

# CATHEDRAL PARISH OF ST MARY & ST BONIFACE

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**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A 1 19th November 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 Sunday 11:30am <b>Intentions:</b> <i>Olivia McKeown (Int's)</i>
<b>Sunday 19th November</b> <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Safeguarding Sunday</b>	8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Peggy & Raymond Hudson (RIP) Thomas Addelsee (Int's) People of the Parish	
<b>Monday 20th November</b>	10:00 am	<i>Frank and Mary Payne (RIP)</i>	
<b>Tuesday 21st November</b>	10:00am	<i>Monica Healy (RIP)</i>	
<b>Wednesday 22nd November</b>	10:00am	<i>Thanks Giving for a successful Heart surgery</i>	
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b> <b>Annual Clergy Requiem</b>	12:00pm	<i>Deceased priests of the Diocese</i>	
<b>Friday 24th November</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	9:30am 10:00am	<i>A time of silent prayer</i> <i>Paul Mortimore (RIP)</i>	
<b>Saturday 25th November</b>	10:00am	<i>Mark O'Carroll (RIP)</i>	
<b>Sunday 26th November</b> <b>34th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	People of the Parish Arthur Achtea & Mirostaw Jakubik (RIP) Phyllis & Jack Wilmhurst (RIP)	

### SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick or housebound in our parish and those who are particularly poorly at this time.

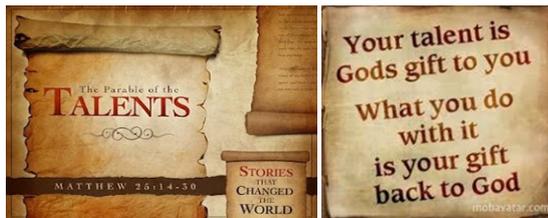
### RIP:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died may their souls rest in peace.

**Amen**



Message from Canon Mark  
33rd Sunday Year A  
19th November 2023



‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.’

What gifts do you possess in your life that can benefit those who are around you?

These words in the Gospel today help us to recognize our vocation which is to serve God and each other- to proclaim the Good News and to be heralds of God’s love, mercy and compassion.

The parable at today’s Mass then gives us two messages.

To those who have been made to feel excluded from the kingdom (“tax collectors and prostitutes”) Jesus brings the “good news” that this is totally against God’s will. In fact, God is very angry that they are being excluded.

To his disciples he issues a stern warning: do not fall prey to a similar narrow mindedness. The history of the Church (like our individual stories) tells us how right he was to warn them. We all fall into the trap of seeing our talents as our personal possession that we can do what we like with. God’s will is that we see them as gifts to be shared so that they can be multiplied.

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Baptism

We pray for Arabelle Gomez-Tuia Cowan who is to be baptized this weekend and for her family.

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**Thursday 23rd – Clergy Requiem 12:00** - Our Annual Clergy Requiem will take place this week, when the clergy of the Diocese gather to pray for the souls of the departed clergy.

All are welcome to come and join us.

This Year we remember especially:

Bishop Christopher Budd 01/04/23

Fr Michael Cain 11/12/22

Fr Joseph Branson 20/12/22

Fr Sebastian Wolff OSB 20/12/22

Fr Kieran Kirby 20/03/23

Deacon John Sanders 23/04/23

Fr Patrick Kilgariff 02/07/23

Mgr David Silk 20/09/23

Fr Barry Hallett 21/09/23

Mgr Harry Doyle 22/09/23

**Please note that there will be no Mass at Christ the King- Armada Way this Thursday at 12noon.**

**Lament and light** – A service in response to the 16 days against gender-based violence  
 An ecumenical service is being held on Thursday 30th November at 3pm, at Holy Family Church in Plymouth (Beacon Park Road, Plymouth, PL2 3LR). The service is being held in response to the 16 days of action against gender-based violence (25th November – 10th December), which is a campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. The service will be led by Fr Mark Skelton and Rev. Lizzi Green. Following the service there will be tea and coffee in the hall.

