



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

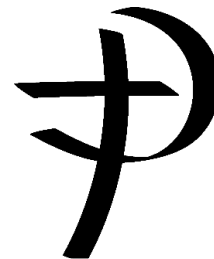
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Week Commencing Sunday 17th September 2023 (Year A) TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - *EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY*

(Readings: Sir 27:30-28.7 Ps 102 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35)

Saturday 16th	Vigil Mass of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Yelverton 6pm	Mass		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 17th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Tavistock 9am	Mass		<i>For the forgotten dead and deceased members of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom</i>
	Yelverton 11am	Mass		<i>God's Blessings on all our Parishioners, old and new</i>
Tuesday 19th	Yelverton 6pm	Mass		<i>John Gillett RIP</i>
	Tavistock 6pm	Rosary		
Wednesday 20th	Tavistock 9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
St Andrew Kim	10am	Mass		<i>Frank Flannaghan</i>
Thursday 21st	Yelverton 9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
St Matthew	10am	Mass		<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 23rd	Vigil Mass of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Yelverton 6pm	Mass		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 24th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Tavistock 9am	Mass		<i>For all those attending the Rosary Prayer and their intentions</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am	Mass		<i>Private Intention</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.

Our Centenary Celebration Weekend 1923 – 2023

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Patricia Middleton, Carmel Hunt, Archibald Gorman, John Mulford, Kenneth Worth, Maureen Balment, Alice Russell

and the sick and/or housebound: including, 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 and Eileen Hoy.

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 11am Mass on Sunday. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

N.B. Owing to Sunday's wet weather forecast the Celebrations will now be held at Walkhampton Memorial Hall after Mass (PL20 6JN). Please see our hall displays before you go. Lifts available if needed - see a steward if necessary.

Formerly known as **Home Mission Sunday, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*** is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September.

There is a mandatory second collection after Mass today. Thank you for your support.

Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "*Evangelii Gaudium*" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. For more information please visit [Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://EvangeliiGaudiumSunday-CatholicBishopsConference.org.uk).

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to our celebrations this weekend. It is a very special milestone in the life of our Parish and many people have worked hard for months towards this occasion – too many to mention, but we thank you all.

However, we must give a special thank you to Elizabeth Bailey for co-ordinating and finalising the work on the wall hanging. This took over 7 months to complete.

Welcome to everyone who is able to enjoy it with us and we think about those who have contributed over the years but cannot be with us today.

Our updated Holy Cross booklet will be available after Mass on Sunday; make sure you take a copy. They will also be available after this weekend.

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DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES

There is a Sponsorship Form at the back of church to support Fr Cyriacus and his team. There is a longer "ride & stride" route for cyclists etc which you can do at any time. The clues on our website from 2nd September to download. Please DO support us if you can. If you can get your own sponsorship, please add it to the Holy Cross sheet. It is open until the end of September.

All monies raised go to DHC but they return half to us. For further information please contact Sue Savage s.m.savage@icloud.com. Thank you.

The next SVP meeting is on Tuesday 19th September at 10am in the hall. All are welcome.

Youth Rally Saskia has sent this message: "I'm disappointed to say that due to the weather forecast we will need to postpone the Youth Rally from Saturday 23rd to Saturday 7th October. Further details to follow. Please contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk if you require a refund"

World Day of Migrants and Refugees— 23rd September 2023 We are all invited to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees and how we as Christians are called to respond. You can find a link to Pope Francis' Message and an inspiring story of our parish's answer to the call to Welcome the Stranger on the diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/csstory/>

World day of the Poor 2023—Day of reflection at St Rita's Honiton. 14th October 10.30-15.30 Lunch included. "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7) All are welcome to come and spend the day at St Rita's from 10.30-15.30 to pray and reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 7th World Day of the Poor and how we are 'called to respond'.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth are thrilled to be joined by two thought-provoking guest speakers with national and international reputations – Jenny Sinclair, founder of Together for the Common Good and David Wells, a well-known author and popular motivational speaker from our own diocese. Join us to celebrate those who give their time to others and reflect on how we reach out the hand of welcome. Places are limited for this FREE event so booking is essential. caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Seasonal Social Event – 18th OCTOBER 2023 at 1pm— THE DARTMOOR CONCHIES' Dartmoor Prison's Conscientious Objectors of The Great War. We are privileged to welcome **Mr Simon Dell MBE**, one of the most sought-after public speakers in the county. Please come along and listen to a fascinating and entertaining talk and enjoy a light lunch with friends from OLA and Holy Cross. We will also have a range of interesting crafts and purchases for your perusal. Please come along and enjoy a bite to eat, a hot drink or even indulge in a hot chocolate with marshmallows! **Tickets £5, available at both churches after Mass or from Ann Ruth.**

Pope's Intentions for September—For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Know your Faith

IN THE CHURCH ARE THERE DIFFERENT WAYS OF PRAYING? In the Church there are various ways of praying that are tied to different historical, social and cultural contexts. The Magisterium of the Church has the task of discerning the fidelity of these ways of praying to the tradition of apostolic faith. It is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning which is always related to Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS THE WAY OF OUR PRAYER? The way of our prayer is Christ because prayer is directed to God our Father but reaches Him only if we pray – at least implicitly – in the name of Jesus. His humanity is in effect the only way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to our Father. Therefore, liturgical prayers conclude with the formula: "through our Lord Jesus Christ".

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PRAYER? Since the Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer and "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26), the Church exhorts us to invoke Him and implore Him on every occasion: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

HOW IS CHRISTIAN PRAYER MARIAN? Because of her singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray to Mary and with Mary, the perfect "prayer" and to "magnify" and invoke the Lord with her. Mary in effect shows us the "Way" who is her Son, the one and only Mediator.

HOW DOES THE CHURCH PRAY TO MARY? Above all with the *Hail Mary*, the prayer with which the Church asks the intercession of the Virgin. Other Marian prayers are the *Rosary*, the *Akathistos hymn*, the *Paracletis*, and the hymns and canticles of diverse Christian traditions.

Parish Notices

Tavistock Foodbank: Items needed in the Foodbank this week **Milk (long life), Baked beans, Biscuits, Microwave rice, Noodles, Fray Bentos pies, Detergent, Crisps, Chocolate, Fruit juice.** *Many thanks for the continuing support.*

The Bonus Ball winner on 9th September was John Bousfield with ball number 56. He won £25. There were 25 subscribers that night so £0 went to church funds.

Collection: 9th & 10th September 2023
Loose Plate £178.91 Standing Order: £320
Thank you.
Mass Attendance: Sat - 29 Sun - 55

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

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