

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND ST DENIS

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13th October 2024

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings: Year B Weekdays: Year 2

Psalter: 4

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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Saturday	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN	6pm	Arthur N. Kelly RIP
12 th October	ORDINARY TIME		
	(First Mass of Sunday)		
Sunday	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN	10am	The Parish
13 th October	ORDINARY TIME		
Monday	Monday of the Twenty-eighth Week in		NO MASS
14th October	Ordinary Time		
Tuesday	St Teresa of Ávila - Virgin		NO MASS
15 th October			
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Twenty-eighth Week	10am	EXPOSITION, ADORATION, AND
16th October	in Ordinary Time		BENEDICTION
			Prayers against the Assisted Dying Bill
Thursday 17 th October	St Ignatius of Antioch – Bishop, Martyr		NO MASS
Friday	St Luke - Evangelist		NO MASS
18 th October			
Saturday	Saturday of the Twenty-eighth Week in	10am	Deceased Avis and Reardon Families
19 th October	Ordinary Time		(Foundation)
	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN	6pm	The Parish
	ORDINARY TIME		
	(First Mass of Sunday)		

Next Sunday: 20th October – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Readings: Is 53:10-11; Ps 32; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:42-45

Prisoners' Sunday - 13th October

A Message from His Eminence Cardinal Vincet Nicholls, Archbishop of Westminster As President of Pact, the national Catholic charity for people in prison and their families, I invite you to join with me in supporting this year's Prisoners' Sunday, on 13th October. Pact supports people throughout England and Wales, whatever their beliefs. Pact's work is varied.

and includes care for children whose parents have been sent to prison, as well as offering practical assistance to people leaving prison, who are trying to make a fresh start and put their past behind them. Pact workers can be found inside many prisons, working alongside chaplains, to support people who may be experiencing mental

illness or losing hope. An important element of Pact's work is to support prisoners and their families to maintain their family bonds, recognising the anxiety, isolation and perhaps hardship they may be experiencing while a loved one is in prison. This work has been hugely influential, and it is now recognised that it is one of the most effective means to reduce the risk of reoffending by former prisoners. Jesus himself commended those who showed concern for prisoners: 'I was in prison and you visited me'. Pact continues to rely strongly on the support of Catholic parishioners. I encourage you to play your part in its important work, whether through prayer, volunteering or financial support, putting the values of the Gospel into action and working for the common good of all.

Pope Francis' Intentions for the month of October: For a shared mission

Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion, and mission shared by priests, religious, and laity.

Food Bank donations: Non-perishable food items and hygiene products may be left at the back of church or taken to the main entrance of All Saints Church, Cary Park. Visit www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchbabb for more information.

Torbay Hospital

If you or someone you know would like to be visited as an inpatient, please contact Deacon Anthony Carey: anthony.carey@prcdtr.org.uk; 01626 774640.

missio

We have been asked by the life protection charity Right to Life to say prayers of intercession during October. For **Sunday 13th October** the prayer is: This week, we will celebrate the feast day of St Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers. We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child.

World Mission Sunday – 20th October 2024

World Mission Sunday falls on the penultimate Sunday in October. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Donations collected at these worldwide Masses go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Missio is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient. We work through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly – on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories – local Church directly helping local Church! Please give what you can in the retiring collections next weekend, 19th/20th October.

Dei Verbum - the Word of God

"How can we know anything about God with certainty? Why should we trust what the Church tells us about God? How do we make sense of the Bible?" In preparing for the Jubilee year 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to explore the key documents of Vatican II and one of those documents is Dei Verbum. Come and join us with Sister Hyacinthe, who, as a Dominican, will guide us through the text and inspire us with a love of God's Word. Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey, **Saturday 19th October**, 10.30am-3pm (tea/coffee at 10am, Mass at 12noon). Contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk **OR** https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ImGab5THgECYLx FSFnRJd76Dtpj19ZZEhXH6wK1wfpJUOTVVMzY3SUg0UUE0RE85Mk1DUVpGVlpBSS4u

Season of Creation

Join us for a day of reflection about how we are called to act as stewards of creation, 10.30am-3.30pm on **Saturday 19th October** at the Church of St Andrew, Blundell's Avenue, Tiverton EX16 4D. The event will be led by John Paul de Quay from the Ecological Conversion Group who has a wealth of knowledge about Catholic Theology and the Environment. A simple lunch will be included. Please follow this link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KidbqQHRkEKiqby9p4Zaca73jzxgOQNHsGHGCFRchfhU MUYyVEhMUUVDRIZWQ0pYTTdGSThBNzE2RCQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have you stopped talking altogether? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for the next programme: 8th-10th Nov. Call 07887 296983; Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com. www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Bishop-elect Philip Moger

You are warmly invited to please sign up to the diocesan newsletter to receive the latest news about and from our Bishop-Elect Philip Moger! https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494. We will be publishing some special editions in the lead up to his installation, with the first one available here: https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-5E3A54C5D11C17F32540EF23F30FEDED

Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Philip Moger: 1pm Saturday 9th November

With great joy and gratitude, we look ahead to the upcoming Episcopal Ordination and Installation of our new Bishop, Philip Moger. The limited seating capacity for this Mass means that entry will only be granted to those with an official invitation, but the Service of Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral on 8th November will be open to all wishing to come and pray with and for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for the following day's profoundly significant ceremonies for him and for our diocese. Both the Solemn Vespers and the Ordination Mass and Installation will be live-streamed here or via the Cathedral website: https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/. Please pick up a prayer card produced to mark the Installation of Bishop Philip from the back of church.

Synodal Update

Please follow this link to access the latest newsletter: https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Synodal-Newsletter-Oct-24.pdf

THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: The Rite of Enrolment for the children will take place during 10am Mass this **Sunday, 13th October**. Please keep the children, their families, and our catechists in your prayers as they take this important first step on this journey.

