

Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua, West Moors

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26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today, Sunday 26th April, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life. The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and financial support. If you are able to contribute to our **Seminarians' Fund** we would be grateful for your donations at the retiring collection or you can donate online at <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/donate>

St. Anthony's – Jubilee - 50th year Celebration

Looking forward to the 50th anniversary on 8th December this year, we would like to set up a couple of steering groups. One to collate all and any information, including memories, press cuttings etc, and another to plan the Parish celebrations later this year. In the first instance, please let us know if you are interested in helping out at all. We can then look towards information gathering. Many thanks.

Parish Giving (Gift Aid) Envelopes

There are still some boxes with names on for collection at the back of the Church. Please could you collect yours or advise us if you no longer need them. Thank you.

Are you able to play the piano, keyboard, or organ?

St Anthony's is seeking musicians who can accompany our choir—either occasionally or on a more regular basis—on piano, keyboard, or organ. We have been without an organist for some time and would be delighted to welcome anyone with the skill and passion to play. If you are interested, please speak to Teresa or a member of the choir to learn more.

Fr. Darline's Books

There are a limited number of both 'Fiery Learning from the Pastoral Frontline' and '101 Issues'. These can be purchased together for £20. Proceeds will go to support the Orphanage run by the Cluny Sisters in Tamil nadu, India. If you are interested, please enter your name on the list.

Charity Curry Evening Friday 15th May

Father Darline will be hosting a Charity Curry Evening on Friday 15th May (6.30pm for 7.00pm) in the parish Hall. A 3-course meal is planned with Father cooking both the starter and main course, but with help for the desserts. (Volunteers please !) There will be a raffle and a cash bar. Cost is £15 per person booked, payable on the night. All monies raised will go towards supporting two charities in Father's home region in India. The first is a home run by the Sisters of Cluny for people living with various mental health difficulties and the other, a small charity that provides very basic but vital help to people in need. Father will be visiting both charities later in May. To support this parish event, please 'book' your places by completing the form in the porch.

Time for a Spring Clean ?

It's that time of year when we look to dust off the cobwebs of the Winter months by having a good old-fashioned Spring Clean. Did you know that you can donate your unwanted items through the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s Orange Box recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause. In 2025, our Orange Boxes raised a staggering £35,216.51 compared to the previous year's record-breaking total of £5,970.51 in 2024 and £5,534.00 in 2023. Items that can be popped into the Orange Box are displayed on the notice near the box.

Rise to Our Cause on Ascension Thursday

Following the success of our three previous CCSP Ascension Day fundraisers, this year's 'Rise to Our Cause' event is

being held at The Assumption of Our Lady in Torquay on Thursday, 14 May 2026.

The event will start with Holy Mass in the church at 12.00 noon, followed by lunch kindly prepared by the parish. Following lunch, our Guest Speakers, John and Myfanwy Quine will share their experiences of incredible movements of God in their lives and in the lives of many others.

Tickets cost £15 and can be ordered by - emailing vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk

· calling the CCSP office on 01364 645420

· visiting the parish office at The Assumption of Our Lady
All proceeds from this event, will go towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. There will also be a raffle on the day.

Job Vacancies - Plymouth Diocese is recruiting !

1 *Communications Officer*

2 *Executive Assistant to the Bishop*

Both are full time (35 hours a week). Please see the posters.

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	25 th April	6.30 pm	Vigil Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass	Int: Althea Chappell RIP
Sunday	26 th April	8.30 am 11.00 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: David Thomas RIP Int: People of the Parish
<i>Monday 27th April - No Holy Mass</i>				
Tuesday	28 th April	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Int: Bill Wells RIP
<i>Wednesday 29th April - No Holy Mass</i>				
Thursday	30 th April	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Int: Holy Souls
<i>Friday 1st May - No Holy Mass</i>				
Saturday	2 nd May	6.30 pm	Vigil Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish
Sunday	3 rd May	8.30 am 11.00 am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Holy Souls Int: Holy Souls

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Confessions	Saturdays			Before Vigil Mass		
	Saturday 25 th April 6.30 pm	Sunday 26 th April 8.30 am	Sunday 26 th April 11.00 am	Saturday 2 nd May 6.30 pm	Sunday 3 rd May 8.30 am	Sunday 3 rd May 11.00 am
Readers	Emma B John M	Nicola S	Stephanie M Chris M	Pat S John M	Michael L	Kevin W Anne M
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan J John J	Anthony K TBC	Theresa Soan Dave M	Fiona M Emma B	Anne E TBC	Rita B Peter B

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