



Catholic Parish of the Holy Trinity Plymouth



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1st May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C2: year of Luke)

Holy Family Children's

Liturgy Sunday 9am



Saturday Eve of Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass at Holy Family. Int: For vocations

4.45pm Exposition and Benediction

5.30pm Mass at St Paul's. Int: Dylan Pearce-Rice RIP

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

9am Mass at Holy Family. Int: People of the Parish

10.30am Mass at Holy Redeemer. Int: John Douglas Cummings RIP—FDN

Monday: St Athanasius

6pm Mass at Holy Family. Int: Paul Raynor RIP

Tuesday: St Philip & St James

10am Mass at St Paul's with school. Int: Fr P J

10.30am Rosary at St Paul's

Wednesday: The English Martyrs

9.30am Early Years prayers

10am Mass at Holy Redeemer with Year 4. Int: John Christopher O'Driscoll RIP—FDN

Friday: Easter Weekday

9.30am Exposition and Benediction at Holy Family

10am Mass at Holy Family: Int: John Walsh RIP

6pm - 6.30pm Confessions at Holy Family

Saturday: Eve of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass at Holy Family. Int: For vocations

12 noon Baptism at Holy Family: William Ferguson

4.45pm Exposition and Benediction at St Paul's

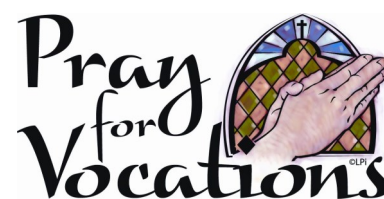
5.30pm Mass at St Paul's. Int: Marisa Vassallo RIP

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter—Vocations Sunday

9am Mass at Holy Family. Int: People of the Parish

10.30am Mass at Holy Redeemer. Int: Baby Issac Blee & Ben Alexander RIP

12 noon Baptism at St Paul's: Thomas Allington & Cora Hayward



No weekday masses Mon. 9th—Sat.14th morning. Fr Petroc on post Easter break.

Advance notice:

Sunday 8th May—There will be a retiring collection for Bishop Christopher's Jubilee Fund for seminarians (Vocations Sunday) and the Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund for Sick and Retired clergy of the Plymouth Diocese.

Please pray for the sick and housebound parishioners in our Parish

We pray especially for Joyce Healy and Peter Schofield, and also Audrey Jones and Bridie Rainsford who are both very poorly in hospital.

If you would like to add your name to this list, please contact the Parish Office. If you are doing this on someone's behalf please make sure you have their permission (GDPR applies).

Catholics in Derriford Hospital

If you know of someone who is in Derriford who should be seen by the Catholic chaplain please let Derriford know. You can do this by ringing 01752 245255 which is the number of the chaplaincy, or by sending an email to "derriford.chaplaincy@nhs.net".

Giving

The 2022/23 envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. If you were expecting and not received your new box of envelopes please contact Ann at the Parish Office.

Monday morning Liturgy at St Paul's School

The school would like to let parishioners and parents know that they are welcome once more to join the start of the week school liturgy at 9am each Monday morning at school.

First Holy Communions 2022

First Holy Communions will be celebrated on the weekend of June 11th-12th in our parish. Preparation will start on May 10th Tuesday at 3.15pm in both our schools. If there are any children in the parish who wish to make their first holy communion this year tell your teacher if you go to St Paul's school or Keyham school, and tell Fr Petroc if you go to another school.

Supporting Parents, Catechists and anyone involved with young people

The Franciscan at Home Catechetical Institute have a whole range of attractive resources for families, for catechists and for anyone involved with children and young people. The courses are offered free in a subscribing institution. Join us at an online event where you can learn more from the Directors of the Institute. **Thursday, May 5 at 7pm.** Join Zoom Meeting : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83088881718?pwd=dkMxTmRwYUkvMnBBNEhmdzdXOXZMdz09>

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Congratulations Bishop Mark!

Pope Francis appoints Bishop Mark O'Toole as new Archbishop of Cardiff

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Mark O'Toole as Archbishop-elect of Cardiff and Bishop-elect of Menevia.

Bishop Mark O'Toole has been Bishop of Plymouth since his appointment in 2013. Previously, he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Westminster in 1990 and served as private secretary to Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor between 2002-2008, before his appointment as the rector of Allen Hall seminary in 2008.

Archbishop-elect O'Toole will become the eighth archbishop of Cardiff in succession to Archbishop George Stack, who has been Archbishop of Cardiff since 2011. The installation will take place in Cardiff Cathedral on 20 June, the feast day of Welsh martyrs Saints Julius and Aaron.

Bishop Mark has asked for our prayers for himself, his family and for the new mission that he is being sent.

