

PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B – 7TH JANUARY 2024

PLACE	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Plympton Ivybridge	Sunday 7 th January	09.30 am 11.30 am	Susan Williams (RIP) Katie Briars (RIP)
Plympton Ivybridge	Sunday 14 th January	09.30 am 11.30 am	Dennis Coole (RIP) People of the Parish

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

For the sick

Please pray for the sick & 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 Bertram Tickle, Monica Thevenon, Susan Williams, Christel Pryce and Paul Kenyon and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: - Lyra Knight, Stjean Kasaic, Michael Simpson, Pamela Ingles, Margaret McCarthy, Paul Barrett, Greg Froggatt, Michael Hogan, Mary Bowden, Edward Borg, Henry Burrows, Winter Dixen, Fr James Courteney, Christine Baines, Avril Wilkes and David Snelling. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

There will be a **Registration Meeting** after Mass in the Children's Liturgy Room on **Sunday 21st January**. If your child is aged seven or over and you would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Communion, please come along to the meeting. If you have your child's Baptism Certificate, please bring it with you. We look forward to meeting with you.

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.

Catholic South West

Copies are on sale now at the back of the church (50p). This month's copy includes an article about Bishop-elect Christopher Whitehead.

Catholic Children's Society (PLYMOUTH) (CCSP)

Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Thank you for your generosity.

Whilst Fr Victor is away.

- In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Cyriacus (01822 853171) or Deacon Simon (07854816523)
- There will be no Masses throughout January at Efford or Modbury

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Jonathan Bielawski and thank him for celebrating Mass with us today.

HOMELESSNESS -What can we do?

According to the charity Crisis, on any given night around 1 in 100 households in England are experiencing the worst forms of homelessness. Forecasts show homelessness rising significantly in the immediate future, with inflation squeezing real incomes and increasing poverty and destitution, alongside rising private rents and evictions. Many people in our Diocese will be affected by this housing crisis but it can be difficult to know how to help. Why not join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth on Zoom on **Wednesday 17th January from 6.00pm to 7.00pm** to pray and reflect on this important issue and to hear from charities across our Diocese about what they are doing and how we can respond. St Petrocs Cornwall and Routes to Roots based in Poole will be sharing their work and insights. To register to receive the Zoom details <https://forms.office.com/e/VVp5t5qU7F>

GATHER 2024

The annual GATHER Conference unites people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. This year, once again, you are invited to the gathering at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay from Friday 23 February – Sunday 25 February. Speakers include Avril Baigent from the Diocese of Northampton, Artist Colin Bentley, Sr Mary Magdalen from the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lynton and David Wells. Jo Boyce, from CJM Music will be leading the liturgies. Join us for the whole weekend or come as a day delegate. To book use the QR code on the poster or this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FvkAtifpACGwz3CvLBQG0VR59brlyHxY08DvB6YViwM/edit>

Inspire Music Festival 2024

Youth Events will be running a music festival at Buckfast Abbey, 2nd March 2024 12.00 – 5.00 for 12-16 years olds. Bands will include Jozzy and Crossbeam (bands from the Southwest). Early bird tickets are £25 (buy before 31st January). For more information, please get in touch with Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Lepra Centenary Year Appeal 2024

World Leprosy Day is always at the end of January. This year there will be a Retiring Collection on **Sun 28th January 2024** in support of this charity. Over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy, which if not treated early enough, may result in life-changing physical and mental health issues that can destroy people's lives. Leprosy, although curable is sadly surrounded by myths and discrimination, which often prevent people from coming forward to seek treatment. At Lepra, working across India and Bangladesh, we aim to change the negative that surrounds the disease of leprosy and are committed to making sure that people affected by leprosy have the chance to live with dignity and their disease be of little adverse consequence to their lives. More information can be found on our website at www.lepra.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

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Sewing Group December Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas sale. £60 was raised for Parish Funds.

Catholic Women's League meeting

The CWL meeting is on Tuesday 9th January in the annexe at 10.30am. New members are very welcome.

Dear Father,

Magi from the east were looking for Jesus. Herod was looking for Jesus. We are looking for Jesus, and we are overcome with amazement that you became one of us in the Christ-child. Teach us what it means to surrender what we have, to fall on our knees, and to worship you. As we move from this place to our diverse homes, help us to carry our adoration with us, that we might not be tempted to reject the love that brought us here. Amen.



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

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