



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Week Commencing: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

(Readings: Ac 2:14a 36-41 Ps 23(22) 1P 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10)

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Mass	12.30pm	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Mass	12.30pm	Mgr Canon Michael Hanley RIP

**Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment**

### A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

**Please pray for:**

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

Bernard Evans, May Payne, Thomas Sheeedy, Benjamin Tole, George Langan, Patrick Gidley, Elizabeth Seaton.

**The sick and/or housebound**, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, 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.

**Today there will be a retiring collection for Vocations Sunday.** Thanks to those who donated last weekend. You can also pay by card on the machine or donate online. Thank you.

**Martha Group meeting** : The next meeting of the Martha Group will take place on **Tuesday 5th May** at 10:00 am. The meeting will commence with coffee and cake, followed by a talk by Tanya Trevena on her work with Caritas. The Martha Group meeting will then take place after the talk. All are welcome.

Please pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Reconciliation in June 2026:

**CHRISTABEL, ELSA, FINTAN, HUGH, OSCAR.**

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.*

**Special event at Abbey Chapel, Bedford Place, Tavistock**

**- a talk by Pastor Karini from Southern India**

On **Tuesday 5th May** you are invited to a special event to be held at Abbey Chapel starting at **7.00pm**. We will be hearing from Pastor Keith Karini who is a pastor in southern India and regularly has mission trips to the UK. We will no doubt hear about some of the amazing testimonies when working in a country where Christianity is one of three main religions. Pastor Keith has a real heart for the gospel but also to teach the church and experience the power of the Holy Spirit working in people's lives.

All are invited to come along to what should be a special evening. Blessings, Paul Newdick (Elder, Abbey Chapel)

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

**Last chance today to buy raffle tickets for next Friday's raffle in aid of the Catholic Children's Society Plymouth. Also are you coming to the quiz – 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start? Put your name on the list. Thank you.**

**St Luke's Open Gardens Horrabridge  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 11am-4pm**

Please come and support St Luke's Hospice on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at their Horrabridge Open Gardens. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help serve refreshments in the Youth Club hall or if you can bake a cake please contact me [fran.blackmore@btinternet.com](mailto:fran.blackmore@btinternet.com) or phone 07740475924

**Michael and Lucy Hayes** are celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary on **Friday 15th May 2026**. Holy Cross Parishioners are invited to join them for Mass at **10am** at Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock, followed by Tea/Coffee and cake afterwards.

**The Pope's Intentions for May: That everyone might have food.**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. <https://popesprayer.va>

**Laudato Si week will be celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May this year.** To celebrate, why not hold a picnic with your community to enjoy the beauty of Creation around you. You may like to hold this on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May as a moment of reflection before the week begins, so that your hearts will be in a disposition to enjoy the wonders of Creation that God reveals to you during the Laudato Si week.

**St. Rita's of Cascia - Feast Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at St Rita's Centre.** – See poster at the back of the church for details.

### EVANGELISATION THROUGH ART

#### Local Artists' Exhibition

Holy Cross Catholic Church,

**Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 6pm**  
(weekdays 11am – 6pm)

***"All beauty is but a shadow of His glory and every piece of art whispers His name"***

You are warmly invited to experience a unique exhibition of art designed to stir the imagination, awaken the soul, and explore life's biggest questions:

You will meet ordinary folks who have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to create things of beauty.

- They are not professionals.
- Some have never painted before
- Their work will astonish you

Come along and spend some time enjoying beautiful, authentic real art (No AI!). Maybe take some home.

Chat with the artists hear their stories – It will get you thinking –

- What is true beauty?
- Why does art move us so deeply?
- Is there more to life than we see?
- How does God speak to us?

There will be tea and cake available to nourish the body as well! Come curious. Leave inspired!

### Ignatian Individually Guided Silent Retreats

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)**

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

**Venue:** Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf)  
Cornwall PL13 2JD

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation. An opportunity to step back from everyday life to make space and time for God.

Cost 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

[diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk)

or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

The Diocesan monthly newsletter for April

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-EB016AF080443C792540EF23F30FEDED>

**God's Wild Acre** - Caritas invites you to take part in a new project – God's Wild Acre. Do you have a little space in your garden, a window box, or any area you can give to encourage nature to do what it does best? We would like to reach an acre of land that has been set aside to celebrate creation's wild growing. Please send us your stories, images and size of your plot so that we can share them on our media streams [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

### Westminster assisted suicide Bill has fallen

The assisted suicide Bill has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law!

This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords.

**To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next,**

**visit:** <https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>

### Volunteering for youth ministry, in the Diocese of Plymouth

Do you or have you thought about **volunteering** to work with the youth either in your parish or further afield? Youth Events are setting up a database of volunteers to keep in contact with them, offer training and support for the work they do, and keep them informed of events that are happening across the Diocese. In completing the form it does not mean you are committed to any voluntary work, it is simply an expression of interest. People on the database will be contacted and asked if they would like to support an event. Please follow the link: [Volunteer Data Form – Youth Diocese Events – Fill in form](#) For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Diocesan Vacancies:** Bishop's Executive Assistant & Communications Officer – see the noticeboard for the adverts and further information. Closing date- 11/05/26

### Parish Notices:

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April Collections:

Loose plate: £136

Card Reader: £60

Standing Orders: £180

Vocations Sunday: £50

Mass attendance: 71

**Thank you**

**Bonus Ball News:** on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April the winner was Michael Boon with ball number 23. He won £25. There were 25 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds.

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)**