



## Parish of St. Mary & St. George, Totnes

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

(Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time)

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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<b>Mass &amp; Other Services this Week</b> **Live Streamed Masses**			<a href="http://www.totnesrcparish.org.uk/mass-times/">www.totnesrcparish.org.uk/mass-times/</a> <a href="#">click on 'Facebook Live Stream'</a>
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> November	6:30pm	<i>Patrick Brett, David &amp; Elsie Reece, David Reece Jr (RIP)</i>
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> November	10:30am **	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9:00am	<i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00am <i>Memorial Mass for the Dead</i>	<i>All the Departed (Int)</i>
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am	
<b>Confession:</b> Saturdays 5:45pm – 6:15pm or by appointment.			

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Prayers for the Sick** Please hold in your prayers: *Segundo Vacas Sr, Heather Wagstaff, Christa Hawkins, Jill Gilboy, Robert Y. Amil, Robert M. Amil*

Let us also pray for: *Bishop Christopher Budd and Fr Kieran Kirby.*

**New: Walking Together – A Synodal Journey: 28<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon**

An important sign in the Church in our Diocese and in the universal Church is the launch of a major listening initiative. In October, the Holy Father opened a two-year synodal journey of consultation and discernment in order that the Church can engage everyone in being more missionary. This process is about recognizing that we walk together. We encounter and listen to each other and, at the same time, we encounter and listen to the presence of the Risen Jesus in our midst. As you know, Bishop Mark launched the Diocesan phase of our Synodal journey on 17th October. We are now about to begin our parish phase which will take place at the beginning of Advent. So I wish to invite you to our first gathering where we will have the opportunity to listen to each other as we walk together on this Advent Journey.

**Our first gathering will be held on the First Sunday of Advent on 28 November at 12 noon** in the church after refreshments in the hall. For those not able to be present, **another session will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December after the 10am Mass.** This is a big moment in the life of the Church where the entire Catholic Church will be walking on this journey together – the biggest consultation in history! I do encourage you to make the most of this opportunity. *Fr Louis*

### Holy Souls

November is the month when we especially remember and pray for our loved ones, our family and friends who have died. An urn has been placed in front of the altar. Anyone is invited to place the names of their loved ones who have departed in the urn. **Please place names in the urn by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** We will remember them in our Masses in November, and also celebrate a memorial **Mass for them on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.**

**Singing and Music Rehearsals** for the Liturgical Mass music and the advent service (19th December 3pm):

**Saturdays at 2pm 27 Nov, 4 Dec, 18Dec.** If you can't manage these and would still like to learn the music please let me know and we will sort something out. Enthusiasm is the only prerequisite.

If you would like to hear the Sanctus (576 in the book) we are learning for advent it can be found at [Franz Schubert - Deutsche Messe - Zum Sanctus - Heilig, heilig - YouTube](#) (though we will be singing in English without a full orchestra!). Gemma and Madeleine at: [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com) 07766 222920

### **Carol Service and Nativity Play Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 3pm**

Everyone is invited and visiting children will be welcome to join. Singing practices have started, all are welcome. We are also looking for: people to help sew some simple costumes; volunteers to run refreshments afterwards; some people to bring small cakes for a really special Advent occasion and, of course, a congregation! So, everyone has a niche. Please put it in your diaries.

A collection will be taken for the Karibu Nyumbani orphanage in Tanzania.

Contact Gemma and Saskia at church or [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com)

### **MODERN SLAVERY IN FISHING**

To mark World Fisheries Day, parishioners are being invited to join Stella Maris to take a look at the darker side of the maritime world: slavery aboard fishing vessels, and what is being done about it.

Stella Maris is hosting a Zoom webinar on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. To register go to [www.StellaMaris.org.uk/ModernSlavery](http://www.StellaMaris.org.uk/ModernSlavery).