VACANCY – Tribunal & Chancery Administrator

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position:

Tribunal & Chancery Administrator (part time) – 1 post

Location: St Boniface House Near Ashburton Devon with some home working

Salary: £11.96 per hour (Actual Salary - £8,706.88 per annum) plus contributory pension scheme (subject to eligibility)

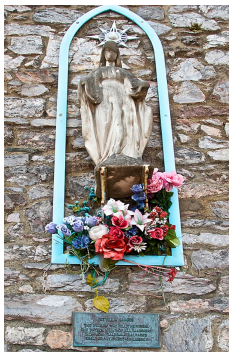
Hours: 14 hours per week

Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from the Human Resources Department on 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The last date for applications is Monday 2 May 2022 and interviews will be held during w/c 23 May 2022.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD – DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our next Day of Reflection for men discerning their vocation will be held on Saturday 21st May, 2022 from 10:00 to 16:00 at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall. The day will include Mass; a time of Adoration; a short conference; an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission.

For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk by 16th May 2022 at the latest. Arrangements can be made to collect you from Liskeard Station before 9:15, and returned after, if required.



OPEN-AIR ROSARY SERVICE
at the Statue of Our Lady, Star of the Sea,
Plymouth Barbican.

Sunday afternoons in May at 3pm. See poster for further information.

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT IN THE DIOCESE

St. Rita's Centre, Honiton, Devon. EX14 1AP.

6th – 13th May 2022 *For those seeking a more Contemplative Way of Praying and Living*

This silent *Contemplative Retreat with individual guidance* provides a step-by-step introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer* developed by Fr Franz Jalics SJ.

For those familiar with this form of contemplative prayer, the retreat offers the opportunity to refresh and to deepen it. *Donations invited: £400 (All rooms en suite)*

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Annual Mass – Thursday, 30 May 2022

If you would like to attend this year's annual mass at St Nicholas' Catholic Primary Academy in Exeter, please contact **01364 645420** or email **ccs@prcdtr.org.uk**. Everyone is welcome, but we are limited on numbers so please let us know if you would like to attend.

Great Big Diocesan Quiz – Friday, 1 July 2022

We are delighted to announce that we have a new date for our next Great Big Diocesan Quiz, as the last two planned quizzes have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

2022 Annual Appeal – Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of St Bernadette are journeying through [our country in the Autumn](#). [We have the great privilege of receiving the relics at the Cathedral on 9th-10th September](#). They are only with us for 24 hours, which is why it is possible for them only to be venerated at one venue. I know this will be a disappointment to many and further information will be given in due course, but you may like to make a note of the date.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day takes place in Lisbon in 2023. Bishop Mark is delighted to be joining our Diocesan group of Young People (16+) which will be on pilgrimage from the 26th July to 8th August. We plan to spend the bulk of our time in Fatima, and it will be great to be at Our Lady's Shrine in the period before the Pope arrives in Lisbon. If you are a young person, please think seriously about joining us. Further details from Saskia Hogbin - Saskia.Hogbin@prcdtr.org.uk

FOOD POVERTY

We all know that Food Poverty is a growing issue across the city of Plymouth. To help anyone who may be in need of support in this area, Tanya at Caritas has put together a focus sheet on this topic. You can pick up a copy at the back of church to take home or share with someone who might need it, or you can follow the link to view it online: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Fact-sheet-No-1-Food-poverty-word.pdf>

CARITAS PLYMOUTH

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: ONLINE EVENT 5-6PM ON TUESDAY 24 MAY

Caritas Plymouth with CAFOD Plymouth is organising an online event from 5-6pm on Tuesday 24th May during Laudato Si' week 2022, to reflect on how we care for our common home and respond to Pope Francis' invitation to create a new kind of solidarity and a spirit of integral ecology. The event will offer an opportunity to think about the challenges and opportunities facing us and how we are called to act.

People can register <https://forms.office.com/r/L7nNXjib57>

For the Caritas April newsletter — the link is

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-92E98FEB5804515E2540EF23F30FEDED>

If you do not have access to a computer and would like a copy please contact the Parish Office.

Update on Buildings

The buildings which a parish has, can either be a help or a hindrance to the life and mission of a parish, and most buildings are a mixture of the two.

They can be a help by witnessing to the presence of God in the world; and by being a place where the parish can come together to celebrate the sacraments, gather socially, and meet to think about the faith; and by being a sacred place where anyone can go on their own to pray.

They can be a hindrance when they are not suited to modern needs, or when the parish's time and money is taken up looking after unsuitable building, or buildings in a bad condition, or buildings that are very expensive to run, instead of getting on with what they should be doing.

Before COVID struck, we were looking at how it might be possible to make our parish buildings work more for us rather than against us.

We are now able to resume this task.

The first context in which we and every parish in Plymouth must think about any of our buildings is that in Plymouth we simply have too many churches. Before spending a lot of money on any building we should think with the diocese about what the life of the Catholic church in the city is going to look like over the next few decades.

The period from 1850 (when Catholics were once again allowed to have parishes and dioceses and build churches) up until 1950, was a time of rapid Catholic expansion and we built many churches, schools, presbyteries, and community centres.

From 1950 we have been in a time of rapid Catholic numerical decline and the projection is that this will continue for some decades. This is common across Western Europe, and although there are many theories, no-one has satisfactorily explained why this has happened and is continuing to happen.

The number of mass going Catholics in our diocese has halved between 1988 (when modern records start) and 2020: from 26,000 to 12,000. The number attending mass throughout the diocese now, is probably less than one fifth of what it was in 1950. The number of priests has gone down by a similar amount.

