

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

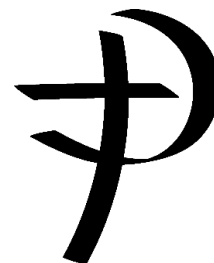
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**Week Commencing Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Year A)**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**(Readings Is 7:10-14; Ps 23; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-24)**

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	Yelverton 6pm Mass <i>All the Deceased of our Parishes</i>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	Tavistock 9am Mass <i>Fr Okuma Kevin RIP</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	<b>Tavistock 4pm <i>Nine Lessons &amp; Carol Service</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10am Mass <i>Fr Patrick Obinabo RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Yelverton 11.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12noon Mass <i>For all the volunteers in our Parishes</i>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
	Yelverton 6pm Mass <i>Bill &amp; Margaret Douglas RIP</i>
	Tavistock 8.30pm Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Tavistock &amp; Yelverton</i>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
	Tavistock 9am Mass <i>Hewitt &amp; Bostock families RIP</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Yelverton &amp; Tavistock</i>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** – is usually available after Mass on Friday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment.

The Bidding Prayers response is: **who is always with us.**

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

**Please pray for:**

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

Thomas de Penthy O'Kelly, Betty Gledhill, Kevin Toomey, Doreen Purcell, Margaret Carson, Catherina Cock, David Revins, Edith Downs

**the sick and/or housebound: including,** Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray & Joy Jewell.

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:** Mulled wine & Mince pies after 10.45am Mass + the Draw for the Christmas Raffle!

**Christmas Raffle! £1 a square.**

**1st prize £50, 2nd prize £25**

and bottles, chocolates and "smellies".

**Repository** – there is a table at the back of the Church with Christmas cards & gift items. Please do take a look - all monies raised are for Holy Cross funds.

### CATECHESIS: KNOW YOUR FAITH

We are in the season of Advent. It is the first liturgical year of the Church, known as 'Year A'. It begins the three-year cycle of the story of our salvation in the Church. Advent is a period of preparation to commemorate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. But the Church also uses the season to remind us of Christ's second coming. It is a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas through prayers, love of God and neighbour, the practice of good virtues, reception of the Sacraments especially the sacrament of Penance, and charitable works towards the poor and the needy.

**Nine Lessons & Carol Service** for both parishes will be held at 4pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Tavistock, followed by refreshments.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Helpers Needed

We will be arranging flowers for Christmas on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am to 12noon in the hall. If you would like to help with decorating the Church for Christmas, please come along.

## Parish Notices:

Parish Secretary

Ann has now taken up her new role as Parish Secretary for both Holy Cross, Yelverton and Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock.

Her office is at the back of the Church in Tavistock.

**Telephone Number: 01822 613802**

e-mail remains the same: [yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk)

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 0900-1600 hours.

### The Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner

We were so sad and disappointed to have to postpone our Annual meal, scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December, but felt it would be wrong to encourage attendees out on an icy, and possibly dangerous evening, given the adverse weather warnings.

However, we were keen not to cancel the event entirely as it is a good opportunity to get together as two parishes in a social, relaxed situation.

We are very grateful to the Golf Club for not charging us a cancellation fee in view of the fact we have re-booked, especially as we cancelled on the morning of the event!

It is therefore agreed that we hold our meal on **Monday 9th January, 6.30 for 7pm** and the menu may be the same. The list is open again for anyone else who can join us but will close on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Forms are available at the back of the church.**

**Those who have already signed down need not do so again. Please let me know if your menu choices change.**

**Sue Walsh**

**Flame 2023 – tickets £35 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, Wembley Stadium times tbc **Age: 14 – 21**. Join Youth Events at Wembley Stadium on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are £35 which include entry and travel to Wembley. Coaches will pick up from locations in Dorset and Devon. It's a great chance to hear from speakers like Robert Bilott, singer/songwriter Adenike and award winner Guvna B. This is the largest catholic gathering in England and Wales. To book: <https://forms.office.com/r/i7rv7WzbG4> Or contact Saskia or Michelle at: [youth:prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth:prcdtr.org.uk)

**Caritas November newsletter** is now available, the link for which is: <https://tinyurl.com/2hrtkx7t>. If you would like a printed copy please contact the Parish Office

**Youth E-Newsletter.** <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/95DF3F5E4182A8572540EF23F30FEDED>

#### **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**

**SPUC – 10 Million Prayers for 10 Million Lost Lives – National Prayer Campaign 27 October 2022 – 27 April 2023.** At the back of the Church there are a selection of prayer cards for different intentions. Please take one home with you.

**Around & About** magazines subs of £6 can be given to **Sue Walsh** or paid online. Please give any money in an envelope with your name on.

**Please try to imagine** being in prison, sometimes for years, simply for being an innocent person - in other words a 'prisoner of conscience' - protesting about human rights. We are very lucky; it doesn't happen in Britain. However, this does happen in many countries and **a card from YOU would give someone in prison hope and bring sunshine** into their dark prison cell. **Please send a card**, it only takes a few minutes of your time; all the details are in 'Write for Rights' booklet on the table at the back of church. Any questions, phone Tony John (852172).

**Please has anyone removed this book? If so please return it asap.**

**Foodbank:** Along with usual items, Tavistock Food Bank are starting to collect now for the Christmas parcels so any Christmas food e.g. box of biscuits, mince pies, Christmas pudding, custard, apple and cranberry sauce, crisps, nuts, chocolates etc will be gratefully received. Thank you very much for your continued support. **These are needed early for delivery before Christmas.**

**Bonus Ball Winner:** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December was John Bousfield with ball number 54. He won £25. There were 25 subscribers that night so £0 went to Parish funds.

**Some subscriptions have run out. If you can renew yours that would be great! This provides a steady drip feed for the Parish particularly on a week where the number is unsold so the Parish wins the entire amount. This happened 26 times this year alone!**

#### **Last week's Collections:**

Loose plate £393.20

Standing orders £397.00.

**Thank you**

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).**



#### **The Pope's Intention for December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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