



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

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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2026—GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Sunday	26th April	Fourth Sunday Of Easter	Good Shepherd Sunday
		9am Mass	Int: Vocations for Priesthood
<b>(Second collection for Seminarians' Fund there are envelopes in the back of the church to support this cause)</b>			
Friday	1st May	9:25 Adoration 10am Mass	Int: Anette Healy (RIP)
Sunday	3rd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter 9am Mass	Int: Frank Ward (RIP)

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

**Please stay for refreshments after Sunday Mass**

*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:** Jennie Spratt, Margaret Silcox, Madeline Farrell, Martha Lee, Sister Bernadette, Norah Fairfax-Cholmeley, Mary Preston, Joan Tipple, Kathleen Casserley, Gerard Matthews, John Moyle, Agnes Bratchley, Irene Collins, Thomas Peirson, Evelyn Kemp, Joan Corley, Theresa Yelland, Janet Woods, Maureen Davies, John Sutherland, Robert James, David Jarvis, Thomas Ronan, Nora Start, Daniel Kilpatrick

**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, Michael Sparling

**Hire of Church Hall** in the last Parish Finance Meeting the Committee made a decision, that in case of fundraising or other events organized by third parties, the payment of £12 per hour will be charged. This is to help financial sustainability of the parish.

**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.

**Next product stall date 31st May** after Mass. Donations of produce—cakes/cookies, crafts, plants will be gratefully received.

**Cream Tea Fundraiser change of date.** Pencil in your diary the date for the next Cream Tea which will be on Saturday 11th July at Mary Bell's lovely garden in Calstock. Details to follow.

**Parish Lunch** Everyone is invited to a Parish Lunch. **Date: 27th June, 12:30pm.** It will be a bring and share lunch. Sign up list will be available soon in the back of the church. We are looking forward to it very much.

**Ann Ruth from Yelverton Church** is looking for teams for Diocesan Quiz on the 8th of May. Details of the quiz on next page in yellow box. If you are interested, contact Jola in the office.

**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** is requesting following items: Tinned meat, not curry, coffee, tea, jam, microwavable rice, tinned carrots, pasta sauces. *Thank you*

**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](mailto:unboundprayerop@gmail.com) or see the poster displayed for more information.

**Rise to Our Cause on Ascension Thursday** Following the success of our three previous CCSP Ascension Day (St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston, St Mary's in Poole and at Buckfast Abbey) this year's 'Rise to Our Cause' event is being held at The Assumption of Our Lady in Torquay on Thursday, 14 May 2026.

The event will start with Holy Mass in the church at 12.00 noon, followed by a two-course hot lunch kindly prepared by the parish. Following lunch we will hear our Guest Speakers - John and Myfanwy Quine from Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Over the last two decades, John and Myfanwy have witnessed incredible movements of God in their lives and in the lives of many others. They are eager to share how God has responded to their prayers, revealing some truly amazing miracles.

Tickets cost £15 and can be ordered by emailing [vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk) or calling the CCSP office on 01364 645420 visiting the parish office at The Assumption of Our Lady, Torquay. All proceeds from this event, will go towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. There will also be a raffle on the day to help raise money for CCSP.

**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)**

**Sunday 26 April is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life. The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and financial support. If you are able to contribute to our **Seminarians' Fund** we would be grateful for your donations at the retiring collection or you can donate online at <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/donate>. Please click the link to see message from Bishop Nicholas regarding the vocations [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_uH7mi3Rhk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_uH7mi3Rhk)

**Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor?** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC. These costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay.

To find out more please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

### **ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY ON FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE**

**Principal Celebrant:** Father Jose Romero OAR. The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for the sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website [www.stritascentre.org](http://www.stritascentre.org) and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm. We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am. Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you, and there will be a small army of volunteers working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy feast day for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

**Bishop Nicholas Hudson is coming to Stay Awake on 2 May, 2026 @ The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester!** The day runs from 10 am to **Mass with Bishop Nicholas** (celebrating early Saturday evening). Please get your tickets from [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com) (£12.50 for Adults and **FREE** for children). An all age event with appropriate children's streams (so that parents can engage), keynote speakers (**David Wells and Maria Heath**); workshops and **free pizza** after Mass. Bring a packed lunch but there will be plenty of **free** refreshments throughout the day and plenty of spiritual nourishment for all. YOU are invited to celebrate and grow in your faith at Stay Awake, 2026!

### **Plymouth Diocese is hiring:**

**Bishops Executive Assistant:** Hours: 35 hours a week **Location:** Bishop's House, 45 Cecil Street, Plymouth, PL1 5HW

**Closing date:** Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 12pm.

**Communications Officer:** Hours: 35 hours a week, **Location:** St Boniface House, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, TQ13 7JL with regular attendance at Cathedral House, 45 Cecil Street, Plymouth, PL1 5HW, plus some out of hours work, **Closing date:** Monday 11 May 2026

For more information and/or an application form, please contact Avocet Commercial Careers.

Email: [sophia@avocetlegal.co.uk](mailto:sophia@avocetlegal.co.uk) Telephone: 01392 642518

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

**Diocese News:** <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EB016AF080443C792540EF23F30FEDED>

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

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

**The Catholic Network:** [Pope's resolute response to Trump attack confirms that God comes before politics - The Catholic Directory](#)

### ***Collections: 19/04/2026 ~Thank you***

**Loose Plate:** £189.36

**Card:** £55

**Standing Order:** £520

**Mass Attendance:** 68



### **Pope Leo's Intentions for April - For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.