



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025 — 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

Sunday 27th April	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
9.00am	Mass
	Int: Jenny & Bill Spratt RIP
Sunday 4th May	Third Sunday of Easter
9.00am	Mass
	Int: Doris & Ted Neal RIP

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Message of Gratitude from Fr Anil: We had a heart-warming celebration of Holy Week and Easter. I appreciate all those who helped to make this a special celebration. And I thank all of you for your prayers and Easter cards.

Please pray for ...

those whose anniversaries occur during the month of April: Jennie Spratt, Margaret Silcox, Madeline Farrell, Martha Lee, Sister Bernadette, Norah Fairfax-Cholmeley, Mary Preston, Joan Tipple, Kathleen Casserley, Gerard Matthews, John Moyse, Agnes Bratchley, Irene Collins, Thomas Peirson, Evelyn Kemp, Joan Corley, Theresa Yelland, Janet Woods, Maureen Davies, John Sutherland, Robert James, David Jarvis, Thomas Ronan, Nora Start, Daniel Kilpatrick

the sick and/or housebound including: Kit Cook, Ian Kilpatrick, Paul & Jan Demery, Geoff Luckman, Ian Wood, Audrey Campbell, Jean Rose, Jeff Moles Frank Ward and Corrie Grice.

Reminder - date for your Diary: Michael Hayes of Knightstone Tearooms, Crapstone, has offered to give us a talk about RAF Station Harrowbeer, A WW2 Aerodrome operational from 1941 to 1945. This will take place 10.30am on Sat 17th May at the tearooms. Further information is available from Maria Neal.

Children's Liturgy Children under 4 years of age need to be supervised by a parent/carer.

Confirmation. Any young people who would like to discuss Confirmation, please contact Gill.

Lent Walk for CAFOD: Anyone wishing to take part in the walk, please contact Gill.

Next Product Stall will be after Mass on Sunday 11th May. This will mainly be a plant sale with some cakes too. Donations gratefully received.

Tavistock Food Bank. For your information the following goods are required at our food bank: **Fruit Juice, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meat, Pot Noodles and Toothpaste.** Thank you.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Darren Clarke - 07311 346522

For those who are inspired to become **Extraordinary Ministers at Our Lady of Assumption** (see below), please can you get in touch with Fr Anil.



Julia Beacroft from the Evangelisation & Catechesis Team in the Diocese of Plymouth will be offering a training day for all **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** and also those interested in becoming one.

This will take place on Saturday 24th May at 10.30am at St. Boniface Church, Okehampton. The training day will consist of 3 modules of learning as follows:

Module 1: The Body & Blood of Christ – Source & summit of the Catholic faith. This module explores scriptural historical references, including the co-operation between God and humankind.

Module 2: A Way of Life. Examines all practical aspects of ministering both at the altar & taking Holy Communion to the sick & housebound.

Module 3: An encounter with Jesus. What other service can Eucharistic Ministers provide?

The day will consist of a short break after the first module and a lunch break after the second.

Please come and join us whether you are a new or experienced Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Great training or refresher.

An appeal is requested for life saving treatment for a young man in Exeter who is suffering from cancer. Please take a few minutes to read his story and if possible to donate to this worthy cause.

Please do not donate to the church but through the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/our-final-hope-against-leukemia-we-need-your-help>

or search for "Go Fund Me Myrna Morales"

Pope Francis – Requiescat in Pace: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have posted an obituary of Pope Francis with extensive quotes from Cardinal Nichols, in the introduction (which also serves as the 'local' announcement). This can be found online in the CBCEW 'news' section. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-requiescat-in-pace/>

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*, has been delayed by 3 weeks and is likely to take place on 16th May. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>.

Right to Life has also distributing postcards to parishes for parishioners to send to their MPs on this subject. These are at the back of the Church, next to the Newsletters. Parishioners can also sign the petition online at <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/> and email their MP.

(Care not Killing is supported by the CBCEW <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-urge-catholics-to-oppose-euthanasia-and-support-care-not-killing-alliance/>) A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Gift from the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Our two-year [Certificate in Catechesis](#) begins in September 2025, and we are inviting enquirers to join us on the **30th of April at 7.30pm**, for an [Open Evening](#) on Zoom, where we will present the main features of our certificate, hear testimonies, and answer questions.

Our 6-session, free course, [Essential Training for Catechists](#) is starting on the **1st of May at 7.30pm**. It is open to everyone involved in catechesis or just curious about it. It covers fundamental aspects relevant to all forms of catechesis, both in principle and in practice, and gives a taster of our teaching style for anyone curious about the Certificate.

Light of Truth – Live Catholic Formation for Everyone, Dominican Sisters of St Joseph St Dominic's Priory, Shirley

Heatree 2025, May 23rd – 25th This residential is open to young people **aged 10 – 12**. It is a great chance for young people to meet others from parishes across the Diocese. During the weekend we will explore the scripture John 14:23, whilst we try things like high ropes and raft making, games around the campfire, along with other activities (activities will be confirmed nearer the time). Cost £90 per person. To book: For further information please contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Jubilee Year, Mass for Marriage 2025 Middy, Saturday May 31 The Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface Plymouth PL1 5HW. Marriage enriches us all, all are welcome. Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or when your wedding will take place. For more information please contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Proclaim, Sclerder Abbey, 2025: June 20th – 22nd This residential is open to young adults **aged 18+** Proclaim is running for the first time this year. It is a Christian gathering for young adults in the South West, featuring talks, workshops, testimonies, prayer and worship. People are encouraged to camp but there are opportunities to stay in the Abbey. A contribution of £60 for those camping. For further information please contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Diocesan Newsletter for the month of April: Here is the link to the newsletter <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-2F28F95ACD3774492540EF23F30FEDED>. It includes a message for Holy Week and Easter from Canon Paul Cummins and a reflection on the readings for Easter Sunday by Monsignor Robert Draper.

Collections: 20th April 2025, Easter Sunday			
Loose: £353.55	Card: £65	Standing Orders: £260	Good Friday, Holy Places: £192.95
Sunday Mass Attendance: 103 Thank you.			

Pope's Intentions for April—For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

