

CATHEDRAL PARISH OF ST MARY & ST BONIFACE

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Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - A 2 - Psalter 3– 4th October 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 4th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am 6:00pm	Francis Harrington (RIP) Richard Cotton (RIP)	Intentions St. Joseph's Saturday 5:00pm Ann McKenzie (RIP) Christ the King - Sunday 12:30 People of the Parish
Monday 5th October	10:00am	Arthur & Winnifrede Gilby & Family (RIP)	
Tuesday 6th October	10:00am	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 7th October	10:00am	Maree Heathcote's	
Thursday 8th October	10:00am	Catherin K (RIP)	
Friday 9th October Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St John Henry Newman	9:30am 10:00am	F Harrington (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 may their souls rest in peace. Amen
Saturday 10th October	10:00am	Lucy Araujo (RIP)	
Sunday 11th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am 6:00pm	John Lewis White (RIP) David & Ann Collins and Becky Cotton (Int'n)	

4th October 2026



Canon Mark O'Keeffe

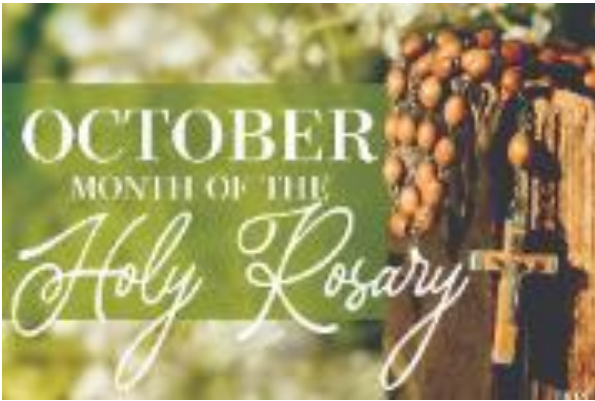


Fr. Daniel Herrero Peña

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Fr Thierry Butor



The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Far from just a vocal prayer, the Rosary is a profound meditation—a "compendium of the Gospel," as St. John Paul II called it. When we pray it, we gaze upon the mysteries of Christ's life through the loving eyes of His mother.

Whether you pray a full Rosary daily, a single decade with your family, or a humble Hail Mary in a moment of trial, you are uniting your heart to a living monument of faith. Let us use these 31 days to step away from the noise of the world, find a refuge of peace, and allow Mary to draw us closer to the Sacred Heart of her Son.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us! 🌿

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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.

VACANCY - Deputy Headteacher at The Cathedral School of St Mary, Plymouth

Do you have the vision, drive, and leadership skills to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people?

We are seeking an inspirational and strategic leader to join our senior leadership team. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future direction of our school, working closely with colleagues, pupils, families, and the wider Trust to secure excellence in teaching, learning, and pastoral care.

Full details, job description, recruitment pack and application form can be found using the link below:

<https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-PLC-0145>

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Working at the Cathedral

Appeal to Help the Sisters

I would like to invite people to be benefactors for the refurbishment of the sisters kitchen. The Convent has a very old kitchen which has not been upgraded for many decades.

We are currently looking at the costs of a new kitchen- as you may appreciate this will be a major expense. Therefore, I am looking for benefactors who would be willing to contribute to the costs.

If you think you may be able to assist in helping our sisters, please contact me through the parish office or after Mass.

You can email me at plymouth-cathedral@prcdtr.org.uk

Once we have an idea of the number of people who could help us, I will then do an appeal to the wider parish.

In gratitude to those who are willing to help us.



The day starts at 10:00 - Gathering

10.30 - 11.30am Mass and Adoration

11.30am - 12.30pm Spiritual Conference

12.30 - 1.30pm Lunch

1.30pm - 2.30pm Time to talk to
a Diocesan Priest

2.30pm - 3pm Closing Prayers
and Feedback

**You are invited to
our Diocesan 'Day of Reflection'**
On Saturday, 17th October, 2026, (10:00 to 15:00)

at St Mary's Parish Centre, St Mary's Road, Bodmin PL31 1HF

*'So they pulled their boats up on shore,
left everything and followed him' (Luke 5:11)*

This event offers the opportunity to respond to God's call.

God calls a sufficient number of Shepherds. The response in freedom
is down to each man who is called.

Are you ready to 'pull up your boat on the shore' and respond. If so,
please come to this event.

For further information please contact

Fr Jacek Kostuch, Vocations Promoter (jacek.kostuch@predtr.org.uk)
or Fr Ralph Candy, Vocations Director (ralph.candy@predtr.org.uk)

*For catering purposes it would be helpful if you can let us know in advance if you plan
on attending. Under 18s can attend with parental permission.*

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OFFICE of VOCATIONS

DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

www.priesthoodplymouth.co.uk

Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Nov 1. 2026

UNBOUND Freedom in Christ.

