



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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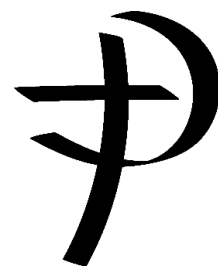
Parish Priest: *Fr Jonathan Bielawski RIP*

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Week Commencing: Sunday 2nd August 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Is 55:1-3 Ps 145(144) Rom 8:35.37-39 Mt 14:13-21)

Sunday 2 nd August	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass	12.30pm	Int: Eve Moore RIP
Sunday 9 th August	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass	12.30pm	Int: Fr Jon Bielawski RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment



It is with immense sadness that we advise of the passing of Fr. Jon. His strength and courage particularly during the last year have been an incredible testament to his faith. Even in the most difficult and trying times he never stopped putting others before himself and remained an example of priestly ministry until the end. He is an irreplaceable loss to us all. We will miss his presence, his friendship, his wisdom and his laughter but we know that he is now where he worked all his life to be. He would have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love for him.

Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for him.

Fr. Jon's funeral will take place in the Cathedral at 12 noon on Thursday 27th August.

**His body will be received into the Cathedral at 4p.m. on Wednesday 26th August;
Canon John Deeny, Dean of Plymouth, will celebrate a Requiem Mass at 6 pm.**

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Nadine Creber, Honor Hodgins, John Holland

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 and Emily John

There will be **no Children's Liturgy** during Mass today due to it being the summer holidays.

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

Here is the link to our Diocesan newsletter for July/August

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-47E6F88D98A22DCD2540EF23F30FEDED>

APPOINTMENTS

Fr Jon's death necessitates a number of moves. They are as follows: **Canon John Deeny** to be Parish Priest of St Peter's, Crownhill, St Thomas More, Southway and Holy Cross, Yelverton.

Fr Daniel Herrero Pena to be Assistant Priest at the Cathedral and Chaplain to the *Ad Gentes* mission of the Neocatechumenal Way.

Fr Jude Udokwu to be Priest in Charge of St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston, St Peter's, Bude, and Our Lady of Victories, Callington.

These appointments will take effect from the weekend 5th/6th September 2026.

Canon Paul Cummins becomes interim Delegate for Evangelisation, Catechesis & Youth

Parish Office.

Please note: The parish office at Yelverton remains open Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm, so please continue to contact Ann or Marian during those times.

SPUC URGENT: In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill fell at the end of the Parliamentary session having failed to complete its passage through Parliament. Now, Lauren Edwards MP (Labour) has reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September. It appears that the assisted suicide lobby is intending to invoke the Parliament Acts, whereby if the House of Lords rejects the same Bill in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions, it can be passed without their consent **BUT**, if MPs **REJECT** the Bill at Second

Reading, it will not progress further. We have just a small window of time to persuade MPs to reject the Bill during the summer recess, when most MPs are back in their constituencies. Please write to your MP asap, or make an appointment to meet them face to face before the September vote. There will be SPUC flyers and info at the back of your church to help you. Further info:

Christine Hudson: **Tel: 07742320717**

Email: chrishud78@talktalk.net

Luke Pollard MP, Labour Plymouth Sutton and Devonport, voted for Abortion Decriminalisation but no vote was recorded on Assisted Dying.

Email: luke.pollard.mp@parliament.uk

Fred Thomas MP, Labour Plymouth Moor View, voted for Assisted Dying but no vote was recorded for abortion decriminalisation. Email: fred.thomas.mp@parliament.uk

Rebecca Smith MP, Conservative Plymouth S.W. Devon voted against Abortion Decriminalisation and against Assisted Dying.

Email: rebecca.smith.mp@parliament.uk

SPUC Coach to the annual March for Life (M4L) in Westminster on Saturday 5th September. The theme for this year: 'Abortion Hurts the Family.'

7am - Coach will depart the lay-by in St Boniface Lane outside the closed St Peter's Church. There is ample parking along the old Tavistock Road leading to the Church of the Ascension and also outside the Church of the Ascension itself, (The Lawns) which is just a 2 minute walk from the departure point.

8am – Pick up at the bottom of Exeter Services (M5)

5.30pm – Leave Westminster

Seats £28pp but some free seats available. Coach cost is £1,720. Donations gratefully received. Further info: Christine Hudson

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Do come to protest the recently passed legislation allowing abortion up to birth and the return to parliament of the recently defeated Assisted Suicide Bill threatening the elderly and vulnerable. To date, 14 Catholic bishops will be attending the March so you will be in good company.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

The Holy Land, whilst it has the roots of Christianity steeped deep in the region, the modern reality tells a story of misery and hardship for the Christians who live there.

- The Christian population in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ, continues to fall.
- There is a healthcare crisis with Christian hospitals and clinics reporting shortages of medicine, clean water, and electricity, in Gaza and the West Bank.
- 48% of Christian youth in the Holy Land are considering emigration, citing fear, discrimination, and lack of opportunity and future in the Holy Land.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Holy Land.

Also, your generosity will give urgent assistance to Christian families in Jerusalem, the West Bank, northern Israel, and Jordan. A gift today will provide immediate relief as well as offer support to long-term projects so that Christian families may continue to remain in the homeland. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has an emergency appeal for Christians in The Holy Land. acnuk.org/holy-land-appeal And if you want to support ACN and take action as a volunteer, in support of suffering Christians, contact Steve Riedlinger, Community Fundraiser for CAN

at steve.riedlinger@acnuk.org or 07939362479

Parish Notices:

There is no Martha Group meeting in August.

Sunday 26th July Collections:

Loose plate: £125.50

Card Reader: £40

Standing Orders: £180

Mass attendance: 73

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 25th July** the winner was Bernard Mills with ball number 50 (Round 1). He won £25. There were 25 subscribers that night so £0 went to church funds.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative

is Sue Walsh.

The Diocese of Plymouth's Safeguarding Team is available on: 01364 645430 or by email on: 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)**

The Pope's Intentions for August : For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community. <https://popesprayer.va>

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