



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026—THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Sunday 25th January

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

9am Mass

Int: For Jane Lumley

Friday 30th January

9:25am Adoration

10am Mass

Int: Audrey Campbell (RIP)

Sunday 1st Feb

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Racial Justice Day)

9am Mass

Int: Bob Tucker (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, 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 on **Tuesday 27/01/26 @ 18:30**. Please contact Angela Watson via the OLA Parish Office.

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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.

Key Holder Register We are appealing to everyone who is the key holder to any part of the Church to come forward either personally or via Parish email. For the insurance purposes we need to have an up to date information. 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-jdidyckstr-a/

Caritas January Newsletter To read news of love in action around our diocese and upcoming events and dates, please click: <https://tinyurl.com/583wpdn7>

Modern Slavery Newsletter Last year, Caritas produced a special newsletter for each of the Jubilee themes. The final newsletter from the Jubilee year on modern day slavery, was postponed to coincide with the feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. To read it click <https://tinyurl.com/3vzefdv2>

Organ concerts for Christian Aid Tavistock URC - 31st January 2026 with Dr Sean Sweeney 1-2pm, and 21st February with Mary Mazur-Park 1-2pm

Venue: Tavistock United Reformed Church, Russell Street, Tavistock PL19 8B (Rev Rob Weston 07982 622949 for further details).

Great Big Diocesan Quiz - FRIDAY, 8 May 2026 Is your parish able to join us for this year's Great Big Diocesan Quiz? It would be great to have a bumper quiz this year and raise the most amount of money, as the number of applications we are receiving to our Essential Grants programme has risen dramatically in the last year. If you would like to take part, please let me know and I will add your parish to the list and will send more details in due course. If you have never been involved before but would like to take part, I am more than happy to have a quick chat with you so please give me a call or send me an email thank you. **Fundraising for Catholic Children's Society.**

GATHER 2026 conference will take place at the Livermead Cliff Hotel Torquay, Friday 20 – Sunday 22 March 2026. The conference has been running for many years and the feedback we have received is that it is appreciated and enjoyed by all who attend. We are very pleased that Bishop Nicholas will be joining us on Saturday and presiding at Mass and preaching on Sunday. Please find the leaflet and the booking form in the back of the church.

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: 18/01/2026

Loose Plate: £318.72

Card: £64

Standing Order: £590

Mass Attendance: 80

Crib Appeal (Catholic Children Society Plymouth): £10.42 (£72.73 total to date)

White Flower Appeal (SPUC) : £103.35 (including £40 donated by card)



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.