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Week Commencing Sunday 1st February 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Racial Justice Sunday

(Readings: Zep 2:3;3:12-13 Ps 149(145) 1Co 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a)

Sunday 1st February	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9am	<i>Sister Elizabeth SND RIP (FDN)</i>
Tuesday 3rd February		Mass	10am	
Sunday 8th February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9am	<i>Henry & Maeve Guly, Thanksgiving for 50 years of Marriage.</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Thomas Quinn, Milalda Somerville, Dorothea Foster-Bone

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

Please pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Reconciliation in June 2026:

Christabel, Elsa, Fintan, Hugh & Oscar

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during Mass today. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime, please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

Refreshments are now also being served after the Tuesday Weekday Mass, please come along and join us in the hall for a drink and chat.

This month we celebrate National Marriage Week, February 7-14th. There are resources for prayer, a novena for marriage, and reflections from the Bishops Conference. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

Residential Retreats Diocese of Plymouth 2026 – please see the poster on the noticeboard and take a 'flyer' (on the table with the Newsletters) if you are interested.

Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday, 1st February is Racial Justice Sunday and the theme this year is: *"Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:21): Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes.* "In the family of the Church and in society, there are people from every nation and race. All are important and wonderfully made. The central commandment is to love. True love recognises the value of everyone." Let us today commit to love our neighbours from every nation and every race. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjbl7O7q1R4> to watch a short video message from Bishop Paul McAleenan, from the Bishop's Conference.

The Martha Group will meet after Mass on **Tuesday 3rd February** for their AGM! Coffee and cake, as usual, before the meeting. All are welcome.

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission. A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. 21st February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission". Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

Click on the QR code on the poster to register or try

caritas@prcdtr.org.uk 01364 645360

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The Pope's Intentions for February: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. <https://popesprayer.va>

**LENT RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY,
21st FEBRUARY AT ST RITA'S CENTRE**

"The Sacrament of Liberation" led by Fr Robbie Low
The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10am. The second talk will be at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. See poster and application form at the back of the Church. To register, please complete the application form and let us know of any dietary requirements. You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online via our website: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/len-retreat-day-the-sacrament-of-liberation>. Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

The culture awakens! Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – SPUC

Are you 16 to 35 years old? Join us for a chance to engage with key figures in the pro-life movement and like-minded company at our largest gathering of young pro-lifers from across the country.

In just one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow abortion up-to-birth and voted in favour of legalising assisted suicide. Our culture is facing a tipping point, and that is why it is more important than ever that pro-life young people come together to join the fightback to defend the unborn and the vulnerable.

We are on a mission to make abortion unthinkable, and the 2026 Youth Conference theme, The Culture Awakens, seeks to call each person to take a step towards this goal. Increase your pro-life knowledge, learn effective strategies for pro-life activity, hear pro-life testimonies and make new friends!

When? Friday 27th February – Sunday 1st March '26

Where? Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL

How much? The weekend costs £150 which includes accommodation and all meals. Sponsorship is available if necessary. To register, or for further details, contact Katherine Hampton at: katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk or <https://spuc.org.uk/youthconference/>

Inspire, Saturday 14th March, Buckfast Abbey. 11-18.00. Youth Events would like to welcome young people **aged 12-24** to Inspire. Inspire is a festival of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are **£30 per person**. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: [Inspire 2026 Parish Booking Form – Fill in form](#)

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:
Milk, Tinned meat, Tinned tomatoes, Fruit juice, Tinned fish
Thank you.

GATHER 2026 We look forward to welcoming you to our annual GATHER conference **20th - 22nd March** at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

Medjugorje Pilgrimage The Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is in the early stages of organisation. We will be flying from Bristol to Split **Thursday 1st to Thursday 8th October**. £785pp sharing £150 single supplement. Half-board, fully guided Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages. Please contact plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk if you are interested in joining us.

Modern Slavery Newsletter - Last year, Caritas produced a special newsletter for each of the Jubilee themes. The final newsletter from the Jubilee year on modern day slavery, was postponed to coincide with the feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. To read it click <https://tinyurl.com/3vzefdv2>. Copies are available at the back of the church

Catholic Children's Society – Flash Information Poster - our third poster details how many families we helped in the Diocese in 2025 and where, together with a breakdown of what items we had purchased and most importantly some feedback we had received. See poster on the noticeboard and Thank You for all your support to this Charity.

Parish Notices:

Sunday 25th January Collections:

Loose Plate: £145.30 Standing Orders: £215
Card Reader: £0 Mass attendance: 75

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 24th January** ball number 29 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £25 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 25 subscribers that night.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

Newsletter: Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com (**All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please**)

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