



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 16th August 2020 (Year A)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Readings: Rev 11:19; 12:1-6.10 Ps 44 1Co 15:20-26 Lk 1:39-56)

Dear all,

A reminder for anyone who has not seen the following information....

We are restricted to 20 “bubbles” in church and need to ensure we do not go over our capacity and to make certain that social distancing is maintained. We appreciate that this will be frustrating, but it is important that we always respect and follow the guidelines of the stewards. We thank them for their continued support, without which we would not be able to open safely. In addition, there is a handout entitled ***“Guide for Parishioners during the COVID-19 pandemic”*** which we appreciate you reading and following when coming to Mass. We request that parishioners wear masks throughout the service.

Mass in Tavistock will continue to take place on Sundays at 9am.

Prayers

Fr Martin

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday 15 th Aug	Yelverton 6pm	<i>Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	- For those affected by the Beirut explosion.
Sunday 16 th Aug	Tavistock 9am	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	- People of the Parish
Tuesday 18 th Aug			- Private Intention (Yelverton)
Wednesday 19 th Aug			- Kate & Bradley Family (Intention)
Thursday 20 th Aug		<i>St Bernard</i>	- Private Intention
Friday 21 st Aug		<i>St Pius X</i>	- Private Intention
Saturday 22 nd Aug	Yelverton 6pm	<i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	- Rose Ruth RIP
Sunday 23 rd Aug	Tavistock 9am	<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	- People of the Parish

We remember in Prayer:

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen P Craig-Mooney, Alexander Craig-Mooney, Tamsin Fegan, Mary Ann Evans

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 10am 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.

Bishop Mark has forwarded the following useful information and asked us to forward to parishioners, especially to those who are sick and housebound, or who are having to isolate at home, at this time: **Dial-a-Mass: The Middlesbrough Diocese in conjunction with the Knights of St Columbia began Dial a Mass for the benefit of those who do not have the internet or computer. The way it works is: The Mass is recorded and put on telephone at 12 midday on Sunday and stays until the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call the person can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The number to call is: 01642 130 120. The Mass tends to last approximately 45 minutes.**

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

CCSP* Annual Appeal 2020 - *Stretch out Your Hands*

As Bishop Mark says, this year's Annual Appeal is being launched in a time when great economic hardship has fallen on many families due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With all our fundraising events cancelled, and with an increase in the number of grant applications we are receiving from families struggling as a result of Covid-19, we ask that our parishes 'Stretch out Your Hands' a little further this year please and whilst we appreciate that this is asking a lot, your donations and prayers really are needed thank you.

This year, because of the restrictions in place, we are hoping that our parishioners will be able to donate in alternative ways so that the amount of money raised is not adversely affected by the current pandemic. Indeed, we sincerely hope that this year's Annual Appeal raises more funds than in previous years, as more families are in need of our financial support right now and we only envisage this increasing into 2021. Donations can be made via our **Crowdfunding page** <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/2020-ccsp-annual-appeal---stretch-out-your-hands>, where we receive 100% of every donation as all fees have been waived, and we acknowledge all donations as some parishioners have mentioned a reluctance to donate online. Donations can also be **posted to CCSP, St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL** or can be transferred by **BACS direct into our CCSP bank account sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335**. For the full list of ways to support our Annual Appeal this year, please **visit our website at www.ccsplymouth.org.uk**

***Catholic Children's Society -Plymouth**

Plymouth Diocesan Year Book 2021. If you would like to order a copy please can you email yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk stating whether or not you want 'ring bound' or not. The Parish Order needs to be placed by the end of August so please respond no later than **Monday 24th August 2020.**

Orders are now being taken for the ORDO 2020/21. Please e-mail the Parish Office if you require one.

