

# CATHEDRAL PARISH OF ST MARY & ST BONIFACE



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**The second Sunday of ordinary time YEAR A PSALTER 2 15th January 2023**

## DAILY WORSHIP

Mass will be streamed daily from the Cathedral at 10:00 am –in accordance with GDPR - see noticeboard for further information

Date	Mass	Intentions	St. Joseph's Mass
<b>Sunday 15th January</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(Peace Day)</i>	8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	<i>Catherine White (RIP)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Joan Gomez (RIP)</i>	Sunday 11-30am <b>Intentions:</b> Laurence Cronin (RIP)
<b>Monday 16th January</b>	10:00am	<i>Paul Brady (RIP)</i>	<b>SICK &amp; HOUSEBOUND</b> Please pray for the sick or housebound in our parish and those who are particularly poorly at this time. <b>RIP:</b> Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died especially Colette Darragh & Kang Hi Ho may their souls rest in peace. Amen
<b>Tuesday 17th January</b> <i>St Anthony</i>	10:00am	<i>William &amp; Margaret Johnson (RIP)</i>	
<b>Wednesday 18th January</b>	10:00am	<i>Ernest &amp; Florence Mortimer (RIP)</i>	
<b>Thursday 19th January</b>	10:00am	<i>James Langdon Lee (RIP)</i>	
<b>Friday 20th January</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	9:30am 10:00am	<i>A time of silent prayer in Adoration.</i> <i>Joan Gomez (RIP)</i>	
<b>Saturday 21st January</b> <i>St Agnes</i>	10:00am	<i>Warren Family (RIP)</i>	
<b>Sunday 22nd January</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	<i>Colette Darragh (RIP)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Monika &amp; Thomas &amp; Fr Kostuch (Int's)</i>	



**Message from Canon Mark**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**15th January 2023**



"Behold!  
The Lamb  
of God  
who takes  
away  
the sin  
of the  
world!"



**We gather each Sunday to encounter one another and to encounter the Chosen One of the Father. We are, as St Paul tells us, 'The holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ'.**

**The role of John the Baptist was to reveal Christ. As he said, "it was to reveal him to Israel that I came." Today's gospel describes him bowing out when Jesus arrived. "Look," he said, "there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Ever since, these words have -been enshrined in the Mass when the priest holds up the consecrated host just before communion.**

**All Christians are called to perform this prophetic role and nobody more than those who have others in their care.**

**Let us pray for the grace to put Jesus first in our lives and to be a prophetic voice in our community, which heralds the presence of the Lord.**

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We welcome Fr PJ O'Driscoll who will celebrate the 10.00am Mass here at the cathedral and the 12.30pm Mass Christ the King. I am grateful to his for assistance while Fr Appollos and Fr Martin are away.

Grateful also to Mgr. Bart, who will celebrate the Mass at St Joseph's this weekend at 11.30am. in Devonport.

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**Sad news:** We heard this last week that Collette Darragh, RIP, had died. Collette had been more many years a teacher at Notre Dame School in Plymouth, she helped with so many different things in the parish, including Confirmation and RCIA. More recently she was our Gift Aid Organizer in the parish, and we are so very grateful to her for her wonderful voluntary work, over so many years. May she rest in peace.

Details of her funeral will follow shortly, in the meantime please keep her and her family in your prayers during this time.

**YouTube Important Safeguarding information-**

Please be aware that our Masses and Events are regularly filmed and will appear online on our YouTube channel. Due to the current guidelines, we are requested to provide a seating area where the cameras will not put the people in shot of the live filming. The designated area will be the pews in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you would like to receive Holy Communion but wish not to be visible on YouTube, please request to receive at the Blessed Sacrament chapel as the sacrament is being reposed.



**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:**

We have now started our preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion of the children, who are in year 7 and above. If you would like your child to enrol in the preparation, please contact the office or Mr Driscoll t.driscoll@plymouthcast.com

**The First Holy Communion Day will be: 10.06.2023**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

We will be starting our Preparation classes for children in year 6 and above for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 1st March- 5.30pm- 6.45pm.

If you would like to begin your preparation for the Sacrament, then please contact the office with details plymouth-cathedral@prcdtr.org.uk

**The Date for the Confirmation Service will be 28th June 2023, which is Pentecost Sunday.**



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A word of thanks from Fr John and Fr Pat, who were with us last weekend for the celebration of Mass. They were most grateful for the welcome and for the generosity of the parishioners. They took a few days either side of the mission appeal to enjoy Plymouth and really felt a warm welcome. Thank you for your generosity which raised £804 towards their Missionary Appeal.

