

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

Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth
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Fifth Week in Lent, Year A; Psalter WK1, 2026
22nd – 29th March 2026

	Bodmin	Padstow	Tintagel	Wadebridge
Saturday 21st		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 22nd 5th Sunday in Lent	10:30am Mass <i>Deryck & Mark Darby RIP</i> <i>The Akiemen Family INT</i>		5.30pm Mass Josephine Pettett INT	8.30am Mass <i>Joan Leeder RIP</i>
Monday 23rd St. Francis of Rome	10:00am Mass			
Tuesday 24th		10:00am Mass <i>INT Cian & Graham</i> <i>Willett -Dalglish &</i> <i>their sustainable Living</i> <i>Project</i>	9.30am Holy Hour for Life	
Wednesday 25th The Annunciation of the Lord	10:00am Whole School Mass <i>Carlos Pereira RIP</i> No Adoration			
Thursday 26th		12.00pm Stations of the Cross	10:00am Mass Stations of the Cross	
Friday 27th	6:00pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm: Stations of the Cross			9:30AM - Stations of the Cross 10:00am - Mass
Saturday 28th	10am - Sacrament of Reconciliation	5.30pm Vigil Mass <i>INT Lottie & Rebekah</i> <i>Reids babies due soon</i>		
Sunday 29th Palm Sunday of	10.30am Mass <i>The Akiemen Family INT</i>		5.30pm Mass <i>John Baker RIP</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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First reading from the Book of Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Second reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

At that time: The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **29th March:** Clocks go forward.

- **3rd April Good Friday:** Second Collection

- **7th April, Tuesday:** Barrie Shipley funeral is 12.30pm

Choir practice: Choristers, we will have a practice in preparation to the Holy Week Celebration.

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

Padstow Churches Together - Lent Lunches for Water Aid - 12.30 to 2pm followed by Lent Talk.
23 March - Padstow Church Rooms (Catholic Community)

Wednesday 1st April 12 noon at Plymouth Cathedral: Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating our Chrism Mass. A pasty will be provided, so please do let the office know your pasty requirement by Monday.

4th April Holy Saturday: Swieconka (Blessing of the Baskets): This is a beautiful Polish tradition which will take place in Bodmin Church at 2.00pm - Baskets of food are blessed in preparation to Easter Celebration. Everyone is welcome to join the ritual!

A zoom course for Lent - The Parables of Jesus.

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

paddyrylands@gmail.com

Jun 26th -28th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

Jun 26th -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 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.

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.

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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, Stanley Dunlop-Martin, Greg Lee, Marion Vickery, Gino Paul Petrillo, Julia Alcock, 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)