



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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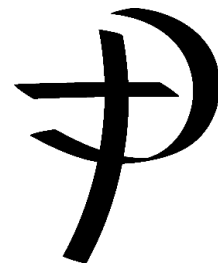
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Week Commencing Sunday 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

(Readings: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122(121) Rom 13:11-14a Mt 24:37-44)

Sunday 30th November	1st Sunday of Advent	Mass 9am	<i>Nicholas Ellis & Trevor Taylor RIP</i>
Tuesday 2nd December		Mass 10am	<i>Funeral Mass for Brian Whitnall R.I.P.</i>

Sunday 7th December **2nd Sunday of Advent** **Mass 9am**
Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment
N.B. All Sunday Masses will be at 9am unless advised otherwise.

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

for the repose of the soul of Olivia Wallwork, Henry Guly's sister, who has recently died. We pray too for Henry and all the family at this very sad time. May she rest in peace.

for the repose of the soul of Philippa Squires, Kate Jackson's sister, who has recently died. We pray too for Kate and all the family at this very sad time. May she rest in peace.

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jim Walsh, Sheila Shipton, Mary Ryan, David Harrison, Henry Reid, Anne Crook, John McLaughlin, Howard Brennan, Margaret Gunnell.

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, 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 will be served in the hall after Mass. If you can take a turn to serve refreshments sometime, please can you fill in the rota in the hall.

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

Wednesday 10th December 7pm Holy Cross, Yelverton

Tuesday 16th December 7pm St Thomas Moore

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

& SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The preparation programme for 2026 will be starting on **Sunday 7th December 2025 at 10:00am**, after Mass, with a meeting with Father Jon.

Any parent/guardian whose child is in school Year 3 or above and wishes to start the preparation, should fill in a registration form, which can be collected from the back of the church. This should be handed to Mary Pike by Sunday 30th November

N.B. Preparation sessions will take place on Sundays for one hour, after the 9:00 am Mass. In the event of Mass being at 12:30 the sessions will be held at 11:15. **Full dates will be given at the meeting on the 7th December.**

The Martha Group will be meeting on **Tuesday 2nd December at 11am** in the hall after the Funeral Mass. We start with coffee and cake! All are welcome.

Diocesan Newsletter: Our latest Newsletter for November is now out. Here is the

link: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-80114A1E3743F9BF2540EF23F30FEDED>

This edition also contains information about the installation of our new Bishop on 29th November which can also be found on our website

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/category/diocese-news/>

Holy Cross Repository:

2026 Diaries £4 each. Advent Candles £1

Advent Calendar Cards £1.50

Walk With Me Advent Booklets £1.50

RESCUE PROJECT: Come along for an exciting, dynamic and intriguing presentation of Jesus' life, teachings and the redemptive power of his death and resurrection. This is open to everyone but is particularly of interest to those interested in becoming a Catholic. You will enjoy great conversation and community spirit, in **St. Boniface's College Hall at 7.15-9pm** on the following **Wednesdays:**

December 3rd & 10th.

Bring a friend.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

Advent Coffee Morning **10.30am - 12.15pm Saturday 6th**

December in Plymouth Cathedral Centre. Prize Raffle, Assorted Homemade cakes, including Christmas, Dundee & Log cakes, Jams, Spicy Chutney, Marmalade and Savouries as well as a religious, jewellery and bric-a-brac stalls. £1 Entry to include tea, coffee & mince pie. Please come and support a good cause. We look forward to welcoming you. NB. Are you willing to bake some cakes for us? Contact: Christine: 07742320717 Thank you.

Advent Retreat Day on Saturday, 6th December at St Rita's Centre "FROM CAPTIVITY TO FREEDOM: AN ADVENT JOURNEY OF HOPE" led by Deacon Kelvin Russell and Fr. Jose Romero OAR. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10am. The second talk will be at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. **To register, please complete the application form (available at the back of the Church or see Ann, Parish Secretary)** and let us know of any dietary requirements. You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online via our website: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/advent-retreat-day-from-captivity-to-freedom-an-advent-journey-of-hope>. Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta, Small coffee, Noodles, Pot noodles**
Any treats for Christmas would be very welcome.

Thank you.

Holy Cross is part of Plymouth Diocesan Trust (Registered Charity No 213227)

Advent Festival at St Mary and St George Church, Totnes, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5HW

We will be holding an Advent Festival over the weekend of **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December**. Throughout the weekend, visitors can admire our beautiful display of family cribs, browse craft tables with handmade goods, and take part in our raffle with many great prizes. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in the festive fun! We are supporting The Red Cross (Plymouth), CAFOD and Rowcroft Hospice. (If you're interested in having a stall on either day, please contact the parish office at totnes@prcdtr.org.uk.)

Advent Retreat – Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lynton Convent, Devon EX35 6BS **12-14th December 2025**. An invitation for women aged 18-35 to come can spend a time of prayer and study with our contemplative community. For more information or to book a place please contact: srsmarystar@gmail.com

St. Boniface's College & Notre Dame School Carol Service Wednesday, December 17th St. Boniface's College & Notre Dame School Carol Service at Notre Dame. School open from 5pm for Christmas Craft stalls and Service begins at 6.30pm.

Parish Notices:

Holy Cross dates for your diary!!

Joint* Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 2.30pm

Christmas Masses:

24th December	8pm (7.30 Carols)
25th December	10am

Christmastide Joint* Parish Lunch:

Yelverton Golf Club: Tues 13th January 2026
Time, Menu & prices to follow next weekend.

Collections 23rd November

Loose Plate: £10	Standing Orders: £235
Card Reader: £30	Mass Attendance: 59

Thank you.

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 22nd November Anne & Declan Keogh** won with ball number 35. They won £25. There were 29 subscribers that night so £4 went to church funds.

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

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

The Pope's Intentions for December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

<https://popesprayer.va>