

Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua, West Moors

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or paper entries by previous Sunday*

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17th May 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pentecost

Next Sunday is Pentecost which is the celebration of the Person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered in the Upper Room. It is the 'Birth of the Church' and the end of Eastertide.

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

We are now ready to set up the various groups to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Parish on 8th December, including the Mass on 6th December this year which Bishop Nicholas Hudson has kindly agreed to celebrate. We will be contacting people soon.

SVP Sudan Appeal.

Thank you to all those who supported our annual appeal to provide vital aid to the suffering of Sudan. If you have not yet contributed and would like to do so, please place your cash or cheque (made payable to SVP Twinning) in an SVP bucket in the porch or in the Secretary's box. Payments can also be made directly to the SVP bank Account. Sort Code 60-60-04, Account Number: 46084096, Reference: SVP Twinning. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion

Please join us on Sunday 14th June at 11am Mass when two of our children will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

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.

Becoming a Catholic – two roads

If you are **not Baptised** and would like to become a Catholic, **then RCIA is for you**. This is a journey which enables you to spend time with the big questions you

have, to encounter Christ on the road, and then enter into His Church, usually, at the Easter Vigil.

However, if you are **already Baptised** and are considering entering into full communion with the Church, then the Church asks her priests to facilitate a more **bespoke journey** whereby we spend as much time as you need to explore the Catholic Faith and work through whatever barriers you may have. It is primarily a spiritual journey, and **lasts as long as it needs to**, ending in your Reception and Confirmation **when you are ready**. If that's you, then please email Father Darline at: darline.joseph@prcdtr.org.uk

Father Darline's Books

For those people who ordered Father Darline's books, they are now available. They are labelled with name(s) on. They can be paid for by Card, Cash (in an envelope marked Father Darline's Books) or Cheque (payable to PRCDTR St. Anthony's RC Parish – Please write 'Father Darline's Books' on the reverse). Bank transfer is also an option, please ask for bank details.

Hope for Food

Dear Parishioners, thank you for your continuing generosity to Hope for Food. As a parish we donate between two and three large trolleys of food each week. These donations make us the single largest regular donor outside supermarkets and trade suppliers. In addition, we have regular cash donors who allow the charity the flexibility to purchase anything missing from the shelves. Whether it's a single can of soup, a crate of cereal or a pair of jeans thank you!

If you would like to have a fun night out and support Hope for Food, why not get a team together for their Quiz night? The charity is very keen to see as many as possible from St Anthony's. Maximum of 6 per team and a £20 entry (per team). Information will be on the noticeboard. As always if you have any questions, please text me on 07443 587240 or see me after Mass. Deirdre.

Mary and the Angels-Our Guides on the way to Holiness

Please join us at St. Joseph's Church, Poole, on Saturday 30th May 1:30pm - 6:30pm for a special time of teaching and prayer. Following our much-appreciated day in November, we will be visited by Fr Fidelis from his Religious community in Fatima. Through inspiring talks, celebration of Holy Mass and Adoration, we will discover how Our Lady and the Angels guide us closer to Christ. More details at www.catholicparkstone.org

Marriage Support

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more, contact: 0797 338 0443 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Evangelisation Stone-Painting Workshop

On Saturday 30th May from 11 am to 3 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre in Dorchester (Culliford Road North, DT1

1QG). Please bring a packed lunch! Materials provided, all welcome! more details on poster (part of the 'Crying Out Loud' initiative started by one of our deanery artists). Please book via pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk

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.

Free !!!!

There are a number of Books **(Including a good selection of new ones thanks to a Parishioner!)** Plates, Crucifixes and other religious objects near the repository that have been donated. These items are free to take. If you wish to contribute, however, please put your donation in the repository slot in the wall (or on the card reader) Thank you.

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	16 th May	6.30 pm	Vigil Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Mass	Int: Noreen Hewitt ints
Sunday	17 th May	8.30 am 11.00 am	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Deceased Members of Linda Family RIP
<i>Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May - No Holy Mass</i>				
Saturday	23 rd May	6.30 pm	Vigil of Pentecost Holy Mass	Int: Holy Souls
Sunday	24 th May	8.30 am 11.00 am	Pentecost Sunday Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: John Smith RIP

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CONFESSIONS	SATURDAY			Before Vigil Mass		
	Saturday 16 th May 6.30 pm	Sunday 17 th May 8.30 am	Sunday 17 th May 11.00 am	Saturday 23 rd May 6.30 pm	Sunday 24 th May 8.30 am	Sunday 24 th May 11.00 am
Readers	Jan J John J	Mia K	John W Alex W	Emma B (Victoria B)	Paul W	Vera De M Ann W
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat H Fiona M	Tony H	John S Stephanie M	Jan J John J	Antony K	Maris O'B Paul O'B ??

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