

**St Mary & St Petroc Bodmin + St Petroc Padstow +
St Paul Tintagel + St Michael Wadebridge**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth
Plymouth Diocesan Trust (Registered Charity No. 213227)

Third Sunday in Advent Year A Psalter 3 2025
(Gaudete Sunday)
14th – 21st December

	Bodmin	Padstow	Tintagel	Wadebridge
Saturday 13th St. Lucy		5.30pm Vigil Mass <i>Neita Tolhurst RIP</i>		
Sunday 14th 3 rd Sundy of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	10.30am Mass <i>Carlos Pereira RIP</i> 6pm - Advent Carols		5.30pm Mass	8.30am Mass
Monday 15th	10:00am - Mass <i>Wilf Keech RIP</i>			
Tuesday 16th		10am Mass	9.30am Holy Hour for Life	
Wednesday 17th	10:00am – General School Mass			
Thursday 18th			10.00am Mass	
Friday 19th				10:00am Mass
Saturday 20th	10.00AM – Service of Reconciliation & Confession	5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 21st 4 th Sunday of Advent (Christmas Crib Erection)	10.30am Mass		5.00pm Mass	8.30am Mass

Confessions

On request after all Masses (Except Sunday Masses outside Bodmin)

*Madonna/Gentle Madonna,/It's so sweet,/to be your children/
Protect us,/O dear Madonna/we need your/Motherly care*

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First reading from the Prophet Isaiah (35:1-6a,10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Sion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: Come, Lord, and save us.

Second reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to James (5:7-10)

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient.

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew (11:2-11)

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'

And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Hilary Cornelieus RIP: Tuesday 23rd December Funeral Mass 12noon St Mary's Church.

MASSSES AT TINTAGEL: Please take note of these temporary changes to the time of masses on these days. **21st of December at 5pm** and **24th of December at 4:30pm & 5:00pm** (Christmas Carol and Vigil mass respectively). We are sorry for the mistake in the Advent/Christmas program.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 20th of December at 10:00am, we will have the General Service of Reconciliation and Individual confessions in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The Lord is waiting for us at His Throne of Mercy.

Parking at St Mary's: Please do not park in St Mary's Gardens (the Old Abbey) or block the entrance, as this is private parking. There is availability in the school's carpark which you will a code, just phone the office for it, or the parish centre has parking. Thank you.

Advent Carol Service Sunday 14th December 6pm: It is taking place this Sunday at our Church in Bodmin. All are invited.

Caritas has produced this Advent Giving Calendar. It is designed for all of us to use this season to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. We would like to support the families in our parish school. To do this we will be collecting **hygiene items** that will help them to stay healthy and hopefully will bring them some cheer over Christmas and into the stark months of January. Please place in the box provide next weekend.

A Special Thank you: A big thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we are hoping to continue this into the New Year. God bless us all, Amen.

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their apostolates of prayer, parish missions, hospitality, chaplaincy and youth work. Any amount, large or small is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. Cheques payable to **COLW** can be sent to *House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ*. More information, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org E: office@walsinghamcommunity.org T: 01362 692574.

A special edition newsletter has issued today celebrating the installation of Bishop Nicholas Hudson .
<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-860B12BD0A8754D92540EF23F30FEDED>

Teens residential, 23rd - 25th January 2026, Est Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor
The 2026 teens residential (those aged 13-17) are invited to explore lives of people holding the refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There is time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. Once listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to do. This event cost £50pp. To book: For further information: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

HCPT fundraiser: Chris and Bon Corcoran ran the Valencia marathon last Sunday in aid of HCPT. Thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause. The just giving page is open if you would like to donate.

Parish Office: Opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-12noon.
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Newsletter: Available on our website. Deadline for items 10am Thursday.

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Masses on-line: Our 10.30am Mass is livestreamed onto Facebook & YouTube.

Refreshments: Usually served after Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass Padstow and
10.30am Sunday Mass at St Mary's Parish Centre, Bodmin.

Donations to support others: Foodbank items can be left at the back of our churches. Plymouth
Diocesan Children's Society boxes are available to recycle items.

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Please keep in your prayers our sick and housebound Parishioners including *Carole Coates, Mary Jephcote, Stanley Dunlop-Martin, Greg Lee, Marion Vickery, Gino Paul Petrillo, Julia Alcock, Barrie Shipley, Charlotte Osborne, Stephen Bournes.* May the Lord bless them and all who care for them.

If you would like a Mass intention, please let the office know.

Food Bank Collection: At the back of the church there is a collection basket for donations for the Food Bank

The Pope's December Intentions – For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope. (<https://www.popesprayer.va>)