

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

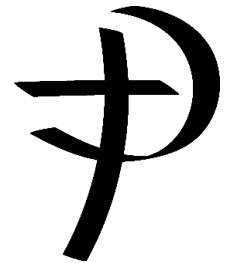
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Week Commencing Sunday 19th December 2021 (Year C)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Readings: Mi 5:1-4 Ps 79 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45)

Saturday 18th

Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Yelverton 6pm Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 19th

Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tavistock 9am Mass *Katie Westwood RIP*

Yelverton 10.45am Mass *Private Intention*

Tuesday 21st

Yelverton 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria

10am Mass *Private Intention*

Wednesday 22nd

Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria

10am Mass *Gavin Boyle RIP*

Thursday 23rd

Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria

10am Mass *Susan Richards RIP*

Friday 24th

Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord

Tavistock 6.30pm Carols 7pm Mass

Yelverton 8pm Carols 8.30pm Mass

Saturday 25th

The Nativity of the Lord

Tavistock 9am Mass *Private Intention*

Yelverton 10.45am Mass *Private Intention*

Sunday 26th

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tavistock 9am Tavistock *People of the Parish*

Yelverton 10:45am Yelverton *Private Intention*

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please continue to: wear a mask whilst in Church; maintain social distancing; hand sanitise on entering and leaving; remain in your seats until directed by a Steward. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Parish Notices: -

Please pray for:

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Betty Marie Gledhill, Kevin Leo Toomey, Doreen Purcell, Margaret Mary Carson, Catherina Cock, David Revins & Edith Mary Downs.

the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, Ian Kilpatrick & Canon Denis Collin.

Please pray for **Ann Blades RIP** who has recently died and for her son Simon and family, who are former parishioners.

Please remember in your prayers **Lottie, Anabel, Jacob, Millie and Chloe**, who will be making their First Holy Communion in June 2022.

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.45am Mass. Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.

Catholic South West – December 2021 edition of this newspaper is available at the back of the church – only 50p.

Adoration Prayer after Communion:

O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving,
Be Every Moment Thine.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – is available after Mass on Tuesday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment.

Refreshments will not be served after Mass on Sunday.

LAST CHANCE 🎄 CHRISTMAS DRAW. 'IN IT TO WIN IT!' £2 a square. It takes place after Mass this Sunday in church.

1st prize: £50 cash + there are 9 other prizes!

Christmas flower arranging will be on Thursday 23rd 9.30am in the Hall. Please come and help - no previous experience required.

REFLECTION:
AN INVITATION TO ADORATION OF
JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST.

**'COME TO ME BEFORE SEEKING ANYTHING OR
ANYONE ELSE'**

'Rise earlier. Give the first hours of the day. Come to me before seeking anything or anyone else. I will strengthen you to use well the hours of each day begun in this way. I have called you to be My adorer; all else is secondary. I wait for you often disappointed because you allow other things to absorb your time and consume your energy. Give Me as much time as you can, and I will give you time and energy to do all that you must do' (In Sinu Jesu 212)

(Please join us half an hour before Mass every day of the week for adoration in both parishes. It is great to be in the presence of the Lord)

SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL

The SVP in Sudan are feeding about 10,000 babies per day, for various reasons the finances for this appeal are well down from previous years. Instead of our usual Christmas appeal, because of Covid, we will place our SVP collecting box at the rear of the church for you to add your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Prisoners of Conscience: Please consider this, in this season of goodwill. Alone in a cell, a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned simply because of their beliefs or their defence of human rights, is given light and hope by receiving a card – **from YOU**. If you would like to write such a card, details are given in the booklet **'Write for Rights'** on the table at the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Tony John (852172).

TAVISTOCK FOODBANK: As we are approaching the Christmas period, in addition to their general item collections, they are making up community food parcels and are asking for donations of: mince pies, Christmas pudding, box of chocolates, biscuits, selection box, tin of ham/salmon, crisps, nuts, biscuits for cheese, stuffing, gravy, custard, cranberry sauce, tinned fruit, bottle of cordial. A blue box will be placed in the church porch at the time of Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning for donation collection.

The Bonus Ball: On Saturday 11th December ball number 38 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £34 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 34 subscribers that night.

Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to all who have supported Holy Cross - One Family, this busy month. The response to the foodbank is amazing. So many people are in need this Christmas. Also, thanks for the stamps, bottle tops and pill containers which are still required.

The Carol Concert was a joy. Decorating the Christmas Trees for the Martha Group and Catalyst was fun, and the Rock Methodist thank us for our support. Unfortunately, the lady repairing the glass, an extremely specialist undertaking, has hurt her knee so great disappointment that it won't be completed for Christmas.

Again HUGE thanks to the Horler family, for clearing the car park of debris after the hedge cutting. (3 hours on a wet cold Saturday so thanks to those teenagers).

The BIG Clean, supported by Mulled wine and mince pies, yesterday, has prepared our church for Christmas

Finally, the Christmas Dinner on Monday was well supported by both Holy Cross and Tavistock parishes. We were socially distanced, very well served with delicious food with a festive atmosphere, and Fr Cyriacus was introduced to another tradition. Thanks to all involved, particularly in offering lifts, which was greatly appreciated.

Anon

Missio (Red Boxes) The final amount of £187.45 was banked last week bringing this year's total to £367.88. Thank you to all who returned theirs in time. If you haven't Gift Aided your donation, it is not too late. See Sue Walsh.

CAN YOU SPARE HALF AN HOUR AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY? (You may particularly like to be to be involved if you attend Saturday evening Mass).

Fr Cyriacus has a huge amount to do and needs our support. He would like the Coffee after Mass to continue, counting after Mass, helping to clear away and tidy up. **If YOU volunteered** once in 3 months to do the refreshments, for example, it would free someone else to do the counting, or tidy away. Please speak to Fr Cyriacus, Ann, Sue Walsh or Francine.

Recent Collections:

Loose plate £182.00
Gift Aid Envelopes £10.00
standing orders £327.00.

Thank you

Parish Secretary- Office hours: Wed & Friday 9am-2pm

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807)

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

The Pope's Universal Intention for December: Prayer Intention for Evangelisation – Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.