



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 24th December 2023 (Year B) - Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Readings: 2S 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,16 Ps 88 Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38)

Saturday 23rd	Vigil Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent			
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 24th	Fourth Sunday of Advent			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Hewitt & Bostock</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Bill & Margaret Douglas RIP</i>
	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord			
	Tavistock	7.30pm	Carols before Mass	
		8pm	Mass	<i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for Yelverton & Tavistock Parishes</i>
Monday 25th	The Nativity of the Lord			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for Yelverton & Tavistock Parishes</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for Yelverton & Tavistock Parishes</i>
Tuesday 26th	St Stephen			
	Yelverton	10am	Mass	<i>Int: All Altar Servers</i>
Wednesday 27th				
	Tavistock	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	<i>St John</i>	10am	Mass	<i>Paddy Ruth RIP</i>
Thursday 28th				
	Yelverton	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 30th	Vigil Mass Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph			
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>Peter & Pat Meehan RIP</i>
Sunday 31st	Mass of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Paddy Ruth RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.				

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

There will be no **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.45am Mass on Sundays during the holidays. Sessions will resume on 7th January

Please pray for

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Revins, Edith Downs, Winifred Holdaway, Palmera Murray, Peter Holwill, Yvonne Wreford, Maria Down, Beatrice Sharp, Maurice Hunt, Sylvester Pawlowski, Marie Stewart-Murray, Irene Cussen

the sick and/or housebound: including, 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, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, and Monica Finn.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is a time to share joy as we mark the birthday of Christ, the beloved Son of God who humbled himself, taking flesh as we are and like us in all things but sin. His coming was announced by the angel to Mary and was fulfilled (Lk 2: 7). The Shepherds and sheep confirmed his birth and worship him in adoration as he lay in the manger. The three wise men journeyed miles to pay him their homage as the Prince of Peace and the joy was shared and felt all over the world. May the same joy radiate and be over us as we celebrate the festivity of Christ.

I therefore wish to use this medium to wish every member of our parish and indeed all our friends a very happy and wonderful Christmas.

Thank you for your kindness and good wishes. God bless you. Jesus loves you and so do I.

Fr Cyriacus Uzochukwu

New Bishop-elect of Plymouth:

Our Bishop-elect Christopher Whitehead will be ordained the tenth Bishop of Plymouth on **February 22nd 2024 in Plymouth Cathedral at 12.00 noon**. Further details will be published once they have been finalised, but this is just to make you aware of the date. Please keep Bishop-elect Christopher in your prayers. It is such a blessing to have him appointed to our Diocese.

The Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner with Yelverton & Tavistock parishioners invited. Monday 8th January at the Yelverton Golf Club, 6.30 for 7pm.

There are copies of the menu, prices & forms at the back of the churches OR we can email you a copy!

Closing date for signing down is 31st December!

Next RCIA group Friday 12th January 2024 at Our Lady of the Assumption Meeting Room at 5.30pm.

Youth – A programme for the coming year has been produced and copies have been sent to our Yelverton and Tavistock Youth Group. Please see notice board for the full annual programme.

January events are:

Sunday 14th – Music prep for all Youth Masses
Yelverton 11.45 – 12.45

Bring your instruments or your enthusiastic voices.

Sunday 28th – Youth fund raising event.
Cake Sale at Tavistock after Mass

also

Saturday 2nd **March**

– Inspire Music Festival at Buckfast Abbey

You need to sign up for this event before January 28th
See poster for details.

Around & About magazine subscriptions for 2024 are now due. They can be paid by BACS, cheque or cash. Extra copies of the forms are available in church if needed. Cheques made out to **Around & About** or cash can be paid to Sue Walsh.

Tavistock Food Bank—For your information the following goods are required at our food bank: Milk, Tinned meat, Fruit juice, Coffee, Pot noodles. **Thank you**

Missio calendars for 2024 are available on the back table.

Thanks to those who returned their Red boxes for counting I have now paid in £144.00 for the year. If anyone still has a box with money in it please let me have it & I can pay it in before the 31st December.

Sue Walsh

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

CHANGE OF DATE

The Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham in will now take place from the **2nd-5th October 2024**.

It will be a 3-night stay, Wednesday to Saturday, Bed & Breakfast at a cost of approx. £77 per person per night. We have provisionally booked and there will be a 25% non-returnable deposit, 50% to be paid within 6 months and the balance paid 2 months before the date of departure. You need to confirm your place by Sunday 28th January 2024 at the very latest.

Please let Stephen know as soon as possible if you wish to book — stephen.silvester@btinternet.com or phone 07810 305605. Thank you.

Parish Notices:-

The John family: Jane, Frances and Emily would like to thank Fr Cyriacus, the Martha Group, and the Holy Cross family, for all the loving support, given to Anthony, and ourselves during recent months. Thank you also, to those who attended his Funeral. We felt very blessed. We wish everyone, a peaceful New Year 2024.

Christmas Draw: Thank you to all who supported the annual raffle, by buying a square, donating a prize, Danny and Fi for organising it, Trevor and Kate for serving the mulled wine, coffee and mince pies (and for clearing away afterwards). It has raised £100 for church funds. There is a list of prize winners on the board at the back of church.

Collections: December 16th & 17th 2023

Collection £285.10

Standing Order: £237.00

Christmas Raffle £100

Mass Attendance: Sat 25; Sun 62

Bonus Ball News: The winner on 16th December was Pat Mawer with ball number 8. She won £25. There were 29 subscribers that night so £4 went to church funds.

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 December — For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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