

PLYMOUTH EAST ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - YEAR A – 16th August 2026

Efford	Saturday 15 th August	5:00pm	Fr. Jon Bielawski (RIP)
Plympton Ivybridge	Sunday 16 th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am 11:00am	Alice Platt (RIP) Ann Widdecombe (RIP)
Plympton	Tuesday 18 th August	10:00am	Clare Lethbridge – Foundation Mass
Ivybridge	Thursday 20 th August	10:00am	Mary Martyn's Intention
Plympton	Friday 21 st August	10:00am	Angela Overall (RIP)
Efford	Saturday 22 nd August	5:00pm	Private Intention
Plympton Ivybridge	Sunday 23 rd August	9:00am 11:00am	Eileen Dalley (RIP) ----

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August – For evangelization in the city - Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

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 Colin Watson, Stephen Keedwell, Brian Nolan, Nicki McDougal, and Edward Pryce who are unwell.

For those who have died Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially Fr Jon Bielawski, Joan Screech, John Modley, Paul Tucker, Marie Glanfield, Mary Abbott, Helen Furlong, Robert Tucker, Gwyn Derrick, and Paddy Barrett, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Nolan, Catherine Marsden, Maureen Nutton, John William Kingdom, Mary Weaver, Dorothy Houghton, Connie Martyr, Celestine Murphy, and Maggie Langmaid.

Mass Time changes On 30th August the Mass times will be 9am at Ivybridge and 11am at Plympton.

Farewell, Fr. Victor

We are sad to announce that Father Victor will be celebrating his final Masses with us here on the Weekend of 29th and 30th August before returning to Nigeria.
We thank Father Victor for all of his service to the parishes here, he will be very much missed and we ask that you keep him in your prayers as he starts this new chapter.

All are warmly invited to Fr. Victor's leaving celebrations at:

Ivybridge – after 11am Mass on 23rd August. Bring your own picnic

Plympton – After 11am Mass on 30th August. Bring your own picnic

SPUC URGENT In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill fell at the end of the Parliamentary session having failed to complete its passage through Parliament. Now, Lauren Edwards MP (Labour) has reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September. It appears that the assisted suicide lobby is intending to invoke the Parliament Acts, whereby if the House of Lords rejects the same Bill in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions, it can be passed without their consent BUT, if MPs REJECT the Bill at Second Reading, it will not progress further. We have just a small window of time to persuade MPs to reject the Bill during the summer recess, when most MPs are back in their constituencies. Please write to your MP asap, or make an appointment to meet them face to face before the September vote. There will be SPUC flyers and info at the back of your church to help you. Further info: Christine Hudson: [Tel: 07742320717](tel:07742320717) Email: chrishud78@talktalk.net

PLYMPTON

Art Exhibition and Cream Teas The Our Lady of Lourdes painting ladies are holding an event including an exhibition of their work and a delicious Afternoon Tea at Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday 26th of August between 12midday and 3pm, come and enjoy this splendid event all for £7.50.

IVYBRIDGE

Parish BBQ Sunday 6th September after Mass. Please bring your meat to be cooked and a salad or dessert to share.

Save the Date The CWL will be holding a Harvest Tea on 3rd October at 3 pm.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Important Update for Catholics at Derriford Hospital Derriford Hospital has a new computer system called Epic. It has replaced many systems including the data base of all patients which had given their consent to be visited. This means that if you wish to receive a visit from the chaplaincy for pastoral or sacramental reasons you must ask the staff on the ward to contact the chaplaincy to request a visit. Relatives/friends can still request a visit by calling the chaplains office direct on 01752 245255.

Aid to the Church in Need The Holy Land, whilst it has the roots of Christianity steeped deep in the region, the modern reality tells a story of misery and hardship for the Christians who live there.

- The Christian population in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ, continues to fall.
- There is a healthcare crisis with Christian hospitals and clinics reporting shortages of medicine, clean water, and electricity, in Gaza and the West Bank.
- 48% of Christian youth in the Holy Land are considering emigration, citing fear, discrimination, and lack of opportunity and future in the Holy Land.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Holy Land. Also, your generosity will give urgent assistance to Christian families in Jerusalem, the West Bank, northern Israel, and Jordan. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has an emergency appeal for Christians in The Holy Land. **acnuk.org/holy-land-appeal**. And if you want to support ACN and take action as a volunteer, in support of suffering Christians, contact Steve Riedlinger, Community Fundraiser for ACN at steve.riedlinger@acnuk.org or 07939362479.

Orange for October – Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth) This October, we will be having a dedicated month to promote our Orange Box recycling scheme and more details will follow shortly. Our Orange Box scheme raised a record **£35,216.51 in 2025** thanks to the generosity of our parishes and most importantly, those parishioners who generously donated their unwanted bits and pieces. Every year, this recycling scheme turning clutter into cash raises more and more money as previous totals have been **£5,970.51 in 2024, £5,534.00 in 2023 and £3,542.63 in 2022**. So far this year, we have raised **£6,827.45** from three deliveries to our contacts in Plymouth, who work tirelessly to turn your donations into much needed funds for us to continue to help families through our Essential Grants programme.

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

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