



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

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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday 15th March**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent LAETARE SUNDAY**

**9am** Mass Int: Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday 18th March**

**6pm** Lenten Reconciliation Service

**Friday 20th March**

**9:25am** Adoration

**10am** Mass Int: People of the Parish

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

**Sunday 22nd March**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**9am** Mass Int: for Emil on his birthday

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.



***Holy Week Services:***

**Maunder Thursday, 2nd April, 6:30pm**

**Good Friday, 3rd April, 3pm**

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, 4th April, 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday, 5th April, 9am**



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.

**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 come to the Lenten lunch and donate on the day. You can also use the QR code attached. Help required after Stations on Friday 20th March to put up tables for the lunch. Thank you



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

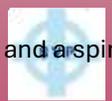
**Rosary Group** meet every Tuesday in church at 6pm. All are welcome. If you have intentions you would like put forward to the group, please contact the office.

**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.

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

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank, long-life, milk, fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned fish, pasta sauce. 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

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## 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](mailto: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. **Please consider two reminding lectures: 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**

**Catholic Children's Society Knitting Action.** Please apply your knitting talents to create 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. Please find the knitting patterns in the back of the church. Thank you.



**SVP and Caritas** would like to invite everyone to take part in the giving event this lent. They are asking for hygiene and cleaning products of all kind. Please look out for leaflets and posters in our Church. Thank you

**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)**

**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 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](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 inks to visit following pages:**

**Diocese News:** <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED>

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

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

**The Catholic Network:** [Why the government should stay out of commemorations of those we lost in Covid pandemic - The](#)

**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: 08/03/2026 ~Thank you**

**Loose Plate: £158.77**

**Card: £23**

**Standing Order: £470**

**Mass Attendance: 63**



**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