



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026—SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Sunday 18th January

Peace Day Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

9am Mass Int: Cecilia Ama Tharmann (RIP)

Friday 23rd January

No Mass

Sunday 25th January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)

9am Mass Int: For Jane Lumley

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.

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.

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.

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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 9th -16th June 2026. There is a proposed pilgrimage to Medjugorje this year. All-in cost will be approximately £750. Please contact Stephen Silvester for more information on 07810 305605 or stephen.silvester@btinternet.com

Food Bank 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


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

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.

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

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

Catholic Bishops Conference link: [Latest News from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales](#) 

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. **SPUC** - Abortion up to Birth Bill and Assisted Suicide Bill. Both of these Bills are currently being scrutinised and debated in the House of Lords. Thank you if you have already written to some Peers but, we need you to keep up the pressure and continue writing. This is because the Government has now allocated another 10 days for debate, ending on the 24 April, to deal with the 1071 Amendments tabled for the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill. The Abortion up to Birth Bill will be debated on 27th January. Amendments have been tabled to remove the Bill and end the pills by post policy. We now have more time to lobby members of the House of Lords. The following links will take you to the SPUC website where you can read information regarding each Bill and the webtool by which to contact Peers. A Peer will be generated for you to write to, and it will bring up an editable template letter: <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortiondecriminalisation/> and <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/> For further information or hard copies of lists of Peers and briefings, contact Christine Hudson: 07742320717

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:

Vigil Mass and Christmas Day: Loose Plate: £423.55, Card: £45

04/01/2026: Loose Plate: £75.80, Card: £35, Standing Order: £730

11/01/2026: Loose Plate: £135.25, Card: £45, Standing Order: £370

Crib Appeal -24/12/2025 - 11/01/2026 £62.31 (Catholic Children Society Plymouth)

~Thank you



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.