



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 14th June 2020 (Year A)

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Readings: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16 Ps 147 1Co 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58)

There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.

Sadly the Government measures mean our churches are closed. The reason is that the virus could be spread via surfaces in the church into which consecutive people come into contact, even if they are not there at the same time, and also there is the possibility of people gathering informally for prayer together which seems a good idea at first sight but would actually be an opportunity to spread the virus.

Dear Friends,

As you have no doubt heard the Government has agreed that churches can begin to be open for PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY from Monday 15th June. A lot of work has been undertaken to get us to this stage, but there is still a great deal more to do.

At this stage we are not able to re-open immediately on Monday. You may ask "Why?"

· We have started to develop a plan of action for our churches in Tavistock and Yelverton. We are looking at rationalising which benches can be used, what signage needs to be in place and looking at removing all multiple use items.

· We are still awaiting specific Government guidance and are in dialogue as a deanery with the wider diocese. Once we receive guidelines we will need to clean the church thoroughly before re-opening.

· We will then need a number of teams of Stewards and Cleaners to help facilitate any proposed changes. (It is important that, in this matter, we respect the Government's guidelines on ensuring those of moderate or higher risk are protected.)

· Finally, we will have to communicate the full conditions of using the church for private prayer to as many people as possible. This is so that we can avoid any misunderstandings and difficulties. (Sadly, we are not at this point open for any formal act of worship, including rosary, exposition, adoration etc.)

We will make every effort to achieve all of this in the coming weeks, but we are dependent on all the above coming together smoothly and relatively quickly.

Prayers,

Fr Martin

N.B. The Cathedral will be open from 12 until 4pm each weekday. When we know which other churches are open we will advertise them too.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	13 th June		- Private Intention
Sunday	14 th June	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	- People of the Parish
Tuesday	16 th June		- Deceased members of the Norton & Hoskin families
Wednesday	17 th June		- Private Intention
Thursday	18 th June		- Private Intention
Friday	19 th June		- Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor family.
Saturday	20 th June	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	- People of the Parish
Sunday	21 st June		- Private Intention

We remember in Prayer:

Anniversaries: William JL Kingdon, Edward Johnson, John W Scott, Margaret Meyer.

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford and Margaret Davies.

Daily Mass is being streamed at 11am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is available in the Parish.

If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently holding their normal **weekly** meetings online at **9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should anyone else have any requests for prayer the members of both groups would be happy to include them. Please contact mguly@aol.com or edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com (Mothers Prayers) or mary-mike@the tors.eu (Martha Group)

Emergency Response: Food Bank – Thanks for the donations to the food bank and cash donations which help provide food to some school families who are really struggling. The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: Our Children's Liturgy catechists sometimes use the sites below to help with planning a Sunday Children's Liturgy. You might find them useful to work through with your children. The CAFOD site also has sheets to download to keep little people busy!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders: £612.00.

Obviously Church collections are being seriously diminished during this period when there are no services. With no money in the plate, collection funds are seriously reduced. Yet bills continue to arise due to ongoing maintenance, rates, utilities, etc etc.

And it is times like this when we need to dig deep to continue to be able to reach out to those in society with the greatest need. This will be our main focus over the coming weeks and months. So if you do not use a Standing order to contribute perhaps you would consider setting one up. **If people could set up a standing order until things go back to normal. it would be much better.** We don't have to touch any cheques etc. If you can please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

The Bonus Ball: On Saturday 6th June ball number 33 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £30 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 30 subscribers that night.

Many thanks to the two new Bonus Ball subscribers who have joined us!

Other Notices:-

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH – Newsletter (Covid-19 edition)

There is advice in this newsletter on many issues including Domestic Abuse of both adults and children, Mental health and caring for yourself. This will be on our website on the Newsletter page.



CAFOD'S Coronavirus Response

CAFOD is part of one of the largest aid networks in the world with substantial expertise in water, hygiene, sanitation and disease control.

Tavistock Parish has set up a Just Giving Page to support CAFOD and has asked us to help to achieve their target. Please click on the link below you can see the great work they are doing and make a donation

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-of-the-assumption-and-st-mary-magdalen-tavistock>

Mary's Meals there is a short video message from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow on our websites.

The link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be

Parish Secretary: I am working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. However, I am happy for any parishioner to contact me whatever day as I will be here at home! Always happy to help! Take care and God Bless, Ann Ruth

Ann can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

Parish newsletter: We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com **(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).**

The Pope's Prayer Intention for Evangelisation for June: The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.