



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".

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.

4th Sunday of Advent, 20th Dec. 2020 - Psalter 4 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

November: £115.00 + £457.99 by direct debit, £30.00 for Sierra Leone Mission

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/>

Expectant Mothers - Sunday 20th December: For all who are waiting for a birth; may they be given patience and strength. For all who work in maternity units and with mothers; may they always recognize and cherish the gift of life.

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 19 to 25 October was 42 people

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 7 to 13 November was 45 people

Public Masses

Public acts of worship have now resumed and will continue regardless of which tier we are in. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended - if you do not feel safe coming to Mass then please stay at home and don't worry – there is absolutely no requirement for you to attend Mass in person.

Confessions

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

Church building development progress Phase 1

Week 7: The porch and the nave have been almost finished.

Week 8: The builders, FIJ Building Contractors of Ashburton, will vacate the site on Tuesday 22nd December, just in time to prepare the church for Christmas. The painting of the porch will be done after 4th of January.

Fratelli Tutti – Caritas Plymouth is preparing a number of short videos to offer a reflection on each chapter of the Encyclical. One reflection will be shared each week over the coming 8 weeks. We hope that the videos will provide food for thought and encourage people to read the full text. The reflections are all on our Diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/videos>



Christmas Masses

Church doors will open half an hour before Mass begins.

***Thursday 24th December** – 8.30pm Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.

***Friday 25th December** – 9.30am The Nativity of the Lord

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.

Christmas collection

Is your personal donation to your Parish Priest.

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.

*Wishing you and all those you
love a very happy and holy
Christmas, with love and
prayers*



Fr Frank and Rev. John Park, Deacon.