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**SPUC - Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Advent Coffee Morning  
 10.30am – 12.15pm Saturday, 25th November Plymouth Cathedral Centre**

Prize Raffle, Assorted Homemade cakes, including Christmas, Dundee & Log cakes, Jams, Spicy Chutney, Marmalade and Savouries as well as a piety, jewellery and bric-a-brac stall plus a selection of SPUC Christmas cards.

£1 Entry to include tea, coffee & mince pie. Please come and support a good cause.

We look forward to welcoming you.



**NB. Are you willing to bake some cakes for us? Contact: Christine 07742320717 Thank you.!**

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**RCIA-** We pray for those who are going to enter a journey of faith and discover more about the catholic church. If you are interested in joining the group, they meet on Fridays in the cathedral centre starting at: 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

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**ADVENT RETREATS**

Nov 24th – 26th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat -Nov 26th – 1st Dec (Mon – Fri) Midweek Retreat  
 Nov 24th – 1st Dec (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat.

Venue: St Rita’s Centre Honiton, East Devon. A well- appointed retreat house with comfortable ensuite accommodation situated in the Vale of Honiton.

Cost includes full board & lodging. Recommended donation: Weekend Retreat £140;

Midweek Retreat £240; 6 – day Retreat £450. Some of the cost could be offset for individuals who would like to go on a retreat but may have difficulties with the suggested donation.

Please contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637 for further information or booking form.



**Red Wednesday is a day to acknowledge and pray for Christians around the world that are persecuted for their religious beliefs.**

**Mass for Persecuted Christians at 7pm at St. Peter’s, Crownhill, on Wednesday, November 22nd, followed by Rosary.**

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Synod Newsletter – November Edition

Here is the link to read the latest November Synod Newsletter from Fr Paul Keys  
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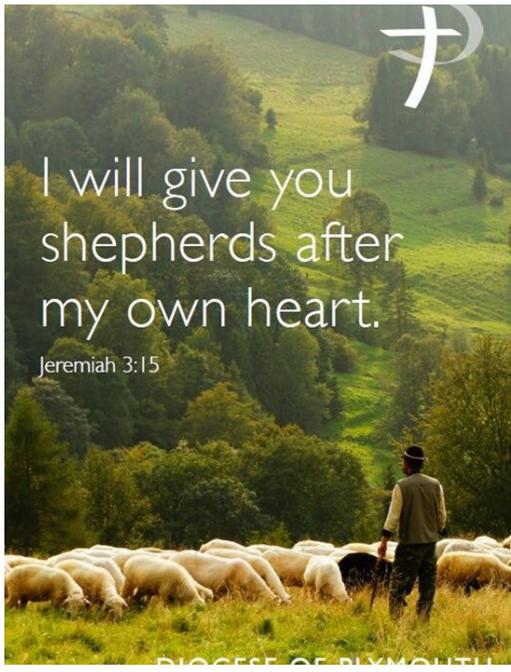
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**Safeguarding Sunday**

Sunday 19th November is Safeguarding Sunday. We will be joining other churches across the UK to highlight the importance of protecting children, young people and adults at risk. This is also an opportunity to celebrate those who work behind the scenes to make our church a safer place for all.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer:  
 Dear God,  
 Help us to be a church that:  
 Loves, welcomes, protects.  
 Listens, learns, serves.  
 Repents, restores, transforms.  
 Values, cares, believes.  
 God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.  
 Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.  
 In Jesus name.  
 Amen.

**Let us keep in our prayers the appointment of a new bishop for our diocese**



Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.  
 In your mercy grant to the Diocese of Plymouth  
 a shepherd who will walk in your ways,  
 and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.  
 for discernment...

Heavenly Father, send your Spirit on the Church  
 in this time of discernment for a new pastor  
 for our diocese.

May the one chosen to lead and inspire us  
 in the years to come, be an ardent and gentle  
 shepherd to us all.

Grant this in the name of Christ our Lord.  
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**The news of war in our world**

continues to fill our hearts with sorrow- let us keep ever in mind those most especially who are suffering:

**A Prayer for Persons Suffering from War**

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war.  
 May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR UKRAINE.



