



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Masses today: 9am *The Bostock & Hewitt Families RIP* & **10.30am** *People of the Parish*
(Readings: Mi 5:1-4, ps 79 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-34)

Mass during the week:-

Monday **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord Mass** 8pm preceded by Pre-Vigil Service of Carols and Readings at 7.30pm

Tuesday **10am Mass of the Nativity of the Lord**

Wednesday 10am *St Stephen* Protomartyr. Renewal of promises of existing members of the Guild of St Stephen will be held at this Mass – all Guild members are expected to attend.

Thursday **No Mass**

Friday 10am *The Holy Innocents* (9:40am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life)

Saturday **No Mass**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10am weekday Masses and on request

Anniversaries: Winifred Madge Holdaway, Palmera M Murray, Peter J A Holwill, Yvonne Wreford, Maria Down, Beatrice Sharp, Maurice E C Hunt, Sylvester Pawlowski, Marie L Stewart-Murray

A warm welcome to our visitors

Today:

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

No Children's Liturgy today

On Sale : 2019 Calendar: **Windows Across the Diocese** – in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Excellent value at just £5, ideal present for family and friends.

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church

In this season of goodwill, a card from YOU could really bring hope to someone who is imprisoned or persecuted simply for their religious or political beliefs. If possible, please send a card before 31 December. Further details from the 'Write for Rights' booklet at the back of church, or from Tony John (852172).

May our celebration of Christ's birth this Christmas flood our world with his transforming love and grace so that its fruits may bring his peace, mercy, forgiveness, healing, reconciliation and unity. Wishing all parishioners and visitors a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Fr Louis

The Christmas offerings at the Vigil Mass and on Christmas Day go towards Fr Louis' annual allowance and he is grateful for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

If you are a regular gift aider would you please write your full name clearly on the **blue** 'Christmas offering envelopes' at the back of the church.

If you are not a regular gift aider but would like to gift aid your Christmas offering please use the **white** 'visitor envelopes' at the back of the church and clearly marked 'Christmas offering'.

Christmas Raffle Please do support this end of year fundraiser for our church funds. All the prizes, £50 cash, voucher for Rock Inn (£25), voucher for Moor Beauty, voucher for Yelverton Golf Club, Bottles etc are all worth more than £5. All but one have been donated by non-parishioners. Last few squares available....

The Raffle will be drawn after the 10.30am Mass TODAY when Mulled wine & mince pies will be served!
Thank you for your generosity.

Crib Offerings will go to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Please try to be generous as this collection is one of their major sources of income. The society is extremely grateful for the support parishes have given through the Summer Appeal, the Great Big Diocesan Quiz and individual donations. As a result of people's incredible generosity, they have been able to reach out to over 200 families in need with grants totalling over £30,000. In addition to this their parenting programme has continued to build links throughout the community giving practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

Dates:-

Parish Survey:

We are undertaking a Parish survey to complement the information you kindly shared on our recent GDPR privacy forms. The purpose of the survey is to gather information that will give a picture of the Parish life and to gather ideas that will help to inform how we continue to grow as a faith-centred community. Please do take a copy of the survey questionnaire (available at the back of the church) and return it in the box provided by **6th January 2019** Thank you.

FORMATION DAY FOR CATECHISTS - calling all catechists and "would be" catechists who help pass on the faith in any way by involvement in Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage Preparation programmes or Children's Liturgy. The last day in the current course which was scheduled for January 19th 2019 has now been changed to January 12th. St. Peter's Parish Room, 10.30am-1pm. All welcome.

The GATHER Conference brings together people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. In 2019 we will gather at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay on 18-20 January 2019.

Full details and booking arrangements available at the back of the church.

Catholic South West!

The January edition is available – 50p per copy

CTS booklets – individually priced in the rack
Selection of cards & books in the carousel.

Bonus Ball winner: on 15th December ball number 19 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £40 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 40 subscribers that night.

If you are a regular subscriber you may have lapsed your subscriptions. Please check with Sue Walsh if you wish to be included.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to keep this fund raising venture going. Your generosity has been like a drip feed to Parish funds and over the years has raised thousands of pounds. You are much appreciated!

The Parish Secretary is in the Office this week on Friday 28th December only

Newsletter: All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please to Sue Walsh
(Tel: 07767480807, or 01822 854118 or by email: svwalsh@hotmail.com)

Notices:-

A huge thank you to all who were involved in the arrangements for last Sunday's Nativity Service, and special thanks to Kate and Sophia.

Emilie and Tom's First Holy Communion - What a beautiful occasion it was and thanks to Francine for preparing them for this.

Missing DVD – We have a box set of the Complete Series of Rev. Robert E Barron 'Catholicism, the Journey of a Lifetime', but Parts 7&8 – Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven and The Communion of Saints is missing. We think this has been lent out – if you have the DVD please can you return it to the Presbytery as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**

SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again we are asking that rather than you giving your loved ones gifts this year, that you give the gift of life and hope on their behalf. Donate to the SVP Sudan baby feeding appeal and receive a gift certificate with a personalised message to give them on Christmas day, for tax payers gift aiding would be appreciated. Or just donate for yourselves, either gift aided, or in the SVP box at the back of church. Members of the SVP will be at the back of church with the forms after Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

The SVP have received a Christmas card and a very short letter from our twinned conference at St. James', Vayalar, Kerala, India. They will be placed on the SVP board in the church hall after the 10.30 Mass today.

Red Missio (APF) boxes...thank you to all those who gave Red boxes to be emptied this year £186.01 was banked last week thanks to the generosity of those who donated.

Please save used stamps for the Catholic Children's Society. There is a jar for them on the back table.

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £178.70 Gift aided £90.00

Standing orders £279.00.

The collection for flowers was £132.85

Thank you

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green



The Pope's Universal Intention for December:

Evangelisation: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

'That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.'