

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

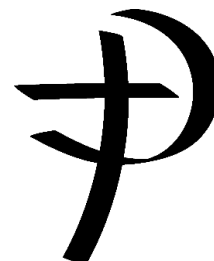
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**Week Commencing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 — Third Sunday of Lent (C)**

(Readings: Ex 3:1-8a. 13-15 Ps 103(102) 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9)

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Mass 9am</b>	<i>Eamonn McNamara RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday</b>	<b>Mass 9am</b>	<i>Marion Hills RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>		<b>Mass 10am</b>	<i>Martha Group Charities</i>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Mass 9am</b>	<i>Ron &amp; Bridie Cross RIP</i>

**All Sunday Masses will be at 9am up to Easter**  
**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:**

Marjorie Parkes, Dr Patience Davies, Mary Silcox

**the sick and/or housebound, including:** Margaret

Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Beavan & Jane Devenish

**Refreshments** will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime, please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

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.*

**EASTER EGG RAFFLE.** Proceeds to Holy Cross funds. £1 a square – see the board at the back of the church. To be drawn on Easter Sunday after Mass. Thanks to those who have donated prizes.

**Easter cards** on sale at the back of the church. 30p each unless marked otherwise.

### CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection.

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also **text CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10.

**N.B.** Mass at Holy Cross Yelverton on

**Easter Sunday will be at 10am.**

Fr Jon has also offered to do **Stations of the Cross at 12 noon on Good Friday.**

**Feast of St Oscar Romero 24 March.** One of the patron saints of Caritas Internationalis and patron saint of Caritas Social Action Network. Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated while saying Mass on this day in 1980. He was a prophetic voice for justice and human dignity in El Salvador during the years of the military dictatorship. He embodies the preferential option for the poor. For more information and a bank of resources visit: <http://www.romerotrue.org.uk>

### We dare to hope - A Parish Lent course.

This 5-week course, written by the Dominican Sisters of the New Forest, will be held in St. Peter's Parish Room, Crownhill on **Thursdays in Lent at 7pm. The ongoing dates are March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.** Come along, 'dive into Hope', and bring a friend with you.

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD** at St Peter's Crownhill. Pope Francis has chosen the motto, 'You are my hope' (Ps 71.9 for this time of prayer. This Holy Year will, therefore, be a Jubilee of Hope, in which everyone is invited to be pilgrims of hope. The 24 hours of prayer bears witness to this. The purpose of the event is to put the Sacrament of Reconciliation back at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church. To this effect, the 24 hours will start at **5.30pm on Friday, March 28th and continue until Saturday, 29th at 5.30pm.** There will be Exposition of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament who is, 'really, truly and substantially present' throughout this time. There will be the opportunity for Confessions on Friday night, 7-8.30pm, Saturday morning, 10am-12 noon, and Saturday afternoon, 3-5pm.

**Link to the Lenten offering for this week**, which includes a reflection on the readings for the third Sunday of Lent by Monsignor Robert Draper.

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-FA8EEEEA95CE2B0B02540EF23F30FEDED>. You are warmly invited to sign up here to receive our monthly diocesan newsletter and weekly Lenten reflections by Monsignor Robert Draper  
<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>

Lent Course continued – 27<sup>th</sup> March – 7pm Recognizing Hope. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84052447850?pwd=MmPzcp911dTsGJWDxR0vH5H9zYS4e6.1> Meeting ID: 840 5244 7850 Passcode: 043004

**Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross during Lent.** This will be held every Friday during Lent at 3pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock.

Dominic & Vicky invite you to:-

**A Coffee Morning for Marie Curie**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 10am - 1pm**

**Maristow Cottage, Maristow, Roborough PL6 7BZ**

**Bring and Buy Sale. Cake donations welcome.**

**(Cash only please)**

**All proceeds to the Marie Curie charity.**

**CAFOD Lent Lunch** at Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025** at 12noon. If you are going, please let Ann Ruth know so she can pass the numbers to Gill for catering purposes. Thank you.

**Stay Awake** is taking place for the seventh year on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 7pm at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth.** including Mass at 5 pm, followed by a time of fellowship over free pizza. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, including kids' activities, praise and worship, workshops and the Sacrament of Reconciliation! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from [www.stayawakejc.com/2025](http://www.stayawakejc.com/2025). **NB: Make sure you book by 1<sup>st</sup> April please!** We look forward to welcoming you!

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk , Fruit juice, Tinned fruit, Spaghetti, Pot noodles**

*A big thanks from everyone at Tavistock Foodbank*

**Vacancy:** The Diocese of Plymouth currently has a vacancy for a Head of Caritas. Further information can be obtained by emailing [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). See noticeboard for advert. Closing date 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**TIME FOR A SPRING CLEAN ?** It's that time of year when we can have 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 2024, our Orange Boxes raised an amazing **£5,970.51** compared to the previous year's record-breaking total of **£5,534.23** and we would love to set another record again in 2025.

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 a fantastic **£532.50** last year, having raised since the scheme was first started in July 2008. In 2024 alone, we have kept 42kg of cartridges from going to landfill.

**Parish Notices:**

**Collections 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Loose Plate £119.08 Standing Orders £227

Card Reader: £20 CAFOD Lent Appeal: £165

Mass Attendance: 69

**Thank you**

**Bonus Ball News:** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, **Shirley Turner** won £25 with ball number 28. There were 28 subscribers that night so £3 went to church funds.

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)**



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**Yelverton: Wednesdays 9am - 12.15pm  
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Tavistock: Wednesdays 12.45pm-4pm  
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**Pope's Intentions March 2025: For the new Martyrs** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. <https://popesprayer.va>