



Parish of the Sacred Heart and St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Welcome to Mass! Do please join in the singing of congregational hymns and enjoy our fellowship.

Second Week in Ordinary Time – Year B2, Psalter 2	
Saturday 13 th January 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Celia and Tom Dobson
Sunday 14 th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Barry Fullelove RIP Michael Kearns RIP
Tuesday 16 th January – 10am Mass	Holy Souls
Wednesday 17 th January – 10am Mass	Peace in Gaza
Thursday 18 th January – 10am Mass	Tommy Lamont RIP
Friday 19 th January – 10am Mass	Gift of the HS (MJT)
Saturday 20 th January 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Timmons family
Sunday 21 st January – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Antonio and Peter Macari Kearns & Noble Families RIP

Sacrament of reconciliation: Saturday before Mass 5.15 – 5.45pm.

Pastoral visits for the anointing of the sick are permitted at home, in our care homes and in hospital, so do please contact the parish office as necessary to arrange a visit by the parish priest or EMHC.

Please notify Fr Ralph or the Ecumenical Team Chaplaincy at Torbay Hospital should you require a visit by a Catholic Priest during your hospital stay, or Father will gladly anoint you before going into hospital.

This Week's Sunday Gospel: The First Disciples (John 1:35-42)

This year the ordinary Sunday gospel readings are taken from Mark, and this provides us with a full picture of that gospel. But Mark is the shortest of the gospels, and is not quite long enough, so just occasionally a reading from John slips in to enrich our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' words and actions. Today's story is about the call of the first disciples and takes place in the Jordan valley, where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so they had already joined his group who were waiting for the Messiah. They were ready when John pointed him out. It is striking that Jesus first calls them to be with him, and that they remain with him for a time. In our call to follow Christ, first comes prayer and getting to know him before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy. Only after this repose with the Lord do the disciples sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from that tranquillity and refreshment which comes from keeping company with Jesus. Do I spend enough time simply being with Jesus? What is God calling you to do?

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Parish Priest: Fr Ralph Candy

Fr Ralph writes...

PARISH SECRETARY: Gail will be returning to the office this coming week and we welcome her once more into the life of the parish. To enable me to devote more time to my Diocesan work and duties, Gail will become increasingly involved with the financial running of the parish, including the role of gift aid organiser, the administration of church hall bookings, and overseeing the production of the parish financial accounts in conjunction with the Diocesan Bookkeeper. (During the pandemic much of this work was undertaken by hard-working and devout volunteers who have kept the operation of the parish office running to this current day. We owe them a 'big thank you!') For information, Gail will be working in the office Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 12pm.

SAVE THE DATE: A *Parish Quiz* (not Bingo as I mistakenly thought!) hosted by the Social Committee is to be held on Saturday 3rd February. Details to follow in due course.

TWO PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND ORDINATION MASS: Bishop-Elect Christopher will be ordained and installed as the tenth Bishop of Plymouth on Thursday 22nd February at 12 noon in the Cathedral. In an effort to allocate seats fairly, EACH PARISH in the diocese will be given TWO TICKETS so that all our parishes will be represented.

If you would like the chance to attend the Mass, please WRITE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS ON A POSTCARD (names of spouses/couples on a separate card please) and drop through the PRESBYTERY POST-BOX by the close of MONDAY 22ND JANUARY. Please note you MUST be able to travel *independently* to the Cathedral without the assistance of Father Ralph or a carer as *only two seats can be allocated to our parish*. The names of TWO PARISHIONERS (to sit together but not necessarily a couple!) will be drawn from a hat after Mass on Tuesday 23rd January. You will be notified in due course about attendance and parking arrangements on the day.

Also, the **Service of Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral on 21 February**, the evening before the Ordination and Installation Mass, WILL BE OPEN TO ALL wishing to come and pray with and for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for the following day's profoundly significant ceremonies for him and for our diocese. Importantly, both the Solemn Vespers and the Ordination Mass and Installation will be live-streamed on the Plymouth Diocesan website.

GATHER CONFERENCE 2024:

The annual GATHER Conference unites people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. This year, once again, we will gather at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay, TQ2 6RQ from Friday 23 February – Sunday 25 February.

BOOKING: Single occupancy residential rate £180. Shared occupancy £165. Price includes 2 nights bed and breakfast, lunch and evening meal on Saturday, tea and coffee. Price does not include supper on Friday. Non-residential rate £55 includes full conference attendance, tea and coffee and lunch on Saturday. Price including dinner £95. Sunday lunch may be booked and paid for in advance or upon arrival at the hotel. Complete a booking form (available at the back of church) and email it to the plymouthgather@yahoo.com or send the form back to the hotel (address on booking forms).

CHURCH COLLECTION: 6/7 January £615-32. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.