



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 5th July 2020 (Year A)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 144 Rom 8:9,11-13 Mt 11:25-30)

There will be no Public acts of worship until further notice in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, Mass will be celebrated but without a congregation.

Sadly the Government measures mean our churches are closed. The reason is that the virus could be spread via surfaces in the church into which consecutive people come into contact, even if they are not there at the same time, and also there is the possibility of people gathering informally for prayer together which seems a good idea at first sight but would actually be an opportunity to spread the virus.

Dear all,

As we seek to move forward and, God willing, open our churches not only for private prayer but also for the celebration of the Eucharist, we are required to ensure that we do so as safely as possible for all concerned. On Thursday we spent the afternoon in church weighing up various possibilities and arranging the church to ensure that we can respect social distancing. Over the next few days, we hope to continue to plan in a more focused way to bring those hopes to fruition.

In order to move forward with this, we need help. On the days that we open, albeit in a limited way, we need stewards to guide and direct those entering to church. We also need help to clean and sanitise church before each service. Both stewards and sanitisers are needed if we are going to be able to open. We have been reminded that volunteers should be from outside of any of the vulnerable groups. Please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact number if you can help.

Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Martin

N.B. The Cathedral will be open from 12 until 4pm each weekday. When we know which other churches are open we will advertise them too.

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday	4 th July		-	Private Intention
Sunday	5 th July	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	People of the Parish
Tuesday	7 th July		-	Mary Boon (Intention)
Wednesday	8 th July		-	Private Intention
Thursday	9 th July		-	Private Intention
Friday	10 th July		-	Mary Lawlor and Deceased members of the Lawlor Family
Saturday	11 th July	<i>St Benedict</i>	-	Alison Cunliffe RIP
Sunday	12 th July	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	People of the Parish

Daily Mass is being streamed at 11am from Plymouth Cathedral and is available on the Cathedral website. This is the one place where we can join together each day as a Diocesan family, individually making our own act of spiritual communion. In addition, every afternoon at 4.30pm there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament again available online.

Reflections and messages from Bishop Mark are on our website on the Coronavirus page.

We remember in Prayer:

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Caroline M Wilson, Anne McMahon, Dorothy R Holland, John J Wickham, Joan M Reid, Gladys B Stirrup and Catherine Jefferies.

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies and Mary Boon.

Parish Notices: -

Please note Father Martin is available in the Parish.

If you need to call a priest for a 'dying' relative or friend, please call Fr Martin. If, for any reason, he cannot be contacted please ring either Fr Petroc Cobb 01752 721361 or Fr Jonathan Bielawski 01752 701660.

In order to help prevent the spread of the virus, priests are only visiting people when it is absolutely essential, that means only going to the dying and to conduct funerals. Please be assured if you do become critically ill from whatever cause, a priest will come and anoint you and give you absolution. You only have to ring.

All events and meetings at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice

Members of the Martha Group continue to hold their monthly meetings at home on-line and will be gathering for their next session on **Tuesday, 7th July at 10.30 am**. Requests for prayer should please be sent to Mary Pike (mary-mike@thetors.eu) Whilst eagerly awaiting the time when they can meet in the normal way, members remain committed to supporting their three charities which, like charities in general, are in a very vulnerable situation at the present time. **Aid to the Church in Need** report that more than 20,000 families in Syria have recently benefited from an emergency COVID-19 aid package of food baskets, face masks, sanitary items and other protective equipment which they have funded but this is the tip of the iceberg; **Mary's Meals** say that they have never before seen such desperation spread so widely around the world. With schools closed and homes having become places of learning, the charity has had to find new ways to feed the many children who eat Mary's meals - sometimes the only food they receive in a day whilst **Depaul UK** are supporting 2,000 of the most vulnerable young people who are homeless or at risk.

The members of the **Mothers Prayers group** are also currently continuing to hold their normal weekly meetings on-line at **9.15 am on Wednesday mornings**. Should any parishioner have a request for prayer they would be happy to include such petitions. Please contact mguly@aol.com

Emergency Response: Food Bank – Thanks for the donations to the food bank and cash donations which help provide food to some school families who are really struggling. The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: Our Children's Liturgy catechists sometimes use the sites below to help with planning a Sunday Children's Liturgy. You might find them useful to work through with your children. The CAFOD site also has sheets to download to keep little people busy!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

Plymouth Diocese Summer Camps. To join online, contact them via e-mail: Junior Camp – current years 3-6: junior1pdcamp@mail.com; Senior Camp – current years 7-10: Seniorpdcamp@mail.com; St Petroc's Camp – Current years 11-13: chrislee4sc@gmail.com.

The Bonus Ball: On Saturday 27th June ball number 12 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £30 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 30 subscribers that night.

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders: £138.00.

Obviously Church collections are being seriously diminished during this period when there are no services. With no money in the plate, collection funds are seriously reduced. Yet bills continue to arise due to ongoing maintenance, rates, utilities, etc etc.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

*Thanks to those who sent in money for Collections and the Bonus Ball. These will be counted later.

Other Notices:-

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) celebrates after receiving £6,000 from the National Lottery.

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is celebrating after being awarded £6,000 in National Lottery funding to support its work with vulnerable children and their families. CCSP, which is based in Ashburton, covers Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset and will use the cash to help with their Essential Grants programme. This aims to prevent an immediate crisis from threatening the stability of family life, by providing essential items that parents and carers could otherwise not afford for their children.

In April and May, with £2,000 funding from the Devon Coronavirus Fund (DCF), the charity was able to support 10 families by purchasing 4 cookers, 3 washing machines, 1 fridge/freezer, 1 bed & mattress and 1 cot, mattress & high chair. And CCSP have just heard that they've been awarded another £4,000 from DCF as well as some funding from the Albert Gubay Foundation Trust in addition to the National Lottery funding.

Around 30 more families will be supported with similar grants using the new £6,000 of funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, which distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes and is the largest community funder in the UK.

Caritas Plymouth annual review is now on the Diocesan website. We would welcome feedback from parishes on our plans for the coming year. We have also produced a news update to share some of the positive work happening in our parishes during the Covid-19 crisis.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH – Newsletter (Covid-19 edition) There is advice in this newsletter on many issues including Domestic Abuse of both adults and children, Mental health and caring for yourself. This will be on our website on the Newsletter page.

Mary's Meals there is a short video message from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow on our websites. The link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be

Parish Secretary: I am working from home until further notice with no access to the office, printing or copying etc. However, I am happy for any parishioner to contact me whatever day as I will be here at home! Always happy to help! Take care and God Bless, Ann Ruth
Ann can pick up messages left on the Office phone remotely. If you need to speak with her directly you can ring: 07792 585632

Parish newsletter: We will continue to provide a weekly bulletin online, with copies outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish. If there is anything you would like included, please let Sue Walsh know. (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com **(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).**

The Pope's Prayer Intention for Evangelisation for July: Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.