

**SUNDAY READERS , EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & COFFEE TEAM**

**READERS**

SAT 15 MARCH 6.00PM J BEACROFT/A RODGERS  
 SUN 16 MARCH 10.30AM ALEKSANDRA/B PAICE

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

SAT 15 MARCH 6.00PM M WATTS/DRINA  
 SUN 16 MARCH 10.30AM DEBBIE/J CLAY/J BROWNING/M HAWKE

**COFFEE TEAM**

SUN 16 MARCH SALLY & MARIA



**PARISHES OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY ABBEY ROAD**

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**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 55-70-01, account 06001009.**

**Gather 2025 Jubilate**

A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office, email [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com) for more information

The annual GATHER Conference unites people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. In 2025 we will gather again at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay from the evening of Friday 28 – lunchtime on Sunday 30 March. This year we are delighted that our keynote speaker will be Professor David McLoughlin. He has enjoyed teaching theology nationally and internationally for the last 45 years, training and resourcing Christian activists and ministers. He is a former President of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain. He loves quoting St Irenaeus, the bishop of Lyons in the second century, who said "Gloria Dei vivens Homo! The Glory of God is a fully alive human being!"



**Lent Zoom Course 2025**

Please find below the Zoom Link for the 2025 Lent Series. The talks themselves will begin at 7pm but the Zoom call will be open as from 6.45pm. Each evening is an independent and free standing talk given by 5 separate individuals and so although you can attend all 5 they are not linked other than seeking to reflect on some of the Holy Father's signs of hope in this Jubilee Year.

13<sup>th</sup> March:- Commitment to others.

20<sup>th</sup> March:- Debt cancellation.

27<sup>th</sup> March:- Recognizing Hope.

3<sup>rd</sup> April:- Peace.

10<sup>th</sup> April:- Jesus's last Pilgrimage.

**Mark Skelton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84052447850?pwd=MmPzcp911dTsGJWDxR0vH5H9zYS4e6.1>

**Meeting ID: 840 5244 7850**

**Passcode: 043004**

Sat 08	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.00am 5.30pm - 6pm 6.00pm	<b>St David</b> <i>R.I.C.A. Candidates</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>People &amp; Parishes.</i> <i>Fr Ignatius will be available for Confessions from 5.30pm to 6pm</i>
Sun 09	<b>MASS HOLY ANGELS</b> 8.30am 9.00am  <b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.30am	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Confessions</i> <i>People &amp; Parishes.</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>  <i>Rose Lane R.I.P.</i>
Mon 10	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tue 11	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.00am	<i>Gerald Allchin R.I.P.</i>
Wed 12	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 9.30am 10.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>In Thanksgiving</i> <i>Roy Groombridge R.I.P.</i>
Thur 13	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 9.30am	<i>All homeless People</i>
Fri 14	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 11.00 am 12 Noon 1.00pm	<b>CAFOD LENT FAST DAY</b> <i>CAFOD</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Lenten Lunch in the Main Hall</i>
Sat 15	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> <b>NO MORNING MASS</b> 5.30 - 6.00pm 6.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> <i>Onofrio Padalino R.I.P.</i>
Sun 16	<b>MASS HOLY ANGELS</b> 8.30am 9.00am  <b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.30am	<i>Confessions</i> <i>People &amp; Parishes.</i>



**CAMERAS BEING USED IN CHURCH**

There is a policy in the parish forbidding the use of photography in our church. This is to protect children in particular, as there may be children who cannot have their photos taken for safeguarding reasons.

**READINGS THIS WEEK**

First reading  
Deuteronomy 26:4-10.  
Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15.  
Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.  
Second reading  
Romans 10:8-13  
Gospel  
Luke 4:1-13

**READINGS NEXT WEEK**

First reading  
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 26:1, 7-9, 13-14.  
The Lord is my light and my help.  
Second reading  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Gospel  
Luke 9:28-36

**A Reflection on the readings for the first Sunday of Lent by Monsignor Robert Draper. 9th March – First Sunday of Lent**

One can make a case for reminding ourselves that we should think of geography in theological terms when we explore the scriptures. The readings of Lent are a case in point. There are of course many areas of wilderness or desert in the middle east, and yet for the scriptural tradition, the desert is always the desert of the Exodus, the place where, above all, God journeyed with his people and the people learnt of God and the things of God. That means if we think of the desert as a place simply of absence, we miss an important point – the wilderness is a place of presence – God’s presence. That is helpful when we reflect on Lent as a journey into the desert – we go there in order to spend time with the God who journeys with us. We can also use this reflection to explore the places where the three temptations of the Lord take place in today’s gospel. The first temptation is in the desert, and it is, of course, about bread, which resonates with the manna in the desert in the book of Exodus. For the second temptation Jesus is taken up a mountain – and if the wilderness is always the desert of Exodus, a mountain is always Sinai – the place of encounter with God, and there are many instances in the scriptures where the patriarchs and prophets encounter God on a mountain. And finally, the devil tempts Jesus on the parapet of the Temple – the place above all where God had chosen to dwell with his people. It is worth reflecting that the temptations of the devil are futile ultimately because their locations are resonant of the presence of God. That should be something which should encourage all of us through Lent. When we are tempted, it is not because God is absent. God is always present, and the gospel today reminds us that such is certainly the case when we too meet with temptation.

