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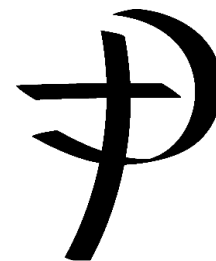
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Week Commencing Sunday 23rd July 2023 (Year A)

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

(Readings: Ws 12:13. 16-19 PS85 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43)

Saturday 22nd	Vigil Mass for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Yelverton 6pm Mass <i>Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family</i>
Sunday 23rd	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Tavistock 9am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am Mass <i>Trevena Family Living & Departed</i>
Tuesday 25th	Tavistock 6pm Rosary Group
Wednesday 26th	Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 29th	Vigil Mass for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Yelverton 6pm Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 30th	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Tavistock 9am Mass <i>Jenny Dyer RIP</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am Mass <i>Martyn Gibbs RIP</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nora Orchard, Daisy Forder, Oliver Gloyne

and the sick and/or housebound: including, Margaret Phelps, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Robert Edwards, Anne O'Kelly, Fr Michael Cole, Lynn Nettleton, Simon Gray, Leslie Longhurst.& Anthony John.

There will be no **Children's Liturgy** during the Summer holidays, Sessions will resume in the September. Many thanks to our catechists for working with the children.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

There are cards and postcards of Holy Cross for sale at the back of the church for Centenary Funds. We thank Jan Marks for allowing us to use copies of her artwork

This year the **third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** falls this Sunday 23rd July. There are many ways we can celebrate this special day in our homes and parishes. For more information go to : <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday>

Help with School Transport costs – This Sunday is the final day to hand to Fr Cyriacus your completed **School Transport Fund application form for 2023-24.**

Thank you to all who volunteered and supported Bishop Augustine Ukwuoma's visit to our parish last weekend.

Know your Faith:

GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION

What is justification? Justification is the most excellent work of God's love. It is the merciful and freely-given act of God which takes away our sins and makes us just and holy in our whole being. It is brought about by means of the grace of the Holy Spirit which has been merited for us by the passion of Christ and is given to us in Baptism. Justification is the beginning of the free response of man, that is, faith in Christ and cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit. **What is the grace that justifies?** That grace is the gratuitous gift that God gives us to make us participants in His Trinitarian Life and able to act by His Love. It is called *habitual, sanctifying or deifying* grace because it sanctifies and divinises us. **What other kinds of grace are there?** Besides habitual grace, there are actual graces (gifts for specific circumstances), sacramental graces (gifts proper to each sacrament), special graces or charisms (gifts that are intended for the common good of the Church) among which are the graces of state that accompany the exercise of ecclesial ministries and the responsibilities of life.

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ONLINE LUNCHTIME SESSION ON DEMENTIA AWARENESS – Tuesday 1st August 12 noon 'til 1pm

There are more than 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK today, with 81,000 in the South West. This number is predicted to double in the next 30 years and we will see this reflected in our congregations and communities. All our parishes will know someone living with dementia or caring for someone. You will already be providing pastoral care to people living with dementia and may already be taking steps to be a dementia friendly church.

This one-hour introductory session is aimed at parish priests, secretaries, eucharistic ministers, pastoral workers and welcomers, members of SVP and all those whose lives are touched by dementia. It will focus on understanding dementia and the practical aspects of how to respond, but will also offer advice about resources to understand how to accompany those whose lives have been touched by dementia in their spiritual journey. People are welcome to bring their lunch and listen in. You are also welcome to join as a parish group. You can register here <https://forms.office.com/e/1DijnZkMQk>

Youth—Youth Rally, 23rd Sept, 12.00 - 5.00 St Rita's Honiton. Calling all young people aged 7 to 16 to join in a series of challenges including the infamous obstacle course, penalty shootout, didi cars and sumo wrestlers. Why not see if you can get a team of 6 young people; 11 and under or 12 - 16 and come to St Rita's to compete against each other and teams from other parishes. It's a light-hearted fun day where young people get to meet others from across the diocese.

Social Justice Residential, 20th - 22nd October 2023, St Rita's Honiton. This residential is aimed at those preparing or have received confirmation (12-17). It is a chance to explore the Bishops' Conference paper on **Love the Stranger**, thinking about those living in loneliness and what God asks us to do. The weekend will be jointly run with the **Columbans**. Some people with refugee and asylum status will be invited to talk about their experiences.

Please see posters at the back of the church. For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

An invitation to survivors of abuse—The Diocese would very much appreciate hearing from people who have a lived experience of abuse, so that we can involve them in the work we are doing to support survivors. We would welcome the opportunity to hear survivors' feedback and ideas so that we can improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. If you think you might be able to help us in this work, or if you would like to find out more about what we are doing in the diocese to support survivors, please contact: Sophie Scagell (Survivor Support Caseworker) on 01364 645436

Foodbank items needed: Tinned fruit and soup, Packets of noodles, UHT milk, Rice pudding, Sponge puddings, Dog food wet and dry, Men's deodorant/toothbrushes. Thank you for your generosity

TACT have asked if we could promote this: Could churches which publish notices or use social media encourage participation in this **simple survey**, which is a part of a Council project which we hope will make it easier for people in places including Tavistock, Horrabridge, Yelverton, Princetown and Bere Alston to walk or cycle for short journeys - with benefits to individuals, communities and the wider creation. It's helpful to have lots of people sharing practical insights on what helps already, what needs to change, and where.

"Ideas sought on ways to enable cleaner, healthier travel in West Devon: an aim in line with Christian concern for people and nature. What makes it easy or difficult to walk, use a wheelchair or mobility scooter, or cycle around here? Do fill in West Devon Council's survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DevonTravel>

World Youth Day is taking place in Portugal from 26th -31st July. *One of our parishioners is attending.*

For those interested there will be regular updates from the pilgrims on: Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook and dop_youth Instagram. For further details about the pilgrimage, please contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Notices

Bob and Barbara Edwards and all the family are holding a party for Barbara's 90th birthday. Any parishioners who would like to join the family to celebrate on Sunday 6th August at Yelverton Memorial Hall from 2.45 to 4.45 would be very welcome. Please send a reply to assist us with catering arrangements to Bob and Barbara (Magnolia Cottage, Harrowbeer Lane, Yelverton, Devon PL20 6EA or by phone (01833 852 636) or by email to edwards.charles@outlook.com

For the attention of all - An up-to-date Health and Safety Policy statement is displayed on the notice board in the side porch of the church and there is also a copy in the Parish Office. Please make sure you read and are aware of it. If you have any comments/concerns to make, please speak to Fr Cyriacus.

PARISH CENTENARY WALL HANGING—The next meeting of this group will be at 2pm on **Wednesday 26th July in the Hall.**

Bonus Ball winner's details for Saturday 15th July will be given next Sunday.

Last week's Collections:

Figures for the last weekend – will be published in the newsletter w/c 30/07/2023

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

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



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Pope's Intentions for July—For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.