



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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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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th January 2021

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Collections

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

December: £1070.00 + £457.99 by direct debit.

Thank you.

Confessions

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

Mass attendance

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 21 to 27 December was 69 people

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 4 to 10 January was 42 people

Mental Health and Covid-19

The ongoing pandemic will cause many people to feel stress and anxiety. Caritas Plymouth has put together a range of resources to guide Catholics in looking after their mental health including access to prayer resources and links to organisations offering support. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Mental-Health-Note.pdf>

26th January 1992

We remember with gratitude the Sisters of the Holy Family Convent, Exmouth, who so kindly gave us the 16 benches with a side cover at each end and 2 front kneelers. The benches with open ends are the original ones which have been in the church for much longer. The Parish Priest at the time was Fr Frank Umendia O.A.R. (1991 – 1997).

Why have we built an outside church porch?

I could give you more than ten reasons, but I leave it to you to work it out when you see it. You decide for yourself if it was worth all the effort and cost (we still don't know the total figure).

Public Masses

Public acts of worship have now been allowed and will continue regardless of which part of England 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. *'We know we must observe the protocols around 'Hands-Face-Space' with an increased vigilance, given the virulence of the latest strain of the virus'* (our Bishop Mark O'Toole).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sadly it has not been possible this year to make arrangements with local churches to have a Meeting together in one building for the Sunday joint service, from 18th January 2021, because of the Covid-19 restrictions. It is not possible but we can continue to remember our fellow Christians in our prayers. The theme that has been suggested nationally this year is "Abiding in Christ" with materials provided by a community in Switzerland and these materials can be seen at Christians Together in Britain using this online link: [https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/?ct=t\(CTBI_Monthly_Newsletter-Dec2020\)](https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/?ct=t(CTBI_Monthly_Newsletter-Dec2020))

Caritas – support for individuals

Caritas Plymouth has updated their list of grants that people might find useful if they are struggling. This will be shared this via their website. Here is the link <https://www.plymouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Covid-19-Support-for-Individuals-November2020-Update.pdf>

Church building development progress Phase 1

Week 12: No workers have been seen around and no progress has been spotted.

Week 13: It should be a happy week, work will be completely finished by Thursday 28th January, hopefully: the scaffolding will finally be taken down, the last few odd jobs done and the building crew will move to a new venture. And when all that is a reality, your Parish Priest will have a nice drink to the health of all our parishioners.

Things to pray for this week

Pope Francis' intention for January: · Human fraternity – may the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another and open to all. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January: For unity among the Churches, a unity founded upon truth and compassion. For the Churches to find a common voice, to speak on matters that affect the whole of society.

Vaccination: an ethical action

Responding to a question from Canale 5 journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona regarding vaccinating against the coronavirus, the Pope says, "I believe that ethically everyone must take the vaccine." "It is not an option; it is an ethical action, because you are playing with your health, you are playing with your life, but you are also playing with the lives of others." He explains that, in the next few days, vaccinations will begin in the Vatican and he has booked himself for it. "Yes, it must be done," he stresses, adding, if the doctors say the vaccine is safe and does not present "special dangers" to someone, then they should take it. "There exists a suicidal denialism in this which I cannot explain," the Pope said. He added that it is time to "think about the 'we' and erase for a period of time the 'I', putting it within brackets." "Either we are all saved together or no one is saved."

Updated Guidance for Places of Worship

The Government has updated the Places of Worship Guidance on 11th January which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>