



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 27th December 2020 (Year B) *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

(Readings: Gn 15:1-6.21:1-3 Ps 104 Heb 11:8.11-12.17-19 Lk 2:22-40)

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday 26 th December	Vigil Mass of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Yelverton 6pm	Benjamin Gerard Jenkinson (Intention)
Sunday 27 th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Tavistock 9am Yelverton 10.45am	People of the Parish Jim Walsh RIP
Tuesday	29 th December	<i>St Thomas Beckett</i> Angela Callan & Family (Intention)
Wednesday	30 th December	Janet & Peter Gardner & Family (Intention)
Thursday	31 st December	Sam & Vivienne Gardner & Family (Intention)
Friday	1 st January	Deceased Friends, Relatives, Benefactors & Milk Round Customers of the Hall Family
Saturday 2 nd January	Vigil Mass of The Second Sunday after the Nativity Yelverton 6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd January	The Second Sunday after the Nativity Tavistock 9am Yelverton 10.45am	NHS Staff (Intention) Frederick W A Spicer RIP

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended during the pandemic. Christmas Mass can be attended in our church at weekends anytime over Christmas (24th Dec) up until the Epiphany (6th Jan). Masses from other Churches will be widely available over the webcam and there are excellent resources offered via the Internet.

A warm welcome to our visitors!

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, and Maria Swords
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Beatrice Sharp, Sheila Shipton, Maurice E C Hunt, Sylvester Pawlowski, Marie L Stewart-Murray, Terry Balment, Irene Cussen, Isobel M Morrat, Stanley T Walsh and Simone Jefferies.

Parish Notices: -

The Christmas offerings over the Christmas period go towards Fr Martin's annual allowance and he is grateful for your generosity.

A sincere thank you to all who have helped this year in any way to prepare for the services during Advent & Christmas. It has been a very challenging time and your help has been very much appreciated.

Fr Martin.

More stewards and sanitisers are needed to help at our Masses. Please let the Parish Office know if you can assist us. Fr Martin

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. Please contact mguly@aol.com with prayer requests

Other Notices: -

We are all called to **Welcome the Stranger**, but many people are unsure how they can help others during this time of continued lockdown. Caritas has produced a Christmas Newsletter which offers some practical suggestions for action and links to prayer resources: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Caritas-at-Christmas-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

Mary's Meals: So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, donations made to our Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table or buying a Christmas gift card on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at:

www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove. Thank you

Vacancy:

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position.

Diocesan Schools Commission Administrator (part time) – 1 post

Location: St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon with some home working to meet COVID Secure requirements. Salary: £11.39 per hour (Actual Salary - £11,846 per annum) Hours: 20 hours per week spread over 5 days- preferably mornings

The Diocesan School's Commissioner Administrator will manage the administrative, secretarial support and the office resources required to ensure the smooth running of the Diocesan Schools Commissioner's office. They will enable the Diocesan Schools Commissioner and team to carry out their Diocesan responsibilities. The post-holder will be required to have a high level of secretarial or administrative experience and will require excellent organisational skills together with good experience of Microsoft Office and excellent interpersonal skills. Experience of working in a schools' environment would be an advantage.

Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or by email to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk up to 22nd

December. The last date for applications is Monday 4th January 2021 and interviews will be held on Monday 18th January at St. Boniface House, Ashburton.

Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support has launched in the Plymouth Diocese to offer a listening ear and support to those with an unexpected pregnancy, or to those worried about coping with another baby, or those who have been confronted with a diagnosis of potential fatal foetal abnormality, as well as to women suffering after a miscarriage or experiencing regret or remorse after an abortion or any other similar situation. Their support line is open 7 days per week between 7.30pm – 9.3pm Tel: 01752 916076

Parish Notices continued:

The SVP has not been running the appeal for **Sudan baby feeding** this Christmas due to the pandemic, but the SVP box is at the back of Church, for anyone who wishes to contribute.

Around & About Magazine

Subscriptions are now due. The cost is 60p a copy, but only £6 for the full 12 months. Subscription forms are, as usual, in the January magazine, but there is also a supply of these forms at the rear of the church so that new subscribers can apply.

(Please give Subscription money & forms to Sue Walsh)

Foodbank: The Food bank has plenty pasta and cereal for now but request donations of Coffee, washing powder, tinned food, tinned tomatoes. Thank you for your Christmas donations.

Items can still be left on the bench under the porch and they will be taken on Wednesday mornings.

Used Postage Stamps: Please save these and donate at church (in the Foodbank box please, which is situated on the bench under the hall porch during the week and in the church porch for Mass times) We will ensure they get to the Catholic Children's Society promptly. Thanks.

Recent Collections:

Standing orders last week were £205.00
Loose plate was £179.60 (over several weeks)
Gift Aid Envelopes were £570.00

Thank you

Bonus Ball: the winners on Saturday 19th December were Michael & Mary Boon with ball number 23. They won £25. There were 28 paid up subscribers that night so £3 went to Parish funds.

If you are a regular subscriber, you may have lapsed your subscriptions. Please check with Sue Walsh if you wish to be included. She will be in the car park after Mass to collect Bonus Ball money.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to keep this fund-raising venture going. Your generosity has been like a drip feed to Parish funds and over the years has raised thousands of pounds. You are much appreciated!

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

Parish Secretary working Wednesday 30th December.

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

The Pope's Intention for Evangelisation in December: *For a Life of Prayer*

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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