



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 30th December 2018
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year C)

Masses today: 9am *Jacky Berrell RIP* & **10.30am** *People of the Parish*
(Readings: Is 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 83 1Jn 3:1-2,21-24 L2;41-52)

Mass during the week:-

Tuesday **10am** *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* (Rosary at 9.40am. Refreshments after Mass)

(N.B. No Masses for the rest of the week)

Anniversaries: Irene Cussen, Terry Balment, Isobel M Moorat, Simone Jefferies, Lionel C Henry, Shirley A Worth

A warm welcome to our visitors

We welcome and thank Canon Denis Collin who will be saying the Masses for us today and on Tuesday.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following who died recently: Michelle Roche niece of John Roche; Teresa Claridge friend of Gill Lewis and Gina Noades-Burton sister-in-law of Susan Tremlett.

No Children's Liturgy today

On Sale : 2019 Calendar: **Windows Across the Diocese** – in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Excellent value at just £5, ideal present for family and friends.

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church

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. The society is extremely grateful for the support parishes have given through the Summer Appeal, the Great Big Diocesan Quiz and individual donations. As a result of people's incredible generosity, they have been able to reach out to over 200 families in need with grants totalling over £30,000. 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.

Mass Intentions: If you wish to request a Mass Intention you will find on the table, at the back of the Church, Mass intention slips and envelopes. When you have given brief details, please place the slip, and your offering, in the envelope and hand it to me, leave it in the sacristy or put it through the Presbytery letter box. Mass intention cards are also available in the carousel at the back of the church if needed.

Fr Louis

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Christmas offerings go towards Fr Louis' annual allowance and he is grateful for your generosity.

If you are a regular gift aider would you please write your full name clearly on the **blue** 'Christmas offering envelopes' at the back of the church.

If you are not a regular gift aider but would like to gift aid your Christmas offering please use the **white** 'visitor envelopes' at the back of the church and clearly marked 'Christmas offering'.

Parish Survey:

We are undertaking a Parish survey to complement the information you kindly shared on our recent GDPR privacy forms. The purpose of the survey is to gather information that will give a picture of the Parish life and to gather ideas that will help to inform how we continue to grow as a faith-centred community. Please do take a copy of the survey questionnaire (available at the back of the church) and return it in the box provided by **6th January 2019**. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FORMATION DAY FOR CATECHISTS - calling all catechists and "would be" catechists who help pass on the faith in any way by involvement in Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage Preparation programmes or Children's Liturgy. The last day in the current course which was scheduled for January 19th 2019 has now been changed to January 12th. St. Peter's Parish Room, 10.30am-1pm. All welcome.

The GATHER Conference brings together people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. In 2019 we will gather at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay on 18-20 January 2019. Full details and booking arrangements available at the back of the church.

Plymouth Diocesan 2019 Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by the Bishop of Plymouth, Rt Rev Mark O'Toole - 1-8 August 2019 - Please see poster at the back of the church for booking information.

NOTICES

I wish to express my gratitude to all who prepared the church for the solemnities of Christmas, some of whom put in a lot of time and effort into this: The Crib Team, Flower Arranging Team, the Church Cleaning Brigade and Sacristan. My thanks also to the Music Group, Readers (and Co-ordinator), and Altar Servers. I am particularly grateful to the two parishioners who again generously donated the crib Christmas trees. As always, the crib and floral decorations look *stunning*.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to all of you who gave me cards, and for the gifts too. I was touched by your kindness.

Fr Louis

Christmas Raffle: Thanks to Danny and Fi Marks for running the Draw. £200 was raised in total. Thanks too to Fran, Maureen and their team for the mulled wine and mince pies served last Sunday. There is a list of prize winners at the back of the church.

Bonus Ball winner: on 22nd December was Tony John with ball number 31. He won £25. There were 40 subscribers that night so £15 went to Parish funds.

If you are a regular subscriber you may have lapsed your subscriptions. Please check with Sue Walsh if you wish to still be included.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to keep this fund raising venture going. Your generosity has been like a drip feed to Parish funds and over the years has raised thousands of pounds. You are much appreciated!

Catholic South West!

The January edition is available - 50p per copy

CTS booklets - individually priced in the rack
Selection of cards & books in the carousel

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £216.44 Gift Aid £117.00
Standing orders £105.00 **Thank you**

Parish Secretary Hours over the New Year:

Friday 4th January 2019: 10am - 3pm

Newsletter: All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please to Sue Walsh
(Tel: 07767480807, or 01822 854118 or by email: svwalsh@hotmail.com)

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green



The Pope's Universal Intention for December:

Evangelisation: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

'That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.'

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