



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 14th December 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

(Readings: Is 35:1-6a.10 Ps 146(145) Ja 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11)

Sunday 14th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass	9am	<i>Mary Lawler & Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>
Tuesday 16th December		Mass	10am	
Sunday 21st December	4th Sunday of Advent	Mass	9am	
		Carol Service	2.30pm	
Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Eve		Carols from 7.30pm, Mass at 8pm	
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day	Mass	10am	
Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment				
N.B. All Sunday Masses will be at 9am unless advised otherwise.				

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:
all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Yvonne Webb, Millicent Williams, Kathleen Swainson, Annette Murray, Stephen Cannan, Thomas O'Kelly, Betty Gledhill

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.

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.

This will be the last session for this term. Thank you to our dedicated Catechists and helpers.

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.

Next Sunday there will be Mince pies and Mulled wine after Mass and the draw for our Christmas Raffle. Squares are £1 each and prizes include a 1st prize of £50 cash, plus lots of others.

There will be a retiring collection for Christmas Flowers. You can pay on the card machine if you prefer.



Polish choir, *The Sounds for the Glory of the Lord* is having a tour. The choir will sing for the first time in **Tavistock, Our Lady of the Assumption and St Mary Magdalene, today (14th Dec, 5:30pm)**. Free entry.

We need lots of help to prepare our church for Christmas

on Saturday 20th December from 10am

Just turn up if you can. There will be something you could do to help.

Holy Cross Repository:

Boxed Christmas Cards £4

I lit a Candle for you Cards 60p

Christmas Gift Bags £1.20

2026 Calendars £1

Calendar Scrolls £3.50

Christmas Pillar Candle £3.50

Walk With Me Advent Booklets £1.50

There is a labelled A-Z box in church so you can 'post' your cards to fellow parishioners or the clergy.

Local events:

St John's Church, Horrabridge.

Festival of Nativity Scenes*

6th December to 14th. 2pm-6pm daily.

Rock Methodist Chapel, **Christmas Tree Festival***
Open daily from 9th -14th Dec 10am- closing times vary
Sunday 14th Carol Service 10.30am

*Holy Cross has displays at both events.

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC Plymouth Circle of the Catenian Association presents An Evening of Christmas Music performed by The Plymouth Clarion Choir at St Paul's RC Church, St. Budeaux on **Tuesday 16th December at 7pm**. Entry, which includes post-concert Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies, is FREE and all are welcome. A collection during the evening in aid of the Circle's nominated charity for the year - The Children's Hospice SW - will be taken in the interval.

St. Boniface's College & Notre Dame School

Carol Service Wednesday, December 17th at Notre Dame. The School is open from 5pm for Christmas Craft stalls and the Service begins at 6.30pm.

**Teens residential, 23rd - 25th January 2026,
East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor**

The 2026 teens residential (those aged 13-17) are invited to explore lives of people holding a refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There is time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. Once listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to do. This event cost £50pp. To book: For further information: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta, Small coffee, Noodles, Pot noodles**

Any treats for Christmas would be very welcome.

Thank you.

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 27th 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

Parish Notices:**Christmastide Joint* Parish Lunch:**

Yelverton Golf Club: Tues 13th January 2026
12.30 for 1pm

Forms with prices and menu choices available at the back of the church and online.

***Holy Cross, St Peter & St Thomas More**

7th December Collections:

Loose Plate: £139

Standing Orders: £610

Card Reader: £20

Christmas Flowers: £74.70

Mass Attendance: 86

Thank you.

Bonus Ball News: On Saturday 6th December Michael Prout won with ball number 40. He won £25. There were 30 subscribers that night so £5 went to church funds.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Walsh.

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

The Pope's Intentions for December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

<https://popesprayer.va>