

Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua, West Moors

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6th September 2026 – Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

Congratulations to Deacon Jim Brennan:

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

A Message from Father Darline

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to share the wonderful news that Deacon Jim Brennan is celebrating his 25th Ordination Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) this year.

To mark this milestone, a diocesan celebration will take place at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Dorchester on Monday, 12th October**, with Holy Mass celebrated by **Bishop Nicholas Hudson at 6:00 PM**. I warmly encourage all of you who are able to attend this special Mass to pray with him and share your personal congratulations. We are also planning our own parish celebration here at **St. Anthony's, West Moors**, and further details will be shared with you closer to the date.

On a personal note, I want to express my deepest heartfelt gratitude to Deacon Jim. He is a truly dedicated, supportive, and uplifting deacon whose encouragement and unwavering service have been a profound blessing to me and our entire parish community. My ministry is made so much lighter and more joyful when working alongside someone with such a generous heart and steadfast faith; having him by our side is a genuine gift.

Please join me in thanking God for Deacon Jim's 25 years of faithful service, and in praying for his continued health, happiness, and abundant blessings in the years ahead.

Tea and Natter Afternoon

The SVP will be holding a Tea and Natter afternoon on *Thursday 10th September* 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, biscuit and cake will be available and there is no charge. If transport is needed, please contact any SVP member.

St. Anthony's Jubilee

Photographs and Memories

Parish Open Afternoon – This will take place on *Saturday 19th September* from 2:00pm – 4:00pm in St Anthony's Church Hall.

The History and Heritage Group invites you to look through your cupboards, lofts, and memories! We are gathering photographs, stories, and memorabilia of St Anthony's Parish. We want to celebrate everything from the opening of our current church in 1976 to the days of the original wooden church.

Please bring your items and memories to the church hall on 19th September to chat with members of the group.

Our Safeguarding & Care Commitment:

Safe Return Guaranteed: If you kindly allow us to borrow your photographs to copy, they will be formally logged, and a receipt will be issued. All original items will be safely returned to you within [e.g., two weeks].

On-the-Spot Copying: If you prefer not to leave your photographs with us, we can digitally scan them on the day so you can take them straight home.

Safeguarding & Privacy: The History and Heritage Group strictly adheres to the parish safeguarding policies. Your personal details and memories will be handled with total respect, stored securely, and used only for this parish history project.

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.*

URGENT ! - 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 **This Friday, 11 September 2026**. Bishop Nicholas Hudson is urging people to write to their MP. "The dignity and protection of human life is central to our Faith. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose this legislation. Even if you've written to your MP before, please write again now." There are cards available at the back of the Church for you to complete and send

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.

Catechetical Programs

There are a number of events and courses arranged by the Department for Evangelisation, Catechesis & Family Life this Autumn. A list and contact details are on the Noticeboard (Diocesan information).

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	5 th Sept	6.30 pm	Vigil of The Twenty Third Sunday of the Year Holy Mass	Int: Regina Byrne RIP
Sunday	6 th Sept	8.30 am 11.00 am	The Twenty Third Sunday of the Year Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Mary Lee RIP Int: People of the Parish
<i>Monday 7th September - No Holy Mass</i>				
Tuesday	8 th Sept	9.30 am	Holy Mass - <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast</i>	Int: <i>Holy Souls</i>
<i>Wednesday 9th September, Thursday 10th September, Friday 11th September - No Holy Mass</i>				
Saturday	12 th Sept	6.30 pm	Vigil of The Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year Holy Mass	Int: Mary Gallagher RIP
Sunday	13 th Sept	8.30 am 11.00 am	The Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Holy Souls Int: People of the Parish

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CONFESSIONS		SATURDAY			Before Vigil Mass	
	Sat 5 th Sept. 6.30 pm	Sun 6 th Sept. 8.30 am	Sun 6 th Sept. 11.00 am	Sat 12 th Sept. 6.30 pm	Sun 13 th Sept. 8.30 am	Sun 13 th Sept. 11.00 am
Readers	Pat S Marianne J	Mia K	John W Teresa S	John M Ted McG	Nicola S	Vera DeM Ann W
Eucharistic Ministers	Ian W Maeve O'D	Tony H	John S Anne M	Pat H Fiona M	Anthony K	Stephanie M Maris O'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.