

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dousland Road, Yelverton, PL20 6AZ Parish Priest: Fr Jonathan Bielawski



# Week Commencing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Readings: 2S 5:1-3 Ps 122(121) Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43)

Youth Day - Young People

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Mass 9am

Tony Allen RIP

Tuesday 25th November

Mass 10am

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

1st Sunday of Advent

Mass 9am

Nicholas Ellis & Trevor Taylor RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment N.B. All Sunday Masses will be at gam unless advised otherwise.

# 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, Robin Smith, Charles Orchard.

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

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.

**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.

#### **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 Repository:

2026 Diaries £4 each. Advent Candles £1 Advent Calendar Cards £1.50

Walk With Me Advent Booklets £1.50

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Briar Tor Community Centre, 11am-2pm Homemade Soup & Bread + Tea/Coffee & Cake Cakes, stalls & a raffle.

Donations in aid of Martha Group Charities

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILLIATION

The preparation programme for 2026 will be starting on **Sunday 7th December 2025 at 10:00am**, after Mass. with a meeting with Father Jon.

Any parent/guardian whose child is in school Year 3 or above and wishes to start the preparation, should fill in a registration form, which can be collected from the back of the church. This should be handed to Mary Pike by Sunday 30th November

N.B. Preparation sessions will take place on Sundays for one hour, after the 9:00 am Mass. In the event of Mass being at 12:30 the sessions will be held at 11:15. Full dates will be given at the meeting on the 7th December.

Diocesan Newsletter: Our latest Newsletter for November is now out. Here is the

link: <a href="https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-80114A1E3743F9BF2540EF23F30FEDED">https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-80114A1E3743F9BF2540EF23F30FEDED</a>

This edition also contains information about the installation of our new Bishop on 29<sup>th</sup> November which can also be found on our website

https://www.plymouth-

diocese.org.uk/category/diocese-news/

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#### Gender Based Violence - Ecumenical Service:

Fr Mark Skelton and Rev Lizzi Green are co leading a Service to mark 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The service will take place on the 25th November at 6pm, St Mary's Anglican Church in Plympton. Last years' service was very prayerful and powerful. All welcome.

RESCUE PROJECT: Come along for an exciting, dynamic and intriguing presentation of Jesus' life, teachings and the redemptive power of his death and resurrection. This is open to everyone but is particularly of interest to those interested in becoming a Catholic. You will enjoy great conversation and community spirit, in St. Boniface's College Hall at 7.15-9pm on the following Wednesdays: November 26th;

December 3rd & 10th. Bring a friend.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children(SPUC) Advent Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.15pm Saturday 3rd December in Plymouth Cathedral Centre. Prize Raffle, Assorted Homemade cakes, including Christmas, Dundee & Log cakes, Jams, Spicy Chutney, Marmalade and Savouries as well as a religious, jewellery and bric-a -brac stalls. £1 Entry to include tea, coffee & mince pie. Please come and support a good cause. We look forward to welcoming you. NB. Are you willing to bake some cakes for us? Contact: Christine: 07742320717 Thank you.

Advent Retreat Day on Saturday, 6th December at St Rita's Centre "FROM CAPTIVITY TO FREEDOM: AN ADVENT JOURNEY OF HOPE" led by Deacon Kelvin Russell and Fr. Jose Romero 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 £25.00. To register, please complete the application form (available at the back of the Church or see Ann. Parish Secretary) 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:https://www.stritascentre.org/eventsretreats-1/advent-retreat-day-from-captivity-tofreedom-an-advent-journey-of-hope . Payment can be

made in advance or on the day.

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: Cup a soup, Pot noodles, Noodles, Small coffee, Chocolate. Any treats for Christmas would be very welcome.

Advent Festival at St Mary and St George Church,

Totnes, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5HW

We will be holding an Advent Festival over the weekend of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December. Throughout the weekend, visitors can admire our beautiful display of family cribs, browse craft tables with handmade goods, and take part in our raffle with many great prizes. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in the festive fun! We are supporting The Red Cross (Plymouth), CAFOD and Rowcroft Hospice. (If you're interested in having a stall on either day, please contact the parish office at totnes@prcdtr.org.uk.)

Advent Retreat – Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lynton Convent, Devon EX35 6BS 12-14th December 2025. An invitation for women aged 18-35 to come can spend a time of prayer and study with our contemplative community. For more information or to book a place please contact: srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com

### Parish Notices:

## **Annual Mass in the Chapel** at Buckland Abbey

This will take place on Friday 28th November 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

Holy Cross dates for your diary!!

Joint\* Christmas Carol Service Sunday 21st December at 2.30pm

#### **Christmas Masses:**

24th December 8pm (7.30 Carols) 25th December 10am

## **Christmastide Joint\* Parish Lunch:**

Yelverton Golf Club: Tues 13th January 2026 Time, Menu & prices to follow

# Collections 16th November

Standing Orders: £437 Loose Plate: £127 Card Reader: £0 Mass Attendance: 68**Thank you.** 

Bonus Ball News: On Saturday 15th November Elizabeth Bailey won with ball number 25. They won £25. There were 29 subscribers that night so £4 went to church funds.

The Parish Safequarding 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)

## The Pope's Intentions for November: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. https://popesprayer.va