

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]

The First Sunday & Week of Advent

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Sunday 2 December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 8.30 am <i>Intentions of the Parish</i> Mass 10.30 am <i>P Gaughan RIP (MC)</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>
Monday 3 December	No Mass at Holy Trinity	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>
Tuesday 4 December <i>St John Damascene</i>	Rosary & Evening Prayer 4.45 pm Mass 5.30 pm <i>Deceased Friends & Family</i>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Wednesday 5 December	School Mass 9.15 am <i>Intentions of the School</i>	
Thursday 6 December <i>St Nicholas</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 10.00 am <i>Tony Blackburn RIP (AF)</i> Rock Choir in Church at 5.30 pm and 6.45 pm.	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Friday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i>	Requiem Mass for Adele Stanley RIP 11.00 am Burial at Hill View Cemetery, Wareham 12.45 pm	
Saturday 8 December <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 8.15 am Mass 9.00 am Confessions 9.45-10.45 am	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Sunday 9 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 8.30 am <i>Peter Carroll RIP & Bernard White RIP (FC)</i> Mass 10.30 am <i>Intentions of the Parish</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>
Monday 10 December	No Mass at Holy Trinity	
Tuesday 11 December <i>St Damasus</i>	Rosary & Evening Prayer 4.45 pm Mass 5.30 pm Advent Confessions at Weymouth 7.00 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Wednesday 12 December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 10.00 am <i>John King RIP (BK)</i>	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Thursday 13 December <i>St Lucy</i>	Rosary & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 10.00 am <i>Deceased Connolly/McLuckie Family (PML)</i>	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Friday 14 December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Morning Prayer 7.05 am Mass 7.30 am	<i>Litany of Our Lady</i>
Saturday 15 December	No Mass at Holy Trinity	

Intercessions for our Priests & Deacons

Mon: Fr M Cole; Tues: Fr D Collin; Weds: Fr K Collins;
Thurs: Fr P Conlon; Fri: Fr P Costello; Sat: Fr P Coxe

Prayer & Rosary Group – on Mondays, people gather together to pray for our Parish and the Rosary, in the Church on Mondays at 6.00 pm. All are welcome. For more details please contact Noreen Drake-Stoker at noreenstoker@hotmail.com.

Study Group – meet in the Church meeting room after 10.00 am Mass on Wednesdays. They are currently studying Life to the Full? The new Advent course from York Courses.

Reading and Reflection Group – meet at the Convent at 7.00 pm on Wednesdays and are currently looking at "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen.

First Holy Communion Group meets on Tuesdays at 4.30 pm at the Parish Centre in term time. **Bible Reading Group** meets on Saturday morning at 10.00 am to read and discuss the Bible, they are currently looking at St John's Gospel. Further information from Agnes Gurney on 852590. **Evangelisation Group** – meet on the third Thursday of most months at 7.00 pm in the Church meeting room. Their next meeting is on **Thursday 20 December**. There will be mince pies and mulled wine!

Finance: The offering on Sunday 25 November amounted to £799.97, added to this is the weekly giving by some parishioners via the bank of approximately £300. The bonus ball on 24 November was number 10 and a rollover.

CAFOD concert was a most enjoyable evening. Congratulations to all involved and thanks to all who came to support it. Donations amounted to over £468 and this marvellous sum has been given towards CAFOD's projects to supply clean water to communities in the poorest regions of the world.

Meeting of Counters will be held at the Parish Centre on **TODAY (2 December)** at 12.00 noon and will last no longer than 40 minutes. Please do your best to attend as there are some important updates and the rota for 2019 will be handed out.

The next **Full Governing Body** of our school meets on Wednesday 5 December at 6.00pm

The **Rock Choir** will be singing to celebrate the Season at the Church on Thursday 6 December at 5.30 pm and 6.45 pm. All are welcome!

A date for your diary - Saturday, 8 December! There will be a party run by the SVP at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Hall, starting at 2.30 pm. Come along for Christmas songs, mince pies and general Yuletide jollity! Helpers would be welcomed to provide transport for guests who need a lift, and contributions of Christmas fare would also be welcome. But most of all we need people to support us with their company on the day! Do come along!!

Journey to the Stable at the United Reform Church, South Street, an opportunity for adults and children to reflect, respond and take something away with them, the average journey takes 20 minutes. Open on 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 December usually between 11.00 am-2.00 pm.

On Wednesday 19 December the Bournemouth Sinfonietta choir will be performing an **evening of Carols and festive readings** at the Herrison Hall, Charlton Down. Tickets available online or via their box office on 01722 710511

Gifts, service and faith - A Day of Reflection for Healthcare and Mental Health Professionals and Practitioners on Saturday 12 January 2019 at The Royal Foundation of St Katharine, Limehouse (2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS) from 10.00 am-3.15 pm. This free Day of Reflection for healthcare and mental health professionals will consist of Mass, reflective sessions and prayer. To find out full details please contact the office, the closing date for registration is 20 December.

Gather 2019 18-20 January 2019 at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. The conference is for anyone interested in growing in faith and becoming more confident in proclaiming it. For the last two years more than 150 people have gathered for this weekend of faith, friendship and formation. The cost of the weekend (accommodation and food) is from £155 per person. For more information and a booking form, please contact the office. The cost will be partly paid by the Parish. Cf Fr Barry.

