HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing: Sunday 15th November 2026
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

(Readings: Prov 31:10-13 19-20 30-31 Ps 128(127) 1Th 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30)

Sunday 15th November	***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***	Mass	12.30pm	*Int Florence Spicer RIP*
Sunday 22nd November	***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***	Mass	12.30pm	*Int: Fr Jon Bielawski RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:
all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Roy Rodbard, Francis Cheshire, Marguarite Branson.

the sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John & Barbara Edwards.

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. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

Book of Remembrance:
If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones to appear in this book, **please fill in a form at the back of the church.**

If you would like a Catholic Diary 2027, please let me know. Thank you. Ann, Parish Secretary

Last chance to purchase Raffle tickets for Our Lady of the Assumption Christmas Raffle are available from Ann Ruth £1 ticket or £5 book. Prizes include: £30 meal voucher for Peter Tavy Inn, Cream Tea at Café Liaison & Taylors in Tavistock, Hamper, various bottles & more. **Draw taking place 29th November.**

Today is also the annual celebration of **'Safeguarding Sunday'**. Safeguarding Sunday is a national event, created by Thirtyone:eight (Creating safer places Together). Our Head of Safeguarding for the Diocese, Martin Christmas-Nelson has written an open letter – Love Protects. If you would like a copy, copies are available at the back of the Church or on the Diocesan Website. Also, on Friday 20th November at 10.00 there will be a Safeguarding Mass in Plymouth Cathedral.

There are 3 local events on the one evening!
SUNDAY 15th November -TODAY!
More details on the outside notice board.
4pm St Leonard's Sheepstor
5pm St Peter's Church Meavy
7pm Catalyst at URC Tavistock.

LAST THINGS FIRST - Living in the light of eternity: A course on the church's teaching and counsels regarding the "Last Things" by Fr Hellyer. At St Edward's Hall, PL3 4PG on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** (5,19,26 Nov; 3,10 Dec). Session 1: Counsels for a happy death & Last rite - Session 2: Judgment - the moment of truth - Session 3 : Purgatory - the fire of love - Session 4 : Hell - the reality we dare not ignore - Session 5: Heaven - Our True Home. We shall draw on the experience of the Saints and not least those privileged with visions of the last things, e.g. St Teresa of Avila, St Bridget of Sweden, St Catherine of Genoa, St Faustina. But also those who provide practical assistance e.g. St Joseph, St Nicholas of Tolentino (Note: also available on Zoom on Tuesdays 7.30pm - email: **ian.hellyer@ordinariate.org.uk** for the link to Zoom).

The PPC are meeting on **17th November**. If you have any points to be raised. please contact Mary Pike, Francine Brooks or Father John.

The Pope's Intentions for November: For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less. ***https://popesprayer.va***

Advent, Young Adults' retreat (18 - 30-year-olds), **20th – 22nd November, Buckfast Abbey**
A weekend exploring the scripture Isaiah 40:3, with talks led by Brothers Augustine and Reginald OP along with a chance to pray and reflect, whilst meeting other young adults from across the Diocese. £40 contribution per person. For more information contact Saskia: **youth@prcdtr.org.uk** Booking essential: Buckfast Abbey Retreat for young adults 20th - 22nd November 2026 – Fill in form



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) **Advent Coffee Morning 10.30am – 12.15pm Saturday, 21st November** in **Plymouth Cathedral Centre**. Prize Raffle, Assorted Homemade cakes, including Christmas, Dundee & Log cakes, Jams, Spicy Chutney, Marmalade and Savouries as well as a religious, jewellery and bric-a-brac stalls. £1 Entry to include tea, coffee & mince pie. Please come and support a good cause. We look forward to welcoming you. NB. Are you willing to bake some cakes for us? Contact: Christine: 07742320717 Thank you.

On Sunday 29th November at Assumption Parish, Abbey Road, Torquay, we will be having our **HCPT Westcountry Region Advent Liturgy** led by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Please see poster for details

ADVENT RETREAT DAY on Saturday 5th December at St Rita's Centre "Exploring Prayer and Conversion" led by Fr. Gerald Wilson OAR The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10am. The second talk will be at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £27.00. To register, please complete the application form and let us know of any dietary requirements.
You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at **admin@stritascentre.org**, or register online via our website: ADVENT RETREAT DAY- "EXPLORING PRAYER AND CONVERSION". Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

Callington Singers Carol Concert at Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock on Saturday 12th December at 7pm and please scan the QR Code on the poster to book. (Noticeboard at the back of the Church).

Catholic Children's Society - Did you know **70% of shoppers** will do their Christmas shopping online this year? And did you know this shopping can **easily turn into funding for CCSP**? Everyone's favourite Christmas gift retailers like eBay, Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Currys, Etsy, M&S, Boots, Dunelm, Waterstones and even more will all donate money to our organisation when our supporters, volunteers, trustees and our community shop with them. **It's very easy** - an online shopper simply buys something from one of the above retailers or 8,000 others, and the retailer sends CCSP a free donation as a thank you, at no extra cost to the shopper. Please click this link and register to fundraise for CCSP whilst you shop this Christmas and throughout the year
www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Squash Small coffee, Detergent, Men's deodorant, Toilet rolls**
OR you can donate money to the Food Bank to allow them to make purchases of goods they require. They have a website and here is the link:
https://tavistock.foodbank.org.uk/
Just open up and you can select to donate.
Thank you for your ongoing support

Parish Notices:

Safety: for the safety of our younger children, please ensure you shut the side gate into the garden next to the church if you use it.

Annual Mass in the Chapel at Buckland Abbey: This will take place on **Friday 4th December** at 10:00 am. As places are restricted to 20, please sign the sheet at the back of church, if you wish to attend . N.B. Please park in the main car park and use the rear entrance to the Abbey (the Exit!). If you need a lift in the buggy, please let Mary Pike know. 01822 855281

BRIAR TOR COMMUNITY CENTRE
Wednesday 25th November 11:00 am – 2:00 pm



Homemade Soup & Bread
Tea/Coffee & Cake
Raffle
Donations in aid of Holy Cross Martha Group Charities

Holy Cross dates for your Diary:
Sunday 13th December the **Christmas Raffle** will take place after the 12.30 Mass – First Prize £50
Joint* Christmas Carol Service
Sunday 20th December at 2.30pm
Christmas Mass:
Friday 25th December 12.30pm Mass at Holy Cross

Christmastide Joint* Parish Lunch:
Yelverton Golf Club: Wed 13th January 2026
12.30 for 1pm, Menu & prices to follow
***Holy Cross, St Peter's & St Thomas More**

Sunday 8th November Collections:
Loose plate: £124.64 Standing Orders: £705
Card Reader £35 Mass Attendance – 64 **Thank you**

Bonus Ball News: on Saturday 7th November the winner was Michael Prout with ball number 40. He won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds.

Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Walsh. The Diocese of Plymouth's Safeguarding Team is available **01364 645430** or by email:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

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