



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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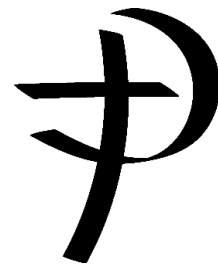
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Week Commencing Sunday 16th November 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Mal 4:1-2a Ps 98(97) 2Th 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19)

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 16th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9am	<i>Mary Lawler & Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>
Tuesday 18th November		Mass	10am	
Sunday 23rd November	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	Mass	9am	<i>Tony Allen RIP</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment
N.B. All Sunday Masses will be at 9am unless advised otherwise.

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, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The preparation programme for 2026 will be starting on **Sunday 7th December 2025 at 10:00am**, after Mass. with a meeting with Father Jon.

Any parent/guardian whose child is in school Year 3 or above and wishes to start the preparation, should fill in a registration form, which can be collected from the back of the church. This should be handed to Mary Pike by Sunday 30th November

N.B. Preparation sessions will take place on Sundays for one hour, after the 9:00 am Mass. In the event of Mass being at 12:30 the sessions will be held at 11:15. Full dates will be given at the meeting on the 7th December.

World Day of the Poor

In this year's celebration we are invited to reflect on the words of [Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of the Poor the Day](#) and his recent, and first, [Apostolic Exhortation: Dilexi te \("I have loved you"\)](#). He reminds us that true faith in Christ cannot be separated from love for those who suffer, and that the Church is called to recognise in the poor not simply recipients of our help, but in some way our teachers in the Gospel. On this day let us open our hearts and our parish life more deeply to the cry of the poor, mindful that in serving them we serve Christ himself.

Prayer for the Day

Loving Father, you gaze with compassion on all who are poor and vulnerable; fill our hearts with your love, that we may see your face in every brother and sister who lacks. Inspire us to a love that reaches out, a faith that acts, and a Church that walks humbly with the poor. Grant us courage to bear witness to your justice, and the grace to share our gifts with generous hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime, please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

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.

RESCUE PROJECT: Come along for an exciting, dynamic and intriguing presentation of Jesus' life, teachings and the redemptive power of his death and resurrection. This is open to everyone but is particularly of interest to those interested in becoming a Catholic. You will enjoy great conversation and community spirit, in **St. Boniface's College hall at 7.15-9pm** on the following **Wednesdays: November 19th, 26th; December 3rd & 10th.** **Bring a friend.**

Gender Based Violence – Ecumenical Service:

Fr Mark Skelton and Rev Lizzi Green are co leading a Service to mark 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The service will take place on the **25th November at 6pm, St Mary's Anglican Church in Plympton.** Last year's service was very prayerful and powerful. All welcome.

Advent Retreat Day On Saturday, 6th December at St Rita's Centre

"FROM CAPTIVITY TO FREEDOM: AN ADVENT JOURNEY OF HOPE" led by Deacon Kelvin Russell and Fr. Jose Romero 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 £25.00. To register, please complete the application form (available at the back of the Church or see Ann, Parish Secretary) 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: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/advent-retreat-day-from-captivity-to-freedom-an-advent-journey-of-hope>. Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

Advent Festival at St Mary and St George Church, Totnes, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5HW

We will be holding an Advent Festival over the weekend of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December. Throughout the weekend, visitors can admire our beautiful display of family cribs, browse craft tables with handmade goods, and take part in our raffle with many great prizes. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in the festive fun! We are supporting The Red Cross (Plymouth), CAFOD and Rowcroft Hospice. (If you're interested in having a stall on either day, please contact the parish office at totnes@prcdtr.org.uk.)

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Cup a soup, Pot noodles, Noodles, Small coffee, Chocolate.**

Any treats for Christmas would be very welcome.

Parish Notices:

Holy Cross Repository:

**2026 Diaries £4 each. Advent Candles £1
Advent Calendar Cards £1.50
Walk With Me Advent Booklets £1.50**

Wednesday 26th November,

Briar Tor Community Centre, 11am-2pm
Homemade Soup & Bread + Tea/Coffee & Cake
Cakes, stalls & a raffle.

Donations in aid of Martha Group Charities

**Annual Mass in the Chapel
at Buckland Abbey**

This will take place on Friday 28th November 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

Holy Cross dates for your diary!!

Joint* Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 2.30pm

Christmas Masses:

24th December 8pm (7.30 Carols)
25th December 10am

Christmastide Joint* Parish Lunch:

Yelverton Golf Club: Tues 13th January 2026
Time, Menu & prices to follow

***Holy Cross, St Peter's & St Thomas More**

Collections 9th November

Loose Plate: £87 Standing Orders: £840
Card Reader: £30 Mass Attendance: 66

Thank you.

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 8th November** ball number 44 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £27 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 27 subscribers that night.

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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The Pope's Intentions for November: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. <https://popesprayer.va>