



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene  
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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026—PENTECOST SUNDAY**

<b>Sunday, 24th May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>	<b>Int: Peggy Shaw (RIP)</b>
	<b>(Second Collection Secular Clergy Fund)</b>		
<b>Friday, 29th May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Sunday, 31st May</b>	<b>Most Holy Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>	<b>Int: Jenny &amp; Bill Spratt (RIP)</b>

*Happy Pentecost* 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 May:** Theresa Palastre, Charles Hall, Leslie Smith, Luke Joseph Glancy, Winifrid Thom, Major Albert Booth, Thomas George Gidley, Patricia Ann Eastbury, Frank Stanley Williams, Mary Elizabeth Swallow, Anthony Maxwell Hill, Christopher Robin Start, Kerri Louise Sheerin, Pamela Anne Crowley Brown, Theresa May Yelland, Francis Farrell, Richard Lee, Josie Holwill, Katharine Fitzgerald, Mark William John Gillett and Dennis Joseph McMahon, Frank Ward

**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

**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 now available. Sign up for either one plate of savoury. Looking forward to it very much.

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

**Cream Tea Fundraiser** . 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.

**School Transport grants for the academic year 2026-27.** The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking applications from parents/guardians wishing to apply for grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE joint school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth. Applications for the academic year 2026-27 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest by 31st July 2026 and returned to the Parish Office. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn term if their application has been successful. There are limited funds and not all applications may be successful. You can obtain an application form from the parish office

**Volunteers Plea.** We are still looking for helpers to serve refreshments also for **readers and counters.** Please join us for friendly atmosphere and rewarding service.

**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.

**TAVISTOCK AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER (TACT)**- If you have any queries regarding TACT matters, please contact **Janet Eadie**, who represents our parish in this organisation- Thank you Janet!

**Tavistock Foodbank** is requesting following items: Tinned soup, tinned meat, lifelog milk noodles and pot noodles.

*Thank you*

**Parish Safeguarding Team:** Jane Lumley, Jola Kawalek. **Contact:** 01364 645 430 or [safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)

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

### EVANGELISATION THROUGH ART - Local Artists Exhibition

Holy Cross Catholic Church, Dousland Road, Yelverton PL20 6AZ (In the Hall. Plenty of Parking)  
Sunday May 24th 2.30pm until Saturday May 30th 6pm (weekdays 11am – 6pm)

**“All beauty is but a shadow of His glory and every piece of art whispers His name”**

You are warmly invited to experience a unique exhibition of art designed to stir the imagination, awaken the soul, and explore life’s biggest questions. You will meet ordinary folks who have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to create things of beauty. ~They are not professionals ~ Some have never painted before ~Their work will astonish you.

Come along and spend some time enjoying beautiful, authentic real art (No AI!). Maybe take some home.

Chat with the artists hear their stories – It will get you thinking : ~ What is true beauty ~Why does art move us so deeply ~Is there more to life than we see ~ How does God speak to us?

There will be tea and cake available to nourish the body as well! **Come curious. Leave inspired!**

### UNIVERSAL WELCOME AT PENTECOST

As we journey towards Pentecost, we remember the Church was universal in its make-up from its very beginning. To mark this Caritas has produced a WELCOME poster to celebrate the 75 languages we have identified being present in our parish communities here in the diocese. As part of [A Million Acts of Hope](#) we are inviting parishes to display our Welcome banners, not just for Pentecost, but to share our continued invitation that all are welcome in our churches and communities. Come and look at the poster and see how many languages you recognise .

**Online Webinar – Violence Against Women in the Bible ~ Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026- 10am until midday**

What does a biblical understanding of violence against women look like? How might this understanding inform our responses as Catholic communities to violence against women in our churches and in wider society? Join the webinar to hear from the panel of theologians and practitioners. Hosted by CSAN’s Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith. Click the link to register [CSAN Domestic Abuse Alliance \(26-May-2026\) · CharitySuite Events](#)

**Young Adults retreat, Sclerder 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June** A weekend retreat for **18 - 30 year olds** to **reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth**, this is underpinned by the scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a **contribution of £40** each. Transport will be provided from Liskeard Station both on the Friday night and Saturday morning, returning around 2pm on Sunday. It is important to **book**: [Sclerder Retreat \(18-30\) - Stewards of the earth – Fill in form](#) Any further questions contact: Saskia, [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**TIME FOR A CLEAROUT?** Perhaps you are thinking of having a sort through some of those cupboards and drawers you’ve been meaning to do since the Spring Clean you had planned? You can donate your unwanted items through the **Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth’s) Orange Box** recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause. Since the scheme was introduced in 2011, we have raised a whopping **£52,319.72** which is an absolutely staggering amount of money. And in 2025 alone, so far we have raised just over **£31,000** which is a phenomenal amount of money. Thank you to each and every parish, school and individual supporter who have been so generous over the last 14 years.

**Items that can be put into your parish Orange Box include:** stamp collections- first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre 1950, **coins and banknotes** – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise, **precious metals** -including broken jewelry, old trophies, gold, silver etc, **metals including ornaments** -metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition, **costume jewelry, medals, small antiques and collectibles, watches** – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not, **any Catholic religious memorabilia** such as rosaries, crucifixes.

**Our parish orange box is located in the nave, next to the stall with cards and publications.**

### TACT News

**“SONGS OF PRAISE” in the Meadows, Sunday 24th MAY 2.30-4pm.** Please come along for another “SONGS OF PRAISE” event hosted by The Salvation Army, Sunday 24th MAY 2.30-4pm at the Bandstand in the Meadows, Tavistock. Join in singing along to hymns, old and new - song sheets available! If wet, the event will take place at the URC, Russell St. Some chairs will be provided but you may wish to bring a camp chair, and perhaps a blanket, according to the weather!

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

**Diocese News:** <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

**Caritas:** Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese <https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

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

**The Catholic Network:** [Stopping homelessness before it starts.](#)

**Catholic Union:** [Catholic Public Engagement for the Common Good](#)

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### **Collections: 17/05/2026 ~Thank you**

**Loose Plate: £175    Card: £70    Standing Order: £385    World Communications Day: £44.13**

**Mass Attendance: 83**



### **Pope Leo’s Intentions for May - That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food