



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Week Commencing: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

(Readings: Ac 2:14a 36-41 Ps 23(22) 1P 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10)

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<i>Mary Lawler &amp; Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10am</b>	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment</b>				

### A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

#### Please pray for:

**The repose of the soul of Anne Isherwood**, who died recently. Her funeral will be held at Holy Cross – date to be advised. We pray also for her family and friends who mourn her at this sad time.

**Deacon Delian Bower** who died on Easter Sunday. Delian was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 1999. His funeral will take place Sacred Heart Church, Exeter on Friday, May 8th at 11am.

#### all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Nora Partridge, Margarita Phelan, Denis McMahon, Agnes Milne, Eileen Hallett, June Hughes.

**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 and Fr Jon Bielawski.

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

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.*

#### St Luke's Open Gardens Horrabridge Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 11am-4pm

Please come and support St Luke's Hospice on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at their Horrabridge Open Gardens. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help serve refreshments in the Youth Club hall or if you can bake a cake please contact me [fran.blackmore@btinternet.com](mailto:fran.blackmore@btinternet.com) or phone 07740475924

Today is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life. The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and financial support. If you are able to contribute to our **Seminarians' Fund** we would be grateful for your donations at the retiring collection or you can donate online at <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/donate>

#### Vocations Sunday Prayer

**God our Loving Father,**  
**you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.**  
**Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.**  
**Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call**  
**'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.**  
**Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.**  
**Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need.**  
**We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

#### The Pope's Intentions for April: For priests in crisis.

*Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.* <https://popesprayer.va>

**Bishop Nicholas Hudson** is coming to **Stay Awake on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026 @ The Thomas Hardye School, Dorchester!**

The day runs from 10 am to **Mass with Bishop Nicholas** (celebrating early Saturday evening). Please get your tickets from [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com) (£12.50 for Adults and **FREE**

for children). An all-age event with appropriate children's streams (so that parents can engage), keynote speakers (**David Wells and Maria Heath**); workshops and **free pizza** after Mass. Bring a packed lunch but there will be plenty of **free** refreshments throughout the day and plenty of spiritual nourishment for all. **YOU** are invited to celebrate and grow in your faith at Stay Awake, 2026!

#### **Called to Love, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, with the option of staying Friday night.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

**Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** is holding their fourth Ascension Day fundraiser at the Assumption of Our Lady in Torquay on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026** starting at 12 noon. Please see article on noticeboard for more details if you are interested in going.

#### **Heatree Residential 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

'Go make disciples of all nations' Matt 28:19. Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book follow the link: [Heatree 2026](#) 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May – Fill in form Further information email: Saskia or Ruby, [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**St. Rita's of Cascia - Feast Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May At St Rita's Centre.** – See poster at the back of the church for details.

#### **Ignatian Individually Guided Silent Retreats**

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)**

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> July (Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend Retreat (£350)**

**Venue:** Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf)  
Cornwall PL13 2JD

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation. An opportunity to step back from everyday life to make space and time for God.

Cost includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations.

For further details and bookings contact

[diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk)

or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

The Diocesan monthly newsletter for April -

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EB016AF080443C792540EF23F30FEDED>

#### **EVANGELISATION THROUGH ART**

##### **Local Artists Exhibition**

Holy Cross Catholic Church,

**Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 6pm**  
(weekdays 11am – 6pm)

***"All beauty is but a shadow of His glory and every piece of art whispers His name"***

You are warmly invited to experience a unique exhibition of art designed to stir the imagination, awaken the soul, and explore life's biggest questions:

You will meet ordinary folks who have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to create things of beauty.

- They are not professionals.
- Some have never painted before
- Their work will astonish you

Come along and spend some time enjoying beautiful, authentic real art (No AI!). Maybe take some home.

Chat with the artists hear their stories – It will get you thinking –

- What is true beauty?
- Why does art move us so deeply?
- Is there more to life than we see?
- How does God speak to us?

There will be tea and cake available to nourish the body as well! Come curious. Leave inspired!

**Diocesan Vacancies:** Bishop's Executive Assistant & Communications Officer – see the noticeboard for the adverts and further information.

#### **Parish Notices:**

**Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Annual Great Big Diocesan Quiz** will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7 for 7.30pm** I will be hosting this event in our Church Hall. If you are able to join us, please put your name down on the list at the back of the Church. As usual it will be £5 per person to enter, bring your own refreshments, and there will also be a raffle. If you cannot attend the quiz it would be lovely if you could support the raffle. Tickets for which will be available from next weekend. Thank you. **Ann**

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April Collections:**

Loose plate: £135.90 Card Reader: £60 (13/4/26)

Standing Orders: £155

Mass attendance: 71

**Thank you**

**Bonus Ball News:** on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April the winner was Tomás Savage with ball number 48. He won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

**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**)