



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 21st March 2021 (Year B) *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

(Readings: *Jr 31:31-34 Ps 50 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-30*)

Saturday 20th	<i>Vigil Mass of The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	
	Yelverton 6pm	Marcel de Gascun RIP
Sunday 21st	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	
	Tavistock 9am	People of the Parish
	Yelverton 10.45am	Kathleen O'Brien RIP
Tuesday 23rd	<i>Lent Feria</i>	Fidel Gomara Anniversary
Wednesday 24th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	Fr Michael Cole Intention
Thursday 25th	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Roly Wilkes RIP
Friday 26th	<i>Lent Feria</i>	Isa McGregor RIP
Saturday 27th	<i>Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday</i>	
	Yelverton 6pm	Robin Polly RIP
Sunday 28th	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	
	Tavistock 9am	People of the Parish
	Yelverton 10.45am	Marcel de Gascun RIP

As we are in Tier 4, the Government guidelines state places of worship can open for communal services. This means we can continue with our Masses.

Once in church you must: - wear a face covering to keep your nose and mouth covered at all times (except when receiving Holy Communion) - sit in your allocated seat and not move around or chat with friends or fellow parishioners from outside of your household or support bubble. These are requirements of us being able to be open and we appreciate your support with this.

A warm welcome to our visitors!

Parish Notices:-

Please pray for:

the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet and Joy Jewell (who is recovering from surgery)

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Nora Hammond & Majorie A Parkes

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

Easter Cards for sale – It has been suggested to maybe send Easter Cards this year as so many people feel isolated from family and friends. If you wish you can obtain these from Holy Cross, please contact either Sue Savage 853572 or Ann Ruth via the Parish Office if you require any. £2 for 5, £3 for 6, £4 for pack of 12 or £7 for a box of 20.

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are continuing to hold their normal weekly meetings on-line **at 9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Please contact mguly@aol.com with prayer requests.

SPAM/PHISHING - a concerted effort was made to hijack the office computer during the week by purporting to be from a recognised company. Fortunately we were able to recognise this before any damage was done. Please be aware!

Other Notices: -

Lent....

Caritas Lent Resources: Caritas Plymouth has developed some resources for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021. The resources include podcasts, links to websites and ideas for reflection during Lent, with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Lenten-2021-Resources.pdf>

We hope that you find this material inspiring.

CAFOD Lent Appeal

Thank you for your generous gifts to help people like Hagos in Ethiopia, struggling to cope in an ever-drier climate. He and his family nearly starved due to drought but because of your support CAFOD was able to provide Hagos and his neighbours with solar-powered water pumps. Now they have flowing water to cultivate their land.

Remember, it's not too late to give to our Lent appeal by going to cafod.org.uk/lent

Parish Notices Continued:

Holy Week and Easter Services

Thursday 1st April - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Tavistock 5.30pm Yelverton 7.30pm

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday

Tavistock 1.00pm Yelverton 3.00pm

Saturday 3rd April – The Easter Vigil

Tavistock 5.30pm Yelverton 7.30pm

These services will be kept as short as possible while allowing people the opportunity to celebrate the Triduum.

Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday

Tavistock 9.00am Yelverton 10:45am

We would like to invite you to join Aid to the Church in Need for our first-ever Lenten Sunday Lunch to share a meal (virtually, of course!) and enjoy a vibrant programme of prayer, music and video testimony with our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. The Lunch is in support of the St John the Merciful Table in Zahle, which feeds around 1,500 struggling Christian families and refugees with one hot meal every day of the year.

During the event we will hear live from Archbishop John Darwish, Archdiocese of Furzol, Zahle and the Bekaa Valley, who helps run the project, and many of the people who rely on the Table for their daily meal. Your support and prayers mean so much to them.

This event will stream on YouTube and can be accessed from the morning of 21st March at: www.acnuk.org/sundaylunch

For any questions about access, please contact Catharine, our Events Manager, at catharine.crowson@acnuk.org

The Bible Timeline Course

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 2021** at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

A Precious Place of God's Grace – the next step. Bishop Mark has invited International speaker Michael Dopp to present to the clergy and laity of our diocese. Drawing on the themes of missionary discipleship that are emphasized in the document, we will explore how to concretely live this out in our own lives, as a parish, and throughout the diocese.

Join us on Saturday 1st May, for the two part presentation 11am – 12noon. 1pm – 2pm.

You will need to register via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-precious-place-of-gods-grace-michael-dopp-on-missionary-parishes-tickets-145433789379?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY Are you interested in the education our young people receive today in our Catholic schools? Do you have the time, skills and inclination to join a vibrant and committed Local Governing Body? Would you like to get involved at Holy Cross Primary School and help shape the future of our school? We are looking for Foundation Governors to join our dynamic Governing Body, and to work with our senior leadership team to ensure Holy Cross Primary School is the absolute best it can be. No experience is necessary; we are looking for an enthusiastic individual who is keen to get involved and use their skills to enrich our school. If you would like more information, or to register your interest, please email lmartin@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk

Most of our young people have returned to school during this past week. We have supported them throughout the pandemic with prayer and some practical items, Chocolate Advent calendars and Lenten booklets. **We would like to give them an Easter Egg and are asking for donations please. A chocolate bunny or £1 egg would be ideal.** If you are not shopping, cash in an envelope marked Easter Eggs would also be helpful. Please leave by/in the Foodbank box and we will collect and sort from there. Thank you. We have had some very positive feedback that the young people feel cared about and their parents feel supported.

Missio: Red Boxes. If you would like your collection box emptied you can either return it to Holy Cross (please ensure your name is on it) or you may empty it yourself into a special Missio envelope available from Sue Walsh & returnable to her.

Foodbank – the Horrabridge Community Food Store.

Items required are: **Small bags of sugar, Pot noodles, Baked beans x 4 packs (if possible)** + the usual: Tinned vegetables & meals, ravioli, Frey Bentos pies, toilet roll, washing up liquid, laundry powder, small boxes of tea, coffee, sugar. Items can still be left on the bench under the porch and they will be taken on Wednesday mornings. For more information about this community visit their Facebook group page:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/217891756264547?view=group>

The Bonus Ball winner: on Saturday 13th March ball number 20 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £32 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 32 subscribers that night

Recent Collections

Standing orders (last week): £275.00

Loose plate: January £244 Gift Aided £80

February £288.45 Gift Aided £45

Thank you

Parish Secretary working hours: Tues & Fri 9am-2pm.

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

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

The Pope's Intention for evangelisation for March - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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