



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Sunday, 23rd August	9am	Mass 21st Sunday in ordinary Time	Int: Sammy O'Connor (RIP)
Friday, 28th August	9:25	Adoration	
	10am	Mass	Int: For Ron Richard
Sunday, 30th August	9am	Mass 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Int: For Baby Huw
Second Collection - Catholic Children's Society			
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, David Makin

Next product stall 30th August after Sunday mass. Cakes and help will be gratefully received - 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.

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.

Tavistock Foodbank is kindly asking for tinned fruit, tinned meat, pot noodles, sponge puddings, jam. Thank you

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.

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

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

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 or see the poster displayed for more information.

Mass for Marriage. *Marriage enriches us all.* Please join us at our Celebration of Marriage, at midday in the Cathedral on Saturday, September 12th. 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

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

SPUC Coach to the annual March for Life in Westminster on Saturday 5th September. The theme for this year's M4L is 'Abortion Hurts the Family'

7am - Coach departs the lay-by in St Boniface Lane outside the demolition site which was St Peter's Church. There is ample parking along the old Tavistock Road leading to the Church of the Ascension and also outside the Church of the Ascension, itself, which is just a 2 minute walk from the departure point. (See attached map)

8am – Pick up at the bottom of Exeter Services (M5)

4.45pm – Leave Westminster

Seats £28pp but some free seats available. Coach cost is £1,720. Donations gratefully received. Further info: Christine Hudson Tel: 07742320717 Email: chrishud78@talktalk.net

Bank transfer details: Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Sort Code: 40-23-64 Acct. No: 00028983 or payment in cash can be made on the coach.

Do come to protest:

1. The barbaric legislation which was passed in parliament a few months ago allowing women to abort their own babies up to birth.
2. The huge increase in the numbers of abortion since DIY abortion pills were permanently legalised.
3. The re-introduction of the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill again by Lauren Edwards MP (Lab) A Bill which had been scrutinised in the House of Lords and found to be so flawed as to be beyond correction.

To date, fourteen Catholic bishops will be attending the March.



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.

The list of attendants to sign up to is in the back of the church

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 on 26th Sept, 10am-4pm, St Boniface House, Ashburton. 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. 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=oddtcreator>



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

Diocese News July and August: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/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: [Andy Burnham says "I have a plan" for Britain; here's hoping it includes our dying steel industry - The Catholic Network](#)

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

Loose Plate: £343.92

Collections: 02/08/2026 - 16/08/2026 ~Thank you
Card: £118

Standing Order: £805

Stella Maris: £125.25



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 build community