



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025 — THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

(Readings: Is 40:1-5.9-11 Ps 104(103) Tt 32:11-14.3:4-7 Lk :3:15-16.21-22)

Sunday 12th	The Baptism of the Lord	9am	Mass	People of the Parish
Friday 17th	St Anthony	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10am	Mass	Michael & Jean Ward RIP
Sunday 19th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Mass	People of the Parish

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for ...

those whose anniversaries occur during January: Maud Egerton, Philippa Egerton, Helena Kelly, Jane Goodall, Gwladys Lloyd, Charles Campbell, Dorothy Goodall, Nicholas Mills-Hicks, Patrick Doherty, Annie Mainwaring, Elizabeth Campbell, Phylis Gillard, Kathy Fairchild

the sick and/or housebound including: Kit Cook, Ian Kilpatrick, Roddy Meredith, Paul & Jan Demery, Geoff Luckman, Ian Wood, Audrey Campbell and Jean Rose.

Children's Liturgy Children under 4 years of age need to be supervised by a parent/carer.



Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

On Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family, our Diocese joined the Church across the world in celebrating a Holy Year. This kind of Jubilee comes every 25 years and gives us the occasion throughout the whole year to celebrate every aspect of the Church's life and ministry. Pope Francis encourages us to recognise our status as Pilgrims of Hope during this year, whether we are in need of receiving that hope, or are honoured with the ministry of giving hope. We journey together as a Church, and as a parish community, always looking upon our loving Saviour, to bring hope and light to even the darkest places. Look out for ways we as a parish are going to celebrate this Jubilee, and join yourself in prayer and pilgrimage with the whole Church, that true Hope settles in the hearts of all.

CARITAS: an online catch up on Tuesday 21 January from 11.30-12.15 to talk about the cost of living crisis and what information and guidance Caritas can provide to parishes who may be approached for support. We will also be inviting SVP conferences and school pastoral workers to join us. Please register here to receive Zoom details <https://forms.office.com/e/pD07Rwu1K7>.

Reaching out to those who are homeless: Winter is a particularly difficult time for people who don't have a place to call home. No one should be sleeping outside but there are still many people who are sleeping rough or relying on the generosity of friends or family. Catholic Social Teaching principles remind us that having adequate shelter is a basic human right; a right that the Church affirms as a key part of respecting and recognising our personhood. It can be difficult to know what to do when meeting someone living on the street, but Caritas Diocese of Plymouth suggests a few small actions to make a difference: Please Pray for all those who live on the streets with no shelter, especially during the cold winter weather. If you see someone sleeping rough, make a report to "StreetLink" on 0300 500 0914 or via <https://thestreetlink.org.uk/>. This will connect someone with local support services. You can also give the number to someone to get help for themselves. Share the Caritas guide with your fellow parishioners to explore ways to help in your local community <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Jan-24-Homelessness-guide.pdf> Contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like more information.

Diocesan Year Books – these hopefully will be delivered to the Cathedral, collected and available to you sometime in the next two weeks.

Repository—General/religious birthday cards have been added to the card stand on the table at the back of the church—75p each.

Tavistock Area Christians Together - Unity Service & AGM - Sunday 26th January 4-6.30pm, United Reformed Church, Russell Street, Tavistock You are warmly invited to attend the above as part of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025; the Unity service will start at 4pm followed by the AGM at around 5.30pm, with refreshments in between. It is always a joy & blessing to celebrate together, and a time of great encouragement with updates from TACT's many joint activities as we hear of what God has been doing through the unity of His church in our area ! Do come along if you can...

"Growbaby" is coming to Tavistock Methodist Church! (...find us next to the bus station). Local "Growbaby" groups are supported by Growbaby International, a Christian charity whose aim is to support families by providing essential clothing and equipment in good condition. These things will be provided free of charge to local families with babies and toddlers, regardless of income & background, and of any faith, or none. At each session there will be clothing and equipment for families to view and take away and any donations will be received. We hope that Growbaby will be a place where community is formed, & friendships made with an opportunity for families to stay and play with their children whilst having a coffee and chat. We will pray for families each time they come to see us and share the love of Jesus. Our **opening day is on Tuesday the 14th January** and we will be having coffee and cake in the lower hall. All are welcome to drop in and see what we do between **10am and 12pm**. Growbaby will then run **every Tuesday during term time**. For more information on this international charity, please click this link which will take you to the Growbaby website: [Run a Growbaby | Growbaby International](#).

Diocesan Vacancies

We are recruiting a **Head of Safeguarding** based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. To express your interest please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk See Noticeboard for Details of the post. Closing date for applications: **20th January 2025**

We are recruiting a **Property Administrator** based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. To express your interest please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Closing date for applications: **Monday 3 February 2025**

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse.

Gather 2025 Jubilate A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, Friday 28th - Sunday 30th March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office, see facebook page or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

Snowdrop Planting at Tinhay Retreats 2025—Lifton PL16 0EL. Join us on Saturday 1st or Saturday 8th February 2025. Help plant 1000 snowdrops within the grounds. Come and plant snowdrops in loving memory of someone special or as a symbol of hope and peace. No Charge—donations invited.

Diocesan Lenten Retreats 2025 at St Rita's, Honiton – see poster on the noticeboard for details.

Retrouvaille—a lifeline for Married Couples—leaflets are available at the back of the church (next to the newsletters)

Tavistock Food Bank. For your information the following goods are required at our food bank: **Long life milk, Fruit Juice, Tea, Biscuits & Jam.** Thank you.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Darren Clarke - 07311 346522

Collections: 5th January			
Loose: £127.10	Card £52	Standing Orders: £665	Catholic Children's Society Crib Offerings £:54.65
Mass Attendance: 54			Thank you.

Pope's Intentions for January—For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.