Stay Awake – a day of worship, praise, teaching, community and Saturday evening Mass, for all ages, on Saturday 16 February 2019, from 10.00 am-6.00 pm, at Thomas Hardye School, Dorchester, with Papa John pizza afterwards. Come and ignite your faith further. Separate programme for Year R-Year 9 (in 3 different groups). Tickets are £10 (children Year 9 and younger are free) and available from website, or from Jonathan and Sarita de Kretser 01305 832945. See www.stayawakejc.com for more details.

Do you actually need your winter fuel allowance? If not, Dorchester Poverty Action can distribute it where it is most needed in the DT1 and DT2 areas to those who are in a financial crisis. Requests come from Social Workers, Health Visitors etc who know a family or individual's circumstances - they are expecting even more applications this winter. To find out more or to offer your help see www.dpag.org.uk, email info@dpag.org.uk or ring 01305 260959.

Copies of the Word Gifts Catalogue from CAFOD are available at the back of the Church.

Pray for the sick: Denise Chapman, Pauline Toouey, Kay Barton, and for all those in hospital and in our residential and nursing homes. Also for those who have died recently, especially Adele Stanley, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Dates for the Future:

December	6	Rock Choir at Church at 5.30 and 6.45 pm
	15	Day of Recollection led by Fr Barry at St Rita's Centre, Honiton
	16	Parish Carol Concert at 3.00 pm at the Church
	19	School Carol Concert in the church at 6.00 pm
January 2019	18-20	Gather 2019 at Torquay
	22	Prayer & Lunch for Christian Unity at Church 12.00 noon
	24	3 rd John Huntriss talk 'The Bible Jesus knew' & 14 th March.& 2 nd May
February	9	Catechists course at St Mary's Poole
	16	'Stay Awake' at Thomas Hardye School 10.00 am-7.00 pm
	18-25	Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
March	2	Flame Conference Wembly, Cf Fr Barry
June	27	Final John Huntriss talk 'The Bible Jesus knew'
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 and Sister Susha 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. Tel: 01305 251976 or email barry.hallett@prcdtr.org.uk (Presbytery) 01305 264355 (Convent)

**Parish Secretary: Moira Farley (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.00 am to 2.00 pm)
Office also open Friday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm**

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Headteacher: Mrs Paula Fearn

From Fr Barry: Advent Wreath: This is a christian tradition during Advent, which probably comes from the Middle Ages and the design is borrowed from the customs of pre christian culture who used greenery and light as symbols during the dark and dead of winter. The colours of the candles represent both penitence and royalty, together they symbolise the light of Christ coming into the

world. The first week is about Hope; the second Peace; the third is rose coloured and represents Joy, the fourth is Love and the white candle represents Christ.

I will be at our Wimborne Parish on the evening of Tuesday 4 December for their Advent evangelisation welcome at 7.30 pm, I have several places in my car and can offer lifts if they are needed!

My thanks to those that kindly came to the **Presbytery Garden clear up** on Saturday 27 October - great work was done. The next one is this coming **Saturday [8 December]**, 11.30 am-1.00 pm when there is still lots to be done!

The Wednesday group that meets after the Mass is studying the Advent course from the York Courses entitled *Life to the Full?* The course author is Matt Woodcock. The introduction states *Modern mindfulness techniques stress the importance of emptying yourself in order to feel better inside. Not so with the Christian faith. Our chief pursuit is fullness. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!" says Jesus Christ. And yet if we are honest – it doesn't always feel like that. This course explores what it might actually mean to experience fullness in the midst of our messy lives. What does it look like? Why does it seem so elusive? What causes us to run on empty? And how can we lead others to experience this fullness?"*

The **Christmas Day lunch** will again be offered by Fr Barry at the Parish Centre on Tuesday 25 December at 1.00 pm, sign up sheets are available from this Sunday, any offers of help will be received thankfully!

Cribfest: For the third year of our running this popular event in our church the various cribs will be on display on Saturday 5 January 2019 between 11.00 and 4.00 pm and again on the Feast of The Epiphany [Sunday 6] from after the 10.30 am Mass till 3.00 pm. Sign up sheets to keep the Church open during those times are available at the back of the Church. [The cribs can be brought to the Church on the Friday [4] between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm, or on the Saturday [5] morning.]

Dumping ground! The back table and the rear surface in any church seem to be a magnet for various things. Most of them good in themselves but no longer looked at by the parishioners. [Do you realise that over 92% of parishioners never look at the notice board or rear of the church!]. So things left at the rear of the Church will be removed after four weeks! You have been warned!

Several people have noticed the absence of our Sisters last week, they were on retreat! Praying for their congregation, our parish and all who make up their ministry with us. Our continued thanks to them for their presence in our community!

Advent Confessions: at Weymouth Parish on Tuesday 11 December and again at Wool RC Church on Tuesday 18 December, both at 7.00 pm.

Morning and Evening prayers, and for that matter, prayers after Masses to Our Lady and Stations of the Cross. There is no reason why I should lead them, they are the prayers of the gathered church, So could be led by anyone of us. If you would like to lead such prayers then have a word with me! Only two people have offered to do the Litany, It strikes me that the morning and evening prayer might be felt to be too complicated to lead, and training would be given in how to find one's way around the book!

Blessing of Graves & The Book of Remembrance: My thanks to those that kindly came to the various blessings that were held. The Book of Remembrance will be updated in the Parish Office for the next couple of weeks