



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

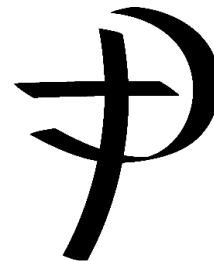
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Week Commencing Sunday 24th September 2023 (Year A)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE HARVEST; THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK, AND THE REVERENT USE OF CREATION

(Readings: Is 55:6-9 Ps 144 Ph 1:20-24.27 Mt 20:1-16)

Saturday 23rd	Vigil Mass of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Yelverton 6pm Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 24th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Tavistock 9am Mass <i>For all those attending the Rosary Prayer Group and their intentions</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 26th	Yelverton 6pm Mass <i>John Gillett RIP</i>
	Tavistock 6pm Rosary Group
Wednesday 27th	Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 28th	Tavistock 11am <i>Requiem Mass for John Gillett, RIP</i>
Saturday 30th	Vigil Mass of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Yelverton 6pm Mass <i>Kitty Kelly RIP & Intentions of the Family</i>
Sunday 1st October	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Tavistock 9am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am Mass <i>Private Intention</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for

the repose of the soul of Fr Barry Hallet who died on Thursday. He had been ill and in a care home for some time. He was a good and faithful priest and very much part of the life of our Diocese over many years of his ministry. He will be missed.

the repose of the soul of **John Gillett** who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be in Tavistock on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 11.00am. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Irene and all his family and friends.

for the repose of the soul of **Vivienne Wright** (see opposite)

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Claire Cassidy Sr Mary Gertrude McMara, Charles Webb, Bernard Janus, Alfred Moorat, Georgina Franks, Beatrice Grindon, Nigel Hoskin

and the sick and/or housebound: including, Margaret Bradford, 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, Simon Gray, Leslie Longhurst and Eileen Hoy.

There will be **NO Children's Liturgy** this Sunday.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

The annual Harvest Supper is on Tuesday, the 10th of October at 7 pm in St Paul's Hall. Please sign on the list at the back of church if you would like a ticket, £7 per person. Traditionally Holy Cross alternates with Rock Methodist to provide the puddings and/or do the washing up. This year, we are on puddings so please could you sign up for donating a pudding? Thank you.

Devon Historic Churches: Holy Cross participated in the Devon Historic Churches (DHC) annual fundraising event with a sponsored walk with Fr Cyriacus and his team on Sunday the 10th September, an extremely hot afternoon. Sponsorship is still open and we would be very grateful if everyone could sign up over the next two weeks. The sponsorship money goes to DHC who return half for church funds. Last year we received over £400. Thank you.

Just a little reminder that the new **CELEBRATE FAITH PARENTING** Zoom course starts next week. It will run for three consecutive Thursdays from 8-9pm on **28 September/ 5th October / 12th October** to support parents, carers, grandparents and catechists. The titles of the evenings are:

- **Christ centred Families**
- **Helping children to learn to love the Bible**
- **Helping children to have a personal relationship with God.**

There are some spaces left and we would love to have families from your diocese join us. To find out more details and to book up, please visit

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

There is another change to the **Youth Rally** date! It will now take place on **Sunday 1st October 2023**

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023 – DAY OF REFLECTION AT ST RITA’S HONITON
14th OCTOBER 10.30-15.30 LUNCH INCLUDED

Speakers to include David Wells

“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7). All are welcome to come and spend the day at St Rita's from 10.30-15.30 to pray and reflect on Pope Francis’s message for the 7th World Day of the Poor and how we are called to respond.

We are thrilled to be joined by two thought-provoking guest speakers with national and international reputations - David Wells, a well-known author and popular motivational speaker from our own diocese and Jenny Sinclair, founder of Together for the Common Good. We are confident they will leave participants feeling uplifted. Join us to celebrate those who give their time to others and reflect on how we reach out the hand of welcome.

