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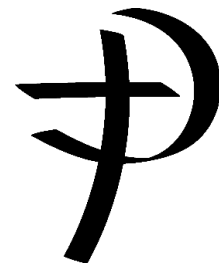
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Week Commencing: Sunday 12th April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

(Readings: Ac 2:42-47 Ps 118(117) 1P 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31)

Sunday 12th April	Second Sunday of Easter	Mass	12.30pm	<i>Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family</i>
Tuesday 14th April		Mass	10am	<i>David Barker RIP</i>
Sunday 19th April	Third Sunday of Easter	Mass	12.30pm	<i>Anne Luxton RIP</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

the repose of the soul of **Deacon Delian Bower** who died on Easter Sunday. Deacon Delian was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 1999 and served in the Sacred Heart, Exeter. He was a very committed and faithful deacon, well-loved in the parish and the local community. Please keep Delian, his family, and all who knew him, in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Nora Steel, Kathleen Morgan, David Corbett, Martha Shannon, Edward McQuade, Helen Vaux, Anthony Mills, Margaret Davidson.

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

There will be no **Children's Liturgy** during Mass today due to the Easter holidays.

Refreshments are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Egg Raffle which was drawn last Sunday. We sold 96 tickets, there were 22 prizes and we raised £99 for Church Funds. There's a list of winners on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

Martha Group meeting : The next meeting of the Martha Group will take place on **Tuesday 14th April at 10:30 am**. The meeting will commence with coffee and cake, followed by a talk by Ann Kennelly on her pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

The Martha Group meeting will then take place after the talk. All are welcome.

SPUC Silent Pro-life Chains of Witness: 25th April 11am - 1pm

Recent legislation now proposes allowing a mother, in respect of her own pregnancy, to abort her baby up to the moment of birth.

Every baby has the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death. Each conceived baby, whatever its condition, or how it was conceived, has a soul, and is made in the image and likeness of God.

We will, therefore, stand in silence for 2 hours for the 11 million babies aborted since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act in the UK

Join us along the pavement in Exeter Street, Plymouth, outside the Friary Mill Retail Complex, to hold placards in defence of the right to life from conception. Thousands of cars pass and see our message.

By your presence, you will be a voice for the unborn. They cannot speak up for themselves. What we are asking is only for 2 hours, once per year. Please make this a priority. Further info: Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Chris Hudson - 07742320717

The Pope's Intentions for April: For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. <https://popesprayer.va>

Vicariate for Catechesis & Evangelisation

A Deeper Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church Begins Summer Term 2026. Monday evenings at 7pm online, from Monday April 13, 2026.

Spend just one hour a week with others online, going gently but deeply and prayerfully into the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Sessions are for catechists, those who hope to be catechists, those seeking to know more about their faith, anyone interested in discovering more about the teaching of the Church, in fact anyone who is interested.

To find out more, or receive a link please contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

STEPPING INTO STILLNESS

An Introduction to Contemplative Praying and Living at **St Rita's Centre, Honiton. April 20th – 24th 2026.** An Introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer* as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands paddyrylands@gmail.com
See the poster on the noticeboard or on the Holy Cross website.



Bishop Nicholas Hudson is coming to **Stay Awake on 2nd May, 2026 @ The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester!**

The day runs from 10 am to **Mass with Bishop Nicholas** (celebrating early Saturday evening). Please get your tickets from www.stayawakejc.com (£12.50 for Adults and **FREE** for children). An all-age event with appropriate children's streams (so that parents can engage), keynote speakers (**David Wells and Maria Heath**); workshops and **free pizza** after Mass. Bring a packed lunch but there will be plenty of **free** refreshments throughout the day and plenty of spiritual nourishment for all. **YOU** are invited to celebrate and grow in your faith at Stay Awake, 2026!

Called to Love, 2nd – 3rd May 2026

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is holding their fourth Ascension Day fundraiser at the Assumption of Our Lady in Torquay on Thursday 14th May 2026 starting at 12 noon. Please see article on noticeboard for more details if you are interested in going.

Heatree Residential 15th - 17th May 2026

'Go make disciples of all nations' Matt 28:19. Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book follow the link: [Heatree 2026](#) 15th-17th May – Fill in form Further information email: Saskia or Ruby, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

The Diocese have created a special edition newsletter sharing images and reflections from the last few days <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/tt-A79280C8C13121D82540EF23F30FEDED>.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

The Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is in the early stages on organisation. We will be flying from Bristol to Split Thursday 1st to Thursday 8th of 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.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Pasta sauce, Long life milk, Fruit juice - not squash** *Thank you*

Parish Notices:

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has sent Holy Cross a Thank You for the Annual Crib Appeal, totalling **£389.15**. The letter is on the noticeboard.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Annual Great Big Diocesan Quiz will be held on **Friday 8th May 2026 at 7 for 7.30pm** I will be hosting this event in our Church Hall. If you are able to join us, please put your name down on the list at the back of the Church. As usual it will be £5 per person to enter, bring your own refreshments, and there will also be a raffle. If you cannot attend the quiz it would be lovely if you could support the raffle. Tickets for which will be available from next weekend. Thank you. **Ann**

Sunday 5th April Collections:

Easter Offerings: £577.06 + Gift Aided: £300
Standing Orders: £550 Mass attendance: 136
CAFOD Fast Day total: £424.19

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: on Saturday 4th April ball number 52 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £29 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 29 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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