

SUNDAY READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & COFFEE TEAM

READERS

SAT 01 APRIL 6.00PM BARBARA T/JULIABEACROFT
 SUN 02 APRIL 10.30AM JULIA PARTENHEIMER/BOB PAICE

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT 01 APRIL 6.00PM B HATTERSLEY
 SUN 02 APRIL 10.30AM S KOWAL/L BETTESWORTH

COFFEE TEAM

SUN 02 APRIL 10.30AM CWL



PARISHES OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY ABBEY ROAD

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LYCEUM THEATRE - ABBEY ROAD

After a very enjoyable film at the Lyceum, there will be a **play** on Thursday 30th March AT 7.30PM.

This time it is a Catholic play & highly recommended - FAITHFUL COMPANIONS.

There is a facility for booking on line via the parish office.

£3 on line & ^ £5 at the door.



The Treasured Polish Custom of
 "ŚWIECONKA"

SWIECONKA – BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS
 COME AND JOIN US ON SATURDAY 8TH APRIL AT 11AM
 HERE IN THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
ABBAY ROAD

Dates for your Diary

Christians Together in Torbay Prayer
 Breakfast, Sat 1st April, 8 am, Central Church

Palm Sunday United Service, Sunday 2nd April, 6.30 pm, Central Church

Good Friday Walk of Witness, Friday 7th April, 12 noon, outside Torquay Town Hall

CARITAS MARCH NEWSLETTER

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's March newsletter is now available to read online. Please click the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/yjmvuwmj> If you would like a printed copy, telephone Caritas on 01364 645360 .

HOMES FOR UKRAINE - There are still many Ukrainians looking to come to the UK to seek sanctuary from the war. Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG) and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are offering a matching, training and support service under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. If you would like to know more, Caritas and SJOG are holding an online event on Wednesday 22nd March from 6-6.45 pm. To register please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/adH56azgag> or telephone Caritas on 01364 645360

Invitation from the John Bradburne Memorial Society

John Bradburne held Buckfast Abbey as a special place in his heart, as this was where he converted to Catholicism. The Cause for Beatification for Bradburne is now in full swing . This is a rare opportunity to learn about Bradburne's Saintly life & meet the people making this happen. The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, on Saturday 10 June 2023 at 12noon, to commemorate his 102nd Birthday. This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition. Please note this is a ticketed event so if you would like to attend, please contact JBMS: 07979 187498 or info@johnbradburne.com See poster in Narthex for information

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Introduction Meeting - Wednesday 29th March 7pm

Following our recent appeal for new members we have arranged an informal introductory meeting for anyone interested in joining the SVP. We are focused on helping marginalised people and anyone needing assistance and practical help in the area. If you are interested in how you personally can help please come along on Wed 29th March at 7.00pm at Abbey Road to find more information on the work of this Society.

Sun 26	<u>MASS HOLY ANGELS</u> 8.30am 9.00am <u>Holy Mass Assumption</u> 10.30am 3.00pm	<i>Confessions People & Parishes Eileen Hubbard R.I.P. Adoration</i>
Mon 27	<u>NO MASS</u>	
Tue 28	<u>Holy Mass Assumption</u> 10.00am	<i>Philip Leckie R.I.P. Roy Groombridge R.I.P.</i>
Wed 29	<u>Holy Mass Assumption</u> 9.30am 10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer Funeral Marta Brela R.I.P.</i>
Thur 30	<u>Holy Mass Assumption</u> 9.30am	<i>Kevin Hayde & Mary Williams R.I.P.</i>
Fri 31	<u>Holy Mass Assumption</u> 11.00am 12 Noon	<i>Fr Kieran Kirby R.I.P. Stations of the Cross & Adoration Followed by Lenten Lunch</i>
Sat 01	<u>Holy Mass Assumption</u> 10.00am 5.00pm	<i>Christine Evans People & Parishes</i>
Sun 02	<u>MASS HOLY ANGELS</u> 8.30am 9.00am <u>Holy Mass Assumption</u> 10.30am	<i>Confessions People & Parishes Josephine O'Connor & Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family The CWL</i>

HOLY ANGELS

A food donation box has been reinstated in the porch at Holy Angels Church.
Please give what you can. All the food will be taken to Holy Angels Pre-School Food Larder.

Thank You.

Margaret Carson has Passion Play tickets for sale at the end of Mass

Drina is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom ROSARY meeting.

Rosary Meeting every Wednesday at 6.00p.m. Greenwich Mean Time

Beginning Wednesday 23rd November

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77657578466?pwd=6Ha41VBp9pn1g31MBzBwS_TMPHeI2v.1

Meeting ID 776 5757 8466 Password 3cGZSb

NEXT LENTEN LUNCH!

MARCH 31ST - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MASS AT 11AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 12 NOON

FOLLOWED BY

LENTEN LUNCH - £7

HOMEMADE SOUP, SELECTION OF CHEESES AND BREADS. RAFFLE

Dear Bonus Ball Supporter,

The renewal of the next session is now due. We hope you enjoy the possibility of winning, a cash prize with your own unique number. Prizes continue to be won on a regular basis, so come on in & join the fun!

New members are very welcome. Besides the fun of winning, church funds are supported.

For the next six months the cost of £26 can be paid, by cheque (preferred) made payable to "Church of the Assumption" & given to Joy Wells or Richard Hider. You can make a transfer, from your account, to the following Nat. West Bank, sort code 55-70-01, account 06001009.

