



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Week Commencing Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (Year B) *Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday*

(Readings: *Is 61:1-2.10-11 Cant Lk 1:46-50.53-54 1Th 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8.19-28*)

### Mass Intentions this Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b><i>Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete Sunday</i></b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Yelverton 6pm	Janak Asher RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete Sunday</i></b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Tavistock 9am	People of the Parish
	Yelverton 10.45am	Jim Walsh RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Feria</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Feria</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Feria</i>
<b>Friday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Feria</i>
	Yelverton 10am	Private Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><i>Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></b>	
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Yelverton 6pm	Jim Walsh RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></b>	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Tavistock 9am	
	Yelverton 10.45am	People of the Parish

We 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

### A warm welcome to our visitors!

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, and Maria Swords

#### Parish Notices: -

#### Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve** Yelverton 8pm Tavistock Midnight

**Christmas Day** Tavistock 9am Yelverton 10.45am

**More stewards and sanitisers are needed to help at our Masses. Please let the Parish Office know if you can assist us. *Fr Martin***

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** Why not send a Christmas virtual gift this year that will help transform the lives of poor communities in developing countries? It is easy to order your Christmas gift cards online at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or you can order by phone 08081400014.

Contact Fran Blackmore for more information tel. 854271 or email fran.blackmore@btinternet.com Order by **16 December** for free delivery in time for Christmas.

#### Other Notices: -

We are all called to **Welcome the Stranger**, but many people are unsure how they can help others during this time of continued lockdown. Caritas has produced a Christmas Newsletter which offers some practical suggestions for action and links to prayer resources: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Caritas-at-Christmas-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

**Who am I?** What is *my nature*? What has God created me *for*? Who has God created me *for*? Would you like to discover insights on a fascinating aspect of our faith? Join us online on Mondays at 7pm, for an hour of video presentations, prayer and reflection on **The Human Person**, a workshop from *Franciscan at Home*. All welcome. For an invitation link please email [deborahvankroo@gmail.com](mailto:deborahvankroo@gmail.com),

We have all had a difficult year. However, can you imagine if you had been imprisoned, sometimes for years, merely for your religion or for defending human rights - thousands of people worldwide have been unjustly detained. Please consider this: **a card from you could lighten the darkness of their cell**. If you would like to send a card to someone in this season of goodwill, please email Tony John [agwj97@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:agwj97@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 852172 for details.

**The annual Festival of Nativity Scenes** will be held at St John's Church, Horrabridge, from 12.30pm – 4.30pm every Saturday and Sunday from 5th – 20th December plus Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th December. Many scenes of the Nativity created by village organisations, churches in the Mission Community and individuals in a variety of media and displayed in the beautiful setting of the Parish Church. Entry is by donation. Face coverings will need to be worn, there will be a one-way system in operation and hand sanitisers will be plentiful. All Government guidelines will be followed. Comfort and Joy will be in abundance, do come and see it!

*(N.B. There is a Holy Cross entry as usual)*

**A message from Saskia Hogbin, Diocesan Youth Worker:**

"I am beavering away with new projects for the Youth across the diocese. We have just completed an online drama series where a group of young people Year 6 - Year 13 have produced an alternative nativity play. Look out on The Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook page and Diocese of Plymouth Youth YouTube channel to see the completed version. Look out on the Diocese of Youth Facebook page, young people have created daily reflections or clips on Advent and Christmas activities. These are a great way to help us reflect upon this time of year and prepare for the coming of Christ. If you would like to hear about future events or have a skill to offer the young people in our diocese, please contact me at [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)"

**Vacancy:**

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position.

**Diocesan Schools Commission Administrator (part time) – 1 post**

Location: St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon with some home working to meet COVID Secure requirements. Salary: £11.39 per hour (Actual Salary - £11,846 per annum) Hours: 20 hours per week spread over 5 days- preferably mornings

The Diocesan School's Commissioner Administrator will manage the administrative, secretarial support and the office resources required to ensure the smooth running of the Diocesan Schools Commissioner's office. They will enable the Diocesan Schools Commissioner and team to carry out their Diocesan responsibilities. The post-holder will be required to have a high level of secretarial or administrative experience and will require excellent organisational skills together with good experience of Microsoft Office and excellent interpersonal skills. Experience of working in a schools' environment would be an advantage.

Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or by email to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk) up to 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The last date for applications is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and interviews will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January at St. Boniface House, Ashburton.

There are many priests around the world who celebrate Holy Mass and keep the Faith alive in their communities, but yet live in poverty. You can support priests bringing Christ to the faithful by offering a Mass. Mass offerings are an important source of subsistence for priests working in some poorest countries in the world, often amid persecution and oppression. Your Mass offering can help provide them with the basics of their ministry – food, clothes, transports and resources to help reach out to the those who are suffering. Please follow the link to find out how to make a Mass offer <https://acnuk.org>

**(Aid to the Church in Need)**

**Parish Notices continued:**

**Sue, Damian & Naomi Walsh** would like to thank all our friends at Holy Cross for their kind prayers, messages, cards, Mass intentions and attendance at Jim's Funeral Mass. Special thanks to all those involved in the service. With so many family unable to attend your support meant everything to us. You are a wonderful, caring community. Many thanks to Fr Martin for his kindness and support throughout this difficult time. May God bless you all.

**Shekinah Mission** are desperate for backpacks and rucksacks of any sort to give to those on the streets. If you can help, items may be left in the Presbytery porch or collected. Please contact Mary or Michael Boon by email [michael.boon@talktalk.net](mailto:michael.boon@talktalk.net) or phone, 855421 if necessary

**Foodbank:** The Food bank has plenty pasta and cereal for now but request donations of Coffee, washing powder, tinned food, tinned tomatoes along with Christmas items as mentioned last week.

We have had a staggeringly generous response to the 'reverse advent' appeal with treats being especially welcome. **If you can continue to place them in our (NEW COVERED) box by Wednesday, the 15th there will be time to sort and distribute for Christmas.** Thanks to everyone.

**Items can still be left on the bench under the porch and they will be taken on Wednesday mornings.**

**Collection last Weekend:**

Standing orders £617.00

Loose plate money will be counted next week.

**Thank you**

**Bonus Ball:** the winner on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December was Naomi Walsh with ball number 18. She won £25. There were 34 paid up subscribers that night so £9 went to Parish funds.

**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:** I am now back working in the office so can be contacted on the office number on a Tuesday or Friday Morning. **Ann Ruth**

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

**The Pope's Intention for Evangelisation in December: *For a Life of Prayer***

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**Holy Cross is part of Plymouth Diocesan Trust (Registered Charity No 213227)**

A message from the **Catholic Children's Society**: We wanted to let you know about a fantastic opportunity to nominate your favourite charity for a £1,000 donation. Of course, you don't have to nominate CCSP as you can nominate any charity. Ecclesiastical is once again running its fabulous 12 days of giving, helping charities make a difference over the festive period and beyond. Open to eligible charities registered in the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, 120 charities stand to gain a £1,000 donation. It's quick and easy to nominate.

Just visit [//movementforgood.com/12days](https://movementforgood.com/12days), click 'nominate now' and enter your chosen charity's details. Our Charity number is 282803. Draws will take place each weekday between Monday 7 and Tuesday 22 December, with 10 charities announced each day. Nominations are open now, and will remain open during the draws, closing at midnight on 21 December 2020, before the final draw. The more nominations your chosen charity gets, the greater their chance of winning, so please spread the word. <https://movementforgood.com/12days/>

#### **ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DONATE TO THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH) THIS CHRISTMAS**

A number of parishes have asked how they can donate this Christmas instead of the usual 'crib offerings' made in church. During these unprecedented times, it might not be possible for 'crib offering' collections to be made in the usual way, so if you would like to donate to the CCSP this Christmas, there are a number of alternative ways you can do this via

- our Christmas **Crowdfunding page** – <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/stretch-out-your-hands-this-christmas> (CCSP receive 100% of every donation, as Crowdfunder have waived all their fees to help charities and we acknowledge receipt via email)
- **post** by sending a cheque made payable to 'Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)' to **St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL**
- **BACS direct into our account** – Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) sort code – **52-41-60** account number – **06024335**
- **text** – to donate **£5 text 5CCSP to 70085**, to donate **£10 text 10CCSP to 70085** or to donate **£20 text 20CCSP to 70085**

**Used postage stamps e.g. on Christmas cards. Don't forget to save them as the CCS can use them to raise valuable funds. They can be brought to church for collecting and then they will be passed on to the local office.**