



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 25th January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God

(Readings: Is 8:23-9.3 Ps 26 1Co 1:10-13.17 Mt 4:12-23)

Sunday 25th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	<i>Jacinta Eyre (sick)</i>
Tuesday 27th January		Mass	10am	
Sunday 1st February	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9am	<i>Sister Elizabeth SND (FDN)</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Rait, Brendan Bold, Monica Pace, James Davies, Peirson, Joseph Monfort, Cecil Hammett, Henrietta Cousins, Anthony Whittard, Michael O'Brien, Cyril Walker, Philomena Cooney.

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

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 **Children's Liturgy** during Mass today. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime, please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

Refreshments are now also being served after the Tuesday Weekday Mass, please come along and join us in the hall for a drink and chat.

Caritas January Newsletter To read news of love in action around our diocese and upcoming events and dates, please click: <https://tinyurl.com/583wvdpn7>
Copies are available at the back of the church

Residential Retreats Diocese of Plymouth 2026 – please see the poster on the noticeboard and take a 'flyer' (on the table with the Newsletters) if you are interested.

Organ concerts for Christian Aid, Tavistock URC - 31st January with Dr Sean Sweeney 1-2pm & 21st February with Mary Mazur-Park 1-2pm

Venue: Tavistock United Reformed Church, Russell Street, Tavistock PL19 8BD

(Contact Revd Rob Weston 07982 622949 for further details). Free admission - retiring collection for Christian Aid See poster on the noticeboard.

Towards a synodal church – Conversations in the Spirit

How do we listen to each other well?

How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving?

How can we make better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities?

How do we enrich our parish communal life with enriching conversations?

The Synod process has emphasised the importance of listening and good conversations in our community life. However, these are not always so easy in practice!

Blessed Sacrament, Exeter are hosting a one day face-to-face facilitator training workshop with Fr Matthew Nunes, Director of the School for Synodality. This Conversations in the Spirit workshop will run on **Saturday 21st February** and will introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking. It is suitable for all levels of experience, including people who have not been involved in the Synod process so far. All parishioners from across the diocese are very welcome to attend - please email exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk to let us know you're coming. We're asking for a contribution of just £10 per person to cover costs - pay on the day. **Please bring a packed lunch! 9:30am tea and coffee for a 10am start, 3:30pm finish, Saturday 21st February**, Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, EX1 2QJ

The Pope's Intentions for January: For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. <https://popesprayer.va>

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church’s Mission. A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. 21st February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV’s powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the “burning heart of the Church’s mission”. Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#) or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Buckfast Institute. We are a new initiative from Buckfast Abbey that promotes Catholic education in the UK through on-site and online courses. We have an upcoming, four-part Theology of the Body course which we are offering with our in-house theologian, Dr Andrew Kaethler. **20-27th January 2026 and 3-10th February 2026.** Please see poster on the noticeboard for registration details or contact the Parish Office.

LOVING STONES Come and join us on **Saturday 31st January 11.00am-1.00pm** at: The Church of Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Mary Magdalene, Tavistock, to paint and decorate stones with a scriptural message. No prior experience needed and everything provided. Everyone welcome! For more details contact: Julia.beacroft@prcdtr.org.uk Mob: 07751 670211 or contact the parish office: tavistock@prcdtr.org.uk Tel: 01822 613802

GATHER 2026 We look forward to welcoming you to our annual GATHER conference **20th - 22nd March** at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year’s theme is ‘I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live’ and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we’d love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

Next month we celebrate National Marriage Week, February 7-14th. There are resources for prayer, a novena for marriage, and reflections from the Bishops Conference. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

LAST CALL for online marriage programme. Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? **Retrouvaille helps marriages.** It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 29698

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Tinned tomatoes, Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Long life milk, Fruit juice - not squash** *Thank you.*

Modern Slavery Newsletter - Last year, Caritas produced a special newsletter for each of the Jubilee themes. The final newsletter from the Jubilee year on modern day slavery, was postponed to coincide with the feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. To read it click <https://tinyurl.com/3vzefdv2>. Copies are available at the back of the church

Stay Awake! Save the date: Saturday 2nd May, 2026
‘Stay Awake’ tickets are now available – book yours today at www.stayawakejc.com Taking place at The Thomas Hardye School, Dorchester, from 10am – 6pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids’ groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages! Could this be part of your New Year’s resolution, to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?

Medjugorje Pilgrimage The Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is in the early stages of organisation. We will be flying from Bristol to Split **Thursday 1st to Thursday 8th October.** £785pp sharing £150 single supplement. Half-board, fully guided Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages. Please contact plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk if you are interested in joining us.

Catholic Children’s Society – Flash Information Poster - our third poster details how many families we helped in the Diocese in 2025 and where, together with a breakdown of what items we had purchased and most importantly some feedback we had received. See poster on the noticeboard and Thank You for all your support to this Charity.

Parish Notices:

Date for your Diary: Great Big Diocesan Quiz - FRIDAY, 8th May 2026 in aid of the Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth). With your support I am happy to host this event at Holy Cross, Yelverton - more details will follow in due time but please put this in your Diary! Thank you.
Ann Ruth.

Details of Collections 18th Jan ‘26

Loose Plate £47.20 Card Reader £50
Standing Orders £265
Annual White Flower Appeal: £184.66
Mass Attendance: 67

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 17th January** the winner was Joy Jewell with ball number 4. She won £25. There were 25 subscribers that night so £0 went to church funds

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)**

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