



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### WEEK COMMENCING 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 *First Sunday of Advent (Year C)*

**Masses today: 9am & 10.30am** People of the Parish  
(Readings: Jr 33:14-16 Ps 24 1Th 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36)  
**4pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

#### Masses during the week:-

Monday	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	10am (Rosary at 9.40am. Refreshments after Mass)
Wednesday	7pm Advent Evening Mass
Thursday	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	10am Mass at Buckland Abbey for those who have signed down (see below) St Ambrose
Saturday	<b>No Mass</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** After 10am weekday Masses and on request

Anniversaries: David A Harrison, Henry C Reid, Anne Crook, John E McLaughlin, Howard P Brennan, Margaret Gunnell

#### *A warm welcome to our visitors*

##### Today:

##### We welcome Bishop Mark

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

Children's Liturgy There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (*N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them*).

A Mass will be celebrated at **Buckland Abbey Chapel Friday 7th December at 10am**. All wishing to attend need to sign-up TODAY due to very limited space. Only 15 places available. Please sign-up on the form provided at the back of the Church. NB If you are a National Trust volunteer at Buckland Abbey, please do not put your name down as you are accounted for.

#### **ON SALE TODAY**

**Last chance: Christmas Cards.** The SVP cards have arrived. Traidcraft are ceasing trading at the end of the year so this is probably the end of inexpensive/ bargain religious cards. Enjoy while you can!

2019 Calendar: **Windows Across the Diocese** – in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Excellent value at just £5, ideal present for family and friends.

In preparation for Advent copies of **Walk With Me** journey of prayer are in a basket at the back of Church. Limited copies available so get yours today to avoid disappointment: £1.00 each

**Christmas Draw:** Available today, £1 a square. Proceeds to church funds. Some lovely prizes that include cash first prize and a meal for two. To be drawn on Sunday 23rd December after the 10.30am Mass with Mulled wine and mince pies.

**Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.30 am Mass today. Bishop Mark will be popping in to meet parishioners.**

**To Visitors/Holiday Makers:** If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church

**Red Wednesday for Aid To The Church in Need**. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We raised an amazing £330! There is a table in the hall this morning with new gifts for sale from Red Wednesday. Please come and buy some Christmas presents and help the fundraising. Thank you, *The Martha Group*

**World Gifts are CAFOD's** alternative charity gifts that transform lives. For Christmas why not give a unique, virtual gift that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. Some examples are on sale in the hall today and we can take your orders for more.

#### **Dates:-**

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and participate in Plymouth Deanery's CAFOD Share the Journey Walk of Prayer in support of the Holy Father's global campaign for the rights of refugees. The Liturgy will be based on the Stations of the Cross to represent 'Jesus walks with the Refugees'. Please join us on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 11am** in the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and St. Boniface, Wyndham Street West, Plymouth, PL1 5RZ. Our walk will take place within the Cathedral and parishioners of all abilities are welcome to participate. Refreshments will be served afterwards. More information from CAFOD Plymouth on tel. 01752 268768 or email: [plymouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:plymouth@cafod.org.uk).

**Please sign up at the back of the church if you would like to come**

### **Forthcoming Holy Cross Events at a glance**

**The Martha Group** will be meeting next **Tuesday, 4th December** in the hall immediately after the coffee morning which follows the 10am Mass, when we shall be considering our response to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter regarding the revelations of child sexual abuse within the Church. Any ladies from the parish who would like to join them would be warmly welcome.

**ADVANCE NOTICE – Church & Hall Closure:** We will be undergoing essential woodworm treatment in the Church, Sacristy and Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Therefore, access to these areas will not be possible on these dates.

**Sunday 9th December – Plymouth Catholic Choir**  
Advent Service at 3pm.

**NATIVITY SERVICE:** This will take place at 11:45 am (after the 10:30am Mass) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Any children or teenagers (to Read) who would like to participate should inform Mary Pike.

