



## Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday 22nd February**

**First Sunday of Lent**

9am Mass Int: Mary Elizabeth Meeten (RIP)

**Friday 27th February**

**9:25am Adoration (CAFOD Lent Fast Day)**

10am Mass Int: People of the Parish

(After Mass, please stay for Stations of the Cross)

**Sunday 1st March**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

9am Mass Int: Souls in Purgatory

**(Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day)**

*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.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place during lent after Friday mass. Please stay for deeper reflection of Passion of the Christ.

**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.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** For those wishing to make their Confirmation, please speak Gill Mill at the end of mass, or email the Parish Office.

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

**Product Stall fundraising.** Thank you to all those who contributed and bought items. We made £70 much appreciated.

**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.

**RCIA in OLA** if anyone would like to attend the RCIA course or you know someone who wants to do it, please let Fr Anil know or Jola in the Parish Office.

**St. Vincent De Paul Society.** The SVP meets here in the church on the last Tuesday of every month at 18:30. Inspired by Christ's call to love our neighbour as ourselves, we work to offer practical support, companionship, and a spirit of justice to those who need it. The greatest gift we can share is our time. If you would like to join the SVP or if you are in need of our support, please contact the OLA office and leave your details

**CAFOD Family Fast Day is** Friday 27th February. Confirmation of Lenten Lunch to follow.

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: Milk, Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Custard . Thank you

**Parish Safeguarding Team:** Jane Lumley, Fr. Anil, Jola Kawalek. Contact via Parish Office

## From around the Diocese and beyond

**Inspire, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:unboundprayerop@gmail.com) or see the poster displayed for more information.

**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.** To take part contact: **01364 645420** or [vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk)

**World Day of Prayer.** Please join us at St. Andrews, Whitchurch, 6th March at 2pm. Refreshments after service. Everyone welcome. Please check the poster on the notice board.

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

'Stay Awake' tickets are now available – book yours today at [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)

Taking place at The Thomas Hardye 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.

**Assisted suicide** campaigners are now lobbying MPs to try to use what is known as the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords and force the assisted suicide Bill into law in the next Parliamentary session.

Taking the unprecedented route of using the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords' scrutiny of a Private Members' Bill would be wholly inappropriate. It would be the first time ever that the Parliament Acts would be used for a Private Members' Bill, and polling confirms that taking this approach is not supported by the public.

Assisted suicide pressure group, Dignity in Dying, is currently flooding MPs' inboxes with emails urging them to back this attempt to bypass the House of Lords and force this dangerous Bill into law.

It is vital that MPs also hear from constituents who do not support forcing the Bill into law – and that they must oppose it.

We have launched an EasyAction tool that makes it easy for your parishioners to contact their local MPs and ask them to oppose attempts to force the assisted suicide Bill into law by bypassing the House of Lords.

Please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026) to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

### **Diocese of Plymouth Links - Click the links to visit following pages:**

**Diocese Newsletter** [email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-e-gudgz-jdidykstr-a/](mailto:email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-e-gudgz-jdidykstr-a/)

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

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

### **Stepping into Stillness an introduction to contemplative praying and Living.**

**April 20th – 24th 2026.**

An Introduction to the Gries Path of Prayer as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands [paddyrylands@gmail.com](mailto:paddyrylands@gmail.com)

**Contemplative Retreats at St. Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon**

### **Collections: 15/02/2026 ~Thank you**

**Loose Plate:** £233.90

**Card:**TBC

**Standing Order:** TBC

**Mass Attendance:** 60



### **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.