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Week Commencing Sunday 26th July 2020 (Year A)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: 1K 3:5.7-12 Ps 118 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52)

Dear all,

We had aimed to have our first Mass earlier. My apologies. We encountered some logistical challenges in implementing good practice which delayed this but now have Saturday 8th August at 6pm fixed in our diary. Initially we are looking at one Mass on Saturday and then another Mass during the week. This will be dependent on what help and support we have in sanitising etc. If you are able to be a Steward and/or Sanitiser, then please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact number if you can help.

We are also restricted to 20 "bubbles" in church and need to ensure we do not go over our capacity to ensure that social distancing is maintained at all time. We appreciate that this will be frustrating but it is important that we respect and follow the guidelines of the stewards at all times. And we thank them for their support, without which we would not be able to open safely. We are also asking that parishioners wear masks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few months and thanks to those who have already volunteered to help as stewards or sanitisers. We look forward to seeing you soon.

There is Mass in Tavistock on Sundays at 9am – numbers are limited.

Fr Martin

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	25 th July		-	Private Intention
Sunday	26 th July	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	People of the Parish
	Tavistock 9am			
Tuesday	28 th July		-	Private Intention
Wednesday	29 th July	<i>St Martha</i>	-	Patty Bloom RIP
Thursday	30 th July		-	Joan Gillard RIP
Friday	31 st July	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	-	
Saturday	1 st Aug	<i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	-	Michael Boon Intention
Sunday	2nd Aug	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	People of the Parish
	Tavistock 9am			

Daily Mass is being streamed at 10am 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.

Bishop Mark has forwarded the following useful information and asked us to forward to parishioners, especially to those who are sick and housebound, or who are having to isolate at home, at this time: **Dial-a-Mass: The Middlesbrough Diocese in conjunction with the Knights of St Columbia began Dial a Mass for the benefit of those who do not have the internet or computer. The way it works is: The Mass is recorded and put on telephone at 12 midday on Sunday and stays until the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call the person can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The number to call is : 01642 130 120. The Mass tends to last approximately 45 minutes.**

We remember in Prayer:

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Oliver Gloyne

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

Please pray for **Elizabeth Carslake** who has recently died. For her family and her exceptionally good neighbour and friend, Anne O'Kelly.

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is available 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 School Transport Fund aims to subsidise the cost to parents of children travelling to Catholic schools in the Diocese. Parishes are required to send completed application forms to the Diocese for consideration by the Deans. If you wish to apply for assistance, please contact the Parish Office via e-mail or ring Ann Ruth 07792585632 and she will send you a form. Completed forms need to be returned to Fr Martin by **no later than Friday 14th August 2020.**

Plymouth Diocesan Year Book 2021. If you would like to order a copy please can you email velverton@prcdtr.org.uk stating whether or not you want 'ring bound' or not. The Parish Order needs to be placed by the end of August so please respond no later than **Monday 24th August 2020.**

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently continuing to hold their normal weekly meetings on-line **at 9.15 am on Wednesday mornings.** Should any parishioner have a request for prayer they would be happy to include such petitions. Please contact mguly@aol.com

With the current easing of restrictions, members of the **Martha Group** are opening up their activities in August with a face to face meeting whilst paying due regard to social distancing. **Weather permitting,** we shall be meeting on Roborough Down on **Tuesday, 4th August at 10.30 am** on the grass near the car park adjacent to the Leg O' Mutton. We realise that it is unlikely that everyone will attend, nor indeed be ready to attend, but those who cannot will still be free to join us for the prayers which we shall be circulating as previously. Please send requests for prayers to Mary Pike (mary-mike@thetors.eu).

Message from Mary Boon. I would like to thank the Martha Group and Mothers Prayer Group for their prayers whilst I was in hospital having an operation. They certainly worked as I am home now recuperating, feeling a bit sore but glad to be home. Also we would like to thank Mary Pike for delivering the Newsletter and keeping us supplied with jigsaws! Our eternal thanks to Maeve for shopping. God Bless you all, Mary

Emergency Response: Food Bank – Thanks for the tremendous amount of recent donations and £40 in cash. Tavistock Foodbank are very grateful. The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

Plymouth Diocese Summer Camps. To join online, contact them via e-mail: Junior Camp – current years 3-6: junior1pdcamp@mail.com; Senior Camp – current years 7-10: Seniorpdcamp@mail.com; St Petroc's Camp – Current years 11-13: chrislee4sc@gmail.com.

