



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 29th March 2020 (Year A)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Readings: Ez 37: 12-14 Ps 129 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45)

There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.

It has been decided that due to the fact that we are not meant to be going out, sadly the church will remain closed for the foreseeable future even for private prayer.

You can see Cardinal Nichols explain the need for the full closure of Catholic churches:
https://youtu.be/W5s_4EwRm4s

Dear Parishioners,

We should focus our attention on continuing to offer support to those in need and offering a caring hand to those who reach out to us. We will of course still pray for those in need and celebrate Mass, albeit without a congregation. We will be stepping up a few gears in reaching out not only to the sick, the housebound and those who are self-isolating, but also to those who are struggling in different way. Please continue to do the same yourselves, personally, and please continue to support the Parish so that we can continue to reach out with love, compassion and understanding.

May the Lord watch over us all and give us the strength to continue to bring his light to the world,

Fr Martin

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday*	28 th March	5 th Sunday of Lent	- People of the Parish
Sunday	29 th March	5 th Sunday of Lent	- Fr Kieran Kirby (Intention)
Tuesday	30 th March	Lent Feria	- Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family
Wednesday	1 st April	Lent Feria	- Private Intention
Thursday	2 nd April	Lent Feria	- Private Intention
Friday	3 rd April	Lent Feria	- Survivors of Sex Abuse
Saturday*	4 th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	- Private Intention
Sunday	5 th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	- People of the Parish

*Vigil Mass

We remember in Prayer

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Patience E Davies, Mary Silcox, Julia L Kelly, Beatrice A Brown, Julian Lamb, Audrey Harrison, Evelyn G Woodget

Please pray for **Mike Knight RIP**, whose funeral takes place on 1st April, his wife Bernie, children Linda, Peter and Sue and their families.

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

Daily Mass is being streamlined at 11am 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. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.

All updates and letters from Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Mark O'Toole are available on our Holy Cross website under a new section entitled **Coronavirus** These letters contain explanations and advice. There are also prayers including a Spiritual Communion.

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is away at present. Please do not try to contact him

If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call:

Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660

All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice.

Emergency Response

If people have food that they can spare please leave it in the side porch of the church in the box provided. If you are in need then please contact us.

Parish newsletter

We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the verandah) 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.

Children's Resources

Resources to use with children during school closures: Please find some suggestions of Christian focused sites to look at for resources and ideas that families can use whilst in home isolation. There is a Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook page which was originally designed to share Youth Events but in the current climate we can use it to share ideas of activities families are doing or have done. All links & details are on the Holy Cross website.

VACANCY

RE and Catholic Life Adviser Location: St. Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL. Salary: £45,000 per annum for full time hours, pro-rata for reduced hours, plus car allowance, mobile phone allowance and pension scheme (subject to eligibility). Hours: Will consider, depending on experience, 3, 4 or 5 days per week. See noticeboard for full details. Closing date: 30TH March. Interviews 6th April.

Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball on Saturday 21st March ball number 41 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £28 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 28 subscribers that night.

I would very much like to keep the Bonus Ball running during the time when there are no church services. We provide a steady drip feed of funds to Holy Cross which are essential to maintain. If you would still like to be involved please send a cheque or cash to Holy Cross and you can still be included. Prize monies will still be paid out and winners included in the weekly bulletin.

Sue Walsh

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders £155.00

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

And it is times like this when we need to dig deep to continue to be able to reach out to those in society with the greatest need. This will be our main focus over the coming weeks and months. So if you do not use a Standing order to contribute perhaps you would consider setting one up. If so please contact the Parish Office for a form.

While we are in this time of uncertainty this would be our preferred way as, once set up, you do not need to make that extra journey and we do not need to count those monies or bank them. However, if you still prefer to pay by cash or cheque these can be directed to the parish Office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

*Thanks to those who sent in money this week for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

Parish Secretary

Ann will be working from home and/or Office Tuesdays & Fridays 9am-2pm. She can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

Newsletter Contact

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

The Pope's Intention for Evangelisation for March: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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