



CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



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**PARISH CHURCH, 1 STAVORDALE RD DT4 0AB
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING**

2nd MAY 2021

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER B PSALTER 1

REMEMBER



IN THE CAR
PARK PLEASE

THE CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC HOLY MASS

CHURCH OPENING HOURS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: 9 a.m.–12 noon

HOLY MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED AS FOLLOWS:

MAY, THE MONTH of MARY

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| 1 SAT | 10 a.m. Mass Joseph Warnett
10.45 a.m. Sacrament of Penance | |
| | 3 p.m. MASS IN POLISH | |
| | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B PSALTER 1 | |
| | 6 p.m. Mass People of the Parish | |
| 2 SUN | 8 a.m. Mass Richard Lovelace RIP
10 a.m. Mass Sick & Housebound | |
| 3 MON | ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES – APOSTLES
10 a.m. No Mass | FEAST |
| 4 TUE | The English Martyrs
10 a.m. Mass Mary & John Gibbs RIP | FEAST |
| 5 WED | St Richard Reynolds Pr M
10 a.m. Funeral Mass for Mrs Mary Therese Carey | Memorial |
| 6 THU | 10 a.m. Mass Harry Gow RIP | |
| 7 FRI | 10 a.m. Mass Sr Maria Fay RIP | |
| 8 SAT | 10 a.m. Mass Jim & Christine Mageean
10.45 a.m. Sacrament of Penance | |
| | 3 p.m. MASS IN POLISH | |
| | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B PSALTER 2 | |
| | 6 p.m. Mass People of the Parish | |
| 9 SUN | 8 a.m. Mass Sick & Housebound
10 a.m. Mass Paulina Gawron RIP & family | |

IN OUR PRAYERS: *'I was sick and you visited me'*. Please pray for: Brendan Carroll, Ms Pauline Toohey, Roger Walton

Should anyone require prayer, please email the office. Thank you.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

	25 th April 2021	26 th April 2020
Offertory Collection	£ 1613.68 (3 Weeks)	£
Standing Orders	£ 1119.81	£ 909.96
Total giving for the week	£ 2733.49	£ 909.96

PLEASE PRAY: For **Canon John Webb, Dean of Dorset**, who has been taken into hospital that he may recover soon from his illness.

CHURCH OPENING: During this lockdown, public Masses in the Parish will continue at normal times, including at weekends. The obligation to attend Holy Mass on Saturday Evening or Sunday remains suspended for the time being. Mass will continue to be **streamed** - if you can, join us by going to the parish website www.ourlady-starofthesea.com and then clicking the link which will take you straight to the live streaming. All who are shielding should continue to stay at home until the Government advises it is safe to venture out. Needless to say, our church premises and the way they are used must be a safe place, free if possible from Corona Virus, as well as a place of sacredness. In accordance with diocesan guidelines, the following rules must be **STRICTLY** adhered to:

1. Entry to the church is by way of the front/main entrance **ONLY**.
2. Exit from the church will be through the side door **ONLY**, and from there into the car park.
3. All notices outlining procedures, including personal cleanliness and social distancing, must be adhered to.
4. If on approaching the church, there seems to be too many people, then please **DO NOT ENTER** but return at another time.
5. Face masks must be worn by all who attend (unless exempt).

The Parish Hall will remain closed.

NHS TEST & TRACE: In accordance with the Government's guidelines on the need for test & trace, those of you with smartphones can now use the **NHS COVID-19 App** and scan the QR code at the entrance to St Joseph's removing the need to write your details each visit. Those not using this App must continue to give your details in writing, which will be held for **3 weeks**.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: Prayer of St. Alphonsus. *My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.* (Can be said at Communion)

PRAYER MINISTRY: Due to the current **COVID** situation, there will be no specific prayer ministry after each Mass. If you would like prayer support at any time, you are most welcome to telephone your request to **Anna 561678 or Ann 789450 or Michael 459460**.

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH: With the possibility of Lockdown coming to an end in the near future, I would like us to start our **NEW BEGINNING** by entrusting it to almighty God, and so I am asking you to make use of this prayer every day for the foreseeable future as we begin again our service to God and our neighbour. If possible, copy it and place it somewhere where you can easily find it and read it each day. It will be said at the end of each Mass in the Parish.

Let us Pray: Almighty God our Father we pray that the guiding light of your Holy Spirit will shine on our parish, leading us safely out of lockdown and into new beginnings. Thank you, Father, for every blessing over the years, for you are always with us. Help us to place you at the centre of all that we are and all that we do. May we unite wholeheartedly in moving forward to make our parish the beacon of your light and love that you desire it to be, drawing your beloved people into the fold of knowing, loving and serving you. **Holy Spirit** we open ourselves to you, asking that you inspire us and lead us into what you would have us be and do. Grant us courage and generosity of heart in using the gifts you freely give us. We make our prayer in the Name of Jesus your Son. Amen.

