



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Week Commencing Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Year B) *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

(Readings: *Jb 7:1-4.6-7 Ps 146 1Co 9:16-19.22-23 Mk 1:29-39*)

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| <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b><i>Vigil Mass of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b><br>Yelverton <b>6pm</b>                                    | Josie Bastable RIP   |
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>     | <b><i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b><br>Tavistock <b>9am</b><br>Yelverton <b>10.45am</b>                      | Canon Kevin Rae RIP<br>People of the Parish<br>Mary Lawlor & Deceased members of the Lawlor Family<br>Madeline Theresa Davies-King RIP |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>    | <i>Feria</i>   | Chris Fanning Intention<br>Waller Kenny RIP  |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>St Scholastica</i>  |  |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | <i>Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick</i>   |  |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>    | <i>Feria</i>   |  |
| <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b><i>Vigil Mass of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b><br>Yelverton <b>6pm</b>                                    | Maria Swords RIP   |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b><i>The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Racial Justice Day</i></b><br>Tavistock <b>9am</b><br>Yelverton <b>10.45am</b> | People of the Parish<br>Stanley Charles Norton RIP   |

As we are now in Tier 4, the Government guidelines state places of worship can open for communal services, but people should **not** mix with anyone from outside their household or support bubble. This means we can continue with our Masses.

As we have had a few parishioners with cases over the last few weeks, and given the above, we re-emphasise that, however well intentioned, once in church you must:

- wear a face covering to keep your nose and mouth covered at all times (except when receiving Holy Communion)
- sit in your allocated seat and not move around or chat with friends or fellow parishioners from outside of your household or support bubble.

These are requirements of us being able to be open and we appreciate your support with this.

**A warm welcome to our visitors!**

### Parish Notices:-

Please pray for:

**the Repose of the Souls of:**

**Aniela Rieunier (Fr Louis' mother)** our thoughts and prayers are with Fr Louis, his brother René and friends and family who mourn her at this sad time.

**Maria Swords**, We send our prayers and sympathy to her niece, Finola Gill, family and friends who mourn Maria.

**the sick and/or housebound** including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies and Barbara Everet.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
Sarah Oates, Melita Whittaker, Esther Sinclair, Mary O'Connor and Noel E Killeen.

**Parish Notices: -**

**More stewards and sanitisers are needed to help at our Masses. Please let the Parish Office know if you can assist us. Fr Martin**

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**. Please contact [mguly@aol.com](mailto:mguly@aol.com) with prayer requests.

### Other Notices: -

**Welcome the Stranger – Celebrating the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 5-6.30 pm.**

All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole and Bishop Declan Lang for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative.

The event will take place via zoom and you can register to attend by emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or following the link on our website.

**Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!**

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire.

Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

The consultation ends on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**Stay Awake 2021** – Booking is open via the webpage: see [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com) for more info and to receive the Zoom link for entry. This is the *third year* for our home-grown **all age** event and takes place on **Saturday 27th February**, via Zoom. Running from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm with inspiring/encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home! Includes a session for kids from 13:00 – 13:30 (Reception – Yr 9). Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event! Check out the new Facebook and Instagram Pages – be sure to like/follow to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links below and we look forward to seeing you online!:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/>

Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

Email: [stayawakejc19@gmail.com](mailto:stayawakejc19@gmail.com)

**‘A Precious Place of God’s Grace’** Since it was issued on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020, “A Precious Place of God’s Grace”, on the development of the pastoral structures in our diocese over the next five years and beyond, has rightly generated a lot of interest amongst our clergy and laypeople, with a number of individuals and parish groups having already fed back their initial thoughts. However, the on-going Covid-19 restrictions have impeded parish communities from being able to engage fully and widely with the document and its accompanying Parish Self-Assessment Tool. Therefore, in order to ensure that the important voice and views of our laypeople and parish communities are heard in this process of discernment, “A Precious Place of God’s Grace” will be relaunched, with the Parish Self-Assessment Tool, when lockdown restrictions are eased. I hope in this way, we can hear from as many people as possible. Anyone in the diocese is still welcome to send any feedback directly to Canon Kristian Paver ([kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:kristian.paver@prcdtr.org.uk)), who is collating it on behalf of myself and the Bishops Council. Please also note Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May in your diaries, when an online event for Clergy and faithful in the Diocese, on “A Precious Place”, will be facilitated by Michael Dopp, Director of the International Summit on the New Evangelisation. Further details will be sent out by the Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis soon.

#### **Pilgrimage of Healing and Thanksgiving**

I plan to be the spiritual leader of a gently paced pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early March 2022. It will include a full programme of visits to the Holy Sites and staying in excellent Christian accommodation in the hills of Samaria and Judea and closing with three nights at the Sea of Galilee. Places are limited to a total of 30, on a first come first served basis. To register your interest and for further detail please contact Della Shenton on [della@5gr.org](mailto:della@5gr.org).

**Bishop Mark**

**Caritas Lent Resources:** Caritas Plymouth has developed some resources for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021. The resources include podcasts, links to websites and ideas for reflection during Lent, with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lenten-2021-Resources.pdf>. We hope that you find this material inspiring

#### **The Pope’s Universal intention for February - Violence against women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

#### **Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages.**

So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can’t cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage and you don’t need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021:

Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443.

Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

#### **Parish Notices continued:**

Thanks, from the Finnie family for all Mass cards and messages, which are of great comfort. A total of £76 has been donated to Marie Curie via Holy Cross.

A very big thank you to all at Holy Cross, and especially Fr Martin and the Martha Group, who prayed for **Joy Jewell** during her recent spell in hospital. We are praying for you all too, and are very grateful for your thoughts, prayers and concerns for mum.

**Susan & Phil Jewell.**

**Foodbank** – We are currently supporting the Horrabridge Community Food Store. Items required are: **Tinned vegetables & meals, ravioli, Frey Bentos pies, toilet roll, washing up liquid, laundry powder, small boxes of tea, coffee, sugar.** **Polite request:** no more pasta, rice or cereals as they have an abundance at the moment. **Items can still be left on the bench under the porch and they will be taken on Wednesday mornings.** For more information about this community visit their facebook group page: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/217891756264547?view=group>

#### **Recent Collections**

Standing orders: £108.00

*Other collections will be counted after the Lockdown.*

**Thank you**

**The Bonus Ball winner:** on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January ball number 42 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £26 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 26 subscribers that night

**Scam emails:** Please be aware there is a scammer purporting to be **Fr Martin Stone** contacting various parishioners randomly. He has also tried through our website! If unsure contact the Parish Office. **DO NOT RESPOND** to those emails.

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

Parish Secretary working hours: Tues & Fri 9am-2pm.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807)