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**White Flower Appeal- this weekend as advertised.**

Every year hundreds of churches across Britain take part in the SPUC White Flower Appeal, making it one of our largest and most important educational and fundraising events of the year.

The majority of appeals take place in January. campaigning postcards distributed, and generous volunteers collect donations to help us carry out our life-saving work during the coming year. SPUC supporters come from many backgrounds and walks of life. The success of the White Flower Appeal is founded on the compassion and generosity of faithful churchgoers in parishes across the UK. For more information please visit: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/whiteflower2023>



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**Many thanks to you all for your support and help.**

**Fr Appollos** has sent a message from Nigeria to say that he is well and having a lovely holiday with is family. He asked to be remembered to you all and is praying for you all.

**God bless- you all and I hope and pray that the week ahead is week of blessing for you all.  
Canon Mark**

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Due to circumstances, there will be no Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2023. If you would still like to go join an organised pilgrimage next year, most dioceses in England and Wales have one which you could join and the details can be found their respective websites.



Alternatively, you could join the annual pilgrimage of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (<https://www.soll-lourdes.co.uk/>) when the dates are set. We hope to resume our own Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2024.

Those younger members of the parish who would like to partake in a Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 28th July to 3rd August next year should contact Fr Anthony O’Gorman on 01305 786033 or [Anthony.O’Gorman@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Anthony.O’Gorman@prcdtr.org.uk)

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## ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA DAY EVENT

### JOURNEYING IN DIGNITY

Including speakers from  
Devon and Cornwall Police and British Red Cross

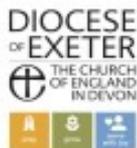
Date: Wednesday 8th February 2023

Programme:  
 9:30-10:00 Refreshments and sign in  
 10:00-12:15 Event- Speakers followed by Panelists Q & A  
 12:15-13:00 Networking

Venue: The Chaplaincy Centre, Plymouth Marjon University, Derriford Road, Plymouth, PL6 8BH

Further information about The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against human trafficking can be found here: [preghieracontrotratta.org](http://preghieracontrotratta.org)

Scan QR code to sign up for free or visit  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeying-in-dignity-tickets-472665454097>



### Caritas Plymouth

Dear Parishioners as we head into the Summer holiday's we are turning our attention to families and how we might be able to reach out and support those in our local churches and communities. Please

find a link to the latest focus sheet from Caritas and if you know of someone who it would benefit then please do take a printed copy from the back of the church to give to them. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/focus-sheet/>

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We all know that Food Poverty is a growing issue across the City of Plymouth. To help anyone who may be in need of support in this area, Tanya at Caritas has put together a fact sheet on this topic. You can pick up a copy at the back of church to take home or share with someone who might need it, or you can follow the link to view it online:

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Fact-sheet-No-1-Food-poverty-word.pdf>

November Newsletter



**THE POPE VIDEO**  
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

### *THE POPE'S INTENTIONS – January For educators*

*We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than confrontation and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all*

*See also*



The parish is immensely grateful to all donors who have supported the parish during the year and helped keep our doors open to achieve our Mission. If you don't already do so, please consider whether you could increase the value of your contribution by signing up for Gift Aid (more details and forms available from your parish gift aid organiser or the Cathedral office).

### Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

Good News— The Cathedral is now available again for: Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral services following the lockdown. If you want to discuss or book a date for your service or ceremony please call or email us and we will be happy to help.



### Latest Newsletter of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

The **Catholic Children's Society** is a child welfare agency covering the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth which consists of Cornwall, Devon and most of Dorset. For the latest news use the link below

[Newsletter](#)



### Helping families stay connected

As Masses are restricted throughout the world, many parish and school communities are asking what they can do to keep their families connected to their faith. CathFamily can help with our online resources which are available free of charge.

[Click for Link](#)



- Are you concerned about injustice in our world?
- Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard?
- Would you like support and encouragement?
- Are you already taking action and want to inspire others?

If the answer is yes, then please get in touch with Caritas Plymouth. We are looking to grow the Justice and Peace activities in the Diocese of Plymouth to offer:

- Connections between existing Justice and Peace groups to share ideas
- Opportunities for action,
- Access to related agencies,
- Friendship, solidarity and mutual support

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Deborah, the Caritas Manager, on 01364 645421

or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

[Click for Link](#)