



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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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.

1st Sunday of Advent – 29th Nov. 2020 - Psalter 1 Year B

Collections

July: £930.00 + £457.99 by direct debit

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

September: £255.00 + £457.99 by direct debit, £80.00 for Sierra Leone Mission and £50.00 for CAFOD.

October: £275.00 + £457.99 by direct debit, £40.00 for Sierra Leone Mission and £43.00 for MISSIO

Thank you.

Things to pray for this week

Pope Francis' intention for December: For life of prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Migrants' Day – Thursday 3rd December: For our society; that it may always welcome the stranger. For those countries from which asylum seekers and refugees have fled; that all may work together for peace and justice.

Church building development progress Phase 1

Week 1: The FIJ Building Contractors of Ashburton have set up site and have demolished the existing half brick walls by the door, excavated the existing strip foundation, cut tarmac for drainage runs to soak away.

Week 2: They have excavated new foundation and concrete, laid new drainage, inserted manholes and back filled, and installed new strip foundations.

Week 3: They have reinforced the area that was sinking in the car park to avoid further damage in the future, started building the porch, removed the carpet tiles in the aisle and fixed the skirting board to the walls to get ready for painting.

Week 3: We haven't seen much progress this week.

Week 4: They have almost finished the brick work to the porch, formed top half of porch timber structure, installed timber posts, erected scaffolding, put new central heating pipes and radiators in the nave and started painting the room.

They hope to finish, if everything goes well, the week before Christmas.

Confessions

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession, please see Fr Frank after the 9.30am Mass.

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 7 to 13 September was 40 people.

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 5 to 11 October was 35 people

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 19 to 25 October was 42 people

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 26 to 1 November was 46 people

Celebrate Catholic Charismatic Renewal is going back to basics!

Sign up for five online Zoom evenings, exploring the five core value of the Celebrate vision.

www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020

May he rest in peace (R.I.P.)

Please, keep in your prayers Terry Boucher, from Exmouth parish, who died recently. Our condolences and prayers to his wife Doreen and family. His funeral will take place on Monday 7th December at 1.00pm, Topsham Parish Church.

Received from our Church Insurance

Recently we received £9.154.08 for the works not done and the carpet, as we were undertaking extension works this year.

Public Masses

We are allowed to say Masses with congregation as from Wednesday 2nd December.

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.

A God, you call us out of darkness. May we hear your voice in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crisis. As you walk alongside us always, may we walk beside one another listening and responding in love. Shine the light of your compassion through us dispelling chaos, fear and despair. Breathe hope and courage into all our hearts as we work together to rebuild once more. Strengthen us, Lord, and keep us steadfast. Bring healing and comfort to all and lead us renewed into your marvelous light. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.