



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 19th July 2020 (Year A)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Ws 12:13.16-19 Ps 85 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-30)

Dear all,

As we seek to move forward and, God willing, open our churches not only for private prayer but also for the celebration of the Eucharist, we are required to ensure that we do so as safely as possible for all concerned. On Thursday we spent the afternoon in church weighing up various possibilities and arranging the church to ensure that we can respect social distancing. Over the next few days, we hope to continue to plan in a more focused way to bring those hopes to fruition.

In order to move forward with this, we need help. On the days that we open, albeit in a limited way, we need stewards to guide and direct those entering to church. We also need help to clean and sanitise church before each service. Both stewards and sanitisers are needed if we are going to be able to open. We have been reminded that volunteers should be from outside of any of the vulnerable groups. Please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact number if you can help.

Thank you for your patience and for those who have volunteered to help as stewards or sanitisers. Before we are able to open we are obliged to have in place various procedures and safeguards and these need to be ratified by the diocese. This is on the whole now complete and we hope to let you know next weekend when we can begin to resume Mass on a Saturday evening.

There is Mass in Tavistock on Sundays at 9am.

Fr Martin

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	18 th July		-	Private Intention
Sunday	19 th July	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	People of the Parish
	Tavistock 9am			
Tuesday	21 st July		-	Private Intention
Wednesday	22 nd July	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	-	Private Intention
Thursday	23 rd July		-	Private Intention
Friday	24 th July	<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	-	Private Intention
Saturday	25 th July	<i>St James - Apostle</i>	-	People of the Parish
Sunday	26 th July	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	Private Intention
	Tavistock 9am			

N.B. The Cathedral will be open from 12 until 4pm each weekday.

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.

Reflections and messages from Bishop Mark are on our website on the Coronavirus page.

We remember in Prayer:

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes O'Leary, Sheila A Wadden-Martin, Thomas B Burke, Nora Orchard, Daisy P Forder, Oliver Gloyne.

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

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is available 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

I hope you and your families are keeping well despite the challenging times we are going through. It has been a long time since we were able to come together at Holy Cross for our services and meetings so the news that we could resume services is really welcomed. Of course that can only happen if we can ensure a safe environment for everyone. We need volunteers to make this happen. We need stewards to help to guide and protect those attending Mass and helpers to sanitize the church after Mass. Many of our parishioners are shielding or aiding members of their families who are shielding which does limit our pool of potential volunteers. Therefore I am asking if you are able would you please consider volunteering so we can create a roster of helpers.

We have rearranged the Church interior so that we can observe the 2m distancing and all items that could impact on spreading the virus have been removed. The church is now ready to be opened but this cannot happen until we have a roster of volunteers and have shared guidance with them. The plan is to celebrate Mass on Saturday evening at Holy Cross and Sunday morning in Tavistock. Tavistock is now planning to open this coming weekend.

I am sure you will have seen the notice from Fr Martin in the newsletter last week calling for volunteers but not everyone will have seen this so please pass on this request to fellow parishioners so we can build this pool of volunteers and hopefully open Holy Cross for Mass once again in the very near future.

God bless, Francine Brooks, Chair PPC

The School Transport Fund aims to subsidise the cost to parents of children travelling to Catholic schools in the Diocese. Parishes are required to send completed application forms to the Diocese for consideration by the Deans. If you wish to apply for assistance, please contact the Parish Office via e-mail or ring Ann Ruth 07792585632 and she will send you a form. Completed forms need to be returned to Fr Martin by **no later than Friday 14th August 2020.**

Many Thanks to Rita Rose and Mary Pike who have been delivering the newsletter during the lockdown. We have had feedback of great appreciation, as although it can be read on line, the recipients have felt remembered as part of the congregation, particularly if they were shielding and/ or living on their own when they haven't seen anyone else for months.

