

Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua, West Moors

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24th May 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost

Today is Pentecost which is the celebration 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. This week we enter back into 'Ordinary Time' and next Sunday celebrate the 'Most Holy Trinity'. We use the double Alleluia at the dismissal again today.

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

An Initial meeting is planned for mid-June. Everyone who volunteered has now been invited by email. If you would still like to be involved, please contact the Parish office. We look forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Parish in December, with Bishop Nicholas Hudson kindly agreeing to celebrate the 11.00 am Mass on 6th December

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.'

Cake Sale - Sunday 31st May

Evie and friends are holding a cake sale in the Hall after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 31st May to raise money for the Music Department at Ferndown First School. Everyone welcome. Any cake donations will be gratefully received.

Charity Curry Evening

Our thanks to all those who supported the Curry evening. There was a very good turnout and over £1,000

(after expenses) was raised to support the two charities in Father Darline's home region. We are particularly grateful to Father Darline for cooking such an excellent meal, to those who provide desserts and raffle prizes and all who helped in any other way. Now looking forward to the next one!!

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.

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

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.

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

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

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School Transport grants for the academic year 2026-27

The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking applications from parents/guardians wishing to apply for grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE joint school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth. Applications for the academic year 2026-27 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn term if their application has been successful. There are limited funds and not all applications may be successful. You can obtain an application form from the parish office.

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.

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	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
<i>No Weekday Masses this week</i>				
Saturday	30 th May	6.30 pm	Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish
Sunday	31 st May	8.30 am 11.00 am	The Most Holy Trinity Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Brian Knight Rip Int: Holy Souls

Mass Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A Volume 1, Page 278/288

CONFESIONS	SATURDAY			Before Vigil Mass		
	Saturday 23 rd May 6.30 pm	Sunday 24 th May 8.30 am	Sunday 24 th May 11.00 am	Saturday 30 th May 6.30 pm	Sunday 31 st May 8.30 am	Sunday 31 st May 11.00 am
Readers	Emma B (Victoria B)	Paul W	Vera De M Ann W	Maeve O'D Patricia S	Nicola S	Martin L Teresa S
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan J John J	Antony K	Maris O'B Paul O'B ??	Emma B Ian W	Ann E	Rita B Peter B

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