



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**WEEK COMMENCING 24th December 2017**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

### **Christmas Eve**

**9am Bostock & Hewitt Families RIP & 10.30am Parish & People**

(Eucharistic Prayer: III)

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

**Please Note:** On Christmas Eve, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses at the usual times i.e. 9am & 10.30am. In the evening, as is our custom, we will have a service of Readings & Carols at 7.30pm followed by the vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord at 8pm. **You will wish to be aware that attending the Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass only on Sunday does not fulfil the obligation to attend a Sunday Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

**Monday:Christmas Day** – Mass of the Nativity of the Lord at 10am

**Tuesday** 10am **St Stephen** – Protomartyr **N.B.** Enrolment of new members to the Guild of St Stephen and renewal of promises of existing members will be held at this Mass. (All Guild members are expected to attend).

**Wed- Sat** **No Masses**

**Anniversaries – RIP:** David Revins, Edith M Downs, Winifred M Holdaway, Pamela M Murray, Peter J A Holwill, Yvonne Wreford, Maria Down, Beatrice Sharp, Maurice E C Hunt, Sylvester Pawlowski, Marie L Stewart-Murray

**Welcome to any visitors to the Parish**

### **Today:**

***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***

**Please pray for the sick and/or housebound** including, Irene Cussen, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Mary Silcox, Maureen Wildash, Helen Revins, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies & Oscar Kennedy.

**No Children's Liturgy** today

#### **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'.

I wish to express my gratitude to all who prepared the church for the solemnities of Christmas, some of whom put in a lot of time and effort into this: The Crib Team, Flower Team, the church cleaning brigade, Sacristan. My thanks also to the Music Group, Readers (and co-ordinator), and Altar Servers. The crib and flower decorations look beautiful!

Huge thanks to all who were involved in the arrangements for last Sunday's Nativity Service, and special thanks to our Catechists, Mary Pike and Francine Brookes who put the service together, Sue Savage for the refreshments, and Jilly Hemmings for assisting with other arrangements.

My thanks also to all of you who gave me cards, and for the gifts too. I was touched by your kindness.  
**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.**

**Refreshments** are served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

Please will any parishioners who can take a turn to serve refreshments please sign down on the board in the hall.

### Dates:

**FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES: Information Evening 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm** If you have not yet had the opportunity to take part in this diocesan initiative or would like a refresher, you are invited to join a new group which will meet at the Cathedral for 7 Tuesdays at 7.15pm. This is for every member of the church community and is to fulfil Jesus' great commission to "Go and make Disciples" *Matthew 28:19*. All Welcome.

### Notices

**Please consider this.** This year you could "write a card and (literally) change a life" for someone imprisoned unjustly for their beliefs. The appeal runs until the end of December. See the 'Write for Rights' booklet at the back of church, or contact Tony John (852172).

**SVP note:** We have received a Christmas card and a short letter from our twinned conference at St. James' Vayalar. The card will be placed at the back of the Church by the small wooden statue of Christ, and the letter on our notice board in the hall.

**Sarah Murray** would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful and kind prayers and condolences following her Mother's death. It has been a great comfort to her.

**We have received thanks** from both St John's Horrabridge and the Rock Methodist churches for participating in their Christmas displays. St John's closed with a Carol service on the Sunday and raised over £900. The Rock trees are given to the CHICKS charity for families who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas Tree and funds raised are going towards a huge repair needed on the back wall, with the wonderful stained glass window which is illuminated at night

**The Christmas Raffle** was a great success with all squares sold. Traditionally it is a self-funding, fun event as a way of thanking people who quietly do so much in the background to support Fr Louis and the Parish. Mulled wine and mince pies (and much more) were enjoyed by many, both after Mass, whilst awaiting the draw, and after the Nativity, with many young people, their families and parishioners. A big thank you to the Jackson family for the 'catering' and the Marks family for drawing the raffle.

**Winners were:** 1st prize £30 Dave Corbette; 2nd prize £20. Nicholas Savage; Whiskey. Tony John; Gin. Elizabeth B; Wine. Frances Cooper; Wine and Teddy Clare McNamara; Chocolates. Sue Walsh; Jigsaw. Christopher; Baylis and Harding toiletry set. Jo Murphy; Diary. Rob Burbage.

**Thank you** to all those who bought squares and donated some of the prizes. A profit of £50 has been donated to church funds.

### The Pope's Intentions for December:

'That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.'

**VACANCY Post: Safeguarding Administrator (part time) 2 Posts.** Based at: **St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL.** 17½ hours per week **Salary: £10.60 per hour pro rata'd to 2½ days a week (Actual Salary £9,646 p/annum)**

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact the Safeguarding Co-ordinator on 01364 645430. A copy of the job description and person specification are obtainable from the Human Resources Department – Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or email [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). Applications are by application form and covering letter. The last date for applications is Tues 2 Jan 2018 and interviews will be held on Thurs 11 Jan 2018 at St. Boniface House.

**See letter on the noticeboard**

### **Available Today:-**

***Catholic Herald - Double Issue £5.00***  
***Catholic South West for December 50p***

### **CTS booklets available from the rack**

**'Encounter' The Diocesan Evangelisation Newsletter.** The first edition of this newsletter for Evangelisation is available at the back of the Church. Please do help yourself to a copy.

**Children First,** the newsletter of the Catholic Children's Society, is now available at the back of church or can be found on the Society's website [www.cccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.cccsplymouth.org.uk). To receive the newsletter direct to your door or mailbox please contact our office on 01364 645420 or email [ccs@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:ccs@prcdtr.org.uk)

**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 from the carousel at the back of the church. **Fr Louis**

### **The Collection last Sunday:**

Loose plate £146.86 Gift aided £307.00.

***Thank you***

**The Bonus Ball winner** on 16<sup>th</sup> December was Sarah Murray with ball number 14. She won £25. There were 46 subscribers that night so £21 went to Parish funds.

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**(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please)**

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green

