



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024 (YEAR B) - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Readings: Jr 31:31-34 Ps 50 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-30)

Saturday 16th	Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent			
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	Karen Gasche RIP
Sunday 17th	Fifth Sunday of Lent			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>The Youth of our Parish</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday 19th	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>Int: Zero tolerance to Child Exploitation</i>
	Tavistock	6pm	Rosary Group	
Wednesday 20th	Tavistock	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10am	Mass	<i>Tom & Mary Lumley RIP</i>
			Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 21st	Tavistock	6.30pm	Penitential Service	
	Yelverton	9.25am	Stations of the Cross	
		10am	Mass	<i>Marcel de Gascun RIP</i>
	Yelverton	6.30pm	Penitential Service	
Friday 22nd	Tavistock	3pm	Divine Mercy Prayer & Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 23rd	Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 24th	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Robert McIntosh RIP</i>
	Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.			

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Henrietta Carter, Michael Boylan, Douglas Hoy, Nora Hammond, Robert McIntosh

the sick and/or housebound including: Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Robert Edwards, 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.*

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

EASTER EGG RAFFLE. Proceeds to Holy Cross funds. £1 a square – see the board at the back of the church. To be drawn on Easter Sunday after Mass. Thanks to those who have donated prizes. Thank you

Easter cards are on sale: £3 per pack.

Our Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Holy Cross on Thursday 28th March at 6pm. We need volunteers from both Parishes for the 'Washing of Feet' and there is a list on the table at the back of the Church for those who can come and take part. Thank You.

Child Exploitation Awareness Day – 18th March 2024

The 18th March is the annual National Child Exploitation Awareness Day which aims to highlight the issues surrounding child exploitation, and encourages everyone to **Think Twice, Think Abuse**. 2024 marks the 10th anniversary of this awareness day.

Child Exploitation is a form of abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18. It encompasses all the ways in which children and young people can be exploited, including Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and criminal exploitation. National Child Exploitation Awareness Day encourages everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse, and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

CAFOD Lunch on Saturday 23rd March at 12.30pm at Our Lady of the Assumption. Please keep this day free. Contact Ann Ruth if you would like to go. Thank you.

NEEDLES AND PINS: Next meeting **Wednesday 20th March** in our church hall from **2 - 4pm**. Refreshments available.

TACT Churches - Lent Lunches 2024

Lunch will run from **12.30-1.30pm:**

Thursday 21st March: King's Church, Pixon Lane

There will be an opportunity to make a donation which will be split between the work of **Catalyst**, our youth project and to **CARE International** for the **Gaza Humanitarian Crisis Appeal**.

Fr Mark Skelton is inviting you to the last Zoom meeting for **Lent Talks 2024**. The talk starts at 7pm

Mr Gerard Gillespie—March 22nd,

The raising of Lazarus

To Join the Zoom Meeting from 6.30pm on the day:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3lKRfVGBnY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcnFCdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521 Passcode: 862737

Our Lady of the Assumption: forthcoming concert by the **Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir** on **Saturday 6th April** at 7pm. Tickets are on sale at £7.50 each; **contact Ann Ruth**. The event is to raise funds for church repairs and maintenance. Thank you.

YOUTH EVENTS—APRIL 2024

Friday 12th – teaching by Fr Cyriacus and Prep for Youth Mass **6pm** Yelverton

Diocesan Event—Saturday 13th – Stay Awake This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024

Sunday 14th – Youth Mass at Tavistock

Saturday 27th – Sponsored walk Tavistock to Yelverton

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 12th May 2024. £899.00 pps. See noticeboard for details.

This year's **Youth Adventure weekend** will be at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, 24th – 26th May. Changing the location has meant that we can offer different adventure activities. We plan to offer caving amongst other activities. This year's theme is *'I am with you'* Mt 18:20. In between activities and games, young people will have the chance to explore the scripture and consider ways to communicate with God. This weekend is aimed at 10 – 13 year olds. Cost £100. To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB> Further questions please contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

The Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on Sunday 28th July and is themed *"Do not cast me off in my old age"*, (cf. Psalm 71:9).

Pope's Intentions for March — For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

To read the **Diocesan Lenten Offering** for this week go to: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-613E1B5C943A31482540EF23F30FEDED>

Caritas March Newsletter: Please click the link to read the March edition of the Caritas Diocese of Plymouth newsletter, with news of love in action and upcoming events around our diocese. <https://tinyurl.com/2s3nevuz> If you would like a printed version of the newsletter, please contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Tavistock Foodbank. For your information the following goods are urgently required at our food bank: Milk, Tinned fruit, Tinned carrots, Fruit juice, Squash, Noodles, Crisps
Thank you

Diocesan Vacancy : Parish Secretary for the Parish of Plympton. See noticeboard for details. Closing date 25th March 2024.

Parish Notices: -

Thank you to all those who attended the joint Parish **Safeguarding Day** last Saturday and to Rob Kingdon from the Safeguarding Office for his excellent input. Thanks too for the food provided by those attending. Such events help to fulfil our responsibilities in the parish for keeping us all safe and compliant with best practice.
Sue W.

MARTHA GROUP BOOK SALE:

There are lots of interesting books for sale on the Martha Group bookshelves in the hall. 50p each or 3 for £1.

All proceeds to the Martha Group Charities.

Also, jigsaws for sale!

Do come and enjoy a browse!

Collections 9th/10th March :

Loose £255.85 Standing Order £285

Mass attendance Sat: 32 Sun: 50

CAFOD Family Fast Day total so far: £895

Thank you.

Bonus Ball Winner on 9th March was Tom Ruth with ball number 43. He won £25. There were 40 subscribers that night so £15 went to church funds.

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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