

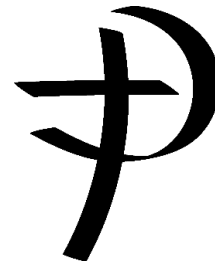
## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**WEEK COMMENCING 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

**First Sunday of Advent**

MIGRANTS and REFUGEES – MIGRANTS' DAY

**Masses today:** 9am *For Tomás Savage's Intentions* & 10.30am *Parish & People*  
(Eucharistic Prayer: III)

**Masses during the week:**

Monday **No Mass**  
Tuesday 10am *Private Intention* 9.40am Rosary. Refreshments after Mass  
**Wednesday 7pm**  
Thursday 10am *St Ambrose*  
Friday 10am *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* 9.40am Rosary  
**Saturday No Mass**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Friday after Mass 10.30am -11am and on request.

**Anniversaries – RIP:** David A Harrison; Henry C Reid; John E McLaughlin; Howard P Brennan; Margaret Gunnell

### Welcome to any visitors to the Parish

**Today:**

**Please pray for the sick and/or housebound** including, Irene Cussen, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Mary Silcox, Maureen Wildash, Helen Revins, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies & Oscar Kennedy.

**Children's Liturgy** There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (*N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them*).

**Diocesan Year Books 2018** have arrived and if you have ordered one please collect from the back of the Church and place your money in the box provided. Many thanks.

**Christmas Flower Collection:** We begin our annual appeal for funds to decorate Holy Cross with flowers for the solemnities of Christmas and up until Lent. We are so blessed having a flower arranging team who do such a fantastic job with their beautiful floral displays throughout the year. Please do your bit to support them

**Charity Christmas cards** are on sale.

**To Visitors/Holiday Makers:** If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **blue or white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure that you complete all the details in pen and sign the form.

**Refreshments** are served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome. Please will any parishioners who can take a turn to serve refreshments please sign down on the board in the hall.

**Available:-**

***Catholic Herald* £2.50**

***Catholic South West* for December 50p**

**Walk with Me** – A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2017 – now available at the back of the Church – cost £1.00

**CTS booklets available from the rack**

**'Encounter' Diocesan Evangelisation Newsletter.** The first edition of this newsletter for Evangelisation is available at the back of the Church. Please do help yourself to a copy.

On the table at the back of Church there are **CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues**, please take one – Free delivery for Christmas if you order by 15<sup>th</sup> December (and a free tea towel when you spend £50 or more).

**Today:**

**Plymouth Catholic Choral Society Advent Service at Holy Cross at 3pm.** Refreshments will be served afterwards for our visitors & parishioners.

**Last Chance to sign down for:**  
**Holy Cross Annual Christmas Dinner: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm for 7.30pm Yelverton Golf Club.**

**Please take a copy of the menu from the back of the church with prices and details for signing down. Please contact Sue Walsh asap.**

## Dates:

**Nativity Festival:** St John's Church, Horrabridge until Sun 10th Dec 10.30am- 4.30pm daily (Sundays 12 noon to 4.30pm). Local churches & groups have come together to produce a variety of Nativity scenes. Entry free but donations desirable. Sunday 10th Dec carols from 4.30pm followed by mulled wine & mince pies. Some Holy Cross children & adults have produced a scene. Entry donation. Refreshments.

**The Martha Group** will be meeting next Tues 5th Dec in the hall immediately after the coffee morning which follows the 10.00 am Mass. They would welcome any ladies from the parish who would like to join them

### **BIG CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN 10am SAT 9th DEC**

All the family are welcome to help clean the church, from vacuuming and polishing up to the heights of the cobweb challenge! Coffee and mince pies afterwards.

### **Penitential Services to be held at 7.00 pm.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Tavistock  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Holy Cross, Yelverton.  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Peters, Crownhill  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at the Cathedral, Plymouth;

**Holy Cross Nativity Service - Sun 17th Dec at 3pm.**

## Notices

Bishop Mark wants to draw our attention to:

### **Government Policy which bans New Catholic Schools**

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Hall Bookings** Please contact Ann Ruth if you wish to book the Parish Hall for any event either by telephoning the Presbytery and leaving a message with contact details etc, or using the Parish e-mail. Ann will then get in touch with you to confirm details and booking.

### **The Pope's Intentions for December:**

'That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.'

**Tavistock Foodbank : Please support the local community this Christmas.** New figures recently released show 586,907 emergency food parcels were given to people in crisis between April and September this year - a 13% increase compared to the same period last year.

The organisers greatly welcome the support of Holy Cross and, as Christmas approaches, they would be delighted to receive a **few more seasonal products** as well as both male and female toiletries. They particularly request **Christmas cake, tinned ham, UHT milk, fruit juice, box/tin biscuits, children's selection box, chocolates, snacks and nibbles, tinned fruit/custard, Sloer and Christmas crackers.** Please note that **Christmas donations need to be made asap.** Thank you for your continued cooperation and for your cash donations which are much appreciated.

**Please consider this.** This year you could "write a card and (literally) change a life" for someone imprisoned unjustly for their beliefs. The appeal runs until the end of December. See the 'Write for Rights' booklet at the back of church, or contact Tony John (852172).

### **SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Once again we are asking that rather than you giving your loved ones gifts this year, that you give the gift of life and hope on their behalf. Donate to the SVP Sudan baby feeding appeal and receive a gift certificate with a personalised message to give them on Christmas day, for tax payers gift aiding would be appreciated. Or just donate for yourselves, either gift aided, or in the SVP box at the back of church. Members of the SVP will be at the back of church with the forms after Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Red Missio (APF) boxes**...if you would like yours emptied so your donation can be banked this year please leave it at the back of the church by December 10th. Thank you to all those who have supported the charity this year by using a red box. So far £94.33 has been banked for 2017. Thank you, Sue Walsh

### **The Collection last Sunday:**

Loose plate £199.61

Gift aided £280.00

**Thank you**

**The Bonus Ball winner** on 25<sup>th</sup> November was Pat Mawer with ball number 8. She won £25. There were 46 subscribers that night so £21 went to Parish funds.

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**(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please)**

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green