- Normal Print Ordo (Price: £5.50)
- Normal Print Ordo & Diary (Price: £6.50)
- Large Print Ordo (Price: £6.25)
- Large Print Ordo & Diary (Price: £7.50)

A message of appreciation: Comprehensive training was organised and delivered, to adhere to the oft changing guidelines, which enabled Father, with the help of stewards and sanitisers, to facilitate the opening of our church. Twenty-six parishioners came together to celebrate Mass at Holy Cross on 8th August, a gap of five months since Mothering Sunday in March. It was very uplifting being able to receive Holy Communion after such a long time, to pray for each other, particularly those not yet able to attend and to meet, even socially distanced, and have a conversation. We are truly blessed to have a cohesive congregation. Much pastoral care has continued quietly in the background, care of the dying and bereaved, contributions and delivery of the foodbank (much appreciated thanks to Gibson and Julie, very kind neighbours, for delivering weekly to Tavistock), the collating, publishing and delivery of the weekly newsletter, enabling contact with people living on their own or vulnerable or shielding, to know that they are thought of. The tubs outside the church, a blaze of colour, have been watered and cared for, a symbol of our caring community throughout lockdown for everyone just passing by. Many of us are still 'attending' Mass virtually via live streaming and this will continue for the foreseeable future.

By the time that you are reading this our young people will have received their exam results. Please hold them in your prayers as they come to terms with the harsh reality of the adult world, the difficulties and uncertainties of future plans when illness and unemployment are affecting many families, who just six months ago had such high hopes.
Anon

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently continuing to hold their normal weekly meetings on-line **at 9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should any parishioner have a request for prayer they would be happy to include such petitions. Please contact mguly@aol.com

Advance Notice: Given the success of our August meeting, it has been agreed that the members of the **Martha Group** should meet for coffee and prayers with another face to face but socially distanced meeting in September. Please note that, in view of the fact that the first Tuesday will be immediately after the Bank Holiday, we have decided that the meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8th September**. It will as usual be held **at 10.30 am**. Further details will follow next week. There will be no official agenda for the meeting which will be another social occasion and it would give us great pleasure to welcome any ladies of the parish who might be interested in joining us.

Emergency Response: Food Bank The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. The foodbank desperately need cuppa soups and multi packs of crisps please. Thank you.

The Bonus Ball: On Saturday 8th August ball number 41 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £25 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 25 subscribers that night

I will be at Mass on Saturday evening and will collect Bonus Ball money in the car park after Mass for those who wish to pay. Thanks to those who have kept this ticking over. Sue Walsh

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders £342.00.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These have now been counted and cheques banked. Sorry for the delay.

Other Notices:-

Youth Events in the Diocese: September 26th There will be workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Workshops will be offered through ZOOM. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peters, Crownhill later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

In October there will be a series of 5 sessions, exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead 3 of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly, I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be; My spiritual journey, living through COVID 19.

If you are interested in either of these events or any future events, please email: youth@prcdtr.or

Plymouth Diocese Summer Camps. To join online, contact them via e-mail: Junior Camp – current years 3-6: junior1pdcamp@mail.com; Senior Camp – current years 7-10: Seniorpdcamp@mail.com; St Petroc's Camp – Current years 11-13: chrislee4sc@gmail.com.

**This message has been received from Deborah van Kroonenburg,
(Marriage & Family Coordinator, Department for Evangelisation)**

"I am pleased to tell you that we will be having an **online Diocesan Marriage Event** in September.

We had expected Francine & Byron Pirola - who do Catholic Marriage Resources (SmartLoving) for engaged and also married couples all over the world - to be in the UK this Autumn. This will not now be possible but they have kindly agreed to do a special online event for our Diocese. The plan is to have two blocks of input - the first for married or engaged couples and the second for those who support marriage or prepare or mentor couples - or who want to support marriage in any way. I hope that you can join us (and recommend parishioners and others to do so) . If you go on to the SmartLoving site you will see that these are worthwhile presenters, very committed to Catholic marriage and I am delighted they are doing this for us. So, for the diary - the date to save is **Saturday, September 12th - 09.00 - 13.00** (to allow for global time differences) - on your iPad, laptop or phone. More information to follow before the day."

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, either by e-mail or mobile, as I will be here at home! My number is: 07792 585632. **Ann Ruth**

Parish newsletter: copies are outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish if you are still shielding. 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 Universal Prayer Intention: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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