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently continuing to hold their normal weekly meetings on-line **at 9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should any parishioner have a request for prayer they would be happy to include such petitions. Please contact mguly@aol.com

Emergency Response: Food Bank – Thanks for the donations to the food bank and cash donations which help provide food to some school families who are really struggling. The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

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/>

Plymouth Diocese Summer Camps. To join online, contact them via e-mail: Junior Camp – current years 3-6: junior1pdcamp@mail.com; Senior Camp – current years 7-10: Seniorpdcamp@mail.com; St Petroc's Camp – Current years 11-13: chrislee4sc@gmail.com.

The Bonus Ball winner on Saturday 11th July was Simon Murray with ball number 22. He won £25. There were 30 paid up subscribers that night so £5 went to Parish funds.

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders: £363.00.

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

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.

Other Notices:-

Homelessness – Advice*: In the light of COVID-19 there is an updated version of what has been circulated previously. The level of street homelessness is likely to increase as hotels and other holiday accommodation, which have helped to provide shelter for the homeless, come back into use for tourists. Given that our parishioners, and we ourselves as priests, sometimes have personal contact with homeless people, this updated advice may well be timely.

Every blessing,

Fr John
Canon John Deeny Vicar General Diocese of Plymouth

(*A copy of this advice is available with the newsletter on our website)

CAFOD's response to coronavirus in Asia and the Middle East

In the Middle East, our local experts are using your donations to continue their vital peacebuilding work and ensuring that legal advice can be given online.

Volunteers and priests are delivering emergency food parcels to vulnerable families in the West Bank and we are also reaching out to Bedouin communities with health equipment and information.

£6 could buy a hygiene pack for a family

Staff and volunteers are also already in vulnerable communities:

- They are spreading essential health messages through village posters, socially-distanced visits to families and giving out PPE.
- In Myanmar, local experts are working alongside health departments and the Church to provide safe places for people to quarantine themselves and to help set up track and trace systems.
- In Bangladesh they've moved quickly to give cash to the poorest families – led by widows, or those living with disabilities - to buy life-saving food and PPE during the crisis

Please support this work which is saving lives. Thank you : <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

**This message has been received from Deborah van Kroonenburg,
(Marriage & Family Coordinator, Department for Evangelisation)**

"I am pleased to tell you that we will be having an **online Diocesan Marriage Event** in September.

We had expected Francine & Byron Pirola - who do Catholic Marriage Resources (SmartLoving) for engaged and also married couples all over the world - to be in the UK this Autumn. This will not now be possible but they have kindly agreed to do a special online event for our Diocese. The plan is to have two blocks of input - the first for married or engaged couples and the second for those who support marriage or prepare or mentor couples - or who want to support marriage in any way. I hope that you can join us (and recommend parishioners and others to do so) . If you go on to the SmartLoving site you will see that these are worthwhile presenters, very committed to Catholic marriage and I am delighted they are doing this for us. So, for the diary - the date to save is **Saturday, September 12th - 09.00 - 13.00** (to allow for global time differences) - on your iPad, laptop or phone. More information to follow before the day."

Mary's Meals there is a short video message from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow on our websites. The link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be

VACANCY - The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position;
Executive Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer (part time) – 1 post Location: St. Boniface House, Ashburton, Newton Abbot TQ13 7JL and some homeworking
Salary: competitive salary and contributory pension scheme (subject to eligibility)
Hours: 21 – 28 hours per week. The post holder will provide the necessary support that will enable the Chief Operating Officer to fulfil his strategic, operational and management role by proactively dealing with all administrative matters pertaining to the COO's office, liaising with the functions that report to the COO. The Executive Assistant will take responsibility and ownership of the COO office organisation; he/she will assist with the compliance of civil and canonical requirements/deadlines. Copies of the job description, person specification and application form are obtainable by contacting Cathedral Appointments, Exeter by emailing dani@cathedralappointments.co.uk. The last date for the receipt of applications will be Monday 20 July 2020. First interviews will be held on Monday 27 July 2020 by video conference and second interviews will be held in person at St. Boniface House, Ashburton on Thursday 30 July 2020.

Parish Secretary: I am working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. However, I am happy for any parishioner to contact me, either by e-mail or mobile, as I will be here at home! My number is: 07792 585632. **Ann Ruth**

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 Prayer Intention for Evangelisation for July: Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.