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Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time - A 2 - Psalter 2– 30th August 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 30th August	10:00am 6:00pm	Holy Souls Nadira Dawood & Polus Binham (RIP)	Intentions St. Joseph's Saturday 5:00pm Waldron Family (RIP) Christ the King - Sunday 12:30 People of the Parish
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday 31st August	10:00am	Anthony Widera (RIP)	
Tuesday 1st September	10:00am	Fr George Marsden (RIP)	
Wednesday 2nd September	10:00am	Esther Archer (Int'n)	
Thursday 3rd September St Gregory the Great	10:00am	Mary Harding (RIP)	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, Shirley Foale may their souls rest in peace. Amen
Friday 4th September Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am 10:00am	Josefina & Edwardo de Leon (RIP)	
Saturday 5th September	10:00am	Andrea Casey (Int's)	
Sunday 6th September	10:00am	Ciciliya Chan RIP (1 st Anniversary)	
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	Dinham & Curtin Families (RIP)	



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th August 2026



In today's gospel we hear the call of Jesus to become his followers. This is no easy invitation: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.'

We enter into the cross of Jesus, and begin our following of him, when we are baptised. It is at that moment that we become members of this body that can gather at the Lord's table, and it is the grace of baptism that sustains us on the difficult road of following the Lord of life, and goodness, and truth. We meet deep human concerns and feelings in the gospel.

Peter is shocked to the core that Jesus would die; so shocked that he always later seemed to forget that Jesus promised that he would rise on the third day. Jesus talks very seriously about the cost of following him, like the cost of following any commitment in life.

Jesus invites us to live at the deepest level of ourselves. In the area of life where we live and love, laugh and cry, worry and enjoy, hurt and forgive. In all these very personal sides of life, Jesus dwells, since he says that he makes his home in us.



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We are looking forward to welcoming Fr Daniel Herrero Pena- who will be coming as the new assistant priest at the cathedral in this coming week. Please make Fr Daniel welcome, and pray for him as he begins his new ministry with us.

We also welcome Fr Thierry Butor who will be coming to us this week. Once again please make him feel welcome

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Farewell from Fr Jude-A Heartfelt Thank You and Blessing

As I prepare to begin a new chapter in my priestly ministry, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you, Thank you for your love, care, prayers, encouragement, support, kindness, and advice during the time I have been with you. You have welcomed me, walked with me, supported me, and helped me in so many ways. I will always be grateful for the memories we have shared and for the love you have shown me.

As I now begin my new assignment as Priest in Charge of Launceston, Bude and Callington, I ask you to continue to keep me in your prayers, that the Lord may guide me, strengthen me

Please pray for me, as I will always pray for you.

God bless you all. 🙏❤️

Fr Jude

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Today there will be a 2nd collection today - Grateful Hearts—Serving Others—Putting All Children First:—

Please give generously towards the work of the Catholic Children's Society and keep them and their beneficiaries in your prayers. Your love, kindness and generosity will make a difference to many children and their families. Thank you so much, and please remember to gift your donation if you can.

Donations can also be made online at: <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/donate/> or by using the QR code



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RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We will open our new year of preparation for the people who are seeking to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who would be, please let us know, and come along to our introduction evening on Friday 4th September in the parish hall. Details available on the website.



Thank you- to everyone who was involved in the funeral Masses for Fr Jon. It was a beautiful occasion with a full cathedral, and so many people who came said how they were made to feel welcome. We pray for Fr Jon and his family, parishioners and friends, who are grieving their loss, and pray that the Lord of Peace will accompany them on their journey. We have a memorial prayer card for Fr Jon at the entrance to the cathedral, please do take a card.



We pray for Joleen and Jack, who were married on Friday – we keep them and their family in our prayers.

Baptism

We pray for Steven Ajewole who is to be baptised this week, we keep him and her family in our prayers.

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Back to School!

Dear God, please watch over our children as they go back to school this year. Keep them safe every day. Help them to remember you are right there with them in the halls and classrooms. Give them a hunger for learning and open their minds to knowledge. Help them treat others with kindness and respect. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you. Amen.

We keep in our prayers all those who are preparing to return to school and college after the summer holidays. As they begin their new academic year, we ask the Lord to bless them and their teachers.

Mass for Marriage 2026

If you are recently married or are celebrating an anniversary, why not join us at Midday, on Saturday September 12th for a Mass for Marriage, 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

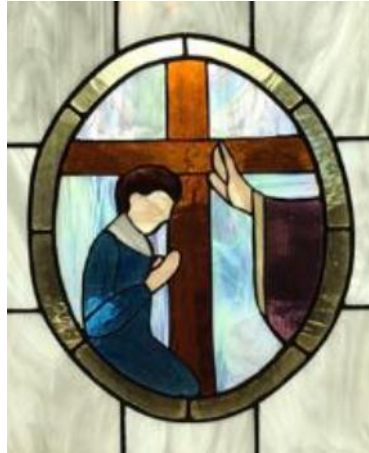
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SPUC URGENT: In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill fell at the end of the Parliamentary session having failed to complete its passage through Parliament. Now, Lauren Edwards MP (Labour) has reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September. It appears that the assisted suicide lobby is intending to invoke the Parliament Acts, whereby if the House of Lords rejects the same Bill in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions, it can be passed without their consent BUT, if MPs REJECT the Bill at Second Reading, it will not progress further. We have just a small window of time to persuade MPs to reject the Bill during the summer recess, when most MPs are back in their constituencies. Please write to your MP asap, or make an appointment to meet them face to face before the September vote. There will be SPUC flyers and info at the back of your church to help you. Further info: Christine Hudson: **Tel: 07742320717** Email: **chrishud78@talktalk.net**
Luke Pollard MP, Labour Plymouth Sutton and Devonport, voted for Abortion Decriminalisation but no vote was recorded on Assisted Dying. mail: luke.pollard.mp@parliament.uk

Fred Thomas MP, Labour Plymouth Moor View, voted for Assisted Dying but no vote was recorded for abortion decriminalisation. Email: fred.thomas.mp@parliament.uk

Rebecca Smith MP, Conservative Plymouth S.W. Devon voted against Abortion Decriminalisation and against Assisted Dying. Email: rebecca.smith.mp@parliament.uk

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

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 4th September at the Cathedral for next Easter.