The Bonus Ball winner on Saturday 18th July was Michael Prout with ball number 30. He won £25. There were 30 paid up subscribers that night so £5 went to Parish funds.

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

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

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.

Other Notices:-

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS: On Friday, August 7th, there will be Mass at St. Peter's, Crownhill at 7.30pm, followed by prayers for healing and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Please feel free to drop in at any time.

Youth Events in the Diocese:

September 26th There will be workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Workshops will be offered through ZOOM. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peters, Crownhill later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

In October there will be a series of 5 sessions, exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead 3 of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly, I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be; My spiritual journey, living through COVID 19.

If you are interested in either of these events or any future events, please email: youth@prcdtr.or

The Young Vincentians Team St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)

Useful links: *Mini Vinnies*: <https://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies> - Youth SVP: <https://www.svp.org.uk/youth-svp> - B-Attitude: <https://www.svp.org.uk/b-attitude>

We are delighted that we were also able to launch our new Young Vincentians Instagram account this month which will become a very useful way of capturing more fully the voice of the young person. - Instagram www.instagram.com/svpyoungvincentians/

Homelessness – Advice*: In the light of COVID-19 there is an updated version of what has been circulated previously. The level of street homelessness is likely to increase as hotels and other holiday accommodation, which have helped to provide shelter for the homeless, come back into use for tourists. Given that our parishioners, and we ourselves as priests, sometimes have personal contact with homeless people, this updated advice may well be timely.

Every blessing,

Fr John

Canon John Deeny, Vicar General Diocese of Plymouth

(*A copy of this advice is available with the newsletter on our website)

CAFOD's response to coronavirus in Asia and the Middle East

In the Middle East, our local experts are using your donations to continue their vital peacebuilding work and ensuring that legal advice can be given online.

Volunteers and priests are delivering emergency food parcels to vulnerable families in the West Bank and we are also reaching out to Bedouin communities with health equipment and information.

£6 could buy a hygiene pack for a family

Staff and volunteers are also already in vulnerable communities:

- They are spreading essential health messages through village posters, socially-distanced visits to families and giving out PPE.
- In Myanmar, local experts are working alongside health departments and the Church to provide safe places for people to quarantine themselves and to help set up track and trace systems.
- In Bangladesh they've moved quickly to give cash to the poorest families – led by widows, or those living with disabilities - to buy life-saving food and PPE during the crisis

Please support this work which is saving lives. Thank you : <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

**This message has been received from Deborah van Kroonenburg,
(Marriage & Family Coordinator, Department for Evangelisation)**

"I am pleased to tell you that we will be having an **online Diocesan Marriage Event** in September.

We had expected Francine & Byron Pirola - who do Catholic Marriage Resources (SmartLoving) for engaged and also married couples all over the world - to be in the UK this Autumn. This will not now be possible but they have kindly agreed to do a special online event for our Diocese. The plan is to have two blocks of input - the first for married or engaged couples and the second for those who support marriage or prepare or mentor couples - or who want to support marriage in any way. I hope that you can join us (and recommend parishioners and others to do so) . If you go on to the SmartLoving site you will see that these are worthwhile presenters, very committed to Catholic marriage and I am delighted they are doing this for us. So, for the diary - the date to save is **Saturday, September 12th - 09.00 - 13.00** (to allow for global time differences) - on your iPad, laptop or phone. More information to follow before the day."

Mary's Meals there is a short video message from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow on our websites. The link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be

Parish Secretary: I am working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. However, I am happy for any parishioner to contact me, either by e-mail or mobile, as I will be here at home! My number is: 07792 585632. **Ann Ruth**

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).**

The Pope's Prayer Intention for Evangelisation for July: Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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