

**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)

**Fourth Sunday in Advent Year A Psalter 3 2025**

20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> December

	<b>Bodmin</b>	<b>Padstow</b>	<b>Tintagel</b>	<b>Wadebridge</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		5.30pm Vigil Mass <i>Raymond Jones</i>		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Christmas Crib Erection)	10.30am Mass		5.00pm Mass	8.30am Mass
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00am - Mass <i>Hilary Cornelius RIP</i>			
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 Noon Funeral Mass</b> <i>Hilary Cornelieus</i>	10am Mass	9.30am Holy Hour for Life	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>6.00pm Christmas Carols &amp; readings</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>9:00pm Midnight Mass</b>		<b>4.30pm Christmas Carols</b> <b>5pm – Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>10:30am Mass</b>	<b>9:00am Mass</b>		<b>8.30am Mass</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b> St Stephen – Feast Boxing Day	10:00am Mass for Alter Servers- Renewal of Promises Families of Mulalley Corcoran, Scanlon, Holland RIP			
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b> St John Apostle		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Feast of the Holy Family	10.30am Mass		5.30pm 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*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### First reading from the Prophet Isaiah (7:10-14)

In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz: ‘Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.’ But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.’ And Isaiah said, ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel.’

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial:** Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.

### Second reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Romans (1:1-7)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew (1:18-24)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Emmanuel’ —  
which means, God with us.

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Hilary Cornelieus RIP:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December Funeral Mass 12noon St Mary's Church.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December Padstow** - An Invitation to join the Anglican Community for Nine Lessons and Carols at 10.00am all welcome.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December** – Tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Centre

**Thank you to everyone** who supported our Christmas social, by donating raffle prizes, buying tickets, attending and to everyone who worked to make it a success.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.maryshouseappeal.org) E: [office@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:office@walsinghamcommunity.org) T: 01362 692574.

**Teens residential**, 23rd - 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Christmas Giving Envelopes are available at the back of the churches.**

**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 Bourne*. 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>)