



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Sunday 30th November

1st Sunday of Advent, Year A

9.00am Mass **Int: People of the Parish**

Friday 5th December

9.25am Adoration

10.00am Mass **Int: Sick and housebound of the Parish**

Sunday 7th December

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

9am Mass **Int: Bishop Nicholas Hudson**

During the Advent and Christmas Tide, we will recite Apostels' Creed instead of Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed (Order of Mass booklet)

A very warm welcome to all our visitors

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Please pray for ...

those whose anniversaries occur during the month of December: Maud Egerton, Philippa Egerton, Helena Kelly, Jane Goodall, Gwladys Lloyd, Charles Campbell, Dorothy Goodall, Nicholas Mills-Hicks, Patrick Doherty, Annie Mainwaring, Elizabeth Campbell, Phylis Gillard, Roger Fairfax-Cholmeley.

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

Health and Safety update. Last week, after assessment from the Property Department, we were able to regain access to the kitchen area and a walkway through main nave. There are still restrictions in place, that should be observed. Cordoned off area still remains out of use. Thank you to Martyn Griffiths for his help in achieving this.

Christmas Cards and inspiring **Walk With Me** booklets are now available on the product stall table in the back of the church.

Rosary Group meet every Tuesday in church at 6pm. All are welcome. If you have intentions you would like put forward to the group, please contact the office.

Mothers and Grandmother's Prayer Group. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 5.15pm until 6.00pm, to pray for our children and grandchildren. Please see Anne Wood for details.

SVP Reverse Advent Calendar – Supporting Tavistock Foodbank. The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is re-launching with a special Advent mission! This year, we're inviting you to join us in a Reverse Advent Calendar event instead of receiving, we'll be giving. The SVP is collecting non-perishable items during Advent, and you can help with a donation of one or more of the items on our calendar. All contributions will go directly to Tavistock Foodbank, supporting families in our community during this holy season. Want to get involved? Please come and see us at the end of mass - we'll explain how it works and how you can take part. Whether you can give a little or a lot, every item makes a difference. Let's make Advent a season of hope and generosity.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND RAFFLE. Raffle tickets still on sale. The Christmas stall will have baking, marmalades/chutneys, craft and bric a brac. Any donations for Raffle and stall would be gratefully received. We will have our guess the bottle stall (water or wine?) The kitchen is now open so people can enjoy a cuppa and a chat while raffle is drawn.

Polish Carols Concert in our church, 14th December, 5:30pm. **Sounds for the Glory of the Lord** Choir will bring you traditional Polish Christmas Carols. You may recognize some of melodies, that are adopted around the world, that choir will also sing in English, so everyone can join. It will be a continuation of the Winter Fair held earlier in the day by our fundraising team. Refreshments will be available after concert to support **Fundraising for the Church Repairs.**

Food Bank Donations this week we are collecting:

Tinned tomatoes, long-life milk, pasta, small coffee, noodles, pot noodles. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Cards are now available at Our Lady, St. Joseph and Sacred Heart statues. Feel free to take one and leave voluntary donation. Thank you

Parish Treasurer We are looking for a volunteer willing to take on the role of the Treasurer of our Parish. If you feel you could assist the Parish and Parish Priest with your accounting skills, please email Fr Anil.

Pastoral Committee Chairperson we are also looking to recruit a volunteer, who would fill this vital role to head the Pastoral Committee. If you are interested, please email Fr Anil by the end of December 2025.

National Churches Survey Earlier this year we have entered the National Churches Survey to help politicians, the media, and the wider public better understand the challenges that churches, like ours, face and highlighted the vital work that is done within them. The results of the survey are now fully published. If you are interested in the results of it, click the link: [survey on our website here](#)

Teenage Retreat taking place on 23rd-25th January 2026. It is designed to give young people a chance to step back from the busyness of daily life, explore their faith, enjoy fellowship with others their age, and take part in guided reflection, prayer, and activities. For further information contact Saskia - youth@prcdtr.org.uk

TIME FOR A CLEAROUT? Perhaps you are thinking of having a sort through some of those cupboards and drawers you've been meaning to do since the Spring Clean you had planned? You can donate your unwanted items through the **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s Orange Box** recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause.

Since the scheme was introduced in 2011, we have raised a whopping **£52,319.72** which is an absolutely staggering amount of money. And in 2025 alone, so far we have raised just over **£31,000** which is a phenomenal amount of money. Thank you to each and every parish, school and individual supporter who have been so generous over the last 14 years.

Items that can be put into your parish Orange Box include: stamp collections- first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre 1950, **coins and banknotes** – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise, **precious metals** -including broken jewelry, old trophies, gold, silver etc, **metals including ornaments** -metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition, **costume jewelry, medals, small antiques and collectibles, watches** – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not, **any Catholic religious memorabilia** such as rosaries, crucifixes.

Our parish orange box is located in the nave, next to the stall with cards and publications.

Advent Festival at St Mary and St George Church, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5HW

Saturday 6th December 10:30am: Performance by the *Berry Pomeroy Handbell Ringers*, **3:00pm:** Music from *Gemstones*, a chamber wind group.

Sunday 7th December, 9:30am: Parish Mass **3:00pm:** Carol Service featuring the *Totnes and Bridgetown Community Choir* Afterwards, enjoy mince pies and mulled wine.

Visitors can admire our **beautiful display of family cribs**, browse **craft tables with handmade goods**, and take part in our **raffle** with many great prizes.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in the festive fun!

If you're interested in having a **stall** on either day, please contact the parish office at totnes@prcdtr.org.uk.

We are supporting The Red Cross (Plymouth), CAFOD and Rowcroft Hospice.

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their mission for the re-evangelization of England. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org E. office@walsinghamcommunity.org
T: 01362 692574

Crib Appeal PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST – ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. Please scan the QR code to donate.



UNBOUND Prayer Ministry available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Please contact unboundprayerdop@gmail.com or see the poster displayed for more information.

Diocese of Plymouth Links - Click the inks to visit following pages:

Diocese Newsletter email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-e-gdkdhhl-jdidykstr-a/

Caritas Newsletter Click [here](#) to read the latest Caritas newsletter with news of love in action.

Collections: 23th November 2025 - Thank you for your support

Standing Orders: **£195**

Loose: **£216.71**

Card: **£53**

Sunday Mass Attendance: **63**

Pope Leo's Intentions for December- For Christmas in areas of conflict

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