

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

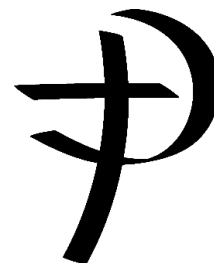
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Week Commencing Sunday 25th December 2022 (Year A)

The Nativity of the Lord

(Readings: 24th – Yelverton & Tavistock: Is 9:1-7. Ps 95; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

25th – Tavistock: Is 62:11-12, Ps 96; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

25th – Yelverton Is 52:7-10; Ps 97; Heb 1:1-6; John 1:1-18)

Saturday 24th Dec	Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
Yelverton 6pm	Mass <i>Bill & Margaret Douglas RIP</i>
Tavistock 8.30pm	Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Tavistock & Yelverton</i>
	Bidding Prayer Response: <i>and give you glory</i>
Sunday 25th	Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
Tavistock 9am	Mass <i>Hewitt & Bostock families RIP</i>
	Bidding Prayer Response: <i>shine on us, we pray</i>
Yelverton 10.45am	Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Yelverton & Tavistock</i>
	Bidding Prayer Response: <i>and bless you forever</i>
Monday 26th	Yelverton 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>St Stephen</i>	10am Mass <i>Michael Hollingsworth Intention</i>
Enrolment of new members to the Guild of St Stephen and renewal of promises of existing members will be held at this Mass – All Guild Members are expected to attend.	
Tuesday 27th	Yelverton 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>St John</i>	10am Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Tavistock & Yelverton</i>
Wednesday 28th	Yelverton 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>The Holy Innocents</i>	10am Mass <i>Neal and Spratt Families</i>
Thursday 29th	Yelverton 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>St Thomas Beckett</i>	10am Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Tavistock & Yelverton</i>
Friday 30th	Yelverton 11.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	12noon Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Tavistock & Yelverton</i>
Saturday 31st	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Yelverton 6pm	Mass <i>Wilma Banfield RIP</i>
Sunday 1st Jan	Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Tavistock 9am	Mass <i>Paul Lindsay RIP</i>
Yelverton 10.45am	Mass <i>Fr Cyriacus' Intention for the Parishes of Tavistock & Yelverton</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – is usually available after Mass on Friday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Winifred Holdaway; Palmera Murray, Peter Holwill, Yvonne Wreford, Maria Down, Beatrice Sharp, Maurice Hunt

the sick and/or housebound: including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray & Joy Jewell.

There will be **no Children's Liturgy** on Sundays during the Christmas holidays.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr Cyriacus

CATECHESIS: KNOW YOUR FAITH

Christmas is all about the Incarnation. The Incarnation means that God's Son came down on earth, took on our human nature to confer on us the dignity of children of God. The mystery of the Incarnation is a mystery of love. It constitutes the very heart of the Christian faith. No wonder Christmas is such an important feast in the Church and world.

Holy Cross is part of Plymouth Diocesan Trust (Registered Charity No 213227)

Parish Notices:

Parish Secretary

Ann has now taken up her new role as Parish Secretary for both Holy Cross, Yelverton and Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock.

Her office is at the back of the Church in Tavistock.

Telephone Number: 01822 613802

e-mail remains the same: yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 0900-1600 hours.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

SPUC – 10 Million Prayers for 10 Million Lost Lives – National Prayer Campaign 27 October 2022 – 27 April 2023. At the back of the Church there are a selection of prayer cards for different intentions. Please take one home with you.

Please try to imagine being in prison, sometimes for years, simply for being an innocent person - in other words a 'prisoner of conscience' - protesting about human rights. We are very lucky; it doesn't happen in Britain. However, this does happen in many countries and a **card from YOU would give someone in prison hope and bring sunshine** into their dark prison cell. **Please send a card**, it only takes a few minutes of your time; all the details are in 'Write for Rights' booklet on the table at the back of church. Any questions, phone Tony John (852172).

Please has anyone removed this book? If so please return it asap.

Thank you to Fi and Danny Marks for organising and running the raffle. For the generous donation of prizes allowing a full profit of £150 to go to church funds. To all who participated in the raffle and the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. It was a very convivial event "hosted" by Fran and the Jackson family.

Bonus Ball Winner: on Saturday 17th December was Ann Ruth with ball number 32. She won £25. There were 33 subscribers that night so £8 went to Parish funds.

Some subscriptions have run out. If you can renew yours that would be great! This provides a steady drip feed for the Parish particularly on a week where the number is unsold so the Parish wins the entire amount. This happened 26 times this year alone!

Last week's Collections:

Loose plate £187.77

Standing orders £190.00.

Thank you

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 Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner

We were so sad and disappointed to have to postpone our Annual meal, scheduled for 12th December, but felt it would be wrong to encourage attendees out on an icy, and possibly dangerous evening, given the adverse weather warnings.

However, we were keen not to cancel the event entirely as it is a good opportunity to get together as two parishes in a social, relaxed situation.

We are very grateful to the Golf Club for not charging us a cancellation fee in view of the fact we have re-booked, especially as we cancelled on the morning of the event!

It is therefore agreed that we hold our meal on **Monday 9th January, 6.30 for 7pm** and the menu may be the same. The list is open again for anyone else who can join us but will close on 1st January.

Forms are available at the back of the church.

Those who have already signed down need not do so again. Please let me know if your menu choices change.

Sue Walsh

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth prize draw to win a signed Exeter Chiefs rugby ball and a signed Plymouth Argyle football. Would you like to win these two signed balls or do you know someone who would love them?



To be in with a chance, please visit the following link before 12 noon on Thursday, 5 January 2023 to enter our Crowdfunder prize draw –

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/exeter-chiefs-rugby-ball-plymouth-city-football>

Thanks to both clubs for kindly donating these balls so that we can raise some money to support our Essential Grants programme to help more vulnerable children and their families. On behalf of all the trustees and staff at CCSP, we wish all our families, supporters and donors a Blessed Christmas.

Caritas November newsletter is now available, the link for which is: <https://tinyurl.com/2hrtkx7t>. If you would like a printed copy please contact the Parish Office

Youth E-Newsletter. <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/95DF3F5E4182A8572540EF23F30FEDED>

The Pope's Intention for December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.