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Third Sunday of Easter -Divine Mercy - A - Psalter 2 – 19th April 2026

DAILY WORSHIP

Mass will be streamed daily from the Cathedral at 10:00 am –in accordance with GDPR -
see noticeboard for further information

Date	Mass	Intentions
Sunday 19th April	10:00am	June Addelsee (RIP)
3rd Sunday in Easter	6:00pm	George & Mary (Int'n)
Monday 20th April	10:00am	Albert Pearson & Salter Family (RIP)
Tuesday 21st April	10:00am	Bernard Irusota (RIP)
Wednesday 22nd April	10:00am	Isi Irusota (Int'n) - Divine Mercy & Protection
Thursday 23rd April	10:00am	Leonard Warren (RIP)
Friday 24th April Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am 10:00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 25th April	10:00am	Riley Philogene (RIP)
Sunday 26th April	10:00am	Lourdes Ponce Lapena (RIP)
4th Sunday in Easter	6:00pm	David Churchward (RIP)

Intentions
St Joseph's
Lourdes Ponce Lapena (RIP)

Christ the King -
Sunday 12:30
People of the Parish

SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick or housebound in our parish and those who are particularly poorly at this time.

RIP: - Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died especially Dr Kim Lawrence may their souls rest in peace.

Amen



3rd Sunday of Easter 19th April 2026



“He Walks With Us: From Broken Hope to Burning Hearts”

There is something deeply human in the journey to Emmaus a road marked by disappointment, confusion, and quiet grief. The disciples walk away from Jerusalem carrying shattered hopes: “We had hoped...” How often do those same words echo in our own lives?

Yet, the Risen Christ draws near precisely there on the road of lost expectations. He does not interrupt their sorrow; He enters it. He listens, walks, and gently opens the Scriptures, revealing that even suffering is not wasted but transformed in God’s plan. As Peter proclaims, “it was not possible for him to be held by death.” What seemed like an end was, in truth, a beginning. The Psalm assures us: “You will show me the path of life.” Not a path free from struggle, but one filled with presence. And in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened the same Jesus who walked with them now feeds them. Presence becomes recognition.

We, too, are a people on the road redeemed not by fleeting things, but by the precious love of Christ. When we invite Him to “stay with us,” our despair is turned into mission, our heaviness into fire.

May our hearts burn again. May we recognize Him in Word and Sacrament. And may we rise, like those disciples, to proclaim: The Lord is truly risen and He walks with us still.

Happy Sunday

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Baptisms

Jeremy Boakye
&
Fletcher Moran



Please pray for the infants who will be baptised this week and for their families, who will be celebrating this special day with us here at the cathedral.



Marriage

Please pray for Katarzyna & Damian, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this week. We keep them in our prayers today.

Dates for the Diary:

Next First Holy Communion Class- 21st April

Next Confirmation Class- 21st April

First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes.



Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in year 7 or over and would like to start your preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation,

Or

First Holy Communion

If you have a child in Year 3 or over and they would like to start preparations for their First Holy Communion

please contact the office –
plymouth-cathedral@prcdtr.org.uk

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RCIA



RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process for adults to explore the Catholic faith and become fully initiated members of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It's a spiritual journey of individual faith development and community conversion, involving regular meetings, prayer, reflection, and special liturgical rites, culminating in the Easter Vigil. The program is for adults, including the unbaptized, those baptized in other Christian denominations, or Catholics who haven't received Confirmation or Holy Communion.

We have our RCIA course on a Friday evening here at the cathedral centre. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the office by email: plymouth-cathedral.org.uk , New classes will commence in September for next Easter.

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What's On



Bishop Nicholas Hudson is coming to Stay Awake on 2 May, 2026 @ The Thomas Hardye School, Dorchester! The day runs from 10 am to Mass with Bishop Nicholas (celebrating early Saturday evening). Please get your tickets from www.stayawakejc.com (£12.50 for Adults and FREE for children). An all age event with appropriate children's streams (so that parents can engage), keynote speakers (David Wells and Maria Heath); workshops and free pizza after Mass. Bring a packed lunch but there will be plenty of free refreshments throughout the day and plenty of spiritual nourishment for all.

YOU are invited to celebrate and grow in your faith at Stay Awake, 2026!

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Mass for Marriage 2026

Midday, Saturday September 12.
Celebrant Bishop Nicholas Hudson

The Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface
Plymouth PL1 5HW.

Marriage enriches us all, all are welcome, including those remembering late loved ones.

Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date

For more information please contact
deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

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SPUC Silent Pro-life Chains of Witness: 25th April 11am - 1pm



Recent legislation now proposes allowing a mother, in respect of her own pregnancy, to abort her baby up to the moment of birth.

Every baby has the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death. Each conceived baby, whatever its condition, or how it was conceived, has a soul, and is made in the image and likeness of God.

We will, therefore, stand in silence for 2 hours for the 11 million babies aborted since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act in the UK

Join us along the pavement in Exeter Street, Plymouth, outside the Friary Mill Retail Complex, to hold placards in defence of the right to life from conception. Thousands of cars pass and see our message.

By your presence, you will be a voice for the unborn. They cannot speak up for themselves. What we are asking is only for 2 hours, once per year. Please make this a priority. Further info: Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Chris Hudson - 07742320717

ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY ON FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2026 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE

Principal Celebrant: Father Jose Romero OAR

The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for the sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website www.stritascentre.org and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm.

We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am. Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you, and there will be a small army of volunteers working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy feast day for everyone.