**Festival of Nativity Scenes:** St John's Church, Horrabridge from Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am- 4.30pm daily (Sundays 12 noon to 4.30pm). Local churches & groups have come together to produce a variety of Nativity scenes. Entry free but donations desirable. It ends with a Carol Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4pm. Holy Cross has a display (thanks to those involved).

**LIGHTHOUSE WORSHIP GROUP:** The prayer group normally meets at St. Peter's, Crownhill, on the **first Thursday of every month – 7-8.30pm**. Everyone is very welcome. For December only the group will meet at Christ the King, Armada Way, Plymouth to link in with Light A Candle prayer and reflection for Advent.

The **GATHER Conference** brings together people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. In 2019 we will gather at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay on 18–20 January 2019.  
**Full details and booking arrangements available at the back of the church.**

Parish Secretary - Office Hours this week  
Tuesday 9am-2pm; Friday 10am-3pm

**Newsletter:** All items for the newsletter by noon on a **Wednesday please** to Sue Walsh  
(Tel: 07767480807, or 01822 854118 or by email: [svwalsh@hotmail.com](mailto:svwalsh@hotmail.com))

### **Catholic South West!**

The December edition is available – 50p per copy

CTS booklets – individually priced in the rack  
Selection of cards & books in the carousel.

### **The Collection last Sunday:**

Loose plate £172.94 Gift aided £85.00  
Standing orders £150.00.

**Thank you**

### **The Pope's Universal Intention for December:**

**Evangelisation: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**

'That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.'

**Holy Cross is part of Plymouth Diocesan Trust (Registered Charity No. 213227)**

### **Notices:-**

**Canon Denis Colin** would like to thank Fr Louis and all the parishioners involved in making his Farewell Weekend so special. He was overwhelmed with the kindness shown to him. He loved the Lunch, cake, very generous gifts and being able to share Mass with us on Sunday.

### **Hospital Ministry**

Do you have some spare time to be a visitor at **Derriford hospital**? If you would like to find out how having a spare morning once a week could be converted into a meaningful and rewarding experience for you and for hospital patients please contact Deacon Simon Fletcher on 07854816523 or 01752 430066. Training for 6 weeks starts on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019. Applications need to be received by mid December. Sister Margaret Mary is retiring as Catholic Chaplain at **Mount Gould hospital** and would welcome people who are willing to help with that ministry of taking Holy Communion to the patients and helping to have a service there twice a month. Please contact her on 01752 768183 if you are interested.

### **Christmas appeal on behalf of the Tavistock Foodbank:**

Foodbanks are preparing to face their busiest month of the year as Christmas approaches and the demand for help rockets by as much as 50%. The organisers greatly welcome the support of Holy Cross and would be delighted to receive a **few more seasonal products** as well as both male and female toiletries. They particularly request **tinned ham, UHT milk, fruit juice, small Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, box/tins of biscuits, children's selection boxes, boxes of chocolates, snacks and nibbles (e.g. peanuts, crisps etc.), Pringles, tins of fruit and custard, Schloer and Christmas crackers.** Thank you for your continued cooperation and for your cash donations which are much appreciated. **There will be a Christmas paper-covered box at the back of church for the next few Sundays. If any families would like to donate a chocolate/sweet or other Christmas item for a family receiving help from the Foodbank, we will deliver it in time for Christmas. Please bring YOUR contribution next Sunday. Thank you.**

### **SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Once again we are asking that rather than you giving your loved ones gifts this year, that you give the gift of life and hope on their behalf. Donate to the SVP Sudan baby feeding appeal and receive a gift certificate with a personalised message to give them on Christmas day, for tax payers gift aiding would be appreciated. Or just donate for yourselves, either gift aided, or in the SVP box at the back of church. Members of the SVP will be at the back of church with the forms after Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Bonus Ball winner:** on 24<sup>th</sup> November was Bob Naybour with ball number 10. He won £25. There were 41 subscribers that night so £16 went to Parish funds.

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green

