


PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A – 18th January 2026

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| Efford | Saturday 17th January | NO MASS | |
| Plympton | Sunday 18th January | 9:00am | Paddy Barrett (RIP) |
| Ivybridge | | 11:00am | People of the Parish |
| Plympton | Tuesday 20th January | NO MASS | |
| Ivybridge | Thursday 22nd January | NO MASS | |
| Plympton | Friday 23rd January | NO MASS | |
| Efford | Saturday 24th January | NO MASS | |
| Plympton | Sunday 25th January | 9:00am | Bernie Williams (RIP) |
| Ivybridge | | 11:00am | People of the Parish |

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January – For prayer with the Word of God - Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

ADORATION for 30 minutes before weekday Mass. Join us for this opportunity to have quiet time with the Lord.

CONFESSIONS are available after weekday Mass, or by request.

ROSARY every Wednesday morning at 10.30am and evening at 7pm at Plympton.

FAITH CHAT Every Thursday after 10am Mass at Ivybridge

For the sick Please pray for the sick & housebound in our parishes and for those who are particularly poorly at this time. Please especially pray for Helen Furlong, Brian Nolan, Nicki McDougal, Alan Schaffert, and Mary Ripo who are unwell.

For those who have died Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially Robert Tucker, Wyn Derrick, Paddy Barrett, Peter York, Barbara Jackman, Paul Watson, Maggie Langmaid, Paul Bowen-Davies and Jo Cotter, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stjean Kasaic, Michael Simpson, Pamela Ingles, Margaret McCarthy, Henry Burrow, Winter Dixon, Gary Froggatt, Paul Barrett, Michael Hogan, Bartram Tickle, Virginia Morgan-Evans, Hugh Furlong.

Welcome Fr. Paul We welcome Fr. Paul Andrew today and thank him for covering Mass in Plympton and Ivybridge while Fr. Victor is away.

White Flower Appeal 2026 The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please keep a look out for the appeal postcards at the back of the church on appeal weekend.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Medugorje. Bristol to Split September 30th to October 7th 2026. £785pp sharing £150 single supplement. Half-board, fully guided Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation If your child is over the age of 7 and would like to make their First Holy Communion, or they would like to be Confirmed, please contact the parish office.

Fr. Victor will be away during January and the beginning of February. There will be no weekday Masses in any of our parishes during this time. There will so be no Saturday Vigil Mass at Efford. Sunday Mass will be covered by Fr. Paul Andrew at Plympton and Ivybridge, and we thank Fr. Paul for his help.

PLYMPTON

Collection Baskets In January our food baskets will be for Shekinah – Shekinah supports homeless people with access to hot showers and hygiene products, hot meals, clothing, debt and addiction advice and more. Please see the poster next to the baskets for information on what they most need and thank you all for your continued generous support of the charities and organisations we collect for during the year.

Burns Night Celebration Come along to Burns Night 6 o'clock at Our Lady of Lourdes January 23rd. A night full of Scottish fun and laughter. Enjoy the original film 'Whiskey Galore' tuck into 'Neeps and Tatties' have a go at the quiz and try your hand at the 'write a Robbie Burns Ode' competition. Win big in the raffle and join in some raucous Scottish singing!!! What's not like? All for just £7.

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth Orange Box If you're having a New Year clear-out please consider putting any of your old knick-knacks, stamps, old coins, keys, watches and Catholic or religious items into the orange box at the back of the church. Last year the orange boxes raised an amazing £35,216.51 for the Catholic Children's Society. A poster on the front of the box gives full details of what can be donated.

IVYBRIDGE

Priory Re-decoration Fund There is a section on the cashless giving point for donations to support the re-decoration of the priory. If you would like to donate you can use the re-decoration section on the cashless giving point, or donate in cash or by cheque – if donating by cash/cheque please ensure you place your donation in an envelope marked clearly as "re-decoration fund"

Lenten Lunch Ivybridge CWL Lenten Lunch will be on Saturday 21st March 2026. More details to follow.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Stay Awake! Save the date: Saturday 2 May, 2026 'Stay Awake' tickets are now available – book yours today at www.stayawakejc.com Taking place at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10am – 6pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages! Could this be part of your New Year's resolution, to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?

Dilexi Te - The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission: day of reflection 21 February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre *With Bishop Nicholas Hudson opening the day and closing with Mass.* Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission". Email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk to register.

GATHER Conference 20th-22nd March at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

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Priest-in-charge: **Fr Victor Agbaka**

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