



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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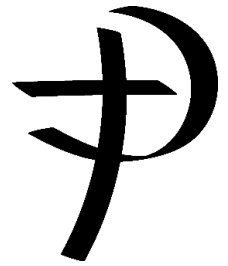
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**Week Commencing: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

(Readings: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130(129) Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mass 12.30pm** *Sybil Gasche RIP*

**Mass 10am** *Bill & Bernie Kennelly RIP*

**Followed by Stations of the Cross**

***Penitential service* 6.30pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

**Mass 12.30pm**

*In memory of the  
McDermott & Kenny Families*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment**

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

**Please pray for:  
all those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

**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, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

### **Penitential Services:**

Holy Cross: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm  
St Thomas More on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

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.*

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

### **Easter Egg Raffle for Parish Funds**

Tickets on sale today - £1 per square. The draw will take place after Mass on Easter Sunday. 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 to those who have already contributed.

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

### **Holy Cross Church needs your help!**

**Volunteers needed on SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH at 1:30pm (after Mass) to cover the statues in preparation for Holy Week.**  
**There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.**

**AND**

**Volunteers needed on SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 10:00am to help with extra cleaning of our church in preparation for Easter.**  
**There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.**

### **Mass & Service Times for Holy Week**

*Please collect the separate sheet at the back of the Church which lists all Masses and times from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday if you missed it last week.*

### **Reminder:**

**Clocks go forward the night of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

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

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

**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**

### STEPPING INTO STILLNESS

An Introduction to Contemplative Praying and Living at **St Rita's Centre, Honiton. April 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2026**

An Introduction to the Gries Path of Prayer as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands [paddyrylands@gmail.com](mailto:paddyrylands@gmail.com)  
See the poster on the noticeboard or on the Holy Cross website.

### UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY UNBOUND

Prayer Ministry available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Please contact [unboundprayerdop@gmail.com](mailto:unboundprayerdop@gmail.com) or see the poster for more details.

**EVANGELIUM** The Evangelisation and Catechesis Team have produced a newsletter which you can access through the following link

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-3D7B158DDC8192832540EF23F30FEDED>

Here is the link to the Diocesan newsletter for March

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED>

### Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group

Ignatian silent retreats taking place this summer at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall: They provide an opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life to make a little extra space and time for God.

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>** (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> July** (Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend Retreat (£350)

**Venue:** Sclerder Abbey Retreat House,  
(Chemin Neuf) Cornwall.

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation.

Costs includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations.

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at:

[diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk) or  
phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Pasta sauce, Long life milk, Fruit juice - not squash**  
*Thank you*

**Time for a Spring Clean?** It's that time of year when we start to look forward to the longer evenings and look to dust off the cobwebs of the Winter months by having a good old-fashioned Spring Clean. Did you know that you can donate your unwanted items through the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s Orange Box recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause?



In 2025, our Orange Boxes raised a staggering **£35,216.51** compared to the previous year's record-breaking total of **£5,970.51** in 2024 and **£5,534.00** in 2023. Thank you to all parishes who maintain an Orange Box and to every generous donator who has contributed to this amazing amount of money raised for CCSP!

**Items that can be popped into your parish Orange Box include –**

- **Stamp collections**, first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre 1950
- **Coins and banknotes** – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise
- **Precious metals** including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc
- **Metals including ornaments**, metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition
- **Costume jewellery**
- **Medals**
- **Small antiques and collectibles**
- **Watches** – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not
- **Any Catholic religious memorabilia** such as rosaries, crucifixes, medals etc

**And don't forget you can recycle your old ink cartridges** through our ink cartridge recycling boxes which also raised almost **£400** for CCSP and saved 27.57kg from landfill last year.

### Parish Notices:

**Joy Jewell's** family would like to thank you for all the messages and cards she has received. She continues to make good progress despite several minor setbacks.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Collections:

*Details will be given next week*

*Thank you*

**Bonus Ball News:** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March ball number 59 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £29 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 29 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 Pope's Intentions for March: For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. <https://popesprayer.va>