



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

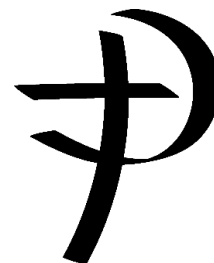
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Week Commencing Sunday 11th December 2022 (Year A)

Third Sunday of Advent - - *Gaudete Sunday*

(Readings: `Is 35:1-6.10 Ps 145 Ja 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11)

Saturday 10th	Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent				The Bidding Prayers response is: in whose coming we rejoice.
	Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>Sheila Shipton RIP</i>		
Sunday 11th	Third Sunday of Advent- <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>				
	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>Smiths, Brodericks & Hutchings Families & Friends</i>		
	Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Peter and Pat Meehan RIP</i>		
Tuesday 13th	No Mass				
Wednesday 14th	No Mass				
<i>St John of the Cross</i>	Tavistock 9.25am		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
	10am	Mass	<i>Angela Callan Intention</i>		
	6.30pm		Penitential Service in Tavistock		
Thursday 15th	No Mass				
	6.30pm		Penitential Service in Yelverton		
Friday 16th	Yelverton 11.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament			
	12noon	Mass	<i>Roseline & Patrick Uzochukwu RIP</i>		
Saturday 17th	Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent				
	Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>All the Deceased of our Parishes</i>		
Sunday 18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent				
	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>Fr Okuma Kevin RIP</i>		
	Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>		
	4pm		Carol Service in Tavistock		
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

Terence Fleet, Millicent Williams, Kathleen Swainson, Annette Murray, Stephen Cannan

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 **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.45am Mass. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

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.

Repository – there is a table at the back of the Church with Christmas cards & gift items. Please do take a look - all monies raised are for Holy Cross funds.

Walk with me Advent 2022 books and calendars are now available at the back of the Church – books are £1 each and calendars (for the youth) are 50p.

CATECHESIS: KNOW YOUR FAITH

We are in the season of Advent. It is the first liturgical year of the Church, known as 'Year A'. It begins the three-year cycle of the story of our salvation in the Church. Advent is a period of preparation to commemorate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. But the Church also uses the season to remind us of Christ's second coming. It is a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas through prayers, love of God and neighbour, the practice of good virtues, reception of the Sacraments especially the sacrament of Penance, and charitable works towards the poor and the needy.

Christmas Raffle! £1 a square.

1st prize £50, 2nd prize £25

and bottles, chocolates and "smellies". **To be drawn on Sunday 18th December.** We do need a couple of people to serve the mulled wine and mince pies which are provided. If you can help, please see Ann or Sue or sign up on the Coffee rota in the hall.

A Carol Service for both parishes will be held at 4pm on Sunday 18th December at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Tavistock, followed by refreshments.

Parish Notices:

The Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner with Yelverton & Tavistock parishioners invited takes place on Monday 12th December at the Yelverton Golf Club – 6.30 for 7pm. (For those who have signed down)
Sue Walsh

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Helpers Needed

We will be arranging flowers for Christmas on Thursday 22nd Dec from 10 to 12 in the hall. If you would like to help with decorating the Church for Christmas please come along.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME FOR OUR DIARIES

Monday 12th *Joint Parish Christmas Dinner*
Wednesday 14th *-Penitential service at Tavistock 6:30pm*
Thursday 15th *-Penitential service at Yelverton 6:30pm*
Sunday 19th *Carol service in Tavistock 4pm*
Saturday 24th *-Vigil Mass at Yelverton 6:00pm*
-Vigil Mass at Tavistock 8:30
Sunday 25th *-Christmas Mass at Tavistock 9:00am*
-Christmas Mass at Yelverton 10:45am

Flame 2023 – tickets £35 Saturday 4th March, Wembley Stadium times tbc **Age: 14 – 21**. Join Youth Events at Wembley Stadium on Saturday March 4th. Tickets are £35 which include entry and travel to Wembley. Coaches will pick up from locations in Dorset and Devon. It's a great chance to hear from speakers like Robert Bilott, singer/songwriter Adenike and award winner Guvna B. This is the largest catholic gathering in England and Wales. To book: <https://forms.office.com/r/i7rv7WzbG4> Or contact Saskia or Michelle at: youth:prcdtr.org.uk

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>

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.

Around & About magazines subs of £6 can be given to **Sue Walsh** or paid online. Please give any money in an envelope with your name on.

As part of the continuing plans to bring the two parishes of Yelverton and Tavistock together I am delighted to let you know that Ann Ruth, our Parish Secretary, will be taking up the role of parish secretary for both parishes. Ann will take over the work in Tavistock from Lucy Trueman who is moving on from the role, and I would like to thank Lucy for all her hard work for the parish. Ann will start her new joint role on 21st December and Ann, and the parish office, will be based in Tavistock. This is because there is a dedicated facility in Tavistock rather than using the Yelverton presbytery which is not ideal. I want to thank Ann for taking up this role and wish her all the very best with it. Contact details and hours of work will be made known in due course.

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.

Foodbank: Along with usual items, Tavistock Food Bank are starting to collect now for the Christmas parcels so any Christmas food e.g. box of biscuits, mince pies, Christmas pudding, custard, apple and cranberry sauce, crisps, nuts, chocolates etc will be gratefully received. Thank you very much for your continued support. **These are needed early for delivery before Christmas.**

Bonus Ball Winner: on Saturday 3rd December were Michael & Mary Boon with ball number 23. They won £25. There were 29 subscribers that night so £4 went to Parish funds.

Last week's Collections:

Loose plate £211.33
Standing orders £665.00.

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 December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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