



# Catholic Parish of the Holy Trinity Plymouth



28 November 2020

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## First Sunday of Advent (year of Matthew)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mass (of Advent Sunday)</b>	Int: Robin Bird RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mass (of St Andrew)</b>	Int: Teresa Kidney RIP (Fdn)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mass (of St Osmund)</b>	Int: Spiritual Welfare of Sister Kevin (Fdn)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass (of St Francis Xavier)</b>	<b>10am at St Paul's</b> Int: Owen Fernandez RIP & Joyce Fernandez intentions (Fdn)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mass (of Advent)</b>	<b>10am at Holy Family</b> Int: Michael O'Conner RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mass (of Advent Sunday 2)</b>	<b>5.30pm at Saint Paul's</b> Int: Gawdenzia Zammit RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mass (of Advent Sunday 2)</b>	<b>9am at Holy Family</b> Int: Walter James Noonan RIP (Fdn)
	<b>Mass (of Advent Sunday 2)</b>	<b>10.30am at Holy Redeemer</b> Int: Rev. Brother John Hugh McDonald RIP (Fdn)

## MASSES

**Public masses resume on THURSDAY of this week.**

Tier 2 laws mean we can assemble for mass,  
but there can be no socialising between families inside church,  
socialising between families is allowed outside church up to a maximum of six people.

In case of danger of death or for similar grave reason, priests are still allowed to visit and bring the sacraments to peoples' homes. Ring 07717221265

**Mass at the cathedral is still available online at 10am each morning**

## Technology Grant

So far no-one has suggested any names of people who might benefit from this grant. Please do think and get in touch.

The deanery has some money from a grant which is to help overcome adult isolation through providing technology to help people make contact with others. This could be a telephone to be able to talk to family and friends, or a tablet to be able to skype others or join in mass on line, and so on. There is no financial contribution from the person receiving the technology needed.

## A precious place of God's grace

A couple of weeks ago a document was sent out with the newsletter from Bishop Mark and his Council, called "a precious place of God's grace".

With so many documents being sent out at the moment, it is easy for important ones to get "lost" among all the others, so this is a note to explain that this document is a very important one indeed which is the start of a process which will shape the future of our diocese over the next five to ten years.

For those who have misplaced the document, it is attached again this week. Several events lie behind the production of this document.

The first is the letter of Pope Francis "the joy of the gospel". It was his first letter and it is his manifesto for the Catholic Church. He asks us all to think how the Church needs to be renewed and changed so it can regain its vision and heart.

The second is a series of changes which have taken place in the church and the world over the last 50 or 60 years. By and large the church has not changed much, so we have thinking and structures which belong to a bygone age. Some thinking and structures of the church are unchangeable, but some are time conditioned to make the church at home in every generation and place. What do we have to change to be at home in the very different world of today. The changes have been accelerated by Covid.

The third event was when this year we ran out of replacement priests and for the first time a parish in our diocese cannot have one. As this will be more the case as our elderly priests retire over the next few years, the diocese realized we had to decide a strategy which would help us understand which parishes should have a priest and which should not.

The paper is the beginning of addressing the questions raised by these three events.

It will set the strategy for where priests are deployed, which parishes have a mass on Sundays and which perhaps have mass only on a weekday, how we can organize the diocese to be more missionary, what is the best use for our properties and so on.

There will be chances to be part of the discussions next year, even now the diocese wants to hear your initial responses. If you are able to take the time to read the document please do, any thoughts can be sent to [kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk) who will collate all the responses and they will form a starting point for discussions next year.