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Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time - A 2 - Psalter 3– 6th September 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	Intentions St. Joseph's Saturday 5:00pm Kathleen & Henry Bulley (RIP) Christ the King - Sunday 12:30 People of the Parish
Sunday 6th September	10:00am 6:00pm	Ciciliya Chan RIP (1st Anniversary) Dinham & Curtin Families (RIP))	
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday 7th September	10:00am	Sidney Sibley (RIP)	
Tuesday 8th September Funeral Service - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am 12:00pm	Tereasa Joseph (RIP) 1st Anniversary Shirley Foale (RIP)	
Wednesday 9th September	10:00am	Patricia McMahon (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, Lucy Haine & Cheung Mo RIP, may their souls rest in peace. Amen
Thursday 10th September	10:00am	Varghese M (Int'n)	
Friday 11th September Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am 10:00am	C V Chacko (RIP)	
Saturday 12th September Mass for Marriage	10:00am 12:00pm	Laura Mejias (RIP) All Married Couples	
Sunday 13th September	10:00am	Bill Ellis	
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	Gerard Cluney (RIP)	



SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Speaking Truth in Love: The theme of today's scripture readings is at odds with the commonly held view that we should mind our own business, and let other people mind theirs. We are only responsible for our own behaviour. It is, of course, true that each of us is responsible for his or her own behaviour. However, as Jesus reminds us we also have a responsibility for others, one that, at times, may include correction.

Truth can be captured in a single African word, 'ubuntu', which means 'I am because we are'. Saint Paul uses the beautiful expression that we all form 'one body'. For good or ill, our lives impact on one another.

We are obliged to help one another to grow together to be the best that we can be as a Christian community of witnesses to the reign of God.

Often what inhibits us from speaking the truth in love to a brother or sister is our fear of rejection and conflict. We don't want to take the risk of endangering our relationship with those we love. But a relationship built on the avoidance of all conflict rather than on truth is on a very shaky foundation indeed. There is a healthy conflict that leads to growth just as there is an unhealthy peace that is really another word for indifference. So, instead of tolerating all sorts of unchristian and destructive behaviour, today's gospel challenges us to correct one another in love, and with respect, so that the entire Christian community, all members of the Church of Christ, may glorify the wonder and the beauty of God who has made each one of us in his image and who calls us to live as his children.

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RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who would be, please let us know, by emailing: plymouth-cathedral@prcdtr.org.uk Details available on the website.

WELCOMES



My name is Fr Daniel. I was ordained for the Diocese of Westminster eight years ago, but I have spent half of my priestly ministry here in Plymouth, serving the parish of St Peter and St Thomas More, and later also The Holy Cross in Yelverton. Coming now to the Cathedral feels like a new beginning for me. I am very grateful for the warm welcome I have received so far, and I look forward to getting to know you all.



My name is Fr. Thierry. I come from the Diocese of Pontoise in the suburbs of Paris. I was ordained in 2005 and until the 31st august I was Vicar General. After 8 years in this mission, I thought that it was the good time to have another experience. I am very happy to join your parish, and I Implore your indulgence for my English. I must improve it with your help.

Mass for Marriage 2026

If you are recently married or 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@prcdtr.org.uk

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Care for Creation – A Special Year

The Year of St Francis 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Pope Leo XIV declared that it will be a special Year of St Francis in which we are all called to become saints in our world, following St Francis' example. We are called to model a holiness of life and witness to peace. The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

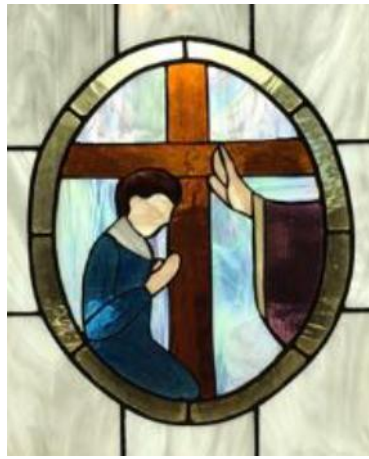
SPUC URGENT: In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill fell at the end of the Parliamentary session having failed to complete its passage through Parliament. Now, Lauren Edwards MP (Labour) has reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September. 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 /

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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 Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

A reading from Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia,

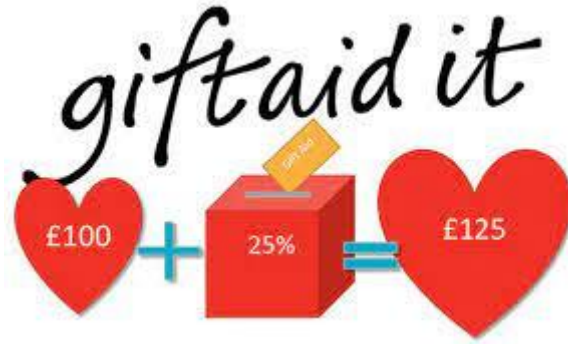
Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

'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 – 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.