



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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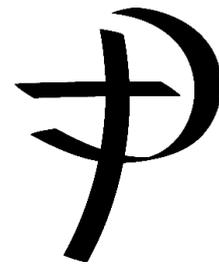
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Week Commencing: Sunday 15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

(Readings: 1S 16:1b.6-7.10-13a Ps 232(22) Eph5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41)

Sunday 15th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent- Laetare Sunday	Mass 12.30pm	<i>Michael Knight RIP</i>
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick - Feast	Mass N.B. - 8.30am	
		Followed by Stations of the Cross	
Sunday 22nd March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mass 12.30pm	<i>Sybil Gasche RIP</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:

Anne O'Kelly, Henrietta Carter, Michael Boylan, Douglas Hoy, Nora Hammond.

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, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

MOTHER'S DAY

On this Mother's Day we pray for all mothers, and for the wonderful vocation of motherhood, and for the loving, nurturing formation of their children in the ways of the Lord.

We pray for all mothers who have passed from this life that they may be receiving their eternal reward.

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

Easter Egg Raffle for Parish Funds

Tickets on sale from today - £1 per square. The draw will take place after Mass on Easter Sunday. If anyone can contribute Easter eggs or chocolates towards it please can you leave your donation at the back of the church on a Sunday. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

There will be Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross, after Mass on Tuesdays throughout Lent.

Penitential Services:

Tavistock: Wednesday 18th March at 6.00 pm
Holy Cross: Tuesday 24th March at 6.30pm
St Thomas More on Friday 27th March at 7pm.

Holy Cross Church needs your help!

Volunteers needed on SUNDAY 22nd MARCH at 1:30pm (after Mass) to cover the statues in preparation for Holy Week.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

AND

Volunteers needed on SATURDAY 28th MARCH at 10:00am to help with extra cleaning of our church in preparation for Easter.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Mass & Service Times for Holy Week

Please collect the separate sheet at the back of the Church which lists all Masses and times from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

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

Zoom Lent Course: Please feel free to join this parish Zoom course during our Lenten journey together.

Thursday 19th March 7pm.

Sr Bernadette Reis - The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Thursday 26th March 7pm.

Simon Giarchi - The Parable of the Sheep & the Goats

Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 Password is 125755

STEPPING INTO STILLNESS

An Introduction to Contemplative Praying and Living at **St Rita's Centre, Honiton. April 20th – 24th 2026**

An Introduction to the Gries Path of Prayer as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands paddyrylands@gmail.com
See the poster on the noticeboard or on the Holy Cross website.

UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY UNBOUND

Prayer Ministry available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Please contact unboundprayerdop@gmail.com or see the poster for more details.

EVANGELIUM The Evangelisation and Catechesis Team have produced a newsletter which you can access through the following link

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-3D7B158DDC8192832540EF23F30FEDED>

Here is the link to the Diocesan newsletter for March

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED>

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group

Ignatian silent retreats taking place this summer at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall: They provide an opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life to make a little extra space and time for God.

Jun 26th -28th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

Jun 26th -1st July (Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend Retreat (£350)

Venue: Sclerder Abbey Retreat House,
(Chemin Neuf) Cornwall.

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation.

Costs includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations.

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at:

diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or
phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:
Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Pasta sauce, Long life milk, Fruit juice - not squash
Thank you

Time for a Spring Clean ?

It's that time of year when we start to look forward to the longer evenings and look to dust off the cobwebs of the Winter months by having a good old-fashioned Spring Clean. Did you know that you can donate your unwanted items through the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s Orange Box recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause?



In 2025, our Orange Boxes raised a staggering **£35,216.51** compared to the previous year's record-breaking total of **£5,970.51** in 2024 and **£5,534.00** in 2023. Thank you to all parishes who maintain an Orange Box and to every generous donator who has contributed to this amazing amount of money raised for CCSP !

Items that can be popped into your parish Orange Box include -

- **Stamp collections**, first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre 1950
- **Coins and banknotes** – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise
- **Precious metals** including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc
- **Metals including ornaments**, metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition
- **Costume jewellery**
- **Medals**
- **Small antiques and collectibles**
- **Watches** – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not
- **Any Catholic religious memorabilia** such as rosaries, crucifixes, medals etc

And don't forget you can recycle your old ink cartridges through our ink cartridge recycling boxes which also raised almost **£400** for CCSP and saved 27.57kg from landfill last year.

Parish Notices:

Sunday 8th March Collections:

Loose Plate: £123.80

Card Reader: £35

Standing Orders: £730

Mass attendance: 60

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 8th March** the winner was Frances Cooper with ball number 19. She 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**)

The Pope's Intentions for March: For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. <https://popesprayer.va>