

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER

Within the RC Diocese of Plymouth: Diocesan Charity No 213227

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel" [Pope Francis EG114]

Second Sunday & Week of Advent

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Sunday 10 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 8.30 am <i>Intentions of the Parish</i> Mass 10.30 am <i>Lawson Family RIP (AL)</i> Advent Confessions at Wool RC Church 3.00 – 4.30 pm	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>
Monday 11 December <i>St Damasus</i>	11.00 am Funeral of Mrs Ruth Fisher RIP in Sherborne Abbey No Mass at Holy Trinity Reception of Coffin: Mr L M F Barton RIP	
Tuesday 12 December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Requiem Mass 10.00 am Mr Leo M F Barton RIP Advent Confessions at Weymouth RC Church 7.00 pm	
Wednesday 13 December <i>St Lucy</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 9.20 am Mass 10.00 am <i>Dr Andrew Buck RIP (CWL)</i> Advent Confessions at St Mary's Poole 7.00 pm	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Thursday 14 December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 9.20 am Mass 10.00 am <i>Gerard Finnigan RIP (AF)</i>	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Friday 15 December	Rosary & Evening Prayer 4.50 pm Mass 5.30 pm <i>Peter Carroll RIP & Bernard White RIP (FC)</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 16 December	Rosary & Morning Prayer 8.20 am Mass 9.00 am <i>Dr Richard Gooder RIP (FH)</i> Confessions 9.45-10.45 am	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Sunday 17 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 8.30 am <i>Intentions of the Parish</i> Mass 10.30 am <i>In thanksgiving (BF)</i> Parish Carol Service at 3.00 pm	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>
Monday 18 December	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tuesday 19 December	Morning Prayer 7.10 am Mass 7.30 am <i>Michael Daniells RIP (NT)</i>	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 20 December	Rosary & Morning Prayer 9.20 am Mass 10.00 am <i>Michael Daniells RIP (CWL)</i>	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Thursday 21 December <i>St Peter Canisius</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 9.20 am Mass 10.00 am <i>In thanksgiving (CL)</i>	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Friday 22 December	Rosary & Evening Prayer 4.50 pm Mass 5.30 pm <i>Michael Kerley RIP (FK)</i> Confessions 6.00-7.00 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 23 December <i>St John of Kanty</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 8.20 pm Mass 9.00 am <i>Intentions of Fr Barry</i> Confessions 9.45-10.45 am	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>

Intercessions for our Priests & Deacons

Mon: Fr T Lewis; Tues: Fr M Lock; Weds: Fr D Longland;
Thurs: Fr R Lowe; Fri: Fr R Meyer; Sat: Fr K Mitchell

Prayer Group – people gather together to pray for our parish, in the Church meeting room on Mondays at 6.00 pm. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Group – has had its last meeting for this term.

Rosary Group – meets in the Church at 6.30 pm on Tuesdays

Study Group – meet on Wednesdays and are currently studying the course '*Journeying towards Advent*' in the Church meeting room at 10.30 am

Reading and Reflection Group – Confessions of St Augustine on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in the Convent

Meeting for the Readings of Sunday Preparation – is an informal group, meeting after the 10.00 am Mass on Thursdays in the Church meeting room, to read and reflect on the Sunday readings. All are welcome. For more info ring Rosalie on 01305 268753.

Evangelisation Group – meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7.00 pm in the Church meeting room.

The weekly meeting (term time only) for **those children requiring catechism classes** is on Sundays for about an hour from 12.30 pm in the Parish Centre

Finance: The offering for Sunday 3 December amounted to £789.91 added to this is the weekly giving by some parishioners via the bank of approximately £300. The bonus ball on 2 December was a rollover.

Advent Penitential Services/Confessions will be held at the following times and venues: Wool RC Church on Sunday 10th December from 3.00-4.30 pm. Weymouth RC Parish Church on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00 pm Poole (St Mary's) on Wednesday 13th December at 7.00 pm. As well as the Saturday am confessions here, there are extra confessions on Friday 22nd December from 6.00-7.00 pm.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children invite you to a 50th Anniversary open meeting on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00 pm at St Catherine's Church, 4 Lewen's Lane, Wimborne. An opportunity to hear up-to-date information about the reality of abortion and how you can help protect unborn babies and their mothers

'It's Wednesday' on 13th December, 2.00-4.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Call in for a cup of tea and a chat. Join the Scrabble groups if you wish. This is the last one for this year so do come along. Next meeting on the 13th January 2018.

