



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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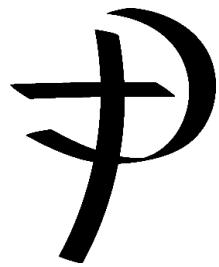
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Week Commencing Sunday 7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

(Readings: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72(71) Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12)

Sunday 7th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	Mass	9am	<i>Olivia Wallwork RIP</i>
Tuesday 9th December		Mass	10am	<i>Jim Walsh RIP</i>
Sunday 14th December	3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudate Sunday	Mass	9am	<i>Mary Lawler & Deceased members of the Lawler Family</i>
				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: Terence Fleet

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

There will be a retiring collection for Christmas Flowers for the next two Sundays. You can pay on the card machine if you prefer.



PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICES:
Wednesday 10th December 7pm Holy Cross, Yelverton
Tuesday 16th December 7pm St Thomas More

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The preparation programme for 2026 will be starting this **Sunday, 7th December 2025 at 10:00am**, after Mass, with a meeting with Father Jon.

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.

Did you see the note last weekend about help needed for Christmas preparations?

We need lots of help on Saturday 20th December from 10am

There are spare copies of the note at the back of the church. Even if you can't help on the 20th there may be something else you can do!

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER A special edition newsletter has been issued celebrating the installation of Bishop Nicholas Hudson.

Please follow this link:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t860B12B0A8754D92540EF23F30FEDED>. All the homilies and addresses are also on the website in the Latest section

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/latest/>

Holy Cross Repository:

Please check out the table at the back of the church for Christmas gifts and Cards

Walk With Me Advent Booklets £1.50

Local events:

St John's Church, Horrabridge.

Festival of Nativity Scenes*

6th December to 14th. 2pm-6pm daily.

Rock Methodist Chapel, **Christmas Tree Festival***
Open daily from 9th -14th Dec 10am- closing times vary
Sunday 14th Carol Service 10.30am

*Holy Cross will have displays at both events.

Polish choir, The Sounds for the Glory of the Lord is having a tour, that includes three churches of our Diocese, which have kindly agreed to host. For the third time the choir will sing in Ilford Park Polish Home (6th Dec, 2:30) Sacred Heart, Exeter (12th Dec, 7pm) and, for the first time in **Tavistock, Our Lady of the Assumption and St Mary Magdalene (14th Dec, 5:30pm)**. Free entry.

Advent Retreat – Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lynton Convent, Devon EX35 6BS **12-14th December 2025**. An invitation for women aged 18-35 to come can spend a time of prayer and study with our contemplative community. For more information or to book a place please contact: srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com

St. Boniface's College & Notre Dame School**Carol Service Wednesday, December 17th**

St. Boniface's College & Notre Dame School Carol Service at Notre Dame. School open from 5pm for Christmas Craft stalls and Service begins at 6.30pm.

**Teens residential, 23rd - 25th January 2026,
East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor**

The 2026 teens residential (those aged 13-17) are invited to explore lives of people holding a refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There is time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. Once listening to the stories there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what action they would like to do. This event cost £50pp. To book: For further information: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta, Small coffee, Noodles, Pot noodles**

Any treats for Christmas would be very welcome.

Thank you.

Parish Notices:**Holy Cross dates for your diary!!****Joint* Christmas Carol Service**

Sunday 21st December at 2.30pm

Christmas Masses:

24th December 8pm (7.30 Carols)

25th December 10am

Christmastide Joint* Parish Lunch:

Yelverton Golf Club: Tues 13th January 2026
12.30 for 1pm

Forms with prices and menu choices available at the back of the church and online.

Collections:

Sunday 23rd November – Loose plate collection was £114.51 (not £10 as recorded!)

30th November

Loose Plate: £107.80 Standing Orders: £175
Card Reader: £50 Mass Attendance: 62

Thank you.

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 29th November** ball number 46 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £28 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 28 subscribers that night.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Walsh.

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

The Pope's Intentions for December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

<https://popesprayer.va>