



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 Lent

14th March 2021

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Collections

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

December: £1070.00 + £457.99 by direct debit.

February: £275.00 + £457.99 by direct debit, £60.00 for Sierra Leone Mission and £30.00 for CAFOD.

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 1 to 7 March was 45 people

Lent

The Lenten season provides an opportunity each year to deepen our understanding of our faith by reflecting on the Gospels. During Lent we are called both to turn away from those things that encumber our faith journey with God and to turn towards God. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to open ourselves to changes that God wants to make in us so that we can truly flourish.

The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are traditionally prayed on the Fridays of Lent. The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church. You can find prayers for the Stations of the Cross at: www.jesuit.org.uk/stations-cross

Church building development Phase 2

We have an ambitious set of works to be done to upgrade the church property. We might not be able to do all of them, but we will have them priced and then we will go as far as our budget allows us. Unfortunately, it is likely that we might come across unexpected problems that cannot be ignored. We'll see!

Do remember the poor in Lent

This year the money raised for charity in Lent will be for *CAFOD & The OAR Mission in Sierra Leone*. CAFOD envelopes are available in the porch.

Lenten Bible Course

6 weekly sessions to break open each Lenten Sunday Gospel.....before you go to Sunday Mass. Led by Mauro Iannecelli <https://comeandsee.org/lent.html>

Masses on line

During this time of lockdown, you might be interested to know that, as a guide to potential visitors, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, now contains details of churches that broadcast live Catholic Mass online. Some parishes of the diocese are already included. For further information, webmaster@cbcew.org.uk

Check out Pope Francis' daily tweets on Twitter...

During the Season of #Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert (Mk 1:12-15). It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us. Pope Francis @Pontifex

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio www.heavensroadfm.com

Is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website www.heavensroadfm.com

For all the Saints... 17 March St Patrick (385 - 461)

He was born in Roman Britain around the end of the 4th century, and died in Ireland about the middle of the 5th century. As a missionary bishop, he endured many hardships and faced opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Nevertheless, he worked hard to conciliate, to evangelize, and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to the very people who had enslaved him in his youth.

19 March St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nothing is known of St Joseph except what is said of him in the Gospels. He was a carpenter; he accepted the will of God; and he supported Mary and brought up Jesus. From the human character of his son we can see that he was a good and responsible father. He is widely venerated as a patron of artisans who honourably do good work with the gifts God has given them, and of workers in general. To those who exercise the role of an adoptive parent, whether formally or informally, whether over one child or as the support of a whole family, he is a source of inspiration.

Sunday 21 March

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will make a new covenant and will never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9 He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-30 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.