



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 5th FEBRUARY 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Masses today: 9am Parish & People & 10.30am Eileen Fraser RIP
(Eucharistic Prayer:III)

Masses during the week:-

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	10am 9.40am Rosary. Refreshments after Mass
Wednesday	10am <i>Day of prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking & those who wish to combat it</i>
Thursday	10am
Friday	10am <i>St Scholastica</i> 9.40am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday	10am <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> – The sick & those who care for them – <i>World Day for the Sick</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: after all Masses or by appointment

Anniversaries – RIP: Dorothea Foster-Bone, Sarah Oates, Melita Whittaker

Welcome to any visitors to the Parish

Today:

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Irene Cussen, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Mary Silcox, Ray & Oliver Cooper, Maureen Wildash, Willoughby Dampier & Helen Revins.

Children's Liturgy There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (*N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them*).

TODAY: there will be a collection for the **Diocesan Lourdes Fund** which supports some of the sick and youth of our Diocese to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **blue** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church. Please ensure that you complete all the details in pen and sign the form.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome.

Please will any parishioners who can take a turn to serve refreshments please sign down on the board in the hall.

There are miscellaneous cards for sale on the table at the back of church. 50p each.

Unwanted or surplus Christmas Gifts? Many thanks for the donation of unwanted gifts. So far the sale has raised £95 for Mary's Meals. PLEASE DO go and have a look at the table in the hall after Mass. (You can exit to the car park so it won't be out of your way)!

Keyboard player – Is there anyone who has been gifted with keyboard skills? Would you be willing to offer your talent to play occasionally at the 10.30 Mass? If so, please do approach Fr Louis about it and we will explore further.

Dates:

The AGM of the Martha Group will take place on **Tuesday next, 7th February** immediately after the coffee morning which follows the 10.00 am Mass. We do hope that any ladies of the parish who are interested will join us. For further details please ring 852 636.

Holy Cross PPC meeting – Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm in the hall. If parishioners have any items they would like to have raised, please let Mary Pike or one of the other PPC members know asap. (Details of PPC Membership are on Parish website or small notice board).

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday, 3rd March at St. John's Church, Horrabridge at 2pm**. The prayers have been written by the women of the Philippians. All the ladies of the parish are invited and there will be refreshments afterwards.

The **Evangelisation Group** will next meet on 8th March at 7.15pm in the hall.

GATHER 2017 Gracious Gift We are delighted that catechists, teachers, clergy and friends from across the Diocese of Plymouth will be meeting together again next year 3rd–5th March 2017 at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay TQ2 6RQ. The weekend will include; keynote speakers, plenary talks throughout, shared liturgies, quiet space for prayer, a choice of inspiring workshops on Saturday afternoon as well as Saturday evening entertainment. On Sunday we will welcome Bishop Mark O'Toole who will celebrate Mass with us. Further details can be seen on the noticeboard + costs.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Presentations are provided in two distinct parts and will be held on **7th & 14th March at 7.30pm** at Holy Cross. They will be led by the Dean of Plymouth, Fr Tim Lewis. All Extraordinary Ministers are expected to attend and those who have recently been invited to be Extraordinary Ministers. There will be hand-outs. Confirmation of attendance would be helpful.

Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th May -2nd June 2017 & Plymouth Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage on same dates (led by Bishop Mark). Please see notice Board for details.

Notices:

Relocation of organ and removal of some pews

Parishioners will wish to be aware that there are plans to move, shortly, the organ to the back of the church (close to the side entrance). A number of pews will also be removed at the back of the church and, at a later date, the large table. The aim of these changes are: i) to give an unrestricted view of the Lady Chapel and, with the introduction of new chairs, to encourage its use as a chapel of prayer; ii) create more space at the back of the church to allow greater ease of access to notice boards, various resources such as books, pamphlets and other items that will be introduced in time; the CTS booklet rack will also be moved; and iii) create an improved environment for parishioners to converse and interact at the back of the church after Mass and other services.

This initiative was discussed and supported by the PPC. A plan of these new arrangements is on display in the church hall. *Fr Louis*

It was good to see how well represented Holy Cross was at the **Prayer for Christian Unity Service** held last Sunday at St Paul's, Yelverton. It was also good to see our parishioners take an active part in various elements of the service. All contributed to demonstrating our commitment to Christian Unity. *Fr Louis.*

My thanks to all who responded to the call to help with the removal of the crib. Great response. On behalf of the parish, I also wish to thank the parishioner(s) who generously donated the two Christmas trees. The crib looked stunning. *Fr Louis*

Weekday Masses: For many weeks, a sheet has been prepared for each weekday Mass with Entrance & Communion Antiphons (and latterly – to be helpful - the response to the Psalm). Please do take a copy (by the newsletter tray) and join the reader who takes the lead in saying the Antiphons (as happens, or should happen, at the 9am Mass on Sundays). They form part of the Mass!

Mass Intentions: *If you wish to request a Mass Intention you will find on the table, at the back of the Church, Mass intention slips and envelopes. When you have given brief details, please place the slip, and your offering, in the envelope and hand it to me, leave it in the sacristy or put it through the Presbytery letter box. Mass intention cards are also available in the Sacristy if needed. Fr Louis*

Around & About annual subscriptions of £6 are now due. This local inter-church magazine is available for those who wish to take it. See Sue Walsh.

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. The website was launched at the beginning of this month, the traditional month for remembering and praying for the dead: www.artofdyingwell.org

The Bonus Ball winner - on 28th January ball number 20 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £40 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 40 subscribers that night.

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £200.35

Gift aided £130.00

Thank you.

The Pope's Intentions for February are for comfort for the afflicted:

'That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.'

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(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please)

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green

