



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 18th January 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - PEACE DAY - OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

(Readings: Is 49:3.5-6 Ps 40(39) 1Co 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34)

Sunday 18 th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	Mary Tyler RIP
Tuesday 20 th January		Mass	10am	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	Jacinta Eyre (sick)

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:

Victor Reed, Terence Simmons, Douglas Brown, Mary O'Hare, Eileen Melody.

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

Please pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Reconciliation in June 2026:

Christabel, Elsa, Fintan, Hugh & Oscar

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

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime, please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

Refreshments are now also being served after the Tuesday Weekday Mass, please come along and join us in the hall for a drink and chat.

Tavistock Area Christians Together - Unity Service & AGM - Sunday 25th January 4-6.30pm, United Reformed Church, Russell Street, Tavistock.

You are warmly invited to attend the above as part of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026; the Unity service will start at 4pm followed by the AGM at around 5.15pm, with refreshments in between.

SPUC – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding its annual White Flower Appeal 2026 today.

SPUC is actively leading the fight in courts, schools and in our culture, to abolish abortion and make it 'unthinkable,' by restoring respect for the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. Please fill out one of the postcards you were given when you entered church to enable you to join this fightback against the current threats in parliament to expand abortion up to birth and allow assisted suicide. Pens are available at the back of church. Please give as generously as you can to the collection after Mass - you can also pay on the Card Reader on the table at the back of the Church.

Unlike the abortion service, we receive no government money. All our funds come from donations from people like you. Thank you so much. (Further Information: Christine Hudson [Tel:07742320717](tel:07742320717))

Peace Sunday 2026 - Peace Sunday is today. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use this day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. If you wish to make a donation please use this link or scan the QR Code.

www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/



SPUC - Abortion up to Birth Bill and Assisted Suicide Bill.

Both of these Bills are currently being scrutinised and debated in the House of Lords. Thank you if you have already written to some Peers but, we need you to keep up the pressure and continue writing. This is because the Government has now allocated another 10 days for debate, ending on the 24 April, to deal with the 1071 Amendments tabled for the **Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill**.

The **Abortion up to Birth Bill** will be debated on **27th January**. Amendments have been tabled to remove the Bill and end the pills by post policy.

We now have more time to lobby members of the House of Lords. The following links will take you to the SPUC website where you can read information regarding each Bill and the webtool by which to contact Peers. A Peer will be generated for you to write to, and it will bring up an editable template letter:

<https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/> and <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/> For further information or hard copies of lists of Peers and briefings, contact Christine Hudson: 07742320717

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church’s Mission

**A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson
21st February 2026, 11am-4pm,
Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre**

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV’s powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the “burning heart of the Church’s mission”.

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#) or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Buckfast Institute. We are a new initiative from Buckfast Abbey that promotes Catholic education in the UK through on-site and online courses. We have an upcoming, four-part Theology of the Body course which we are offering with our in-house theologian, Dr Andrew Kaethler. **20-27th January 2026 and 3-10th February 2026.** Please see poster on the noticeboard for registration details or contact the Parish Office.

The January Diocese of Plymouth monthly newsletter is now out :

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-562C2F808AB4C5622540EF23F30FEDED>

LOVING STONES Come and join us on Saturday 31st January 11.00am-1.00pm at: The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Mary Magdalene, Tavistock, to paint and decorate stones with a scriptural message. No prior experience needed and everything provided. Everyone welcome! For more details contact: Julia.beacroft@prcdtr.org.uk Mob: 07751 670211 or contact the parish office: tavistock@prcdtr.org.uk Tel: 01822 613802

GATHER 2026 We look forward to welcoming you to our annual GATHER conference **20th-22nd March** at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

Stay Awake! Save the date: Saturday 2nd May, 2026
'Stay Awake' tickets are now available – book yours today at www.stayawakejc.com Taking place at The Thomas Hardye School, Dorchester, from 10am – 6pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages! Could this be part of your New Year's resolution, to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk, Fruit juice (not squash), Tinned tomatoes, Tinned peas, Tinned carrots** *Thank you.*

Parish Notices:

Details of Collections 11th Jan '26

Loose Plate £164.38	Card Reader £40
Standing Orders £472	
Catholic Children's Society Crib Offerings £160	
Card Reader: £20	Mass Attendance: 78

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 10th January** the winner was Damian Walsh with ball number 9. He won £25. There were 25 subscribers that night so £0 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**

The Pope's Intentions for January: For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. <https://popesprayer.va>

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