



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

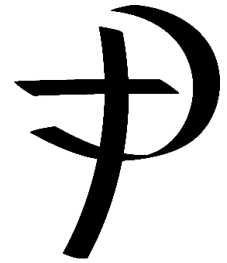
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### Week Commencing Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Year B)

(Readings: Jb 7:1-4,6-7 Ps 146 1 Co 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39)

<b>Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Tavistock	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10am	Mass <i>Private Intention</i>
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass <i>Pat Horton RIP</i>
<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Tavistock	9am	Mass <i>Maude Glennon RIP</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>There are NO Masses during the week</b>			
<b>Vigil Mass of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Yelverton	6pm	Mass <i>George Callingham RIP</i>
<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Tavistock	9am	Mass <i>Gareth Harries RIP</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Youth Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> – After Mass or by appointment.			

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors!**

#### **Please pray for**

**All those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Milalda Somerville, Dorothea Foster-Bone, Ken Yates

**the sick and/or housebound including:** Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Robert Edwards, Anne O'Kelly, Fr Michael Cole, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, and Monica Finn.

Please pray for **Rani Sanal** who is preparing to make her First Holy Communion on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

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.

**Over the next couple of weeks, please can you return your Palm Crosses from last year so they may be burnt and used for Ash Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> February). There is a basket at the back of the Church. Thank you.**

**Walk with Me** Lenten Prayer Books are now available at the back of the Church. Starts on 14th February—Ash Wednesday. £1 each.

**MARTHA GROUP AGM:** *The Martha Group is holding its AGM on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am**, starting with Coffee. Why not come along and find out what we are all about?!!!*

**NEEDLES AND PINS:** a time to use or learn skills in the textile crafts – anything to do with needles and pins - so we would include knitting, crochet, etc.

Next meeting **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** in the church hall at Holy Cross from **2-4pm**. Refreshments available.

#### **Next Youth—Mass**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm** at Yelverton teaching and Prep for Youth Mass in Church Hall  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Youth Mass** at Yelverton  
Followed by Youth fund-raising event - Cake sale.

The Episcopal Ordination of Canon Christopher Whitehead will not take place on 22 February 2024 as expected. Canon Paul Cummins continues as the Diocesan Administrator. A canonical process is currently underway, and no further comments will be made until this has been concluded. Canon Christopher Whitehead has stepped back from active ministry whilst this process is ongoing. Please keep Canon Christopher in your prayers and continue to pray for those who are responsible for choosing a Bishop for us. Please also continue to keep Canon Paul Cummins and our Diocese, in your prayers. Thank you.

**Feast of St Bakhita *Modern Slavery* Event**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10.30-12.30**

**Church of the Assumption of Our Lady,**  
**Abbey Road, Torquay**



Modern slavery is a serious crime being committed across the UK in which victims are exploited for someone else's gain. It can take many forms including trafficking of people, forced labour and servitude. This 2-hour event will hear from a range of speakers about modern slavery in our Diocese and how we are called to respond. There will be practical advice about what to look out for and what we can do if we have concerns. The event will take place on the Feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30-12.30 at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady parish rooms in Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NJ and will be followed by a free light lunch. Please use the QR code, email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or call 01364 645425 to register so we can plan catering.

**As this day is for Victims of Human Trafficking and those who work to combat it, please pray:**

- For those who have suffered as a result of human trafficking through being bought, sold, transported into slavery for sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and forced labour.
- For those who offer pastoral support to victims who have suffered psychological damage from their traumatic experiences.
- For all agencies working in collaboration to combat human trafficking.

Fr Mark Skelton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting for **Lent Talks 2024**. This year the five speakers who have very kindly accepted the invitation are all from within the Diocese:

Rev Nick Johnson - February 16<sup>th</sup>

*The Temptations*

GATHER CONFERENCE February 23-25<sup>th</sup>

Rev Andrew Marlborough - March 1<sup>st</sup>

*The Transfiguration*

Mrs Deborah Fisher - March 8<sup>th</sup>

*The Woman at the Well*

Rev Ignatius Raj. - March 15<sup>th</sup>

*The Man born blind*

Mr Gerard Gillespie—March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*The raising of Lazarus*

**To Join the Zoom Meeting at 6.30pm on the day:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83445840521?pwd=K3lKRfV GbnY0eEMzc3pVMVhOcnFCdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 4584 0521 Passcode: 862737

**Advance Notice for your Diaries:** Our Lady of the Assumption will be hosting a Lent lunch on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon** for all our friends from other churches in Tavistock and the surrounding area. Altogether there will be 6 Lent lunches at different churches - 14<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday), 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please see notice board for details of all venues.

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are required at our food bank: **Tinned Meat, Milk, Fruit Juice, Squash, Fish, Tinned Fruit, Coffee, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Rice Pudding.** Thank you.

**Parish Notices: -**

**Next RCIA group** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady of the Assumption Meeting Room at 5.30pm.

**A Safeguarding Day will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to approx. 3.30pm.** This is open to both Holy Cross and Tavistock parishioners. Although the Day is intended for those who are working with children, youth and/or the vulnerable it is open to anyone interested. It will be led by Rob Kingdon from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office.

Coffee will be served from 9.30am and it is suggested that we have a shared lunch or bring your own. Although the morning will mainly deal with issues concerning children and the afternoon with adult ones, there will be some crossover.

Nearer the event a clipboard will be provided to enable those interested in attending to sign down.

**Christmas gifts?** If you have any duplicate, surplus gifts from Christmas please donate them to Holy Cross as we use them for raffle prizes during the year. You can leave them at the back of the church.

**Thank you.**

**Collections**

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Loose £126.00 Standing Order £195.00  
Mass attendance Sat: 39 Sun: 32

**Thank you.**

**Bonus Ball News:** On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January ball number 16 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £32 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 32 subscribers that night.

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**).



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**Pope's Intentions for February — For the Terminally Ill**

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.