

Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua, West Moors

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23rd August 2026 – Twenty First Sunday of the Year

St. Anthony's Jubilee

Photographs and Memories

In preparation for the celebration in December, we will be holding an open afternoon in September, at which you can bring along your memories, photographs and anything else relevant to the history of the church. You may even have spoken to parishioners who were here before the current church was built. Don't wait until September but start writing your memories and searching out your photographs now ! *History & Heritage Group.*

Altar Servers Required

We are looking for Altar Servers for our 50th Jubilee celebration Holy Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas. We are especially looking for Altar Servers who served in our Parish previously, and those who currently serve. Training will be given if needed and there will be rehearsals prior. Any new servers are also most welcome. *Please contact Deacon Jim.*

Contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide

A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Bishop Nicholas Hudson urges people to write to their Member of Parliament. Even if you've written to your MP before, please write again now."

Congratulations, Father Darline!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Father Darline has successfully completed his dual degree Doctorate in Counselling Psychology and Psychotherapy.

Adding to this remarkable achievement, Father Darline has also been awarded Chartered Psychologist Status by the British Psychological Society (BPS), one of the profession's most prestigious honours, recognising his outstanding research, clinical expertise, and commitment to promoting psychological wellbeing.

These achievements reflect Father Darline's dedication to academic excellence, professional integrity,

and his commitment to promoting the wellbeing and mental health.

As parishioners of St Catherine's, Wimborne, and St Anthony's, West Moors, we are deeply grateful for Father Darline's faithful ministry, compassionate pastoral care, and tireless service to our parish communities. We are particularly inspired by the way he combines his priestly vocation with his work in mental health and psychological research, enriching the lives of so many through both his ministry and professional expertise.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations on these exceptional accomplishments and assure him of our prayers and continued support. May God bless him abundantly with wisdom, strength, good health, and every grace as he continues his priestly ministry and professional work in the service of God and His people.

Message from Fr Darline

As I celebrate the completion of my Dual Degree Doctorate, I do so with a heart full of gratitude. This achievement has been possible only because of the prayers, encouragement, support and generosity of so many people who have been part of my journey over the years. Around 90% of my academic work and 100% of my clinical work were completed while serving in my previous parish of Okehampton & Chagford, and this success is very much the fruit of the support, understanding and sacrifices of many parishioners, clergy, friends, colleagues, mentors and family members who encouraged me along the way. Since arriving in Wimborne and West Moors, my focus has been on parish ministry and clergy wellbeing, and I remain deeply grateful for the continued support and encouragement I have received here.

There will be an opportunity to thank God and celebrate this milestone together at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, 27th September at 11.00am at St Catherine's Church, Wimborne. I warmly invite you to join me as we give thanks to God for His many blessings and remember with gratitude all those who have helped make this journey possible. Thank you for your prayers, friendship and support. May God bless you abundantly.

Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal

Grateful Hearts - Serving Others

Putting All Children First: the annual appeal of the Catholic Children's Society is next weekend. Please take an appeal envelope today or visit their website to understand the wonderful work, which the Society does to help struggling children and their families. 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

Mission Made Possible Roadshow – Save the Date.

Saturday 26 September 10 am to 2.15 pm (Diocesan Evangelisation Team event). All welcome! More details to follow but save the date if you would like to hear more about mission and outreach in the diocese... and get involved. This event will be held at St Benedict's in Gillingham.

HCPT - Group 9 - Lourdes Easter Pilgrimage for children

We would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Please say a prayer for all of us. We will again offer to take your prayers with us next Easter. There will be a fundraising **Garden Party on Saturday 5th September, 12:30 to 4:00**. Live music, fantastic food, good company and it goes to a good cause. Please see the poster. This year the theme is 'Ascot Hats', so Dress to Impress! Tickets are £30 per person, but feel free to give more! Please talk to John Maguire (jme.ict@gmail.com) to find out more or to purchase a ticket. Thanks.

Prayer Intentions – Please pray for those members of our Parish community who are sick, in hospital or housebound: Canon Patrick Chrystal, Jim Danson, Philip Coward, Alan Gilbey, Richard Gilbey, Noreen Hewitt, Nora Kenney, Michael Peters, 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	22 nd August	6.30 pm	Vigil of The Twenty First Sunday of the Year Holy Mass	Int: Norah and Jack Mahony RIP *
Sunday	23 rd August	8.30 am 11.00 am	The Twenty First Sunday of the Year Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Val Wormley RIP
<i>Monday 24th to Friday 28th August - No Holy Mass</i>				
Saturday	29 th August	6.30 pm	Vigil of The Twenty Second Sunday of the Year Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish
Sunday	30 th August	8.30 am 11.00 am	The Twenty Second Sunday of the Year Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Lesley McQuirk RIP Int: Valerie Coggins RIP

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CONFESSIONS		SATURDAY			Before Vigil Mass	
	Sat 22 nd August 6.30 pm	Sun 23 rd August 8.30 am	Sun 23 rd August 11.00 am	Sat 29 th August 6.30 pm	Sun 30 th August 8.30 am	Sun 30 th August 11.00 am
Readers	John J TBC	Deirdre B	Kevin W Anne M	Emma B Maeve O'D	Paul W	Elaine S Joanna R
Eucharistic Ministers	Fiona M Emma B	Ann E	Rita B Peter B	Jan J John J	Mia K	Dave M Chris M

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