



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Week Commencing Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Year B) *The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time* *Sunday of the Word of God*

(Readings: Jo 3:1-5.10 Ps 24 1Co 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20)

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><i>Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
	Yelverton <b>6pm</b>	Private Intention
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
	Tavistock <b>9am</b>	Barbara Kelly RIP
	Yelverton <b>10.45am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>St Timothy &amp; St Titus</i>	Mary Tyler RIP
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Anniversary of the Ordination of Bishop Mark O'Toole (2014)</i>	Private Intention
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Feria	Private Intention
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Vigil Mass of The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
	Yelverton <b>6pm</b>	Bill & Bernie Kennelly RIP
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><i>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
	Tavistock <b>9am</b>	People of the Parish
	Yelverton <b>10.45am</b>	Private Intention

As we are now in Tier 4, the Government guidelines state places of worship can open for communal services, but people should **not** mix with anyone from outside their household or support bubble. This means we can continue with our Masses.

As we have had a few parishioners with cases over the last few weeks, and given the above, we re-emphasise that, however well intentioned, once in church you must:

- wear a face covering to keep your nose and mouth covered at all times (except when receiving Holy Communion)
- sit in your allocated seat and not move around or chat with friends or fellow parishioners from outside of your household or support bubble.

These are requirements of us being able to be open and we appreciate your support with this.

### A warm welcome to our visitors!

#### Parish Notices:-

**Please pray for the sick and/or housebound** including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, and Maria Swords

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Brendan Bold, Mary Rait, Monica Pace, James S Davies, Peirson, Joseph Monfort, Cecil Hammett, Henrietta Cousins and Anthony Whittard

#### Parish Notices: -

**More stewards and sanitisers are needed to help at our Masses. Please let the Parish Office know if you can assist us. *Fr Martin***

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently continuing to hold their normal weekly meetings on-line **at 9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Please contact [mguly@aol.com](mailto:mguly@aol.com) with prayer requests.

Scam emails: Please be aware there is a scammer purporting to be **Fr Martin Stone** contacting various parishioners randomly. He has also tried through our website! If unsure contact the Parish Office. **DO NOT RESPOND** to those emails.

#### Other Notices: -

**Welcome the Stranger – Celebrating the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 5-6.30 pm.**

All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative.

The event will take place via zoom and you can register to attend by emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or following the link on our website.

**Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!**

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

The consultation ends on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**‘A Precious Place of God’s Grace’** Since it was issued on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020, “A Precious Place of God’s Grace”, on the development of the pastoral structures in our diocese over the next five years and beyond, has rightly generated a lot of interest amongst our clergy and laypeople, with a number of individuals and parish groups having already fed back their initial thoughts. However, the on-going Covid-19 restrictions have impeded parish communities from being able to engage fully and widely with the document and its accompanying Parish Self-Assessment Tool. Therefore, in order to ensure that the important voice and views of our laypeople and parish communities are heard in this process of discernment, “A Precious Place of God’s Grace” will be relaunched, with the Parish Self-Assessment Tool, when lockdown restrictions are eased. I hope in this way, we can hear from as many people as possible. Anyone in the diocese is still welcome to send any feedback directly to Canon Kristian Paver ([kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk)), who is collating it on behalf of myself and the Bishops Council. Please also note Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May in your diaries, when an online event for Clergy and faithful in the Diocese, on “A Precious Place”, will be facilitated by Michael Dopp, Director of the International Summit on the New Evangelisation. Further details will be sent out by the Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis soon.

**Vacancy: Safeguarding Administrator (part time) – 1 post**

Location: St. Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon with some home working to meet COVID Secure requirements. Salary: £11.39 per hour pro rata’d to 3 days (Actual Salary £12,438 per annum) FTE £20,730. Hours: 3 days a week. The Safeguarding Administrator works as part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team delivering measures to ensure the safety of the young and vulnerable within the Diocese. For an informal discussion, please contact the Safeguarding Co-ordinator Robert Brown on [robert.brown@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:robert.brown@prcdtr.org.uk). The job description and person specification are obtainable from the HR Department 01364 645383 or email [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). Applications are by application form and covering letter. The closing date is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. **The appointee to this post will be subject to an enhanced clearance through the Disclosure & Barring Service.**

**“Pilgrimage of Healing and Thanksgiving**

I plan to be the spiritual leader of a gently paced pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early March 2022. It will include a full programme of visits to the Holy Sites and staying in excellent Christian accommodation in the hills of Samaria and Judea and closing with three nights at the Sea of Galilee. Places are limited to a total of 30, on a first come first served basis. To register your interest and for further detail please contact Della Shenton on [della@5gr.org](mailto:della@5gr.org). **Bishop Mark”**

**The Bonus Ball** winners on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January were David & Marion Leah with ball number 27. They won £25. There were 25 paid up subscribers that night so nothing went to Parish funds. If you are a regular subscriber, you may have lapsed your subscriptions. Please check with Sue Walsh if you wish to be included.

**The Pope’s Intention for evangelisation in January - Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Caritas Plymouth Quarterly Update**

The latest Caritas newsletter sets out some of the great activities happening across our Diocese as well as upcoming events.

[Caritas-Plymouth-Newsletter-Jan-2021.pdf](https://plymouth-diocese.org.uk/Caritas-Plymouth-Newsletter-Jan-2021.pdf) ([plymouth-diocese.org.uk](https://plymouth-diocese.org.uk))

**Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages.**

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can’t cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage and you don’t need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille’, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021:

Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443.

Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Parish Notices continued:**

This year the new **Directory for Catechesis** was produced by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelisation. This is a “crucial new resource for catechists, educators and all those working in pastoral and evangelistic work, centred on the core mission and rooted in the essential life-transforming proclamation of the Church: the Gospel itself”.

To help all the clergy get to grips with this lengthy (245 page) document, Dr. Caroline Farey will be providing a two-part presentation on its scope and content. The first session will take place by Teams on **Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1-2pm**. The second session will take place by Teams within your particular Deaneries and this session will provide you with an opportunity for dialogue/Q & A. Please put this important date in your diaries. Further notification will happen in due course.

**Foodbank** Items now required...**Tinned meals, ravioli, Frey Bentos pies, toilet roll, washing up liquid, laundry powder, tea, coffee, sugar. Polite request:** no more pasta, rice or cereals as they have an abundance at the moment. **Items can still be left on the bench under the porch and they will be taken on Wednesday mornings.**

**Recent Collections**

Standing orders: £302.00

*Other collections will be counted after the Lockdown.*

**Thank you**

**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).**

Parish Secretary normal working hours: Tues & Fri 9am-2pm.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807)