



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 26th April 2020 (Year A)

Third Sunday of Easter

(Readings: Ac 2:14.22-33 Ps 15 1P 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35)

There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.

Sadly the new government measures mean our churches have to be closed. The reason is that the virus could be spread via surfaces in the church into which consecutive people come into contact even if they are not there at the same time, and also there is the possibility of people gathering informally for prayer together which seems a good idea at first sight but would actually be an opportunity to spread the virus.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	25 th April		- Private Intention
Sunday	26 th April	Third Sunday of Easter	- People of the Parish
Tuesday	28 th April		- Paul Gasche, RIP
Wednesday	29 th April	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	- Margaret Barrett RIP
Thursday	30 th April		- Anastasia Yeats RIP
Friday	1 st May		- Janet RIP
Saturday	2 nd May		- People of the Parish
Sunday	3 rd May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	- Louise Olson RIP

We remember in Prayer:

Anniversaries: Gweneth Smale, Gerard F Waghorn and Nora A Davis.

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford & Margaret Davies.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Paul Gasche (Philip Gasche's father) who passed away peacefully last week.

Daily Mass is being streamed at 11am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.

All information and letters from Bishop Mark O'Toole and others are available on our Holy Cross website under the section entitled **Coronavirus**. There are also prayers including a Spiritual Communion.

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is now available and back in the Parish.

If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice.

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently holding their normal **weekly** meetings online at **9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should anyone else have any requests for prayer the members of both groups would be happy to include them. Please contact mguly@aol.com or edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com (Mothers Prayers) or mary-mike@the tors.eu (Martha Group)

Martha Group: A number of us who participated in the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham at Plymouth Cathedral last May are considering following the **33 day Do-It-Yourself Retreat** and are anxious to extend an invitation to take part to any other parishioner who would like to join us. The retreat is based on a free booklet "33 Days to Morning Glory" given out at the time of the Dowry Tour. Initially we would like to ascertain how many of these booklets are available so that, where necessary, we can obtain additional copies before arranging to start on the same day.

It would be appreciated if you could let us know as soon as possible if you have a copy(ies) of the booklet and whether you would be interested in participating. It is recommended that we schedule the 33 days so that they end on the vigil of a Marian Feast Day so we are thinking of starting on Tuesday, 28 April in order to finish on the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May. Anyone interested is invited to contact 01822 852 636 edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com for further information.

The Martha Group held their monthly meeting at home in April. Mary Pike coordinated this by putting their prayer and petitions online and we agreed to pray together at 10.30 am. We are planning to meet online again on Tuesday 5 May. Should anyone have any requests for prayer we would be happy to include them. Sue continues to light a candle every day asking our Blessed Mother Mary to protect us all in this great time of need. Further details or to ask for prayers please contact Barbara Edwards 852 636 edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com or Mary Pike mary-mike@thetors.eu.

Emergency Response: Food Bank – Thank you for your contributions to the foodbank, which are greatly in demand. A neighbour, not a parishioner, who is working in Tavistock is delivering for us. The day has changed from Friday to Wednesday. Thank you again. God bless.

Several jigsaws have been donated to Yelvercare and we have several at church. Mary Pike and Sue Savage are happy to coordinate a 'jigsaw library'. If you phone Sue (853572) or email Mary we can arrange to get them to you either by leaving them on the bench at church or delivering. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: Our Children's Liturgy catechists sometimes use the sites below to help with planning a Sunday Children's Liturgy.

You might find them useful to work through with your children.

The CAFOD site also has sheets to download to keep little people busy!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders £255.00

Obviously Church collections will be seriously diminished during the period when there are no services. With no money in the plate collections funds will be seriously reduced. Yet bills will continue to arise due to ongoing maintenance, rates, utilities, etc etc.

And it is times like this when we need to dig deep to continue to be able to reach out to those in society with the greatest need. This will be our main focus over the coming weeks and months. So if you do not use a Standing order to contribute perhaps you would consider setting one up. **If people could set up a standing order until things go back to normal. it would be much better.** We don't have to touch any cheques etc. If you can please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

The Bonus Ball winner on Saturday 18th April was Canon Denis with ball number 26. He won £25. There were 25 paid up subscribers that night so nothing went to Parish funds.