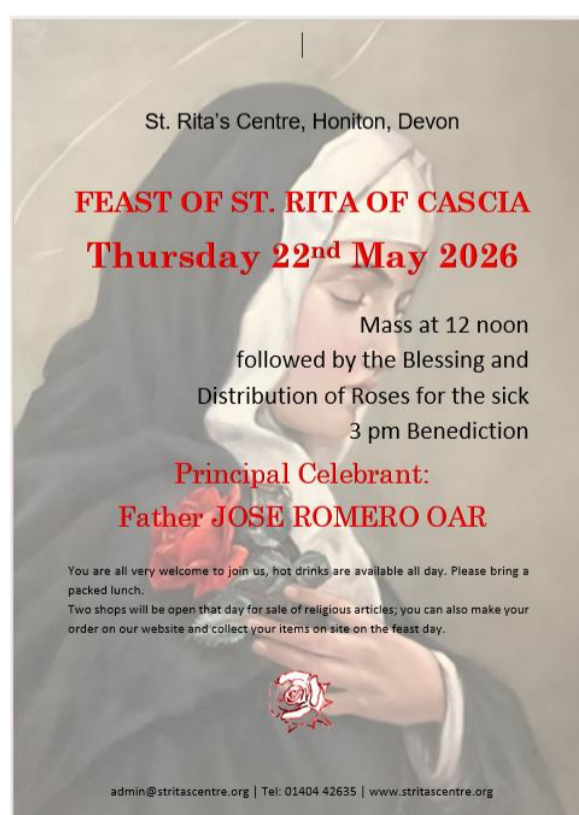
If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

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University Chaplaincy

We welcome our students who are attending the universities here in Plymouth. There is an opportunity for Mass, confession and consultations with Fr Jude every Wednesday at 5:30pm at Christ the King and also Adoration every Friday at 5:00pm.

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Prayer for Pope Leo XIV



**“O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Leo,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;**

**Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

Amen

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3rd Sunday of Easter

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL Psalm

(R) *O Lord, you will show me the path of life*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord.’ O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot.

Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your holy one see corruption.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss for ever.

Second reading

A reading from the First letter of Peter

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

What is Gift Aid?



- Gift Aid is the method used by the Government to allow charities, including the Church, to obtain a tax refund on donations made to them.
- At present we receive £25 for every £ 100 of donations made through Gift Aid.
The Gift Aid scheme is simple, involves few formalities and is an essential source of revenue for our Churches.

What is involved in joining the Gift Aid Scheme?

- To join the scheme you have to pay sufficient tax to cover the tax reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations.
- You have to sign a standard declaration that your donations are to count for Gift Aid.
- Thereafter you only have to make sure that your donations are made in such a way that they can be recorded as made by you to the Church. The most common methods are
 - By Bankers' Order
 - By using special numbered weekly envelopes which are provided free of charge.

Any amount as long as the donation shows your name and the church as recipient.

What donations can be included?

The Gift Aid declaration that you sign is in favour of the Diocese rather than the Parish, so all donations to the Parish and the Diocese can be included, for example: Offertory Collections, and Easter and Christmas offerings

Please do consider Gift Aiding your donations if you have recently arrived in the parish.

Forms are available at the back of the cathedral.



Caritas Diocese of Plymouth



Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is here to give parishes and individuals new opportunities to proclaim our faith in deeds as well as in words. We are here at the service of the most poor and vulnerable.

We have a great many events and initiatives which all are welcome to join. If you would like to find out about our work, please visit our webpage: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/caritas/> You can also watch out for our posters at the back of the church which will let you know what is coming up soon.

If you would like to receive occasional newsletters about our work and get new ideas to reach out to those around you, please contact Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS – April

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

See also : <https://thepopevideo.org/>

VIDEO

The parish is immensely grateful to all donors who have supported the parish during the year and



helped keep our doors open to achieve our Mission. If you don't already do so, please consider whether you could increase the value of your contribution by signing up for Gift Aid (more details and forms available from your parish gift aid organiser or the Cathedral office).

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

Good News— The Cathedral is available for: Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral Services, If you want to discuss or book a date for your service or ceremony please call or email us and we will be happy to help.





Catholic Children's Society
(Plymouth)

The **Catholic Children's Society** is a child welfare agency covering the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth which consists of Cornwall, Devon and most of Dorset. For the latest news use the link below

[News](#)

**Helping families stay
connected**



As Masses are restricted throughout the world, many parish and school communities are asking what they can do to keep their families connected to their faith. CathFamily can help with our online resources which are available free of charge.

[Click for Link](#)



• **Are you concerned about injustice in our world?**

- Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard?
- Would you like support and encouragement?
- Are you already taking action and want to inspire others?

If the answer is yes, then please get in touch with Caritas Plymouth. We are looking to grow the Justice and Peace activities in the Diocese of Plymouth to offer:

- Connections between existing Justice and Peace groups to share ideas
- Opportunities for action,
- Access to related agencies,
- Friendship, solidarity and mutual support

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Deborah, the Caritas Manager, on 01364 645421 or email caritas@pcdtr.org.uk

CAN YOU HELP?

Patients at Mount Gould Hospital appreciate the opportunity to attend Sunday services in the Hospital Chapel, however they need some assistance to get there by being pushed in wheelchairs or accompanied. As the Hospital continues to expand, the Chaplaincy Team is seeking Volunteers to join them in this worthwhile pastoral ministry. If you have 2 hours that you could commit to on a regular rota from 1-3 pm on a Sunday, the Lead Chaplain would love to hear from you: please e mail

pamela.howarth1@nhs.net



Loop System in operation - Channel T

YouTube regarding information- Please be aware that our Masses and Events are regularly filmed and will appear online on our YouTube channel. Due to the current guidelines, we are requested to provide a seating area where the cameras will not put the people in shot of the live filming. The designated area will be the pews in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you would like to receive Holy Communion but wish not to be visible on YouTube, please request to receive at the Blessed Sacrament chapel as the sacrament is being reposed.