

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

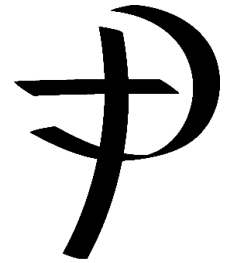
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Week Commencing Sunday 18th February 2024 (Year B)

(Readings: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 24 1P 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15)

Saturday 17th	Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Lent	Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>Paddy Ruth RIP</i>
Sunday 18th	First Sunday of Lent	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
		Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Polly Hoskin RIP</i>
Monday 19th		Tavistock 10am		<i>Requiem Mass for Ann Harris RIP</i>
Tuesday 20th		Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
		Tavistock 6pm	Rosary Group	
Wednesday 21st		Tavistock 9.25am		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10am	Mass	<i>For the Sick and Lonely in our Parish</i>
Thursday 22nd	No Mass			
Friday 23rd		Tavistock 3pm		<i>Divine Mercy Prayer & Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 24th	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent	Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>For all the Retired in our Parish</i>
Sunday 25th	Second Sunday of Lent	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
		Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Patrick & Roseline Uzochukwu RIP</i>

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maude Ross, Jeff Williams, Mrs Petch, Viola Coyle, Andrew Payne, Ronald Shipton, Frances Pearce, Kathleen Gorman, John Fahey, John Murray, Doreen Healey.

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, Anne O'Kelly, Fr Michael Cole, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, and Monica Finn.

There will be NO Children's Liturgy this Sunday 18th February, during Half Term. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 25th February.

Family Fast Day is on Friday 23 February.

Please join in by eating simply and giving what you can. Collect a CAFOD envelope to Gift Aid your donation or give online. If you can set up a monthly gift, you'll help more hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families for good. Thank you for your support this Family Fast Day.

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.

Please see insert with this newsletter for our Pastoral Programme for Lent /Easter and Forthcoming Parish Events.

NEEDLES AND PINS: a time to use or learn skills in the textile crafts – anything to do with needles and pins - so we include, knitting, crochet, etc.

Next meeting **Wednesday 21st February** in the church hall at Holy Cross from **2-4pm**. Refreshments available.

Next RCIA group Friday 23rd February at Our Lady of the Assumption Meeting Room at 5.30pm.

Damian will be going at the end of this month to Dorset. Please keep him in your prayers

World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March at 2pm at Holy Cross

'I beg you, bear with one another in love.'

Prepared this year by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine This year Holy Cross will be hosting the event and preparations are already under way. We are hoping all our local churches and community will become involved. Refreshments afterwards.

A Safeguarding Day will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday 9th March from 10am to approx. 3.30pm. See the opposite page about signing down please.

TACT Churches - Lent Lunches 2024

We are providing a soup and bread lunch with tea and coffee and a short reflection at the end. Please come and share fellowship and prayer together during the weeks of Lent. The reflections will be led by different church ministers.

Each lunch will run from **12.30-1.30pm** at:

Wednesday 21st February: Tavistock Methodist Church

Wednesday 28th February: Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday 7th March: St Eustachius, Parish Rooms

Thursday 14th March: URC Church/Salvation Army

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

There will be an opportunity on each occasion 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**.

Update: About 55 people enjoyed the first TACT Lenten lunch hosted by St Eustachius last Wednesday. Next week the lunch will be held at The Tavistock Methodist Church. **PLEASE** come and support us if you are free. 12.30-1.30pm.

Fr Mark Skelton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting for **Lent Talks 2024**. This year the five speakers who have very kindly accepted the invitation are all from within the Diocese:

GATHER CONFERENCE February 23-25th

Rev Andrew Marlborough - March 1st

The Transfiguration

Mrs Deborah Fisher - March 8th

The Woman at the Well

Rev Ignatius Raj. - March 15th

The Man born blind

Mr Gerard Gillespie—March 22nd.

The raising of Lazarus

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3IKRFV GbnY0eEMzC3pVMVhOcnFCdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521 Passcode: 862737

SPUC Prayer Initiative to Protect Unborn Life in Our Aggressive Pro-abortion Society.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, in conjunction with the Knights of St Columba, has launched a new prayer effort called, 'Let Life Flourish: A Spiritual Bouquet.' We are calling all people, Catholics especially, to pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. We are in a situation currently, where the legal framework for abortion may be voted down in parliament so that babies can be aborted with impunity up to birth and there will be no penalty for disposing of the body of a full-term baby. A concerted prayer effort is needed to combat this evil. To register the prayers you wish to contribute to this effort. go to www.spuc.org.uk/letlifefLOURISH and God bless and thank you. More Information:

Christine Hudson – chrishud78@talktalk.net

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are required at our food bank: **Tinned soup, Milk, Crisps, Sponge puddings, Pasta sauce, Fruit juice, Squash, Shampoo.** Thank you.

Parish Notices: -

'MEMORIES OF HOLY CROSS' BOOKLET

The memories that were collected as part of the Centenary year activities, by members of the Martha Group, are now in a booklet form. They are available at the back of church, for a donation towards the publishing costs.

Many thanks to Francine Brooks for putting the memories into booklet form and also to Ann Ruth for printing them.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the **Youth Cake Sale** last weekend. An amazing £110 was raised for their funds. Thank you.

Our traditional **Easter Egg Raffle** will take place on Easter Sunday. It will start next week with squares on a board £1 each. Any donations of Easter Eggs for prizes would be appreciated. Thank you.

A Safeguarding Day will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday 9th March from 10am to approx. 3.30pm.

This is open to Holy Cross and Tavistock parishioners.

Although the Day is intended for those who are working with children, youth and/or the vulnerable it is open to anyone interested. It will be led by Rob Kingdon from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. Issues covered will be different to the last session we held at Holy Cross in 2020.

Coffee will be served from 9.30am and it is suggested that we have a shared lunch or bring your own. Although the morning will mainly deal with issues concerning children and the afternoon with adult ones, there will be some crossover.

There is a clipboard on the table at the back of the church. Please sign down if you are intending to attend. Thank you.

CAFOD is challenging all parishes to organise **THE BIG LENT WALK** - raising money through sponsorship, to help fishing communities in Liberia. Please think about walking with us and getting friends and family to sponsor you. More information at the back of church in the coming weeks.

Collections 10th/11th Feb

Loose £156 Standing Order £327

Mass attendance Sat:30 Sun:56

Thank you.

Bonus Ball News: The winner on 10th February was Fran Blackmore with ball number 34. She won £25. There were 32 subscribers that night so £7 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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Pope's Intentions for February — For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.