



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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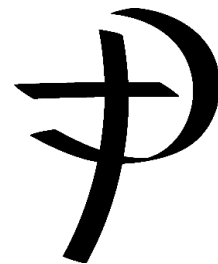
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Week Commencing Sunday 4th January 2026

Second Sunday after the Nativity

(Readings: Is 49:3.5-6 Ps 40(39) 1Co 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34)

Sunday 4th January	Second Sunday after the Nativity	Mass	12.30pm
Tuesday 6th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	Mass	10am
Sunday 11th January	The Baptism of the Lord	Mass	12.30pm Oliver Cooper RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation – After Mass or by Appointment

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Shirley Anne Worth, Nathaniel Brown, Margaret Delisle Gray, Janet Hazel, Oliver Cooper, Evelyn Downey.

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.

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.

You can also donate using the card reader – Catholic Children's Society.

There will be **no Children's Liturgy** during Mass today. Classes will resume next Sunday, the 11th.

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.

**Last chance to book: the list closes
4th January**

Christmastide Joint* Parish Lunch:

Yelverton Golf Club: Tues 13th January 2026
12.30 for 1pm

Forms with prices and menu choices are available at the back of the church and online.

***Holy Cross, St Peter & St Thomas More**

Date for diary There will be a **Safeguarding training event** on Saturday 17th January in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Annexe (PL7 4JU) from 10am-15:30pm, with a break for lunch. This will cover safeguarding for both children and adults. Everyone is welcome to come along. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. This face-to-face training will fulfil the training requirement that is now stipulated to have been completed before commencing /continuing a role with vulnerable groups. The alternative option is completing an online safeguarding training module. Everyone is welcome to attend whether you are a volunteer or not. Please bring along a packed lunch to eat, refreshments will be provided.

**SPUC - Abortion up to Birth Bill
and Assisted Suicide Bill.**

Both of these Bills are currently being scrutinised and debated in the House of Lords. Thank you if you have already written to some Peers but, we need you to keep up the pressure and continue writing. This is because the Government has now allocated another 10 days for debate, ending on the 24 April, to deal with the 1071 Amendments tabled for the **Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill**.

The **Abortion up to Birth Bill** will be debated on **27th January**. Amendments have been tabled to remove the Bill and end the pills by post policy.

We now have more time to lobby members of the House of Lords. The following links will take you to the SPUC website where you can read information regarding each Bill and the webtool by which to contact Peers. A Peer will be generated for you to write to, and it will bring up an editable template letter:

<https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/> and <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/> For further information or hard copies of lists of Peers and briefings, contact Christine Hudson: 07742320717

Tavistock Area Christians Together - Unity Service & AGM - Sunday 25th January 4-6.30pm, United Reformed Church, Russell Street, Tavistock

You are warmly invited to attend the above as part of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026; the Unity service will start at 4pm followed by the AGM at around 5.15pm, with refreshments in between. It's always a joy to celebrate together, and a time of great encouragement with updates from the many joint activities, ministries & worship that we participate in together. Do come along to hear what God has been doing through the unity of His church in our town & area!

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta, Small coffee, Noodles, Pot noodles or in fact any other items you can spare.**

Thank you.

UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY UNBOUND

Prayer Ministry available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Please contact unboundprayerdop@gmail.co or see the poster displayed for more information.

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission

A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson
21 February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission".

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

[Click here to register](#)

or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Notices:

Details of Collections for 28th December

will be given in the newsletter for 11th January

Thank you.

Bonus Ball News:

Details will be given in the newsletter for 11th January

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 January: For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. <https://popesprayer.va>

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