



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 5th January 2025— The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

(Readings: Is 60:1-6 Ps 71(70) Eph 3:2-3a.5-6 Mt 2:1-12)

Sunday 5th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	9am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 12th January	The Baptism of the Lord	9am	<i>Oliver Cooper RIP</i>
Thursday 16th January	5pm Reception of Robert Edwards into Church		
Friday 17th January	Requiem Mass	11am	<i>Robert Edwards, RIP</i>
Sunday 19th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	

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:

Nathaniel Brown, Margaret Delisle-Gray, Janet Hazel, Oliver Cooper, Evelyn Downey, Clara Adams

the sick and/or housebound, including:

Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Beavan, Jane Devenish & William Lyall

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during Mass today.

Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.

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.

Alternative Mass times:

St Peter's, Crownhill

Masses: Saturday 6pm & Sunday at 10.30am

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. In addition to this their parenting programme has continued to build links throughout the community giving practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

There is **no Martha Group meeting in January**. The next meeting will be in February.

Joint Parish Christmas Dinner!

Sadly, we have had to cancel this event due to lack of numbers attending.

The PPC will consider how we plan for next Christmas re pre or post-Christmas, a Lunch or Dinner, costs and venue. If you would like us to consider your thoughts, please contact Sue Walsh or Mary Pike.

Thank you to all those who signed down to come. We are sorry if you were disappointed by the cancellation. All deposits will be returned by Sue.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Edwards, RIP**, who died recently. Please pray for him, his wife Barbara and their children and families.

Evening prayer on **Thursday 16th January** when Bob will be received into church at **5pm**.

His Funeral Mass will take place at 11am on Friday 17th January. This will be followed by a Family burial at Whitchurch.

The Wake will be held from 1pm at Yelverton Golf Club. All are welcome.

LEARN TO PRAY – St Peter's Crownhill

Prayer is something that to some degree is a mystery to each of us and can be very challenging. Learn to Pray is designed to help us build a prayer life that's consistent, meaningful, and deeply personal. This course will help and equip us to develop and maintain a strong relationship with Jesus. Jesus is not an idea or a thing or an historical character, Jesus is alive and present in our lives. God is real! Let's learn to talk to Him, together. There will be cake! **Tuesdays at 7pm at St. Peter's on January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.**

Youth Event

13–17 Year old Residential. January 24th- 26th 2025
East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. Come and join other 13-17 year olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join in. These include: photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm giving you a chance to meet the animals and feed them. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

Introducing Jubilee – online session – 18th January 2025, 10:30am- midday. We are excited to invite the Catholic community to join us for our [general introduction to the Jubilee Year](#) with special guests including **Fr Jan Nowotnik**, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, **Christine Allen**, CAFOD Director, and **Kayode Akintola**, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Attendees will hear what Jubilee years are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year and beyond. Also featuring a special song by Catholic Group *Ooberfuse* and more.

Save the date: Day of Reflection – Saturday 1st February at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy
Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1st February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, [Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU](#).

The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

Gather 2025 Jubilate A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, Friday 28th - Sunday 30th March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms available from the parish office, see Facebook page or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

Tavistock Foodbank. For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:
Fruit juice, chocolate, long life milk, sponge pudding, noodles, Cup-a-soup, Tinned fruit, potatoes or carrots.
A big thanks from everyone at Tavistock Foodbank

Around & About magazine Subs for 2025 are now due.

If you wish to continue to receive a copy, please pay Sue Walsh £7 or pay by BACS as shown in your magazine. If you wish to take on a subscription there are forms at the back of the church.

Parish Notices:

Sunday Music- Can you help?

As we prepare for our Sunday Masses going into 2025, it would be helpful to have as many options as possible to support our musical liturgy at Holy Cross. If anyone in the parish would be willing to play the keyboard/organ at 9.00am Mass, or if you play a musical instrument and would like to consider being a member of the Music Group, then please could you speak to Danny?

This need not be a regular weekly commitment, but it is more to enhance our current arrangements to provide flexibility and resilience each Sunday going forward.

Collections 22nd December

Loose Plate £55.20 Standing Orders £385
Card Reader: £40 Mass Attendance: 71

Collections Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Loose Plate £ 528.35
Mass Attendance: C/Eve 96 C/Day 62

Collections 29th December

Loose Plate £63.20 Standing Orders £295
Card Reader: £0 Mass Attendance: 55

Thank you

Bonus Ball News:

On **Saturday 21st December** the winner was Pat Mawer with ball number 8. She won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds.

On **Saturday 28th December** the winner was Marcus Bailey with ball number 55. He won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds

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.**)

Parish Secretary—Our Parish Secretary, Ann Ruth, is Secretary to two Parishes—Yelverton & Tavistock. The Office for both parishes is currently located in Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock. In order for Ann to work effectively it has been agreed that her time will be divided as follows:

Yelverton:
Wednesdays 9am- 12.15pm & Fridays 12.45pm – 4pm

Tavistock:
Wednesdays 12.45pm-4pm & Fridays 9am-12.15pm

Pope's Intentions January 2025 — For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian Community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.