



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 2nd January 2022 (Year C)

Second Sunday after the Nativity

(Readings: Sir 24:1-2.8-12; Psalm 147; Eph. 1:3-6. 15-18; John 1:1-18)

Saturday 1st Jan. Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday after the Nativity
 Yelverton 6pm Mass *Private Intention*

Sunday 2nd Second Sunday after the Nativity
 Tavistock 9am Mass *People of the Parish*
 Yelverton 10.45am Mass *Fred & Valerie Spicer RIP*

N.B. No Weekday Masses

Saturday 8th Vigil Mass of the Baptism of the Lord
 Yelverton 6pm Mass *Private Intention*

Sunday 9th The Baptism of the Lord
 Tavistock 9am Tavistock *People of the Parish*
 Yelverton 10:45am Yelverton *Oliver Cooper RIP*

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:
those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Lottie, Anabel, Jacob, Millie and Chloe, who will be making their First Holy Communion in June 2022.

No Children's Liturgy today due to School Holidays.

Crib Offerings will go to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Please try to be generous as this collection is one of their major sources of income. Many fundraising events have been cancelled this year, so income is vital to help the Society continue its parenting programme to provide practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

There will be no refreshments served, today due to Covid concerns.

Adoration Prayer after Communion:

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

Thank you to everyone for your kind gifts and wishes given to me over the festive period. They were very much appreciated. I wish you all a peaceful and joyful New Year.
Fr Cyriacus.

Holiday Cover: Fr Cyriacus will now be away on holiday until the beginning of February on a well-deserved break. In his absence, **we will welcome back Canon George** who will be celebrating Mass from next weekend, 8th January. Any other Masses during the week will be confirmed as soon as possible.

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)

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).

If you would like to donate to the **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**, there are a number of alternative ways you can do this via – their Crowdfunding page – <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/step-forward-reach-out-and-help> CCSP receive 100% of every donation, as Crowdfunder have waived all their fees to help charities.

- post by sending a cheque made payable to 'Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)' to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL
- BACS direct into their account – Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335
- text – to donate £5 text 5CCSP to 70085, to donate £10 text 10CCSP to 70085 or to donate £20 text 20CCSP to 70085

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Our prayers are with everyone now and throughout the following year and hope that these unprecedented times will pass.

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

CAN YOU SPARE HALF AN HOUR AFTER MASS ON A SUNDAY? (You may particularly like 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.

The organisers of the **Tavistock Foodbank** wish to thank all those parishioners from Holy Cross who have again supported them with donations over the Christmas period, enabling special parcels to be delivered to individuals and families in need. Many people are suffering from delays in receiving benefit and large numbers are in crisis and living constantly on the edge of poverty and hunger. Your gifts and your continuing support make a real difference and are greatly appreciated.

Items now required for Food Bank: Custard, sponge pudding and rice pudding, crisps, smash potato, toiletries, cleaning spray, fruit juice.

A blue box will be placed in the church porch at the time of Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning for donations.

Bonus Ball Winner: on 25th December was Naomi Walsh with ball number 18. She won £25. There were 31 subscribers that night so £6 went to Parish funds.

Recent Collections:

Loose plate £104.90
Gift Aid Envelopes £10.00
Standing orders £235.00.
Christmas offerings £622.31

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 January: For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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