A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ.

Weekend tickets from £65.

To book [UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Prayer Retreat. Buckfast Abbey, Devon – Fill in form](#)

Call or email Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information 07940

453607 michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk

For more information on Unbound Ministry please follow the link: <https://www.unboundprayer.com/>

African Mass

Sunday 18th October: Join us for our African Mass Celebration at the Cathedral at 12:00pm

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2nd Collection - Today

Cafod Family Fast Day Appeal 2026

Please give generously

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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, 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 ,

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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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Walking together
with *Mother Mary*,
towards *Jesus*

“Blessed is she who believed that the Lord’s word to her would be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:45)

JESUS YOUTH PRAYER MEETING

10 OCT 2026
SATURDAY
(5.00 PM TO 7.00 PM)

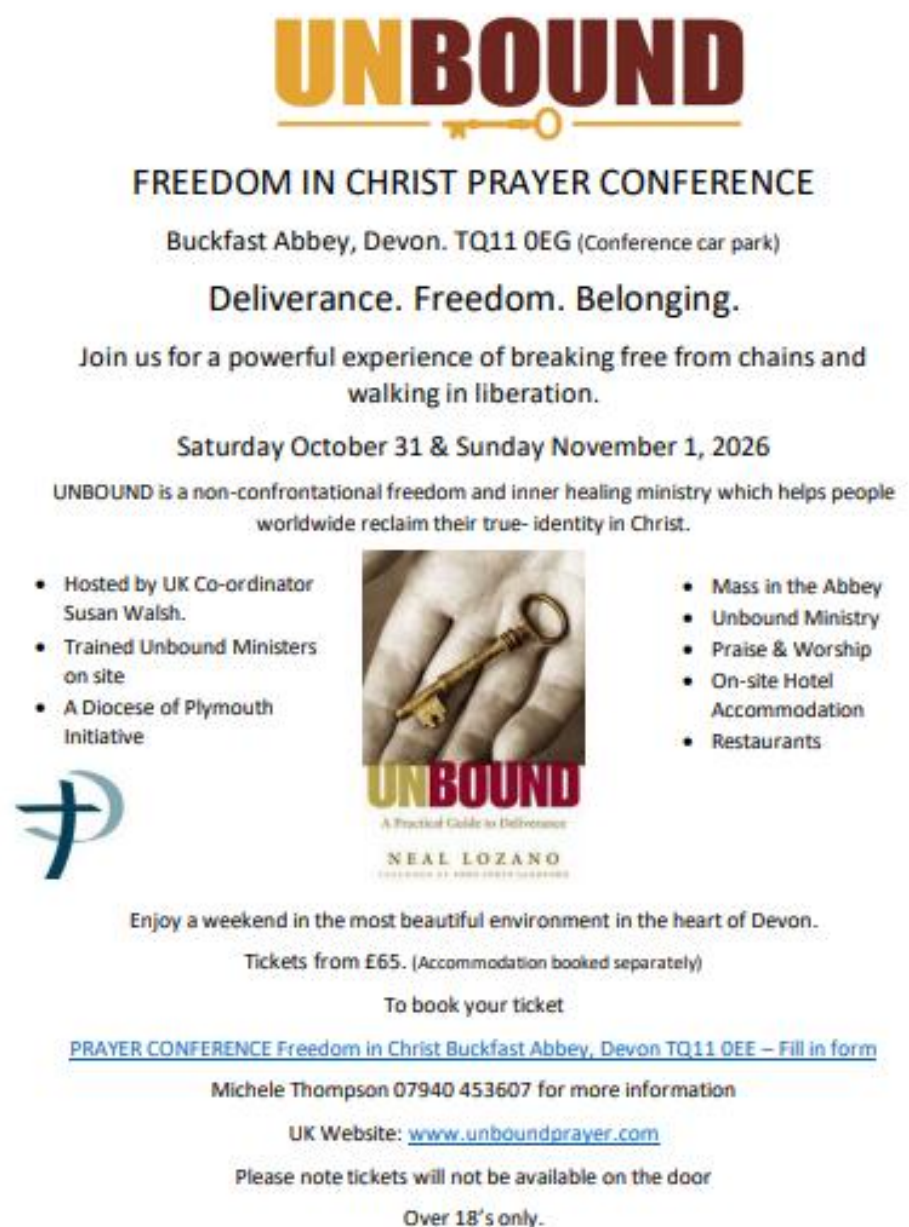
Starts at 5.00 pm.

