



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 6th September 2020 (Year A) *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

(Readings: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 94 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18: 15-20)

Dear all,

We are looking to reintroduce the 10.45am Sunday morning Mass at Yelverton as soon as possible. In order to move forward with this, we need help. We need stewards to guide and direct those entering the church. We also need help to sanitise the church after the Service. Both stewards and sanitisers are needed if we are going to be able to open. 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.

A reminder for anyone who has not seen the following information.... We are restricted to 20 “bubbles” in church and need to ensure we do not go over our capacity and to make certain that social distancing is maintained. We appreciate that this will be frustrating, but it is important that we always respect and follow the guidelines of the stewards. We thank them for their continued support, without which we would not be able to open safely. In addition, there is a handout entitled “***Guide for Parishioners during the COVID-19 pandemic***” which we appreciate you reading and following when coming to Mass. We request that parishioners wear masks throughout the service.

Mass in Tavistock will continue to take place on Sundays at 9am.

Prayers

Fr Martin

Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday 5 th Sept	Yelverton 6pm	<i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	Bill & Margaret Douglas RIP
Sunday 6 th Sept	Tavistock 9am	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	People of the Parish
Tuesday 8 th Sept		<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	-	Repose of the Souls of Thomas and Bridget Hanley
Wednesday 9 th Sept			-	Ian Wark RIP
Thursday 10 th Sept			-	Private Intention
Friday 11 th Sept			-	Private Intention
Saturday 12 th Sept	Yelverton 6pm	<i>Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	Private Intention
Sunday 13 th Sept	Tavistock 9am	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	-	People of the Parish

We remember in Prayer:

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michelle Jarman

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies and Barbara Everet

Please pray for Margaret Carter, recently deceased, and for her next of kin Simon, her family and many friends.

Daily Mass is being streamed at 10am 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.

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

Congratulations to John Guly and Srijanee Bhattacharyya who were married on Friday in Yelverton.

Advance Notice: Given the success of our August meeting, it has been agreed that the members of the **Martha Group** should meet for coffee and prayers with another face to face but socially distanced meeting in September. Please note that, in view of the fact that the first Tuesday will be immediately after the Bank Holiday, we have decided that the meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 8th September**. It will as usual be held **at 10.30 am**. Further details will follow next week. There will be no official agenda for the meeting which will be another social occasion and it would give us great pleasure to welcome any ladies of the parish who might be interested in joining us.

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 The box is on the bench under the porch and it is taken to Tavistock on Wednesday mornings. The foodbank desperately need cuppa soups and multi packs of crisps please. Thank you.

Free: A parishioner has a number of Rayovac hearing aid batteries - Size 312 (brown) which are no longer required. If you could make use of these please contact the Parish Office via email or speak to Fr Martin.

The Bonus Ball on Saturday 29th August ball number 16 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £33 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 33 subscribers that night.

I will be at Mass on Saturday evening and will collect Bonus Ball money in the car park after Mass for those who wish to pay.
Sue Walsh

Collections last Sunday: Loose plate £0* Standing Orders £143.00

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Fr Martin

- Loose Plate will not be counted weekly.

Other Notices:-

The Neocatechumenal Way is an itinerary of Catholic formation endorsed by the Church as a way valid for our society and for our times. It has helped many Catholics to go deeper in their faith and many others to discover Christ for the first time. Initial catecheses of the Neocatechumenal Way will take place every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 pm starting on Tuesday 8th of September at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth, PL1 5RZ. Everyone welcome!

The Catenians are a group of Catholic men ranging in age from 42 - 92. We are continuing to meet monthly via Zoom whilst this pandemic is ongoing. Our members and their wives, together with some of our widows, recently held a very enjoyable picnic on Yelverton airdrome attended (at a social distance) by 26 of us. Following the closure of the Moorland Garden hotel we are looking for a new venue which we will announce in a couple of weeks. We will continue to meet via Zoom for the next couple of months though.

Enquiries regarding membership of this world-wide Catholic men's group can be made to David Leah (Dleah55@msn.com) *David Leah - President Plymouth Catenians (07970097452)*

Online individually guided retreats: The Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group is offering online individually guided retreats for three, five or six days. Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Group are experienced guides, who have received training in relation to Ignatian spirituality and include priests, deacons or lay people. Dates can be arranged to suit individuals.

