



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Week Commencing: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

(Readings: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22(21) Ph 2:6-11 Passion Gospel Mt 26:14-27:66)

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b><i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i></b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<i>In memory of the McDermott &amp; Kenny Families</i>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b><i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i></b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10am</b>	Bill & Bernie Kennelly RIP
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b>	<b>Followed by Stations of the Cross</b>		
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6pm</b>	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10am</b>	

**A very warm welcome to all our Visitors**

**Please pray for:**

**all those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Marjorie Parkes, Patience Davies, Mary Silcox, Julia Kelly, Beatrice Brown, Julian Lamb, Audrey Harrison, Evelyn Woodget.

**The sick and/or housebound**, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

There will be ***Children's Liturgy*** during Mass today. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

**Refreshments** are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

***There will be Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross, after Mass on Tuesdays throughout Lent.***

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 12:00 noon**  
**This will be led by the young people of the parish.**  
**All are welcome!**

### **EASTER OFFERINGS**

The Easter offering is your gift to Fr. Jon & Fr. Daniel for which they thank you. If you would like to gift aid your offering, and do not normally donate by gift aid envelope, please use the gift aid donation envelopes and complete your details on the front. The money which can be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue will benefit the parish.

### ***Holy Week Services elsewhere***

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April *Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 12noon***

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Maundy Thursday**  
**6.30pm Mass at Tavistock**

**7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Boniface's College (There will be watching until Midnight at St Thomas More)**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday**  
**3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord at St Boniface's College**

**3pm at Tavistock**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Saturday**  
**8pm The Easter Vigil Mass at St Thomas More**  
**7.30pm at Tavistock**

**CHRISM MASS** – Please let Ann Ruth know if you will be attending the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on April 1<sup>st</sup> as they need to know numbers.

### TACT events this EASTER:

**Good Friday 11am - midday; Hot cross buns in Bedford Square, Tavistock, with Salvation Army band**  
TACT representatives, including some of our local Street Pastors will be greeting people in Bedford Square with hot cross buns and sharing the meaning of Easter.

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service; 6.15 - 6.45am at the Pimple, Whitchurch Down led by Rev. Chris Brown.**  
A short 30 minute service of unity and celebration leading up to sunrise - all welcome as we greet the risen Lord together.

**Good Friday 2-3pm; Re-enactment of the Good Friday story** Weather permitting, Brentor Parish will be re-enacting the Passion of Christ on Good Friday between 2pm-3pm. Meet in the church car park for 2pm and we will slowly walk up the Tor to St Michael's where the crucifixion will be re-enacted. Followed by a short reflective service at St Michael's at 3pm. In the event of a 'severe weather warning' we will relocate to Christchurch in the village of North Brentor, also starting at 2pm.

### STEPPING INTO STILLNESS

An Introduction to Contemplative Praying and Living at **St Rita's Centre, Honiton. April 20th – 24th 2026**

An Introduction to the Gries Path of Prayer as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands [paddyrylands@gmail.com](mailto:paddyrylands@gmail.com)  
See the poster on the noticeboard or on the Holy Cross website.

### UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY UNBOUND

Prayer Ministry available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Please contact [unboundprayerdop@gmail.com](mailto:unboundprayerdop@gmail.com) or see the poster for more details.

**EVANGELIUM** The Evangelisation and Catechesis Team have produced a newsletter which you can access through the following link

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-3D7B158DDC8192832540EF23F30FEDED>

Here is the link to the Diocesan newsletter for March

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-EE999F4145FB3F0F2540EF23F30FEDED>

**Tavistock Foodbank:** For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Pasta sauce, Long life milk, Fruit juice - not squash**  
*Thank you*

### Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group

Ignatian silent retreats taking place this summer at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall: They provide an opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life to make a little extra space and time for God.

**Jun 26th -28th** (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

**Jun 26th -1st July** (Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend Retreat (£350)

**Venue:** Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf) Cornwall.

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation.

Costs includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations.

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at:

[diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk) or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

### Parish Notices:

Please pray for the doctors and nurses looking after **Emily John**. Also; for the John family; for Emily undergoing treatment and Matt, her partner, both facing the loss of her future. For Jane, her mother; for Frances, her only sister and Toby and Reuben, Emily's two young nephews. Thank you, Jane John

### Easter Egg Raffle for Parish Funds

Tickets on sale today - £1 per square. The draw will take place after Mass on Easter Sunday. If anyone can contribute Easter eggs or chocolates towards it please can you leave your donation at the back of the church on a Sunday. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Collections:

Loose Plate: £162.45      Card Reader: £40  
Standing Orders: £480      Mass attendance: 69

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Collections:

Loose Plate: £190.20      Gift Aid: £20  
Standing Orders: £235      Mass attendance: 67

*Thank you*

**Bonus Ball News:** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March ball number 46 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £29 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 29 subscribers that night.

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

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

### The Pope's Intentions for March: For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. <https://popesprayer.va>