

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND ST DENIS



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<h2 style="font-family: cursive;">Sixth Sunday of Easter</h2> <p><b>World Communications Day – the right use of media</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday Readings: Year B Psalter: 2</b></p>
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### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (First Mass of Sunday)</b>	6pm	Jamie (John) Doyle RIP
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10am	The Parish
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Monday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide</b>	10am	David Ward RIP
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide</b>	10am	Joyce Silk RIP (The Parish)
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide</b>	10am	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	10am	Mgr George Hay RIP (St Marychurch Parishioners)
		7pm	The Parish
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Friday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide</b>	10am	Private Intention
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Saturday of the Sixth Week of Eastertide</b>	10am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (First Mass of Sunday)</b>	6pm	The Parish

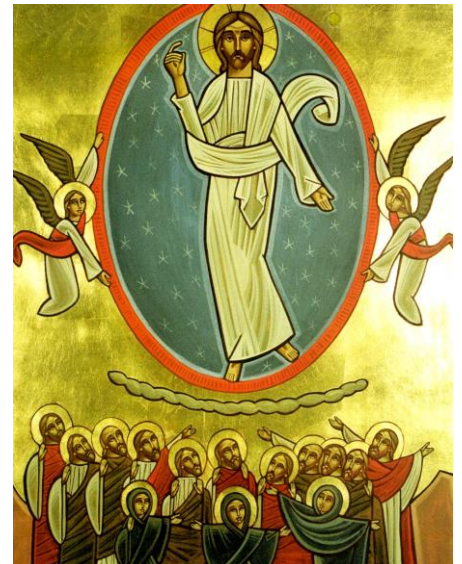
**Next Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> May – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Readings: Ac 1:15-17; Ps 102; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11-19**

### Feast of the Ascension: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Ascension is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. On this day we do not observe a departure; we celebrate a presence. Thus, this day in the 50-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and our status. We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at the Eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorise exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise, to proclaim the risen one who never leaves us.

“The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well; where the glorious head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we have lost through the devil’s hatred.”

*Sermon of St Leo the Great*



**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 10am and 7pm.**

**Pope Francis' Intentions for the month of May: For the formation of men and women Religious, and Seminarians**

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

**Food Bank donations:** Non-perishable food items and hygiene products may be left at the back of church or taken to the driveway of the Vicarage in Cary Park Road. Visit [www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchbabb](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchbabb) for more information.

**Torbay Hospital**

If you or someone you know would like to be visited as an inpatient, please phone Felicity on 07906 234210 or Richard on 07952 670292.

We have been asked by the life protection charity Right to Life to say prayers of intercession during May. For **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**, the prayer is: As we approach the Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit all those who are near to death. May they be united with our Lord in heaven, and may those who love them be comforted.

**Youth Adventure Weekend, Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, 24th – 26th May**

This year's theme is 'I am with you' (Mt 18:20). In between activities and games, young people will have the chance to explore the scripture and consider ways to communicate with God. We plan to offer caving amongst other activities. This weekend is aimed at 10–13-year-olds. Cost £100. Any further questions: please contact Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk). To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB>.

**Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 26th July 2024**

6 Nights £955 per person sharing. Special Youth Section Price: £495 per person sharing. Direct flight from Bristol to Toulouse and return from Bordeaux to Bristol. Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Diocese of Plymouth including Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession & Blessed Sacrament Procession. For information, please contact: Fr Chris Findlay-Wilson via email: [Christopher.Findlay@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Christopher.Findlay@prcdtr.org.uk). To book, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 0808 1890468 (Freephone) Email: [info@joewalshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joewalshstours.co.uk)

**Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care**

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for Trustees to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

**Parish Barbeques – they're back!**



Our summer barbeque season is now underway. Please join us in the Presbytery garden after 10am Mass on the following Sundays to enjoy hearty fare and good company – and perhaps even a tipples or two. You are most welcome.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May; Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June; Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July;  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August; Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September;  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

We hope to see you there!

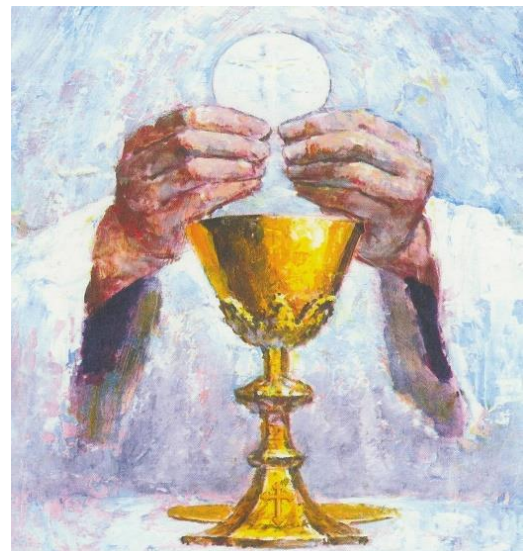
Last week's barbeque raised an impressive **£132**; many thanks to all who came, to all who helped, and especially to our grill chef extraordinaire!

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY EUCHARIST**

The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation, so called because, like Baptism and Confirmation, it brings us into the fullness of our life in Christ. In Holy Communion, we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, without which, John (6:53) says "you shall not have life in you."

Receiving Holy Communion brings us graces that affect us both spiritually and physically. Spiritually, our souls become more united to Christ, both through the graces we receive and through the change in our actions that those graces effect. Frequent Communion increases our love for God and for our neighbour, which expresses itself in action, which makes us more like Christ.

Please remember in your prayers all the children of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time next **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**.





