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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time C - Psalter 1 February 9th 2025

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
Sunday 9th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary time	10:00am 6:00pm	Soul of Josefina George & Mary (Int's)
Monday 10th February St Scholastica	10:00am	Marie Edwards (RIP)
<i>Tuesday 11th February</i> Our Lady of Lourdes	10:00am	Mary Parke (RIP)
Wednesday 12th February	10:00am	Bishops Living & Dead
Thursday 13th February	10:00am	Holy Souls
Friday 14th February St Cyril and St Methodius Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am 10:00am	A time of silent prayer Jonathan Gatward (RIP)
Saturday 15th February	10:00am	Noel Kennedy (RIP)
Sunday 16th February	10:00am 6.00pm	John Hardwick (RIP) Mariam Mathew (RIP)

Intentions
St Joseph's
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
John Gottlicher (RIP)
Christ the King -
Sunday 12:30
People of the Parish

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 Francis Kingwell and John O'Carroll and may their souls rest in peace.

Amen



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C
9th February 2025**



Peter and Paul are ever-present within the Church and their influence is fundamental to the growth of Christianity. Rightly, we place these great saints on pedestals. We read Scripture and seek through the words to emulate the disciples.

Yet, their own journeys of faith were not dissimilar to ours. They were beset by the same sense of unworthiness. They failed, at times to a degree that must have hurt, to live up to Gospel demands. For example, Peter denied Jesus three times, even having explained that he never would do so.

We are not so different as these disciples. In many respects, we have more knowledge than them, because we can read the complete Gospel accounts alongside a certain alignment with the traditions of the Church. Peter and Paul were there at the outset, whereas we see their influence as well as the greater picture that has been passed down the centuries.

We are beset, though, by the same human problems of unworthiness and fear. We wrestle with similar problems of faith. In many ways, it is no easier, no more difficult, to follow Jesus now rather than then.

But the truth is that Jesus is still our advocate, still our guide, despite our unworthiness, despite our lack of faith, just as he was for those first disciples. Jesus asks much of us but he also recognizes our brokenness. Through his own humanity he has passed down to us the Sacraments including

- 1. Baptism, in which we become marked with Fatherhood of God
- 2. Eucharist, in which we share Christ as our sustenance on this worldly journey and
- 3. Reconciliation, in which we are given the chance to begin again.

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A retiring Collection for The Missionaries of Africa.

This weekend (8th/9th Feb) we have a Mission Appeal. We welcome Father Thomas Ryan who will be making a mission appeal on behalf of the White Fathers. We look forward to welcoming him to the cathedral parish.

The Missionaries of Africa (also known as “The White Fathers”), are an international Missionary Society of priests and brothers, founded in 1868, by Cardinal Charles Lavigerie, Archbishop of Algiers and Carthage in North Africa.

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This weekend we have a Baptism for - Reesa Tainton. We pray that the Lord will bless the parents and godparents of Reesa and we offer our congratulations to Reesa on this special day.



The year 2025 is a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, also known as the Year of the Pilgrims of Hope. The year will be a time of hope for the world, which is facing many challenges, including war, climate change, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

What is a Jubilee Year?

- A Jubilee Year is a holy year that occurs every 25 years in the Catholic Church.
- The tradition of Jubilee Years began in 1300 AD.
- Jubilee Years are a time to renew faith, reconcile with others, and cancel debts.

What is the theme for 2025?

- The theme for 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope".
- The theme is an invitation to share the hope of the Christian faith with others.

What is the logo for 2025?

- The logo features four figures embracing each other, representing the solidarity of people from around the world.
- The logo also includes an elongated cross that is shaped like an anchor, which is a symbol of hope.

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SPUC - Assisted suicide: what you can do to defeat the Leadbeater Bill

MPs voted for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to pass its Second Reading in November. This bill can still be defeated when MPs next vote at the end of April, but we need your help. To find how to best lobby your MP on this issue, please attend the meeting by the SPUC Plymouth branch on Friday 28 February at 7pm. Speakers include Dr Mark Perry, Consultant Rheumatologist and Christian Medical Fellowship representative, and Alithea Williams, Public Policy Manager at SPUC. Address: St Peter's RC Church, St Boniface Lane, Crownhill. PLYMOUTH PL5 3AX. For more information, contact Christine Hudson on Email: chrishud78@talktalk.net or Tel: 07742320717

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Notice for the students! During the month of February, the groups who make the student lunches will be away- so there are no student lunches after Mass on the 2nd and last Sunday of the month of February.



"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Pope Francis

The Jubilee is a Year of Hope

The Jubilee Year is a renewed invitation to an encounter with Jesus Christ, as his disciples of mercy, forgiveness, and social action, and to celebrate our communities. It's a chance to envision a better future, a future of hope and faith, where mercy guides our actions. A time for forgiveness and reconciliation within our communities. An opportunity to address injustice, support the vulnerable, and work towards a fairer society.

