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Week Commencing Sunday 23rd August 2020 (Year A)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Is 22:19-23 Ps 137 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20)

Dear all,

A reminder for anyone who has not seen the following information....

We are restricted to 20 “bubbles” in church and need to ensure we do not go over our capacity and to make certain that social distancing is maintained. We appreciate that this will be frustrating, but it is important that we always respect and follow the guidelines of the stewards. We thank them for their continued support, without which we would not be able to open safely. In addition, there is a handout entitled **“Guide for Parishioners during the COVID-19 pandemic”** which we appreciate you reading and following when coming to Mass. We request that parishioners wear masks throughout the service.

Mass in Tavistock will continue to take place on Sundays at 9am.

Prayers

Fr Martin

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday 22 nd Aug	Yelverton 6pm	<i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	- Rose Ruth RIP
Sunday 23 rd Aug	Tavistock 9am	<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	- People of the Parish
Tuesday 25 th Aug			- Private Intention (Yelverton)
Wednesday 26 th Aug			- Private Intention
Thursday 27 th Aug		<i>St Monica</i>	- Ian Wark RIP
Friday 28 th Aug		<i>St Augustine</i>	- Freda Stone RIP
Saturday 29 th Aug	Yelverton 6pm	<i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	- Private Intention
Sunday 30 th Aug	Tavistock 9am	<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	- People of the Parish

We remember in Prayer:

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alexander Craig-Mooney, Gordon Jones, Rose Bacon, Sheila K Liggins and V Rev. Canon Desmond B Haslehurst

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford and Margaret Davies.

Daily Mass is being streamed at 10am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion.

Bishop Mark has forwarded the following useful information and asked us to forward to parishioners, especially to those who are sick and housebound, or who are having to isolate at home, at this time: **Dial-a-Mass: The Middlesbrough Diocese in conjunction with the Knights of St Columbia began Dial a Mass for the benefit of those who do not have the internet or computer. The way it works is: The Mass is recorded and put on telephone at 12 midday on Sunday and stays until the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call the person can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The number to call is: 01642 130 120. The Mass tends to last approximately 45 minutes.**

CCSP* Annual Appeal 2020 - *Stretch out Your Hands*

Stretch out Your Hands – Putting All Children First: the Annual Appeal of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is next weekend. **Please take a leaflet today or visit their website** to understand the wonderful work which the Society does to help struggling children and their families, and to view the list of alternative ways you can donate this year. Thank you.

As Bishop Mark says, this year's Annual Appeal is being launched in a time when great economic hardship has fallen on many families due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With all our fundraising events cancelled, and with an increase in the number of grant applications we are receiving from families struggling as a result of Covid-19, we ask that our parishes 'Stretch out Your Hands' a little further this year please and whilst we appreciate that this is asking a lot, your donations and prayers really are needed thank you.

This year, because of the restrictions in place, we are hoping that our parishioners will be able to donate in alternative ways so that the amount of money raised is not adversely affected by the current pandemic. Indeed, we sincerely hope that this year's Annual Appeal raises more funds than in previous years, as more families are in need of our financial support right now and we only envisage this increasing into 2021. Donations can be made via our **Crowdfunding page** <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/2020-ccsp-annual-appeal---stretch-out-your-hands>, where we receive 100% of every donation as all fees have been waived, and we acknowledge all donations as some parishioners have mentioned a reluctance to donate online. Donations can also be **posted to CCSP, St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL** or can be transferred by **BACS direct into our CCSP bank account sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335**. For the full list of ways to support our Annual Appeal this year, please **visit our website at www.ccsplymouth.org.uk**

***Catholic Children's Society -Plymouth**

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is available in the Parish.

If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice

Plymouth Diocesan Year Book 2021. If you would like to order a copy please can you email yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk stating whether or not you want 'ring bound' or not. The Parish Order needs to be placed by the end of August so please respond no later than **Monday 24th August 2020.**

Orders are now being taken for the ORDO 2020/21. Please e-mail the Parish Office if you require one.

