

CATHEDRAL PARISH OF ST MARY & ST BONIFACE

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A -Psalter 3- 14th June 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 14 th June	10:00am	John & Dora Robertson
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	George & Mary (Int'n)
	10:00am	Dave Smith (RIP)
Monday 15 th June	10:00am	Deceased members of K Joseph's family (RIP)
Tuesday 16 th June	10:00am	Stafford Forristal family (RIP)
Wednesday 17 th June Diocesan Priests Jubilee Mass	12:00pm	
Thursday 18 th June	10:00am	K P Philip (RIP)
Friday 19 th June Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am 10:00am	Bob & Kathleen Walker (RIP)
Requiem Mass	1:00pm	Veronica Cameron & James Hamilton (RIP)
Saturday 20 th June	10:00am	Holy Souls
Sunday 21 st June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am	Frances Harrington (RIP)
Day for Life	6:00pm	Thomas Maguire (RIP)

Intentions

St. Joseph's Saturday 5:00pm

Honora York (RIP)

Christ the King -
Sunday 12:30

People of the Parish

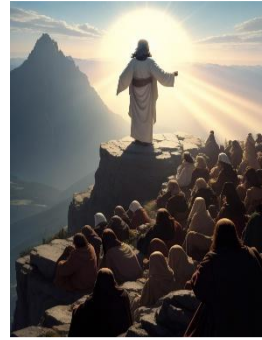
SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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 Veronica Cameron & James Hamilton (RIP) may their souls rest in peace.
Amen



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th June 2026



Carried by Love, Sent with Compassion

There is something deeply moving about knowing that we are seen, known, and loved. In a world where many people feel overlooked, burdened, or unsure of their worth, this Sunday's message speaks directly to the heart: God looks upon His people with love and compassion.

Long before we thought of Him, God was thinking of us. Long before we found our way to Him, He was gently carrying us toward Himself. His love is not something we earn; it is a gift freely given. Even in our weakness, failures, and struggles, He never stops calling us His own.

Jesus reveals this love perfectly. When He sees the crowds, His heart is moved. He sees beyond appearances and recognizes the hidden weariness, the silent wounds, and the longing for hope. His response is not criticism but compassion. He draws near, heals, restores, and sends His followers to do the same. And that is where this Gospel meets our daily lives. We are not only recipients of God's love; we are called to become channels of it. A smile offered with sincerity, a word of encouragement, a patient heart, a helping hand, these simple acts can become powerful reminders that God is still at work in the world.

Perhaps the most beautiful truth in these readings is this: we are loved before we are sent. God does not wait for us to be perfect before He uses us. He simply asks us to receive His love and share it generously with others.

This week, may we allow ourselves to be embraced by God's compassion and, in turn, become a source of compassion for someone who needs it. For hearts touched by God's love have the power to transform the world, one person at a time.

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2nd collection - Next Sunday—Day for Life

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

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Diocesan Celebration for the Jubilarians in our Diocese this Year 2026

This year we will gather as the clergy and faithful to celebrate the Jubilee Years of four Jubilarians.

Father Gerard Wilbeforce – 50 Years
Bishop Nicholas Hudson – 40 Years
Canon John Webb- 40 Years
Father Anthony O’Gorman- 25 Years

Our celebrations will be on Wednesday at midday for Mass- followed by a BBQ in the Bishop's Garden. Please do come and join us if you can. Contact the office for catering numbers in the next two days- cathedral-parish@prcdtr.org.uk

We look forward to you being with us on this special day in the life of our Diocese and thank God for our Jubilarian's and their faithful service to the Lord.

THERE WILL BE NO 10:00AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY

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Polite Notice—Children's Liturgy

Due to Safety concerns about the traffic coming across the pathway as the children enter the hall for their liturgy. the Cathedral gates will be closed on a Sunday at 10:00 to 10:45 to avoid any possible accidents.

The gates operate on a timer so we cannot open them to let in any late comers.

Thank you for your understanding

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We pray for Winnifred Blackburn who will be baptised this week. We keep in our prayers her family, especially the parents and God parents, as they begin their vocations as followers of Christ through Baptism



CROSSING



Mass for Marriage 2026

Midday, Saturday September 12. Celebrant Bishop Nicholas Hudson The Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface Plymouth PL1 5HW. For more information please contact Deborah.vankroonenburg.org.uk

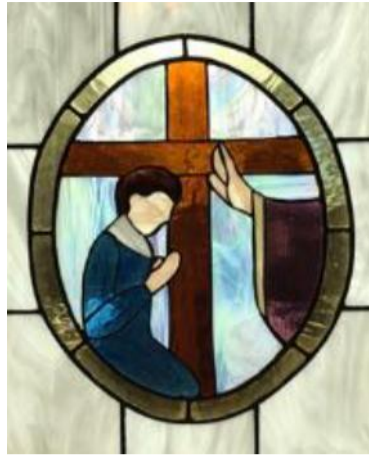
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News from the Diocese – For all the latest news from the Diocese follow the link or go to our website
<https://www.plymouthcathedral.org.uk/>

NEWS



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-catherdral@prcdtr.org.uk

For Classes commencing in September 2026

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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 13th November, online 7pm - 8pm

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

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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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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Eleventh Sunday in ordinary time

First reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

' The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand;

repent and believe in the gospel

Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

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 – June

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

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.