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Pentecost Sunday - A -Psalter 3– 24th May 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 24th May Pentecost Sunday	10:00am 6:00pm	Cornelia & Bogdan Radu (35yrs of Marriage) Priests of the Diocese
Monday 25th May	10:00am	Joan Howell (RIP)
Tuesday 26th May	10:00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 27th May	10:00am	Albert Doyle (RIP)
Thursday 28th May	10:00am	Bernard Hooper (RIP)
Friday 29th May Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am 10:00am	Ivy Harrington (RIP)
Saturday 30th May	10:00am	Jane & William Bastick (RIP)
Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday	10:00am 6:00pm	Manesh Manuel (Int'n)

Intentions

St. Joseph's Saturday 5:00pm

**Mary Josephine O'Mahoney
(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 Bernard Hooper may their souls rest in peace.
Amen



Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2026



Someone dies and we say he kept his spirit alive to the end; or we say that 'his spirit lives on'. A word we talk of easily. It's something elusive; you can't pin it down. It comes from somewhere. Maybe from parents, a spirit of endurance or being able to make it through tough time; or from our prayer and faith. We talk of good team spirit, or of a person who kept joyful and courageous to the end. Today is the feast of the Spirit of God, alive, active and joyful. The flame of the Spirit of love is the flame of God. The tongues of fire over the apostles and the followers of Jesus were flames of love, the Spirit of God that would burn on the inside forever. Pentecost is the flame of God's own love, given to his followers to mark the birth of the community, the body of Jesus, the church. Compassion, mercy, forgiveness and a hope for justice for all are gifts we ask from the Spirit who blows among us strongly today.

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We keep in our Prayers our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday at 3pm here at the Cathedral.

**Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**

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ROSARY ON THE BARBICAN:

YOU ARE invited to join The Legion of Mary on the first four Sunday afternoons in May beneath the ancient Stella Maris statue on Plymouth's Barbican. Starting at 3pm, we shall be reciting the Holy Rosary outdoors in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more details call 01752 830113.

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2nd Collection today -Sunday 24th May - Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund,

For the Sick and Retired Clergy of the Diocese.



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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TRAIN AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR



Would you like train in relationship counselling and provide couples with professional, effective support, that makes a real difference?

BENEFITS:

Enjoy full training with certified trainers, ongoing supervision and CPD, and become part of a community of like-minded relationship professionals within a historic and diverse organisation.

Our next **Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC)** training course will begin in March 2027 with a **deadline of 30th June** for applications.

Marriage Care believe that supporting couple relationships is a matter of social justice. Our relationship counsellors enable those in need to access professional counselling – regardless of their ability to pay – by providing two counselling sessions per week on a voluntary basis.

We are looking for those who are **empathetic, understanding** and have an **enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships**. Whilst you do not need experience as a counsellor for this role, **self-awareness** and having the **time and space to commit** to all that the training and role entails is essential.

Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC, including a non-refundable registration fee of around £175. These costs, which are outlined on our webpage, are subject to minor changes and are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. What we ask in return is your commitment to us and our clients.

For more information please visit our website: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Volunteering for youth ministry, in the Diocese of Plymouth

Do you or have you thought about volunteering to work with the youth either in your parish or further afield? Youth Events are setting up a database of volunteers to keep in contact with them, offer training and support for the work they do, and keep them informed of events that are happening across the Diocese. In completing the form it does not mean you are committed to any voluntary work, it is simply an expression of interest. People on the database will be contacted and asked if they would like to support an event. Please follow the link: Volunteer Data Form – Youth Diocese Events – Fill in form For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk



Training for volunteers, working with youth

If you are currently working with youth in the Diocese of Plymouth or are thinking about volunteering, you are welcome to attend any of the listed training courses.

Training Day / Residential

Theme: Accompanying young people through the transition of childhood faith to take ownership of their own faith journey
Saturday 24th October, University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy

Theme: Reaching out to young people in parishes and across the Diocese
Saturday 12th - 14th February, St Rita's, Honiton

Online training

Sessions led by Rob Kingdon, Safeguarding Office.

Theme: Child Exploitation
Wednesday 23rd September, online 7pm - 8pm

Theme: Domestic Abuse - impact on children and young people
Wednesday 28th October, online 7pm - 8pm

Theme: Young people and their online world
Wednesday 12th November, online 7pm - 8pm

DIocese of Plymouth, Youth Events
For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk



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RESIDENTIAL RETREATS
Diocese of Plymouth 2026

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREATS ARE LED BY EXPERIENCED MEMBERS OF THE PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP WHO HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

SUMMER - RESIDENTIAL RETREATS

Jun 26th – 28th Jun (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat
Jun 26th – 1st July (Fri - Wed) Extended Weekend

An Individually Guided Retreat offers each person the opportunity to step back from everyday life to help review their journey in faith, offering space and SILENCE for prayer. - Each retreatant meets a Spiritual Companion daily and together they discuss how best to use the time of retreat. The Companion will help you to pray using scripture and your own experience of life. Together you will try to discern what God is saying to you at this time. The retreat is made in SILENCE to help you to pray and to leave other retreatants equal opportunity for reflection. These SILENT RETREATS in the Ignatian tradition are open to Christians of any denomination.

VENUE: SCLERDER RETREAT HOUSE (Chemin Neuf)
The retreat house with its large garden and pleasant rural walks nearby is situated near Looe, (Sclerder Lane, Looe, Cornwall PL13 2JD). Once a Carmelite Monastery, it offers simple accommodation, but not suitable for those with mobility issues.
Retreat cost includes full board & lodging.
Recommended donation: Weekend Retreat £160;
Extended Weekend Retreat £350.

Residential Retreats - for further information, to check availability, or to book telephone Wendy on: 01752 769164 or 07823447637 or email: Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk

Ignatian Individually Guided Silent Retreats

Jun 26th -28th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

Jun 26th -1st July (Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend Retreat (£350)

Venue: Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf) Cornwall PL13 2JD

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation.

An opportunity to step back from everyday life to make space and time for God.

Cost includes full board & 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 44763

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Online Webinar –

Violence Against Women in the Bible

Tuesday 26th May 2026- 10am until midday

What does a biblical understanding of violence against women look like? How might this understanding inform our responses as Catholic communities to violence against women in our churches and in wider society? Join the webinar to hear from the panel of theologians and practitioners. Hosted by CSAN's Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith.

Click the link to register CSAN Domestic Abuse Alliance (26-May-2026) · Charity Suite Events

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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Gabriel Fauré
REQUIEM
with Haydn's Little Organ Mass and *Insanæ et vanæ curæ*
Saturday 4th July 2026 at 16:00

The Choristers and Adults of Buckfast Abbey
Robert Pecksmith *director*
Charles Maxtone-Smith *organ*

Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth

Admission free, retiring collection

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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Pentecost Sunday

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm

(R) Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Second reading

A reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.'

Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to John

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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 VIDEO

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS – May

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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](#)

• **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

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](#)

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.