



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing: Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

(Readings: Ac 2:1-11 Ps 104(103) 1Co12:3-7.12-13 Sequence Jn 20;19-23)

Sunday 24 th May	Pentecost Sunday	Mass 12.30pm	Int: <i>Mary Lawler & Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Pentecost	8pm-9pm	
Tuesday 26 th May		No Mass	
Sunday 31 st May	The Most Holy Trinity	Mass 12.30pm	Int: <i>Mary Harper RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment			

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

The repose of the souls of Christine Scanlon and Sally Farr who died recently. May they rest in peace.

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Helen Vaux, Helen Revins, John Swanson, Nora Partridge, Margarita Phelan

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

Today there will be a **retiring collection for the Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund** – for the sick and retired Clergy of the Plymouth Diocese. You may make your donation using the Card Machine.

Card Machine – as you know we have been having trouble with the Card Machine over the last few months. It seems that if it is moved it loses connection. For the time being it is 'working' in its current location – on the windowsill at the back of the church!

UNIVERSAL WELCOME AT PENTECOST

As we journey towards Pentecost, we remember the Church was universal in its make-up from its very beginning. To mark this Caritas has produced a WELCOME poster to celebrate the 75 languages we have identified being present in our parish communities here in the diocese. As part of **A Million Acts of Hope** we are inviting parishes to display our Welcome banners, not just for Pentecost, but to share our continued invitation that all are welcome in our churches and communities. **Come and look at the poster and see how many languages you recognise!**

“SONGS OF PRAISE” in the Meadows, Sunday 24th May 2.30-4pm

Please come along for another “SONGS OF PRAISE” event hosted by The Salvation Army, **Sunday 24th May 2.30-4pm** at the Bandstand in the Meadows, Tavistock. Join in singing along to hymns, old and new - song sheets available! If wet, the event will take place at the URC, Russell St. Some chairs will be provided but you may wish to bring a camp chair, and perhaps a blanket, according to the weather

Please pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Reconciliation in June 2026:

Christabel, Elsa, Fintan, Hugh & Oscar.

There will be **no Children's Liturgy** during Mass today or next Sunday as it is Half Term.

Please pray for our young people who are sitting a raft of public exams at this time. Pray that they remain calm and recognise that whatever the outcome they will be able to move forward in life!

Refreshments are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

The Diocesan Newsletter for May has now been issued: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

Caritas May Newsletter

Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese <https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

INVITATION LAUNCH EVENING –

Sunday May 24th 6.30pm – followed by Adoration for Pentecost, 8-9pm. You are warmly invited for Prosecco and Nibbles to launch the “Evangelisation Through Art” event taking place in Holy Cross hall Monday 25th through Saturday 30th May. Please come along, meet the artists, and encourage them in this important work of sharing the Good News. If you are an artist or just like to dabble and you have some work you would be willing to exhibit, please let us know at the parish office.

EVANGELISATION THROUGH ART

Local Artists’ Exhibition

Holy Cross Catholic Church,

**Monday May 25th 11am - Saturday 30th May 6pm
(weekdays 11am – 6pm)**

“All beauty is but a shadow of His glory and every piece of art whispers His name”

You are warmly invited to experience a unique exhibition of art designed to stir the imagination, awaken the soul, and explore life’s biggest questions:

You will meet ordinary folks who have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to create things of beauty.

- They are not professionals.
- Some have never painted before
- Their work will astonish you

Come along and spend some time enjoying beautiful, authentic real art (No AI!). Maybe take some home.

Chat with the artists, hear their stories – It will get you thinking –

- What is true beauty?
- Why does art move us so deeply?
- Is there more to life than we see?
- How does God speak to us?

There will be tea and cake available to nourish the body as well! Come curious. Leave inspired!

Online Webinar – Violence Against Women in the Bible Tuesday 26th May 2026- 10am until midday

What does a biblical understanding of violence against women look like? How might this understanding inform our responses as Catholic communities to violence against women in our churches and in wider society? Join the webinar to hear from the panel of theologians and practitioners. Hosted by CSAN’s Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith.

Click the link to register [CSAN Domestic Abuse Alliance \(26-May-2026\) · CharitySuite Events](#)

Young Adults’ Retreat, Sclerder 19th - 21st June

A weekend retreat for **18 - 30 year olds** to **reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth**, this is underpinned by the scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a **contribution of £40** each. Transport will be provided from Liskeard Station both on the Friday night and Saturday morning, returning around 2pm on Sunday. It is important to **book: [Sclerder Retreat \(18-30\) - Stewards of the earth – Fill in form](#)** Any further questions contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Annual Naval Mass

Sunday 28th June 2026 at 10 am

St Mary and St Boniface’s Cathedral, Plymouth

Principal Celebrant:

Bishop Paul Mason, (Bishop of the Forces)

Veterans are encouraged to wear their medals

School Transport grants for the academic year 2026-27

The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking applications from parents/guardians wishing to apply for grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE joint school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth.

Applications for the academic year 2026-27 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn term if their application has been successful.

There are limited funds and not all applications may be successful.

You can obtain an application form from the parish office.

Volunteering for Youth Ministry, in the Diocese of Plymouth

Do you or have you thought about **volunteering** to work with the youth either in your parish or further afield? Youth Events are setting up a database of volunteers to keep in contact with them, offer training and support for the work they do, and keep them informed of events that are happening across the Diocese. In completing the form, it does not mean you are committed to any voluntary work, it is simply an expression of interest. People on the database will be contacted and asked if they would like to support an event. Please follow the link: [Volunteer Data Form – Youth Diocese Events – Fill in form](#) For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:
Tinned fruit, Tinned meat, Coffee, Tinned custard, Noodles
Thank you

Parish Notices:

Sunday 17th May Collections:

Loose plate: £138

Card Reader: £20.00

Standing Orders: £145

World Communications Sunday: £65.15 C/Reader £5

Mass attendance: 69

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: on Saturday 16th May ball number 20 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £28 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 28 subscribers that night.

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)**

The Pope’s Intentions for May: That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. <https://popesprayer.va>