I would very much like to keep the Bonus Ball running during the time when there are no church services. We provide a steady drip feed of funds to Holy Cross which are essential to maintain. If you would still like to be involved please send a cheque or cash to Holy Cross and you can still be included. Prize monies will still be paid out and winners included in the weekly bulletin.

Sue Walsh

Parish Secretary

I will be working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. I am happy for any parishioner to contact me whatever day as I will be here at home! Always happy to help! Take care and God Bless, Ann Ruth

Ann can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

Parish newsletter

We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com **(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).**

Other Notices:-

MISSION MADE POSSIBLE

Normal life may have 'paused' but the Mission of the Church can continue and grow. We have a great opportunity within our diocese to deepen our discipleship and answer the call to Mission. You are invited to learn from your home, how to have conversations about faith, with friends, family or in everyday encounters that don't make you or anyone else feel awkward. Join disciples across the globe who are learning together to spread the Good News.

To begin, register your interest to be part of this great mission at info@genesismission.co.uk and click on this link <https://youtu.be/nmigFaMrs4w> to watch the 40 minute overview.

God bless. *Fr. Jon Bielawski*

Caritas Plymouth Quarterly Update

Caritas Plymouth aims to provide fresh impetus to put the command of the Lord into practise: 'Love one another as I have loved you', (John 13:34-35). It works with partner organisations already existing to put the Church's Social Teaching into action and provide a network to share good practice in the service of the most poor and vulnerable. It also aims to encourage new initiatives to put the Gospel imperative of love and mercy into action. The latest newsletter shares our recent work and highlights the positive actions

that have been happening during the current Coronavirus and the many ways in which people are supporting each other. Caritas would love to hear and share your stories so please do get in touch with Deborah caritas@prcdtr.org.uk with any news or updates.

N.B. There is a copy of the latest Caritas newsletter on the Coronavirus page of our Parish website.

At the end of this newsletter is John Shinner's Spring 2020 newsletter for DCRS (Devon & Cornwall Refugee Support) which we hope you will find interesting.

Dear friends, families & churches across the UK,

FAITH INSPIRED CREATIVITY

We are passionate about the work we do in schools, churches and communities and in this current climate of uncertainty and fear it is our vision to continue to spread the good news of our Christian faith with people of all ages and backgrounds through original Holy Spirit inspired theatre.

www.risetheatre.co.uk/riseappeal

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

During this period, we have decided to make available THREE hi-res versions of our short dramatic SKETCHES on a '[pay what you like](#)' basis to be used in church live online streaming or personal prayer time. Please prayerfully consider making a one-off donation to allow RISE Theatre to continue & help spread the good news to people at home.

For a taster of our THREE sketches, here are the YouTube links below (in low-res):

Jesus the Photographer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qasHQAI Two>

Spiritualeyes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh3dzJC2sBg>

God Air <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8OikeCCyho>

VACANCY

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is looking for enthusiastic, new Trustee Directors to fill vacancies that have arisen as a result of retirement.

The Society's stated purpose is to provide help to families in urgent need and to alleviate child poverty, avoid neglect or abuse and prevent homelessness. Where possible, the Society aims to educate parents and enable them to provide a better quality of family life. We are looking for experienced members of the public to guide the charity and ensure it is managed effectively. We are seeking Trustee Directors who have strategic vision, independent judgement, the ability to think creatively and a willingness to speak their mind. We are especially interested in hearing from people with the time, enthusiasm and commitment to take an active role in the Society - mentoring our staff, attending events and our educational courses. You may also have valuable experience in managing within a small charity.

We are particularly keen to achieve a more diverse board of trustees and we welcome applications from all sections of the community.

The Board meets at least four times a year and whilst the position is voluntary and unpaid, reasonable travelling expenses are paid as per our policy.

