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Mission (Lent), £217.00 for CAFOD (Lent) and £100.00 for Holy Places (Good Friday).

Thank you!

Confessions

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



Pope's May prayer intentions

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

See also https://thepopevideo.org/

Music in church, Sunday 9.30am Mass

Entrance: No. 533 'The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want!'. **Offertory**: No. 67 'Bless are you, Lord, god of all creation'. **Communion**: No. 133 'Father, I place into your hands'.

Started on **Tuesday 19th April**, and it will take FIJ Building Service Ltd 26 weeks to finish. During this period of time we will have access only to the downstairs WC, kitchen/sacristy and the nave of the church we are using as a chapel. And the only way to go in and out of these three rooms is through the car park doors. I hope we all bear the inconvenience with some patience and resignation. Thank you.

Bishop Mark O'Toole

Last Wednesday week, it was announced that the Holy Father has appointed Bishop Mark to be the Archbishop of Cardiff and the Bishop of Menevia, these two dioceses being united *in persona Episcopi* (in the person of the Bishop). This process of transition will take two months, during which time Bishop Mark will continue to lead our diocese with the more limited powers of a Diocesan Administrator. Once Bishop Mark has formally been installed into his new dioceses on 20 June, our Cathedral Chapter of Canons will meet to elect a priest to be our Diocesan Administrator and, with the help of other members of the clergy and diocesan officers, he will lead and oversee the daily life and mission of our diocese, its parishes and schools until a successor to Bishop Mark is appointed by the Holy Father in due course.

During the period until a new diocesan bishop is appointed, the ancient principle *sede vacante*, *nihil innovetur* (when the diocese has no bishop, nothing new may be done) must be observed whereby there is a limit to the decisions and actions that can be taken. However, this certainly does not mean everything must come to a halt. The Gospel of Salvation must continue to be proclaimed and the life and mission of the Church in the Diocese of Plymouth carried forward, albeit in anticipation of the gift of a new successor to the Apostles to lead us and, through whose communion with the Bishop of Rome, our diocese is fully united with the Catholic Church throughout the world.

During this time of transition, our **primary task** as a diocese and in our parishes will be to unite together in earnest prayer that:

- the Holy Spirit will guide all those involved in the process leading to the appointment of a new bishop for our diocese;
- the one who is called to take on this essential apostolic ministry among us will be given the generosity and courage to accept it;
- we the clergy, consecrated men and women and lay faithful of the diocese will welcome our new bishop with joy and respond eagerly to his leadership in faith and mission.

A Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the leadership and ministry of Bishop Mark as Bishop of Plymouth will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth, on Monday, 30 May, at 12noon.

Quality strawberry plants for free

All plants have survived their first winter outdoors at St Rita's without any problems. Do help yourself to as many as you want from the box in the church porch. There will be more coming if the box is emptied!