

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

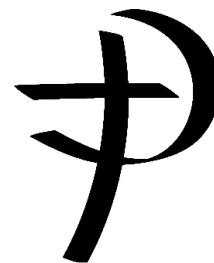
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**Week Commencing Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 — 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)**

(Readings: Mi 5:2-5a Ps 80 (79) Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45)

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>9am</b>	<i>Michael Pooley RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Carols from 7.30pm</b>	<b>Mass at 8pm</b> <i>Bill &amp; Margaret Douglas RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9am</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph 9am.</b>		

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** – After Mass or by appointment.

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors!**

### Please pray for:

the repose of the soul of **Robert Edwards**. Please pray for him, his wife Barbara and their children and families.

### all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Doreen Purcell, Margaret Carson, Catherina Cock, Devid Revins, Edith Downs, Winifred Holdaway, Palmera Murray, Peter Holwill, Yvonne Wreyford, Maria Down, Beatrice Sharp, and Maurice Hunt.

### the sick and/or housebound, including:

Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduvianbode, Mary Gibbs & William Lyall

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during Mass today. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

**N.B. There will be Children's Liturgy today even though it is the start of the holidays.**

**Refreshments** will be served in the hall after Mass. These will include mulled wine, mince pies and the Christmas Draw! **It's not too late to buy a square! Proceeds to Holy Cross, 1<sup>st</sup> prize £50!**

### Alternative Mass times:

#### St Peter's, Crownhill

Masses: Saturday 6pm & Sunday at 10.30am

#### Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock:

9am Sundays

### Christmas Message

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to prepare the church for our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you too for your cards and good wishes and, in anticipation, your Christmas offerings.

We pray that God will bless you and your families this Christmas and give you all his love and peace.

*Fr. Jon & Fr. Daniel*

### Christmas Flowers

There is a basket at the back of the church for donations towards the cost of the flowers.

Can you provide any holly and other greenery to decorate the church ?

Help is also needed with flower arranging for Christmas on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am.

Please contact Fran Blackmore 07740485934 if you can help

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available for your Offerings at the back of the Church. Alternatively you can use the Card Machine in the Hall.

**Card Machine** – This is located in the Hall. You can use it for your Sunday Offering, Repository, Flowers, Mass Intentions, Votive Candles and special collections.

**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. In addition to this their parenting programme has continued to build links throughout the community giving practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

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

## LEARN TO PRAY – St Peter's, Crownhill

Prayer is something that to some degree is a mystery to each of us and can be very challenging. Learn to Pray is designed to help us build a prayer life that's consistent, meaningful, and deeply personal. This course will help and equip us to develop and maintain a strong relationship with Jesus. Jesus is not an idea or a thing or an historical character, Jesus is alive and present in our lives. God is real! Let's learn to talk to Him, together. There will be cake! **Tuesdays at 7pm at St. Peter's on January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.**

You are warmly invited to click on the link to read the Diocesan newsletter for December 2024:  
[https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-D10EC9248862713D2540EF23F30FEDED](https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/D10EC9248862713D2540EF23F30FEDED) Please sign up here to receive future newsletters, and Journeying to the Jubilee related content: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>

### ***We can still defeat assisted suicide!***

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

***Please take action now and visit***

***[//www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading***

**Tavistock Foodbank.** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:

**Fruit juice, chocolate, long life milk, sponge pudding, noodles, Cup-a-soup, Tinned fruit, potatoes or carrots.**

*A big thanks from everyone at Tavistock Foodbank*

**Around & About magazine Subs for 2025 are now due.**

If you wish to continue to receive a copy, please pay Sue Walsh £7 or pay by BACS as shown in your magazine. If you wish to take on a subscription there are forms at the back of the church,.

## Parish Notices:

**Bob Edwards, RIP:** Bob and Barbara Edwards have been parishioners for about 35 years, since they moved back to Devon on Bob's retirement, from his career in the City. A man of formidable intellect and faith, Bob became President of the Catenians in Plymouth for many years. His friends on a more personal level enjoyed debating the current events in Catholicism, and were always keen to be on his team at any quiz.

Bob was educated at Manchester Grammar School with peers including Sir Kenneth Clarke. He met Barbara through their Christian faith. He held the senior role in the Guild of worshipful Pattern Makers and continued his involvement until a few years ago. He travelled extensively with Barbara and was always happy to be the Speaker at the Yelverton Ladies Open Group, of which Barbara was Chair for over 10 years.

We shall miss Bob enormously and extend our sympathy to Barbara, and their children, Peter, Fiona, Charles, Jon, Richard and their families. Rest in Peace Bob. **(Anon)**

### ***Joint Parish Christmas Dinner!***

*We are also going to hold our annual **Parish Christmas Dinner on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at the Yelverton Golf Club again. Menus & forms are now at the back of the church.***

*This year we are also inviting anyone who would like to join us from St Peter's, Crownhill and Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock.*

**Last date to sign down: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December!**

### **Collections 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Loose Plate £145      Standing Orders £457  
Card Reader: £0

Mass Attendance: 66

Thank you.

**Bonus Ball News:** On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** ball number 3 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £28 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 28 subscribers that night.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

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



**The Parish Secretary is on leave this week – Ann will back in the Office on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**

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### **Pope's Intentions for December: For Pilgrims of Hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.