MAY, the month of MARY: Pope Francis is requesting that this month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** for the end of the Pandemic and, in a special way, he is inviting all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it. **Thirty Marian Shrines** will take turns leading prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of **Prayer Moments** for them to participate throughout the entire day. If possible, please pray the **HOLY ROSARY** each day

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP: There now appears to be no further requirement for this support group - thank you to all those who willingly gave their time and effort in serving members of the parish during this difficult time. God bless you! What this time has demonstrated is that there will always be members of the parish who require support, and if that is the case, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: In today's gospel, Jesus compares a grape vine to his church. He is the vine that nourishes all the branches with his words. We are those branches, and like all branches we must have a strong connection to the vine in order to grow. We pray that we will always be nourished by the words of Jesus to truly be a part of His Church so that we can live full rewarding lives.

Weekly Children's Liturgy is also available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhcQg>. Please enable your children to continue in their journey of faith. God Bless.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NEWS: It has been lovely to continue to see our children working hard and trying their best to live out our gospel values. This week in our Monday Morning Liturgy, we launched the week with the words of Pope Francis; *"We must try to create space to listen to God by making time for Him in silence and prayer."* We linked these words with our thought for the week which is; "Let us create space to listen to God this week and act with integrity."

Following on from Good Shepherd Sunday, we have been reminding our children to act with integrity in their daily lives and on Friday we celebrated those children who have shown integrity in our Gospel Value Reflection Assembly. We continue to teach our children about Eastertide in RE and the Good News of the Risen Lord.

PARISH GIVING – ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE:

My sincere thanks to all of you who have continued to contribute to parish funds during the pandemic. Donating by standing order, annual cheque or using numbered envelopes for the weekly collection continue to be the best ways to donate, though of course your loose cash donations are equally valued. However, we know many now prefer to use card payment methods and no longer carry much cash with them so we have now introduced a cashless donation option.

Please be assured that this option is simply for your convenience – there is no pressure on anyone at all to use it. If you currently donate by standing order, annual cheque or gift aid weekly envelopes, then please continue with please do so. The diocese supplied cashless giving equipment consists of a mobile device which allows you to select how much you want to give plus a card reader to take your donation. This will be available in the porch before Mass. It is possible to gift aid your donations by entering some brief personal information and if you require a receipt, you simply need to enter an email address. Once either of these is done, the system will recognise your card and will not ask for the details again. A volunteer will be available for anyone who needs a little help or guidance in using the equipment. If you are comfortable with technology and would like to help as a volunteer,

particularly for the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass, please contact Cathy Breward on 01305 779205.

ONE WORLD GROUP BONUS BALL APRIL

WINNERS: 3rd No.5 Angela Smith, 10th No.30 Father Stephen, 17th No.4 Anne Gaughan, 24th No.1 Margaret Davis.

DIocese DATES: Pentecost: Drama, Dance and singing workshops. 21st, 28th April and 5th, 12th May 7.00 – 8.15 by ZOOM. Continuing with the popular drama and dance workshops, Youth Events will be running these themed on Pentecost. This is jointly run with **By Design Theatre** and is aimed at young people Yr 6 upwards. Through Zoom, young people will have the opportunity to explore the piece of scripture from Acts about Pentecost. They will be guided to produce short sequences of dance and drama which will be recorded through ZOOM. For log in details, please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

I am seeking young people across the diocese that speak an additional language to English and would be happy to record themselves saying the Lord's prayer. Please get in contact if you are willing to take part. If all remains according to the government road map, it is hoped that in July, we will have a couple of day events at St Rita's in Honiton. On the 10th July, there will be a chance to explore expressing your faith through creativity. Members from the Stay Awake band will join us. This event is aimed at young people aged 10 upwards. On 2nd July, there will be a social justice day, Care for Creation. This is aimed at young people 13 to 25. More to follow.

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION:

The Elliot Review Implementation Group for Safeguarding has been producing a regular newsletter, available every two weeks. It can be seen at www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org. It is worth recognising the excellent work done by local Safeguarding Reps, and we encourage them in this important work.

RED MISSION BOXES: In 2020, we in Weymouth and Portland raised **£1,347.70** through donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Considering that we didn't use the boxes that is a great achievement. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Weymouth and Portland are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at missio.org.uk

HOLY PLACES: The amount collected for the **Holy Places** on **Good Friday** was **£318,82**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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PARISH ROTAS

	This week 02/05/21	Next week 02/05/21
Welcomers	Details to follow soon	
Ministers of the Word		
Counters		
Church Cleaning	TEAM C	TEAM D
Hall Cleaning	Details to follow soon	

Please submit all items for inclusion in the Newsletter to the Parish Office, by 11 a.m. Wednesday, preferably by e-mail to stellamarisweymouth@btinternet.com Thank you.

