



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week Commencing Sunday 8th February 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Day for Victims of Human Trafficking & those who work to combat it

(Readings: Is 58:6-10 Ps 112(111) 1Co 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16)

Sunday 8 th February	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	<i>Henry & Maeve Guly, Thanksgiving for 50 years of Marriage.</i>
Tuesday 10 th February	NB: This Mass may be cancelled at short notice if no priest is available.	Mass	10am	<i>Dorrie Timson RIP</i>
Sunday 15 th February	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	

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:

Ken Yates, Sarah Oates, Melita Whittaker, Esther Sinclair, Mary O'Connor, Noel Killeen, George Saughter

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.

Please pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion & Sacrament of Reconciliation in June 2026:

Christabel, Elsa, Fintan, Hugh & Oscar

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 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.

Refreshments are now also being served after the Tuesday Weekday Mass, please come along and join us in the hall for a drink and chat.

Residential Retreats Diocese of Plymouth 2026 – please see the poster on the noticeboard and take a 'flyer' (on the table with the Newsletters) if you are interested.

On this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church marks the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. Today's readings remind us that true faith is shown in justice, compassion, and light shining in darkness. We are invited to pray for all who suffer exploitation and for those who work, often unseen, to defend human dignity.

Retiring Collection next Sunday (15th February)

The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions. The Sisters would be very grateful for your donations to help with their work. For more information, please see leaflet at the back of the Church, there are also some prayer cards available. **Please donate if you can – nothing is too small. The card Machine will also be available for donations.** Thank you.

Pancake lunch

The Martha Group are holding a pancake lunch on Shrove **Tuesday 17th February at 12 noon** in the parish hall. Both Savory and sweet options will be available. All funds raised will be put to parish funds.

The Pope's Intentions for February: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. <https://popesprayer.va>

Marriage Week 7-14th February. This year's theme is: "**Together with Purpose**". Please pray for married couples, those discerning or preparing for marriage, those who are suffering in their marriages and those who are grieving, especially in the coming week.

There are plenty of resources available. For more information use these links:

[SLMK A4 Brochure - Bifold Marriage Week](#). Bishops Conference prayers and reflections here - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>. www.Smartloving.org

Dilexi Te The Burning Heart of the Church's

Mission: Day of Reflection 21st February 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre with Bishop Nicholas Hudson opening the day and closing with Mass **This event is now fully booked. For those who wish to go on the waiting list, please email.**
caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

The culture awakens! Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – SPUC

Are you 16 to 35 years old? Join us for a chance to engage with key figures in the pro-life movement and like-minded company at our largest gathering of young pro-lifers from across the country.

In just one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow abortion up-to-birth and voted in favour of legalising assisted suicide. Our culture is facing a tipping point, and that is why it is more important than ever that pro-life young people come together to join the fightback to defend the unborn and the vulnerable.

We are on a mission to make abortion unthinkable, and the 2026 Youth Conference theme, The Culture Awakens, seeks to call each person to take a step towards this goal. Increase your pro-life knowledge, learn effective strategies for pro-life activity, hear pro-life testimonies and make new friends!

When? Friday 27th February – Sunday 1st March '26

Where? Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL

How much? The weekend costs £150 which includes accommodation and all meals. **Sponsorship is available if necessary.**

To register, or for further details, contact Katherine Hampton at:

katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk or <https://spuc.org.uk/youthconference/>

Inspire, Saturday 14th March, Buckfast Abbey. 11-18.00. Youth Events would like to welcome young people **aged 12-24** to Inspire. Inspire is a festival of musicians, speakers and workshops encouraging young people to explore how Christ is rooted in their lives. Details on the bands, speakers and workshop will be released over the coming week. Tickets are **£30 per person**. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: [Inspire 2026 Parish Booking Form – Fill in form](#)

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Milk, Fruit juice, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Custard**
Thank you.

GATHER 2026 We look forward to welcoming you to our annual GATHER conference **20th - 22nd March** at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. This year's theme is 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship. We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too! Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing plymouthgather@yahoo.com

Stay Awake! Save the date: Saturday 2nd May, 2026
'Stay Awake' tickets are now available – book yours today at www.stayawakejc.com Taking place at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10am – 6pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages! Could this be part of your New Year's resolution, to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?

Medjugorje Pilgrimage The Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Medjugorje is in the early stages of organisation. We will be flying from Bristol to Split **Thursday 1st to Thursday 8th October.** £785pp sharing £150 single supplement. Half-board, fully guided Pilgrimage with Marian Pilgrimages. Please contact plymouth-plympton@prcdtr.org.uk if you are interested in joining us.

Do you love knitting? If you enjoy knitting and would like to help families, of all faiths and none, by knitting items for babies and children, please do get in touch with our Essential Grants Manager by calling **01364 645424** or by emailing vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk **(There are more details on our website or ask Ann Ruth or Sue Walsh to email you more details.)**

Parish Notices:

Sunday 1st February Collections:

Loose Plate £145.20	Standing Orders: £540
Card Reader: £0	Mass attendance : 67

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 31st January** the winner was Mary Pike with ball number 11. She won £25. There were 25 subscribers that night so £0 went to church funds

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

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

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