



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 29th December 2024 — Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (C)

(Readings: 1S 1:20-22.24-28 Ps 84 (83) 1 Luke 2:41-52)

Sunday 29th December

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9am. *Alexander Johnathan Christou Yianni('Alex') RIP*

Sunday 5th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

9am *Alexander Johnathan Christou Yianni('Alex') RIP*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – After Mass or by appointment.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

the repose of the soul of **Robert Edwards**, who died recently. Please pray for him, his wife Barbara and their children and families.

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sylvester Pawlowski, Marie Stewart-Murray, Terry Balment, Isobel Moorat, Irene Cussen, Stanley Walsh.

the sick and/or housebound, including:

Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs & William Lyall

No Children's Liturgy this week as the children are on holiday.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

Alternative Mass times:

St Peter's, Crownhill

Masses: Saturday 6pm & Sunday at 10.30am

Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock:

9am Sundays

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. In addition to this their parenting programme has continued to build links throughout the community giving practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

There is **no Martha Group meeting in January**. The next meeting will be in February.

Christmas Message

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to prepare the church for our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you too for your cards and good wishes and, in anticipation, your Christmas offerings.

We pray that God will bless you and your families this Christmas and give you all his love and peace.

Fr. Jon & Fr. Daniel

There is still time to give CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

Either use the Card Machine in the Hall or the envelopes provided at the back of the church.

Joint Parish Christmas Dinner!

We are holding our annual **Parish Christmas Dinner** on **Thursday 9th January** at the Yelverton Golf Club again.

Menus & forms are now at the back of the church.

This year we are also inviting anyone who would like to join us from **St Peter's, Crownhill** and **Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock**.

Last date to sign down: TODAY Sunday 29th December!

On **New Year's Eve** there will be **Exposition of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at St Peter's Crownhill from 10pm until Midnight, followed by Midnight Mass**. A wonderful way to start the New Year with the Lord. You are invited to drop in for any length of time and have the opportunity to start the first minutes of the New Year in the ultimate prayer of the Mass. There is also Mass on New Year's Day at 11am.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH - There will be lunch at Anne Skerrett's, 411 Tavistock Road PL6 7HB, on New Year's Day at 1pm. All welcome.

LEARN TO PRAY – St Peter's Crownhill

Prayer is something that to some degree is a mystery to each of us and can be very challenging. Learn to Pray is designed to help us build a prayer life that's consistent, meaningful, and deeply personal. This course will help and equip us to develop and maintain a strong relationship with Jesus. Jesus is not an idea or a thing or an historical character, Jesus is alive and present in our lives. God is real! Let's learn to talk to Him, together. There will be cake! **Tuesdays at 7pm at St. Peter's on January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.**

Gather 2025 Jubilate A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, Friday 28th - Sunday 30th March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office, see facebook page or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

Parish Notices:

Bob Edwards, RIP: Bob and Barbara Edwards have been parishioners for about 35 years, since they moved back to Devon on Bob's retirement, from his career in the City. A man of formidable intellect and faith, Bob became President of the Catenians in Plymouth for many years. His friends on a more personal level enjoyed debating the current events in Catholicism, and were always keen to be on his team at any quiz.

Bob was educated at Manchester Grammar School with peers including Sir Kenneth Clarke. He met Barbara through their Christian faith. He held the senior role in the Guild of worshipful Pattern Makers and continued his involvement until a few years ago. He travelled extensively with Barbara and was always happy to be the Speaker at the Yelverton Ladies Open Group, of which Barbara was Chair for over 10 years.

We shall miss Bob enormously and extend our sympathy to Barbara, and their children, Peter, Fiona, Charles, Jon, Richard and their families. Rest in Peace Bob. **(Anon)**

You are warmly invited to click on the link to read the Diocesan newsletter for December 2024: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-D10EC9248862713D2540EF23F30FEDED> Please sign up here to receive future newsletters, and Journeying to the Jubilee related content: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>

We can still defeat assisted suicide!

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit

[//www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading

N.B. This newsletter has been printed early, before Christmas. Therefore, some news or details cannot be included. These will be addressed in the newsletter following the holidays.

Collections 22nd December

Details to follow in the New Year.

Tavistock Foodbank. For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:

Fruit juice, chocolate, long life milk, sponge pudding, noodles, Cup-a-soup, Tinned fruit, potatoes or carrots.

A big thanks from everyone at Tavistock Foodbank

Bonus Ball News: Details to follow in the New Year.

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

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



Around & About magazine Subs for 2025 are now due.

If you wish to continue to receive a copy, please pay Sue Walsh £7 or pay by BACS as shown in your magazine. If you wish to take on a subscription there are forms at the back of the church,.

The Parish Secretary is on leave this week – Ann will back in the Office on Wednesday 3rd January 2025

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Pope's Intentions for December: For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.