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What's On

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

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Adoremus - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress

Our third National Eucharistic Congress will take place in London on Sat 10th Oct. It would leave Plymouth at 5am and pick up at Exeter Services - and possibly Taunton or Wincanton.

Mass at St George's cathedral and procession across the Thames to Westminster Cathedral, followed by a vigil of adoration until 6am. If you would like to be one of our 50 diocesan delegates, please contact Fr Chris at Poole : (01202) 746539

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News from the Diocese – July/August

For all the latest news from the Diocese follow the link or go to our website /

NEWS

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As part of their appeal to raise funds for our Tower repair, St Michaels church in Teignmouth we are delighted to be welcoming Professor Ian Tracey to give an organ recital on September 19th at 7.00 pm. All welcome

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Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

We are a small Diocesan charity helping families of all faiths and none living in Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset. We do this through our ESSENTIAL GRANTS PROGRAMME, our RAINBOWS Bereavement & Loss service and our GOOD SHEPHERD programme.

WHO WE'VE HELPED SO FAR IN 2026

126 families have received an Essential grant in the first six months, compared to 90 families this time last year, from:

many parts of Plymouth and Devon including Exeter, Holsworthy, Okehampton and Totnes. However, we are now receiving more applications from Cornwall – in particular from Bodmin, Bude, Callington, Camborne, East Taphouse, Falmouth, Launceston, Liskeard, Penryn, Penzance, Saltash, St Austell and Wadebridge. We are also receiving more applications from Dorset including Bridport, Dorchester, Poole and Poundbury.

WHAT IS OUR ESSENTIAL GRANTS PROGRAMME?

This programme aims to relieve the urgent material needs of children, young people and families by providing essential household items and clothing, such as cookers, washing machines, beds and school uniforms.

This support is offered, as many families can not afford to purchase these items themselves. This can be due to a variety of reasons, such as unemployment, ill health, fleeing domestic abuse or trying to set up a new home with nothing.

CRIB APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to every parish who supported our Crib Appeal. So far, we have received £8,300.53 from 47 parishes.

Our 2026 Annual Appeal theme is 'GRATEFUL HEARTS – SERVING OTHERS'. Look out for appeal envelopes over the August bank holiday weekend – Sat 29 and Sun 30 August.

COULD YOU JOIN OUR BOARD ?

We are looking for 2 or 3 trustees with an interest in CCSP, as following retirement, we now only have 7. Our trustees have a wealth of experience but would love some new people to join them, especially if you have some HR experience. We meet quarterly on Mondays at St Boniface House in Ashburton, although these could be attended via video link and if you would like to come along to our next meeting in July or October, please email ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk or call 01364 645420.

RECENT FEEDBACK

We recently helped a mother and her two sons who had fled domestic abuse and were starting over from scratch. We received this feedback

"I want to thank you so much for organising the funds to buy our lovely fridge freezer. We received the delivery and installation by two lovely gentlemen from HBH Woolacotts. What a difference this has made to myself and my two boys! We now have fresh food, fruits and vegetables and no more food waste. It is a perfect fit for our kitchen and just enough for our needs. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your kindness and generosity. May God richly reward you."

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TO DONATE TODAY, please scan this QR code using your mobile phone to be taken directly to our Give a Little Campaign page - THANK YOU !



JULY 2026

UNBOUND

FREEDOM IN CHRIST PRAYER CONFERENCE

Buckfast Abbey, Devon. TQ11 0EG (Conference car park)

Deliverance. Freedom. Belonging.

Join us for a powerful experience of breaking free from chains and walking in liberation.

Saturday October 31 & Sunday November 1, 2026

UNBOUND is a non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry which helps people worldwide reclaim their true- identity in Christ.

- Hosted by UK Co-ordinator Susan Walsh.
- Trained Unbound Ministers on site
- A Diocese of Plymouth Initiative



- Mass in the Abbey
- Unbound Ministry
- Praise & Worship
- On-site Hotel Accommodation
- Restaurants

Enjoy a weekend in the most beautiful environment in the heart of Devon.

Tickets from £65. (Accommodation booked separately)

To book your ticket

[PRAYER CONFERENCE Freedom in Christ Buckfast Abbey, Devon TQ11 0EE – Fill in form](#)

Michele Thompson 07940 453607 for more information

UK Website: www.unboundprayer.com

Please note tickets will not be available on the door

Over 18's only.

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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First reading

A reading from book of the Prophet Jeremiah

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out,

I shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’ For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name’, there is in my heart as it were a burning fire

shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;

for you my soul is thirsting.

For you my flesh is pining,

like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,

to behold your strength and your glory.

Your loving mercy is better than life;

my lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;

with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

For you have been my strength;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings fast to you;

your right hand upholds me.

Second Reading

A reading from Saint Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and

acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your

mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia,

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests

and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘Far be it from

you, Lord! This shall never

happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind

on the things of God, but on the things of man.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever

would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world

and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of

his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.’

’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 – September

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.





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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@prcdtr.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 email

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.