



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 12th December 2021 (Year C)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Gaudete Sunday

(Readings: Zep 3:14-18 Cant Is 12:2-6 Ph 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18)

Saturday 11th

Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent

Yelverton 6pm Mass *Rebecca Beaton RIP*

Sunday 12th

Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

Tavistock 9am Mass *John & Barbara Sutherland RIP*

Yelverton 10.45am Mass *Private Intention*

Tuesday 14th

Yelverton 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St John of the Cross

10am Mass *Mgr Canon Michael Hanley RIP*

Wednesday 15th

Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria

10am Mass *Susan Richards RIP*

Thursday 16th

Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria

10am Mass *Paul Lindsay RIP*

Friday 17th

Yelverton 11.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria

12noon Mass *Private Intention*

Saturday 18th

Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Yelverton 6pm Yelverton *Private Intention*

Sunday 19th

Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tavistock 9am Tavistock *People of the Parish*

Yelverton 10:45am Yelverton *Private Intention*

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please continue to: wear a mask whilst in Church; maintain social distancing; hand sanitise on entering and leaving; remain in your seats until directed by a Steward. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Parish Notices: -

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Terence Fleet, Millicent Mary Williams, Kathleen Grace Swainson, Annette Mary Murray, Stephen Cannan & Thomas de Pentheny O'Kelly.

the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, Ian Kilpatrick & Canon Denis Collin.

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.30am Mass. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

Walk With Me – There are a few remaining - A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2021 £1.00 per book.

Catholic South West – December 2021 edition of this newspaper is available at the back of the church – only 50p.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. Please continue to observe social distancing precautions. Sign down on the rota if you can help.

Adoration Prayer after Communion:

*O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving,
Be Every Moment Thine.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation – is available after Mass on Tuesday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment.

Dates for this week:-

13th Dec. 6.30 for 7pm Parish Dinner at the Golf Club

Tues 14th Tavistock- 7pm Walking Together -Our Synodal Journey (2)

Wed 15th Holy Cross- 7pm Walking Together -Our Synodal Journey (2)

Thurs 16th Holy Cross- 7pm Penitential Service

Fri. 17th Tavistock- 7pm Penitential Service

Sat 18th Holy Cross- 10am-12 noon Church Clean

REFLECTION:
AN INVITATION TO ADORATION OF
JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST.

**'COME TO ME BEFORE SEEKING ANYTHING OR
ANYONE ELSE'**

'Rise earlier. Give the first hours of the day. Come to me before seeking anything or anyone else. I will strengthen you to use well the hours of each day begun in this way. I have called you to be My adorer; all else is secondary. I wait for you often disappointed because you allow other things to absorb your time and consume your energy. Give Me as much time as you can, and I will give you time and energy to do all that you must do'
(In Sinu Jesu 212)

(Please join us half an hour before Mass every day of the week for adoration in both parishes. It is great to be in the presence of the Lord)

Thank you to those who ventured out to join our **'Walking Together' Synodal Journey** on Tuesday evening last week. Our next Session is on Wednesday 15th December in the Hall at 7pm when we will be looking at the final two parts: 'Celebrate' and 'Let us Dream'. If you wish to take part but cannot attend the session in the hall, please let me know and I can forward the necessary information to you. **Ann Ruth**

Christmas Raffle. Squares £2 each available from today. £50 first prize. To be drawn on Sunday 19th, with (hopefully) mulled wine and mince pies in the hall after Mass.

Christmas Flower Helpers Please contact Fran Blackmore tel.854271 if you would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas. This will probably be on Wed 22nd or Thursday 23rd December.

Christmas Clean: Church and Hall. Saturday 18th December between 10am and 12noon. PLEASE be part of the team. Various tasks, window cleaning, cobweb chasing, anything you care to do including vacuuming and dusting. 10 minutes or 2 hours. We thank the 3 pairs of stalwarts who have continued to clean through the past 18 months and the brass cleaner. Come and say hello. If anyone wants to join the team regularly, please let Gill Lewis or Fran Blackmore know.

Prisoners of Conscience: Please consider this, in this season of goodwill. Alone in a cell, a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned simply because of their beliefs or their defence of human rights, is given light and hope by receiving a card – **from YOU**. If you would like to write such a card, details are given in the booklet **'Write for Rights'** on the table at the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Tony John (852172).

Hospital: If you are going into hospital please let Father Cyriacus know.

SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL

The SVP in Sudan are feeding about 10,000 babies per day, for various reasons the finances for this appeal are well down from previous years. Instead of our usual Christmas appeal, because of Covid, we will place our SVP collecting box at the rear of the church for you to add your donations. Thank you for your support.

TAVISTOCK FOODBANK: As we are approaching the Christmas period, in addition to their general item collections, they are making up community food parcels and are asking for donations of: mince pies, Christmas pudding, box of chocolates, biscuits, selection box, tin of ham/salmon, crisps, nuts, biscuits for cheese, stuffing, gravy, custard, cranberry sauce, tinned fruit, bottle of cordial. A blue box will be placed in the church porch at the time of Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning for donation collection.

The Bonus Ball Winner on Saturday 4th December was Sue Savage with ball number 47. She won £25. There were 34 subscribers that night so £9 went to Parish funds.

Can you spare half an hour after Mass on a Sunday?

– Yes? – then come and join the Counting Team! We have reintroduced the weekly Counters Rota for counting the collection and other monies for the Church on a Sunday after Mass. As we only have six volunteers at the moment it means they will be counting every three weeks! The Finance Manual states: "Collections must always be collected, counted and recorded by two unrelated individuals. A parish should have a rota of counters so that the workload can be shared. It is vital that the counters understand how important their role is, and how they should go about counting and recording the income." If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Michael Boon (Parish Treasurer) or Ann Ruth (Parish Secretary).

Recent Collections:

Standing orders last week £525.00
November's Loose plate total was £599.40
Gift Aid Envelopes £75.00

Thank you

Parish Secretary- Office hours: Wed & Friday 9am-2pm

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807)

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

The Pope's Universal Intention for December: Prayer Intention for Evangelisation – Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.