



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 16th July 2023 (Year A)

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Is 55:10-11 Ps 64 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23)

Saturday 15th	Vigil Mass for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Yelverton	6pm Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 16th	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tavistock	9am Mass <i>Tom & Mary Lumley RIP</i>
Yelverton	10.45am Mass <i>Roger & Emily Skelsey RIP</i>
Wednesday 19th	Tavistock
	9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 22nd	Vigil Mass for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Yelverton	6pm Mass <i>Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family</i>
Sunday 23rd	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tavistock	9am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Yelverton	10.45am Mass <i>Trevena Family Living & Departed</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

We welcome Bishop Augustine Ukwuoma, Bishop of Orlu, Nigeria, who will be celebrating Mass with us on Saturday evening.
Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards so the Bishop can meet parishioners.

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Symons; Sheila Wadden-Martin, Thomas Burke

and the sick and/or housebound: including, Margaret Phelps, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Robert Edwards, Anne O'Kelly, Fr Michael Cole, Lynn Nettleton, Simon Gray, Leslie Longhurst.& Anthony John.

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.45am Mass. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

World Youth Day is taking place in Portugal from 26th - 31st July. *One of our parishioners is attending and Fr Cyriacus would like to have a retiring collection this weekend for him to help with spending money.*

Know your Faith:

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR EARTHLY PEACE? Earthly peace requires the equal distribution and safeguarding of the goods of persons, free communication among human beings, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of justice and fraternity.

WHEN IS IT MORALLY PERMITTED TO USE MILITARY FORCE? The use of military force is morally justified when the following conditions are present at the same time: - The suffering inflicted by the aggressor must be lasting, grave and certain; - All other peaceful means must have been shown to be ineffective; - There are well founded prospects of success; - The use of arms, especially given the power of modern weapons of mass destruction, must not produce evils graver than the evil to be eliminated.

WHAT MUST BE DONE TO AVOID WAR? Because of the evils and injustices that all war brings with it, we must do everything reasonably possible to avoid it. To this end it is particularly important to avoid: the accumulation and sale of arms which are not regulated by the legitimate authorities; all forms of economic and social injustice; ethnic and religious discrimination; envy, mistrust, pride and the spirit of revenge. Everything done to overcome these and other disorders contributes to building up peace and avoiding war.

Help with School Transport costs – If you wish to apply—don't forget to complete and hand to Fr Cyriacus the **School Transport Fund application form for 2023-24** (available from the Parish Office) – Closing date is: **Sunday 23rd July 2023**

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

This year the **third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** falls on Sunday 23rd July. There are many ways we can celebrate this special day in our homes and parishes. For more information go to : <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday>

World Youth Day. For those interested there will be regular updates from the pilgrims on: Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook and dop_youth Instagram. For further details about the pilgrimage, please contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

ONLINE LUNCHTIME SESSION ON DEMENTIA AWARENESS – Tuesday 1st August 12 noon ‘til 1pm

There are more than 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK today, with 81,000 in the South West. This number is predicted to double in the next 30 years and we will see this reflected in our congregations and communities. All our parishes will know someone living with dementia or caring for someone. You will already be providing pastoral care to people living with dementia and may already be taking steps to be a dementia friendly church.

This one-hour introductory session is aimed at parish priests, secretaries, eucharistic ministers, pastoral workers and welcomers, members of SVP and all those whose lives are touched by dementia. It will focus on understanding dementia and the practical aspects of how to respond, but will also offer advice about resources to understand how to accompany those whose lives have been touched by dementia in their spiritual journey. People are welcome to bring their lunch and listen in. You are also welcome to join as a parish group. You can register here <https://forms.office.com/e/1DijnZkMQk>

Youth—**Youth Rally**, 23rd Sept, 12.00 - 5.00 St Rita's **Honiton**. Calling all young people aged 7 to 16 to join in a series of challenges including the infamous obstacle course, penalty shootout, didi cars and sumo wrestlers. Why not see if you can get a team of 6 young people; 11 and under or 12 - 16 and come to St Rita's to compete against each other and teams from other parishes. It's a light-hearted fun day where young people get to meet others from across the diocese.

Social Justice Residential, 20th- 22nd October 2023, St Rita's **Honiton**. This residential is aimed at those preparing or have received confirmation (12-17). It is a chance to explore the Bishops' Conference paper on **Love the Stranger**, thinking about those living in loneliness and what God asks us to do. The weekend will be jointly run with the **Columbans**. Some people with refugee and asylum status will be invited to talk about their experiences.

Please see posters at the back of the church. For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

TACT have asked if we could promote this: Could churches which publish notices or use social media encourage participation in this **simple survey**, which is a part of a Council project which we hope will make it easier for people in places including Tavistock, Horrabridge, Yelverton, Princetown and Bere Alston to walk or cycle for short journeys - with benefits to individuals, communities and the wider creation. It's helpful to have lots of people sharing practical insights on what helps already, what needs to change, and where.

"Ideas sought on ways to enable cleaner, healthier travel in West Devon: an aim in line with Christian concern for people and nature. What makes it easy or difficult to walk, use a wheelchair or mobility scooter, or cycle around here? Do fill in West Devon Council's survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DevonTravel>

A Ukrainian family, (mum and two teenage boys), has recently arrived in Tavistock. The initial host accommodation was unsuitable and they have been placed in temporary accommodation. One of the boys has started at Tavi College and mum has recently started work in Tavi and is currently attending one of our churches. It would be fantastic if they could stay in the Tavistock community whilst they need to be out of Ukraine. Accommodation of some kind is needed urgently, ideally within a walk of the town and of Tavi College - this could either be with a host family, possibly just for a couple of months or in rental accommodation. The Council have not been able to offer any further options here - their temporary accommodation is due to end within two weeks and if nothing local is found, they will have to move to another area. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Jackie Palmer (jackie.w.palmer@gmail.com or 07879 498495).

Parish Notices

PARISH CENTENARY WALL HANGING-The next meeting of this group will be at 2pm on **Wednesday 19th July in the Hall.**

Bonus Ball on Saturday 8th July ball number 14 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £34 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 34 subscribers that night.

Last week's Collections:

Loose Plate	£180.60	Standing Orders:	£1046.00
Stella Maris:	£185.00		

Thank you

Mass Attendance: Sat:36; Sun:41

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).**



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Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am – 4pm.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed the week of 16-22 July 2023. Please contact Fr Cyriacus directly if it is urgent.

Pope's Intentions for July—For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.