



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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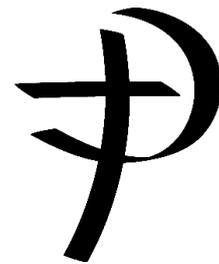
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**Week Commencing Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

### *First Sunday of Lent*

(Readings: Gn 2:7-9.3:1-7 Ps 51(50) Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11)

<b>Sunday 22nd February</b>	<b><i>First Sunday of Lent</i></b>	<b>Mass 12.30pm</b>	<i>Mary Lawler &amp; Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>Mass 10am</b>	<b>Followed by Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b><i>Second Sunday of Lent</i></b>	<b>Mass 12.30pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment</b>

**A very warm welcome to all our Visitors**

#### **Please pray for:**

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

Kathleen Gorman, John Fahey, John Murray, Doreen Healey, Jessica Tree, Eileen King, Arthur Attwood, Maria Hodgins.

**The sick and/or housebound**, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

There will be no **Children's Liturgy** this Sunday as it is **Half Term**. Classes will resume on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Refreshments** are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

**There will be Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross, after the 10am Mass on Tuesdays throughout Lent.**

#### **Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter for February:**

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-0BE37BCB3841CCDF2540EF23F30FEDED>

#### **Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!**

Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. Right To Life UK has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords.

#### **Please visit**

[www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026) to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

#### **CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 27th Feb.**

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, to help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at:

[//cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030.

Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Join us for a **Soup Lunch on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 12.30 pm** in the hall or **walk with us on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** from Holy Cross to Tavistock starting at 10.00 am in support of CAFOD. Contact Fran Blackmore on 07740475924 or [fran.blackmore@btinternet.com](mailto:fran.blackmore@btinternet.com) for more information

#### **The Pope's Intentions for February: For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. <https://popesprayer.va>

**Vigil for Peace Service - 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm - an invitation to join with our local Ukrainian community at St Eustachius Church, Tavistock**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, at 6 pm - 4 years after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia - there will be a Vigil for Peace Service at St Eustachius Church. On this sad day, Ukrainians in Tavistock will gather to pay tribute to those who gave their lives to protect their homeland, to stand in solidarity with those who suffer the hardships of war, who mourn the loss of their loved ones. The Ukrainian community in Tavistock will be deeply grateful to everyone who is able to come and join us in our prayers for peace. Hymns, readings and prayers will be shared in Ukrainian and English, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Zoom Lent Course:** Please feel free to join this parish Zoom course during our Lenten journey together.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7pm.**

Fr Richard Silk - The Parable of the Sower

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm.**

Dame Karen Foong - The Parable of the Rich Fool

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7pm.**

Fr Mark Skelton - The Parable of the Good Shepherd

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm.**

Sr Bernadette Reis - The Parable of the Prodigal Son

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm.**

Simon Giarchi - The Parable of the Sheep & the Goats

**Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 Password is 125755**

**Inspire**, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, **Buckfast Abbey**, 11-18.00. Youth Events would like to welcome young people **aged 12-24** to Inspire. Inspire is a festival of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are **£30 per person**. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: [Inspire 2026 Parish Booking Form – Fill in form](#)

**Fr Jon has agreed that Holy Cross will pay the £30 for any of our young parishioners attending this event. Please let the Parish Office/Ann know so that payment can be made.**

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk, Fruit juice, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Custard** *Thank you.*

**Easter Egg Raffle for Parish Funds**

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg raffle in a few weeks. If anyone can contribute Easter eggs or chocolates towards it please can you leave your donation at the back of the church on a Sunday. Thanks.

**GATHER 2026** We look forward to welcoming you to our annual GATHER conference **20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com)

**Stay Awake 2026** – our 8th all-age, all-day Catholic Christian Conference with music and worship on 2nd May at the Thomas Hardy School in Dorchester, DT1 2ET from 10 am to 6 pm. The theme this year is: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.' (Ps 51:10). **Your place can be booked from [stayawakejc.com](http://stayawakejc.com) now!** We invite all parishioners – whatever age - to a fun faith-filled day with appropriate children's streams (so that adults can engage) and **David Wells** is our main keynote speaker! We have a choice of workshops too and more! Refreshments supplied including home-made cakes and **free pizza after Mass. Free for children and £12.50 for the rest of us!** See you there!

**Parish Notices:**

**Martha Group Talk and Soup Lunch**

**Tuesday 3rd March 11.30am.**

*'The Yaks and Monasteries of Nepal'*

Ann Marcer is returning to share another of her very interesting talks.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the talk and soup lunch afterwards. All donations will go to Ann's chosen education charity 'Children of Nepal'

[www.children-of-nepal.org.uk](http://www.children-of-nepal.org.uk).

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February Collections:**

Loose Plate: £125 Standing Orders: £505

Daughters of Divine Love Collection £214.20

Mass Attendance : 67

**Thank you**

Tuesday 17th Feb - Pancake Day: £67

**Bonus Ball News:** On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February** the winner was Fiona Marks with ball number 14. She won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds

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)**

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