



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Week Commencing Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 (Year A)**

### **Pentecost Sunday**

(Readings: Ac 2:1-11 Ps 103 1Co 12:3-7, 12-13 Sequence Jn 20:19-23)

**There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.**

**Sadly the new government measures mean our churches have to be closed. The reason is that the virus could be spread via surfaces in the church into which consecutive people come into contact even if they are not there at the same time, and also there is the possibility of people gathering informally for prayer together which seems a good idea at first sight but would actually be an opportunity to spread the virus.**

#### **Mass Intentions this Week**

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> May		- Private Intention
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b><i>Pentecost</i></b>	- People of the Parish
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June		- Pam Bielawski RIP
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June		- Ivy Gaffney RIP
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest</i>	- Private Intention
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>St Boniface</i>	- Private Intention
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> June		- Private Intention
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> June		- People of the Parish

#### **We remember in Prayer:**

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Milne, Ellen M Hallett, June P Hughes, Carolus Mathews and Thomas O'Neil.

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

**Daily Mass is being streamed at 11am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.**

All information and letters from Bishop Mark O'Toole and others are available on our Holy Cross website under the section entitled **Coronavirus**. There are also prayers including a Spiritual Communion.

**Two new messages from Bishop Mark have been added to our website. The first is his *Reflection on the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si* & the other is his *Message to Schools of the Diocese*.**

## Parish Notices: -

**Please note Father Martin is available in the Parish.**

**If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.**

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

**All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice**

**The Martha Group** will be holding their monthly prayer meeting at home again on-line **next Tuesday, 2nd June at 10.30 am**. As usual please send any prayer requests or petitions to Mary Pike (mary-mike@the.tors.eu). Should any other parishioner have any requests for prayer, members would be happy to include them.

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently holding their normal **weekly** meetings online at **9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should anyone else have any requests for prayer the members of both groups would be happy to include them. Please contact mguly@aol.com or edwardsbobbarbara@btinternet.com (Mothers Prayers) or mary-mike@the.tors.eu (Martha Group)

A big **Thank you** to the Parish SVP for the financial help they gave to the Syrian refugees in Tavistock who were experiencing hardship when their places of work closed.

**Emergency Response: Food Bank** – Thanks for the donations to the food bank and cash donations which help provide food to some school families who are really struggling. The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

**Several jigsaws** have been donated to Yelvercare and we have several at church. Mary Pike and Sue Savage are happy to coordinate a 'jigsaw library'. If you phone Sue (853572) or email Mary we can arrange to get them to you either by leaving them on the bench at church or delivering. Thank you.

**Children's Liturgy:** Our Children's Liturgy catechists sometimes use the sites below to help with planning a Sunday Children's Liturgy.

You might find them useful to work through with your children.

The CAFOD site also has sheets to download to keep little people busy!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

**Collections last Sunday:** Loose plate £0\* Standing Orders £210.00.

Obviously Church collections will be seriously diminished during the period when there are no services. With no money in the plate collections funds will be seriously reduced. Yet bills will continue to arise due to ongoing maintenance, rates, utilities, etc etc.

And it is times like this when we need to dig deep to continue to be able to reach out to those in society with the greatest need. This will be our main focus over the coming weeks and months. So if you do not use a Standing order to contribute perhaps you would consider setting one up. **If people could set up a standing order until things go back to normal, it would be much better.** We don't have to touch any cheques etc. If you can please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Fr Martin**

\*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

**The Bonus Ball** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May ball number 54 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £28 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 28 subscribers that night.

**I would very much like to keep the Bonus Ball running during the time when there are no church services. We provide a steady drip feed of funds to Holy Cross which are essential to maintain. If you would still like to be involved please send a cheque or cash to Holy Cross and you can still be included. Prize monies will still be paid out and winners included in the weekly bulletin.**

*Sue Walsh*

### Other Notices:-

#### **CAFOD'S Coronavirus Response**

CAFOD is part of one of the largest aid networks in the world with substantial expertise in water, hygiene, sanitation and disease control.

Tavistock Parish has set up a Just Giving Page to support CAFOD and has asked us to help to achieve their target. Please click on the link below you can see the great work they are doing and make a donation

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-of-the-assumption-and-st-mary-magdalen-tavistock>



#### **SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH – Newsletter (Covid-19 edition)**

There is advice in this newsletter on many issues including Domestic Abuse of both adults and children, Mental health and caring for yourself. This will be on our website on the Newsletter page.

**Mary's Meals** there is a short video message from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow on our websites.

The link is [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e\\_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be)

#### **MISSION MADE POSSIBLE**

Is the thought of sharing your faith with family friends and others just too scary? Are you thinking; 'that's not for me, I could never do that' or perhaps you just don't know where to start? Well you are not alone

#### **JOIN CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE AND ACROSS THE GLOBE WHO FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.**

With the encouragement of Bishop Mark, you are invited to take part at home, and learn how to have these conversations appropriately and without feeling awkward. If you would like to learn more please send an email with your telephone number to [jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.bielawski@prcdtr.org.uk) and follow this link to watch the overview video titled 'How to Evangelise' <https://wp.me/paTncV-8rl>

Thank you. God bless.

Fr. Jon Bielawski

There is a **Tavistock Locals- Help** list available of companies who offer local Delivery services particularly during this restricted time of many items including food, hot meals, pet items, gardening, clothing etc etc. The list is available on our website on the newsletter page.

### **Parish Secretary**

I will be working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. I am happy for any parishioner to contact me whatever day as I will be here at home! Always happy to help! Take care and God Bless, Ann Ruth

Ann can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

### **Parish newsletter**

We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (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 Universal Prayer for May: For Deacons**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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