Through this Year of Jubilee, it is vital that the voices of those experiencing poverty be heard. Social justice is so important in the Bible. Our faith commands us to love our neighbour. This year we are invited to address six issues challenging us to live the Jubilee in our churches and communities today: modern slavery, food poverty, care for creation, forgiveness, rest and debt.

Gaudium et Spes said 'The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.'

As Catholics, we are called to read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel - what issues are people struggling with in our local communities and how are we called to respond?

Invitation from Plymouth Caritas

Pope Francis has set Modern Slavery as one of the key themes of the Jubilee Year. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is holding a workshop for clergy, parishioners and others in Holy Family Parish Hall, Plymouth on Thursday 13th Feb 10:30am-1.30pm (light lunch provided), on the Jubilee theme of Modern Slavery to mark the Feast of St Bakhita.

You may encounter migrant workers on sponsored Health and Care Work visas in your congregations. This sponsorship system can work well for many people, but when it goes wrong it can be disastrous: a staggering 61% of reports made to the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority last year related to the exploitation of migrant workers in the care sector. As they have very strict visa restrictions and no right to public funds (ie they cannot receive any benefits), these people are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and could be tipped into Modern Slavery if they do not earn enough to make ends meet.

The Caritas workshop will explore ways to identify and signpost people to ensure they are aware of their rights and find sources of support and consider what actions we can take through our parishes. The speaker is Louise Gleich from Justice and Care, an international charity working to banish Modern Slavery and labour exploitation.

Please let the parish office at the cathedral know if you are hoping to attend so that we can send numbers through for catering. Email. Plymouth-cathedral@prcdtr.org.uk

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Registration for First Holy Communion Classes and Confirmation Classes.

If you have a child in Year 3 or over and they would like to start preparations for their First Holy Communion please contact the office – plymouth-cathedral@prcdtr.org.uk



IN MEMORY of ME

Next Session

Friday 14th Feb

Friday 7th March

Friday 21st March

Friday 4th April

Friday 25th April reconciliation preparation

Friday 9th May reconciliation

Friday 23 May

Friday 20th June rehearsal

Saturday 21st June **First Holy Communion Mass.**

Sacrament of Confirmation



If you are in year 6 or over and would like to start your preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the office – plymouthcathedral@prcdtr.org.uk

Parent/guardian and confirmandi meeting

Thursday February 13th 7pm (please bring copy of your child's baptismal certificate)

Tuesday February 25th - session 1

Tuesday March 4th - session 2

Tuesday March 11th - session 3

Tuesday March 18th - session 4

Tuesday March 25th - session 5

Tuesday April 1st - session 6

Tuesday April 22nd - session 7

Tuesday April 29th - session 8

Tuesday May 6th - session 9

Tuesday May 13th - session 10

Tuesday May 20th - session 11

Tuesday June 3rd - session 12

Saturday June 7th retreat day 10-4 (includes Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Sunday June 8th 2pm - Mass with Sacrament of Confirmation

What is Gift Aid?



- ✦ Gift Aid is the method used by the Government to allow charities, including the Church, to obtain a tax refund on donations made to them.
- ✦ At present we receive £25 for every £ 100 of donations made through Gift Aid. The Gift Aid scheme is simple, involves few formalities and is an essential source of revenue for our Churches.

What is involved in joining the Gift Aid Scheme?

- ✦ To join the scheme you have to pay sufficient tax to cover the tax reclaimed on all your Gift Aid donations.
- ✦ You have to sign a standard declaration that your donations are to count for Gift Aid.
- ✦ Thereafter you only have to make sure that your donations are made in such a way that they can be recorded as made by you to the Church. The most common methods are
 - ✦ By Bankers' Order
 - ✦ By using special numbered weekly envelopes which are provided free of charge.

Any amount as long as the donation shows your name and the church as recipient.

What donations can be included?

The Gift Aid declaration that you sign is in favour of the Diocese rather than the Parish, so all donations to the Parish and the Diocese can be included, for example: Offertory Collections, and Easter and Christmas offerings

Please do consider Gift Aiding your donations if you have recently arrived in the parish.

Forms are available at the back of the cathedral.

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First reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

The Word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL Psalm**

Response: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord

1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down towards your holy Temple. (R.)

2. I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth's kings shall thank you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R)

4. With your right hand you save me; the Lord will accomplish this for me. O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands. (R)

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he

buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. **Alleluia,**

Gospel Luke 5:1-11**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.



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



THE POPE VIDEO

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS – February

*FOR The Terminally Ill
We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment*

See also : <https://thepopevideo.org/>

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).

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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](#)



- 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

[Click for Link](#)



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](#)

CAN YOU HELP?

Patients at Mount Gould Hospital appreciate the opportunity to attend Sunday services in the Hospital Chapel, however they need some assistance to get there by being pushed in wheelchairs or accompanied. As the Hospital continues to expand, the Chaplaincy Team is seeking Volunteers to join them in this worthwhile pastoral ministry. If you have 2 hours that you could commit to on a regular rota from 1-3 pm on a Sunday, the Lead Chaplain would love to hear from you: please e mail pamela.howarth1@nhs.net



Loop System in operation - Channel T

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.