



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 5th December 2021 (Year C)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OPENNESS TO THE WORD OF GOD

(Readings: Ba 5:1-9, Ps 125, Ph 1:3-6 8-11, Lk 3:1-6)

Saturday 4th

Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent

Yelverton 6pm Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 5th

Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent

Tavistock 9am Mass *John & Barbara Sutherland RIP*

Yelverton 10.45am Mass *Private Intention*

Tuesday 7th

Yelverton 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Ambrose

10am Mass *Private Intention*

Wednesday 8th

Tavistock 9.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Immaculate Conception of the

10am Mass *Private Intention*

Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 9th

Buckland Abbey By invitation only – numbers very restricted.

Feria

10am Mass *Bernard Mills Intention*

Friday 10th

Yelverton 11.25am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria

12noon Mass *Mgr Canon Michael Hanley RIP*

Saturday 11th

Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent

Yelverton 6pm Yelverton *Private Intention*

Sunday 12th

Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

Tavistock 9am Tavistock *People of the Parish*

Yelverton 10:45am Yelverton *Private Intention*

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please continue to: wear a mask whilst in Church; maintain social distancing; hand sanitise on entering and leaving; remain in your seats until directed by a Steward. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Parish Notices: -

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Ernest McLaughlin, Howard Philip Brennan and Margaret Gunnell

the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, Ian Kilpatrick & Canon Denis Collin.

Bernard Mills is having a knee replacement operation this week. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a successful operation and speedy recovery.

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

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.30am Mass. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.*

Walk With Me – There are a few remaining - A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2021 £1.00 per book.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. Please continue to observe social distancing precautions. Sign down on the rota if you can help

Adoration Prayer after Communion:

*O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving,
Be Every Moment Thine.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
& SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Fr Cyriacus will commission the First Holy Communion Children at our Sunday Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Martha Group will meet in the hall after Mass on Tuesday 7th December.

Synod – Our Walking Together Sessions: 7pm in the Hall on Tuesday 7th December 2021.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Fr Cyriacus will be meeting with the Catechists, Candidates & their parents at 6pm on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at Holy Cross, Yelverton.

Come Along and Hear Some Christmas Carols!

Canticorum Choir will be coming to lead a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols on **Friday, December 10th at 7p.m.** at Holy Cross. There will be carols to listen to and carols to join in with and traditional readings to tell the Christmas story.

Canticorum is a Callington-based choir with members who attend both Tavistock Catholic Church and Holy Cross. We are looking forward very much to sharing some festive music with you.

Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

N.B. Last chance: The Annual Parish Christmas Dinner is hopefully back again! Monday 13th December at the Yelverton Golf Club – There are copies of the menu, prices & forms at the back of the church, on our website with the newsletters OR I can email you a copy! **Final date for signing down: Sunday 5th December**
Sue Walsh

Christmas Raffle. Squares £2 each available from today. £50 first prize. To be drawn on Sunday 19th, with (hopefully) mulled wine and mince pies in the hall after Mass.

Christmas Flower Helpers Please contact Fran Blackmore tel.854271 if you would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas. This will probably be on Wed 22nd or Thursday 23rd December.

Christmas Clean: Church and Hall. Saturday 18th December between 10am and 12noon. PLEASE be part of the team. Various tasks, window cleaning, cobweb chasing, anything you care to do including vacuuming and dusting. 10 minutes or 2 hours. We thank the 3 pairs of stalwarts who have continued to clean through the past 18 months and the brass cleaner. Come and say hello. If anyone wants to join the team regularly, please let Gill Lewis or Fran Blackmore know.

Prisoners of Conscience: Please consider this, in this season of goodwill. Alone in a cell, a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned simply because of their beliefs or their defence of human rights, is given light and hope by receiving a card – **from YOU**. If you would like to write such a card, details are given in the booklet **'Write for Rights'** on the table at the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Tony John (852172).

SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING APPEAL

The SVP in Sudan are feeding about 10,000 babies per day, for various reasons the finances for this appeal are well down from previous years. Instead of our usual Christmas appeal, because of Covid, we will place our SVP collecting box at the rear of the church for you to add your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Parish Secretary- Office hours: Wed & Friday 9am-2pm

REFLECTION:

**AN INVITATION TO ADORATION OF
JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST.**

'COME TO ME BEFORE SEEKING ANYTHING OR ANYONE ELSE'

'Rise earlier. Give the first hours of the day. Come to me before seeking anything or anyone else. I will strengthen you to use well the hours of each day begun in this way. I have called you to be My adorer; all else is secondary. I wait for you often disappointed because you allow other things to absorb your time and consume your energy. Give Me as much time as you can, and I will give you time and energy to do all that you must do' (In Sinu Jesu 212)

(Please join us half an hour before Mass every day of the week for adoration in both parishes. It is great to be in the presence of the Lord)

TAVISTOCK FOODBANK: As we are approaching the Christmas period, in addition to their general item collections, they are making up community food parcels and are asking for donations of: mince pies, Christmas pudding, box of chocolates, biscuits, selection box, tin of ham/salmon, crisps, nuts, biscuits for cheese, stuffing, gravy, custard, cranberry sauce, tinned fruit, bottle of cordial. A blue box will be placed in the church porch at the time of Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning for donation collection.

The Bonus Ball Winner on Saturday 27th November was Damian Walsh with ball number 9. He won £25. There were 34 subscribers that night so £9 went to Parish funds.

Can you spare half an hour after Mass on a Sunday?

– Yes? – then come and join the Counting Team! We have reintroduced the weekly Counters Rota for counting the collection and other monies for the Church on a Sunday after Mass. As we only have six volunteers at the moment it means they will be counting every three weeks! The Finance Manual states: "Collections must always be collected, counted and recorded by two unrelated individuals. A parish should have a rota of counters so that the workload can be shared. It is vital that the counters understand how important their role is, and how they should go about counting and recording the income." If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Michael Boon (Parish Treasurer) or Ann Ruth (Parish Secretary).

Recent Collections: Standing orders last week £210.00
November's Loose plate total will be added later

Thank you

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807)

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

The Pope's Universal Intention for December: Prayer Intention for Evangelisation – Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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