

### A POLITE REMINDER

If you are unable to read or minister on your rota day, please could ensure that you make an arrangement for someone else to cover your ministry on that day. Contact details in the rota to help facilitate this.

### MEDJUGORJE - Tuesday 2nd / Tuesday 9th June 2026

A Journey of Faith, Peace, and Spiritual Renewal! Please join us on our deeply spiritual 5th Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, where countless pilgrims have experienced peace, healing, and a renewed connection with God and Our Lady. Return EasyJet flights from Bristol to Split 7 nights half board at Hotel Grace\*\*\*\* £820 per person (based on two sharing) Single Supplement: £140. Deposit: £300 per person when booking. For more information & to book: **Barney Bettesworth - local organiser**, T: 01803 606807 E: [barney@bettesworths.co.uk](mailto:barney@bettesworths.co.uk)

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - FOR SAFEGUARDING REASONS PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN OUR CHURCHES OR CHURCH BUILDINGS AT ANY TIME. PLEASE RESPECT THIS REQUEST AND DO NOT PUT FATHER IGNATIUS OR THE PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS IN THE DIFFICULT POSITION OF HAVING TO REPORT ANY SUCH INCIDENTS TO THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING TEAM, FOR THEM TO DEAL WITH.**

### PARISH FAITH COURSES

**Our Parish Faith Group** would like to express a heartfelt thanks for the wonderful support shown over the past nine months. Together, we have completed three inspiring courses: **The Gift – A Life in the Spirit** (April): a six-week journey helping us encounter the Holy Spirit and deepen our relationship with God. **Strength to Strength** (September): a six-week series exploring the practical value and blessings of daily prayer. **Let it Be** (November): a five-week course on Mary, the Mother of God. All three programs have been deeply engaging and very well received. Across the courses, 58 parishioners have taken part, with average attendance in the mid-30s over 17 sessions. These numbers clearly show that “*there is a real hunger for spiritual nourishment and a desire to grow more deeply in faith.*” The Faith Group is discerning what comes next and are considering an appropriate course for Lent (mid-February), followed in the Spring by a programme focusing on the Eucharist. With love and blessings to you all, **The Parish Faith Group:** Deacon Robert Giampaglia, Teresa Bailey, Julia Beacroft, Susanne Kowal, Joe Giampaglia, Adam Krasnopolski, Liz & Barney Bettesworth.

### BONUS BALL WINNERS

Date	Ball	Game1	Amount	Game 2	Amount
29/11	46	Rollover		Rollover	
06/12	40	Rollover		Rollover	
13/12	59	Rollover		Rollover	

### OFFERINGS 14th DECEMBER 2025

HOLY ANGELS	
GIFT AID	£ 74.00
LOOSE PLATE	£ 35.75
ASSUMPTION	
GIFT AID	
LOOSE PLATE	

### PARISHES OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

76 Abbey Road, Torquay, TQ2 5NJ.

### AND HOLY ANGELS CHELSTON

Queensway, Chelston, TQ2 6BP

Presbytery: 01803 294142 **Office: 411193**

Parish Priest: **Fr Ignatius Maria Joseph** Deacon: Rev Robert Giampaglia E-mail: [robgiampaglia@sky.com](mailto:robgiampaglia@sky.com)

Safeguarding Reps Assumption: Andrea Rodgers & Bernadette Hattersley

Parish Secretary: Gabriela Brodacka, Safeguarding Reps Holy Angels: Margaret Carson & Andrew Fiderkiewicz.

Parish Website: [www.assumptionofourlady.org](http://www.assumptionofourlady.org) E-mail: [torquay-abbeyroad@predtr.org.uk](mailto:torquay-abbeyroad@predtr.org.uk)

Diocesan Website: [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk)



Sat 27	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.00am 5.30 - 6.00pm 6.00pm	<b>ST JOHN - APOSTLE &amp; EVANGELIST</b> Kathleen Rowlands R.I.P. Rosary / Confession Carol Martin R.I.P.
Sun 28	<b>MASS HOLY ANGELS</b> 8.30am 9.00am <b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.30am	<b>OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS. HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b> Confessions Thanksgiving  Michael & Mary Hanley R.I.P., Julian Martin R.I.P. Medals & Promises for Altar Servers
Mon 29	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tue 30	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 3.00pm	<b>Requiem Mass - Katheen Anne Rowlands</b>
Wed 31	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.00am	<b>Requiem Mass - Anne Marie Watts</b>
Thu 01	<b>MASS HOLY ANGELS</b> 8.30am 9.00am <b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.30am	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b> Confession People and Parishes People and Parishes
Fri 02	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.00am	Kathleen Rowlands R.I.P. from CAFOD Team
Sat 03	<b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.00am 5.30 - 6.00pm 6.00pm	Kathleen Rowlands R.I.P. Rosary / Confession Anne Marie Watts R.I.P.
Sun 04	<b>MASS HOLY ANGELS</b> 8.30am 9.00am <b>Holy Mass Assumption</b> 10.30am	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b> Confessions People and Parishes  Connie Granata R.I.P., Sister Paulin O'Neil Intentions

### ASSUMPTION SANCTUARY LAMP

Michael & Mary Hanley R.I.P., Julian Martin R.I.P.



