



# Church of The Most Precious Blood DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

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*Charlotte Rosbrooke R.I.P.*  
*People of the Parish*

## Third Week of Lent Year A Psalter 3

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	<b>Funeral – John Chase R.I.P.</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Lent Weekday
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Lent Weekday

*John Chase R.I.P.*

**Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish** including Chris Jupp, Andrew Torjussen, Andy deKlerk, Mary Wallace, Jim Lock, Irene Ulucki, Daphne Adams, Hilary Burke, Mary McAndrew, Catherine Baptie, Geoffrey&Sally Burton, Conor Dolon, Pepe Arti, Marita&Rex Anstis, Angie Walsh, Philip Burgoyne.

## Lent 2026

- **Silent Adoration** continues Mondays in Lent 10am-10:45am
- **Lent lunches** continue this week at the Methodist church on Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>) at 11:45am
- **Zoom Lent talks** on parables of Jesus continue this Thursday (12<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm The Parable of the Good Shepherd, Fr Mark Skelton. All welcome - see poster for joining info
- **Stations of the cross** in the church continues Fridays in Lent at 6pm. All welcome.
- **Reconciliation Service** at 10am this Saturday (14<sup>th</sup>) all welcome to this opportunity for Lenten penance.
- **Film night** Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March Pasolini's *The Gospel According to Matthew* - an invitation to reflect on the life of Christ in the hall 6.30pm refreshments, 6.50pm introduction to the film which will begin at 7pm. The film lasts approximately 2 hrs during which there will be a short interval. All welcome!
- Please use the signup list in the porch to indicate if you would be interested in travelling to the **Chrism Mass** at Plymouth Cathedral on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. If there is sufficient interest, we will organise a coach.

### Things to pray for this week

#### **Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

- For governments and legislators that they may protect and establish the dignity and equality of women in society.
- For all women who follow Christ, may they be guardians and advocates for the seamless garment of life.

#### **Candidates for the Sacraments**

- Let us pray for those called to the Easter sacraments, that they may find joy in the love of the Lord.
- For all who walk alongside the Elect and candidates, for catechists, sponsors and Godparents, may they be generous in faith and caring in support.

**John Chase R.I.P.** is now reunited with Teresina; may they both rest in peace. The family would like you to wear something colourful to his funeral on Wed (11<sup>th</sup>) as a celebration of his life. Please continue to keep Ann, Liam and all his John's family and friends in your prayers at this time.

We are delighted to welcome the Polish choir **Sounds for the Glory of the Lord** at 5pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for a prayerful contemplative concert, including Stabat Mater, Anima Christi, and Taizé. All welcome to this perfect Lenten reflection.

Terminally Ill Adults (**End of Life**) **Bill** - The Lords have continued to scrutinise the Bill, and it seems highly likely that it will fall due to running out of time. However, the House of Commons may either call for the Bill to be carried over to the next session, or may invoke the Parliamentary Act which will prevent the Lords from delaying the process of the Bill through to law during the next presentation to parliament. In Jersey and the Isle of Man where the Bill has passed, it is being held up by Royal Assent as it has to be scrutinised by the Ministry of Justice. This will not be the case in England. Thank you for your actions and ongoing prayers to block this Bill. *Belle Bick*

Many thanks for your generosity for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** – we were able to send £790 to CAFOD to help another family put food on the table, grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in time of drought. You can still give by donating online at [cafod.org/envelope](http://cafod.org/envelope), calling 0303 303 3030, or texting CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**Sid Valley Food Bank** are currently short of tinned meat, tinned vegetables, peanut butter and jam. Thank you for your support in helping to feed local individuals and families in need. All donations welcome, however small, can be left at any of the usual supermarket collection points.

**Concerts in St Giles' Sidbury** - A new short series of concerts has launched in St Giles' Sidbury with a lively evening of jazz and swing with "The Hot House Combo" on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30 (doors open 7pm, bar). Tickets £12 (adult) £6 (under 16s) can be obtained by emailing Chris Ward on [Musicinsidbury@gmail.com](mailto:Musicinsidbury@gmail.com) or subject to availability on the door. Proceeds in support of church funds. Future concerts 24<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> May come along for a great evening and tell your friends!

**Saying Goodbye**—21<sup>st</sup> March 11am at Exeter Cathedral. A service for anyone who has personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago. We also welcome anyone who is grieving the fact they haven't had children, due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons. Babies and children are also invited – this service is truly a family event for all.

We have received a letter from the **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** thanking us for the donation of £189.30 from our crib collection over Christmas. Our support helps them to continue helping the most vulnerable families living in our Diocese. If you're interested in becoming a Parish Volunteer for the charity, please contact [vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk)

**Lunch Club Update** - thankyou so much for your prayers and support. Over half term, we welcomed 24 children and 11 adults across the three days of our Lunch Club, and it was such a fun and blessed time together. We seek to provide a safe and welcoming space, offering nutritious meals, enjoyable activities, and a real sense of belonging for families who need extra support during the school holidays. We are pleased to share that we have partnered with Transforming Lives for Good through their Make Lunch programme, which will help manage and develop the different aspects of ministry. Please do continue to remember us in your prayers. Our next Lunch Club will be 26<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup> May half term. Every blessing, Gill, Hannah, Jen and the Make Lunch team.

**Stay Awake 2026** – all-age, all-day Catholic Christian Conference with music and worship, 10am-6pm 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, DT1 2ET. This year's theme is: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'(Ps 51:10) Book your place at [stayawakejc.com](http://stayawakejc.com) now! We invite all parishioners, whatever age, to a fun faith-filled day with appropriate children's streams, and David Wells is our main keynote speaker! We have a choice of workshops too and more! Refreshments supplied including home-made cakes and free pizza after Mass. Free for children and £12.50 for the rest of us! See you there!

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/support-us/>

**Parishioners' Offerings:** Cash & Cheques £339.57 (£71.88 Gift Aided) Standing Orders £733.42 (£621.85 Gift Aided)

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