



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

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

9am Mass Int: Ailsa Weaver

Friday 13th March

9:25am Adoration

10am Mass Int: People of the Parish

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

Sunday 15th March

Fourth Sunday of Lent LAETARE SUNDAY

9am Mass Int:

The Apostles Creed' is used in place of the Nicene Creed during Lent (approx.6 weeks) and Easter (7 Sundays)

A very warm welcome to all our visitors

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

✠ **Please pray for ...** ✠
those whose anniversaries occur during the month of March: Morgan Aston, Alice Booth, Margaret Beams, Mollie Squibb, Bernard McGowan, Albert Rouledge, Anthony Keen, Witalis Jankowski, Pauline Doherty, Margaret Silcox, Mike Knight, Christine Greenwood, Henrietta Carter, Michael Boylan & Douglas Hoy
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.

The Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Wednesday, 18th March at 6.00 pm

On Sunday Masses, the congregation will say **Angelus Prayer** before the mass and **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** after the final blessing before concluding Hymn. Please find the printed copies of the prayers in your pew.

Walk with Me Lenten books available in the back of the church for £1.50. Also

Parking during Masses. Please park with consideration either in the space behind the church or on the roadside. Please avoid blocking entrance to the neighbouring properties. Thank you

CAFOD Lunch Saturday 21st March, 12:30pm - Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Mary Magdalene Please look at [Recipes for simple community lunches](#) for inspiration. Please donate: Envelope in church or QR code provided.



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

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.

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.

"God's Loving Presence" and "Amazed by This Love"- books by Father Tadeusz Dajczer is available at our stall in the back of the church. Please take one to deepen your faith and knowledge of Eucharist. **Copies are free**, but voluntary donation to cover cost of publishing will be gratefully received. Details inside the book. If you'd like more copies, please contact Parish Office. Thank you

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.

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

Our Lady of the Assumption is part of Plymouth Diocesan Trust. (Registered Charity No 213227)

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

Zoom Lent Course:

Please feel free to join this parish Zoom course during our Lenten journey together. **Monday 2nd March 7pm.** Dame Karen Foong - The Parable of the Rich Fool **Thursday 12th March 7pm.** Fr Mark Skelton - The Parable of the Good Shepherd **Thursday 19th March 7pm.** Sr Bernadette Reis - The Parable of the Prodigal Son **Thursday 26th March 7pm.** Simon Giarchi - The Parable of the Sheep & the Goats.

Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 Password is 125755

National Novena to St. Joseph – March 10-18 The Novena will be celebrated in the Mill Hill Missionaries two locations. Masses will be available to view on YouTube via www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena Please contact www.millhillmissionaries.com for further information.

Inspire event, Saturday 14th March 2026 - CANCELLED

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

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.

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 to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

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

Diocese News: [Diocese News - Diocese of Plymouth](#), Events: [Events for March 2026 – Diocese of Plymouth](#)

Caritas: [Caritas - Diocese of Plymouth](#)

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

The Catholic Network: [A big night for Hannah Spencer and the Greens in Gorton and Denton, but what now for British](#)

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

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

Collections: 01/03/2026 ~Thank you

Loose Plate: £175.50

Card: £16

Standing Order: £205

Mass Attendance: 66

CAFOD: Card £40 (Cash TBC)



Pope Leo's Intentions for March - For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence