God and to one another as brothers and sisters.

Creator of Heaven and Earth

We believe that God is the Creator of everything. The beauty of nature, the gift of life, the stars in the sky and the world around us all reflect His goodness and wisdom.

Creation is a gift entrusted to us. We are called to care for it responsibly, respect the dignity of every human person and be grateful for the blessings we receive each day.

A Reflection for Our Daily Lives

When we profess, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth", let us remember that we are His beloved children.

May this belief strengthen our trust in God, deepen our gratitude for His gifts and inspire us to care for one another and for His creation.

A question for reflection:

Do I truly trust God as my loving Father, especially when life is difficult? Do I recognise His goodness in the people and blessings around me?

Let us continue to grow together in faith, placing our trust in God our Father, who loves us, sustains us and leads us towards eternal life. (Session 4 will be continued….)