- Normal Print Ordo (Price: £5.50)
- Normal Print Ordo & Diary (Price: £6.50)
- Large Print Ordo (Price: £6.25)
- Large Print Ordo & Diary (Price: £7.50)

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently continuing to hold their normal weekly meetings on-line **at 9.15 am on Wednesday mornings.** Should any parishioner have a request for prayer they would be happy to include such petitions. Please contact mguly@aol.com

Advance Notice: Given the success of our August meeting, it has been agreed that the members of the **Martha Group** should meet for coffee and prayers with another face to face but socially distanced meeting in September. Please note that, in view of the fact that the first Tuesday will be immediately after the Bank Holiday, we have decided that the meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8th September.** It will as usual be held **at 10.30 am.** Further details will follow next week. There will be no official agenda for the meeting which will be another social occasion and it would give us great pleasure to welcome any ladies of the parish who might be interested in joining us.

Emergency Response: Food Bank The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. The foodbank desperately need cuppa soups and multi packs of crisps please. Thank you.

The Bonus Ball winners on Saturday 15th July were Mary & Michael Boon with ball number 21. They won £25. There were 25 paid up subscribers that night so nothing went to Parish funds.

I will be at Mass on Saturday evening and will collect Bonus Ball money in the car park after Mass for those who wish to pay. Thanks to those who have kept this ticking over.

Sue Walsh

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders £572.00

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

- Loose Plate will be not be counted weekly.

Other Notices:-

CAFOD: PRAY FOR BEIRUT

Please pray for those affected by the terrible explosion in Beirut and if you can, please support CAFOD's work there

CAFOD's local network are giving food, medical services and other practical help to the most vulnerable families, the elderly and those injured, who find themselves jobless after the explosion.

You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/donations>

Online individually guided retreats: The Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group is offering online individually guided retreats for three, five or six days. Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Group are experienced guides, who have received training in relation to Ignatian spirituality and include priests, deacons or lay people. Dates can be arranged to suit individuals.

For further information, please contact the Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone: 01752 769164 or 07823447637.

In these uncertain and challenging times, many have rediscovered the delights of the created world, are turning to meditative practices, even finding solace in prayer. Others may feel the need to explore, make sense and reflect on the presence of God in their everyday lives, especially during difficult or painful moments experienced recently.

Youth Events in the Diocese: September 26th There will be workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Workshops will be offered through ZOOM. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peters, Crownhill later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

In October there will be a series of 5 sessions, exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead 3 of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly, I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be; My spiritual journey, living through COVID 19.

If you are interested in either of these events or any future events, please email: youth@prcdtr.or

Plymouth Diocese Summer Camps. To join online, contact them via e-mail: Junior Camp – current years 3-6: junior1pdcamp@mail.com; Senior Camp – current years 7-10: Seniorpdcamp@mail.com; St Petroc's Camp – Current years 11-13: chrislee4sc@gmail.com.

**This message has been received from Deborah van Kroonenburg,
(Marriage & Family Coordinator, Department for Evangelisation)**

Dear Brides & Grooms, Married, Betrothed & Couples Considering Marriage! You have been in our prayers especially this year. We are so sorry for all those who have had their wedding plans disrupted by the pandemic and hope that your disappointment will be offset by the joy you have in your marriage. We thought it was time for some good news so we are pleased to tell you that we will be having an **Online Diocesan Marriage Event** on September 12, 2020. If you know the SmartLoving site you will remember that these are very good presenters! So come and meet the couple who have been involved in so many marriages and who share so much of theirs with us all.

So for the diary - the date to save is **Saturday, September 12 - 09.00 - 13.00** (to allow for global time differences) - on your iPad, laptop or phone. Come for part or all of the event. No travel is involved but bring your own drinks!

Please let me know if you would like to take part.

Parish Secretary: I am working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. However, I am happy for any parishioner to contact me, either by e-mail or mobile, as I will be here at home! My number is: 07792 585632. **Ann Ruth**

Parish newsletter: copies are outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish if you are still shielding. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com **(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).**

The Pope's Universal Prayer Intention: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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