**An intercession for the first Sunday of Lent from CAFOD**

As we recall Jesus' time in the desert, we pray for all those who face difficult living conditions in our world today: that they may know the joy of God's presence and find strength and support as they work towards their hopes for the future.

**'I Was Sick & You Visited Me.'**

**Please pray for the sick & housebound**

Jillian Browning, Jennifer Cayanar, Simon Thomas, Siobhan Berryman, Ann Fisher, Alan Sanders, Julie Hooker, Jacqui Hoath, Roy Bezzina, Doreen Smyth, Virginia Williams, Maureen Vine, Leslie Richardson, Janet Margetts, Barbara Hynes, Hilary & Kevin Johns, Nkosi, Mr Con Allen, Alex Beacroft, Sr Damian, Sr Cosmas, Tony Evans, John Fear, Bernard Hynes, William Baxter, John Adams, Anna, Pat Long, Philip, Claire, Kathleen Rowlands, Stephen Fear, Harry Aldridge, Terry Treleaven & Julie Evans. Call Julia 297960 to add /omit.

**Pope’s Intentions for the month of March**  
**For The New Martyrs - We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.**

**Question of the Week**

**Adults:** How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?  
**Children:** Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?



**CRAFT CLUB - 2.00pm**  
**NEXT MEETINGS TUES 11th MARCH**

**RCIA: Journey in Faith “Come and see”.**

**As a non-Catholic, are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?**

**Next RCIA session:**

Thursday 20th March.  
Refreshments available from 6pm, session from 6.15-7.15 in the Parish Centre.

**No commitment is required.**  
**A warm welcome awaits.**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**  
**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 13TH**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/2025**  
**MEETING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS**  
**THURSDAY 13TH MARCH**  
**6PM IN THE PARISH ROOMS**



**Prayer Breakfasts**  
**Next Prayer Breakfast Sat 5th APRIL**  
**at 8.00am In The Main Hall**

**Drina is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom ROSARY meeting.**

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

**Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77657578466?pwd=6Ha41VBp9pn1g31MBzBwS\\_TMPHeI2v.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77657578466?pwd=6Ha41VBp9pn1g31MBzBwS_TMPHeI2v.1)

**Meeting ID 776 5757 8466 Password 3cGZSb**



**TORBAY HOSPITAL**

If you are going into hospital or are unexpectedly in hospital, please in the first instance let either Joy or Julia Beacroft know, so that Holy Communion can be brought to you during your stay there. In the second instance, please inform the hospital staff that you would like to receive Holy communion. They will inform the Chaplaincy Office there and you will be ministered to by a Catholic Eucharistic Minister accordingly.

(Julia Beacroft Mob: 07751 670211)



**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY**

CAFOD’S Family Fast Day is on Friday 14th March. By praying, eating simply and giving, you will be supporting local experts to provide simple, effective solutions to some of the toughest problems facing people around the world. With the UK Foreign Aid budget being cut to 0.3% of GDP, your help is more vital than ever. Please come to our CAFOD Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon, followed by a Lenten Soup Lunch on Friday 14th March. In sharing a frugal bread and soup lunch, we show solidarity with our brothers and sisters who don’t have enough to eat. Donation £5. Thank you for your loyal and generous support for CAFOD

**LENT RETREAT DAY ON THE SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2025 AT ST RITA’S CENTRE**

**"WHO AM I? A TOURIST OR A PILGRIM?" by Fr. Ignatius Paul Raj**

The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. First Talk will start at 10am, second talk will be at 11am. Exposition and Adoration of the holy Sacrament in silence will be at 12pm. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm, Mass at 2.45pm and there will be an opportunity for Confession. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online

<https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/len-retreat-day-who-am-i-a-tourist-or-a-pilgrim>.

Payment can be made on the day.

**Revelation**

in this Jubilee year where Pope Francis has asked us to be active “Pilgrims of Hope”, renowned scripture scholar and author, Fr. Nicholas King SJ, will lead us to understand the **Book of Revelation** and how the Word of God is our power for Mission. . This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm. ( Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Booking is **essential** and needs to be done through [plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk) Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you at this inspiring day.

**NEXT SUNDAY LUNCH!**

**OUR NEXT SUNDAY LUNCH WILL BE MARCH 16TH.**

**ST PATRICK’S DAY THEME**

**Two Courses and Coffee £16**

**PLEASE BOOK AND PAY IN ADVANCE AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

**ONLY 50 PLACES AVAILABLE**



<b>ASSUMPTION OFFERINGS 02/03/25</b>	
GIFT AID	£140.00
LOOSE PLATE	£416.78

<b>HOLY ANGELS OFFERINGS 02/03/25</b>	
GIFT AID	£55.70
LOOSE PLATE	£27.67