For further information, please contact the Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone: 01752 769164 or 07823447637.

In these uncertain and challenging times, many have rediscovered the delights of the created world, are turning to meditative practices, even finding solace in prayer. Others may feel the need to explore, make sense and reflect on the presence of God in their everyday lives, especially during difficult or painful moments experienced recently.

Youth Events in the Diocese: September 26th There will be workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Workshops will be offered through ZOOM. We plan to share a prayer service at St Peters, Crownhill later that day. Bookings will be taken in September.

In October there will be a series of 5 sessions, exploring Faith, Music and Creativity. One Hope Project will lead 3 of the discussions. These are aimed at young people aged 13-21.

Lastly, I am looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. We are looking for people to sing as well as those that will share thoughts, reflections and read prayers. The theme will be; My spiritual journey, living through COVID 19.

If you are interested in either of these events or any future events, please email: youth@prcdtr.or

**This message has been received from Deborah van Kroonenburg,
(Marriage & Family Coordinator, Department for Evangelisation)**

Dear Brides & Grooms, Married, Betrothed & Couples Considering Marriage! You have been in our prayers especially this year. We are so sorry for all those who have had their wedding plans disrupted by the pandemic and hope that your disappointment will be offset by the joy you have in your marriage. We thought it was time for some good news so we are pleased to tell you that we will be having an **Online Diocesan Marriage Event** on September 12th 2020. If you know the SmartLoving site you will remember that these are very good presenters! So come and meet the couple who have been involved in so many marriages and who share so much of theirs with us all.

So for the diary - the date to save is **Saturday, September 12th - 09.00 - 13.00** (to allow for global time differences) - on your iPad, laptop or phone. Come for part or all of the event. No travel is involved but bring your own drinks!

Please let me know if you would like to take part.

Dear Grandparents and Grandchildren,

You are invited to join the annual pilgrimage for Grandparents which will be online this year on September 13th. (The day after the online Marriage Event!) Please see the attached News Bulletin from the Catholic Grandparents Association for August 2020 for more information. God bless,

Deborah van Kroonenburg (Department of Evangelisation, Marriage & Family Life)

CAFOD: PRAY FOR BEIRUT

Please pray for those affected by the terrible explosion in Beirut and if you can, please support CAFOD's work there

CAFOD's local network are giving food, medical services and other practical help to the most vulnerable families, the elderly and those injured, who find themselves jobless after the explosion.

You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/donations>

VACANCIES: The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following positions:

Caritas Plymouth Project Support Worker

Location: St Boniface House

Salary: £11.39 per hour (£20,730 per annum pro rata) plus pension scheme (subject to eligibility)

Hours: 21 hours per week

Closing Date: Monday 7th September 2020

First Interviews: via MS Teams – Wednesday 30 September 2020, 2nd Interviews in person at St Boniface House on Wednesday 7 October 2020

Caritas Plymouth is looking for someone with office and project management skills to join our small, friendly team supporting social action across the Diocese. DBS required.

Copies of the job description, person specification and application form are obtainable by contacting Cathedral Appointments, Exeter by emailing dani@cathedralappointments.co.uk.

Parish Property Mentors

Location: Homeworking with travel to parishes and occasional travel to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL

Salary: 1 post £30K p.a. pro rata (actual £18K p.a.), and 1 post £35K p.a. (actual £21K p.a.) dependant on experience, plus pension scheme (subject to eligibility).

Hours: 21 hours per week x 2 posts

Closing Date: Monday 14th September 2020

First Interviews: via MS Teams on 22nd September 2nd Interviews in person on 29th September at St Boniface House.

Parish Property Mentors will provide practical guidance & support to Parishes from initial enquiry through to completion of pre & post contract building activities for repair & maintenance activities and more substantial re-ordering/alteration work for churches, parish halls and presbyteries.

The Parish Secretary will be on holiday next week.

Parish newsletter: copies are outside the church (on the bench under the veranda) for those who need them, to keep you in touch with the Parish if you are still shielding. 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 Universal Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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