**My dear Parishioners,**  
**Huge thanks to you all for all your prayers and presents during Christmas time. I am grateful to you all through my prayers and ministry. May God bless you all.**  
**Blessings and love, Fr Ignatius Paul Raj**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AFTER THE MORNING MASS. **NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 8th January 2026**

Our mission is to provide every child with an education which has Christ at its heart. Children have the opportunity to be involved in daily worship as well as receive regular RE lessons from the new "To know you more clearly" religious education directory. Our curriculum is inspired by Gospel values and Catholic Social Justice principles. If you would like to come and have a look around our lovely school then please get in touch. We have one or two places available in most year groups and would love to meet you! Use the QR code to go to our school website for further information.



### Parish Rooms Hire Charges

Main Hall and Kitchen - £16 per hour

(In house catering available with Beatrice Deloffre)

Upper Hall (Refreshment facilities) - £10 per hour

Parishioners 1/3 off listed prices. All hirers will sign a contract that must be strictly adhered to. All hall bookings to be made via Parish Secretary.

**PLEASE SHARE WHAT YOU CAN - GIVE HOPE**

OFFERINGS AT THE CHRISTMAS CRIB ARE FOR THE **CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)**

CCSP is a small Diocesan charity working throughout Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset. In accordance with the core values of love, justice and forgiveness, the work of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) supports children and their families by providing:

- Individual grants to families who are struggling to buy the basic essentials
- Free Parenting courses offering practical and emotional support
- Good Shepherd programme which allows children to think how they can help other children less fortunate than themselves
- Bereavement and Loss programmes within schools using Rainbows GB programmes

Please scan here using your mobile phone to donate to CCSP via Give a Little

For more information on our work and how we strive to enrich the lives of others, please visit: [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) or contact us by: Tel: 01384 645428 Email: [ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Putting Children First

**VISIT THE CRIB TODAY**

We three Kings.

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Charity No. 282803 [ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://ccsplymouth.org.uk) 01384 645420

### '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 Bezina, Virginia Williams, Maureen Vine, Janet Margetts, Barbara Hynes, Hilary & Kevin Johns, Nkosi, Mr Con Allen, Sr Damian, Tony Evans, John Fear, Bernard Hynes, John Adams, Anna, Pat Long, Philip, Claire, Kathleen Rowlands, Stephen Fear, Julie Evans, Doreen Smyth, Chris Rodgers, Andrew Lavelle & Leslie Green.

**Call Parish Secretary to add /omit.**

#### Pope's Intentions for December:

*For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.*



**CRAFT CLUB - NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 6th January 2026, 2pm.** Please, bring whatever you are making. Everyone is welcome.

#### RCIA: Journey in Faith "Come and see"

Next Thursday Meetings will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30-7.30pm** in the **Parish Centre** (refreshments from 6pm). Dates of future meetings will be provided. No commitment is required. A warm welcome awaits.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

**NEXT MEETING FOR CHILDREN: THU 15TH JAN AT 6PM IN THE MAIN HALL**

#### Next Prayer Breakfast

Sat, 7th February 2026 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 via: [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**

#### CONFESSION:

**Fr Ignatius is available for confession before or after any Mass. Please, speak to Fr directly.**

#### Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission

A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. 21 February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre. Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission". Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford. To register email: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Retrouvaille** helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 07887 296983

**Be part of Cribfest** - Over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th January 2026, we will be holding our annual Cribfest. Please take part, even if you have never done so before. It is easy, bring your crib to church at 11am on Saturday 3rd. The cribs will be on display on the afternoon of the 3rd Jan, 2-4pm and then on Sunday 4th from 9-2.30. We will take care of them for you. We would also like to take the cribs to our Catholic primary school, Our Lady of the Angels and will do this on the actual feast of the Epiphany on 6th Jan, so please leave your crib in church for us to transport to the school and back. Your crib will then be safely stored in St Joseph's, for collection at your convenience.

**Teens residential, 23rd - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Est Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor.** The 2026 teens residential (those aged 13-17) are invited to explore lives of people holding the a refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There is time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. Once listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to do. This event cost £50pp. To book: For further information: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Residential for Teens (13 - 17 year olds)**

January 23rd - 25th, East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor  
*'I was a stranger and you invited me in' Matt 25:35*

**Refugees & asylum seekers, Who are they? Why did they flee?**

A contribution of £50 per person to assist with costs

For further information contact, Saskia; [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)  
**Diocese of Plymouth, Youth Events**