



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 20th December 2020 (Year B) Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Readings: 2S 7:1-5.8-12.14.16 Ps 88 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38)

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent	
19 th December	Yelverton 6pm	Jim Walsh RIP
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
20 th December	Tavistock 9am	Private Intention
	Yelverton 10.45am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	22 nd December Feria	Private Intention
Wednesday	23 rd December Feria	Simon Callan (Intention)
Thursday	Christmas Eve	
24 th December	Yelverton 8pm	Bill & Margaret Douglas RIP
	Tavistock Midnight	Private Intention
Friday	Christmas Day	
25 th December	Tavistock 9am	Bostock & Hewitt Families RIP
	Yelverton 10.45am	Private Intention
Saturday	Vigil Mass of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
26 th December	Yelverton 6pm	Private Intention
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
27 th December	Tavistock 9am	People of the Parish
	Yelverton 10.45am	Jim Walsh RIP

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. Here at Holy Cross we are limited to the number of parishioners we can accommodate safely within Covid social distancing guidelines and recognise that not everyone will be able to join us at either the Christmas Vigil or Christmas Day Masses. Christmas Mass can be attended in our church at weekends anytime over Christmas (24th Dec) up until the Epiphany (6th Jan). Masses from other Churches will be widely available over the webcam and there are excellent resources offered via the Internet.

A warm welcome to our visitors!

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, and Maria Swords

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Betty M Gledhill, Kevin L Toomey, Doreen Purcell, Margaret M Carson, Catherina Cock, David Revins, Edith M Downs, Winifred M Holdaway, Palmera M Murray, Peter J Holwill, Yvonne Wreford & Maria Down.

Parish Notices: -

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [//www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work.

To donate, please visit [//www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

Other Notices: -

We are all called to **Welcome the Stranger**, but many people are unsure how they can help others during this time of continued lockdown. Caritas has produced a Christmas Newsletter which offers some practical suggestions for action and links to prayer resources: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Caritas-at-Christmas-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

The annual Festival of Nativity Scenes is being held for the last time today (Sunday 20th) St John's Church, Horrabridge, from 12.30pm – 4.30pm.

The nativity displays were absolutely amazing and no two were alike. The knitted wise men were such a work of 'heart', accurate in minuscule details like the miniature gifts and turbans. Holy Cross has an atmospheric, authentic stable with floating Angels and is next to a very modern take on the scene. The children's use of musical paper folded into angels is very clever. We thoroughly enjoyed our 45 minute escape to the Holy Land and would highly recommend a visit today, the final opportunity between 12.30-4pm.

Anon

A message from Saskia Hogbin, Diocesan Youth Worker: "I am beavering away with new projects for the Youth across the diocese. We have just completed an online drama series where a group of young people Year 6 - Year 13 have produced an alternative nativity play. Look out on The Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook page and Diocese of Plymouth Youth YouTube channel to see the completed version. Look out on the Diocese of Youth Facebook page, young people have created daily reflections or clips on Advent and Christmas activities. These are a great way to help us reflect upon this time of year and prepare for the coming of Christ. If you would like to hear about future events or have a skill to offer the young people in our diocese, please contact me at youth@prcdtr.org.uk"

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

Vacancy:

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position.

Diocesan Schools Commission Administrator (part time) – 1 post

Location: St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon with some home working to meet COVID Secure requirements. Salary: £11.39 per hour (Actual Salary - £11,846 per annum) Hours: 20 hours per week spread over 5 days- preferably mornings

The Diocesan School's Commissioner Administrator will manage the administrative, secretarial support and the office resources required to ensure the smooth running of the Diocesan Schools Commissioner's office. They will enable the Diocesan Schools Commissioner and team to carry out their Diocesan responsibilities. The post-holder will be required to have a high level of secretarial or administrative experience and will require excellent organisational skills together with good experience of Microsoft Office and excellent interpersonal skills. Experience of working in a schools' environment would be an advantage.

Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or by email to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk up to 22nd December. The last date for applications is Monday 4th January 2021 and interviews will be held on Monday 18th January at St. Boniface House, Ashburton.

Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support has launched in the Plymouth Diocese to offer a listening ear and support to those with an unexpected pregnancy, or to those worried about coping with another baby, or those who have been confronted with a diagnosis of potential fatal foetal abnormality, as well as to women suffering after a miscarriage or experiencing regret or remorse after an abortion or any other similar situation. Their support line is open 7 days per week between 7.30pm – 9.3pm Tel: 01752 916076

Parish Notices continued:

More stewards and sanitisers are needed to help at our Masses. Please let the Parish Office know if you can assist us. Fr Martin

Shekinah Mission are very grateful for all the backpacks which have been donated. 20 were delivered to Shekinah the other day. Many thanks.

The SVP will not be running the appeal for **Sudan baby feeding** this Christmas due to the pandemic, but the SVP box will be at the back of Church, for anyone who wishes to contribute.

Foodbank: The Food bank has plenty pasta and cereal for now but request donations of Coffee, washing powder, tinned food, tinned tomatoes along with Christmas items as mentioned last week.

Items can still be left on the bench under the porch and they will be taken on Wednesday mornings.

Used Postage Stamps: Please save these and donate at church (in the Foodbank box please, which is situated on the bench under the hall porch during the week and in the church porch for Mass times) We will ensure they get to the Catholic Children's Society promptly. Thanks.

Collection last Weekend:

Standing orders £297.00

Loose plate money amount next week.

Thank you

Bonus Ball: On 12th December ball number 59 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £25 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 25 subscribers that night.

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

Parish Secretary working Wednesday 23rd December & Wednesday 30th December.

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

The Pope's Intention for Evangelisation in December: *For a Life of Prayer*

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Christmas Mass Times Plymouth

Christmas Eve

Thu. 24th



5pm	Efford
5pm	St Paul's
5.30pm	Christ the King,
6pm	St Peter's
6pm	St Joseph's
6pm	Peeverell
6pm	Holy Redeemer
7pm	Plymstock (booking necessary)
8pm	Christ the King (Polish)
8pm	St Peter's
9pm	Plympton (booking necessary)
1130	Peeverell
Midnight	Cathedral
Midnight	Christ the King (Polish)
Midnight	St Peter's

8am	Cathedral
9am	Plympton (booking necessary)
9am	St Peter's
10am	Cathedral
10am	Peeverell
10am	Holy Family
1030am	Christ the King (Polish)
1030am	St Peter's
11am	Plymstock
12noon	Peeverell (Latin)
1230pm	Christ the King
5pm	Holy Family

Christmas Day

Fri. 25th .

