HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING: SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2026
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YOUTH DAY – YOUNG PEOPLE

(Readings: Prov 31:10-13 19-20 30-31 Ps 128(127) 1Th 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30)

Sunday 22nd November	***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***	Mass	12.30pm	*Int: Fr Jon Bielawski RIP*
Sunday 29th November	***First Sunday of Advent***	Mass	12.30pm	*Int: Angela Morrissey RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Trevor Taylor, Arthur Penruddocke, Nicholas Ellis, Elizabeth Henderson, Francis Rattenberry.

the sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John & Barbara Edwards.

BRIAR TOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Wednesday 25th November 11:00 am – 2:00 pm



Homemade Soup & Bread
Tea/Coffee & Cake
Raffle

Donations in aid of Holy Cross Martha Group Charities

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.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILLIATION preparation programme for 2027. Any parent/guardian whose child is in school Year 3 or above and wishes to start the preparation to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation, please contact Mary Pike or Fr John before the 6th December.

Annual Mass in the Chapel at Buckland Abbey: This will take place on **Friday 4th December at 10:00 am**. As places are restricted to 20, please sign the sheet at the back of church, if you wish to attend. N.B. Please park in the main car park and use the rear entrance to the Abbey (the Exit!). If you need a lift in the buggy, please let Mary Pike know. 01822 855281

Refreshments are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat. If you can join our rota, please put your name down on the list in the Hall.

Book of Remembrance:

If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones to appear in this book, **please fill in a form at the back of the church.**

Holy Cross dates for your Diary:

Sunday 13th December the **Christmas Raffle** will take place after the 12.30 Mass – First Prize £50

Joint* Christmas Carol Service
Sunday 20th December at 2.30pm

Christmas Mass:
Friday 25th December 12.30pm Mass at Holy Cross

Christmastide Joint* Parish Lunch:
Yelverton Golf Club: Wed 13th January 2026
12.30 for 1pm. Menu & prices to follow
***Holy Cross, St Peter's & St Thomas More**

Diocesan Yearbook 2027 The Yearbook is available for you to take home this weekend.

The Pope's Intentions for November: For the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less. ***https://popesprayer.va***

On Sunday 29th November at Assumption Parish, Abbey Road, Torquay, we will be having our **HCPT Westcountry Region Advent Liturgy** led by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Please see poster for details.

Holy Trinity Parish — An Open Door This Advent Amid the busyness of preparing for Christmas, we invite you to take a little time to be still with the Lord. Holy Family Church, Beacon Park, will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays 3rd and 10th December, from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Our Advent Penitential Service and confession will take place on Thursday 17th December 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Come and spend a quiet moment in prayer, light a candle, and entrust your loved ones to God—those who share our lives today and those who have gone before us to the Lord. Scripture readings will help guide our reflection as we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ at Christmas. The illuminated crib before the altar will offer a gentle focus for prayer and contemplation. Whether you can stay for a few minutes or a little longer, you are warmly welcome. Parents are asked to supervise children when lighting candles.

Advent Retreat Day on **Saturday 5th December** at St Rita's Centre "Exploring Prayer and Conversion" led by Fr. Gerald Wilson OAR The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10am. The second talk will be at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £27.00. To register, please complete the application form and let us know of any dietary requirements.
You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at **admin@stritascentre.org**, or register online via our website: ADVENT RETREAT DAY- "EXPLORING PRAYER AND CONVERSION". Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

Callington Singers Carol Concert at Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock on **Saturday 12th December** at 7pm and please scan the QR Code on the poster to book. (Noticeboard at the back of the Church) or you can purchase your ticket after Mass from Ann Ruth. £12 each.

Catholic Children's Society - Did you know **70% of shoppers** will do their Christmas shopping online this year? And did you know this shopping can **easily turn into funding for CCSP**? Everyone's favourite Christmas gift retailers like eBay, Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Currys, Etsy, M&S, Boots, Dunelm, Waterstones and even more will all donate money to our organisation when our supporters, volunteers, trustees and our community shop with them. **It's very easy** - an online shopper simply buys something from one of the above retailers or 8,000 others, and the retailer sends CCSP a free donation as a thank you, at no extra cost to the shopper. Please click this link and register to fundraise for CCSP whilst you shop this Christmas and throughout the year
www.easyfundraising.org.uk

I am going to St Rita's Shop in Honiton on 5th or anything else from the shop please let me know.
High-Quality Religious Products — St. Rita's Shop
Thank you. Ann, Parish Secretary

Drop-in at the Church of the Ascension, The Lawns, Plymouth, PL5 3AA. Parishioners from Crownhill and St Thomas More will meet again on Thursday, December 3rd, 2-4pm in the main hall of the Church of the Ascension. Parishioners from Yelverton are invited to attend. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available as usual and there will be a Christmas Quiz and Raffle. Come for a chat, meet old friends, make new ones. All ages welcome. Bring along someone you know who is feeling isolated and lonely. Please bring a small plate of food for a shared lunch.

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Squash Small coffee, Detergent, Men's deodorant, Toilet rolls**
OR you can donate money to the Food Bank to allow them to make purchases of goods they require. They have a website and here is the link:
https://tavistock.foodbank.org.uk/
Just open up and you can select to donate.
Thank you for your ongoing support

Parish Notices:

We are sad to hear of the death of **Maureen Hynd**, at her home in France, peacefully with her family around her. We pray for her, her husband Dennis, daughter Eileen and grandchildren, who were all such a support for each other. Maureen and Dennis were very active Parishioners at Holy Cross until they emigrated about 30 years ago. RIP.

Safety: for the safety of our younger children, please ensure you shut the side gate into the garden next to the church if you use it.

Walk with Me – Advent Booklets and Calendars
Are now available at the back of the Church. They are 'free' but if you would like to make a donation, please do so.

Have you a Missio – Red Box? If yes, does it need emptying? Please let Sue Walsh have it asap so funds can be banked for the end of year.

Sunday 15th November Collections:
Loose plate: £131.50 Standing Orders: £465
Card Reader £22 Mass Attendance – 64 **Thank you**

Card Reader: I have added Christmas Raffle to the card reader menu so you can purchase your raffle squares by card instead of cash if this suits you better. There are lots of lovely prizes and the first prize is £50. Ann.

Bonus Ball News: on Saturday 14th November ball number 26 (round 1) 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 Representatives are
Sue Walsh and Ann Ruth
The Diocese of Plymouth's Safeguarding Team is available **01364 645430** or by email:**safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk**

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