



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 17th May 2020 (Year A)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Readings: Ac 8:5-8.14-17 Ps 65 1P 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21)

There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.

Sadly the new government measures mean our churches have to be closed. The reason is that the virus could be spread via surfaces in the church into which consecutive people come into contact even if they are not there at the same time, and also there is the possibility of people gathering informally for prayer together which seems a good idea at first sight but would actually be an opportunity to spread the virus.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	16 th May		- Private Intention
Sunday	17 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	- People of the Parish
Tuesday	19 th May		- Pam Bielawski RIP
Wednesday	20 th May		- Kate and Maxence Paris Intention
Thursday	21 st May	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	- Private Intention
Friday	22 nd May		- Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family
Saturday	23 rd May		- Private Intention
Sunday	24 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	- People of the Parish

We remember in Prayer:

Anniversaries: William Harvey, John Roache, Gerry Hunter and Henry Reed

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Pam Bielawski RIP**, mother of Fr Jon & Christine Hudson, who died recently. Please pray for her family and friends.

Daily Mass is being streamed at 11am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.

All information and letters from Bishop Mark O'Toole and others are available on our Holy Cross website under the section entitled **Coronavirus**. There are also prayers including a Spiritual Communion.

The latest addition is Bishop Mark's message to the Diocese on April 28th 'Let us be like Christ the Servant'.

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is now available and back in the Parish.

If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice.

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently holding their normal **weekly** meetings online at **9.15 am** on **Wednesday mornings**. Should anyone else have any requests for prayer the members of both groups would be happy to include them. Please contact mguly@aol.com or edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com (Mothers Prayers) or mary-mike@the.tors.eu (Martha Group)

Emergency Response: Food Bank – Thank you for your contributions to the foodbank, which are greatly in demand. A neighbour, not a parishioner, who is working in Tavistock is delivering for us. The day has changed from Friday to Wednesday. Thank you again. God bless.

Several jigsaws have been donated to Yelvercare and we have several at church. Mary Pike and Sue Savage are happy to coordinate a 'jigsaw library'. If you phone Sue (853572) or email Mary we can arrange to get them to you either by leaving them on the bench at church or delivering. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: Our Children's Liturgy catechists sometimes use the sites below to help with planning a Sunday Children's Liturgy.

You might find them useful to work through with your children.

The CAFOD site also has sheets to download to keep little people busy!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

There is a **Tavistock Locals- Help** list available of companies who offer local Delivery services particularly during this restricted time of many items including food, hot meals, pet items, gardening, clothing etc etc. The list will be available on our website on the newsletter page.

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders £577.00

Obviously Church collections will be seriously diminished during the period when there are no services. With no money in the plate collections funds will be seriously reduced. Yet bills will continue to arise due to ongoing maintenance, rates, utilities, etc etc.

And it is times like this when we need to dig deep to continue to be able to reach out to those in society with the greatest need. This will be our main focus over the coming weeks and months. So if you do not use a Standing order to contribute perhaps you would consider setting one up. **If people could set up a standing order until things go back to normal. it would be much better.** We don't have to touch any cheques etc. If you can please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

The Bonus Ball on Saturday 8th May ball number 59 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £25 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 25 subscribers that night.

Thank you to the 3 who have set up new subscriptions to the Bonus Ball. We are very grateful to you.

I would very much like to keep the Bonus Ball running during the time when there are no church services. We provide a steady drip feed of funds to Holy Cross which are essential to maintain. If you would still like to be involved please send a cheque or cash to Holy Cross and you can still be included. Prize monies will still be paid out and winners included in the weekly bulletin.

Sue Walsh

Other Notices:-

Laudato Si' Week 5th Anniversary – 16-24 May 2020

This year is the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Laudato Si' tells us that "everything is connected" and tragically, the current health catastrophe has much in common with the ecological catastrophe. Both are global emergencies that will affect many people, both directly and indirectly. Despite the current situation, there are still lots of ways we can take action to mark this anniversary, sharing the common prayer and celebrating what we have achieved in our homes, schools and parishes.

CAFOD and Caritas Plymouth have produced a summary of resources for anyone interested in exploring further the message of Laudato Si'. A note will be posted on the Plymouth Diocese website next week. During the week itself we will be sharing reflections and examples of how our Diocese is taking action via our Diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/> Please let Deborah know if your parish would like to share anything caritas@prcdtr.org.uk.

MISSION MADE POSSIBLE

Is the thought of sharing your faith with family friends and others just too scary? Are you thinking; 'that's not for me, I could never do that' or perhaps you just don't know where to start? Well you are not alone

JOIN CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE AND ACROSS THE GLOBE WHO FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

With the encouragement of Bishop Mark, you are invited to take part at home, and learn how to have these conversations appropriately and without feeling awkward. If you would like to learn more please send an email with your telephone number to jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk and follow this link to watch the overview video titled 'How to Evangelise' <https://wp.me/paTncV-8rl>

Thank you. God bless.

Fr. Jon Bielawski

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH – Newsletter (Covid-19 edition)

There is advice in this newsletter on many issues including Domestic Abuse of both adults and children, Mental health and caring for yourself. This will be on our website on the Newsletter page.

Parish Secretary

I will be working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. I am happy for any parishioner to contact me whatever day as I will be here at home! Always happy to help! Take care and God Bless, Ann Ruth

Ann can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

Parish newsletter

We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com **(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).**

“Stretch Out Your Hands” The Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth) needs your help now more than ever!



Community across the world, the coronavirus pandemic is turning children’s lives upside down. Please offer your help so that we can continue to support vulnerable children and their families. The number of grant applications we receive has already begun to increase as a result of more families needing our help to meet their basic needs such as a working cooker or a bed for their children to sleep in. And we envisage that this number will continue to rise as Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset are affected.

We rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters, parishioners and schools but with so many of our planned fundraising events cancelled, we now need to look for alternative sources of fundraising and funding. **And this is where your help comes in please.**

We have already secured some funding from the Devon Coronavirus Response & Recovery Fund and we have also set up a crowdfunding page. We hope to raise between £3,000 and £6,000 which would enable us to help at least 40 children directly (although more likely 80-100 family members would directly benefit). £6,000 would allow us to purchase for example –

- 10 children’s beds/cots and mattresses - £1,000
- 10 cookers - £2,000
- 10 fridge/freezers - £1,500
- 10 washing machines - £1,500

Please help us to reach our target by donating at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/catholic-childrens-society-plymouth-1?tk=66698bb1ee6de155fddab240e0ce9c4e7ffa7bf>

The link to our crowdfunding page can also be found via our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk where you can also find alternative ways of donating ONLINE via Virgin Money Giving, Charities Aid Foundation or the Big Give. Simply visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk and click the DONATE button to find out how.

The Pope’s Universal Prayer for May: For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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