The Parish Carol Service is at 3.00 pm on Sunday next [17th] rather than at 6.00 pm as previously published. This is because Fr Chacko is unable to offer Mass in the afternoon. Which he normally does on the third Sunday of every month.

Carol Singing on Saturday 23rd December, 9.30–10.30 am outside of Barclays Bank in South Street. The collection is in aid of Christian Aid.

'Open Door Retreat': Dag Hammarskold wrote that an '*un-reflected life is a wasted life*'. We all need to give ourselves time and space to reflect on our lives, the people, and the experiences. Some people manage to get away to a retreat centre to take time but this is not always possible, for a variety of reasons. An **Open Door Retreat is one way of providing a tool for this essential reflection.** The ODR was designed in 1980 in response to a group of people who were desirous of a time of deepening their prayer and relationship with God and others.

What is involved in making the Open Door Retreat? A commitment to the weeks of the retreat. An openness to sharing with others who will also be making it. A commitment of 15 minutes each day for personal prayer.

If you are interested see Fr Barry, or Sr Susha, the dates are all on a Saturday mornings. The 13th, 20th and 27th January; 3rd and 24th February and the 3rd, 10th, 17th March (so during term time!) from 10.00 am.

Welcomers – would you like to be part of the team who welcome people in Church at the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays? If you would like to volunteer or find out a bit more, please contact Di Willsher at diwillsher@hotmail.com. (Please note this is the correct email, so if you mailed last week please resend to this address).

Extraordinary Minsters of the Eucharist please take time to review or add your details to the sheet at the back of Church. Juliet Austin (email juliet.austin1@btinternet.com) who organises the weekly rotas would like to check she has correct details for everyone, including wherever possible an email address to make communications easier.

Repository Sales: It is hoped to have a stall selling our Repository stock every Sunday after each Mass. More volunteers are needed and if you are able to help there are two clipboards at the back of the Church for you to sign with your telephone number please. It is hope to set up a rota for this in due course.

Pray for the sick: Denise Chapman and for all those in hospital and in our residential and nursing homes. Also for those who have died recently including Mr Leo Barton & Mrs Ruth Fisher and those whose annivesary occurs at this time.

Dates for the Future:

December 2017	12	Advent Penitential Service at Weymouth 7.00 pm
	13	Advent Penitential Service at St Mary's Poole 7.00 pm
	17	Christmas Decorations/ Flower collection
	17	Carols & Readings at the Church 3.00 pm
	22	Advent Confessions at Church 6.00-7.00 pm
	25	Christmas Lunch at the Parish Centre
January 2018	13	RE:Connect Youth Workshops Buckfast Abbey
	19-21	GATHER 2018 Conference at the Livermead Cliff Hotel Torquay
	27	Marriage Enrichment Day at the Parish Centre
February 2018	24	Start of Catechists course at St Mary's Poole
June 2018	9	Parish Fete
	17	Martyrs Celebration Mass at 3.00 pm in the Parish Centre Hall
August 2018	2-8	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
September 2018	7-9	National Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool
February 2019	18-25	Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
June 2020	8-15	Parish Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

Parish Information

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Barry Hallett Deacon: Rev Nicholas Thompson

Parish Sisters: Sister Alphonsa DSFS, Sister Susha DSFS & Sister Navya DSFS

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Elizabeth Hughes (01305 269163), Teresa Jeanes (01305 263216)

Guidance and information also on www.csas.uk.net/resource-area

**The Presbytery & DSFS Convent Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North,
Dorchester DT1 1QG**

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01305 264355 (Convent)**

Parish Secretary: Moira Farley (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00 am to 2.00 pm)

Tel: 01305 251976 or email dorchester@prcdtr.org.uk

St. Mary's Catholic School, Lucetta Lane, Dorchester DT1 2DD Tel: 01305 262258

Headteacher: Mrs Paula Fearn

Christmas Day Lunch: We plan to host Christmas Day lunch in the Parish Centre on Christmas Day, roughly 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Sign up sheets are available at the rear of the Church, they will remain there till Sunday afternoon on the 17th of Dec.

