



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

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Sunday, 20th September 9am

Mass 25th Sunday in ordinary Time

**Int: For Daniel and Aurelie
Benson -Livera (private intention)**

**Friday, 25th September 9:25
10am**

Adoration

Mass

Int: For Priestly Vocations

Sunday, 27th September 9am

Mass 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Int: Ken Hall (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 September: Angela McOran Campbell, Brian Earley, Sheila Frith, Nicholas Aaron Woods, Marjorie Grace Greatbatch, David Mainwaring, Gwineth Iris Glancy, Francis Flanagan, Elizabeth Pannell, Herbert Steele, Thomas McGovern, John Gillett, David Makin

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, Jo Hall

Father Anil's annual leave. Father Anil will take a well deserved time off for four weeks at the end of this month. The Masses on 4th Oct, 11th Oct 18th Oct and 25th Oct will be celebrated by Fr Anthony Cockram (first three Sundays) and Fr Gilmour McDermott (last Sunday of October). The Friday Masses during this period are cancelled. Parish Office will operate as normal.

Next product stall will be on the 27th September after Sunday Mass. Donations of cakes and other suitable items will be greatly received. Many thanks!

New Altar Clothes. The Parish have recently purchased eight new altar clothes. They are all made with highest quality material and beautifully embroidered to a very high detail. We hope this addition will make everyone feel special in celebrating Eucharist in our church.

SPUC Tavistock branch launch. If you are interested in joining this group, please come on 7th November 2026 to meet Julie Vivienne, SPUC Development Officer (SW England and Wales) . Leaflets and poster are available in the back of the church.



Assisted dying bill rejected! Thank you everyone who supported this campaign.

ASSIST TO LIVE NOT TO DIE

Giving a Future. Please grab a legacy leaflet from the back of the church to find out how you can make a difference. Thank you

Children's Liturgy - every Sunday during Mass. Please let children follow this weeks leaders during appropriate time.

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 Foodbank is kindly asking for fruit juice, tinned meat, long-life milk, custard, Smash - instant mashed potatoes, pot noodles, sponge puddings, jam. Thank you

Tavistock Parish Facebook Page is now live. To follow, please type in or click link below:

[Tavistock RC Parish Church | Facebook](#)



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

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FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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?>



Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Sunday Nov 1. 2026 (weekend event) UNBOUND Freedom in Christ. A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ. Weekend tickets from £65.

To book [UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Prayer Retreat. Buckfast Abbey, Devon – Fill in form](#) Call or email:

Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information 07940453607 michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk

For more information on Unbound Ministry please follow the link: <https://www.unboundprayer.com/>

Youth Ministry News Here's the link; <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-FD9D3738248EC9822540EF23F30FEDED> for the new E-Newsletter for those working with youth in the Diocese. It aims to keep volunteers up to date with training sessions, legislation changes and a place to share resources. Please contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Chocolate Making workshop, Truro Parish Church. Saturday 17th October (ages 10 - 16) If you are aged 10 - 16 why not join us to explore the catholic social teaching around growing and farming cocoa and the chocolate industry. You will get to taste the raw ingredients that make chocolate, whilst making your own chocolate and producing florentines. Simultaneously there is a craft workshop to create a box for your florentine. To book: [Chocolate Making Day, 17th October 2026 – Fill in form](#) Cost: £10 per person. Further information contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Online Safeguarding Training for Youth Volunteers A series of online safeguarding training is being offered to those who would like to enhance their DBS training. There are 3 sessions being offered this autumn: Child exploitation; Impact of Domestic Abuse on children and Young People and the online world. All sessions are free but it is important you book to get the Zoom link. To book: [Online Safeguarding Training aimed at those who work with Youth – Fill in form](#) Further information contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE - SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER - 3pm in BEDFORD SQUARE with Salvation Army band. To celebrate & witness God's provision in ecumenical praise together. In aid of Tavistock Food Bank; donations will be gratefully received in the Square. If wet, the event will be held at URC Russell Street, Tavistock, PL19 8BD.

The Salvation Army is part of TACT (Tavistock Area Christians Together). Do join us if you can!

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

Let's go Orange for October for CCS- Plymouth

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.

Thank you to all our parishes, schools and individual loyal supporters for your continued support of our small children's charity. Without your generosity, we would not be able to continue supporting so many families of all faiths and none who are struggling to provide the basic essentials of life for their children. It's hard to imagine that there are children sleeping on the floor or sharing beds with a sibling or even a parent, and by applying for a grant through our Essential Grants programme with the support of a professional worker supporting the family, we can purchase beds for these families, school uniform or white goods such as cookers, washing machines and fridge/freezers. For more information, please visit our website – www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or call 01364 645420

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

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

Caritas: Click the link for the August edition to read of love in action around our diocese. <https://tinyurl.com/2rxsuy2z>

Youth Volunteers Newsletter : <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-FD9D3738248EC9822540EF23F30FEDED>

Catholic Union: [Catholic Union Weekly Briefing 5 September 2026](#)

Catholic Network: [Parliament's rejection of the assisted dying bill is a moment for gratitude — and renewed responsibility - The Catholic Network](#)

Catholic Bishops Conference: [Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Collections: 06/09/2026 ~ Thank you

Loose Plate: £144.92

Card: £65

Standing Order: £260

Mass Attendance: 65

Pope Leo's Intentions for September- For care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.