To find out more, please contact Shelagh Fearnley or Andrea Rodgers on 01364 645420 for an informal chat and an information pack.

The Pope's Universal Prayer for April: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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

Local Fish Box Delivery: This service has been highlighted by a parishioner:

A friend has just taken delivery and was very impressed. I talked to Moby Nick who said they deliver to Tavistock and Yelverton every Tuesday; orders should be placed at the latest by Friday.

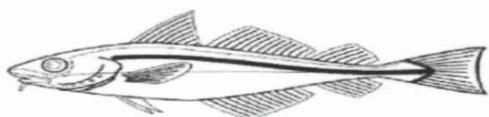


FRESH FISH BOXES AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY

We are currently offering 2 choices of boxes:

COUPLES BOX - contains 4 meals for 2 people (typically £20-£30)

FAMILY BOX - contains 4 meals for 4 people (typically £40-£60)
Delivery charges may apply to certain areas, please enquire for more details



THE FISH VARIETY WILL CHANGE EACH DAY DEPENDING ON MARKET LANDINGS. EVERYTHING IN THE BOXES WILL BE FRESH, FILLETED, PACKAGED AND SUITABLE FOR HOME FREEZING.

A TYPICAL BOX MAY CONTAIN; HADDOCK, WHITING, HAKE, PLAICE, LEMON SOLE, POLLOCK, JOHN DORY, LING, FLOUNDER AND GURNARD.



PAYMENT

Payment to be made to: Moby Nicks
Account number: 41194489
Sort code: 56-00-63.

Orders can be sent to sales@moby Nick's.com or moby Nick's66@gmail.com or call 01752 266610

WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY DURING THIS TIME. WE THANK YOU FOR HELPING US AND OUR FISHERMAN AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

Best wishes,
Moby and Team!

DCRS 2020 SPRING NEWSLETTER

We begin our 21st year of operation as busy as ever. We were planning to mark the occasion with a celebration on the 10th of July 2020 but of course this date is now under review and we will let you know whether it will go ahead on this date or another.

The number of service users (SU's) using the centre continue to remain high and the pressure on staff is considerable. We are extremely well served by a loyal and talented band of volunteers who supplement the work of staff with the variety of activities being undertaken within and outside the centre.

After some vital preparation in 2019 we began the year by computerising our SU files with a bespoke data system. The careful and lengthy preparation bore fruit and within a few weeks the system was running smoothly.

Our 2019 annual accounts have been audited and completed and will be available on our website shortly.

At the time of writing we are facing the problem of the Corona Virus. Prior to the Government lockdown we had put in place some strict measures to protect us all in the centre, but unfortunately we had to close the centre completely on 23rd March as it just wasn't safe for us to continue to operate. Our caseworkers and staff are currently working from home.

We have purchased a mobile phone for each caseworker and set up a Freephone 0800 number with BT. SU's can ring our caseworkers and staff for free via the BT number to ask for the advice, help and support they need. This is so helpful as it means we are able to chat to SU's, to check on their health and welfare, to continue to assist with their applications for refugee status and of course all the other problems they continue to have to deal with.

Thank you for supporting our winter food programme. We had doubled the number of vouchers to our destitute clients, until of course the Corona Virus stopped us in our tracks.

The plight of our destitute clients has been of particular concern; those receiving restaurant vouchers and others who receive food parcels. We have started to purchase Sainsbury's Everyday Shopping Cards for £15 each and with the very kind help of the local ASR (Asylum Seekers and Refugees) NHS Team these are being distributed weekly. Our destitute families are receiving more than £15 weekly because their need is obviously greater.

We are entering an uncertain future. We are finding it increasingly difficult to raise funds from major donors, so any help we can receive will help to secure our future

Thank you all for your continuing interest and greatly appreciated support. You are vital to the success of DCRS and its work with Asylum Seekers and Refugees.

We hope you all stay safe and well during this very difficult time.

With kindest regards

John Shinner
Trustee

**Donations may be made via:

Local Giving on our website: <http://dcrs-plymouth.org>

BACS Payment via The Co-operative Bank:

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account Number: 65216402