Advent Candle: We began a new church year last Sunday with our Advent candle wreath, used in many Christian churches and homes during the season of Advent. Advent wreaths were first used in Christian devotions in the Middle Ages. The design was borrowed from the customs of pre-Christian cultures who used candles and greenery as symbols of dark and dead winter to represent light and life. The Advent wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, [what they represent is below!]. They symbolise royalty and penitence, two important themes of Advent. The candles represent the light of Christ coming into the world and the evergreen symbolizes our renewal in Christ, the kind of renewal hoped for by those before Christ's first coming, and the ultimate renewal we long for in Christ's second coming. The circular shape symbolizes the completeness of God. The candle colours are derived from the traditional liturgical colours of Advent and Christmas, purple and white. The rose candle represents the third Sunday of Advent called Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday :Candle 1, is a symbol of Hope [purple]. **Candle 2 is a symbol of peace [purple]**. 3 is joy [rose], 4 is love [purple] and number 5 represents Christ [white].

Cribfest: Will be celebrated from Friday 5th to after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 7th January 2018. We will need volunteers to open the church for the daytime of Saturday 6th, and a notice will be put out soon!

Mass Intentions: Most weeks there are various Mass intention envelopes either given to me or put in the collection, thank you. Occasionally when a date is given, please note that although I do try and say it on that date, if it is within four weeks it is unlikely! If a special date is required, then please give plenty of notice and a telephone number or check with me if it is free!

Catholic Schools: Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard: The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools. Thank you for your co-operation. **Bp Mark**.

I have had a letter from **Bishop Mark** following on from his visitation to us over the weekend of the 25th/26th of November. He enjoyed being with us and he found you very welcoming

We have had a note from **the Food Bank** thanking us for our continued contributions. The Food Bank is having more requests for help each year, and they thank us. Do please remember them in your gifts and prayers.

Beyond the Wild Presents: **True Survivor: Hearing the Call** from the 29th to 31st May 2018. For young men aged 13-18, £85 per person. Course is limited to 15 participants, Learn how to survive in the wild and discover how the fire of your faith can survive and flourish in our world. Details on the notice board or cards on the rear table, or from Fr Dylan James on 'fatherdj@gmail.com'

The Bonus Ball money, in the tin at the back of the church, has been short of some of the donations in recent weeks. Please be careful!.

The Data Protection Act: We are governed by this act, so if you ask where someone's address is we cannot give it to you! The best thing is to ring the home for them to tell the person you would like contact with them, or ask someone who is known to them to do the same.

Christmas Presents - Brochures for CAFOD World Gifts are available at the back of the Church. Lots of interesting suggestions for giving presents that will benefit countries in need – anything from a goat to a water supply!

The National Eucharistic pilgrimage – Liverpool 7-9 September 2018. We have been allocated three delegate places on this conference, is there anyone who would like to go, see me for more information! Fr Christopher Findlay-Wilson has agreed to be the diocesan co-ordinator, he is at St Joseph's in Poole.

Relief Sacristans: We are very lucky in having Sr Susha in the Sacristy at Holy Trinity, backed up by Jackie Clayton. Is there anyone else who would be willing to help out in the Sacristy from time to time? [Sister will be going to India after Christmas for a month] See Fr Barry

Opening of the Church: my plan to open the Church for a few hours each day, around the Masses, etc has not worked! Numerous people have mentioned sadly that the Church is now locked. So we will have various plans drawn up which we will submit to the Parish and the authorities (we are a listed building!). It will cost us, is what I am thinking, but it is a necessary evil. More of this to come I guess

Children First the newsletter of the Catholic Children's Society, is now available at the back of Church or can be found on the Society's website www.cccsplymouth.org.uk. To receive the newsletter direct to your door or mailbox please contact our office on 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk.