



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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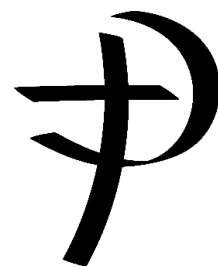
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Week Commencing: Sunday 6th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95(94) Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20)

Sunday 6th September	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	Int: <i>Thomas & Bridget Hanley RIP (FDN)</i>
Sunday 13th September	The Exultation of the Holy Cross	Mass	12.30pm	Int: <i>Bill & Margaret Douglas RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment				

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

We also give a big welcome to Canon John Deeny, our new Parish Priest.

Our Newsletter this week goes on to two pages, please make sure you read them both! We have a lovely message from our new Parish Priest, a message from Fr Daniel, next Sunday is Education Sunday and there's important information about the Year Book.

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tom Sharp

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John & Barbara Edwards.

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 are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays.
Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

Care for Creation – A Special Year

The Year of St Francis 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Pope Leo XIV declared that it will be a special Year of St Francis in which we are all called to become saints in our world, following St Francis' example. We are called to model a holiness of life and witness to peace. The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

Last chance to have your say!!

SPUC URGENT: In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill fell at the end of the Parliamentary session having failed to complete its passage through Parliament. Now, Lauren Edwards MP (Labour) has reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with **Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September**. It appears that the assisted suicide lobby is intending to invoke the Parliament Acts, whereby if the House of Lords rejects the same Bill in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions, it can be passed without their consent **BUT**, if MPs **REJECT** the Bill at Second Reading, it will not progress further. We have just a small window of time to persuade MPs to reject the Bill during the summer recess, when most MPs are back in their constituencies.

Urgent: Stop assisted suicide - postcards available

The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September.

Not Dead Yet UK have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!

Caritas Newsletter:

Click the link for the August edition to read of love in action around our diocese. <https://tinyurl.com/2rxsuy2z>

The Pope's Intentions for September: For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

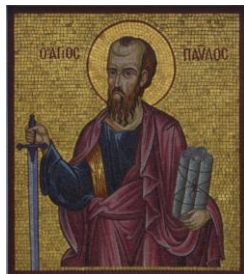
<https://popesprayer.va>

Mass for Marriage: September 12th 12:00- 2:00 pm

Celebrant: Bishop Nicholas Hudson at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth.

Marriage enriches us all. All are welcome, including those whose spouses are no longer with them here. Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. For more information, please contact:

deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk



In the footsteps of St Paul.

Based on his Pilgrimage earlier this year Henry Guly will be giving a talk on St Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey to Greece in 49-52AD at Holy Cross Church, Yelverton on **Friday 18th September 2026 at 7pm**. This is a fundraising event for the Parish of Holy Cross and will be followed by Cheese & Wine in the Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please can you put your name on the list at the back of the Church for catering purposes. Thank you.

SEE. SPEAK. ACT: Faith in Action Against Modern Slavery

14th October 2026 1.00–5.00pm Plymouth Methodist Central Hall *"He has sent me... to set the oppressed free."* (Luke 4:18) Modern slavery is hidden in our communities. Join us for an ecumenical event with expert talks and workshops to learn how your church community can recognise exploitation, safeguard vulnerable people, and help bring freedom and hope. Free event. Booking required:

<https://tinyurl.com/36hftacx>

"...we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering." Pope Leo XIV

Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Dec 1. 2026 UNBOUND Freedom in Christ.

A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ. Weekend tickets from £65.

To book [UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Prayer Retreat. Buckfast Abbey, Devon](#) – Fill in form

Call or email Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information 07940453607

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For more information on Unbound Ministry please follow the link: <https://www.unboundprayer.com/>

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank:

Milk, Fruit juice, Tinned meat, Instant mash, Microwave rice packets,

Thank you for your ongoing support

Save the dates (local events):

- Saturday 19th September 9.30-11.30 "A French Breakfast" in aid of Devon Historic Churches in Meavy Parish Hall. PL20 6 PJ
- Saturday 19th September 10-12 A Macmillan Coffee Morning at Walkhampton Village Hall. PL20 6JN
- Thursday 24th September 7.15. A talk about the work of Catalyst, by the Youth Workers @ Yelverton War Memorial Hall, Meavy Lane PL20 6AL

Parish Notices

Thanks to everyone who made the Farewell Lunch so special last Sunday. To the planners, to all who set up everything on Saturday, to all who contributed on Sunday, an amazing array of salads, puddings, cakes and desserts. To those who cleared away seamlessly working as a team. There were several comments that, "I wish we could do this more often" as it was an opportunity to meet up with old friends and new. We were so lucky with the weather as everyone had the savouries before the rain arrived and it was quite cosy in the hall. A lovely send off for Fr Daniel. **Anon**

Sunday 30th August Collections:

Loose plate: £ 153.30

Card Reader: £40

Standing Orders: £130

Catholic Children's Society:

£695.85 (incl. Card Reader donations)

Mass attendance: 112

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: on Saturday 29th August the winner was Marcus Bailey with ball number 55. He won £25. There were 30 subscribers that night so £5 went to church funds.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative
is Sue Walsh.

The Diocese of Plymouth's Safeguarding Team is available on: 01364 645430 or by email on: safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

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

Parish Office.

Please note: The parish office at Yelverton will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am-2pm, so please to contact Ann during those times.

Marian will be away from the office from September 8th until 29th.

Message from Fr Daniel:

Four years have passed since I arrived in Plymouth—that is half of my priestly ministry! I never imagined that God would lead me to serve His people in this part of England, but hey! God is a God of surprises. It has been a great joy, despite the difficulties, to be with you over these past two years and to share in your joys and sorrows. I take with me many happy memories, the warmth of your welcome, the care you have shown Fr Jon and me, and the charity with which you serve one another, as well as those in need beyond the parish. It will be wonderful not to have to deal with cyclists anymore (to any cyclist reading this, please don't take it personally!), but even that tremendous benefit will never compensate for what I shall lose by leaving you. I thank you for all that you have done for me, and I can only hope and pray that the God of surprises will continue to bless both you and me.

Plymouth Diocesan Year Book 2027 - If you would like me to order you the 2027 Year Book please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. I need to place the order by Monday 14th September 2026. For the past couple of years these have been 'free' and I am hoping that will be the same again this year! Ann.

Next Sunday is Education Sunday. The second collection is 'optional'. If you wish to contribute you can do so by using the Card Reader or putting your money in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you.



CAST Message for Education Sunday - 13th September 2026

At the heart of our Diocese is Plymouth CAST, a family of 34 Catholic schools and one nursery spanning Cornwall, Devon, and Dorset. The Trust exists to ensure that our young people flourish in environments that are safe, happy, and intellectually stimulating.

As state-funded academies, Plymouth CAST schools provide a high-quality Catholic education that is free and accessible to all families. When a family chooses a Plymouth CAST school, they are joining a community that is:

- **Faith-led:** Everything is rooted in the Gospel. We don't just teach subjects; we inspire children to live with integrity, kindness, and a commitment to social justice.
- **Ambitious for All:** We hold the highest expectations for every child, empowering them to exceed their potential and discover their unique, God-given talents.
- **One Team:** As a Trust, our schools work as one. By sharing expertise and resources, we ensure that every child, regardless of their starting point, benefits from the collective strength of the whole family of schools.

The goal for every pupil in a CAST school is that they leave with the "knowledge, skills, personal qualities, and aspirations to make the world a better place." We are not just educating students for exams; we are nurturing future leaders who are confident, compassionate, and ready to build a brighter tomorrow.

If you are seeking an education for your child that prioritises both academic excellence and spiritual growth, we warmly encourage you to consider your local Plymouth CAST school.

We are also welcoming of anyone who would like to explore what it means to be a governor within one of our Plymouth CAST schools. If you are interested, our schools would love to hear from you! Please contact your nearest Plymouth CAST school in the first instance so that the teams can put you in touch with the Chair of the Local CAST Board for an informal conversation.