

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

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth**  
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**Fourth Week in Lent, Year A; Psalter WK4, 2026**  
15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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></b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	10:30am Mass <i>The Akiemen Family INT</i>		5.30pm Mass <i>Mary Pettett &amp; Lucia Theuma RIP</i>	8.30am Mass <i>Joan Leeder RIP</i>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b> St. Francis of Rome	10:00am Mass			
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		10:00am Mass	9.30am Holy Hour for Life	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am School Mass Adoration after Mass <i>Israel Cobo &amp; Barrie Shipley RIP</i>			
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>12.00pm Stations of the Cross</b>	10:00am Mass <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross			9:30AM - Stations of the Cross 10:00am - Mass
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	10.30am Mass <i>Deryck &amp; Mark Darby RIP</i> <i>The Akiemen Family INT</i>		5.30pm Mass <i>Josephine Pettett INT</i>	8.30am Mass

**PRAYER FOR LENT:**

God of growth, in the beginning you planted a garden and walked with us, your beloved creation. Teach us to tread lightly as we care for all you made.

God the Sower you plant seeds of your Kingdom in the soil of our hearts. Water them with your Word and weed out fear and selfishness. Cultivate in us your compassion so we may truly love our neighbours.

God of Gethsemane you chose the tree of suffering which would bring us new life. May its roots grow deep within us, inspiring us to seek justice so all people may flourish in the garden of your grace. Amen.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First reading from the First Book of Samuel (16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)**

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

The word of the Lord.

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

**Responsorial:** The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14**

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

The word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

**Padstow Churches Together - Lent Lunches for Water Aid - 12.30 to 2pm followed by Lent Talk.**

16 March - St. Merryn Church Hall

23 March - Padstow Church Rooms (Catholic Community)

**A zoom course for Lent - The Parables of Jesus.**

Thursday 19th March. Sr Bernadette Reis - The Parable of the Prodigal Son. 7pm.

Thursday 26th March. Mr Simon Giarchi - The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

Please feel free to join this **Newquay parish zoom course** during our Lenten journey together.

The Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 Password is 125755

**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.

**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 Ryland

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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@predtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@predtr.org.uk) or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

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

**Lift needed:** If anyone offer a parishioner can offer a lift from Camelford to Tintagel for Sunday Mass, Please let the office know.

**CAFOD collection - £755.76 soup lunch £229.50 total £985.26 once again thank you for your generosity.**

**Save the Date: Friday 17th April at 7pm: LOVENY MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT**

St Mary's Catholic Church Bodmin. Tickets: £10 (children under 18 free) phone parish office 01208 72833 or on the door on the night.

**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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Tel: 01208 73218. Website: [www.st-marys-bod.comwall.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-bod.comwall.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, Stanley Dunlop-Martin, Greg Lee, Marion Vickery, Gino Paul Petrillo, Julia Alcock, Barrie Shipley, Charlotte Osborne, Stephen Bournes, Clare Giarchi, Terry Teague, Kay Heard.* 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 March Intention – For disarmament and peace.**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. (<https://www.popesprayer.va>)

### Confessions

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