



## *St. Anthony's R C 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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**Cheques** to be made payable to "PRCDTR Ottery St Mary RC Parish".

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

## **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 20) Psalter 2 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. This week we should be able to know the name of the builder chosen and some details about the starting and finishing dates of the building of the church porch and tackling the additional work in the main nave of the church.

### **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.

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 14 to 20 September was 47 people.

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

## **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.

## **Things to pray for this week**

### *Harvest*

- For a fair and just trade, so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands.
- For politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth, that they may safeguard the planets for future generations.

### *Pope Francis' intention for October*

- We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.