



# 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.*

## The Nativity of the Lord

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 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

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

Thank you.

### Confessions

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

### Church building development progress Phase 1

**Week 9:** The builders, FIJ Building Contractors of Ashburton, vacated the site on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for their Christmas break.

**Week 10:** They will finish the remaining work (painting the porch and doing some electrical connections) the week starting the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Christmas collection

Is your personal donation to your Parish Priest. Thank you.

**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>

## 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/>

*At Christmas:* We pray for family and friends, for virus sufferers and their carers, for the elderly and lonely, for all Christians in the world, for those who lack the necessities of life and human caring love, for the most vulnerable in our community.

## 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 December 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.



### Christmas Masses

Church doors will open half an hour before Mass begins.

*\*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December* – 8.30pm Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.

*\*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December* – 9.30am The Nativity of the Lord

## A big thank you

To all our wonderful parishioners who made possible our Christmas celebration today in the church after the builders vacated the site on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Indeed, the spirit of Christmas is very much alive and active in St Anthony's community!

## Why have we built 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.*

