



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

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2026—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 2nd August	9am	Mass 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Int: Ann Widdecombe (RIP)
Friday, 7th August	9:25 10am	Adoration Mass	Int: Sammy O'Connor (RIP)
Sunday, 9th August	9am	Mass 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Int: Curtis Fry (RIP)

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 August Mary Elizabeth Power, Charlotte Smurthwaite, Kathleen Edgell, Winifred Watson, Terence Wildash, Sybil Phyllis Cormack, Rowan Webb, Timothy John Barrett, Patricia Anne Bloom, William George Spratt, Robert Fitzgerald, Margaret Smith, Kenneth Maude, Charles Frith, Keith Moyse, Gladys Weaver, Arthur Cecil Start, Vicky Mary Kay, Alan Williams, Rio Webb, Walter Alfred Moss, Anna Maria Guiseppina Pelosi, Gareth David Harries & Angela Williams

the sick and/or housebound including: Kit Cook, Ian Kilpatrick, Paul & Jan Demery, Geoff Luckman, Ian Wood, Jean Rose, Jeff Moles, Corrie Grice, Vivienne Gardner, Michael Sparling, Reuben Love.

Children's Liturgy - Children's Liturgy is now closed for the Summer holidays and will resume in September.

Annual Leave - Parish Office will be closed 5th-14th August. Emails will be monitored intermittently and in case of urgent matters they will be forwarded to Fr. Anil. 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.

Product Stall fundraiser last Sunday has raised £58.06 thank you everyone for your generosity and time.

Heritage Open Days in our church **12th and 19th September**. We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to man the open day during this event. The volunteers will be kindly asked to spend 1 hour in the church on chosen days. This event is a great way of proclaiming our faith as well as sharing the beauty of this exceptional building.

Quiz night - Should anyone like to take on a quiz night? The questions are already prepared, September or October. This event is always popular and raises good amount of money for our church and guarantees a good time. Tickets can be printed by the office and the Hospitality Group will help with selling tickets and tea and coffee on the night. If you are interested please contact the office or speak to Maria.

Parish Community WhatsApp Groups. All the parish members are invited to be signed up to the WhatsApp groups, that are existing in our community. We have Social Group as well as Hospitality Group. You could join either or both to be updated of events, that our community organizes/takes part in. If you'd like to be added to them, please speak to Maria or Jane after mass. **We would love to hear from you**

WELCOME THE STRANGER - National Campaign

During his visit to Spain, Pope Leo XIV reminded the world that "human dignity has no passport", and that the Church must stand in support of migrants and refugees.

Here in the diocese of Plymouth, we are joining the CSAN, JRS UK and SVP national campaign, Welcome the Stranger, to ask the Government to put human dignity and protection at the heart of the asylum system. **In the back of the church you will find the postcards, that we ask you to sign and return.** It will be manned by a volunteer, so please see them after mass. They will be then collected by representatives of the Caritas to be sent to Prime Ministers Office.

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

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

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.

FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

Fr Jon Bielawski's funeral will take place at Plymouth Cathedral at 12.00 noon on Thursday 27th August. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas.

His body will be received into the Cathedral at 4.00p.m. on Wednesday 26th August – the Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Canon John Deeny, Dean of Plymouth, will celebrate a Requiem Mass at 6.30pm.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. St Mary Magdalene, pray for him. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for him.

Mass for Marriage. *Marriage enriches us all.* Please join us at our Celebration of Marriage, in the Cathedral on Saturday, September 12th at 12noon. The Celebrant will be Bishop Nicholas. Everyone is welcome, including those whose spouses are no longer with them here. Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. For more information please contact: Deborah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Stepping into Stillness 8 Day Contemplative Retreat for those familiar with this way of praying as well as introducing the *Gries Path* to those for whom it is new. **August 18th – 27th 2026**
For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands paddyrylands@gmail.com

450th Anniversary of St Cuthbert Mayne's Martyrdom. On this significant anniversary there will be an opportunity to commemorate this Patron of our Diocese with a Pilgrimage in Launceston. It will take place on **Sunday, May 16th 2027.**

The pilgrimage will start from 1:30pm at Town Hall, then into Town Square for a Service at 2.30pm, a Prayer Walk through the town, including St Mary Magdalene Church, Castle Green, Dungeon, on to the Priory, and finishing with a short service in the grounds of St Cuthbert Mayne Church at about 5.00pm.

There will be an opportunity to venerate the relic.

Our own Bishop Nicholas will preside, and the Anglican Bishop of Truro will also be present.

These are approximate timings for now and will be confirmed nearer the time.

Please express your interest to your Parish Secretary. **This is definitely a date to be put in your diary!**

ADOREMUS Third National Eucharistic Congress will take place in **London** on Sat 10th Oct. Mass at St George's Cathedral and procession across the Thames to Westminster Cathedral, followed by a vigil of adoration until 6am. **If you would like to be one of our 50 diocesan delegates and for logistic details, please contact Fr Chris at Poole : (01202) 746539**

ONLINE School for Contemplation starting on Sept 22nd 2026, Tuesday Evenings. 7.00pm – 9.00pm. 7 Session On-line (zoom) Introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer*. Those for whom getting away from home is difficult find this to be a helpful introduction to stepping into a prayer of stillness with God. For further details, contact: Administrator, House of Prayer enquiries@houseofprayer.org.uk

Understanding Abuse free training. The Diocese of Plymouth Safeguarding Team is pleased to host a free Understanding Abuse training event, delivered by FearFree. This training is open to everyone across the Diocese, including lay people, those involved in pastoral ministry or safeguarding, anyone interested in volunteering for our Chaplaincy for Survivors roles, and victim-survivors. Whether you are looking to deepen your understanding or explore ways to support others, you are warmly welcome to attend. This training day will provide an opportunity for anyone who may be interested in volunteering as part of our forthcoming Chaplaincy for Survivors initiative to express an interest in the role and to meet members of the Diocese Safeguarding Team in person. Attendance at this training will be a prerequisite for anyone wishing to apply or volunteer for the Chaplaincy for Survivors role, as it forms an important part of the foundation knowledge and preparation for the position. The event is free of charge, and lunch will be provided. To book your place, you can either: visit Eventbrite and search "Understanding Abuse", scan the QR code on the poster to register or click the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-abuse-free-training-day-tickets-1993593889991?aff=oddttdcreator>



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Diocese News July and August: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-47E6F88D98A22DCD2540EF23F30FEDED>

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: [Does government's early commitment to ending homelessness signal at last a new way of doing politics? - The Catholic Network](#)

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

Loose Plate: £116

Card: £45

Standing Order: £175

Stella Maris: TBC

Mass Attendance: 73



Pope Leo's Intentions for August - For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim Gospel, discovering creative paths to built community