## THE PARISH COMMUNITY

**Sacrament of Baptism:** A baptism will take place today during the 10am Mass. Please remember the child and their parents, Godparents, family, and friends in your prayers as we welcome them into God's family and the parish community.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Our children will be making their First Holy Communion during the 10am Mass next **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**. Please keep the children in your prayers as they celebrate this important step in their faith journey.

**Confessions** are heard after Saturday morning Mass and by appointment.

**Coffee after Mass** takes place on **Sundays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays** each week; please come along.

**Choir:** You are most welcome to join our friendly church choir. Practice takes place on Sunday mornings at 9.30am, in St Thomas' room.

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**PRCDTR St Marychurch RC Parish.**

**Mass Intentions:** Please contact Vicky in the parish office to arrange a Mass intention.

There are weekdays available in **June**; the next Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10am weekend Masses available are **13<sup>th</sup>/14 July**.

**100 Club:** The lucky winning ticket of the £10 weekly prize is: **No. 150**. Congratulations! Please pay £12 to renew your subscription for the next quarter by cash, cheque, or BACS - **you have to be in it to win it!** Please contact Vicky on **Tel:** 01803 327612 or Felicity on **Mob:** 07906 234210 for more information.

We now have only 33 active members of the 100 Club, which means the net amount going towards fundraising has reduced to £176 for each quarter. If you would like to join the 100 Club, please complete one of the forms available at the back of the church, and Felicity will contact you.

### **Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Felicity Stead and Julie Neville.**

If you have any enquiries or concerns about Safeguarding, please contact Felicity or Julie in confidence on **Safeguarding Mob:** 07434 744631.

### **You are most welcome to attend our Masses; they are also live-streamed via **YouTube**.**

To view, click [here](#) to access the 'At a glance' page on the Parish Website. Alternatively, open YouTube and search for 'Potts Chatto' (the name of our YouTube channel, in homage to our benefactors). Scroll through the videos to find the 'live' stream. This facility was made possible by the Lottery Community Fund grant.

### **A warm welcome**

New to the parish or already with us but have changed your address, telephone number, or email address? You are invited to complete a Parishioner form and return it the office. And, if you're not already signed-up to and are interested in Planned Giving or Gift Aid, please speak to Felicity or Elaine.

### **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**

If you would like to support our Diocesan Children's Society and the amazing work they do then how about taking part in the **Great Big Diocesan Quiz at Assumption of Our Lady church, Abbey Road on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**.

The quiz will start at **7:30pm** prompt; entry £8 adults, £4 children under 12 with a Ploughman's Supper included.

More details on the poster at the back of the church; tickets available from the Parish Office, Abbey Road.

### **Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps**

There will be three Summer Camps this year all taking place at Grangehurst House, Buckfast Abbey;

- **Senior Camp** (School years 7 to 10) 5 nights from **28<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August** – cost £250
- **St Petroc's** (School Years 11 and 12) 2 nights from **31<sup>st</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August** – cost £100
- **Junior Camp** (School Years 3 to 6) 4 nights from **4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August** – cost £200.

Please see the leaflets at the back of church or visit: [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/summer-camps/](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/summer-camps/)

### **CAFOD Emergency Appeal**

An emergency appeal is taking place for those suffering in the Sudan, where at least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms. Envelopes should be available at the back of church this weekend but, if not, please look for them next weekend to donate funds urgently needed for this cause. Please pray for all affected.

### **Priory School Request**

Our primary school, Priory School, would like to set up a prayer group for children to study the weekly gospel, and have asked for a volunteer or two to lead the group. It's a wonderful way to foster closer relations between school and parish. If you feel you could support this request, please contact Vicky in the parish office. Thank you.

### **OFFICE TIMES**

**The Parish Office is open  
from 9am till 2pm, Monday  
through Friday.**

## A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments.

Please see [//cafod.org.uk/encounter](https://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

## Rise to Our Cause on Ascension Thursday



Following the success of our inaugural CCSP Ascension Day fundraiser last year at Buckfast Abbey, this year's Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s 'Rise to Our Cause' event is being held at St Mary's in Poole on **Ascension Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. The event will start with Holy Mass in the church at 12 noon, followed by a buffet lunch in the church hall before this year's Guest Speaker, the hugely popular David Wells, who has talked at many events in the past all across the Diocese.

There will also be a raffle to help raise money for CCSP to continue to help families of all faiths and none – so please don't forget to bring a little cash.

Tickets are now on sale for £10 with all proceeds going towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. Please email [vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk) or call 01364 645420.

## Art Exhibition and Prayer Walk Plymouth Cathedral 18th-24th May

*'Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.'* Isaiah 42: 9



Come and see art work from our young people about care for our common home and take part in a self-guided time of spiritual reflection.

## St Rita's of Cascia Feast Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at St Rita's Centre, Honiton

Principal Celebrant: Father John Dockerty

The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick.

Two shops will be open that day for sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website [www.stritascentre.org](http://www.stritascentre.org) and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day concludes with Benediction at 3 pm.

We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30am. Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you and there will be a small army of volunteers working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy feast day for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635.

## Confirmation Workshop

Are you involved in supporting young people as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you have experience in running Confirmation groups? Are you planning to run a group? Please join us, a group of Catechists who have been sharing prayer, reflection and study on the Sacrament of Confirmation, as we consider some of the approaches and principles involved. The workshop will include a video presentation with Maria Quinn and Fr Jonathan Stewart, on the GIFT model, and we will reflect on the principles involved in supporting young people who are undertaking the sacrament.

To register: please contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Date:** Saturday, 25th May 2024

**Time:** 11.30 - 15.00

**Venue:** St Peter's RC Church, 15 St Boniface Lane, Crownhill, Plymouth PL5 3AX