

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

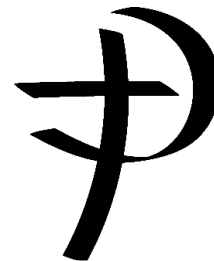
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Week Commencing Sunday 1st December 2024 — 1st Sunday of Advent (C)

(Readings: Jr 33:14-16 Ps 25 (24) 1 Th 3:12-4:2 Lk 21: 25-28.34-36)

Sunday 1st December	1st Sunday of Advent	9am	<i>Constance Rea RIP</i>
Tuesday 3rd December	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	10am	<i>Past and present members of the Martha Group</i>
Sunday 8th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	9am	<i>Intentions of Mary Gibbs</i>
Sunday 15th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	12.30pm	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Ryan, David Harrison, Henry Reid, Ann Crook, John McLaughlan, Howard Brennan & Margaret Gunnell

the sick and/or housebound, including: Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Robert Edwards, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode & Mary Gibbs.

Annual Mass in the Chapel at Buckland Abbey: This will take place on Friday 6th December at 10:00 am. As places are restricted, ***please sign the sheet at the back of church, if you wish to attend***.

N.B. Please park in the main car park and use the rear entrance to the Abbey (the Exit!).

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE has started!

Proceeds to Holy Cross Funds.

£1 a Square. £50 first prize with lots of other goodies.

The Draw will take place on December 22nd after Mass.

We need a couple of people to serve the mulled wine and mince pies, which are provided.

BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN

Can you spare an hour or two to help get the church ready for Christmas on Saturday 21st December from 10am?

We will be dusting, polishing, vacuuming and bringing down the Nativity figures from upstairs.

Christmas Flowers

There will be a basket at the back of the church for donations towards the cost of the flowers.

Can you provide any holly and other greenery to decorate the church?

Help is also needed with flower arranging for Christmas on Monday 23rd December from 10am.

Please contact Fran Blackmore 07740485934 if you can help

There will be ***Children's Liturgy*** during Mass today. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

N.B. The children will now be called up to receive their lectionary after the Collect, just before the first Reading.

Walk With Me Advent 2024 Booklets at £1 each and Jubilee Advent calendars for the youth are available on the table at the back of the Church.

Sunday Missals—the new ones have arrived. If you ordered a Missal they cost £19.99 and you need to pay Ann Ruth

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

Alternative Mass times:

St Peter's, Crownhill

Masses: Saturday 6pm & Sunday at 10.30am

Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock:
9am Sundays

Parish Secretary – Ann Ruth Telephone Number: 01822 613802 e-mail: yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am – 4pm

The Martha Group will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday 3rd December**, starting with coffee in the hall at 10:00 am. new members always welcome. Why not pop in and find out about who we are and what we do? There is usually cake on offer!

Christmas Market: Thursday 5th December 2.30-5pm at the Chapel, Buckland Monachorum, on behalf of Nightingales UK (Aid for Ukraine). Stalls & tabletop sales plus refreshments & Christmassy fare.

"Once again, this Advent, the Tamar Lay Dominican Group would like to warmly invite you to join us to "**Light a Candle**" for a loved one or any other intention, at **Christ the King Church, Armada Way, Plymouth**. We will be outside the church offering candles to late night shoppers and those on their way home from, or going to, work; to find a quiet place to be in the busyness of their lives.

We will be at Christ the King from 6:15 until 7:30pm on Thursday 5th, 12th and 19th December.

At this incredibly busy time of the year when there are pressures of all kinds upon and all of us, please, come join us to spend a few moments of peace in the presence of our Lord and Saviour."

ADVENT RETREAT DAY on SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER at St Rita's Centre. "**JESUS IS COMING: WHY?**" led by Fr. Jonathan Bielawski. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The talk will start at 10.00am. Post - talk questions – reflections will be at 11.05am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Please see poster at the back of the church. Booking can be made by phone, email, or online ([ADVENT RETREAT DAY - "JESUS IS COMING: WHY?"](#)). Payment can be made on the day.

HCPT Westcountry - Advent Celebration Blessed Sacrament Church, Exeter – Sunday 8th December from 2.30pm. See poster at the back of the church.

13-17 Year old Residential. January 24th – 26th 2025
East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor.

Come and join other 13 -17-year-olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join in these include: photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm giving you a chance to meet the animals and feed them. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

Tavistock Foodbank. For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:

Fruit juice, chocolate, long life milk, sponge pudding, noodles, Cup-a-soup, Tinned fruit, potatoes or carrots.

Any Christmas treats would be very welcome.

A big thanks from everyone at Tavistock Foodbank

Parish Notices:

Bob and Barbara Edwards have decided to stay at the Yelverton Residential Home and would appreciate visits from any parishioners who have time. Barbara is able to go out for coffee or lunch but PLEASE do liaise with the home to prevent missing appointments or family visits. Thank you

Christmas!

There will be 2 Masses at Holy Cross at Christmas:

Christmas Eve at 8pm

Christmas Day at 9am.

*We are also going to hold our annual **Parish Christmas Dinner on Thursday 9th January** at the Yelverton Golf Club again. Details to follow.*

*This year we are also inviting anyone who would like to join us from **St Peter's, Crownhill** and **Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock**.*

Thank you from the **Royal British Legion** for the collection of £45.46p from Holy Cross. Is there anyone in the Parish, or a friend or a colleague who would be interested in organising this locally in the future? Please contact Sue 07790690346.

Have you got a Red Box which needs emptying? In order to have its contents included this year please leave it at the back of the church. **Missio calendars for 2025 are available on the back table.**
Banked so far this year: £96.85

Collections 24th November

Loose Plate £235.21 Standing Orders £505

Card Reader: £20

Mass Attendance:65

Thank you.

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 24th November** ball number 56 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £29 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 29 subscribers that night.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

Newsletter: Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com (**All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please.**)



Pope's Intentions for December: For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.