Based on when the priests who now working in the diocese will reach 75 and therefore theoretically retire, and knowing how many have started training to be priests, we can project that over the next 15 years the number of our priests will reduce by half. It is likely that this will be the same or greater for the number of people at mass.

With such a mismatch between numbers and buildings we obviously have to think carefully how we plan for the future. In Plymouth this will probably mean focussing on a few large church centres or hubs, with satellite churches around them where we have mass less frequently or which we use for other purposes such as Caritas.

The second context is which we must think about our buildings is that of their ecological impact. We have already seen around the world an increase in severe weather events, and scientific opinion is that human behaviour has contributed to this increase. As a diocese we have an environmental policy to reduce energy use and emissions. We are also forced to think about our energy use in the face of swiftly rising energy costs.

Over the past couple of months we have been thinking again about our buildings, and now is the time to recap on what happened before COVID, and to share what we are thinking about now.

Holy Redeemer Church

This week we begin with Holy Redeemer Church. The church as we have known for a long time is in a bad state of repair, having been repointed with the wrong type of mortar some decades ago which meant the walls have become wetter and wetter internally, leading to them crumbling and failing. If nothing is done it will continue to degrade further. It would need a lot of money spent on it to make it right again. Before COVID the first estimates were around £250,000. In our conversations in the last couple of months this has been revised to around £500,000, partly because we underestimated the work to be done, and partly because building costs have rocketed..

Even if this work was done, we would still have a building which would be costly to maintain in the future, which would be uneconomical and unecological to heat, and which would be many times too large for our needs. It would still have no toilets and kitchen or social area of its own, and crucially it doesn't have the parking and is not geographically well situated to be one of the church hubs for the city.

So simply repairing the church as it is wouldn't be sensible even if we had the money, or someone gave us the money, so instead we were looking for alternative creative solutions. Thinking creatively we also included the fact that our school next door has two big building problems, the children have to be taken off site each day to and from Gaynor hall for their dinners, and they have no grass playing areas.

We knew all this before COVID, and we looked at two ideas.

The first was to keep the outer shell of the church and divide the internal space into two parts, most of it would be a hall for the school together with kitchens and other facilities, which could also be for community use, and the rest would be a smaller church for about 100 people. (Our present church was built for 500 on the instance of the Admiralty.)

The second idea was to replace the present church with a new smaller church and hall, possibly together with some dwellings which could be sold off to help pay for the work. One problem we ran up against for the dwellings was the lack of parking which the council would require to grant planning permission. We looked at underground parking, but this was a huge cost.

So before COVID, having looked at both plans, we were favouring the idea of replacing the church with a small modern church and a small hall and kitchen. Gaynor hall would be sold to help pay for the work.

In the past three months we have been looking again at these ideas together with the diocese and CAST (the Plymouth Catholic schools organisation).

The school authorities are not in favour of the first plan to keep the outer shell of the church and divide it internally. This is because keeping the existing walls and roofs would present ongoing maintenance and heating costs which they would not be able to afford.

They would prefer to rebuild, and from the point of view of making our buildings an asset rather than a hindrance to the mission of both the parish and the school this makes sense, and so this is what we are looking into.

The costs of rebuilding a new church and a hall and kitchens would be around 2 million plus, which is beyond anything the parish has, and most probably beyond anything the diocese or CAST could budget for when they have so many other sites to look after as well.

With an architect we are therefore looking at the idea of rebuilding one multifunction building which can work as a school hall with kitchens attached, which can also be for community use, and which can have a sanctuary at one end which could be screened off to be a chapel for one class mass, or used together with the hall for larger school or parish masses. We would look at using the rest of the area now occupied by the church to be a grass space for the children.

The cost of this would again be beyond any money the parish has, but now that we are looking at a smaller scheme, it may be possible to get help from other bodies to fund this.

We will now be thinking about: How feasible is this? What would it look like? Would the presbytery remain or be included? What would it cost? Where could the money come from?

This is just a buildings update to let everyone know where we are and what we are looking at. So it is light on details and simply painting a big picture. Details will follow in due course when we have them. We are still in the early stages of this process, and it will be quite a time before we have to make real decisions.

This weekends mass

Psalm response “I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.”

Gospel acclamation “Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!”

HYMNS

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

2. Spread the good news o’er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,
how can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift
so far surpassing hope or thought?
*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore,
O Make us love thee more and more.*

Had I but Mary’s sinless heart,
to love thee with, my dearest King,
O, with what bursts of fervent praise
thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!
*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore,
O Make us love thee more and more.*

Thine be the glory, risen conqu’ring Son,
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conqu’ring Son,
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won.*

3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain.*

4. God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for us all, alleluia! *Refrain.*

5. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully
sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

Don Fishel

Come now ye angels to our aid,
sound, sound God’s praises higher still;
’tis God, whose power created us,
and in whose praise creation thrills.
*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore,
O Make us love thee more and more.*

F.W. Faber (1814-63).

REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee O Queen of Heaven, alleluia
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia
As he promised has arisen, alleluia
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy
deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home
above.

E.L. Budry (1854-1932) tr. R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)