



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Week Commencing Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Year A)**

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

(Readings: Ac 1:12-14 Ps 26 1P 4:13-16 Jn 17 :1-11)

***World Communications Day – The Right Use of the Media***

**There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.**

**Sadly the new government measures mean our churches have to be closed. The reason is that the virus could be spread via surfaces in the church into which consecutive people come into contact even if they are not there at the same time, and also there is the possibility of people gathering informally for prayer together which seems a good idea at first sight but would actually be an opportunity to spread the virus.**

#### **Mass Intentions this Week**

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May		- Private Intention
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	- People of the Parish
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	St Philip Neri	- Pam Bielawski RIP
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	St Augustine of Canterbury	- Ivy Gaffney RIP
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> May		- Private Intention
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> May		- Private Intention
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Vigil of Pentecost</i>	- Private Intention
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	Pentecost	- People of the Parish

#### **We remember in Prayer:**

**Anniversaries:** Harry Vaux, Helen Revins, John H Swanson, Nora Partridge, Margarita T Phelan and Denis J McMahon.

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ivy Gaffney **RIP** who died recently. Please pray for her family and friends.

**Daily Mass is being streamed at 11am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.**

All information and letters from Bishop Mark O'Toole and others are available on our Holy Cross website under the section entitled **Coronavirus**. There are also prayers including a Spiritual Communion.

**The latest addition is Bishop Mark's message to the Diocese on April 28<sup>th</sup> 'Let us be like Christ the Servant'.**

## Parish Notices: -

**Please note Father Martin is now available and back in the Parish.**

**If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.**

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

**All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice.**

**SCAM EMAILS** : Several members of our parish received an email purporting to be from Fr Martin last week asking for money. Be alert to any requests for money from Father, from any other member of the church or even purporting to be from people you might know or be friends with. **Always speak with the person directly and especially if there are any doubts.**

**We have since received the following message from the Safeguarding Office:**

Dear all,

I hope that you are all well and coping in these difficult time - I have been made aware of a number of scam emails going around trying to get Parish's and Curial Offices to send money.

The last two as an example are

- Email purporting to be from Parish Priest, using the priests name requesting money for a Google playcard for a Seminarian of his in the sum of £500. This Seminarian is supposed to be in hospital receiving cancer treatment.
- The cheeky person even tried it on with me wanting me to renew my TV licence (using my work email address).

These scams can take many forms so please be careful, there are a couple of links below that might help explain what to look out for

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/blog/how-to-spot-and-report-fake-emails-and-phishing-scams>

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2020/03/27/how-to-recognise-these-popular-covid-19-scams/>

If you receive a fake, spam or demanding email report to Action fraud  
<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> and let the safeguarding office know.

Should anyone have any concerns then please contact me email as above, phone 01364645431 which will get you transferred to my mobile.

Please keep safe

**Bob Brown**  
**Safeguarding Coordinator**

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently holding their normal **weekly** meetings online at **9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should anyone else have any requests for prayer the members of both groups would be happy to include them. Please contact [mguly@aol.com](mailto:mguly@aol.com) or [edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com](mailto:edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com) (Mothers Prayers) or [mary-mike@the.tors.eu](mailto:mary-mike@the.tors.eu) (Martha Group)

**Emergency Response: Food Bank** – Thank you for your contributions to the foodbank, which are greatly in demand. A neighbour, not a parishioner, who is working in Tavistock is delivering for us. The day has changed from Friday to Wednesday. Thank you again. God bless.

**Several jigsaws** have been donated to Yelvercare and we have several at church. Mary Pike and Sue Savage are happy to coordinate a 'jigsaw library'. If you phone Sue (853572) or email Mary we can arrange to get them to you either by leaving them on the bench at church or delivering. Thank you.

**Children's Liturgy:** Our Children's Liturgy catechists sometimes use the sites below to help with planning a Sunday Children's Liturgy.

You might find them useful to work through with your children.

The CAFOD site also has sheets to download to keep little people busy!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

There is a **Tavistock Locals- Help** list available of companies who offer local Delivery services particularly during this restricted time of many items including food, hot meals, pet items, gardening, clothing etc etc. The list will be available on our website on the newsletter page.

**Collections last Sunday:** Loose plate £0\* Standing Orders £257.00.

Obviously Church collections will be seriously diminished during the period when there are no services. With no money in the plate collections funds will be seriously reduced. Yet bills will continue to arise due to ongoing maintenance, rates, utilities, etc etc.

And it is times like this when we need to dig deep to continue to be able to reach out to those in society with the greatest need. This will be our main focus over the coming weeks and months. So if you do not use a Standing order to contribute perhaps you would consider setting one up. **If people could set up a standing order until things go back to normal. it would be much better.** We don't have to touch any cheques etc. If you can please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Fr Martin**

\*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

**The Bonus Ball** winner on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May was Fran Blackmore with ball number 34. She won £25. There were 28 paid up subscribers that night so £3 went to Parish funds.

**I would very much like to keep the Bonus Ball running during the time when there are no church services. We provide a steady drip feed of funds to Holy Cross which are essential to maintain. If you would still like to be involved please send a cheque or cash to Holy Cross and you can still be included. Prize monies will still be paid out and winners included in the weekly bulletin.**

**Sue Walsh**

### **Other Notices:-**

**SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH** – Newsletter (Covid-19 edition)

There is advice in this newsletter on many issues including Domestic Abuse of both adults and children, Mental health and caring for yourself. This will be on our website on the Newsletter page.

**Mary's Meals** there is a short video message from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow on our websites.

The link is [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e\\_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be)

## Laudato Si' Week 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 16-24 May 2020

This year is the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Laudato Si'. Laudato Si' tells us that "everything is connected" and tragically, the current health catastrophe has much in common with the ecological catastrophe. Both are global emergencies that will affect many people, both directly and indirectly. Despite the current situation, there are still lots of ways we can take action to mark this anniversary, sharing the common prayer and celebrating what we have achieved in our homes, schools and parishes.

CAFOD and Caritas Plymouth have produced a summary of resources for anyone interested in exploring further the message of Laudato Si'. A note will be posted on the Plymouth Diocese website next week. During the week itself we will be sharing reflections and examples of how our Diocese is taking action via our Diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/> Please let Deborah know if your parish would like to share anything [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

### MISSION MADE POSSIBLE

Is the thought of sharing your faith with family friends and others just too scary? Are you thinking; 'that's not for me, I could never do that' or perhaps you just don't know where to start? Well you are not alone

### JOIN CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE AND ACROSS THE GLOBE WHO FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.

With the encouragement of Bishop Mark, you are invited to take part at home, and learn how to have these conversations appropriately and without feeling awkward. If you would like to learn more please send an email with your telephone number to [jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk) and follow this link to watch the overview video titled 'How to Evangelise' <https://wp.me/paTncV-8rl>

Thank you. God bless.

Fr. Jon Bielawski

### Parish Secretary

I will be working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. I am happy for any parishioner to contact me whatever day as I will be here at home! Always happy to help! Take care and God Bless, Ann Ruth

Ann can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

### Parish newsletter

We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (Tel: 07767480807) or email: [svwalsh@hotmail.com](mailto:svwalsh@hotmail.com) **(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).**

### The Pope's Universal Prayer for May: For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.