



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 16th December 2018 *Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) – Gaudete Sunday*

Masses today: 9am *People of the Parish* & **10.30am**

(Readings: Zep 3:14-18 Cant Is 12:2-6 Ph 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18)

11.45am Children's Nativity Service

Mass during the week:-

Monday **No Mass**

Tuesday 10am Private Intention (Rosary at 9.40am. Refreshments after Mass)

Wednesday 10am

Thursday 10am

Friday 10am Private Intention (9:40am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life)

Saturday **No Mass**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10am weekday Masses and on request

Anniversaries: Stephen Cannan; Thomas de Pentheny O'Kelly; Betty M Gledhill; Kevin L Toomey; Margaret M Carson; Catherina Cock

A warm welcome to our visitors

Today:

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

Today we will share the joy of **Emilie & Tom Turner** who make their First Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass. We pray that God will shower his blessings upon them and their parents Françoise and Simon.

Christmas Raffle Please do support this end of year fundraiser for our church funds. All the prizes, £50 cash, voucher for Rock Inn (£25), voucher for Moor Beauty, voucher for Yelverton Golf Club, Bottles etc are all worth more than £5. All but one have been donated by non-parishioners. IF you can afford to, please do buy more than one square on the board at the back of the church. The Raffle will be drawn after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday when Mulled wine & mince pies will be served!
Thank you for your generosity.

Children's Liturgy There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (*N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them*).

Missing DVD – We have a box set of the Complete Series of Rev. Robert E Barron 'Catholicism, the Journey of a Lifetime', but Parts 7&8 – Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven and The Communion of Saints is missing. We think this has been lent out – if you have the DVD please can you return it to the Presbytery as soon as possible. Thank you.

Appeal for Christmas Flowers and Flower Arrangers.

There will be a collection for flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas today and if you would like to help with the flower displays for Christmas **please come along on Friday 21st December at 1pm in the hall.** Contact Fran Blackmore on 01822 854271 for more information.

2019 Calendar: **Windows Across the Diocese** – in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Excellent value at just £5, ideal present for family and friends.

Parish Survey:

We are undertaking a Parish survey to complement the information you kindly shared on our recent GDPR privacy forms. The purpose of the survey is to gather information that will give a picture of the Parish life and to gather ideas that will help to inform how we continue to grow as a faith-centred community. Please do take a copy of the survey questionnaire (available at the back of the church) and return it in the box provided by **6th January 2019** Thank you.

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church

In this season of goodwill, a card from YOU could really bring hope to someone who is imprisoned or persecuted simply for their religious or political beliefs. If possible, please send a card before 31 December. Further details from the 'Write for Rights' booklet at the back of church, or from Tony John (852172).

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.30 am Mass today.

Dates:-

Christmas Service Times at Holy Cross

Christmas Eve 8pm Nativity of the Lord – Vigil Mass preceded by pre-Vigil **Service of Readings and Carols at 7.30pm**

Christmas Day 10am Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday 26th 10am St Stephen Protomartyr. Renewal of promises of existing members of the Guild of St Stephen will be held at this Mass – all Guild members are expected to attend.

Plymouth Deanery - ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 19th Dec – 7pm St Peter's, Crownhill

For other services within the Deanery, please see the notice located in the Church Porch.

If you would like to sing carols on the wards at Derriford Hospital you are in luck!! Come to the Chapel on level 7 at 6.30 for 7 pm on Thursday 20th December and your dream will come true!! Mince pies and a hot drink afterwards too.

FORMATION DAY FOR CATECHISTS - calling all catechists and “would be” catechists who help pass on the faith in any way by involvement in Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage Preparation programmes or Children’s Liturgy. The last day in the current course which was scheduled for January 19th 2019 has now been changed to January 12th. St. Peter’s Parish Room, 10.30am-1pm. All welcome.

The GATHER Conference brings together people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. In 2019 we will gather at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay on 18–20 January 2019.

Full details and booking arrangements available at the back of the church.

Catholic South West!

The December edition is available – 50p per copy

CTS booklets – individually priced in the rack
Selection of cards & books in the carousel.

Parish Secretary - Office Hours this week
Wednesday 9am-2pm; Friday 10am-3pm

Newsletter: All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please to Sue Walsh

(Tel: 07767480807, or 01822 854118 or by email: svwalsh@hotmail.com)

Please save used stamps for the Catholic Children’s Society. There is a jar for them on the back table.

Notices:-

Christmas appeal on behalf of the Tavistock Foodbank:

Foodbanks are preparing to face their busiest month of the year as Christmas approaches and the demand for help rockets by as much as 50%. The organisers greatly welcome the support of Holy Cross and would be delighted to receive a **few more seasonal products** as well as both male and female toiletries. They particularly request **tinned ham, UHT milk, fruit juice, small Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, box/tins of biscuits, children’s selection boxes, boxes of chocolates, snacks and nibbles (e.g. peanuts, crisps etc.), Pringles, tins of fruit and custard, Schloer and Christmas crackers.** Thank you for your continued cooperation and for your cash donations which are much appreciated. **There will be a Christmas paper-covered box at the back of church for the next few Sundays. If any families would like to donate a chocolate/sweet or other Christmas item for a family receiving help from the Foodbank, we will deliver it in time for Christmas. Please bring YOUR contribution next Sunday. Thank you.**

SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again we are asking that rather than you giving your loved ones gifts this year, that you give the gift of life and hope on their behalf. Donate to the SVP Sudan baby feeding appeal and receive a gift certificate with a personalised message to give them on Christmas day, for tax payers gift aiding would be appreciated. Or just donate for yourselves, either gift aided, or in the SVP box at the back of church. Members of the SVP will be at the back of church with the forms after Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

Red Missio (APF) boxes...if you would like yours emptied so your donation can be banked this year please leave it at the back of the church by December 16th. Thank you to all those who have supported the charity this year by using a red box. Thank you, Sue Walsh

Bonus Ball winner: on 8th December ball number 17 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £40 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 40 subscribers that night.

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £234.04 Gift aided £75.00

Standing orders £237.00

The Flowers’ collection was £111.35

Thank you

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green



The Pope’s Universal Intention for December:

Evangelisation: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

‘That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.’

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