



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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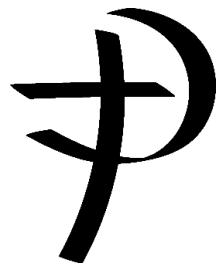
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**Week Commencing Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

***The Baptism of the Lord***

(Readings: Is 42:1-4.6-7 Ps 29(28) Ac 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17)

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| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | <b><i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></b>              | <b>Mass</b> | <b>12.30pm</b> | <i>Oliver Cooper RIP</i>    |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> |  | <b>Mass</b> | <b>10am</b>    | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | <b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i></b> | <b>Mass</b> | <b>12.30pm</b> | <i>Mary Tyler RIP</i>       |

**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:**

Clara Adams, Gerald Iverigh, Jane McKinnon, Florence Leahy, Sr Louise, Marie Lynch, Rose McGarry

**The sick and/or housebound**, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

**Last chance - Crib Offerings** will go to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Please try to be generous as this collection is one of their major sources of income.

You can also donate using the card reader – Catholic Children's Society.

**N.B. The crib figures need to be packed away after Mass. Please stay behind for a few minutes if you can help carry them to the Upper Rooms and put them away,**

**Please pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Reconciliation in June 2026:**

*Christabel, Elsa, Fintan, Hugh & Oscar*

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.

**Date for diary** There will be a **Safeguarding training event** on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January** in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Annexe (PL7 4JU) from 10am-15:30pm, with a break for lunch. This will cover safeguarding for both children and adults. *Everyone is welcome to come along. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. This face-to-face training will fulfil the training requirement that is now stipulated to have been completed before commencing /continuing a role with vulnerable groups. The alternative option is completing an online safeguarding training module. Everyone is welcome to attend whether you are a volunteer or not.* Please bring along a packed lunch to eat, refreshments will be provided.

**Refreshments** will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime, please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

Refreshments are now also being served after the Tuesday Weekday Mass, please come along and join us in the hall for a drink and chat.

**Peace Sunday will be held next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.** The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Pope Leo said that the theme for his message was, 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'.

**Anyone at Holy Cross who holds a DBS certificate for helping with children or adults is encouraged to attend if they have not attended training events held at Holy Cross, or in order to update their knowledge.** (SW)

### **SPUC - Abortion up to Birth Bill and Assisted Suicide Bill.**

Both of these Bills are currently being scrutinised and debated in the House of Lords. Thank you if you have already written to some Peers but, we need you to keep up the pressure and continue writing. This is because the Government has now allocated another 10 days for debate, ending on the 24 April, to deal with the 1071 Amendments tabled for the **Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill**.

The **Abortion up to Birth Bill** will be debated on **27<sup>th</sup> January**. Amendments have been tabled to remove the Bill and end the pills by post policy.

We now have more time to lobby members of the House of Lords. The following links will take you to the SPUC website where you can read information regarding each Bill and the webtool by which to contact Peers. A Peer will be generated for you to write to, and it will bring up an editable template letter:

<https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/> and <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/> For further information or hard copies of lists of Peers and briefings, contact Christine Hudson: 07742320717

**Retrouvaille** helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 07887 296983

### **Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church’s Mission**

#### **A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre**

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the “burning heart of the Church’s mission”.

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#) or email: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Gather 2026** A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office, see Facebook page or email [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com) for more information

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:  
**Tinned carrots, Instant potato, Tinned potatoes, Microwaveable rice, Sponge pudding**

**Thank you.**

### **Parish Notices:**

**The Parish Christmas Lunch**, planned for 13<sup>th</sup> January, has been cancelled. Later in the year we hope to hold an alternative event when Fr Jon will be able to join us. Thanks to those who signed up.

### **Details of Collections 21<sup>st</sup> Dec '25 - 4<sup>th</sup> Jan '26**

**21/12/25** Loose Plate £163.25 Standing Orders £85  
Card Reader £30 Mass Attendance : 66

**24 & 25/12/25** Christmas Offerings £923.70  
Mass Attendance: 112 & 83

**28/12/25** Loose Plate £148 Standing Orders: £215  
Card Reader: £20 Mass Attendance: 48

**04/01/26** Loose Plate £122 Standing Orders £660  
Card Reader £55 Mass Attendance: 72

### **Additional collections:**

Christmas Raffle £135

Flower Appeal £129.20

Catholic Children’s Society Crib: £86.60

Christmas Offerings Total £ 1,128.70

**Thank you all very much.**

**Bonus Ball News:** On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** the winner was Sue Savage with ball number 47. She won £25. There were 28 subscribers that night so £3 went to church funds

On **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December** the winner was Michael Boon with ball number 21. He won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £2 went to church funds.

On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** ball number 4 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £25 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 25 subscribers that night.

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

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

### **The Pope’s Intentions for January: For prayer with the Word of God.**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. <https://popespriyer.va>