Places are filling up fast for this FREE event so booking is essential by October 2nd. You can book by using the QR code on the poster at the back of the Church or by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

CAFOD Lunch: Saturday 4th November 2023 at 12 noon, Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock. Please come along and support our brothers and sisters who are suffering throughout the world. For more information, please contact Gillian Mill: 07453 312892

On behalf of the PPC and Parish I would like to thank all those who joined us, both in person and in spirit, to celebrate the Centenary of Holy Cross.

Since 1923 we have been blessed with a Catholic church here in Yelverton thanks to the generous help of Lord and Lady Seaton of Buckland Abbey. Before this, the few Catholics in the area, had to travel to Tavistock or Buckland Abbey for services – easy today but quite a challenge in the early 1900’s. Both the church and the community have expanded over the last 100 years to what is now, this beautiful place of worship filled with faith-centred, kind-hearted and generous parishioners who make up the One Family of Holy Cross.

Our history whilst brief in comparison with many other churches, is filled with stories of love, hope, challenges and change, and our walls bear the marks of fond memories of all who have been here. 16 parish priests, many visiting priests, bishops, family and friends, numerous weddings, baptisms, Holy Communion, confirmations and funerals – our family has shared so many occasions, both happy and sometimes sad, as we bade our final farewells to our loved parishioners.

We are blessed to have Father Cyriacus steering us into our next 100 years and we know that at its heart, it is the Lord that guides us with His presence here in our church and in our lives, always.

I want to say a huge thank you to the Centenary committee and to all those who worked so hard to make this event so wonderful – from the beautiful Mass, the commemorative plaque, the wall hanging and the updated *A Cruce Salus* to all the hard work organising, planning, fund raising, administration, cleaning, catering, decorations, entertainment, weather crisis re-arranging, great hospitality and the big clear up at the end. A real example of One Family at work. **Francine Brooks**

Know your Faith

WHAT ARE THE EXPRESSIONS OF THE LIFE OF PRAYER?

Christian tradition has preserved three forms for expressing and living prayer: vocal prayer, meditation and contemplative prayer. The feature common to all of them is the recollection of the heart.

HOW CAN VOCAL PRAYER BE DESCRIBED? Vocal prayer associates the body with the interior prayer of the body with the interior prayer of the heart. Even the most interior prayer, however, cannot dispense with vocal prayer. In any case it must always spring from a personal faith. With the *Our Father* Jesus has taught us a perfect form of vocal prayer.

WHAT IS MEDITATION? Meditation is a prayerful reflection that begins above all in the Word of God in the Bible. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire in order to deepen our faith, convert our heart and fortify our will to follow Christ. It is a first step toward the union of love with our Lord.

WHAT IS CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER? Contemplative prayer is a simple gaze upon God in silence and love. It is a gift of God, a moment of pure faith during which the one praying seeks Christ, surrenders himself to the loving will of the Father, and places his being under the action of the Holy Spirit. Saint Teresa of Avila defines contemplative prayer as the intimate sharing of friendship, “in which time is frequently taken to be alone with God who we know loves us.”

Parish Notices

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Vivienne Wright**. She was a stalwart of the parish in the days of the Binkham Pony Show. She and her family, husband Jim (RIP) and their children would set up the field the week before and do the commentary on the day and EVERYTHING in between. She had a long, interesting life, full of wisdom and good counsel. She lived at home until very recently. We send our love and prayers to her family and her dear friend Margaret Vere.

Tavistock Foodbank: Items needed in the Foodbank this week: Milk, Tinned Meat, Fruit juice, Baked beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Carrots, Rice Pudding, Biscuits, Jam, Noodles. **Many thanks for the continuing support.**

Collection: 16th & 17th September 2023

Loose Plate £322.05 Standing Order: £232

Evangelii Gaudium Collection: £75.85

Thank you.

Mass Attendance: Sat - 35 Sun - 108

The Bonus Ball winner on 16th September was Bernard Mills with ball number 50. He won £25. There were 27 subscribers that night so £2 went to church funds.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh

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Pope’s Intentions for September—For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.