- Rosary
- Praise & Worship
- Word of God
- Holy Mass / Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for an enriching sessions filled with prayer, reflection and community fellowship. All are welcome to this blessed gathering.

The Cathedral Church of Saint Mary and Saint Boniface,
Wyndham Street West, Plymouth, PL1 5ER, England.

For more informations please contact Email: Sbabu@jesusyouth.co.uk



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.

RESIDENTIAL RETREATS

Diocese of Plymouth 2026 - 27

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

Advent 2026 RESIDENTIAL SILENT RETREAT - HONITON

Nov 27th – 29th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat
Nov 27th – Dec 2nd (Fri – Wed) Four - Day Retreat
Nov 27th – Dec 4th (Fri - Fri) Six-day Retreat.

Spring 2027 - RESIDENTIAL SILENT RETREATS - HONITON

May 7th – 9th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat
May 7th – 12th (Fri - Wed) Four - day Retreat
May 7th – 14th (Fri - Fri) Six-day Retreat.

Summer 2027 - RESIDENTIAL SILENT RETREATS - SCLERDER

June 25th – 27th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat
June 25th – 30th (Fri - Wed) Four - day Retreat
June 25th – July 2nd (Fri - Fri) Six-day Retreat.

Retreat cost includes full board & lodging; Recommended donation: Weekend Retreats £180;
Advent & Spring 4-day Retreats H £370; 6-day Retreats £510;
Summer 4-day Retreat £350; 6-day Retreat £460

VENUE: ST RITA'S CENTRE - a well - appointed retreat centre run by Augustinian Recollect Order with comfortable ensuite accommodation (St Rita's Centre, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton, Devon. EX14 1AP).

VENUE: SCLERDER ABBEY (Chemin Neuf) A retreat house with a large garden with pleasant rural walks nearby, situated near Looe in Cornwall. Once a Carmelite Monastery, it offers simple accommodation but is not suitable for those with mobility issues. (Sclerder Lane, Looe, Cornwall PL13 2JD).

SILENT RETREATS in the Ignatian tradition open to Christians of any denomination, who would like to step back from everyday life and review their journey in faith. An Individually Guided Retreat offers each person the opportunity for space, SILENCE and 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 will be made in SILENCE to help you to pray and to leave other retreatants equal opportunity for reflection.

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

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Join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to celebrate the

10th World Day of the Poor "The Lord is the Refuge of the Poor"



with **Bishop Nicholas Hudson**

opening the day and closing with mass,
keynote speaker

David Wells reflecting on Pope Leo's message,
Also, Canon Kristian Paver will talk on the new church at Tiverton.

Saturday 14th November 2026, 11.00am-4.30pm

At the newly opened
St John & James Catholic Church,
40 Old Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 4HJ

Registration essential
for this free event &
early booking advised.

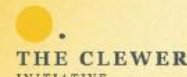
To register scan the QR code,
or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk
or tel 01364 645440



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TEL: 01364 645440 EMAIL: CARITAS@PRCDTR.ORG.UK
ST BONIFACE HOUSE, ASHBURTON, NEWTON ABBOT TQ13 7JL

Simple lunch
provided

REGISTERED CHARITY 1203416



See, Speak, Act: Faith in Action Against Modern Slavery.

'He has sent me...to set the oppressed free...' Luke 4:18

Wednesday 14 October 2026, 1-5pm

Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

Modern slavery affects communities across the South West.
Join people from local churches to learn how to recognise the signs,
respond safely, and take action against slavery and exploitation.

MEDAILLE TRUST

Ben Ryan

COO and Deputy CEO at Medaille Trust, one of the leading providers of support for survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking in the UK.

THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Lois Bosatta

Director of the Clewer Initiative, set up to raise awareness and mobilise the Church and communities to prevent and take action against modern slavery in the UK.

TACKLING ORGANISED EXPLOITATION (TOEX) PROGRAMME

TOEX provides law enforcement with dedicated intelligence, analytical, and technical expertise to undertake complex organised exploitation investigations, such as modern slavery and human trafficking.

Spaces limited
Register today



SIGN UP

Free to attend
All welcome



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.



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 !

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 🙏🙏"

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)
St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7JL
01364 645420 www.ccsplymouth.org.uk
ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk
Registered Charity No 282803 Registered in England No 1546053



JULY 2026

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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Week 27 in OT

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R) The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

1 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. It stretched out its branches to the sea; to the river it stretched out its shoots.

2 Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by the way. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

3 God of hosts, turn again, we implore; look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted, the son you have claimed for yourself.

4 And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name. Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Second reading

A reading from Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Alleluia,

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’

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 – October

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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@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



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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.