This year The Love in Action Team are supporting PUMA (Plymouth Ukraine Medical Aid) to raise a minimum of 1000 Christmas Shoe Boxes to deliver to orphanages in Ukraine. The ages of the children are 0-17 and some of the children also have special needs/disabilities.

Can you help, are you able to make a shoe box or donate items to go towards a shoe box? This will be an amazing gift to give this Christmas to children who have lost everything, PUMA will be leaving Plymouth on the 28<sup>th</sup> November for Ukraine and all shoe boxes or items towards a shoe box will need to be received in church by the 7<sup>th</sup> November to allow sufficient time to organize them to ensure each Orphanage receives the correct number of boxes.

If you are making a shoe box, the shoe box can be wrapped in Christmas paper, please wrap the box and the lid separately allowing contents to be checked. There are many items that can be used to fill your box depending on what age child you would like your box to be for. The list below is to help give you ideas but not extensive. Please ensure that you do not add any medication, anything perishable, sharp or war related. Once you have completed your box please write on the box if it is for a boy or girl and age.

Ideas for your box: Toiletries, flannels, hairbrush/comb, Hat, Gloves & Scarf, small toys including skipping ropes, yo-yos, toy cars, cuddly toys, playing cards, sweets, colouring in pens, pencils & Crayons, Colouring In Books, Notebooks, writing pens, rulers, Hair accessories.

If you are having difficulty sourcing an empty shoe box there will be some available in the Cathedral Centre, if you are a parishioner at St Joseph's please let Sr Dympna know and we will arrange to deliver some to St Josephs.

Thank you so much for your donations, PUMA will be taking photos of the children receiving their Christmas boxes and these will be shared on their Facebook page called PUMA (Plymouth Ukraine Medical Aid) during their trip and we will also share photos with you once they return.

**God bless**

**The Love in Action Team**

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading A reading from the book of Proverbs  
A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.  
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM,

**( R ) O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **( R )**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **( R )**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **(R)**

#### Second Reading

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**The word of the Lord.**

#### Alleluia, Alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. **Alleluia!**

#### Gospel:

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. ‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” ‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” ‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” ‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

**The Gospel of the Lord**

Come and be a part of our cozy creative crew in our FREE Craft and Chat sessions. Held Every Thursday at Christ the King church hall between 2-4. We will share a cuppa and have a go at knitting, crochet and drawing. Don't worry if you don't feel you know how to do these things. Come along and have a go. Try something new. We will also have pop-up sessions of Mystery Makes, which we will advertise in the future. So come and join us and spread the word. All are welcome.

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**November Caritas Newsletter now available**

[Newsletter](#)



### Caritas Diocese of Plymouth



Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is here to give parishes and individuals. new opportunities to proclaim our faith in deeds as well as in words. We are here at the service of the most poor and vulnerable.

We have a great many events and initiatives which all are welcome to join. If you would like to find out about our work, please visit our webpage: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/caritas/> You can also watch out for our posters at the back of the church which will let you know what is coming up soon.

If you would like to receive occasional newsletters about our work and get new ideas to reach out to those around you, please contact [Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)



### THE POPE VIDEO

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

## THE POPE'S INTENTIONS –November

*FOR the Pope*  
*We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit – November 2023*

See also :

VIDEO



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](#)



## WE'RE HIRING A FINANCE SUPERVISOR

We are recruiting a Finance Supervisor to work at St Boniface House within our Central Finance Team.

The role's overall objective is to provide effective and efficient financial services to the Curia (Diocesan Administration Office), the Clergy and the parishes

The post holder will need to have excellent interpersonal skills, an eye for detail and be exceptionally well organised. They will also need to be fully AAT qualified or part CCAB qualified, have a sound knowledge of double entry bookkeeping, VAT alongside experience of producing financial management reports for business users.

If this sounds like you we would love to hear from you!

**Hours: 35 hours per week (Consideration will be given to slightly reduced hours)**

**Salary: Competitive Salary**

**Location: St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7JL**

**Closing date: Monday 13th November**

**For more information please visit the careers page on the Diocese of Plymouth website or contact the HR department.**

**To apply please send your application form and covering letter to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk)**



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