



St. Anthony's RC Church

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Sunday Masses: Saturday 6.00pm. Sunday 9.30am.

HOLY DAYS Masses at 9.30 am & 7.00pm. **Weekday Masses** 9.30am. **Morning prayer:** Mon to Sat 9.15am.

Confessions: after the daily 9.30am Mass (Otherwise on request)

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Items for Newsletter by 12 noon each Wednesday to: ottery@prcdtr.org.uk

Cheques to be made payable to "PRCDTR Ottery St Mary RC Parish".

Direct payments: Sort Code 53-50-55. Ac. No. 05126126. NatWest Bank, Honiton.

Ottery St Mary RC Parish is part of Plymouth Diocese: Registered Charity 213227.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (20th Sept. 20) Psalter 1 Year A

Face coverings in church

Masks coverings are now mandatory in places of worship; all those attending church must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the church for Mass.

Church accident repairs

Have been now completed. The next step forward is to build the outside porch and accommodate the repaired section of the church to move there from the hall so that we can continue with our church building development without interfering sometime in the near future. We have got two estimates of the cost from two different builders. We are still awaiting to hear from a third builder.

Sunday Mass

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended – if you do not feel safe coming to Mass please stay at home and don't worry – there is absolutely no requirement for you to attend Mass at all. And remember, if you feel ill and have flu-like or coronavirus symptoms, please do not come to church. Likewise, if you have been in contact with anyone who may have symptoms of coronavirus please do not come to church.

We all can do that much

Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish and local community.

You will be asked

To give your contact details for *track and trace* purposes. The church toilet remains closed.

Confessions

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession, please stay behind after Mass in your place until the church is vacated.

Gift Aid Scheme

The boxes with the weekly envelopes are available for those in the Scheme. If you would like to be included in it, please let Fr Frank or Pat Gough know about it.

Mass attendance

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 10 to 16 August was 40 people.

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 17 to 23 August was 43 people.

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 24 to 30 August was 44 people.

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 31 to 6 September was 41 people.

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 7 to 13 September was 40 people.

Let's hope that the congregation will go up steadily.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Collections

For July: £930.00 + £457.99 by direct debit

In August: £360.00 + £457.99 by direct debit. £55.00 for Sierra Leone Mission and £40.00 for CAFOD. Thank you.

Safeguarding Office, Diocese of Plymouth

We have been informed about the Formal Appointment as Parish Safeguarding Representatives of Deborah Stuart and Paul Doyle. The appointment is valid for a period of three years. This ministry within our parish community is an essential to promote a 'Culture of Safeguarding' and to create a safe environment for all our vulnerable people within the Church. We thank Deborah and Paul for their valuable service to our Community.

A reminder

That the Government's new measures banning social gatherings of more than six people does not apply to places of worship and we will continue to celebrate Mass as previously.

Why are we building an outside church porch?

- To increase the room capacity of the church.
- To make it obvious that it is the main entrance to St Anthony's.
- To be more 'respectful' of the health and safety rules and regulations inside the church building.
- To be able to open the inside and outside double doors, when necessary, without causing so many little problems.
- To help create a quiet and prayerful atmosphere once inside the church before Services.
- To have easier access to open windows, water plants and light candles in window sills.
- To welcome people before they enter the church.
- To expand the space available for umbrellas, notice board and display of newspapers, magazines, newsletters and other publications.
- To keep the Clergy under cover when they dismiss the congregation as they go out after Mass and other Services.