

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

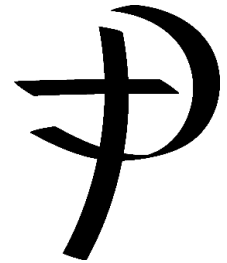
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Week Commencing Sunday 4th December 2022 (Year A)

Second Sunday of Advent

(Readings: Is 11:1-10 Ps 71 Rom 15 4-9 Mt 3:1-12)

Saturday 3rd	Tavistock	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	
		10am	Mass	<i>Stan & Jean Griffiths & deceased family members</i>
	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent			
Sunday 4th	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	Second Sunday of Advent			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Thomas & Mary Lumley & deceased family members</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Lilian Harrad RIP</i>
Tuesday 6th	Yelverton	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10am	Mass	<i>Rebecca Beaton RIP</i>
Wednesday 7th	Buckland Abbey *	10am	Mass	Pat Cornell Intention
Thursday 8th	Yelverton	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10am	Mass	<i>For all mothers</i>
Friday 9th	Yelverton	11.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12noon	Mass	<i>Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family</i>
Saturday 10th	Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent			
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>Sheila Shipton RIP</i>
Sunday 11th	Third Sunday of Advent			
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Smiths, Brodericks & Hutchings Families & Friends</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Peter and Pat Meehan RIP</i>

The Bidding Prayers response is: **Thy kingdom come.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – is usually available after Mass on Friday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment.

***Buckland Abbey Mass: Wednesday 7th December. The list for this is now full. If you are now unable to attend, please let Mary Pike know on 855281, to allow others to attend.** A reminder to those who have signed up that Mass will be at 10:00 am. Please use the back exit door to the Abbey to access the Chapel.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Henry Reid, Anne Crook, John McLaughlin, Howard Brennan, Margaret Gunnell

the sick and/or housebound: including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray & Joy Jewell.

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.45am Mass. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

Repository – there is a table at the back of the Church with Christmas cards & gift items. Please do take a look - all monies raised are for Holy Cross funds.

Walk with me Advent 2022 books and calendars are now available at the back of the Church – books are £1 each and calendars (for the youth) are 50p.

CATECHESIS: KNOW YOUR FAITH

We are in the season of Advent. It is the first liturgical year of the Church, known as 'Year A'. It begins the three-year cycle of the story of our salvation in the Church. Advent is a period of preparation to commemorate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. But the Church also uses the season to remind us of Christ's second coming. It is a time of spiritual preparation for Christmas through prayers, love of God and neighbour, the practice of good virtues, reception of the Sacraments especially the sacrament of Penance, and charitable works towards the poor and the needy.

Last chance: The list closes on Sunday 4th!!

The Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner with Yelverton & Tavistock parishioners invited. Monday 12th December at the Yelverton Golf Club – There are copies of the menu, prices & forms at the back of the churches OR I can email you a copy! **Sue Walsh**

Martha Group meeting Tuesday 6th December at 10:30am after Mass, in the hall. New members welcome.

Christmas Raffle! £1 a square.

1st prize £50, 2nd prize £25

and bottles, chocolates and "smellies". To be drawn on Sunday 18th December. We do need a couple of people to serve the mulled wine and mince pies which are provided. If you can help, please see Ann or Sue or sign up on the Coffee rota in the hall.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

SPUC – 10 Million Prayers for 10 Million Lost Lives – National Prayer Campaign 27 October 2022 – 27 April 2023. At the back of the Church there are a selection of prayer cards for different intentions. Please take one home with you.

Flame 2023 – tickets £35 Saturday 4th March, Wembley Stadium times tbc **Age: 14 – 21**. Join Youth Events at Wembley Stadium on Saturday March 4th. Tickets are £35 which include entry and travel to Wembley. Coaches will pick up from locations in Dorset and Devon. It's a great chance to hear from speakers like Robert Bilott, singer/songwriter Adenike and award winner Gvuna B. This is the largest catholic gathering in England and Wales. To book: <https://forms.office.com/r/i7rv7WzbG4> Or contact Saskia or Michelle at: youth:prcdtr.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Due to circumstances, there will be no Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2023. If you would still like to go join an organised pilgrimage next year, most dioceses in England and Wales have one which you could join and the details can be found their respective websites. Alternatively, you could join the annual pilgrimage of the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (<https://www.soll-lourdes.co.uk/>) when the dates are set. We hope to resume our own Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2024.

Those younger members of the parish who would like to partake in a Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 28th July to 3rd August 2023 should contact Fr O'Gorman on 01305 786033 or Anthony.O'Gorman@prcdtr.org.uk

Please try to imagine being in prison, sometimes for years, simply for being an innocent person - in other words a 'prisoner of conscience' - protesting about human rights. We are very lucky; it doesn't happen in Britain. However, this does happen in many countries and **a card from YOU would give someone in prison hope and bring sunshine** into their dark prison cell. **Please send a card**, it only takes a few minutes of your time; all the details are in **'Write for Rights'** booklet on the table at the back of church. Any questions, phone Tony John (852172).

Around & About magazines subs of £6 can be given to **Sue Walsh** or paid online. Please give any money in an envelope with your name on.

The Pope's Intention for December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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

Caritas November newsletter is now available, the link for which is: <https://tinyurl.com/2hrtkx7t>. If you would like a printed copy please contact the Parish Office

Youth E-Newsletter. <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-95DF3F5E4182A8572540EF23F30FEDED>

Parish Notices:

As part of the continuing plans to bring the two parishes of Yelverton and Tavistock together I am delighted to let you know that Ann Ruth, our Parish Secretary, will be taking up the role of parish secretary for both parishes. Ann will take over the work in Tavistock from Lucy Trueman who is moving on from the role, and I would like to thank Lucy for all her hard work for the parish. Ann will start her new joint role on 21st December and Ann, and the parish office, will be based in Tavistock. This is because there is a dedicated facility in Tavistock rather than using the Yelverton presbytery which is not ideal. I want to thank Ann for taking up this role and wish her all the very best with it. Contact details and hours of work will be made known in due course. Thank you, **Fr Cyriacus**

Thank you to our young people for your performance at Mass last Sunday. It was lovely. Thank you. **Fr Cyriacus.**

A Carol Service for both parishes will be held at 4pm on Sunday 18th December 2022 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Tavistock, followed by refreshments.

Foodbank: Along with usual items, Tavistock Food Bank are starting to collect now for the Christmas parcels so any Christmas food e.g. box of biscuits, mince pies, Christmas pudding, custard, apple and cranberry sauce, crisps, nuts, chocolates etc will be gratefully received. Thank you very much for your continued support. **These are needed early for delivery before Christmas.**

Last chance for this year: Red Missio boxes can be emptied for the end of year donations. Please leave them in church by next Sunday. Thanks to those who have already returned theirs. **Sue Walsh**

Bonus Ball Winner: on Saturday 26th November was Mary Pike with ball number 11. She won £25. There were 36 subscribers that night so £11 went to Parish funds.

Last week's Collections:

Loose plate £211.96
Standing orders £170.00.

Thank you

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).**