EXCITING NEWS – EASTER PASSION PLAY IN OUR CHURCH!!!

Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, (Abbey Road), Torquay, proudly present their Easter Passion Play 'NO NAME IN THE STREET' on Thursday 30th & Friday 31st March & 1st April at 7.00pm in the church. Adults £5, Children £3, Family ticket £12. Please come and support our wonderful cast and crew as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. **Please note: If you purchased pre-pandemic tickets for the play which had to be cancelled we will honour these. If you would like a refund on previously purchased tickets, please see Joy in the parish office. Contact Julia Beacroft 07751 670211 or Joy for further details.**

Calling all bakers and plant growers! - Do you have any large plants? If so, would you be willing to lend them to us for our Passion play stage set please? If so, please call Julia B on 07751 670211. We promise to take good care of them! We would love to provide some home-made cakes as part of our light refreshments after each performance of the Passion Play. If you feel you would be able to contribute, please bring your edible donation in on either Thursday 30th, Friday 31st March or Saturday 1st April. Any enquiries, please call Julia on the above number. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY LUNCH!

SUNDAY 16th APRIL AT 1PM.

Two Courses and Coffee £16

PLEASE BOOK AND PAY IN ADVANCE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

OFFERINGS 19/03/23

GIFT AID	£216.00
LOOSE PLATE	£419.15
EASTER FLOWERS	£314.33

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you are all okay. There's a bit of Covid whizzing around at the moment and there have been some bays closed at the hospital, so don't forget your good handwashing techniques! I wonder how your Lent is going? We are now entering the final two weeks of Lent, which are known together as 'Passiontide'. It begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent and it commemorates the suffering of Christ on our behalf. The second week of Passiontide is Holy Week, which ends on Holy Saturday. When you come into church for Mass on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, you will notice that our statues and images are covered in purple veils. Why does the Church do this? It may seem a little counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final two weeks of Lent, but the Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses for the liturgies ahead & to focus our attention directly on Christ. It builds within us a longing for Easter & the Resurrection of our Saviour. Normally, our images and art help raise our hearts and minds to Heaven, so it's a marked difference when they are covered. The veiling alerts us to the special time we are in. We notice that something is different. The veils focus our attention on the words being proclaimed and prayed in the Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses focus on the striking words from the Gospel and we truly enter into the scene. Also, the Church used veils to encourage a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. Instinctively, we don't really want the veils to be there – it feels strange, different and even a little uncomfortable – and that is the point. After all, we live in a 'world of veils', in exile from our true home of Heaven. The veils are lifted by the salvation offered by Christ and everything is restored to its true beauty. Perhaps you will veil your statues or sacred images at home, too. These two last weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and we are reminded to 'get ready'. Of course, in Holy Week we have the beautiful Chrism Mass (Wednesday, 5th April, at 12 midday at the Cathedral in Plymouth), and the sacred three days of Maundy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching in the garden of Gethsemane), Good Friday (Our Lord's crucifixion and death), Holy Saturday (the Lord is in the tomb until the night Vigil) and the great celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday and Octave. More about these beautiful liturgies next week (actually the Triduum forms one single continuous liturgy). Please pray for Brian, who will receive all three sacraments of initiation at Easter this year, and for Ray, who is to be received into the Church and Confirmed. Arianna is also to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please also continue to pray for those preparing to receive the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time, as well as for all our catechists who work so hard to hand on the faith to others. I remember someone saying that our children are the 'church of the future', but I don't agree! Our children are very much the 'church of today' and have their place and dignity as members from the moment of their baptism. From reception of Holy Communion, we take on the rights and responsibilities of being members of the Church and are fully members of it. May I wish you every continued blessing for you and all your loved ones as you enter more deeply into the mystery of Lent, especially as we now enter Passiontide. Don't forget to alter your clocks this Saturday night – you get an extra hour in bed! Here's to Spring and British Summer Time! **God bless you. Fr Colin.**

'I Was Sick & You Visited Me.'

Please pray for the sick & housebound

Theo Brown, Lesley Margetts, Jillian Browning, Sienna Rose, Jennifer Cayanar, Brian Bailey, Simon Thomas, Sr Maureen McNully, David Collins, Christopher Wells, Ann Fisher, Sue & Betty Weymouth, Natalie Peeke, Julie Hooker, Rosie Brookes, Jordan Lynch, Steve Haywood, Dereck Bowden, Joseph Williams, Siobhan Berryman, Ann Molloy, Jacqui Hoath, Andrew Maxwell, Fr Kieran Kirby, Roy Bezzina, Stephanie Garon, Doreen Smyth, Virginia Williams, Stella Beaumont, Rita Jervis, Maureen Vine, Leslie Richardson, Janet Margetts, Oscar age 7, Tony Watkins, Peter Watkinson, Paul Evans & Joseph Giampaglia. Call Julia 297960 to add /omit names.

Pope's Intentions for the month of March

For Victims of Abuse - We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Question of the Week

Adults' How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?
Children "What do you hope for after your life on Earth is ended?"

CRAFT CLUB

NEXT MEETING TUES 28TH MARCH 2.00pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/2023
MEETING FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS
THURS 20TH APRIL 6PM IN THE MAIN HALL

RCIA

NEXT MEETING THUR 30TH MARCH 6.00PM
(PASSION PLAY)



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 6TH



NEXT REHEARSAL

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH AFTER 10.30AM MASS



Prayer Breakfasts
at Central Church, Torquay

Next Prayer Breakfast Saturday 1st April
8.00am