



The Parish of the Holy Family



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1 st WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME A2		
Saturday 10 January	5.00 pm	
Sunday 11 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	10.00 am	Parish
Tuesday 13 January at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles	11.00 am	
Wednesday 14 January	11.00 am	Edward & Dolores Lloyd Payne RIP
Friday 16 January Funeral Mass	2.00 pm	Thelma Norman RIP
Saturday 17 January	5.00 pm	Richard & Beatrice Meesham RIP

2 ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME A2		
Sunday 18 January <i>Peace Sunday</i>	10.00 am	Parish
Tuesday 20 January at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles I	11.00 am	
Wednesday 21 January <i>St Agnes VM</i>	11.00 am	Jean Dawson RIP
Friday 23 January	2.00 pm	
Saturday 24 January	5.00 pm	

3 RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME A2		
Sunday 25 January <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	10.00 am	Parish
Tuesday 27 January at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles	11.00 am	
Wednesday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas Pr Dr</i>	11.00 am	Henrietta Campbell Ivatt RIP
Friday 30 January	2.00 pm	
Saturday 31 January	5.00 pm	

4 TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME A2		
Sunday 1 February <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	10.00 am	Parish
Monday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>		
Tuesday 3 February at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles	11.00 am	Bernadette Hughes RIP (F)
Wednesday 4 February	11.00 am	
Friday 6 February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions Mm</i>	2.00 pm	



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor." Luke 4:18

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your loved ones. Thank you for your kind words, cards, and gifts over the past few weeks. It was very good to be able to celebrate Christmas with so many of you and I am touched by your support. Please continue to pray for me and the clergy of our Diocese, as I will for you. Fr. Philip

The Sisters of the Holy Family wish you all a very Happy New Year. Thank you for your Christmas cards, good wishes and prayers. We are most appreciative of your kindness. May God bless you and your loved ones.

A very warm welcome if you are visiting Exmouth and welcome back if we have not seen you for some time. Do pop into the hall after mass on Sunday for a complimentary cup of coffee. Fr. Philip

Please pray for parishioners, family & friends, especially those who are sick, those undergoing medical procedures and in hospital and those feeling isolated in these challenging times. Please let me know if you are aware of anyone that would like to receive Holy Communion at home

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by making an appointment with me, via the Parish Office.

Sacramental Preparation in our Parish – Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation. Please speak to Fr. Philip if you and your child is ready to take the next step of their Sacramental journey. My thanks to those catechists who give their time & support to our young people.

Anyone wishing to receive the Blessed Sacrament at home, due to illness, should in the first instance please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Praying together ...there is an Ecumenical charismatic prayer group now meeting at Holy Trinity Church on the third Monday of the month at 2.30 pm (except August) All welcome

COME AND MEET OUR GOSPEL SHARING GROUP... 'You are invited to join us at Gospel Sharing in which we read through the readings for the following Sunday Masses and then share our thoughts on what "these readings say to us". The discussions that follow are friendly and informal and very helpful to our understanding of the scriptures. We meet in St. Anne's Cloister on **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS at 2.00pm** for about an hour.

Diocesan Newsletter

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Peace Sunday 2026



Christ in the Rubble icon © Kelly Latimore, used with permission

Peace be with you all:
towards an
'unarmed and disarming' peace
(Pope Leo)

paxchristi.org.uk



Peace Sunday will be held on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all the use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January. Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'.

On Peace Sunday, we ask you to donate to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools - you can also donate via their website

www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/ or scan the QR code

Thank you to our wonderful Cleaning Team – if you would like to help them once a month the next dates are 4th February & 4th March. Please come and help if you can spare an hour.

Dates for the Craft Club are February 7th & March 7th. 10.00am start - - coffee and cake available. All most welcome



The Knit & Natter group invite you to join them on 2nd February & 2nd March. All very welcome

The Holy Family Ladies Group meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month in the parish hall between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Why not drop in and have tea with them. All welcome.



Coffee is being served! Do join us after mass on Sundays and at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles on the first Tuesday of the month. We are working hard towards being a coin-free parish so on the occasions where refreshments are paid for, a pre-paid loyalty card (costing £10.00.) will provide for coffee-tea-biscuits for 6 occasions. Thank you to our hospitality team for welcoming you each week.

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission *A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson* 21 February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission".

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford. email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Dear Parish of the Holy Family Exmouth

We're excited to announce that Open Door Exmouth will once again be participating in **The Great West Run on Sunday, 24th May 2026!** After a fantastic first year, we'd love for you to join us and help spread the word to your family and friends.



We have **30 free places available** for anyone wishing to run the **Half Marathon or 10K**. All we ask is that participants commit to raising just **£90 for Open Door Exmouth** to support our vital community work.

How You Can Get Involved:

1. Run the Half Marathon or 10K – Free Entry! email: info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk
Whether you're an experienced runner or new to running, this is a great chance to challenge yourself while making a difference. We have 30 free places, and your commitment to raising £90 will help us continue supporting those in need within our community.

