



# St. Anthony's R C Church

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**Sunday Masses:** Saturday 6.00pm. Sunday 9.30am.

**HOLY DAYS** Masses at 9.30 am & 7.00pm. **Weekday Masses** 9.30am. **Morning prayer:** Mon to Sat 9.15am.

**Confessions:** after the daily 9.30am Mass (Otherwise on request)

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**Cheques** to be made payable to "PRCDTR Ottery St Mary RC Parish".

**Direct payments:** Sort Code 53-50-55. Ac. No. 05126126. NatWest Bank, Honiton.

*Ottery St Mary RC Parish is part of Plymouth Diocese: Registered Charity 213227.*

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

12 December 2021

**Psalter 3 Year C**

### Collections

August: £490.00 + £310.44 by direct debit and £147.00 for Sierra Leone Mission.

September: £360.00 + £310.44 by direct debit, £20.00 for Sierra Leone Mission, £15 for CAFOD and £500 donation to the Parish,

October: £520.00 + £310.44 by direct debit, £58.00 for Sierra Leone Mission and £10 for CAFOD.

November: £490.00 + £310.44 by direct debit and £35.00 for Sierra Leone Mission.

Thank you!

### Confessions

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), please see Fr Frank after the 9.30am daily Mass.

### Mass attendance

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 24 to 30 May was 54 people

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 19 to 25 July was 59 people

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 20 to 26 September was 70 people.

The overall Mass attendance the week starting 22 to 28 November was 65 people



### Pope's December prayer intention for evangelisation – Catechists.

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

## Music in church

There will be two hymns at this Sunday's 9.30am Mass: '*On Jordan's bank*' (Entrance) and '*O come, O come, Emmanuel*' (Communion).

## Sunday Mass attendance

- 14th November: Sat. 6.00pm (12 people); Sun 9.30am (10 people).
- 21st November: Sat. 6.00pm (8 people); Sun 9.30am (14 people).
- 28th November: Sat. 6.00pm (12 people); Sun 9.30am (15 people).
- 5th December: Sat. 6.00pm (12 people); Sun 9.30am (11 people).

## Church central heating improvement

It has recently been installed:

- A new Worcester Bosch 8000 Life 45kw Heat boiler.
- A new three port motorized valve.
- A new more powerful pump.
- A new tank for pressurizing the water flow to radiators.

Total cost: £5.063.90.

## Phase 2 project at St Anthony's!

We have come across some problems that need to be sorted out between the builder chosen to carry out the works and ourselves. The parish budget is not big enough to cover all we had planned to do. So, we have reduced the cost to a more realistic figure and we are working to get a fixed price to avoid unwelcome surprises. The building work is planned to start in January 2022. Better late than never!

## Booking for Christmas Masses

I am taking bookings for the Christmas Masses. Christmas Eve (8.30pm) is full up already. There are some places for Christmas Day (9.30am & 11.00am). Please book by emailing my address (fjuo8245@yahoo.com) as soon as possible and indicate the number of places you would like to reserve. Please only book if you are sure that you will be attending. If you are unable to attend a Mass that you have booked places for, please let me know in plenty of time to enable me to allocate the places to someone else.

## Sunday 26 December

There will be only one Mass at 9.30am. **NO** 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Rejoice in the Lord always

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday. The word 'gaudete' means 'rejoice'. Vestments at Mass today are the colour Rose, a lightening of the normal purple of Advent and a reflection of this rejoicing. As we light the third candle on our Advent wreaths we pray that our hearts too may be filled with joy.

## Your Offering

We are grateful for your continued generosity to the parish. Please remember that the most efficient way for you to give is by standing order. Forms are available on demand. Arrangements are made directly with your bank. And if you can, please GiftAid your contribution.