



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Week Commencing Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (Year B)**  
**(Readings: 2K 4:42-44 Ps 144 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15)**  
**First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	Yelverton <b>6.00pm</b>	Fr Oscar Ardila's Father RIP
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	Tavistock <b>9am</b>	People of the Parish
	Yelverton <b>10.45am</b>	Grandparents & The Elderly
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Yelverton <b>10.00am St Martha</b>	Past & Present members of the Martha Group
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Vigil Mass of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	Yelverton <b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	Tavistock <b>9am</b>	The Deceased Members of the Demery Family
	Yelverton <b>10.45am</b>	Private Intention

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors!**

We are currently working through the Covid-19 Route Map for Step 4 Guidance and over the coming weeks and months will be re-introducing normal practices as and when the time is right. It is important to reiterate that as Step 4 is reached, the general principles of continuing to create a safe environment in places of worship and their ancillary buildings are not abandoned. **We are asking everyone to continue the practice of wearing a mask whilst in Church to prevent us from having to close should anyone at Mass contract Covid. Please also continue the practice of hand sanitising on entering and leaving. This weekend we will be reintroducing the collection at the Offertory and Communion will take place at the normal time. On exiting the Church we ask that parishioners do not congregate by the main entrance.** Thank you again for your continued patience and support.

**Parish Notices: -**

**Please pray for:**

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Daisy P Forder, Oliver Gloyne, V Rev Canon Desmond B Haslehurst

**the sick and/or housebound** including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet & Peter Hall.

*"Dear Grandfathers, Grandmothers & Elderly Friends,*

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone! Pope Francis."

If you wish to read the complete letter from Pope Francis please go to:

<http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/cga-welcomes-pope-francis-message-for-the-first-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

**Fr Martin is away after today for a well-deserved break. We welcome Canon George Carrick to Yelverton & Tavistock who will be saying Masses next weekend. He will also be saying Mass on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10am in Yelverton for the 'Past and Present members of the Martha Group'. All are most welcome to attend this Mass.**

At long last we have set a date for the **Parish BBQ** to celebrate Fr Martin's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday earlier this year, his 20<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary in July and a reluctant 'farewell' before he heads off to Newquay, Perranporth & St Agnes on the next adventure of his tour of the Plymouth Diocese. Parishioners from Tavistock will also be joining us for this celebration.

It will be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in the Parish Grounds from 12noon** – please pray for good weather.

**If you did not receive the invitation letter last week there are copies available at the back of the Church.**

Date for your Diary Reminder: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7.30pm in the Hall – **Great Big Diocesan Quiz**. More information from Ann Ruth, Parish Secretary.

**Charity requests:** Thanks for the amazing response for the used drug strips. Another charity is collecting the coloured plastic milk bottle tops. Also we are still collecting stamps. All can be left in the foodbank box

#### Recent Collections

Standing orders last week: £205.00.  
Loose plate for July will be counted later

*Thank you*

**The Bonus Ball** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July ball number 1 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £30 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 30 subscribers that night

#### **BONUS BALL. RECRUITMENT DRIVE.**

Since The Bonus Ball was set up in 1997 it has provided a regular income to the Parish of approximately £800+ a year.

A number costs £1 a week, and most people pay in regular amounts, as little as £5, up to an annual cheque for £52. The winning number is the Bonus Ball drawn on the National Lottery on Saturday evenings.

When the scheme was revised nationally the number of balls rose to 59. We are currently running at 'break even' as if a ball is unsold the total for that week goes to church funds. However, the number of subscribers has fallen since the Pandemic, currently 27 with a couple of people/families having more than one number.

Would YOU consider buying a ball? You can share with a friend! Please see Sue Walsh for more information.

**Parish Secretary Office hours:** Wed & Fri 9am – 2pm.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh Tel: 07767480807)

**Newsletter:** Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807) or email: [svwalsh@hotmail.com](mailto:svwalsh@hotmail.com) (**All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please.**)

#### Other Notices:-

##### **Young Catholic Adult Group:**

Ian Jackson is volunteering with Youth Events to set up a new group for young adult Catholics. Check out the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/738397836590050>. As the group starts to form, we hope to organise informal gatherings.

Vicki Dunstone, Fundraiser and Communications Officer for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth), is delighted to confirm that the CCSP is in the customer vote for a Tesco Community Grant, which is a scheme that gives community projects and charities like theirs, grants of up to £1,500. From today until the end of September, shoppers in 7 stores across Plymouth are being asked to use their tokens each time they shop, to vote for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) in a bid for a cash boost from the Tesco Community Grants initiative. If you are shopping at one of these stores please can you support the CCSP. Many thanks.

##### **Youth Ministry:**

26<sup>th</sup> September Youth Rally 2021 – St Rita's Honiton 1.00 – 6.30pm. Parishes are asked to make an £8pp contribution.

We are pleased to announce that the infamous youth Rally will run as usual in Honiton. Parishes are encouraged to bring teams of 6 young people aged 8 – 16. A BBQ will be offered throughout the afternoon along with other snacks and drinks. Challenges include Tug or War, it's a knockout, Gladiators. After Mass young people will be awarded certificates and medals for their achievements. To book please contact [pmorris@wjmorris.co.uk](mailto:pmorris@wjmorris.co.uk) or [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

##### **16<sup>th</sup> October Youth Workers Conference**

Venue: St Rita's, Honiton 10.00 – 2.30 People are welcome to make a voluntary contribution on the day.

I am inviting everyone across the diocese who either works with young people or would like to work with young people (this includes catechists) to join me at Honiton. Rise Theatre will be joining us to celebrate all the youth work and events (and what used to happen before COVID) across the diocese. I hope it is an opportunity for us to reflect on what is happening in our parishes and across the diocese, offering each other support and a chance to share our talents. My aim is to build a forum where we can continue to share ideas and experiences along with a chance to call upon each other for help when needed. Rise Theatre will offer a workshop for everyone, offering suggestions of activities that can be used in the parish either as part of the catechesis programme or informal events. Lunch will be provided. For further information or to simply join the forum, please email Saskia Hogbin: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

#### **The Pope's Universal Intention for July: Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.