



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

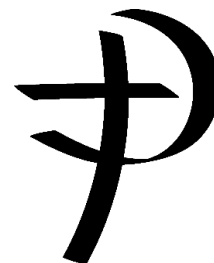
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Week Commencing Sunday 1st January 2023 (Year A)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Readings: Num 6:22-27 Ps 66 Ga 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21)

Saturday 31st Dec	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God				Bidding Prayers response: Hear Our Prayer
	Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>Wilma Banfield RIP</i>		
Sunday 1st January	Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God				
	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>Paul Lindsay RIP</i>		
	Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Yelverton & Tavistock</i>		
Tuesday 3rd	Yelverton 9.25am	Exposition	of the Blessed Sacrament		
	10am	Mass	<i>Fred & Valerie Spicer RIP</i>		
Wednesday 4th	Tavistock 9.25am	Exposition	of the Blessed Sacrament		
	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>		
Thursday 5th	Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord				
	Tavistock 6pm	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>		
Friday 6th	The Epiphany of the Lord				
	Yelverton 11.25am	Exposition	of the Blessed Sacrament		
	12noon	Mass	<i>Mary Lawlor RIP & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family (FDN)</i>		
Saturday 7th	Tavistock 9.25am	Exposition	of the Blessed Sacrament		
	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>		
	Vigil Mass of the Baptism of the Lord				
	Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>		
Sunday 8th	Mass of the Baptism of the Lord				
	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>Nora Frances Barrett RIP (FDN)</i>		
	Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Oliver Cooper RIP</i>		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: – is usually available after Mass on Friday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment.					

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Simone Jefferies, Lionel Henry, Shirley Worth, Nathaniel Brown

the sick and/or housebound: including Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray & Joy Jewell.

There will be **no Children's Liturgy** on Sunday due to the Christmas holidays.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

N.B. Fr Cyriacus will have a Christmas break from 9th -14th January. There will be no weekday Masses that week.

CATECHESIS: KNOW YOUR FAITH

Christmas is all about the Incarnation. The Incarnation means that God's Son came down on earth, took on our human nature to confer on us the dignity of children of God. The mystery of the Incarnation is a mystery of love. It constitutes the very heart of the Christian faith. No wonder Christmas is such an important feast in the Church and world.

CRIB OFFERINGS will go to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). A basket has been placed next to the Crib - Please try to be generous as this collection is one of their major sources of income. Income is vital to help the Society continue its parenting programme to provide practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

The RCIA meeting scheduled for 11th January has been cancelled.

The Martha Group will hold their next meeting in February.

Parish Notices:

Parish Secretary

Ann has now taken up her new role as Parish Secretary for both Holy Cross, Yelverton and Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock.

Her office is at the back of the Church in Tavistock.

Telephone Number: 01822 613802

e-mail remains the same: yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 0900-1600 hours.

Last chance!! The Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner

It is being held on **Monday 9th January, 6.30 for 7pm** and the menu is the same. The list closes on 1st January.

Forms are available at the back of the church. Those who have already signed down need not do so again. Please let me know if your menu choices change.
Sue Walsh

Did you know 2023 is the Holy Cross Centenary Year?

Further details will be given next Sunday about how we will build up to our celebrations in September!

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth prize draw to win a signed Exeter Chiefs rugby ball and a signed Plymouth Argyle football. Would you like to win these two signed balls or do you know someone who would love them?



To be in with a chance, please visit the following link before 12 noon on Thursday, 5 January 2023 to enter our Crowdfunder prize draw –

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/exeter-chiefs-rugby-ball-plymouth-city-football>

Thanks to both clubs for kindly donating these balls so that we can raise some money to support our Essential Grants programme to help more vulnerable children and their families.

Caritas November newsletter is now available, the link for which is: <https://tinyurl.com/2hrtkx7t>. If you would like a printed copy please contact the Parish Office

Youth E-Newsletter. <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/95DF3F5E4182A8572540EF23F30FEDED>

Red Missio (APF) boxes...thank you to all those who gave Red boxes to be emptied this year. £180.00 was banked last week thanks to the generosity of those who donated.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)
SPUC – 10 Million Prayers for 10 Million Lost Lives – National Prayer Campaign 27 October 2022 – 27 April 2023. At the back of the Church there are a selection of prayer cards for different intentions. Please take one home with you.

Please try to imagine being in prison, sometimes for years, simply for being an innocent person - in other words a 'prisoner of conscience' - protesting about human rights. We are very lucky; it doesn't happen in Britain. However, this does happen in many countries and **a card from YOU would give someone in prison hope and bring sunshine** into their dark prison cell. **Please send a card**, it only takes a few minutes of your time; all the details are in 'Write for Rights' booklet on the table at the back of church. Any questions, phone Tony John (852172).

Please has anyone removed this book? If so please return it asap.

We are still collecting items for the Tavistock Foodbank. Anything you can spare will be gratefully received. Please leave items in the box in the porch.

Bonus Ball Winner: on Saturday 24th December was Frances Cooper with ball number 19. She won £25. There were 33 subscribers that night so £8 went to Parish funds.

Some subscriptions have run out. If you can renew yours that would be great! This provides a steady drip feed for the Parish particularly on a week where the number is unsold so the Parish wins the entire amount. This happened 26 times this year alone!

Last week's Collections:

Christmas offerings non-Gift Aided £672.45

Christmas offerings Gift Aided £100.00

Standing orders £205.00

Thank you

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.**)



The Pope's Intention for January: For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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