



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

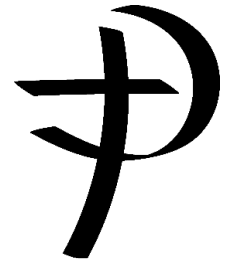
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**Week Commencing Sunday 17th December 2023 (Year B)**

**Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday**

(Readings: Is 61:1-2, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50.53-54 1Th 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8.19-28)

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Vigil Mass of Third Sunday of Advent</b>			
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday</b>			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Ruth Family Intention</i>
	<b>Tavistock</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Tavistock</b>	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>Anne Smith, RIP</i>
	Tavistock	6pm	Rosary Group	(No Rosary on 26th December or 2nd January)
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Tavistock	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10am	Mass	<i>For all the Volunteers in our Parish</i>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Yelverton	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10am	Mass	<i>For all the Volunteers in our Parish</i>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Vigil Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Hewitt &amp; Bostock</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Bill &amp; Margaret Douglas RIP</i>
	<b>Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</b>			
	Tavistock	8pm	Mass	<i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for Yelverton &amp; Tavistock Parishes</i>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for Yelverton &amp; Tavistock Parishes</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for Yelverton &amp; Tavistock Parishes</i>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** – After Mass or by appointment.

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors!**

### *Please pray for*

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Stephan Cannan, Thomas de Pentheny O'Kelly, Betty Gledhill, Kevin Toomey, Doreen Purcell, Margaret Carson, Catherina Cock.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paddy Ruth**, Tom Ruth's brother, who died on Wednesday. May he rest in peace.

**the sick and/or housebound: including,** 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, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, and Monica Finn.

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.*

**Mulled wine & mince pies** will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass this Sunday and the Draw will take place.

### **New Bishop-Elect of Plymouth:**

On Friday 15 December 2023, His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed **Canon Christopher Whitehead** as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth.

Bishop-elect Christopher will be ordained and installed as the new Bishop of Plymouth at a Mass to be held at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth. Further details of this ceremony, including the date, will be provided in time.

Our annual **Christmas Raffle** will take place on Sunday 17th December, after Mass. Squares £1 each are on sale.

**1st Prize £50.** Other prizes include vouchers, very good bottles etc. Proceeds to church funds.

**Next RCIA group** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Our Lady of the Assumption Meeting Room at 5.30pm.

**There are many things to sort for Christmas and many hands make light work so can you spare some time on: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 to 12 noon.**

- Help with the flowers and decorating the church?
- Help set up the Nativity scene?

**Or can you:**

- Decorate the Christmas tree on the sanctuary?
  - Provide some holly/ greenery for decorating the church?
- Please let Fr Cyriacus or Ann Ruth, Parish Secretary, know if you can help in anyway.

**The Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner with Yelverton & Tavistock parishioners invited. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at the Yelverton Golf Club, 6.30 for 7pm.**

There are copies of the menu, prices & forms at the back of the churches OR we can email you a copy!

**Closing date for signing down is 31<sup>st</sup> December!**

**Youth** – A programme for the coming year has been produced and copies have been sent to our Yelverton and Tavistock Youth Group. Please see notice board for the full annual programme.

**January events are:**

Sunday 14th - Music prep for all Youth Masses  
Yelverton 11.45 – 12.45

Bring your instruments or your enthusiastic voices.

Sunday 28th – Youth fund raising event.  
Cake Sale at Tavistock after Mass

also

Saturday 2nd **March**

– Inspire Music Festival at Buckfast Abbey

You need to sign up for this event before January 28th

See poster for details.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** At a recent Parish Council Meeting in Tavistock, it was agreed to try and organise a Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham in September 2024 - **18-21 September 2024**. Stephen Sylvester has been tasked with taking this forward. Would you be interested in going? It will be a 3-night stay, Wednesday to Saturday, Bed & Breakfast at a cost of approx. £77 per person per night. **Make your own way there or car share.** Once booked there will be a 25% non-returnable deposit, 50% to be paid within 6 months and the balance paid 2 months before the date of departure.

Please let Stephen know as soon as possible if you would be interested— [stephen.silvester@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.silvester@btinternet.com) or phone 07810 305605. Thank you.

Holy Cross participated in the **9 Lessons and Carols** held at our sister parish, Our Lady of Assumption, Tavistock. It was a truly magnificent service led by the **Canaryon Lowen Choir**, with 32 members and a congregation of 80+. OLA had printed invitations and posted them in local houses. The residents who came thought it was a lovely neighbourly idea. The readers were from both OLA and Holy Cross. There was a standing ovation at the end and we were all treated to tea or coffee and mince pies, before going home. **Anon**

**Tavistock Food Bank**—For your information the following goods are required at our food bank: *Milk, Tinned meat, Smash, Pot noodles, Fruit juice, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes*

**Christmas treats such as:** *a Bottle of festive cordial, Mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes/logs, Custard and tinned fruit, Selection box, Tube crisps/nuts/savoury biscuits, Stuffing/gravy granules/cranberry sauce, Chocolate/sweets*  
**Festive/box biscuits would be very much appreciated.**  
**Thank you**

**Missio calendars for 2024 are available on the back table.**

**Thanks to those who returned their Red boxes for counting I was able to pay in £105.00 for the year last week. If anyone still has a box with money in it please let me have it & I can pay it in before the 31<sup>st</sup> December.**  
**Sue Walsh**

**Around & About** magazine subscriptions for 2024 are now due. They can be paid by BACS, cheque or cash. Extra copies of the forms are available in church if needed. Cheques made out to **Around & About** or cash can be paid to Sue Walsh.

### **Parish Notices:-**

**Collections: December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Collection £168.70 Standing Order: £325

Mass Attendance: Sat 33; Sun 56

**Thank you.**

**Bonus Ball News:** The winner on 9<sup>th</sup> December was Michael Prout with ball number 30. He won £25. There were 36 subscribers that night so £11 went to church funds.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

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



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### **Pope's Intentions for December — For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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