



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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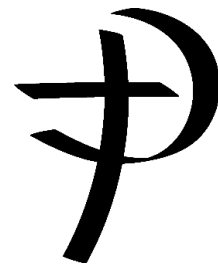
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**Week Commencing: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

(Readings: Ac 2:14,22b-33 Ps 119(118) Jn 6:22-29)

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<i>Anne Luxton RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<i>Mary Lawler &amp; Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>

**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**

May Simmons, Winifred Peirson

**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 and Fr Jon Bielawski.

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 and Tuesdays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

**Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life - Today at 4:30 pm** - Join with the Bishops of England and Wales to pray a [Holy Hour for the dignity of all human life](#) as Peers in the House of Lords continue to debate whether to make Assisted Suicide law. During this Holy Hour we are invited to pray that many minds and hearts will be open to this beautiful and great truth about the value, importance, and beauty of every human person.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**,

also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life.

The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and financial support. If you are able to contribute to our **Seminarians' Fund** we would be grateful for your donations at the retiring collection or you can donate online at:

<https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/donate>

**SPUC Silent Pro-life Chains of Witness:  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11am - 1pm**

Recent legislation now proposes allowing a mother, in respect of her own pregnancy, to abort her baby up to the moment of birth.

Every baby has the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death. Each conceived baby, whatever its condition, or how it was conceived, has a soul, and is made in the image and likeness of God.

We will, therefore, stand in silence for 2 hours for the 11 million babies aborted since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act in the UK

Join us along the pavement in Exeter Street, Plymouth, outside the Friary Mill Retail Complex, to hold placards in defence of the right to life from conception. Thousands of cars pass and see our message.

By your presence, you will be a voice for the unborn. They cannot speak up for themselves. What we are asking is only for 2 hours, once per year. Please make this a priority. Further info: Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: Chris Hudson - 07742320717

**Vicariate for Catechesis & Evangelisation**

A Deeper Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church Begins Summer Term 2026. Monday evenings at 7pm online, from Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Spend just one hour a week with others online, going gently but deeply and prayerfully into the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Sessions are for catechists, those who hope to be catechists, those seeking to know more about their faith, anyone interested in discovering more about the teaching of the Church, in fact anyone who is interested. To find out more, or receive a link please contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)



**Bishop Nicholas Hudson** is coming to **Stay Awake on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026 @ The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester!**

The day runs from 10 am to **Mass with Bishop Nicholas** (celebrating early Saturday evening). Please get your tickets from [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com) (£12.50 for Adults and **FREE** for children). An all-age event with appropriate children's streams (so that parents can engage), keynote speakers (**David Wells and Maria Heath**); workshops and **free pizza** after Mass. Bring a packed lunch but there will be plenty of **free** refreshments throughout the day and plenty of spiritual nourishment for all. **YOU** are invited to celebrate and grow in your faith at Stay Awake, 2026!

### Called to Love, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, with the option of staying Friday night.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

### St Luke's Open Gardens Horrabridge Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 11am-4pm

Please come and support St Luke's Hospice on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at their Horrabridge Open Gardens. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help serve refreshments in the Youth Club hall or if you can bake a cake please contact me [fran.blackmore@btinternet.com](mailto:fran.blackmore@btinternet.com) or phone 07740475924

**Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** is holding their fourth Ascension Day fundraiser at the Assumption of Our Lady in Torquay on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026** starting at 12 noon. Please see article on noticeboard for more details if you are interested in going.

### Heatree Residential 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

'Go make disciples of all nations' Matt 28:19. Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book follow the link: [Heatree 2026](https://www.heatree.org.uk) 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May – Fill in form Further information email: Saskia or Ruby, [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

### Medjugorje Pilgrimage

The Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is in the early stages on organisation. We will be flying from Bristol to Split Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of October. £785pp sharing £150 single supplement. Half-board, fully guided Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages. Please contact [plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk) if you are interested in joining us.

The Diocesan monthly newsletter for April - <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EB016AF080443C792540EF23F30FEDED>

### YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work.

Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com)

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:

**Coffee, Tea, Pasta, Rice, Fruit juice (not squash)**  
*Thank you*

### Parish Notices:

**Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Annual Great Big Diocesan Quiz** will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7 for 7.30pm** I will be hosting this event in our Church Hall. If you are able to join us, please put your name down on the list at the back of the Church. As usual it will be £5 per person to enter, bring your own refreshments, and there will also be a raffle. If you cannot attend the quiz it would be lovely if you could support the raffle. Tickets for which will be available from next weekend. Thank you. **Ann**

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Collections:

Loose plate: £129.20                      Card Reader: £2  
Standing Orders: £480  
Mass attendance: 70                      *Thank you*

**Bonus Ball News:** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April the winner was Jane John with ball number 31. She won £25. There were 29 subscribers that night so £4 went to church funds.

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**)

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### The Pope's Intentions for April: For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. <https://popesprayer.va>