

Catholic Church of St Anthony of Padua, West Moors

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13th September 2026 – Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

Message from Fr Darline:

As we continue to navigate this period of uncertainty, I wanted to share the latest update following my recent conversation with Bishop Nicholas. He has confirmed that the diocese will need a little more time before making a final decision regarding the future arrangements for St Catherine's, Wimborne, and St Anthony's, West Moors Parishes.

As a result, the present arrangement will be extended for another couple of months, covering September, October, and into November. I know many of you have been wondering what is happening, so I hope this gives some clarity for now.

We are all aware that the diocese is very thin on the ground at the moment. The challenge lies simply in the shortage of priests, and I believe the Bishop is doing everything possible to support us, which explains the careful and prayerful pace of decision-making.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the way both parishes have been supporting me. We have all felt a collective anxiety and uncertainty, yet your patience, kindness, and encouragement have helped me to keep going. Truly, your goodness has sustained me, and I am deeply grateful.

I would like to make a special word of thanks to all the supply priests who have been helping us so generously over these past months, especially Father Tony Pennicott and Monsignor Canon Paul Townsend. Their availability, kindness, and timely support have been invaluable. They will continue to assist us in the coming months as well. Whenever they are unable to cover, I will continue to look for priests from other places, both within the diocese and beyond, as this has been our pattern throughout.

Let us continue forward together with prayer, hope, and gentle optimism. Please also pray for everyone involved in making these decisions, that they may be guided with wisdom, compassion, and clarity.

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.

Golden & Silver Jubilee Celebration

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Dorchester, warmly invites parishioners from neighbouring parishes to join us in celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our church and the **Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Diaconate of Deacons Geoffrey Carey, Jonathan Simon and Jim Brennan.** Jubilee Mass: Monday 12 October 2026 at 6.00 pm, celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson, followed by a social gathering in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm. All are warmly welcome to join us in this joyful celebration of thanksgiving.

Vocations Mass – Thursday 24th September

On Thursday 24th September at 6.30pm our local Catenians have arranged with Fr. Darline for a Mass to be offered for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. This is a most important intention, not only for our own diocese, but also for the whole Catholic Church in the UK. The Mass will be offered by Fr. Ryan Browne who was ordained just last year and is now based at Portsmouth Cathedral. Prior to his ordination he lived with his parents in Bournemouth and attended St. Peters School before going onto Exeter University and then studying for the Priesthood in Rome.

Mission Made Possible Roadshow – Save the Date.

Evangelisation Roadshow' Saturday 26th September at St Benedict's Gillingham 10 am to 2.15 pm. The Diocesan Evangelisation Team are bringing the Roadshow to different areas of the diocese so that you can hear about the latest outreach projects and participate in the

excitement of sharing ideas with others from Dorset. Refreshments (coffee/tea, croissants and fruit) will be provided but please bring a packed lunch to see you through! Fr Cletus will start the day with Mass at 10 am with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The presentations will start at 11 am then a workshop so that we can harvest/discuss your ideas from the day. We finish with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking forward to growing in mission with you in north Dorset! ALL welcome! Contact: pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk

World Day of Migrants & Refugees Sunday 27th Sept.

“Even just one of these children” The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

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	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
<i>Monday 14th September - No Holy Mass</i>				
Tuesday	15 th Sept	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Int: Holy Souls
<i>Wednesday 16th Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September - No Holy Mass</i>				
Saturday	19 th Sept	6.30 pm	Vigil of The Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year Holy Mass	Int: Marjorie Isaacs RIP
Sunday	20 th Sept	8.30 am 11.00 am	The Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Holy Souls

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CONFESSIONS		SATURDAY			Before Vigil Mass	
	Sat 12 th Sept. 6.30 pm	Sun 13 th Sept. 8.30 am	Sun 13 th Sept. 11.00 am	Sat 19 th Sept. 6.30 pm	Sun 20 th Sept. 8.30 am	Sun 20 th Sept. 11.00 am
Readers	John M Ted McG	Nicola S	Vera DeM Ann W	Jan J John J	Michael L	Martin L Alex W
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat H Fiona M	Anthony K	TBC Maris O'B	Emma B Ian W	Ann E	David S Theresa S

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