



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

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026—BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year A

Sunday 11th January	Baptism of the Lord
	9am Mass Int: Patricia Sparling (RIP)
Tuesday 13th January	11am Requiem Mass for Patricia Sparling
Friday 16th January	9:25 Adoration
	10am Mass Int: Cecilia Ama Tharmann (RIP)
Sunday 18th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity)
	9am Mass Int: Cecilia Ama Tharmann (RIP)

A very warm welcome to all our visitors

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Please pray for ...

those whose anniversaries occur during the month of January: 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, Kathy Fairchild

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 (RIP) Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 13th January at 11.00am. Please come and support family in prayers for her soul.

Next Product Stall will be on Sunday 15th February. Then not until after Easter. Thank you

Children's Liturgy - every Sunday during mass. Please see this weeks leader for instructions.

Request from the refugee family. If you have a spare coffee table you no longer need, please contact Gill Mill to arrange a donation of this to the local family.

Safeguarding Training will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Church Annex (PL7 4JU) for parishioners and volunteers.

Saturday 17th January 2026- 10am-15:30pm.

There will be refreshments provided but attendees need to bring along a packed lunch.

Training offers:

- Safeguarding for children and adults
- Face to face training
- Fulfils the training requirement to have been completed before commencing/continuing a role - no further online training will be required.

We urge the volunteers, who are currently in roles or are in process of applying and are still to complete the mandatory training can attend this event. Thank you

Catholic Diaries are now for sale in the back of the church, £3.

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.

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.

White Flower Appeal please look out on 18th January 2026 on behalf of SPUC for this significant fundraiser. This funds their efforts to keep petitioning against the law coming in on decriminalization of abortion up to birth.

Foodbank Tavistock is asking to kindly donate the following: tinned carrots, sponge puddings, microwave rice, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes. Thank you.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society. For decades, SVP work has been rooted in one simple belief: the greatest gift we can offer another person is our time. We call this befriending — a commitment to person - to - person support, companionship, and genuine human connection.

Our volunteer members visit and assist anyone in need, regardless of faith, ethnicity, status, or sexual orientation. Membership is open to all. The only thing we ask is that you are comfortable with our Christian ethos. We help people solely on the basis of need, and we welcome volunteers from every background.

We are looking for individuals who are caring, compassionate, and willing to listen. People who can offer support without judgement and who respect confidentiality. If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you. We are actively recruiting for new members, so please contact us as per details below.

We are resuming our monthly meetings Tuesday 27/01/26 @ 18:30

Please contact Angela Watson via the OLA parish office on 01822 613802

Bank Standing Order Form if you are planning to donate your offerings through the standing order, please find an application form available on the table in the back of the church. Taxpayers may consider Gift Aid for their donation.

Loving Stones (For Evangelisation) This free event will take place in our Church on Saturday 31st January at 11am. Please see the posters for details. We will paint and decorate the stones with a scriptural message. Lots of fun to be had! Paints and stones provided.

From around the Diocese and beyond



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>

Towards a synodal church – Conversations in the Spirit How do we listen to each other well? How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving? How can we make better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities? How do we enrich our parish communal life with enriching conversations? The Synod process has emphasised the importance of listening and good conversations in our community life. However, these are not always so easy in practice!

Blessed Sacrament Exeter are hosting a one day face-to-face facilitator training workshop with Fr Matthew Nunes, Director of the School for Synodality. This Conversations in the Spirit workshop will run on Saturday 21st February and will introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking. It is suitable for all levels of experience, including people who have not been involved in the Synod process so far. All parishioners from across the diocese are very welcome to attend - please email exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk to let us know you're coming. We're asking for a contribution of just £10 per person to cover costs - pay on the day. Please bring a packed lunch! 9:30am tea and coffee for a 10am start, 3:30pm finish, Saturday 21st February, Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, EX1 2QJ

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

Collections: Collections from Vigil Mass, Christmas Day and 4th Jan will be announced soon.

The collections have to be counted by two persons, so please come up if you can help with this vital task to help existing group of counters.

Pope Leo's Intentions for January - For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.