

PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A – 5th April 2026

Plympton	Saturday 4th April EASTER VIGIL	8:00pm	-----
Plympton Ivybridge	Sunday 5th April EASTER SUNDAY	9:00am 11:00am	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Plympton	Monday 6th April	7:00pm	Private Intention
Plympton	Tuesday 7th April	7:00pm	Bernie Kennelly (RIP)
Ivybridge	Thursday 9th April	10:00am	Donna Penn's Intention
Plympton	Friday 10th April	10:00am	Iris Hocken (RIP)
Efford	Saturday 11th April	5:00pm	Pat McDaid's Intention
Plympton Ivybridge	Sunday 12th April	9:00am 11:00am	Alan Monger (RIP)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April – For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

ADORATION for 30 minutes before weekday Mass. Join us for this opportunity to have quiet time with the Lord.

CONFESSIONS are available after weekday Mass or by request

FAITH CHAT Every Thursday after 10am Mass at Ivybridge

Collections There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Holy Places of Palestine.

For the sick Please pray for the sick & housebound in our parishes and for those who are particularly poorly at this time. Please especially pray for Colin Watson, Stephen Keedwell, Brian Nolan, Nicki McDougal, and Mary Ripon who are unwell.

For those who have died Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially Helen Furlong, Robert Tucker, Gwyn Derrick, Paddy Barrett, Peter York, Barbara Jackman, Paul Watson, Maggie Langmaid, Paul Bowen-Davies and Jo Cotter, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rosa Turner, Kathleen McGivern, Bridget Feneck, Alice Truscott, Caroline Connors, Peggy Gaffney, Violet Francis, Sr. Margaret Mary, and Fr. Sean Flannery.

HCPT Group 45 Prayer Petitions HCPT Group 45 are travelling to Lourdes on Easter Monday, with 5 children and Bishop Nicholas! If anyone would like us to take prayer petitions (in sealed envelopes) to place in the Grotto, we'd be very happy to do so. I can collect them on Good Friday/Holy Saturday from Plympton Church. Thank you for your prayers and continued support for this very special Pilgrimage. From Kathie Jarvis.

Retiring Collection There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the Holy Places of Palestine

Lighthouse Worship Join us on 16th April at 7pm in the Annexe at Our Lady of Lourdes. Lighthouse Worship is a deanery prayer group that has been based in different parishes throughout the years. It has always been led by

parishioners from Ivybridge and Efford and is now held monthly at Our Lady of Lourdes, Plympton. We would like to extend an invitation and warm welcome to all to come and join us. The hour is a time of praise and worship, prayer, reflection on scripture and friendship.

PLYMPTON

Easter Egg Raffle The Easter Egg raffle will be drawn this Sunday. Make sure you collect your prize if you're a winner!

IVYBRIDGE

Catholic Women's League The CWL monthly meeting will be on Friday 9th April at 11 am. Their produce stall will be after Mass on Sunday 11th.

Easter Glory Fills the Sky, Alleluia

Alleluia! Christ is risen—and the whole world is changed.

“Easter glory fills the sky” is not just a poetic expression; it is a profound truth. The resurrection of Jesus is not a quiet, hidden event. It is a burst of divine light that breaks through the darkness of sin, suffering, and death. It fills not only the sky, but the human heart.

On the Cross, it seemed everything was lost. Hope was buried, love was rejected, and life itself appeared defeated. But Easter morning tells a different story: God has the final word—and that word is life.

The fruits of Christ's death and resurrection are rich and transforming.

First, we receive forgiveness. The Cross is not just an act of suffering; it is an act of mercy. Every sin, every failure, every moment of weakness is taken up by Christ and redeemed. We are no longer prisoners of our past—Alleluia!

Second, we receive new life. The resurrection is not only about Jesus rising from the dead; it is about us rising with Him. Our despair can turn into hope, our fear into courage, our sorrow into joy. Easter reminds us that no situation is beyond God's power to renew.

Third, we receive a living hope. Death no longer has the final say. Because Christ lives, we know that our struggles are temporary, and our future is secure in Him. This hope gives us strength to persevere, even when life is difficult.

But Easter is not just something to celebrate—it is something to live.

If Christ is risen, then we must rise too: rise above hatred with love, rise above despair with faith, rise above selfishness with generosity. The glory of Easter should be seen in the way we live, the way we forgive, and the way we love others.

Dear friends, let us not stand at the empty tomb and remain unchanged. Let the light of Easter fill your life. Let it shine in your words, your actions, and your relationships.

Because Christ is risen, there is always a new beginning.

Easter glory fills the sky—and it can fill your heart too.

Alleluia!

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