



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 26th December 2021 (Year C)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28; Psalm 83; 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24; Luke 2:41-52)

Saturday 25th	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>		
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 26th	<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>		
	Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Monday 27th	Yelverton 9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<i>St John-Apostle</i>	Yelverton 10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 28th	Yelverton 9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<i>Holy Innocents</i>	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 29th	Tavistock 9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<i>St Thomas Becket</i>	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 30th	Tavistock 9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<i>Feria</i>	10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 31st	Yelverton 11.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	
	12noon	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 1st Jan.	Tavistock 10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
	<i>Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday after the Nativity</i>		
	Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 2nd	<i>Second Sunday after the Nativity</i>		
	Tavistock 9am	Tavistock	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	Yelverton 10:45am	Yelverton	Fred & Valerie Spicer RIP

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please continue to: wear a mask whilst in Church; maintain social distancing; hand sanitise on entering and leaving; remain in your seats until directed by a Steward. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Parish Notices: -

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Winifred Madge Holdaway, Palmera Maria Murray, Peter John Anthony Holwill, Yvonne Wreford, Maria Down, Beatrice Shar, Maurice Edward Cavendish Hunt, Sylvester Pawlowski, Marie Louise Stewart-Murray, Irene Cussen, Terry Balment, Stanley Thomas Walsh and Isobel Mary Moorat.

the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, Ian Kilpatrick & Canon Denis Collin.

Lottie, Anabel, Jacob, Millie and Chloe, who will be making their First Holy Communion in June 2022.

the repose of the soul of Valerie Spicer, Amanda's mother-in-law, who died recently. We pray especially for Valerie's family and friends who mourn her.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – is available after Mass on Tuesday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment

Crib Offerings will go to the Catholic Children's' Society (Plymouth). Please try to be generous as this collection is one of their major sources of income. Many fundraising events have been cancelled this year so income is vital to help the Society continue its parenting programme to provide practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Christmas offerings at the Vigil Mass and on Christmas Day go towards Fr Cyriacus' annual allowance and he is grateful for your generosity.

If you are a regular Gift Aider would you please write your full name clearly on the **white** 'Christmas Offering envelopes' at the back of the church.

If you are not a regular Gift Aider but would like to gift aid your Christmas Offering, please use the **yellow** 'Visitor Envelopes' at the back of the church and clearly marked 'Christmas Offering'.

Adoration Prayer after Communion:

*O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving,
Be Every Moment Thine.*

REFLECTION:

**AN INVITATION TO ADORATION OF
JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST.**

**'COME TO ME BEFORE SEEKING ANYTHING OR
ANYONE ELSE'**

'Rise earlier. Give the first hours of the day. Come to me before seeking anything or anyone else. I will strengthen you to use well the hours of each day begun in this way. I have called you to be My adorer; all else is secondary. I wait for you often disappointed because you allow other things to absorb your time and consume your energy. Give Me as much time as you can, and I will give you time and energy to do all that you must do'
(In Sinu Jesu 212)

(Please join us half an hour before Mass every day of the week for adoration in both parishes. It is great to be in the presence of the Lord)

SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL

The SVP in Sudan are feeding about 10,000 babies per day, for various reasons the finances for this appeal are well down from previous years. Instead of our usual Christmas appeal, because of Covid, we will place our SVP collecting box at the rear of the church for you to add your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Prisoners of Conscience: Please consider this, in this season of goodwill. Alone in a cell, a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned simply because of their beliefs or their defence of human rights, is given light and hope by receiving a card – **from YOU**. If you would like to write such a card, details are given in the booklet **'Write for Rights'** on the table at the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Tony John (852172).

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

If you would like to donate to the **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**, there are a number of alternative ways you can do this via – their Crowdfunding page – <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/step-forward-reach-out-and-help> CCSP receive 100% of every donation, as Crowdfunder have waived all their fees to help charities.

- post by sending a cheque made payable to 'Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)' to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL
- BACS direct into their account – Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335
- text – to donate £5 text 5CCSP to 70085, to donate £10 text 10CCSP to 70085 or to donate £20 text 20CCSP to 70085

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Our prayers are with everyone now and throughout the following year and hope that these unprecedented times will pass.

Christmas Draw: Thanks to Fiona and Danny Marks for running the raffle, to all who supported it and donated such generous prizes. £80 was raised for church funds. There is a list of prize winners on the board at the back of the church. Fr Cyriacus was delighted to win the £50 cash first prize!

CAN YOU SPARE HALF AN HOUR AFTER MASS ON A SUNDAY? (You may particularly like to be to be involved if you attend Saturday evening Mass). Fr Cyriacus has a huge amount to do and needs our support. He would like the Coffee after Mass to continue, counting after Mass, helping to clear away and tidy up. **If YOU volunteered** once in 3 months to do the refreshments, for example, it would free someone else to do the counting, or tidy away. Please speak to Fr Cyriacus, Ann, Sue Walsh or Francine.

TAVISTOCK FOODBANK: A blue box will be placed in the church porch at the time of Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning for donation collection.

The Bonus Ball: On Saturday 18th December ball number 59 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £31 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 31 subscribers that night.

Recent Collections:

Loose plate £200.65
Gift Aid Envelopes £30.00
Standing orders £210.00...

Thank you

Parish Secretary on leave this week.

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

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

The Pope's Universal Intention for December: Prayer Intention for Evangelisation – Catechists
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.