



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Day for the Unemployed

(Readings: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119(118) 1Co 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37)

Sunday 15th February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	<i>Dorrie Timson RIP</i>
Tuesday 17th February		Mass	10am	
Wednesday 18th February	Ash Wednesday – (Day of Fast & Abstinence)			
	Holy Cross	Mass	9.30am	
	<i>St Thomas More, Southway</i>	Mass	10.30am	
	<i>Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock</i>	Mass	11am	
	<i>St Thomas More, Southway</i>	Mass	7pm	
Friday 20th February	<i>Requiem Mass for Anne Stanton</i>	Mass	10am	
Sunday 22nd February	First Sunday of Lent	Mass	12.30pm	<i>Mary Lawler & Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment				

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Monica Rodbard, Maude Ross, Jeff Williams, Viola Coyle, Mrs Davies, Andrew Payne, Ronald Shipton, Frances Pearce

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, 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 no **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday or next as it is **Half Term**.

Refreshments are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

Walk with Me Lenten Prayer Books

are now available at the back of the Church. Starts on 18th February—Ash Wednesday. £1 each.

Retiring Collection this Sunday (15th February)

The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions. The Sisters would be very grateful for your donations to help with their work. For more information, please see leaflet at the back of the Church, there are also some prayer cards available. **Please donate if you can – nothing is too small. The card Machine will also be available for donations.** Thank you.

Pancake lunch

The Martha Group are holding a pancake lunch on Shrove **Tuesday 17th February at 12 noon** in the parish hall. Both Savory and sweet options will be available. All money raised will be put to Parish funds.

We will be having Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross, after the 10am Mass on Tuesdays throughout Lent.

The Pope's Intentions for February: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. <https://popesprayer.va>

Dilexi Te The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission: Day of Reflection 21st February 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre with Bishop Nicholas Hudson opening the day and closing with Mass **This event is now fully booked. For those who wish to go on the waiting list, please email.**
caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Lent Retreat Day: St Rita's, Honiton
Saturday 21st February 9.30am- 3.30pm
The Sacrament of Liberation with Fr Robbie Low
Cost £25 per person (includes lunch)
For further information & to register, contact:
St Rita's Centre Tel: 01404 42635
Email: admin@stritascentre.org /
www.stritascentre.org

Vigil for Peace Service - 24th February at 6pm - an invitation to join with our local Ukrainian community at St Eustachius Church, Tavistock

On Tuesday 24th February, at 6 pm - 4 years after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia - there will be a Vigil for Peace Service at St Eustachius Church. On this sad day, Ukrainians in Tavistock will gather to pay tribute to those who gave their lives to protect their homeland, to stand in solidarity with those who suffer the hardships of war, who mourn the loss of their loved ones. The Ukrainian community in Tavistock will be deeply grateful to everyone who is able to come and join us in our prayers for peace. Hymns, readings and prayers will be shared in Ukrainian and English, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

The culture awakens! Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – SPUC

Are you 16 to 35 years old? Join us for a chance to engage with key figures in the pro-life movement and like-minded company at our largest gathering of young pro-lifers from across the country.

In just one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow abortion up-to-birth and voted in favour of legalising assisted suicide. Our culture is facing a tipping point, and that is why it is more important than ever that pro-life young people come together to join the fightback to defend the unborn and the vulnerable.

We are on a mission to make abortion unthinkable, and the 2026 Youth Conference theme, The Culture Awakens, seeks to call each person to take a step towards this goal. Increase your pro-life knowledge, learn effective strategies for pro-life activity, hear pro-life testimonies and make new friends!

When? Friday 27th February – Sunday 1st March '26

Where? Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL

How much? The weekend costs £150 which includes accommodation and all meals. **Sponsorship is available if necessary.**

To register, or for further details, contact Katherine Hampton at:

katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk or <https://spuc.org.uk/youthconference/>

Inspire, Saturday 14th March, Buckfast Abbey. 11-18.00. Youth Events would like to welcome young people **aged 12-24** to Inspire. Inspire is a festival of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are **£30 per person**. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: [Inspire 2026 Parish Booking Form – Fill in form](#)
Fr Jon has agreed that Holy Cross will pay the £30 for any of our young parishioners attending this event. Please let the Parish Office/Ann know so that payment can be made.

GATHER 2026 We look forward to welcoming you to our annual GATHER conference **20th - 22nd March** at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

Do you love knitting? If you enjoy knitting and would like to help families, of all faiths and none, by knitting items for babies and children, please do get in touch with our Essential Grants Manager by calling **01364 645424** or by emailing vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk (There are more details on our website or ask Ann Ruth or Sue Walsh to email you the details.)

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:
Milk, Fruit juice, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Custard
Thank you.

Parish Notices:

Sunday 8th February Collections:

Loose Plate: £149 + Gift Aid £11

Standing Orders: £730 (of which Gift Aided £640)

Card Reader: £70

Mass Attendance : 67

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 8th February** the winner was Michael Prout with ball number 40. He won £25. There were 27 subscribers that night so £2 went to church funds

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

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