

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

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth**

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**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A Psalter Wk1, 2025**  
28<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

	<b>Bodmin</b>	<b>Padstow</b>	<b>Tintagel</b>	<b>Wadebridge</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b> St. John - Apostle		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	10.30am Mass <i>For the repose of the souls of all unborn children.</i>		5.30pm Mass	8.30am Mass
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b> St. Thoms Becket	10:00am - Mass			
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am Mass		9.30am Holy Hour for Life	
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> St. Sylvester	<b>5:30pm New Year Vigil Mass</b>			
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>January</b> <b>Mother, Mother of God - Solemnity</b>	10:30am Mass	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	<b>8.30am Mass</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> St. Basil the Great				10:00am Mass
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am Mass <i>Fr. Michael Savage RIP</i>		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*

# Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## First reading from Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial:** Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

## Second reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Colossians (3:12-21)

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The word of the Lord.

**All reply:** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia: May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew (2:13-15, 19-23)

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All reply:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

## **Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2026**

If you have a child in year 3 or above who would like to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation in 2026 please contact the parish office. Also if you would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and are 14 or over please contact the parish office.

**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.

**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.

**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)

## **PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST – ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. **May God bless all our supporters and donors.**

## **Christmas Message: “Today a Saviour has been born to us” (Luke 2:11).**

At Christmas, we rejoice in the gift of Jesus Christ, who comes to all peoples, cultures, and nations as Emmanuel - God with us. In Him, our differences become a blessing, and our diversity a sign of God's abundant love. As we welcome the Christ Child into our hearts and homes, may His presence unite us as one family of faith, strengthen our respect for one another, and inspire us to live in love, peace, and mutual understanding. May this holy season renew our hope and deepen our commitment to walk together as one parish, one body in Christ, & one big family.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

**With this blessing, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.**

Fr Placidus, Fr Robbie & Deacon Raf

**NOTE: Christmas Giving Envelops are available at the back of the churches**

**Parish Office:** Opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-12noon.  
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**Parish Account Details:** Bodmin RC Parish, Account number: 68166990, Sort Code:60-03-54



**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 January Intention – The prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. (<https://www.popesprayer.va>)