

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

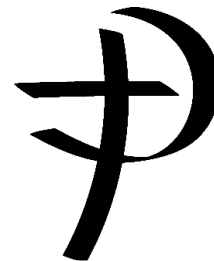
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**Week Commencing Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025— The Baptism of the Lord (C)**

(Readings: Is 40:1-5.9-11 Ps 104 (103) Tt 2:11-14.3:4-7)

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>9am</b>	<i>Oliver Cooper RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	5pm Reception of Robert Edwards into Church		
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	<b>11am</b>	<i>Robert Edwards, RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Peace Day)</b>		
		<b>9am</b>	<i>Alexander Johnathan Christou Yianni('Alex') RIP</i>
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> – After Mass or by appointment.			

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors!**

### Please pray for:

#### all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gerald Ivereigh, Jane McKinnon, Florence Leahy, Sr Louise, Marie Lynch.

the repose of the soul of **Elisabeth Cummins** who died recently. We pray especially for her family and friends who mourn her. Elisabeth's Funeral Mass will take place at Holy Cross on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10am.

the repose of the soul of **Jean Blakey**, sister-in-law of Eamon Gaffney. Jean attended Sunday Mass at Holy Cross last year in a wheelchair, with Eamon & his wife. We pray especially for her family and friends who mourn her.

**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, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Beavan, Jane Devenish & William Lyall.

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.*

**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.

### Collections 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Loose Plate £36      Standing Orders £620  
Catholic Children's Society £124.94. (Crib total)  
Card Reader: £0      Mass Attendance: 39

**Thank you**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Edwards, RIP**, who died recently. Please pray for him, his wife Barbara and their children and families.

There will be Evening prayer on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**, when Bob will be received into church at **5pm**.

His Funeral Mass will take place at **11am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. This will be followed by a Family burial at Whitchurch.

The Wake will be held from 1pm at Yelverton Golf Club. All are welcome.

### LEARN TO PRAY – St Peter's Crownhill

Prayer is something that to some degree is a mystery to each of us and can be very challenging. Learn to Pray is designed to help us build a prayer life that's consistent, meaningful, and deeply personal. This course will help and equip us to develop and maintain a strong relationship with Jesus. Let's learn to talk to Him, together. There will be cake!  
**Tuesdays at 7pm at St. Peter's on January 14th, 21st, 28th.**

**A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development** 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band *Ooberfuse*.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.** Register here for free: [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](http://cafod.org.uk/jubilee)

**CARITAS: an online catch up** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January from 11.30-12.15 to talk about the cost-of-living crisis and what information and guidance Caritas can provide to parishes who may be approached for support. We will also be inviting SVP conferences and school pastoral workers to join us. Please register here to receive Zoom details <https://forms.office.com/e/pD07Rwu1K7>.

**Save the date: Day of Reflection – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy**

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, [Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU](#). The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on [jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) or [vocation@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vocation@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Gather 2025 Jubilate** A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 30<sup>th</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.

**REACHING OUT TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS**

Winter is a particularly difficult time for people who don't have a place to call home. No one should be sleeping outside but there are still many people who are sleeping rough or relying on the generosity of friends or family. Catholic Social Teaching principles remind us that having adequate shelter is a basic human right; a right that the Church affirms as a key part of respecting and recognising our personhood. It can be difficult to know what to do when meeting someone living on the street, but Caritas Diocese of Plymouth suggests a few small actions to make a difference:

- Pray for all those who live on the streets with no shelter, especially during the cold winter weather.
- If you see someone sleeping rough, make a report to "Street Link" on 0300 500 0914 or via <https://thestreetlink.org.uk/>. This will connect someone with local support services. You can also give the number to someone to get help for themselves.
- Share the Caritas guide with your fellow parishioners to explore ways to help in your local community <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Jan-24-Homelessness-guide.pdf>

Contact [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) if you would like more information.

**Diocesan Lenten Retreats 2025** at St Rita's, Honiton – see poster for details.

**Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December, the Feast of the Holy Family, our Diocese joined the Church across the world in celebrating a Holy Year. This kind of Jubilee comes every 25 years and gives us the occasion throughout the whole year to celebrate every aspect of the Church's life and ministry. Pope Francis encourages us to recognise our status as Pilgrims of Hope during this year, whether we are in need of receiving that hope, or are honoured with the ministry of giving hope. We journey together as a Church, and as a parish community, always looking upon our loving Saviour, to bring hope and light to even the darkest places. Look out for ways we as a parish are going to celebrate this Jubilee and join yourself in prayer and pilgrimage with the whole Church, that true Hope settles in the hearts of all.

**Diocesan Vacancies – Head of Safeguarding** – see noticeboard for full job advert. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - **Property Administrator** based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. To express your interest please contact [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). Closing date for applications: **Monday 3 February 2025**

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Coffee, Tinned potatoes, Tinned carrots, Rice, Pasta sauce**  
*A big thanks from everyone at Tavistock Foodbank*

**Parish Notices:**

**Sunday Music- Can you help?**

*As we prepare for our Sunday Masses going into 2025, it would be helpful to have as many options as possible to support our musical liturgy at Holy Cross. If anyone in the parish would be willing to play the keyboard/organ at 9.00am Mass, or if you play a musical instrument and would like to consider being a member of the Music Group, then please could you speak to Danny? This need not be a regular weekly commitment, but it is more to enhance our current arrangements to provide flexibility and resilience each Sunday going forward.*

**Bonus Ball News:** On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January** the winner was Sheila Turner with ball number 28. She won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds

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.**)



**Parish Secretary**—Our Parish Secretary, Ann Ruth, is Secretary to two Parishes—Yelverton & Tavistock. In order for Ann to work effectively it has been agreed that her time will be divided as follows:

**Yelverton:**

**Wednesdays 9am- 12.15pm & Fridays 12.45pm – 4pm**

**Tavistock:**

Wednesdays 12.45pm-4pm & Fridays 9am-12.15pm

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**Pope's Intentions January 2025 — For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.