



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 19th April 2020 (Year A)

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

(Readings: Ac 2:42-47 Ps 117 1P 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31)

There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.

Sadly the new government measures mean our churches have to be closed. The reason is that the virus could be spread via surfaces in the church into which consecutive people come into contact even if they are not there at the same time, and also there is the possibility of people gathering informally for prayer together which seems a good idea at first sight but would actually be an opportunity to spread the virus.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday*	18 th April	Easter Saturday	- Victims of the Coronavirus RIP
Sunday	19 th April	Second Sunday of Easter	- People of the Parish
Tuesday	21 st April	<i>St Anselm</i>	- Fred Brooks RIP
Wednesday	22 nd April		- Private Intention
Thursday	23 rd April	<i>St George</i>	- Stephen Farley RIP
Friday	24 th April		- Fr David White RIP
Saturday*	25 th April	<i>St Mark</i>	- Private Intention
Sunday	26 th April	Third Sunday of Easter	- People of the Parish

We remember in Prayer:

Anniversaries: May J M Simmons and Winifred H Peirson.

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford & Margaret Davies.

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Fr David White** and **Fred Brooks** (Francine's Father-In-Law). May they rest in peace. We also pray for their family and friends as this very difficult time.

Daily Mass is being streamed at 11am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.

All information and letters from Bishop Mark O'Toole and others are available on our Holy Cross website under the section entitled **Coronavirus**. There are also prayers including a Spiritual Communion.

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is now available and back in the Parish.

If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice.

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently holding their normal **weekly** meetings online at **9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should anyone else have any requests for prayer the members of both groups would be happy to include them. Please contact mguly@aol.com or edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com (Mothers Prayers) or mary-mike@the tors.eu (Martha Group)

The Martha Group held their meeting at home this month. Mary Pike coordinated this by putting our prayer and petitions on-line and we agreed to pray together at 8.30pm. Sue has lit a candle every day asking our Blessed Mother Mary to protect us all in this great time of need. Further details or to ask for prayers please contact Barbara Edwards852636 or Mary Pike (mary-mike@thetors.eu).

Emergency Response: Food Bank – Thank you for your contributions to the foodbank, which are greatly in demand. A neighbour, not a parishioner, who is working in Tavistock is delivering for us. The day has changed from Friday to Wednesday. Thank you again. God bless.

Several jigsaws have been donated to Yelvercare and we have several at church. Mary Pike and Sue Savage are happy to coordinate a 'jigsaw library'. If you phone Sue (853572) or email Mary we can arrange to get them to you either by leaving them on the bench at church or delivering. Thank you.

Dear friends, families & churches across the UK,

FAITH INSPIRED CREATIVITY

We are passionate about the work we do in schools, churches and communities and in this current climate of uncertainty and fear it is our vision to continue to spread the good news of our Christian faith with people of all ages and backgrounds through original Holy Spirit inspired theatre.

www.risetheatre.co.uk/riseappeal

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

During this period, we have decided to make available THREE hi-res versions of our short dramatic SKETCHES on a '[pay what you like](#)' basis to be used in church live online streaming or personal prayer time. Please prayerfully consider making a one-off donation to allow RISE Theatre to continue & help spread the good news to people at home.

For a taster of our THREE sketches, here are the YouTube links below (in low-res):

Jesus the Photographer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qasHQAI Two>

Spiritualeyes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh3dzJC2sBg>

God Air <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8OikeCCyho>

Children's Liturgy: Our Children's Liturgy catechists sometimes use the sites below to help with planning a Sunday Children's Liturgy.

You might find them useful to work through with your children.

The CAFOD site also has sheets to download to keep little people busy!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

VACANCY

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is looking for enthusiastic, new Trustee Directors to fill vacancies that have arisen as a result of retirement.

The Society's stated purpose is to provide help to families in urgent need and to alleviate child poverty, avoid neglect or abuse and prevent homelessness. Where possible, the Society aims to educate parents and enable them to provide a better quality of family life.

We are looking for experienced members of the public to guide the charity and ensure it is managed effectively. We are seeking Trustee Directors who have strategic vision, independent judgement, the ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak their mind. We are especially interested in hearing from people with the time, enthusiasm and commitment to take an active role in the Society - mentoring our staff, attending events and our educational courses. You may also have valuable experience in managing within a small charity.

We are particularly keen to achieve a more diverse board of trustees and we welcome applications from all sections of the community.

The Board meets at least four times a year and whilst the position is voluntary and unpaid, reasonable travelling expenses are paid as per our policy.

To find out more, please contact Shelagh Fearnley or Andrea Rodgers on 01364 645420 for an informal chat and an information pack.

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders £319

Obviously Church collections will be seriously diminished during the period when there are no services. With no money in the plate collections funds will be seriously reduced. Yet bills will continue to arise due to ongoing maintenance, rates, utilities, etc etc.

And it is times like this when we need to dig deep to continue to be able to reach out to those in society with the greatest need. This will be our main focus over the coming weeks and months. So if you do not use a Standing order to contribute perhaps you would consider setting one up. **If people could set up a standing order until things go back to normal, it would be much better.** We don't have to touch any cheques etc. If you can please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

The Bonus Ball winner on Saturday 11th April was Bernard Mills with ball number 50. He won £25. There were 25 paid up subscribers that night so nothing went to Parish funds.

I would very much like to keep the Bonus Ball running during the time when there are no church services. We provide a steady drip feed of funds to Holy Cross which are essential to maintain. If you would still like to be involved please send a cheque or cash to Holy Cross and you can still be included. Prize monies will still be paid out and winners included in the weekly bulletin.

Sue Walsh

Parish Secretary

I will be working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. I am happy for any parishioner to contact me whatever day as I will be here at home! Always happy to help! Take care and God Bless, Ann Ruth

Ann can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

Parish newsletter

We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com **(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).**

The Pope's Universal Prayer for April: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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