



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025—4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Sunday 21st December	4th Sunday of Advent, Year A 9am Mass Int: John Meaten RIP
Wednesday 24th December	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 7:30 pm Mass Int: For Betty Meaten
Thursday 25th December	The Nativity of the Lord 9am Mass Int: For the People of the Parish
Friday 26th December	NO MASS
Sunday 28th December	Octave of Christmas 9am Mass Int: Rob Fierek (Special Intention)

A very warm welcome to all our visitors

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

During the Advent and Christmas Tide, we will recite Apostels' Creed instead of Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

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, Patricia Sparling.

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 Office Closure Last working day will be on the 19th December, Friday. Resuming on 2nd January, Friday.

Catholic Diaries are now available at the back of our church. Come and purchase this just in time if you forgotten a gift for a loved one !

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.

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

Christmas decorations we will be decorating the church on Tuesday 23rd Dec in the morning about 10am. Short of helpers this year so we would be grateful if anyone can lend a hand.

After mass this Sunday we would like the children to help us decorate the tree please.

Counters We are appealing for help to count the collection after mass. This is done on a rota system once a month and always in pairs. Please speak to Maria Neal if you are interested. Thank you

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND RAFFLE SUMMARY Thank you to everyone who attended both events last Sunday and contributed in any way. The fabulous amount of almost £900 had been raised to total up Raffle Sale, money raised during the Polish Carols Concert and Product Stall sale. It was a collective effort of our parish, parishes in Yelverton, Okehampton and Chagford, who either bought and promoted our Grand Raffle, came and spend money or donated items for the sale. Special thanks to **Café Liaison**, **Peter Tavy Inn** and **Taylor's Restaurant** - our main prizes sponsors. Even more special thanks to **Maria Neal** for organizing the fundraiser.

The stall items will still be available this Sunday, so please come to browse and support to hit the £1000!!

Christmas Wishes

Father Anil would like to thank everyone for all the Christmas Wishes and Blessings. With love, he is wishing to all the Parishioners peaceful and joyous time this Christmastide and a blessed New Year.

Office team (aka Jola) is also sending everyone best Christmas wishes of harmony, love and many blessings for 2026.

Thank you to the Gillet shops for providing one of our wonderful Christmas trees this year

From around the Diocese and beyond



Holy Cross in Yelverton is hosting a Carols Concert this Sunday at 2:30pm. All welcome.



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

Youth Events Weekly Newsletter: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/8C09255F03B7437F>

UNBOUND Prayer Ministry available in our 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.

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.

[Click here to register](#) or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

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.

CCS’ Christmas cards are available in the church, so please purchase those in aid of the Appeal.

May God bless all our supporters and donors.



Diocese of Proclamation! As we look eagerly to a new year of new beginnings, with our newly installed Bishop Nicholas, we remember some highlights from 2025 and share some of what is planned for 2026.

Please click the link: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-3D7B158DDC8192832540EF23F30FEDED>

Catholic Bishops Conference link: <https://mailchi.mp/cbcew/latest-from-the-catholic-bishops-conference-of-england-and-wales-1634717?e=a09aa30cbe>

The Catholic Network Link: <https://www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk/15245?>

Collections: 14th December 2025 - Thank you for your support

Standing Orders: **£340**

Loose: **£193.97**

Card: **£37**

Sunday Mass Attendance: **75**

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.