### **Journey to 2030**

How can individuals, schools and parishes respond to Pope Francis' call to put 'Laudato Si' into action? How can we help our communities thrive, at the same time as tackling huge world issues on the Journey to 2030? **There is a new website <https://journeyto2030.org/> which offers parishes guidance on 'Laudato Si'** and an our online encyclopaedia for individuals and parishes trying to respond to the Pope's teaching on care for our common home, pulling together inspiring stories and practical actions, wisdom and goals in one place. There are also lots of resources on our Diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/environment/> If you would like any more information on environmental issues, please contact [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

### **Rosary and Exposition - Tuesdays**

The Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after Mass. All are welcome to call in at any time during the hour.

### **Music Reflections - Wednesday 10-10.30am, (Zoom)**

In our Music Reflections, we meet to contemplate the themes for the coming Sunday. Please contact Gemma [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com) or Isabelle [isabellecosgrave@hotmail.com](mailto:isabellecosgrave@hotmail.com) for the Zoom invite.

### **Seeds of Faith Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month**

We will meet in the church hall. All are welcome, if you would like more information, please contact Margaret Cushen [cushen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cushen@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Friday 6pm Prayer Group (Zoom)**

At the end of each week we gather with prayer and music, praying together for our needs and giving thanks for our blessings. Please contact Gemma on [splitnotes@hotmail.com](mailto:splitnotes@hotmail.com) for the Zoom invite.

**My Day By Day booklets – Advent** are now available at the back of church.

## ***DIOCESAN NEWS***

### **FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS**

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and

stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way!

**Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time).** Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube\_Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am – 12.15pm** at Plymouth Cathedral Centre. Prize Raffle, Assorted Homemade Baking: Christmas, Dundee & Log cakes, Jams, Chutney, Marmalade and Savouries. Also, there will be piety, jewellery and bric-a-brac stalls. £1 Entry to include tea, coffee & mince pie.

### **Counselling Helpline in Plymouth Diocese**

**This is not a Coronavirus helpline – for any questions regarding COVID-19 please go to NHS 111.** However, you may find the counselling helpline useful in other circumstances. It can be used for yourself, by family residing at the same address and for clergy. It is provided through our Catholic Insurance Service; it is the Cigna Scheme for the Dioceses of England. The Scheme number is 70258. Phone: 0330 0580960, press option 5 for the Counselling Service. It is completely confidential.

**Diocesan Safeguarding Office: The Diocese of Plymouth Safeguarding Team is available on 01364 645 430 or by email on [safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)**

**Safe Spaces** is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

Website: [www.safespacesenglandandwales.or.uk/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.or.uk/)

Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

Phone No: 0300 303 1056

### **“Assisted Suicide” – Message from Bishop Mark**

The proposed new legislation going before the House of Lords is a matter of grave concern to us all. I do encourage us all and all parishioners to write to Members of the House of Lords to indicate our own experience and the importance of opposing the proposed new legislation, as well as speaking up for those most vulnerable in our society. Further information on how to do this and other resources can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill-2021/> The last twenty months of living with the Pandemic have taught us all, yet more deeply, of how very precious all human life is. In the face of this proposed legislation, we must uphold the dignity of human life at its most vulnerable, particularly in the elderly or chronically ill. I know that we will all do what we can to encourage this pro-active response and especially over this next six weeks leading up to the debate in the House of Lords. *Bishop Mark*

## **UNIVERSAL CHURCH**

### **The Pope’s Universal Intention – November 2021**

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### **Pope Francis @Pontifex 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



Let us bring an outlook of hope to our world. Let us bring it with tenderness to the poor, without judging them. For there, with them, is Jesus; because there, in them, is Jesus, who awaits us.

### **Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)**

#### **Marriage, called to be a kingdom of love**

In our sacramental relationship we are called to be a ‘kingdom of love’. Just as God’s kingdom is for all, so our marriages are not private relationships. We are a ‘sign’ for all, especially for our children where truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, desire, passion, tenderness, joy and peace reign. It sounds a tall order - but not with God!