



# St. Anthony's R C Church

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Sunday Masses: Saturday 6.00pm. Sunday 9.30am.

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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Cheques to be made payable to "PRCDTR Ottery St Mary RC Parish".

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.

## 4th Sunday of Advent

21st December 2025

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### Collections

Sept.: £455.00 + £790.00 by direct debit, and £5.00 for Sierra Leone.

Oct.: £660.00 + £790.00 by direct debit, £40.00 for CAFOD and £20.00 Sierra Leone.

Nov.: £725.00 + £790.00 by direct debit.

Thank you.

### 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](mailto:catholic@university.org.uk)

### Music in church, Sunday 9.30am Mass

Entrance: No. 201 Hark! a herald voice is calling. Gospel acclamation: Celtic Alleluia.

Offertory: No. 45 As I kneel before you. Communion: No. 218 Holy Virgin, by God's decree.

Recessional: No. 516 The angel Gabriel, from heaven came.

### Mass readers

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	BIDDING PRAYERS
20 Dec. 2025	Tamara Snell	Debbie Stuart	Debbie Stuart
21 Dec. 2025	Elizabeth Williams	Simon Knight	
24 Dec. 2025	Paul Doyle	Charlotte Stuart	Ian Stuart
25 Dec. 2025			

Saturday evening Mass Coordinator: Ian Stuart Mob. 07816787848, Email: [istuart888@gmail.com](mailto:istuart888@gmail.com)

Sunday morning Mass Coordinator: Louise Jarvis Mob. 07905 418444

## **First Holy Communion Preparation**

Our programme of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion will begin in the new year if there is interest from parents of children aged 7 and over.

If you would like to find out more please contact Elizabeth 07714647466 / elizabethwilliams06@yahoo.co.uk or Louise 07905418444.

## **We commend to the Lord**

The soul of Mrs. Doreen Mary Deung, of West Hill, who died on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025, aged 89 years. The Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at East Devon Crematorium, Whimple, at 12noon. Our condolences to her daughter Mrs Pamela Harrison and family.

## **News to share this week**

- The Christmas crib and decorations went up in the church and the parish hall on Saturday morning.
- The sanctuary carpet was fitted on Thursday, as planned.
- The tabernacle light was bought and fitted by a gifted lady parishioner.
- On Saturday we received a cash donation of £50 for the Building Project.
- A big thank you to all who give of themselves so wonderfully in the way they can in the present circumstances, and very specially for your prayers!

## **Advanced notice**

In 2026 there will be no 9.30 Saturday morning Mass at St Anthony's starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

## **Diocesan Prayer Group**

An online group has been sharing Morning Prayer and Night Prayer, Monday to Fridays, for the last two years. We simply pray the Divine Office together (over about twelve minutes) - 'for the sake of the Church and the world'. People dip in, as they can (no apologies needed when we can't). There is no obligation to read, just join us in prayer. For more information contact [<deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **The new Diocesan newsletter**

Available at

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t32B5C095A45E59832540EF23F30FEDED>

## **Christmas Flowers**

There is a basket for Christmas flowers on the church large windowsill. Thank you.



### **Christmas Masses with music**

Christmas Eve: 8.00pm Carol Service followed by  
8.20pm Mass.

Christmas Day: 9.30am Mass.