HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing: Sunday 25th October 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Readings: EX 22:21-27 Ps 18(17) 1Th 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40)

Sunday 25th October	***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	Mass	12.30pm	Int: *Lilian Harrod RIP*
Sunday 1st November	***All Saints***	Mass	12.30pm	*Int: Oliver Cooper RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:
all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Harvey, Mark Worth, Lilian Harrad, William Hughes, John Simmons.

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 & Barbara Edwards.

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

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

October, the Month of the Rosary
October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary, a simple prayer that has been loved and prayed by generations of Christians. As we pray the Rosary, we accompany Mary as she reflects on the life, death and resurrection of her Son, Jesus. In the midst of busy lives, the Rosary gives us a quiet opportunity to pause, to place our concerns before God and to see our own lives in the light of Christ. Perhaps during this month, we might find a few moments each day to pray the Rosary, or a decade of the Rosary, asking Mary to pray with us and for us.

If you would like a Catholic Diary 2027, please let me know. Thank you. Ann, Parish Secretary

World Day of the Poor Event
– The Lord is the Refuge of the Poor
Join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to celebrate the 10th World Day of the Poor on **Saturday 14th November 2026**, 11am-4.30pm, At the newly opened St James Catholic Church, 40 Old Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 4HJ with Bishop Nicholas opening the day and closing with Mass, keynote speaker, David Wells reflecting on Pope Leo's message and also Canon Kristian Paver who will talk on the new church at Tiverton. A simple lunch will be provided. Registration is essential for this free event and early booking is advised. To register, click **10th World Day of the Poor Event**: Tiverton – Fill in form, email **caritas@prcdtr.org.uk** or tel: 01364 645440. **Sign up on the sheet at the back of church as well – if there is enough interest between the three parishes we may be able to provide transport.**

LAST THINGS FIRST - Living in the light of eternity: A course on the church's teaching and counsels regarding the "Last Things" by Fr Hellyer. At St Edward's Hall, PL3 4PG on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** (5,19,26 Nov; 3,10 Dec). Session 1: Counsels for a happy death & Last rite - Session 2: Judgment - the moment of truth - Session 3 : Purgatory - the fire of love - Session 4 : Hell - the reality we dare not ignore - Session 5: Heaven - Our True Home. We shall draw on the experience of the Saints and not least those privileged with visions of the last things, e.g. St Teresa of Avila, St Bridget of Sweden, St Catherine of Genoa, St Faustina. But also those who provide practical assistance e.g. St Joseph, St Nicholas of Tolentino (Note: also available on Zoom on Tuesdays 7.30pm - email: **ian.hellyer@ordinariate.org.uk** for the link to Zoom).



Invitation to the 30th Anniversary Mass of the SPUC Plymouth Branch 10am Sat 7th November at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface **Celebrant**: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson. Refreshments: Celebration cake, sandwiches, savouries, teas and coffees in the Cathedral Centre afterwards. Please put the date in your diaries. Do come and say 'Hello' to us and His Lordship, Bishop Nicholas in the Cathedral Centre.

We need you! Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel. We are looking to expand our Board of Directors. We are especially interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience in education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

We're Hiring: Bookkeeper for our Cornwall Deanery! We are recruiting a Deanery Bookkeeper reporting to the Parish Finance Team Leader, with responsibilities that range from entering monthly receipts/payments on to an online accounting system to training non-financial team members. If you have a bookkeeping qualification and/or sufficient relevant experience, excellent organisational skills and the ability to act as a key representative for the Diocese of Plymouth, we would love to hear from you!

- Hours: 28 hours a week
- Location: Homebased in Cornwall with regular travel across Cornwall (Mileage paid)
- Salary: £27,509 per annum, pro-rated to hours worked (FTE = £34,386.26)
- Closing date: Wednesday 28 October 2026

For more information and/or an application form, please contact Becky Parker at Reed Recruitment (Email: Becky.Parker@reed.com, Telephone: 010032 25710)

Fair Trade and Chocolate Making, Saturday **14th November,** Okehampton **10.-3.30.**
Young people **aged 10 - 16** are welcome to join us at Okehampton Parish church hall to explore the impact of the chocolate industry on people working within the industry and the environment. The day offers a chance to meet others from across the Diocese, join in games and activities including making chocolate from raw ingredients to create Florentines. A £10 contribution towards cost. Booking essential: **Chocolate Making Day, 14th November 2026 – Fill in form**

Advent, Young Adults retreat (18 - 30-year-olds), 20th – 22nd November, Buckfast Abbey
A weekend exploring the scripture Isaiah 40:3, with talks led by Brothers Augustine and Reginald OP along with a chance to pray and reflect, whilst meeting other young adults from across the Diocese. £40 contribution per person. For more information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk Booking essential: **Buckfast Abbey Retreat for young adults 20th - 22nd November 2026 – Fill in form**

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Long life milk, Small coffee, Chocolate, Crisps, Pot noodles.**

OR you can donate money to the Food Bank to allow them to make purchases of goods they require. They have a website and here is the link:
https://tavistock.foodbank.org.uk/
Just open up and you can select to donate.
Thank you for your ongoing support

Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock. If you are interested in buying tickets for their Grand Raffle 2026 being drawn after Mass on 29th November please see Ann Ruth. Tickets are £1 each or £5 a book. Various seasonal prizes

Parish Notices

Date for your Diary: Holy Cross Christmas Raffle will take place on Sunday 13th December after the 12.30 Mass.

Sunday 18th October Collections:
Loose plate: £152 Card Reader: £50
Standing Orders: £225

World Mission Sunday – Cash £179.60 Card £25

Donation for Parish Funds from Henry Guly talk £65

Mass Attendance – 84 **Thank you**

Bonus Ball News: on Saturday 17th October the winner was Bernard Mills with ball number 50. He won £25. There were 28 subscribers that night so £3 went to church funds.

Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Walsh.
The Diocese of Plymouth's Safeguarding Team is available **01364 645430** or by email:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

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

The Parish office at Yelverton is open Tuesday-Friday 9-2pm.

The Pope's Intentions for October: For mental health ministry.
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. ***https://popesprayer.va***