



# 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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**Items for Newsletter** by 12 noon each Wednesday to: [ottery@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:ottery@prcdtr.org.uk)

**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 in Ordinary Time

31st January 2021

**Psalter 4 Year B**

### 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 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 18 to 24 January was 35 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>

### Caritas Plymouth

On line event Celebrating the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita 8 February 5.00-6.30 pm All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole of the Diocese of Plymouth and Bishop Declan Lang of the Diocese of Clifton for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative. The event will take place via zoom and you can register to attend by clicking here or emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **Public Masses**

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. But if you decide to attend Mass, *'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).

## **26<sup>th</sup> 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).

## **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 13:** No workers have been seen around and little progress has been spotted.

**Week 14:** It should be a happy week, work will be completely finished by the end of this week (5<sup>th</sup> Feb.), 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 February:* · Universal intention – Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

## **The Pope tweets...**

Each one of us Christians is a branch of the one vine which is Jesus; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ.

## **Vaccine Reticence**

There have been reports in the media about people nervous about having the vaccine. If you have the opportunity, please take it. Pope Francis has had it and I know many of you have already had your first jab. If you are not registered with a doctor you may not be called, so please register and enable this to happen. It's our greatest hope for a return to normality.

## **Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection**

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app on Wednesday at 2.00pm and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, please email: [exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **Bible in a year**

Fr Mike Schmitz, a chaplain and a professor at the University of Minnesota, has recorded 365 daily podcasts of the Bible. The podcasts provide commentary, reflection and prayer along the way. Bible in a Year Podcast follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavis. By listening to Bible in a Year, you are not only listening to an excellent podcast that will help you read and understand the Bible – you are showing the world that this matters. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>