



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

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026—FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Sunday 8th February

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Bakhita's Day for Victims of Human Trafficking and those, who work to combat it)

9am Mass Int: Anne Stanton (RIP)

Wednesday 11th February

12noon Requiem Mass Audrey Campbell (RIP)

Friday 13th February

9:25am Adoration
10am Mass Int: For Fr. Anil Gundabathina

Sunday 15th February

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am Mass Int: Ollie Fawkes (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 February: Margaret Lambert, Arthur Hewett, Patrick Garrity, Linda Chilvers †

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.

8th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church marks the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. Today's readings remind us that true faith is shown in justice, compassion, and light shining in darkness. We are invited to pray for all who suffer exploitation and for those who work, often unseen, to defend human dignity

† **Family of Mary Elizabeth Meeten (RIP)** have informed us of her passing, which occurred last weekend. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Change in Parish Office opening time. From February the Parish Office will be open :

Weds 12noon- 5pm, Thu- Fri 9am -1:30pm

Additionally, please note, that on 19th and 20th February the office will be closed due to annual leave.

Audrey Campbell's (RIP) Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 11th February at 12 noon. Please come and support family in prayers for her soul.

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

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

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 Wednesday of the month at 5.15pm until 6.00pm, to pray for our children and grandchildren. Please see Anne Wood for details.

Appeal for the washing machine. One of our parishioners is in search of second hand washing machine at low price or free. If you know of anyone sparing one, please contact Parish Office. Thank you

Lenten Retreat in Roehampton London 13—15 March inclusive led by Fr Svet Kraljevic OFM who was for many years in the parish of Medjugorje and knows many of the visionaries. It would be particularly interesting for those going on pilgrimage in June to Medjugorje. The cost for the weekend is around £250. There is limited transport provided in private car. Please contact Stephen Silvester for further details via Parish Office.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Lead Rep Jane Lumley, Ordinary Rep Jola Kawalek. Contact via Parish Office

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From around the Diocese and beyond

Inspire, Saturday 14th March 2026, Buckfast Abbey. 11-18.00 Youth Events would like to welcome young people **aged 12-24** to Inspire. Inspire is a **festival** of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are **£30 per person**. **Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult**. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: [Inspire 2026 Parish Booking Form – Fill in form](#)

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. Contact unboundprayerop@gmail.com or see the poster displayed for more information.

LENT COURSE: SPRINGTIME FOR THE SOUL: Thursdays in Lent in the Parish Hall at 7.30-9pm. Week 1:- What makes us human and grace perfects ; Week 2 :- Doing the right thing - law, morals and virtue ; Week 3 :- How sin happens - temptation and enemies of the soul ; Week 4 :- Vices and virtues – counsels; Week 5 :- Growing closer to Christ - aids to sanctification. Fr Ian Hellyer will give the teaching with opportunities to ask questions. It is a chance to grow in understanding of the spiritual life in the Catholic Tradition. We start on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday (19th Feb) Location: St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Peverell, Plymouth.

Catholic Children's Society Knitting Action. Parishioners from a number of parishes have knitted beautiful baby blankets, cardigans, hats, booties, mittens and teddy bears. Thanks to these kind, wonderful knitters, we have posted many small bundles of knitted garments to families who apply for an Essential Grant as they don't have enough funds to pay for some of the basic essentials for their babies such as cots and mattresses, single and double pushchairs, baby monitors, baby clothes, travel systems, high chairs, car seats, sterilisers, electric breast pumps, changing bags and bottles, nappies and wipes. Please speak to Maria Neal for wool and knitting ideas.

Stay Awake! Save the date: Saturday 2 May, 2026

'Stay Awake' tickets are now available – book yours today at www.stayawakejc.com

Taking place at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10am – 6pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages! Could this be part of your New Year's resolution, to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?

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: 01/02/2026

Loose Plate: £161.05

Card: £33

Standing Order: £380

Mass Attendance: 68

Crib Appeal (Catholic Children Society Plymouth): £22.16 (£114.89 total to date)



Pope Leo's Intentions for February - For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.