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THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS TWO WEEKS

4th October 2026 – Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year
11th October 2026 – Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

First Holy Communion

If your child is in school year 3 or above and you would like them to join the First Holy Communion lessons, please fill in a form, which is available at the back of church, and return it to the parish office.

Jenny Whitfield RIP

We were sorry to learn of the death of Jenny Whitfield. Her Funeral is on Friday 9th October at 12.00 pm at St. Anthony's

Noreen Hewitt RIP

We were sorry to learn of the death of Noreen Hewitt. Funeral arrangements will be made known soon.

May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

Tea and Natter Afternoon

The SVP will be holding our next Tea and Natter afternoon on Thursday 8th October between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. The event is open to all parishioners and any friends or family who may like to come. Tea/coffee and cake will be available. There is no charge and all are welcome. If transport is required, please contact any member of the SVP.

Care for Creation – A Special Year

The Year of St Francis 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Pope Leo XIV declared that it will be a special Year of St Francis in which we are all called to become saints in our world, following St Francis' example. We are called to model a holiness of life and witness to peace. The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

Faith in Action Against Modern Slavery Event

See, speak, Act - Join Caritas and Clewer for an event to learn how to recognise the signs, respond safely and take action against slavery and exploitation on Wednesday 14th October 2026, 1pm-5pm at Plymouth Methodist Central Hall, Eastlake Street, PL1 1BA. To register:- email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone 01364 645440

Day of Reflection – Saturday 17 October, Bodmin

Have you ever asked the question, 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 17 October from 10:00 to 15:00 at St Mary's Parish Centre, St Mary's Road, Bodmin PL31 1HF.

The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talk's with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. Pickups from Bodmin station can be arranged if required. For more information and to register your interest please contact:
Fr. Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or
Fr. Ralph Candy on vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

World Day of Prayer ecumenical prayer service

There will be lunch and chat on the 21 October at 12 noon at St Marys church hall, West Moors, in preparation for the Ecumenical World Day of Prayer to be held in March 2027. Please take an invitation from the back of the Church.

Vacancy - Deputy Headteacher

The Cathedral School of St Mary, Plymouth

Do you have the vision, drive, and leadership skills to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people? We are seeking an inspirational and strategic leader to

join our senior leadership team. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future direction of our school, working closely with colleagues, pupils, families, and the wider Trust to secure excellence in teaching, learning, and pastoral care. Full details, job description, recruitment pack and application form can be found using the link below or contact Suzie Williams Diocesan Schools Commission Administrator.
Tel: 01364 645385
https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-PIC-0145

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, 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	3rd Oct	6.30 pm	**Vigil of The Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass	Int: Richard Storey RIP *
Sunday	4th Oct	8.30 am 11.00 am	**The Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Desmond Callaghan RIP
Monday 5th October - No Holy Mass				
Tuesday	6th Oct	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Int: Holy Souls
Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October - No Holy Mass				
Friday	9th Oct	12.00 pm	Requiem Mass Jenny Whitfield RIP	
Saturday	10th Oct	6.30 pm	**Vigil of The Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish
Sunday	11th Oct	8.30 am 11.00 am	**The Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Members and Benefactors of the Secular Clergy Fund Int: Soan Family Intentions
Monday 12th October - No Holy Mass				
Tuesday	13th Oct	***9.00 am***	Holy Mass ***(Please note the time !!)***	Int: Holy Souls
Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October - No Holy Mass				
Saturday	17th Oct	6.30 pm	**Vigil of The Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish
Sunday	18th Oct	8.30 am 11.00 am	**The Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year** Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Tom O'Brien RIP Int: Kostek Family RIP

Mass Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A Volume 2, 27th Sunday Page 137, 28th Sunday Page 140

CONFESSIONS			**SATURDAY**			**BEFORE VIGIL MASS**			
	Sat 3rd Oct 6.30 pm	Sun 4th Oct 8.30 am	Sun 4th Oct 11.00 am	Sat 10th Oct 6.30 pm	Sun 11th Oct 8.30 am	Sun 11th Oct 11.00 am	Sat 17th Oct 6.30 pm	Sun 18th Oct 8.30 am	Sun 18th Oct 11.00 am
Readers	Maeve O'D Pat S	Mia K	Paul O'B Maris O'B	Marianne J John M	Paul W	Chris M Rita B	Ted McG Jan J	Nicola S	Anne M Kevin W
Eucharistic Ministers	Emma B Ian W	Tony H	Rita B Peter B	Jan J John J	Anthony K	Anne M John S	Pat H Fiona M	Ann E	Chris M Stephanie M

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