



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene
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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025 — THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Sunday 9th **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9am Mass Gareth Harries RIP

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors, especially to Fr Anthony Cockram today

Fr Anil is away from 27th January until 7th March 2025—during his absence there will be no Friday Mass

Please pray for ...

those whose anniversaries occur during the month of February: Margaret Lambert, Arthur Hewett, Patrick Garrity, & Linda Chilvers

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

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

Parish Census Form. We need to update our Parish Records. Please could all parishioners take a copy of the form, complete it and return to the Parish Office in the envelope provided. Thank you.

Palm Crosses—please can you bring back your palm crosses from last year and place them in the basket provided at the back of the church from next week. Thank you .

Diocesan Year Books – are available at the back of the church, please take one home—they are FREE

Sleeping Bags I am collecting sleeping bags for the Homeless Charity Shekinah in Plymouth. If anyone has a spare, please bring to church and leave in the Kitchen. Many thanks. Rosemarie Richards.

Does anyone know of a **Television** which is not used or needed as one of our Syrian Families would like one? Please see Gill Mill. Thank you.

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.

We are seeking **young people to join us on the Jubilee, Rome Pilgrimage**. The pilgrimage is being led by Fr Albert Lawes. We will fly out on **the 28th July and return on Monday 4th August**. £1300 covers the cost of accommodation, food and travel. Please either put forward a **young adult (20-35 years)** that you feel is suitable or encourage young people to apply for a place. Places are limited to 10. It is hoped that 2 young people from each deanery will attend. Form to complete: <https://forms.office.com/e/fhZ8zmvLy6>
All applications must be received by **Monday 17th February**. Saskia Hogbin, Youth Events & Youth Ministry

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 22nd February 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE – THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR GUIDE." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Gerry Penfold. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at [/bit.ly/ADOREFEB2025](https://bit.ly/ADOREFEB2025) More information at www.altonrenewal.com

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita—8th February 2025. St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. Josephine Margaret Bakhita was a Sudanese-Italian Canossian religious sister who lived in Italy for 45 years, after having been a slave in Sudan. In 2000 she was declared a saint.

On her Feast Day on 8 February, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. Modern Slavery is one of the social action themes for the Jubilee. To find out more about this important issue and how you can respond, please visit <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/jubilee2025socialaction/>

UNBOUND – a practical guide to deliverance and true Freedom in Christ. In this Jubilee year where Pope Francis has asked us to be “Pilgrims of Hope” this day will offer practical guidance on the spiritual battle of life and how inner healing and deliverance can give us true freedom in Christ. The day is being led by Sue Walsh the National Co-ordinator of Unbound Prayer ministry UK. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 15th February 10am-3pm. (Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Bookings need to be done through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: - SPUC Youth Conference 21-23 February 2025 TO ALL STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE - Are you passionate about the right to life of each and every human being? Do you feel strongly about pro-life issues and the quarter of a million babies aborted in the UK last year, alone?

If you do and want to find out more, then you need to attend the SPUC Youth Conference which will be held at: Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre in Stone, Staffordshire on 21-23 February.

The cost for the weekend is £140 which includes conference fees, all meals, accommodation, ceilidh and social activities. (Parental consent forms must be completed for those under 18yrs of age.) SPUC Plymouth branch is willing to support any student/person wishing to go but who is constrained by financial difficulties. Please contact Christine Hudson: 07742320717 - [//spuc.org.uk/event/youthconference/](https://spuc.org.uk/event/youthconference/)

SPUC - Assisted suicide: what you can do to defeat the Leadbeater Bill

MPs voted for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to pass its Second Reading in November. **This bill can still be defeated when MPs next vote at the end of April, but we need your help.** To find how to best lobby your MP on this issue, please attend the meeting by the SPUC Plymouth branch on **Friday 28 February at 7pm**. Speakers include Dr Mark Perry, Consultant Rheumatologist and Christian Medical Fellowship representative, and Alithea Williams, Public Policy Manager at SPUC.

Address: St Peter's RC Church, St Boniface Lane, Crownhill. PLYMOUTH PL5 3AX. For more information, contact Christine Hudson on Email: chrishud78@talktalk.net or Tel: 07742320717

Flame 2025, Saturday 15th March 2025 Flame is aimed at young people aged 13- 23. The Diocese will be taking 2 coaches of young people one coach starting from Plymouth, picking up on route through Devon. The other coach will be taking a group from Dorset. Flame is a series of speakers and bands from across the world. This year's lineup includes: Lily Jo; Guvna B; Bear Grylls and Bryan Enriquez amongst others. Young people are always very inspired by the event. For more details about the programme: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/> Tickets are £35 to include entry and travel. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xFz6K2Vkd7> For further information contact, Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Talk by Mike Gurney, Treasurer of Exeter Palestine Solidarity Campaign at the United Reformed Church, Russell Street, Tavistock on Tuesday 4th March at 7pm. All welcome. See poster on noticeboard.

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.

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

Tavistock Food Bank. For your information the following goods are required at our food bank: **Coffee, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Carrots, Rice, Pasta Sauce.** Thank you.

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

Collections: 2nd February				
Loose: 162.50	Card £83	Standing Orders: £390	Mass Attendance: 75	Thank you.

<p>Pope's Intentions for February—For the Terminally ill</p> <p>We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.</p>
