



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 22nd JANUARY 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Masses today: 9am Pat Millin RIP & 10.30am *Parish & People*
(Eucharistic Prayer:III)

Masses during the week:-

Monday **No Mass**

Tuesday 10am *St Francis de Sales* – Intention: *Jim Campbell*. The Rosary will be said at 9.40.
Refreshments after Mass

Wednesday **No Mass**

Thursday 10am *St Timothy & St Titus*

Friday 10am 9.40am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday 10am Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Mark O'Toole (2014)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after all Masses or by appointment

Anniversaries – RIP: Anniversaries RIP: Terence Simmons, Douglas H. Brown, Mary P. O'Hare, Eileen Melody, Mary Rait, Monica Pace, James S. Davies, Joseph Montfort, Cecil Hammett, Henrietta Cousins

Welcome to any visitors to the Parish

Today:

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Irene Cussen, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Mary Silcox, Ray & Oliver Cooper, Maureen Wildash & Willoughby Dampier.

Diocese of Plymouth Yearbook 2017 – These are now available for collection by those who ordered a copy. They are at the back of the church. Ring-bound £3.75. Perfect (non ring-bound) £3.25. Copies can be ordered for anyone who would like one & who hasn't placed an order.

Children's Liturgy There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (*N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them*).

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some blue 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure that you complete all the details in pen and sign the form.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

Please will any parishioners who can take a turn to serve refreshments please sign down on the board in the hall.

Today: Ecumenical Worship Service – 3pm
Sunday 22nd January at St Paul's Church, Yelverton. I do hope to see a good representation of Holy Cross parishioners at this service during the annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. *Fr Louis*

The First Holy Communion preparation programme will be starting at the beginning of February. The parents of any child who is in school Year 3 or above and who wishes to start the preparation should contact either Father Louis or Mary Pike by Sunday, January 29th.

Keyboard player – Is there anyone who has been gifted with keyboard skills? Would you be willing to offer your talent to play occasionally at the 10.30 Mass? If so, please do approach Fr Louis about it and we will explore further.

Dates:

Next Evangelisation Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7.15pm**

The Anne Frank Trust has a project of planting trees to commemorate Anne Frank and all children killed in conflicts. SW Lakes Trust has agreed that a tree can be planted at **the Arboretum at Burrator Reservoir at 11am on Sat 4th Feb** by two of the youngsters who visited Auschwitz-Birkenau from Holy Cross. Father Louis is attending and has agreed to bless the tree.

Calling all Catholic 6th Form Students

Are you confident in speaking in public? The Catenians are hosting the regional heat for the 3rd Public Speaking Competition at 2pm on Saturday 4th February at Holy Cross School in Beaumont Road. There will be certificates for all entries, a trophy for the winner and his/her school and the winner will get the chance to go to the national finals in Bristol in May. The 2 Catholic 6th Form centres are already putting forward candidates to this event.

Parents - Come and listen to our outstanding 6th form students. For more information see the poster or contact Peter Holman, 01626 438446 phadenraf@gmail.com

Extraordinary Form Mass ('Tridentine' Mass)

Please note that Bishop Mark has arranged the provision of a Sunday Mass in the Extraordinary Form which will be celebrated **weekly** from Sunday, 29th January at St Edward's Church, Home Park Avenue, Peverell, Plymouth PL3 4PG at 11.30am. The Mass will normally be celebrated by *Fr Anthony Pillari*, the chaplain at Lanherne Convent, who has also kindly agreed to offer pastoral accompaniment to families attending this Mass.

GATHER 2017 Gracious Gift We are delighted that catechists, teachers, clergy and friends from across the Diocese of Plymouth will be meeting together again next year 3rd-5th March 2017 at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay TQ2 6RQ. The weekend will include; keynote speakers, plenary talks throughout, shared liturgies, quiet space for prayer, a choice of inspiring workshops on Saturday afternoon as well as Saturday evening entertainment. On Sunday we will welcome Bishop Mark O'Toole who will celebrate Mass with us. Further details can be seen on the noticeboard + costs.

Notices:

Weekday Masses: For many weeks, a sheet has been prepared for each weekday Mass with Entrance & Communion Antiphons (and latterly – to be helpful - the response to the Psalm). Please do take a copy (by the newsletter tray) and join the reader who takes the lead in saying the Antiphons (as happens, or should happen, at the 9am Mass on Sundays). They form part of the Mass!

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. The website was launched at the beginning of this month, the traditional month for remembering and praying for the dead: www.artofdyingwell.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bishop Mark has recently emphasised the importance of extraordinary ministers receiving proper formation in this special ministry. To this end, it would be timely to hold 're-fresher' presentations on this ministry and to review current practice.

The presentations are provided in two distinct parts and will be held on **7th & 14th March at 7.30pm** at Holy Cross. They will be led by the Dean of Plymouth, Fr Tim Lewis. All Extraordinary Ministers are expected to attend and those who have recently been invited to be Extraordinary Ministers. There will be hand-outs. Confirmation of attendance would be helpful.

Unwanted or surplus Christmas Gifts? These could be turned to advantage if you are prepared to donate them to Holy Cross where they can be sold to raise funds for Mary's Meals a charity supported by the Martha Group. See www.marysmeals.org.uk

If you would like to help place any unwanted items on the table in the hall over the next few Sundays.

Around & About annual subscriptions of £6 are now due. This local inter-church magazine is available for those who wish to take it. See Sue Walsh.

Mass Intentions: *If you wish to request a Mass Intention you will find on the table, at the back of the Church, Mass intention slips and envelopes. When you have given brief details, please place the slip, and your offering, in the envelope and hand it to me, leave it in the sacristy or put it through the Presbytery letter box. Mass intention cards are also available in the Sacristy if needed. Fr Louis*

N.B. Mass Intention Offerings: *Some parishioners may not be aware that all offerings that are given for Mass intentions (Mass Stipends) at Holy Cross go into the parish funds 'pot' and not directly into the 'pocket'(!) of the parish priest, nor do they go to the Diocese. These offerings form part of the priest's annual allowance. The same also applies to stole fees (eg weddings) and Christmas and Easter offerings.*

The Bonus Ball winner on 14th January was Margaret Bradford with ball number 33. She won £25. There were 40 subscribers that night so £15 went to Parish funds.

Cheques to the parish - If you are writing cheques to the parish, it would be helpful if you could please specify the payee as: **Holy Cross RC Church**. Thank you.

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £227.75

Gift aided £264.50

Thank you

The Pope's Intentions for January are for Christian Unity:

'That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.'

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(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please)

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green