Requiescant in pace: It was with deep sadness that we learned recently of the deaths of Margaret Weir, David Massarella, and Sheila Worley. Margaret's Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Thursday 24th October. Sheila's Funeral will take place at the Crematorium on Friday 25th October. David's Requiem Mass will take place at 2pm on Monday 28th October. Please remember their loved ones as you pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

Confessions are heard after Mass on Saturday mornings 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.

Part of the Plymouth Diocese Registered Charity
No. 213327. Please make cheques out to: PDT
St Marychurch RC Parish.

Please note the small change to account details.
This does not affect existing Standing Orders.

Mass Intentions: Please contact Vicky in the parish office to arrange a Mass intention. We have a few weekdays available in January 2025; the next Saturday 6pm or Sunday 10am weekend Masses available are 1st/2nd & 22nd/23rd February.

100 Club: The new quarter has now begun, and two draws have been made this week. The lucky winning tickets are: **No. 72**, and **No. 82**. Congratulations!

Please pay your subscriptions for the present quarter by cash, cheque or BACS.

Please contact Vicky: Tel 01803 327612 or Felicity: Mob 07906 234210 for more information.

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 <u>here</u> 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

If you are new to the parish, or if you haven't already done so, 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.

New Lectionary

On **Sunday 1**st **December**, the First Sunday of Advent, a new English version of the Lectionary will be introduced for use at Masses throughout Catholic parishes in England, Wales, and Scotland.

Church diaries

Diaries for 2025, featuring a glossy image of our beautiful church on the front, can be found at the back of church, free of charge. Please help yourselves!

Scaffolding

Over the past few months, plaster stonework has been falling on the sanctuary. Scaffolding was erected to investigate and safeguard the area. It has been found that blocked external guttering is at the root of the problem, which will need to be addressed. In the meantime, please take care when approaching the sanctuary.

There will be no Mass said in our church on **Wednesday 23rd October**. Instead, Bishop-elect Philip Moger will celebrate Chapter Mass with the Canons at 12 noon at the Cathedral. This service will be live-streamed.

Parish Barbeques

Please join us in the Presbytery garden after 10am Mass this Sunday, 13th October to enjoy the final barbeque of the season in good company –and even a tipple or two. We hope to see you there!

PARISH OFFICE TIMES

The Office is open 8.45am-3pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday; and Thursday 8.45am-12 noon.

Readers' Training

In conjunction with the introduction of the new Lectionary, Canon Michael will be leading training for parish readers over the next few weeks. The sessions comprise of two parts, with readers asked to attend Parts A and B on dates of their choosing. There is a list at the back of church to complete from this weekend. The dates are:

Part A: 11am Saturday 26th October; 7pm Tuesday 5th November; 7pm Tuesday 19th November Part B: 11am Saturday 2nd November; 7pm Thursday 7th November; 7pm Thursday 21st November All parishioners are welcome to Part A, which is an exploration of the Old and New Testaments.





The heart of the activity in the Vicariate for Evangelisation & Catechesis is making Missionary Disciples, committed to serving Jesus as He commanded (Mtt 28:18) The core resource to achieve this is our Mission Made Possible course. This is a bespoke resource that has been run online for the past 4 years. The course comprises:

- · 7 sessions of 90 minutes
- · In parish, home or online
- · 5 participants in each group
- · Personally hosted and guided

The overall objective of the course is to integrate a proactive attitude to evangelisation/faith conversations and the "How to" go about it (Genesis Method) with discipleship which is the "DNA" of a missionary disciple. These sessions aim at a new Conversion and will take your spiritual life to a new level. Sessions Starting Soon! For details: julia.beacroft@prcdtr.org.uk Mob: 07751 670211

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Journey in Faith "Come and see"

As a non-Catholic, are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Do you know anyone who is asking questions about the Catholic Church? ...or anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? RCIA meetings are taking place at Assumption of Our Lady church, in the Parish Centre (behind the church). No commitment is required. A warm welcome awaits.

Next session: Thursday 24th October, 6.15pm-7.30 pm.

The Safeguarding Office - Support for victims of abuse

The Safeguarding Office provides advice and support to all victims of abuse, regardless of whether this is something that is happening currently or that happened in the past. We work with anyone who has been abused, both those who were abused within the church, as well as those who have been abused in other settings. We are here to help you whether you were a child or adult when the abuse took place. We are not here to blame, judge or make excuses for the abuser, we are here to help all those who have experienced abuse or are still in an abusive situation, in any way we can.

The Safeguarding Office can provide you with support, advice, and signposting to relevant organisations. Our dedicated team of safeguarding professionals work closely with other agencies both locally and nationally including the Police, Probation, Social Services, and to standards that are set out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency.

Please contact us for a confidential conversation. You can call us on 01364 645430 (Monday to Friday from 9:00am – 4:30pm) or e-mail us on safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

Support for Pensioners on Low Incomes

An estimated 880,000 low-income pensioner households eligible for pension credit currently fail to claim it and a deadline is approaching. The government says it is worth an average of £3,900 a year, but it is also a gateway to other financial support such as winter fuel payments. If you know a pensioner on a on low income, please encourage them to check if they could be eligible for pension credit. This can be done online through www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator or people can get advice via phone on weekdays - 0800 99 1234. There is a leaflet with more details and advice at the back of the Church or you can get a copy by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or calling 01364 645421.

Get equipped - likely vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas

Labour MP Kim Leadbeater announced last week that she will be tabling an assisted suicide Bill in the House of Commons. As Kim Leadbeater came first in the Private Members' Bill ballot, it is now very likely that we will be facing a **vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas.** Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada.

Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead