

THE IVYBRIDGE PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Austin's Priory, Cadleigh, Ivybridge PL21 9HW

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Priest in Charge:- vacant

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AUGUST 30TH, 2020 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Masses

St. Austin's Priory **Sunday 12 noon. Fr Petroc Cobb will be the celebrant and we thank him**

Again for all the work he has done for our parish both before and since the death of Fr James in January.

From 13th September Mass will be at 10.30.am on Sundays at the Priory.

St. Monica's **We are looking at reopening St Monica's in the near future.**

Weekday Masses No weekday Masses until further notice

Sacraments

Marriage 6 months notice.

Reconciliation by request .

Baptism is celebrated after Sunday morning Mass at the Priory at 12.00 noon. (suspended)

Please pray for all those who are ill in the parish, and for all those who have died, and for all those whose anniversaries Occur at this time especially Bro Sevaro Urabayan OAR, Margaret Murray, Thomas Thompson, Peggy Williams, Fred Billinge and Rebecca Charles Hoynes

May they rest in peace.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS for September: Universal Prayer Intention – Respect for the Planet's Resources. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY please contact Fr Jaromir on 01752 331288

HOME VISITS are now allowed. If you know of any parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office.

MASS AT THE PRIORY For 7 out of the last 8 Sundays we have had Mass in the open air however we know that we are able to accommodate everyone inside the church with 1 metre social distancing with face coverings.. We welcome Fr Petroc who will be the Celebrant again. Please keep praying for dry Sundays over the next few weeks!

MASS ON SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER will be Fr David's first Mass and will be at 10.30 am at the Priory. At this moment we do not know if it will be in the church or the open air ! Fr David has very kindly provided a Biography which you can read at the end of the newsletter.

STRETCH OUT YOUR HANDS – Putting all children first .The annual appeal of the Catholic Children's Society is this weekend.. Please take a leaflet today or visit their website to understand the wonderful work, which the society does to help struggling children and their families.

Our stewards are doing a sterling job each Sunday enabling us to hold Mass each week. However, Peter will not be available some Sundays during September. We require **MORE VOLUNTEERS**. If you feel you can help please contact the Parish Office or have a word with Peter or Hazel after Mass on Sunday. If we don't get more volunteers we will not be able to comply with the required regulations for holding Masses.

We have 2 volunteers for stewards at St. Monica's. Thank you to Richard and Sebastian. We are now looking to open the church for Mass in the foreseeable future. If anyone else is able to be a steward at Modbury please get in touch.

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“Amid so many passing things the Lord wants to remind us of what will remain forever: love, because God is love .”
 Pope Francis (Twitter.)

Last week's donations:- STOs £ 97.00 p Gift Aid £51.00 p Loose Plate £ 115.00 p Total £263.00 p

A big thank you to those of you who continue to support your parish.

| ROTAS | Priory Aug 30 th | Priory Sept 6 th | Modbury Aug 30 th | Modbury Sept 6 th |
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| Eucharistic Ministers | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Readers | Peter | | N/A | N/A |
| Cleaners | Betty & Carol | Rita & Roger | N/A | N/A |
| Collection Counters | Betty & Hazel | Betty & Hazel | MASS AT 12 NOON AT THE PRIORY | |
| Children's Liturgy | N/A | N/A | | |
| Tea & Coffee Hosts | N/A | N/A | | |
| Flowers | N/A | N/A | | |
| Newsletter | Hazel | Hazel | | |



***OPEN AIR MASS 2 Metre Social Distancing still applies.
 OR If in the Church 1 Metre with MANDATORY Face Covering.
 If you have an Exemption Certificate regarding not having to wear a Face Covering, PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU.***

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Biography of Fr David-Mary McLean of the Order of Friars Preachers (OP)

Fr David was received into the church while at University of Edinburgh in 1984 and received the Dominican habit in 1987. While training for the priesthood with the Dominicans, he completed a Divinity degree at London and a master's degree in Medieval Theology at Oxford. Fr David was ordained to the priesthood in 1993 in London. For the three years after ordination, he fulfilled pastoral roles for the Dominicans, primarily at their large inner-city parish at St Dominic's Priory in London.

In 1996, Fr David joined the Royal Navy as a chaplain for what was expected to be a short period of time but is now retiring from the RN after 24 years. During that time: he has supported Land and Maritime Operations in Afghanistan and the Gulf; ships deployed in the Far East, the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean; and most UK RN shore bases.

On his retirement from the RN, Fr David will continue to reside at his house in Blackawton while renewing his academic interest through a part-time master's degree in Medieval Studies at the University of Exeter. While doing so, he has offered to support the Diocese of Plymouth, and Bishop Mark has therefore appointed him to Ivybridge given its reasonable proximity to Blackawton and Exeter.

The Presbytery News

When we discovered that Fr. David was not going to reside at the presbytery, the idea for possibility of letting it to assist with our financial position came from the diocese. We consulted the diocese, and with help from both Frs. David and Petroc, we investigated the idea. Everything then happened at great speed and before we had time to get under way, we were presented with prospective tenants who are friends of Dee Godfrey. We met with the husband and wife (they have 2 daughters aged 11 & 13) on a Saturday morning and they looked round and decided it was ideal for their requirements.

The following Monday I dropped in to see Veronica Beaver of the letting agents 'Your Home Let' in Glanvilles Mill. I asked her to do us a favour and visit the presbytery to give us a rental valuation. It turns out that she knew the story as the couple had told her over the weekend that they had found the presbytery and wanted to move. Not only are the couple existing tenants of the agency but the husband does a lot of the maintenance on the 150+ properties.

Fr. David then received a mail from the diocese giving lengthy advice on how to proceed. The first and most important advice was to use an agent – both to let the property and to manage the rental process. It seemed just 'right' to re-approach Veronica and ask her to handle it.

The requirements from us have been exhaustive with requests coming in from both the diocese and from the agency. We have been very busy and, at the moment of writing this, it looks as if the tenants will be moving in on the 1st October. They will have the presbytery (less the cellar) and the garage. They will have use of the garden area at the side of the presbytery and weekday use of the old tennis court. They will also be allocated 1 parking space outside the front of the presbytery.

I have deliberately left out all the details of the negotiation which would have taken this into a second – and possibly third – page.

However, I would like you all to know just how much additional and unexpected work has been put in by Hazel and particularly Pete Weardon. I would also like to thank Teresa for some excellent and unsolicited advice which helped with cross-referencing various requirements; and finally a big 'thank you' to Dee for introducing us to an ideal family.

Michael Bailey

25th August 2020