



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 7th January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses today: 9am Parish & People & 10.30am Irene Cussen RIP

Masses during the week

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	10am	9.40am Rosary. Refreshments after Mass
Wednesday	10am	
Thursday	10am	
Friday	10 am	
Saturday	No Mass	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10am weekday Masses and on request.

Anniversaries – RIP: Margaret Delise-Gray, Janet M. Hazel, Evelyn M. Downey, Clara M. Adams, Gerald A. Ivereigh

A warm welcome to our visitors to Holy Cross

Today:

We warmly welcome **Fr Brian Stocks** who will be the Celebrant at both Sunday Masses.

Irene Cussen's Requiem Mass will be held on **Friday 19th January at 11am**. Irene's body will be received into the church on Thursday 18th January at 6pm.

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Mary Silcox, Maureen Wildash, Helen Revins, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies & Oscar Kennedy.

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*).

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **blue or white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church.

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.

The FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILLIATION preparation programme for 2018 will be starting on Sunday 28th January at 9:15

Any parent/guardian whose child is in school Year 3 or above and wishes to start the preparation, should fill in a registration form, which can be collected from the back of the church. This should be handed to either Father Louis or Mary Pike by Sunday 21st January.

Available:-

***Catholic Herald* £2.50**

***Catholic South West for January* 50p**

CTS booklets available from the rack

Jesus Rediscovered. There was a good take-up of this book during the Christmas Masses. There are still quite a few copies left which will again be distributed at Easter. Some regular parishioners have also expressed interest in this book. You are welcome to take a copy if you are interested. (They will be removed from the church after Mass on Sunday 18 January).

Children First, the newsletter of the Catholic Children's Society, is now available at the back of church or can be found on the Society's website www.cccsplymouth.org.uk. To receive the newsletter direct to your door or mailbox please contact our office on 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk

We can use your 'new but surplus to requirements' Christmas gifts.

There will be a box at the back of church over the next few weeks to receive items which will be put up for sale; proceeds to church funds.

Dates:

The SVP will meet in the Upper Rooms after the 10am Mass on Tues. 9th January.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is a Lobby Group (and not a charity) that works at the forefront of the pro-life campaign to save unborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. It also campaigns on other pro-life issues such as the promotion of the family, and opposing assisted suicide and euthanasia. **You are invited to support its work in response to SPUC's Appeal that will take place on Sunday 14th January.**

FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES: Information Evening 16th January at 7.15pm. If you have not yet had the opportunity to take part in this diocesan initiative or would like a refresher, you are invited to join a new group which will meet at the Cathedral for 7 Tuesdays at 7.15pm. This is for every member of the church community and is to fulfil Jesus' great commission to "Go and make Disciples" *Matthew 28:19*. All Welcome.

Christian Unity – The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will begin on 18th Jan and end on 25th Jan. This year, Holy Cross will be hosting the annual ecumenical service for Christian Unity. It will be held on **Sunday 21 January at 3pm** and our local Christian communities will be joining us. Please do support this with your attendance if you can. As customary, light refreshments will be provided and will follow the service. Volunteers will be needed to help set this up.

Formation Days for Catechists: - calling all catechists and "would be" catechists who help pass on the faith in any way by involvement in Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage Preparation programmes or Children's Liturgy. A four-part course is being offered, free of charge, to help you grow in your knowledge of the faith and a sense of personal calling. Content will include Teaching to Pray, Liturgical Life, Preparing the Faith and Life in Christ. The following dates and venues are available: **St. Peter's Parish Room, Crownhill, Plymouth (PL5 3AX) 10.30am-1pm** - Saturdays, Feb 3rd, May 5th, Oct 6th 2018 and Jan 19th 2019

Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 2-8 August 2018. £779 fully inclusive. Contact Pilgrimage Director: Rev Kieran Kirby 01803 294142.

Plymouth Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 2-8 August 2018. £495 fully inclusive. Contact: Rev Anthony O'Gorman 01637 851697.

Flyers at back of church for both pilgrimages.

Notices

Thank you very much for your generous Christmas offerings which will contribute to my annual allowance and for which I am very grateful. *Fr Louis*

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*

New to the Parish? If you have not done so, it would be really helpful you could please fill in the form at the back of the church giving your name & details for Parish records? Thank you.

The Art of Dying Well is a 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. www.artofdyingwell.org

Derriford Hospital Details: You may wish to inform the hospital Chaplaincy team if you are going into Hospital or if you know of anyone who is in hospital who would appreciate a visit while in there. Leave a message on **01752 245255** giving the patient's name (and Ward, if known), your name and telephone number and any other information you think might help. It would also be good to let Fr Louis know too!

Around & About subscriptions of £6 are now due for the coming year, 10 issues. This local inter-church magazine is available for those who wish to take it. See Sue Walsh.

SVP SUDAN CHRISTMAS APPEAL We would like to say thank you to all who contributed to this appeal which raised **£622.00**. The box at the back of Church will continue to collect for this appeal; all contributions no matter how small will be gratefully received because the crisis in Sudan is not improving.

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £195.32

Gift aided £123.00. **Thank you**

The Bonus Ball winner on 30th Dec was Fran Blackmore with ball number 34. She won £25. There were 46 subscribers that night so £21 went to Parish funds.

The Pope's Intentions for January:

'That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.'

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

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green

