

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

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth**

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**Sixth Week in Ordinary Time, Year A; Psalter WK2, 2026**

15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

	<b>Bodmin</b>	<b>Padstow</b>	<b>Tintagel</b>	<b>Wadebridge</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Ord. Time</b>	10.30am Mass <i>Mary Jepcote RIP</i>		5.30pm Mass <i>Margaret Bowers RIP</i>	8.30am Mass <i>Vera &amp; Stan Hawthorne RIP</i>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am Mass			
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>NO MASS</b>	9.30am Holy Hour for Life	
<b>Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm Mass</b>	<b>10.00am Ecumenical Service</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b>	<b>8.30am Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>NO MASS 10:00AM - Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>				<b>9:30AM - Stations of the Cross 10:00am - Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	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*

## Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### First reading from the Book of Sirach (15:15-20)

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

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

**Responsorial:** Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

### Second reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (2:6-10)

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

### A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew (5:17-37)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.'

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.'

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.'

'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**Friday 27th Feb at 3pm Mary Jepcote funeral.**

### **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.

### **CAFOD Soup lunch**

There will be a CAFOD Lenten appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 21/22 February followed by a Family Fast day on Friday 27 February. Please join us for a CAFOD soup lunch after 10:30 Mass on Sunday 1 March in the parish centre. Everyone welcome to enjoy delicious homemade soups. All donations will benefit our brothers & sisters living with hunger. There is a list at the back of the church.

**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.

### **April 20th – 24th 2026.**

An Introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer* as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer.

For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands [paddyrylands@gmail.com](mailto:paddyrylands@gmail.com)

Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -1st July (Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend Retreat ( £350)

Venue: Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf) Cornwall.

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation.

Cost includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations.

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at [diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk) or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

**School Toiletries Collection:** There is a collection basket for donations in the church porch for St Mary's school. This is separate to the Food Bank baskets.

### **DO YOU LOVE KNITTING ?**

Over the last few years, parishioners from a number of parishes including the Assumption of Our Lady in Torquay and Our Lady of Lourdes and St Cecilia in Blandford Forum have knitted beautiful baby blankets, cardigans, hats, booties, mittens and teddy bears.

Thanks to these kind, wonderful knitters, we have posted many small bundles of knitted garments to families who apply for an Essential Grant as they don't have enough funds to pay for some of the basic essentials for their babies such as cots and mattresses, single and double pushchairs, baby monitors, baby clothes, travel systems, high chairs, car seats, sterilisers, electric breast pumps, changing bags and bottles, nappies and wipes. We've received some wonderful feedback from parents.

If you enjoy knitting and would like to help families of all faiths and none, please do get in touch with our Essential Grants Manager by calling **01364 645424** or by emailing [vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk)

These Easter chicks look pretty cute too

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**Parish Office:** Opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-12noon.  
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**Website:** [www.stmarysbodmin.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbodmin.org.uk)

**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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Tel: 01208 73218. Website: [www.st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk)

**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, Clare Giarchi, Terry Teague*. 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 February Intention – For children with incurable diseases.**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. (<https://www.popesprayer.va>)