

# Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua, West Moors

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or paper entries by previous Sunday*

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## 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Holy Mass this Week

Fr Darline will be celebrating all Masses this weekend. (*Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before the Mass on Saturday*) Also: 9.30 am Mass on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & 9.30 am Mass on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

### Day for Victims of Human Trafficking

.....and those who work to combat it. On this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church marks the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. Today's readings remind us that true faith is shown in justice, compassion, and light shining in darkness. We are invited to pray for all who suffer exploitation and for those who work, often unseen, to defend human dignity.

### 7-14 February National Marriage Week

The Joy of Love: On Marriage and Family Life. The 19<sup>th</sup> March (Feast of St Joseph) marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* – "On Love in the Family." To prepare for this anniversary, we invite you from the beginning of National Marriage Week, 7-14 February until 19 March 2026, to reflect on the central role that marriage and family life play in our Church and in wider society.

### Tea and Natter Afternoon

The SVP will be holding a Tea and Natter afternoon on *Thursday 12th February* between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Parish Hall. The event is open to all parishioners and friends and any others who might like to come – all are most welcome. Tea, Coffee, biscuits and cake will be available and there is no charge. If transport is needed, please contact any SVP member.

### News from CAFOD

On *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February*, St. Anthony's is hosting a meeting of CAFOD representatives from parishes across Dorset Deanery to prepare for the Lent Family Fast Day. You are welcome to join us from 10.30 – 3.00 including a shared lunch. You are also invited to take part

in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. please see the poster in the porch and let us know if you would like to take part in a Parish Walk. Also, please see CAFOD's website to find out how you can help the people of war-torn Sudan by signing a petition. Thank you. John and Anne. 01202 874925.

### Sewing Bee+

We meet next on Thursday 19th Feb and the 5th of March between 2 and 4 pm in the Hall. Regards, Marcia and Deirdre.

### Lost and Found

After 6.30 pm Mass on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, a set of Darts and a key was found in the car park. Please speak to Deacon Jim or Father Darline if these are yours.

### Charity Lenten Lunches

We will be starting our Lenten Lunches this year on Friday 20th February. As usual the 'lunch' will consist of soup and bread there will also be a raffle (prizes welcomed). All the proceeds will go to the 'SVP' and 'McMillian Caring Locally'.

We have a good team of 'soup makers' but would welcome some additional volunteers for a rota to be developed. We normally set up in the Hall from about 11.00am with the lunch taking place at about 12.30pm immediately after Stations of the Cross. if you can help and have not already been in touch, please contact Elaine or John Sinclair (01202 855433) and we will explain exactly what is involved.

### Mass Intentions and Envelopes

We have now used up the supply of the customised white Mass Intention request envelopes. Please use the standard small brown envelopes and, although not specified, an email address would be most useful, if possible, please.

Please could all requests for Mass intentions be channelled through the Parish Office or Father Darline, the Parish Priest, directly, rather than to our visiting Priests (who we are *more than grateful* to have support us during this time of change). This will ensure we comply with all the relevant legislation. Thank you.

**Relics of St. Gerard Majella in Poole**

In February our diocese will host the relics of St Gerard Majella at four locations (see poster for details). This is as part of a tour of England and Wales to mark his 300th anniversary. In Dorset the relics will be at St Joseph and St Walburga, Poole (BH14 9AZ) on Friday 13th. The Church open for private prayer with the relics from 6pm, Mass at 7pm. Come along, and bring your intentions to this popular saint!

**Dilexi Te - Day of Reflection at Buckfast Abbey**

With Bishop Nicolas Hudson on 21<sup>st</sup> February is fully booked. *To be placed on the waiting list, please email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)*

**Lent Retreat at St. Rita’s centre 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**

*“The Sacrament of Liberation”*. The day begins with coffee/tea at 9.30am. The first talk starts at 10am. The second talk at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an

opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Contact St Rita’s Centre on 01404 42635, email [admin@stritascentre.org](mailto:admin@stritascentre.org), or register via our website: Payment can be made in advance or on the day. <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/len-retreat-day-the-sacrament-of-liberation>

**Youth Event – “Inspire” - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Youth Events would like to welcome young people **aged 12-24** to Inspire, which will be held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 11 am until 6pm. A festival of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details will be released shortly. Tickets are **£30 per person**. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) to book.

**Prayer Intentions** – Please pray for those members of our Parish community who are sick, in hospital or housebound: Jackie Fordham, Jim Danson, David Welch, Philip Coward, Alan Gilbey, Richard Gilbey, Noreen Hewitt, Nora Kenney, Michael Peters, Iris Shepherd, Ramon Suñer, Krzysztof Zablocki, Ian Brown and Pat O’Rearden

*Those whose Anniversaries or birthdays occur around this time, and those who have died recently. Nota bene: let us know the names of anyone we should pray for. Please ensure we have their permission to make their names public. Thank you for your prayers & for the work of the Church.*

**Mass Times & Confessions & Rotas**

Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil – Fifth Sunday of the Year</b> Holy Mass	Int: Reginald Bending RIP
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30 am 11.00 am	<b>Fifth Sunday of the Year</b> Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Henry Kostek RIP
<i>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February No Holy Mass</i>				
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	<i>St. Scholastica. V. Mem.</i> Holy Mass	Int: Valerie Coggins RIP
<i>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (Our Lady of Lourdes) No Holy Mass</i>				
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Int: Gibson Family Ints
<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February No Holy Mass</i>				
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil – Sixth Sunday of the Year</b> Holy Mass	Int: Private Intention
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30 am 11.00 am	<b>Sixth Sunday of the Year</b> Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Bente Entwistle RIP

*Mass Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A Volume 1, Page 133.*

CONFESSIONS	SATURDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb			6pm		
	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30 pm	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.30 am	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 11.00 am	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30 pm	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.30 am	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 11.00 am
Readers	John J Jan J	Paul W	Alex W Stephanie M	John M Victoria B	Nicola S	Mary C Joanna R
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat H Maeve O’D	Ann E TBC	John S Dave M	Fiona M Emma B	Mia K TBC	Rita B Peter B

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*Before we publish any living person’s name, we must have their express permission to do so. Please ensure you advise us of this when requesting Mass Intentions or inclusion on the Prayer Lists etc. There is a Privacy Notice displayed on the notice board in the Entrance Porch.*