



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

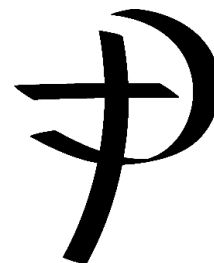
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Week Commencing Sunday 8th January 2023 (Year A)

The Baptism of the Lord

(Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 28 Ac 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17)

Saturday 7th	Tavistock	9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		10am	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
			Vigil Mass of the Baptism of the Lord	
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 8th			Mass of the Baptism of the Lord	
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Nora Frances Barrett RIP (FDN)</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>Oliver Cooper RIP</i>
Tuesday 10th			No Mass	
Wednesday 11th			No Mass	
Thursday 12th			No Mass	
Friday 13th			No Mass	
Saturday 14th			Vigil Mass of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 15th			Mass of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	<i>Pat & Brian Richardson Intention</i>
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	<i>The O'Kelly Family – living and deceased</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: – is usually available after Mass on Friday mornings (Wednesday in Tavistock) or by appointment.

Bidding Prayers response:
**and he will renew the face
of the earth.**

A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Delisle-Gray, Janet Hazel, Oliver Cooper, Evelyn Downey, Clara Adams, Gerald Ivereigh, Jane McKinnon, Florence Leahy, Sr Louise.

the sick and/or housebound: including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray & Joy Jewell.

Please pray for **Carolyn Hempenstall, RIP** who died last week, Please pray for her family and friends who mourn her.

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.45am Mass. *Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them*

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

Repository – I have two 2023 Catholic Diaries with the Order of the Mass left. Do you need one – let me know. £3.00 each. Thanks. Ann Ruth: yelverton@prcdtr.org.uk

CATECHESIS: KNOW YOUR FAITH

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism (CCC, no. 1277). The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, he submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist although he didn't need one because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. The waters did not purify him; no! rather he cleansed the waters for our salvation. He asked to be baptised because he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin -Original and actual – and begin to live a new life with God.

The RCIA meeting scheduled for 11th January has been cancelled.

N.B. Fr Cyriacus will have a Christmas break from 9th - 14th January. There will be no weekday Masses this week

The SVP will meet in the hall on Tuesday 10th January at 10am..

CRIB OFFERINGS will go to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). A basket has been placed next to the Crib - Please try to be generous as this collection is one of their major sources of income. Income is vital to help the Society continue its parenting programme to provide practical and emotional support to parents as they bring up their children.

Synodal Journey – A conversation about safeguarding online event

Many of you will have been involved in the synodal process, and we know from the feedback both locally and nationally that many significant questions and issues were raised around safeguarding, ranging from disappointment and concern over past events, the impact on both individuals and the reputation of the church, as well as concern over what needs to be done in the future. More recently we have seen the release of the final report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) which itself highlighted the terrible and damaging impact on children and families caused by abusers. Whilst looking back, this paints a very grim picture of society as a whole. Looking forward both nationally and locally there is a great deal of work undertaken both in the voluntary and statutory sector to prevent abuse from occurring, and to work with and support those who have been hurt in the past. We as a Diocese are playing our part in that not only within the Church, but in wider society.

Being aware that many of you may have questions around how safe my church is, what are the implications arising from the IICSA report, and what about safeguarding and the synodal journey, we have decided to host an online event which will be led by Robert Brown, the Senior Safeguarding Professional employed by the Diocese. The event will take place on Monday 9th January between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. If you wish to attend then please sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337> so that we can send the Zoom meeting details to you. This will also provide you the opportunity to highlight any questions you would like to be answered at the meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns in the interim then please contact the Safeguarding Office on 01364 645430 or e-mail safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

'Synodality Series'

By popular demand, the Diocese is offering 2 further talks by Dr Caroline Farey on vital aspects of synodality. Come and discuss in person or join the day online via zoom.

The talks will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX For those attending the day there will be 10.30am refreshments and 12.15pm lunch break. (Bring your own lunch). There is also Mass at 9.30am. To request a zoom link please email: carolinefarey@btinternet.com

Saturday 11th February 2023:

11.00am: Talk 1. Sharing the priesthood of Christ.
1.15pm: Talk 2. Should women share in the hierarchy?

Parish Notices:

**Did you know 2023 is
the Holy Cross Centenary Year?**
More details will be given at both Masses this weekend.
Please pick up a Launch bulletin as you leave the church.

The Annual Joint-Parish Christmas Dinner with Yelverton & Tavistock parishioners invited takes place on Monday 9th January at the Yelverton Golf Club – 6.30 for 7pm. (For those who have signed down)
Sue Walsh

Please continue to donate used postage stamps, foreign coins and plastic bottle tops. They can be left in the foodbank box and will get to their correct destination.

We would also like new, unsuitable/unwanted Christmas gifts to use throughout the year for various raffles/ sales. These can be left at the back of church in a marked "bag for life" or given to a member of the PPC. Thank you.

We are still collecting items for the Tavistock Foodbank. Anything you can spare will be gratefully received. Please leave items in the box in the porch.

Bonus Ball Winner: on Saturday 31st December was Frances Cooper with ball number 19. She won £25. There were 31 subscribers that night so £6 went to Parish funds.

Some subscriptions have run out. If you can renew yours that would be great! This provides a steady drip feed for the Parish particularly on a week where the number is unsold so the Parish wins the entire amount. This happened 26 times this year alone!

Last week's Collections:
Loose plate £142.10
Standing orders £685.00
Thank you

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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The Pope's Intention for January: For educators
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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