



St. Anthony's R C Church

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HOLY DAYS: Mass at 9.30 am. Weekday Masses 9.30am. Morning prayer: Mon to Sat 9.15am.

Confessions: after the daily 9.30am Mass (Otherwise on request)

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Direct payments: Sort Code 53-50-55. Ac. No. 05126126. NatWest Bank, Honiton.

Ottery St Mary RC Parish is part of Plymouth Diocese: Registered Charity 213227.

1st Sunday of Lent

9 March 2025

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Collections

December: £725.00 + £767.00 by direct debit, £790.00 Christmas collection for Parish Priest and £20.00 for Sierra Leone O.A.R. Mission.

January: £1,525.00 + £767.00 by direct debit, £20.00 for Sierra Leone O.A.R. Mission.

February: £895.00 + £767.00 by direct debit, and £20.00 for Sierra Leone O.A.R. Mission.

Thank you.



Pope Francis' March prayer intention: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Confessions

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), please see Fr Frank after the 9.30am Mass.

Catholic University Chaplaincies

A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn – catholic@university.org.uk

Music in church, Sunday 9.30am Mass

Entrance: No. 455 Praise to the holiest in the height. **Offertory:** No. 133 Father, I place into your hands. **Communion:** No. 431 O the word of my Lord. **Recessional:** No. 582 Walk with me, oh my Lord.

Mass readers

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	BIDDING PRAYERS
8 March 2025	Debbie Stuart	Ronnie Harwood	Ian Stuart
9 March 2025	Lynda Merwood	Lukasz Badek	
15 March 2025	Jess Hay	Etta Dearden	Daniel Hay
16 March 2025			

Saturday evening Mass Coordinator: Ian Stuart Mob. 07816787848, Email: istuart888@gmail.com
Sunday morning Coordinator: Cindy Yeoman-Edwards Mob. 07910264888, Email: cindyaedwards@yahoo.com
New volunteers to read, please, contact Ian (for Sat. 6.00pm Mass) or Cindy for (Sunday 9.30am Mass).

Message from Canon Paul Cummins, Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Plymouth

As you will remember, back in November Bishop Philip issued a statement postponing his installation as the Bishop of Plymouth. He has now written a follow-up statement:

“At the beginning of November 2024, just before I was to begin my ministry in Plymouth, I let it be known that concerns of a personal nature had been raised, to which I had to attend immediately. This has taken longer than I anticipated.

All things considered, I have come to the decision to present to the Holy Father a request to step down from my appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. The Holy Father has accepted my request.

For the immediate future I will be taking a sabbatical: a time of prayer and personal reflection, the next stage on the journey of my ministry.

I realise, with regret, that this leaves a continuing vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth. I assure the lay faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese of my good wishes and prayers, and ask the same of them for me.”

Lent retreat 15th March St Rita’s Centre, Honiton

‘Who am I? A tourist or a pilgrim?’ led by Fr Ignatius Paul Raj. Coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. First talk at 10am, second talk at 11am, Exposition and Adoration in silence at 12pm, lunch at 1pm, Mass at 2.45pm and opportunity for Confession. Payment of £25 including lunch, can be made on the day. Booking by phone, email or online www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/lent-retreat-day-who-am-i-a-tourist-or-a-pilgrim

Our parishioner Jenny Bentley writes:

I am fundraising for HCPT Nurse funds so more children can travel to Lourdes with Medical support. As an ex-group leader I know how important and vital it is to have a nurse in your group. Firstly it enables you to broaden the scope of children as far as medical complexity that you can take with your group at Easter. Secondly having the support, medical reassurance and advice with you during the preparations for Easter and during the week in Lourdes is vital.

I would like to expand on this by financially offering support to groups that really need a nurse. So this year I intend to do a few races to raise as much as I can to offer some financial support for as many new nurses as I can.

On Sunday 6th April I plan to run the Exe to Axe race, this is a nice local 22 mile race along the beautiful South-West coast path between Exmouth and Seaton. I last did this race 10 years ago I’m hoping to do it in a better time.

Every penny raised will go towards supporting a nurse in a group thus enabling the group to offer the pilgrimage holiday to more children. The pilgrimage to Lourdes increases confidence, gives hope and strength to children who face difficulties every day of their lives.

Please support me every penny can help change a life. Please visit my just giving page to read more about why I am doing this, if you are able to support me please do, every penny counts.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jennifer-bentley-17> Thank you as always for your encouragement and support!
Jenny

Lent recommended activities: Stations of the Cross: Friday 12.00noon. Morning Prayer: 9.15am Mon to Saturday. Almsgiving to CAFOD & Sierra Leone OAR Mission next Sunday.