

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

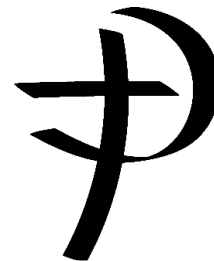
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**Week Commencing Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (C)**

(Readings: Ba 5:1-9 Ps 126 (125) Ph 1:3-6.8-11 Lk 3:1-6)

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>9am</b>	<i>Intentions of Mary Gibbs</i>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<i>Alexander Johnathan Christou Yianni('Alex') RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>9am</b>	

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** – After Mass or by appointment.

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors!**

### **Please pray for:**

**the repose of the soul of Alexander Johnathan Christou Yianni('Alex')**

**all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Terence Fleet

**the sick and/or housebound, including:** Margaret

Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Robert Edwards, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Alexandra Vanduivanbode & Mary Gibbs.

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.*

**N.B. The children will now be called up to receive their lectionary after the Collect, just before the first Reading.**

**Walk With Me Advent 2024** Booklets at £1 each and Jubilee Advent calendars for the youth are available on the table at the back of the Church.

**Sunday Missals**—the new ones have arrived. If you ordered a Missal they cost £19.99 and you need to pay Ann Ruth

**Refreshments** will be served in the hall after Mass. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

### **Alternative Mass times:**

#### **St Peter's, Crownhill**

Masses: Saturday 6pm & Sunday at 10.30am

**Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock:**  
9am Sundays

### **Penitential Services**

St Peter's Crownhill Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

**Holy Cross, with Fr Anil, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**6.30-7.30pm**

### **THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE has started!**

**Proceeds to Holy Cross Funds.**

**£1 a Square. £50 first prize with lots of other goodies.**

**The Draw will take place on December 22<sup>nd</sup> after Mass.**

**We need a couple of people to serve the mulled wine and mince pies, which are provided.**

### **BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN**

Can you spare an hour or two to help get the church ready for Christmas on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10am?

We will be dusting, polishing, vacuuming and bringing down the Nativity figures from upstairs.

#### **Christmas Flowers**

There will be a basket at the back of the church for donations towards the cost of the flowers.

Can you provide any holly and other greenery to decorate the church ?

Help is also needed with flower arranging for Christmas on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am.

Please contact Fran Blackmore 07740485934 if you can help

**Parish Secretary – Ann Ruth Telephone Number: 01822 613802 e-mail: [yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk)**  
**Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am – 4pm**

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## LEARN TO PRAY – St Peter’s Crownhill

Please join us for the start of our Advent community gatherings as we look together at Prayer. Prayer is something that to some degree is a mystery to each of us and can be very challenging. Learn to Pray is designed to help us build a prayer life that's consistent, meaningful, and deeply personal. This course will help and equip us to develop and maintain a strong relationship with Jesus. Jesus is not an idea or a thing or an historical character, Jesus is alive and present in our lives. God is real! Let's learn to talk to Him, together. There will be cake! **Tuesdays at 7pm at St. Peter's on December 10th & 17th, January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.**

“Once again, this Advent, the Tamar Lay Dominican Group would like to warmly invite you to join us to **“Light a Candle”** for a loved one or any other intention, at **Christ the King Church, Armada Way, Plymouth.** We will be outside the church offering candles to late night shoppers and those on their way home from, or going to, work; to find a quiet place to be in the busyness of their lives.

**We will be at Christ the King from 6:15 until 7:30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Alone at Christmas? TaviHelps Christmas lunch at the URC:** Local Charity “TaviHelps” has asked Tavistock Area Christians Together to help publicise the Christmas lunch that they are hosting at the URC once again this year. Do you know someone who could be alone this Christmas and may like to share Christmas Day with others?

TaviHelps warmly invites them to a Traditional Christmas turkey dinner with fun, friendship and music! Volunteers will happily pick up before 11.30 and take people home at around 2.30 There is no charge, but places are limited, so it is really important to book in advance. Please contact Judy Hirst of TaviHelps either by phone 07894 538131 or email: [info@tavihelps.co.uk](mailto:info@tavihelps.co.uk)

*Thank you - Jackie Palmer - TACT sec.*

You are warmly invited to click on the link to read the Diocesan newsletter for December 2024:

[https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-](https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-D10EC9248862713D2540EF23F30FEDED)

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sign up here to receive future newsletters, weekly

Advent Reflections by Monsignor Draper and

Journeying to the Jubilee related

content: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>

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

**Fruit juice, chocolate, long life milk, sponge pudding, noodles, Cup-a-soup, Tinned fruit, potatoes or carrots.**

**Any Christmas treats would be very welcome.**

*A big thanks from everyone at Tavistock Foodbank*

## ***We can still defeat assisted suicide!***

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages.

Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading.

***Please take action now and***

***visit [//www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote) to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading***

## **Parish Notices:**

**Martha Group:** The Minutes from the Martha Group's November meeting are on display on the Martha Group notice board in the hall. Please feel free to take down and read!

## ***Christmas!***

There will be 2 Masses at Holy Cross at Christmas:

***Christmas Eve at 8pm***

***Christmas Day at 9am.***

***We are also going to hold our annual Parish Christmas Dinner on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at the Yelverton Golf Club again. Menus & forms are now at the back of the church.***

***This year we are also inviting anyone who would like to join us from St Peter's, Crownhill and Our Lady of the Assumption, Tavistock.***

**Have you got a Red Box** which needs emptying? In order to have its contents included this year please leave it at the back of the church. **Missio calendars for 2025 are available on the back table.** ***Banked so far this year: £134.88***

## **Collections 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Loose Plate £109.40

Standing Orders £575

Card Reader: £0

Mass Attendance: 55

Thank you.

**Bonus Ball News:** On **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** ball number 17 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £31 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 31 subscribers that night.

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh.

**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.**



## **Pope's Intentions for December: For Pilgrims of Hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.