

PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B – 24th DECEMBER 2023

PLACE	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Modbury	Saturday 23 rd December	12.00 noon	
Efford	Saturday 23 rd December		NO MASS AT EFFORD
Plympton Ivybridge Efford	Sunday 24 th December	09.30 am 11.30 am 5.00 pm	Mary Widdicombe's Intentions People of the Parish People of the Parish
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	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Plympton Ivybridge	Sunday 31 st December	09.30 am 11.30 am	Sheila Hunt's Intentions People of the Parish

[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.

[Christmas Offerings](#)

Please take a Christmas giving envelope for your Christmas offering. This is your personal gift to your Parish Priest. If you are a taxpayer and we currently claim gift aid on your behalf, please put your name on the envelope with '**gift aid**' clearly marked on it. If you would like to write a cheque, please make it payable to your relevant church. For **Plympton** - [PRCDTR Plympton RC Parish](#). For **Ivybridge and Modbury** [PRCDTR Ivybridge RC Parish](#) and for **Efford** [PRCDTR Efford RC Parish](#). Thank you.

[Reminders](#)

- There will be no Masses throughout January at **Efford or Modbury** as Fr Victor will be away.
- The Parish Office is now closed until Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

[NEW BISHOP FOR DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH](#)

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Canon Christopher Whitehead as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. He replaces the former Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Reverend Mark O'Toole who moved to Wales in June 2022 when he was appointed by His Holiness Pope Francis as Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia.

On hearing the news of his appointment Bishop-elect Christopher said: "With complete trust in the gentle, guiding hands of the Lord, I take up the appointment that our Holy Father Pope Francis has entrusted to me. This is not something I could have ever imagined and willingly give myself to where the Lord has called me to serve and with all I have to offer. "Like my own diocese of Clifton, Plymouth is such a beautiful part of this country and I am truly happy to have the opportunity to make my home among its great people. Clifton has been my home for the 54 years of my life, and it is where I learned to walk in the ways of faith and where my priestly vocation was born and nurtured. For that I will be eternally thankful. So too for the teachers and guides who have shown me the way, the priests and religious who have inspired me, and all who have supported me with their love and prayers. I am where I am because of their love, their witness, their example and their kindness. "As I begin this challenging and exciting journey in the service of God's Church and the People of the Diocese of Plymouth, I ask for the prayers of the children, women and men of my new diocese. I need these and the prayers of my brother priests, and the religious communities, and all people of good will. Please pray that I may have the gifts of courage, wisdom, prudence and discernment, as your servant. Naturally I feel apprehensive about the ministry now entrusted to me, and so I place myself in the loving hands of our God, knowing he is always faithful. I thank God for his merciful love and pray that God's most Holy Spirit may enable me to be faithful in all I do, remaining ever attentive to the Gospel and his love. I pray that I be a gentle shepherd to God's people and a loving father to those I have been called to serve - wanting to ensure that the Church in the Diocese of Plymouth continues to be a safe and welcoming space for all."

The Diocesan Administrator of Plymouth Diocese, Canon Paul Cummins, who has been looking after the diocese since Archbishop Mark O'Toole's appointment to Cardiff and Menevia in June 2022 said: "I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Bishop-elect Christopher Whitehead as the news of his nomination by the Holy Father as the Bishop of Plymouth is announced. We welcome him with open arms to this beautiful diocese in the south-west of England. May St Boniface and St Cuthbert Mayne and all the saints and martyrs of the Diocese of Plymouth pray for him. I assure him of my full support and prayers as he prepares to join us here."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said on the news of Bishop-elect Christopher's appointment: "I am delighted at the appointment of Canon Christopher Whitehead as the next Bishop of Plymouth Diocese. He brings a wide pastoral experience from his years in Clifton Diocese, together with a dedication to the work of evangelisation and education. "I welcome him to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and assure him of lasting friendships and support from his fellow bishops. "I assure him of my own prayers and ask you to keep him in your prayers as he prepares to take up these new steps in his service of the Church." Full story <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/a-new-bishop-for-the-diocese-of-plymouth>

[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.

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

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