



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND ST DENIS



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Sunday Readings:
Year B
Psalter: 1**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (First Mass of Sunday)	6pm	The Parish
Sunday 28th April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10am	Philomena Histon RIP
Monday 29th April	ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA – VIRGIN, DOCTOR	10am	Edmund Phelps RIP (Foundation)
Tuesday 30th April	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Eastertide	10am	Francesco (Frankie) Columbini RIP
Wednesday 1st May	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Eastertide	10am	Intentions of Canon Michael
Thursday 2nd May	St Athanasius – Bishop, Doctor	10am	St Marychurch Parishioners
Friday 3rd May	ST PHLIP AND ST JAMES - APOSTLES	10am	Mgr Anthony Gilby RIP
Saturday 4th May	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	10am	Maria Zenaida Ramos & Ricardo Ramos Snr RIP
	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY)	6pm	John Jamie Doyle RIP (John Doyle)

Next Sunday: 5th May – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Ac 10:25-26.34-35.44.48; Ps 97; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday 29th April - Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

St Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on 25th March 1347. She was the twenty-fifth child born to her parents, though fewer than half her siblings survived past infancy.

When an elder sister, Bonaventura, died, Catherine resisted her parents' attempts to have her marry her sister's widower. She began to take pains to mar her own beauty by cutting her hair, and her life became quiet and prayerful, filled with charitable pursuits. She would often give away clothes and possessions to the poor, she bore criticism of such behaviour with composure. Aged 21, Catherine had a mystical experience, a vision during which she was told to re-enter public life and to help the poor and sick. She often visited hospitals and poverty-stricken homes, and her activities soon attracted followers who helped her in her mission to serve the poor and sick.

Her work drew her further into the world, and she became involved in the fragile politics of the time; she was instrumental in effecting peace in Italy and restored the Papacy in Rome. She is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. The works are so influential that St Catherine would be declared a Doctor of the Church; she fell ill aged 33 and died on 29th April 1380.



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, grown 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 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 April. For **Sunday 28th April**, the prayer is: Yesterday was the 56th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act coming into effect. As we hope and pray for an end to abortion, we pray especially for our Government. That their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – 30th April 2024

The Bishops of England and Wales have set aside the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter as a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused, during a season of hope and new life. This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church.

General prayer for a culture of openness and loving support for survivors of abuse:

We pray for those who have come forward to speak of the abuse they have suffered, and for those who are not yet able to. May the Spirit help us to offer a response that is rooted in the love of Christ and to be a community in which they can continue to feel believed and safe as the search for truth and justice unfolds.

God of justice and healing, hear our prayer.

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. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB>.

Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 26 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 Email: Christopher.Findlay@prcdtr.org.uk To book, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 0808 1890468 (Freephone) Email: info@joewalstours.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 or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Parish Barbeques – they're back!

We're planning to herald the arrival of warmer weather by launching our summer barbeque season. 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 tippie or two. You are most welcome.

This Sunday - 28th April

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

We hope to see you there!



THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Sacrament of Holy Communion:: The next sessions for parents and children will take place at 4pm on **Tuesday 30th April.**

Requiescat in pace: It is with deep sadness that we learned recently of the death of Fr Michael Cole, his Requiem Mass will take place at Plymouth Cathedral at 11am on **Wednesday 15th May.** Please remember Fr Michael's family and friends in your prayers as you pray for the repose of his souls.

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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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 13th/14 July.**

100 Club: The lucky winning ticket of the £10 weekly prize is: **No. 64, Congratulations!** **The new quarter has now begun;** 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 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 that do then how about taking part in the **Great Big Diocesan Quiz at Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road on Friday 10th 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 **28th July to 2nd August** – cost £250
- **St Petroc's** (School Years 11 and 12) 2 nights from **31st July to 2nd August** – cost £100
- **Junior Camp** (School Years 3 to 6) 4 nights from **4th to 8th August** – cost £200

For more information please see the leaflets at the back of the church or visit: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/summer-camps/>

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.



The Parish Office is open from 8.45am-3.15pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays



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 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 or call 01364 645420



Saint Philip and Saint James

Feast Day: Friday 3rd May

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons - the divine power to love like God.

The English Martyrs

Feast Day: Saturday 4th May

The Catholic martyrs of the English Reformation are men and women executed under treason legislation between 1534 and 1680, and recognised as martyrs by the Church.

In the reign of Pope Gregory XIII (1572–85), authorisation was given for 63 recognised martyrs to have their relics honoured and pictures painted for Catholic devotions. These martyrs were formally beatified by Pope Leo XIII, 54 in 1886 and the remaining nine in 1895. Further groups of martyrs were subsequently documented and proposed by Roman Catholic bishops of

England and Wales and formally recognised by Rome.



The Month of May

The month of May for many people signals a time of greater intensity for devotion to Mary, but this should never eclipse the paschal nature of the fifty days of Eastertide. Instead, we are led into an Eastertide praise of Mary, praying the 'Regina Caeli' in place of the Hail Mary and remembering the witness of Mary praying with the apostles before Pentecost.

Regina Caeli: *Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! Has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!*

It is also good to use the Rosary in your family prayers at home during the month of May; the Joyful Mysteries on Mondays and Saturdays; Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays; Mysteries of Light on Thursdays; and Glorious Mysteries on Sundays and Wednesdays.

The Joyful Mysteries (Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding in the Temple

The Mysteries of Light (Thursday)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Mysteries of the Rosary



The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scouring at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries (Sunday and Wednesday)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Crowning of Our Lady in Heaven, and the Glory of all the Saints