

PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 7th December 2025

Efford	Saturday 6th December	5:00pm	For Parish Volunteers
Plympton	Sunday 7th December	9:00am	Catherine Leonard (RIP)
Ivybridge		11:00am	For Parish Volunteers
Plympton	Monday 8th December The Immaculate Conception	10:00am	For Parish Volunteers
Plympton	Tuesday 9th December	7:00pm	Kay O'Connor (RIP)
Ivybridge	Thursday 11th December	10:00am	Liam Cahill's Intention
Plympton	Friday 12th December	10:00am	Private Intention
Efford	Saturday 13th December	5:00pm	The Kingswell & Shanahan Family – Foundation Mass
Plympton	Sunday 14th December	9:00am	Private Intention
Ivybridge		11:00am	Private Intention

[The Pope's Prayer Intention for December](#) – For Christians in areas of conflict – Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

[ADORATION](#) for 30 minutes before weekday Mass. Join us for this opportunity to have quiet time with the Lord.

[CONFESIONS](#) are available after weekday Mass, or by request. **[Christmas Confessions](#)** at Plympton – 9th December, Ivybridge – 11th December, and Efford 13th December after Mass

[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, and Alan Schaffert who are unwell.

[For those who have died](#) Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially Barbara Jackman, 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.

[Christmas Flowers Collection](#) There is a retiring collection this weekend for Christmas flowers

[Pilgrimage to Launceston – The National Shrine of St Cuthbert Mayne](#)

31 'pilgrims of hope' journeyed from the different parishes of the Plymouth East Roman Catholic churches to the national shrine of St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston on Saturday 22nd November.

The day started with Holy Mass and after refreshments in the parish Hall we listened to an informative talk by Canon John Deeny about St Cuthbert Mayne's life and martyrdom. After having a personal moment to venerate his relic we then enjoyed our lunch back in the parish hall where the local parishioners shared their hospitality with us.

After lunch we visited places of interest in Launceston itself associated with the imprisonment, trial and execution of the Saint. We offered prayers for the conversion of our country and world, including prayers for more Priests to serve our churches.

We finished with a visit to the beautiful Anglican church of St Mary Magdalene and joined in with the local custom of stone throwing over our shoulders on to a prostrate statue of St Mary Magdalene. Two of our parishioners successfully landed their stone and, according to tradition, can now expect a silk dress at Easter!

In the words of St Cuthbert Mayne 'Manus Tuas Domine' - Into your hands O Lord. We asked for his intercession for us all in our four churches and we look forward to our next journey together.

PLYMPTON

CWL and CAFOD Mince Pies and Clothes Sale Tuesday 9th December 2025 10.30 am. Mince pies and coffee are available for £3.50, all proceeds from this and a raffle will support CWL charities. A pre – loved sale will also be held to support CAFOD.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Our Christmas Party is on Friday 19th Dec. The party is FREE and we will have carols, our Grand Raffle, food and mulled wine! **A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for you to put your name down for the party, so that we know numbers as space is limited. Please bring a plate of savoury finger food to share - there is another list for writing down what you will bring so there isn't too much duplication.** Raffle tickets are on sale now at the back of the church, (£1 each). Look forward to seeing you there!

Poinsettia Plant Donations We are hoping to **fill our church with Poinsettia plants this Christmas.** Please **bring your plant** along by Sunday 21st December. Your support is very much appreciated.

Charity "Christmas Card" List There is a list at the back of the church, which you can write your name on to wish everyone a Merry Christmas if you are intending to make a donation to charity in lieu of sending cards this year.

IVYBRIDGE

Ivybridge CWL Raffle tickets will be on sale from this coming Sunday for the CWL big Christmas raffle and Produce Stall **TODAY** after Mass. All proceeds go to Parish funds. If you have any raffle prizes they would be gratefully accepted.

EFFORD

Parish Whatsapp Group After the in-house parish council meeting at Efford last Saturday, it was suggested that we create a parish What's App Group. The main purpose would be to let people know when there is no Mass at Efford, but it could also be used to share other parish information if necessary. If you would like to join this Group, Simon will be in the Porch after Mass to collect contact details.

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