



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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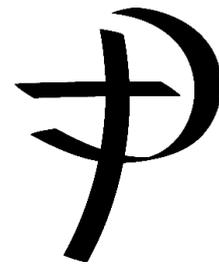
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Week Commencing Sunday 8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

(Readings: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95(94) Rom 5:1-2.5-8 Jn 4:5-42)

Sunday 8th March	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 12.30pm	<i>Karen Gasche RIP</i>
Tuesday 10th March		Mass 10am	
		Followed by Stations of the Cross	
Sunday 15th March	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent- Laetare Sunday</i>	Mass 12.30pm	<i>Michael Knight RIP</i>
	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:

Patrick Coleman, Karen Gasche, Eileen Teahan, Wilhelmine Maker, Rose Bold, Gerald de Wilton, Mike Knight, Robert McIntosh.

The sick and/or housebound, including: Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Seth Marks, Margaret Drayton, Paul Gray, Joy Jewell, Lynn Nettleton, Leslie Longhurst, Eileen Hoy, Monica Finn, Mary Gibbs, Susan Bevan, Jane Devenish, Jose Belshaw, Emily John and Fr Jon Bielawski.

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 are served in the hall after Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays. Please come along and join us for a drink and chat.

Easter Egg Raffle for Parish Funds

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg raffle in a few weeks. If anyone can contribute Easter eggs or chocolates towards it please can you leave your donation at the back of the church on a Sunday. Thanks.

Penitential Service at St Thomas More on Friday 27th March at 7pm.

There will be Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross, after the 10am Mass on Tuesdays throughout Lent.

The Martha Group meeting for March will now take place on **Tuesday 10th March**.

Coffee will be served after Stations of the Cross on this date, as usual.

To all parishioners of Holy Cross:

A meeting has been arranged for members of the PPC, Martha Group and other willing volunteers, to plan for Easter, plus other duties and roles that need undertaking.

All parishioners are very welcome to attend this informal meeting.

The meeting will take place in the parish hall on **Tuesday 10th March at 7:00 pm**.

For any more information please contact Francine Brooks or Mary Pike.

GIFT AID

If you attend Holy Cross regularly and would like to Gift Aid your contributions it would certainly give additional funds to the parish and yet won't cost you more!

If you would like to use gift aid please see Ann Ruth.

The Pope's Intentions for March: For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence. <https://popesprayer.va>

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH – March 10-18
The Novena will be celebrated in the Mill Hill Missionaries two locations. Masses will be available to view on YouTube via www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena
Please contact www.millhillmissionaries.com for further information

Zoom Lent Course: Please feel free to join this parish Zoom course during our Lenten journey together.

Thursday 12th March 7pm.

Fr Mark Skelton - The Parable of the Good Shepherd

Thursday 19th March 7pm.

Sr Bernadette Reis - The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Thursday 26th March 7pm.

Simon Giarchi - The Parable of the Sheep & the Goats

Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 Password is 125755

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

Contemplative retreats locally in Devon or online. Sometimes people find their prayer is changing – they feel drawn more and more into a place of stillness with God. These residential or online retreats provide participants with a space for exploring this type of prayer, offering an opportunity for anyone seeking a more contemplative way of praying and living amidst the busyness of daily life. Please see the poster on the noticeboards or on our website.

UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY UNBOUND

Prayer Ministry available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Please contact unboundprayerdop@gmail.com or see the poster for more details.

EVANGELIUM The Evangelisation and Catechesis Team have produced a newsletter which you can access through the following link

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-t-3D7B158DDC8192832540EF23F30FEDED>

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group
Ignatian silent retreats taking place this summer at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall: They provide an opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life to make a little extra space and time for God.
Jun 26th -28th (Fri - Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)
Jun 26th -1st July (Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend Retreat (£350)

Venue: Sclerder Abbey Retreat House,
(Chemin Neuf) Cornwall.

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation.

Costs includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations.

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at:

diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or
phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

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.

Parish Notices:

Joy Jewell has had a successful left knee replacement operation on Thursday. She sends her love and thanks for all your prayers and support for her recovery.
Sue Jewell (daughter)

Sunday 1st March Collections:

Loose Plate £118 Card Reader: £30
CAFOD Family Fast Day: £200 (Total so far £250)
Standing Orders: £705
Mass attendance: 75
CAFOD Soup Lunch on 27/2 £170

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 28th February** the winner was Michael Boon with ball number 23. He won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 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**)