

OUR LADY OF THE PORTAL & ST PIRAN, TRURO
&
OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA & ST ANTHONY, ST MAWES

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THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

DIVINE OFFICE ~ Week 1

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER	Truro	10.00 am	Mass	People of the parish
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	St Mawes	5.00 pm	Mass	People of the parish
MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER	NO MASS			
Weekday				
TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER	Truro	12 noon	Mass	Fr David Marsden int
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin; Mem				
WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER	Truro	10.00 am	Mass	Mary Bredin RIP
St Cecilia, V M; Mem	Truro	10.45 am	'Franciscan at Home'	
THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER	NO MASS			
Weekday	Plymouth	12 noon	Clergy Requiem	
FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER	Truro	10.00 am	Mass	Clergy of Plymouth Diocese
St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr M and Companions, Mm; Mem	followed by Adoration until mid-day			
SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER	Truro	6.00 pm	Mass	Thanksgiving
Vigil Mass for Sunday				

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fridays 11.15 to 11.50 am; other days/times by appointment

NEXT WEEKEND : THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION:

“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.”

St Vincent de Paul

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER ~ for the Pope: we pray for the Holy Father – as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please remember to pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, and for those who have died recently.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR is this weekend. The theme for 2023 is 'Do not turn your face away from any of the poor' (*Tobit 4:7*). Canon John Deeny, *Chair of Caritas Plymouth*, writes: "The phrase is from an instruction that Tobit is giving to his son Tobias... as Pope Francis tells us in his message: Tobit is a good man, husband and father, a man of faith. He is a man of charity, who expresses his faith in action, and who has a genuine concern for the poor. The story reminds us that whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus. Everyone is our neighbour. We are called to acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being."

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY also falls this weekend. On this occasion we join Churches across the UK to highlight the importance of protecting children, young people and adults at risk. This is also an opportunity to thank those who work behind the scenes to make our Church a safer place for all.

DOMESTIC ABUSE: The parish is hoping to run a short course on Domestic Abuse Awareness starting in January 2024. This would be a series of 5 half-hour Zoom sessions offered by the organisation [Restored www.restored-uk.org](http://www.restored-uk.org). The day and time are still to be decided. If you are interested in taking part or would like to know more, please contact our Safeguarding Rep, Jean Anderson, via the parish office email.

FRANCISCAN AT HOME: Our next course is entitled: 'The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries and Guardian of the Deposit of Faith'. This is an 8-workshop programme and will run in-person on Wednesday mornings as well as on Zoom on Thursday evenings. There will be 4 sessions before Christmas and 4 after. Wednesday in-person sessions start 22nd November at 10.45 am, after Mass, in the hall; Thursday Zoom sessions start 23rd November at 7.30 pm and last for one hour. If you would like to join the Zoom group, please email the parish office for joining instructions; existing members will receive them automatically. For more information about the course, please see the notice-board in the narthex. All are welcome.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: CAFOD has worked for many years in both Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory (Gaza and the West Bank) with partners who are Christian, Jewish, Muslim

and secular. Their local trusted experts are already on the ground responding to the needs of the people: Thanks to the generous support of donors, CAFOD has sent £100,000 to *Catholic Relief Services*, who are supporting 10,000 families with cash vouchers which are used to purchase essentials like food and water, as well as mattresses and bedding. In addition CAFOD has committed £50,000 to their local partner in Khan Younis, Gaza, who are sheltering 300 people in their centres and supporting them with cash assistance, food, water as well as offering counselling to those who have lost their loved ones, homes and livelihoods. CAFOD has also sent £10,000 to *Sadaka Reuta* in southern Israel, who are working with groups providing psychological support, basic humanitarian assistance and building emotional resilience. Donations to CAFOD's crisis appeal can be made via www.cafod.org.uk. There will also be a bucket at Mass for donations.

Thank you for the generous response in the bucket collection last weekend, which came to £273.

RED WEDNESDAY - 22nd November: On this annual day of prayer promoted by *Aid to the Church in Need*, there will be a Mass for Persecuted Christians at St. Peter's, Crownhill, at 7pm, followed by the Rosary. For information about Red Wednesday, see www.acnuk.org

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: Deacon Andrew invites you to join him for Advent Evening Prayer on Zoom, starting on Monday 27th November, at 6 pm. For more information and joining instructions, please email: andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk

ADVENT RETREAT DAY ~'PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD': Deacon Nick Johnson will lead this retreat day on Saturday 9th December at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. The day will begin with coffee/tea at 9.30 am and finish with Mass at 3.15 pm. There will be 3 talks as well as a time of Adoration and opportunity for Confession. The charge, including lunch, is just £25.00. Payment can be made on the day.

To book: phone 01404 42635

or email admin@stritascentre.org

or book online at www.stritascentre.org/events

ADVENT RETREATS: The Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group is offering three residential retreats at St Rita's Honiton in preparation for Advent. For details, please see the notice board in the narthex.

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN: Please email any items for the parish bulletin to truro@prcdtr.org.uk by Thursday morning at the latest.

Dear Pastor,

My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold.

Yours truly,

Annette. Age 9