

**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)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A; 2026

3rd – 10th May 2026

	Bodmin	Padstow	Tintagel	Wadebridge
Saturday 2nd		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 3rd 5 th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass		5:30pm Mass	8.30am Mass
Monday 4th ENGLISH MARTYRS	10:00am Mass 6:30pm - Rosary			
Tuesday 5th	6:30pm - Rosary	10:00am Mass	9.30am Holy Hour for Life	
Wednesday 6th	10.00am Mass 6:30pm - Rosary			
Thursday 7th	6:30pm - Rosary		10:00am Mass	
Friday 8th	Exposition/Adoration & Rosary 6:30pm - 7:30pm			10:00am - Mass
Saturday 9th		5.30pm Vigil Mass		
Sunday 10th 6 th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass		5.30pm Mass	8.30am Mass

The Pope's May Intention – That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. (<https://www.popesprayer.va>)

Confessions

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

May Devotion (Month of Our Lady) - 6:30pm (Monday - Friday)

During the month of May, the Church honours the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way, a tradition rooted in centuries of Christian devotion. It is a time to reflect on her faith, humility, and trust in God, and to seek her intercession in our lives.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join in our May Devotions, including the praying of the Rosary and Marian hymns, as we grow together in prayer and love for Our Lady.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First reading from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7)

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

Second reading from the first letter of St Peter (2:4-9)

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation; Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel According John (14:1-12)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

2nd Collection: 9th/10th May - Mission Appeal at all Masses.

Heatree Residential 15th - 17th May, 'Go make disciples of all nations' Matt 28:19

Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book follow the link: [Heatree 2026 15th-17th May – Fill in form](#) Further information email; Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Laudato Si Week: Laudato Si week will be celebrated on 17th-24th May this year. To celebrate, why not hold a picnic with your community to enjoy the beauty of Creation around you. You may like to hold this on the 16th of May as a moment of reflection before the week begins, so that your hearts will be in a disposition to enjoy the wonders of Creation that God reveals to you during the Laudato Si week.

God's Wild Acre: Caritas invites you to take part in a new project – God's Wild Acre. Do you have a little space in your garden, a window box, or any area you can give to encourage nature to do what it does best? We would like to reach an acre of land that has been set aside to celebrate creation's wild growing. Please send us your stories, images and size of your plot so that we can share them on our media streams caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY ON FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2026 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE

Principal Celebrant: Father Jose Romero OAR

The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for the sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website www.stritascentre.org and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm. We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am. Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you, and there will be a small army of volunteers working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy feast day for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

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@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

Gardeners wanted !

Do you enjoying gardening and have a little time to spare. The children and staff at St. Mary's School, Bodmin are looking for helpers. This could be for a one-off support to help move a delivery of soil, to tidying up the grounds of the school or even more regularly getting involved with helping a gardening club for the pupils. There are plenty of ways you can use your skills and talents to help, and all help is very much appreciated. To discuss what you may be able to join in with, please contact Anna Cox at the school on 01208 73218 or email her at pastorallead@st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk Thank you. Every little helps, and we look forward to welcoming you to the school environment.

School Toiletries 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.

Food Bank Collection: At the back of the church there is a collection basket for donations for the Food Bank.

Parish Office: Opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-12noon.
St Mary's Parish Centre; St Mary's Road; Bodmin PL31 1NF.
Tel: 01208 72833. email: bodmin@prcdtr.org.uk

Website: 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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Parish School: St Mary's Catholic Primary, Barn Lane, Bodmin PL31 1LW.
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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, Charlotte Osborne, Stephen Bournes, Clare Giarchi, 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.