


## PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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### BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

<b>Efford</b>	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Plympton Ivybridge</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:00am 11:00am</b>	Victor Ripo (RIP) People of the Parish
<b>Plympton</b>	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Ivybridge</b>	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Plympton</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Efford</b>	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Plympton Ivybridge</b>	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:00am 11:00am</b>	Paddy Barrett (RIP) 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

**BIBLE STUDY** Every Monday at 11 am at the Priory. New members welcome.

**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: Bernard Tonkin, Margaret Campion, Peter Cahill, Susan Williams, Christine Anne Blackler, Margaret Hamlet, Margaret Bullock, Margaret Miles and Brian Ilbrey.

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

**Date for diary** we are hosting a **Safeguarding training event** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Annexe from 10am-15:30pm, with a break for lunch. This will cover safeguarding for both children and adults. Everyone in the parish is welcome to come along. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. This face to face training will fulfil the training requirement that is now stipulated to have been completed before commencing /continuing a role with vulnerable groups. The alternative option is completing an online safeguarding training module. Everyone is welcome to attend whether you are a volunteer or not. Please bring along a packed lunch to eat, refreshments will be provided.

**White Flower Appeal 2026** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January. 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 as the appeal date gets closer.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** We are organising a parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje for the first week of August, details to follow soon, please register interest.

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*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.*

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### **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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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"

**Raffle Prizes** If you were lucky enough to win a raffle prize please collect it this weekend, or it will be recycled!

### **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](http://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](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) to register.

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