

PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD YEAR B – 25th DECEMBER 2023

PLACE	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Plympton Ivybridge	Monday 25 th December	09.00 am 10.30 am	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Plympton	Tuesday 26 th December	7.00 pm	For altar servers
Plympton	Wednesday 27 th December	10.00 am	Gary and Jane Driscoll's Intentions
Ivybridge	Thursday 28 th December	10.00 am	Monica Thevenon (RIP)
Plympton	Friday 29 th December	10.00 am	Catherine Fennell (RIP)
Modbury Efford	Saturday 30 th December	12.00 noon 5.00 pm	
Plympton	Sunday 31 st December	09.30 am 11.30 am	Sheila Hunt's Intentions

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We shall be having **30mins** adoration before each weekday Mass. It is a good opportunity to have quiet time with the Lord.

PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Join us at 9.30am on Fridays for Adoration and the Rosary followed by Mass at 10.00am. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick and housebound in our parishes and for those who are particularly poorly at this time.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died, especially Monica Thevenon, Susan Williams, Christel Pryce and Paul Kenyon and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: - Catherine Leonard, Marie Pidduck, Brendon Dowd, Victor Ripo, Michael Carter, Edward McSkeane, Mary Brown, Victor Houghton, Derek Bowden and Geoff Curtis.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

ORDINATION BISHOP-ELECT CHRISTOPHER

Bishop-elect Christopher Whitehead will be ordained the tenth Bishop of Plymouth on February 22nd 2024 in Plymouth Cathedral at 12.00 noon. Further details will be published once they have been finalised, but this is just to make you aware of the date. Please keep Bishop-elect Christopher in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The collection on Christmas Day is your personal gift to your Parish Priest.

REMINDER

There will be no Masses throughout January at **Efford or Modbury** as Fr Victor will be away.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is a celebration that draws many Christians together because it is something we can relate easily with, the birth of the child Jesus. The birth of a child always draws families together. We, as a faith community have come together to joyfully celebrate the birth of a God in human nature.

I asked a child what his best time of the year is. He immediately answered Christmas, because it is a time, he gets presents from family members and friends. Yes, Christmas is a special time we share love with everyone. We do that through writing of cards, making phone calls, paying someone a surprise visit, praying for someone, and giving presents to our loved ones. The love we share at Christmas is what we experience in the Incarnation of the Son of God.

In the Incarnation, God shared his love with us. He showed us his face, He pitched his tent among us, and upgraded our human nature by becoming one of us. “The Word took flesh and dwelt among us”. God always desires to be close to us, not to judge us but to guide our steps in the right path. God encourages us to always enjoy his company and appreciate his love for us.

The invisible God has shown his face to the world. We know what he looks like, we know his parents, we know where to find him, and we know that He is always close to us.

I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas celebration and thank you very much for your love, support, and gifts. You are always in my thoughts and prayers. Remain blessed!!! **Fr Victor**



Priest- in- charge: **Fr Victor Agbaka**

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