



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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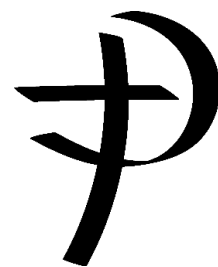
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Week Commencing: Sunday 18th October 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day

(Readings: Is 45:1.4-6 Ps 96(95) 1Th 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21)

Sunday 18 th October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	Int: <i>Peter Masoli RIP & Jamie Knockaert RIP</i>
Sunday 25 th October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	Int: <i>Lilian Harrod RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment				

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jamie Knockaert, Doris McMahon, Terri Parnell, Edith Penrudoche, Eileen Power.

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John & Barbara Edwards.

Today is World Mission Day

Today is a joyful day for the whole Church, as Catholics across the world celebrate World Mission Sunday. And this year feels especially significant because we are marking 100 years of this day of prayer, unity and generosity.

World Mission Sunday began in 1926 when Pope Pius XI asked Catholics everywhere to pray for and support missionaries – in every church, in every parish, in every diocese across the world. A century later, it remains a beautiful reminder that we are one family in Christ, sharing the joy of God's love with the whole world.

This year's theme chosen by Pope Leo is **'One in Christ, united in mission'**. The Holy Father urges us to celebrate our unity in Christ, who sends us out with a common task: proclaiming, living and sharing God's faithful love, 'so that the world may believe in Christ the Lord'. This mission – this task – belongs to all of us: mission is not just something that happens miles away, or something left to missionaries overseas. And as Pope Leo says, 'No baptised person is exempt from mission.'

You can donate by using the QR Code, Card Reader or the basket at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity.



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 are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

October, the Month of the Rosary

October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary, a simple prayer that has been loved and prayed by generations of Christians. As we pray the Rosary, we accompany Mary as she reflects on the life, death and resurrection of her Son, Jesus. In the midst of busy lives, the Rosary gives us a quiet opportunity to pause, to place our concerns before God and to see our own lives in the light of Christ. Perhaps during this month, we might find a few moments each day to pray the Rosary, or a decade of the Rosary, asking Mary to pray with us and for us.

Please note: The Parish office at Yelverton is only open on Wednesday and Friday this week, 9am-2pm, as Marian is away.

The Pope's Intentions for October: For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

<https://popesprayer.va>

Fr John was very pleased to learn that there was a shared **Carol Service at Holy Cross for Holy Cross, St Peter's and St Thomas More** in 2025. It has been decided to have a shared Carol Service this year on **Sunday 20th December at 2.30pm** at Holy Cross in Yelverton. Jules Williams has kindly agreed to run the rehearsals for this service on the following dates: 14/10, 21/10, 28/10, 11/11, 18/11, 25/11, 2/12, 9/12, 16/12.

All rehearsals will be at 7-8pm and will be held at 5 Effingham Crescent, PL3 5TN with the exception of the final rehearsal which will be held at Holy Cross Church in Yelverton. If you would like to be part of the choir for this service, or you would like to play a musical instrument, please let Catherine know on 01752 789383 or email catherine.m.teague@gmail.com. It is important that you are able to make the majority of the rehearsals as we will be learning the voice parts for the music.

Youth Volunteers Training Day (18+) Saturday 24th October, Exeter University.

Join a group of volunteers from across the Diocese at Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy, to explore accompanying young people through the transition of the Childhood faith to take ownership of their own faith journey. Booking essential: [Volunteers Training Day October 24th 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Remembering St John Paul II: A Legacy of Hope and Courage The feast day of Pope St John Paul II falls on 22nd October, the anniversary of the inauguration of his pontificate. He served as Pope from 1978 to 2005, was one of the most influential figures of our time. He travelled the world, reached out especially to young people, and spoke courageously in defence of human dignity and religious freedom.

Coming from Poland, which was then under Communist rule, he played an important part in the events that led to the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe. His visits to his homeland gave courage and hope to millions, and helped inspire the movement for freedom that grew around the Solidarity trade union.

Throughout his pontificate, even in the face of personal suffering and great challenges, his message remained one of hope and trust in Christ. Perhaps his most memorable words were spoken at the beginning of his papacy: "Be not afraid!" He called people to open their hearts to Christ and to trust in the hope that the Gospel brings.

On his feast day, we remember a Pope whose faith and courage helped change the course of history, and whose message continues to encourage us to live our faith with confidence and hope.



Invitation to the 30th Anniversary Mass of the SPUC Plymouth Branch 10am Sat 7th November at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface **Celebrant:** Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson. Refreshments: Celebration cake, sandwiches, savouries, teas and coffees in the Cathedral Centre afterwards. Please put the date in your diaries. Do come and say 'Hello' to us and His Lordship, Bishop Nicholas in the Cathedral Centre.

World Day of the Poor Event

– The Lord is the Refuge of the Poor

Join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to celebrate the 10th World Day of the Poor on **Saturday 14th November 2026**, 11am-4.30pm, At the newly opened St James Catholic Church, 40 Old Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 4HJ with Bishop Nicholas opening the day and closing with Mass, keynote speaker, David Wells reflecting on Pope Leo's message and also Canon Kristian Paver who will talk on the new church at Tiverton. A simple lunch will be provided. Registration is essential for this free event and early booking is advised. To register, click **10th World Day of the Poor Event: Tiverton** – Fill in form, email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or tel: 01364 645440. **Sign up on the sheet at the back of church as well – if enough interest between the three parishes we may be able to provide transport.**

Tavistock Methodist Circuit: Are you passionate about seeing churches thrive and communities transformed? We are seeking an inspiring Christian leader to build on eight years of pioneering mission in Horrabridge. Further details and application form: info@tmc.me.uk. Tavistock Methodist Circuit office 01822 611049. Applications close on 31st October 2026

Further details are on the board at the back of the church.

Tavistock Food Bank Donations. I have been asked if it is possible to donate money to the Food Bank to allow them to make purchases of goods they require. They have a website and here is the link:

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2ftavistock.foodbank.org.uk%2f&c=E,1,Poq8rcCuxKePddVoBZ27Qc_KvxOd0ncHmCcDhx03inJHEF3NyRXOU234J400reJzR3x2zaEn3LQj1rZqS-_HcWCyOs3UgK5GPGQyYgdinh-vE1oHLcAOvVk,&typo=1 Just open up and you can select to donate. Rather than add a heading to our Card Reader it is much easier for all to donate directly to the Tavistock Food Bank.

Ann Ruth

Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock. If you are interested in buying tickets for their Grand Raffle 2026 being drawn after Mass on 29th November please see Ann Ruth. Tickets are £1 each or £5 a book. Various seasonal prizes

Parish Notices

Sunday 4th October Collections – further details

Standing Orders: £600

CAFOD Fast Day Appeal: £736.50

Sunday 11th October Collections:

Loose plate: £169.50

Card Reader: £0

Standing Orders: £365 CAFOD Fast Day Appeal: £20

CAFOD Plant sales: £61.40 Mass attendance: 66

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: on Saturday 10th October the winner was Michael Boon with ball number 21. He won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds.

Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Walsh. The Diocese of Plymouth's Safeguarding Team is available **01364 645430** or by email: safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

Newsletter: Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com (All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).