2. Volunteer on the Day << email: info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk >>
If running isn't your thing, you can still be part of this special event! We're looking for volunteers to assist with cheering, logistics, and handing out refreshments to runners. Your support on the day will be invaluable.

Promote to Your Family and Friends In addition to participating, we encourage you to spread the word and invite your family and friends to join us, either by running or volunteering. Together, we can make this year's event a celebration to remember and raise crucial funds for Open Door Exmouth.

To Get Involved:

- **Running:** If you or someone you know would like to run, simply [click this link](#) to sign up to claim one of the 30 free places and specify whether you'd like to run the Half Marathon or 10K. Once signed up, we'll provide full details on how to start fundraising.
- **Volunteering:** If you'd prefer to volunteer, let us know and we'll assign you a role for the day, just email info@opendoorexmouth.org.uk saying you would like to volunteer at The Great West Run.

This is a fantastic way to challenge yourself, support our community, and make a lasting impact. Whether running or volunteering, your involvement will help us continue our vital work. Thank you for being part of our journey, and we look forward to seeing you on the day!

Best wishes,

Tim

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GATHER 2026

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual **GATHER** conference **20th-22nd March** at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks).

Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too!

Booking forms are available by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

ARE YOU GOING INTO HOSPITAL? *The Hospital Chaplaincy telephone number: 01392 402024. A message can always be left there. The Blessed Sacrament Presbytery number can also be used: 01392 274724. It is now more difficult for members of the clergy to request information regarding your stay in hospital, including which Ward you are in. This is now regarded as confidential information and will not readily be supplied to any caller without the specific permission of the patient. If you are admitted to hospital and would like a member of The Chaplaincy Team to visit you –*

DO *Please inform the Chaplaincy Department which ward you expect to be on and when you will be there, if you know in advance that you are going into hospital. Specifically inform a member of the ward staff that you would like to be visited by a chaplain ensuring that you state which denomination you belong to. Inform your relatives about your wishes concerning visits from a chaplain if you are taken into hospital unexpectedly. Your relatives can then notify the Chaplaincy Department*

DON'T.... *Just presume that the chaplains will hear about your stay in hospital – they probably won't. DON'T expect ward staff automatically to let the chaplains know you are in hospital.*

ACT..... *If you wish to be visited by a member of The Chaplaincy Team during your stay in hospital, the Hospital Chaplaincy telephone number: 01392 402024. A message can always be left there. The Blessed Sacrament Presbytery number can also be used: 01392 274724.*

Marriage support - *Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983*

Diocese of Plymouth newsletter

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-2B9E82C9BE809D7E2540EF23F30FEDED>

An invitation to survivors _We have two survivor groups in the diocese that have now been running for over a year, which provide an opportunity for anyone with lived experience of abuse to share their thoughts and ideas about survivor support work in our diocese. We are grateful to all those who so generously give of their time to attend these meetings. The diocese would welcome the opportunity to hear from others who have a lived experience of abuse, so that we can involve them in the work we are doing to support survivors. If you would like to help us with this work, or you would like to find out more, please contact: Sophie Scagell (Survivor Support Caseworker) on 01364 645436 / sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk

Residential for Teens (13 - 17 year olds)

January 23rd - 25th, East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor

'I was a stranger and you invited me in' Matt 25:35



Refugees & asylum seekers, Who are they? Why did they flee?

A contribution of £50 per person to assist with costs



For further information contact,
Saskia; youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Diocese of Plymouth, Youth Events

Following the most recent instructions from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and in line with the CSSA '*Creating a Safer Environment*', entry to the Sacristy from the Church must be recorded. In our situation, only liturgical ministers and servers have the right of access and regrettably, passage to the Presbytery via the Sacristy is no longer available to anyone else, when there are servers present.

Health & Safety Notice When you are in church, or on parish premises, please make sure that you are aware of the exits. In the unlikely event of having to vacate the church unexpectedly, during a service, please follow the instructions of the priest and our stewards. They will direct you to the nearest exit. Please vacate promptly. Thank you for helping us keep you safe

As a Parish, the safety of our children is paramount. Please accompany your children at all times. Sad though it may seem to have to point out, there could be dangers when children are left unsupervised in the parish grounds. Sad though it seems to have to draw attention to this, there is not only the risk of a traffic accident if a youngster were to run into the road but we must also be aware that there are individuals who do not have the wellbeing of children as a priority.

Thank you for your support of our parish through your monthly donations. If you give regularly by bankers order, please can you consider increasing your donation - at the moment our income from monthly donations does not cover our outgoings and just a small increase from everyone would make a huge difference to meeting our costs. If you are a taxpayer, please speak to Wendy Davis who will be happy to explain how your donation can be boosted, at absolutely no extra cost to yourselves. If you would like a copy of the end of year accounts please contact the parish office. Thank you for your support.