

PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK - YEAR A – 29th March 2026

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| Efford | Saturday 28 th March | 5:00pm | Anthony Gerard Kennedy & Kathleen Selena Kennedy – Foundation Mass |
| Plympton Ivybridge | Sunday 29 th March PALM SUNDAY | 9:00am 11:00am | People of the Parish Alice Truscott (RIP) |
| Plympton | Tuesday 31 st March | 7:00pm | Mary Widdicombe's Intention |
| Cathedral | Wednesday 1 st April CHRISM MASS | 12noon | |
| Plympton | Thursday 2 nd April MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7:00pm | People of the Parish |
| Ivybridge | Friday 3 rd April GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | 3:00pm | ----- |
| Plympton | Saturday 4 th April EASTER VIGIL | 8:00pm | ----- |
| Plympton Ivybridge | Sunday 5 th April EASTER SUNDAY | 9:00am 11:00am | People of the Parish People of the Parish |

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March – For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

EASTER CONFESSIONS are available after weekday Mass or by request

FAITH CHAT Every Thursday after 10am Mass at Ivybridge

Collections There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Holy Places of Palestine.

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 Colin Watson, Stephen Keedwell, Brian Nolan, Nicki McDougal, 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 Helen Furlong, Robert Tucker, Gwyn 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: Kathleen Preston, Edward McBride, Joseph Norman, and Karen Martyr.

Holy Week On Good Friday (4th April) Stations of the Cross will be held at both Plympton and Ivybridge at 10am. On Holy Saturday Divine Office will be held in Plympton at 10am

Chrism Mass The Chrism Mass is taking place at Plymouth Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April. It will be live streamed on the big screen here in the annexe at our Lady of Lourdes. Please contact the office if you are expecting to

attend. Doors open 11:30am We look forward to seeing you. **If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass in person, they are organising pasties for everyone as they leave the Cathedral. To help them with catering, if you could email the office with your intention to go to the Cathedral we can pass the numbers to them.** Please note car parking will be limited due to the fact that the Cathedral School car park is closed as it is term time, therefore please may I ask that you park at [St Luke's Western Approach](#) Stonehouse, Plymouth **PL1 1AJ**. This is the old Toys R Us car park for those who know Plymouth and is only 5 minutes' walk to the Cathedral.

HCPT Group 45 Prayer Petitions HCPT Group 45 are travelling to Lourdes on Easter Monday, with 5 children and Bishop Nicholas! If anyone would like us to take prayer petitions (in sealed envelopes) to place in the Grotto, we'd be very happy to do so. I can collect them on Good Friday/Holy Saturday from Plympton Church. Thank you for your prayers and continued support for this very special Pilgrimage. From Kathie Jarvis.

PLYMPTON

Easter Egg Raffle Tickets are £1 each and are on sale now at the back of the church. Easter egg donations would be welcome. All money raised from the raffle will go towards the energy bills for our church. Your support is needed and much appreciated. Thank you.

Food Co-Op There is a new Co-op starting in Plympton (Ree's centre) we are just gathering names and numbers right now, if you would be interested in joining, please contact: 01752 340650 - rees@barnardos.org.uk

IVYBRIDGE

Sacramentals in the Parish Rooms There is a small collection of crosses and icons in the parish room which please take if you wish. A donation would be appreciated towards the continued redecoration of the sanctuary.

Next Parish Social Event after Mass on 19th April Lunch (Bring your own food), Competition for best Easter Bonnet or Hat (Judges needed), Easter Egg Hunt (Prayers for good weather), Film: The Miracle Maker - the Greatest Story Ever Told through the eyes of a child (See Poster in Parish Room). Put the date in your diary and start decorating your bonnet or hat! Please support this event and give names to Thomas or Angela if you will be there.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Contemplative Retreats at St. Rita's Centre April 20th – 24th 2026 An Introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer* as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands - paddyrylands@gmail.com

Heatree Residential 15th - 17th May, 'Go make disciples of all nations' Matt 28:19 Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book follow the link: [Heatree 2026 15th-17th May – Fill in form](#) Further information email; Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Flores de Mayo and Santacruzán Come and join the Filipino community of Plymouth for Flores de Mayo & Santacruzán which will take place at Plymouth Cathedral on 9th May this year. The day will begin by assembling at the Sundial in Plymouth City Centre at 2:30pm. More details on the poster at the back of the church.

Divine Mercy Sunday The Cathedral will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday 12th April 2026 at 2.30pm-4pm

CCSP Meeting **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) will be held at St Boniface House – St Lioba Meeting Room on 20th April 2026 **PLEASE INFORM THE CCSP OFFICE BY 2.4.26 IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THIS MEETING – THANK YOU.** ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk or 01364 645420

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