



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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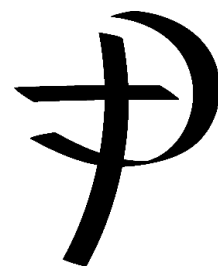
Parish Priest: *Fr Jonathan Bielawski RIP*

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Week Commencing: Sunday 9th August 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Readings: 1K 19:9a 11-13a Ps 85(84) Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33)

Sunday 9 th August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	12.30pm	Int: Fr Jon Bielawski RIP
Sunday 16 th August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass	12.30pm	Int: Rebecca Burbage RIP & The Burbage Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass or by Appointment



It is with immense sadness that we advise of the passing of Fr. Jon. His strength and courage particularly during the last year have been an incredible testament to his faith. Even in the most difficult and trying times he never stopped putting others before himself and remained an example of priestly ministry until the end. He is an irreplaceable loss to us all. We will miss his presence, his friendship, his wisdom and his laughter but we know that he is now where he worked all his life to be. He would have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love for him.

Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for him.

Fr Jon's body will be received into the Cathedral at 4.30p.m. on Wednesday 26th August; Canon John Deeny, Dean of Plymouth, will celebrate a Vigil Mass at 6 pm.

Fr Jon's Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas in the Cathedral at 12 noon on Thursday 27th August.

A very warm welcome to all our Visitors

Please pray for:

all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Wilma Banfield, Veronica Kay, Rebecca Burbage, Nora Moloney, Harry Cock, Michael Stanton, Anthony John.

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

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

Funeral Service arrangements

If you can offer a lift or have a spare seat to the Cathedral for the 6pm Vigil Mass on **Wednesday 26th August** please let Sue Walsh know. Similarly, if you would like a lift, Sue can then coordinate.

Thursday 27th August. A coach has been arranged to go from the layby outside St. Peter's Church. You can park your cars in St. Boniface's College and the coach will leave at 10.30am, returning at 2pm. If you wish to book a place on the coach, please put your details on the form provided in church.

APPOINTMENTS

Fr Jon's death necessitates a number of moves. They are as follows: **Canon John Deeny** to be Parish Priest of St Peter's, Crownhill, St Thomas More, Southway and Holy Cross, Yelverton.

Fr Daniel Herrero Pena to be Assistant Priest at the Cathedral and Chaplain to the *Ad Gentes* mission of the Neocatechumenal Way.

Fr Jude Udokwu to be Priest in Charge of St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston, St Peter's, Bude, and Our Lady of Victories, Callington.

These appointments will take effect from the weekend 5th/6th September 2026.

Canon Paul Cummins becomes interim Delegate for Evangelisation, Catechesis & Youth.

There is a memory book on a table at the back of the Church for parishioners to share their memories of Fr Jon Bielawski, RIP. This book will be taken to the Cathedral on Wednesday 26th August.

SPUC URGENT: In April 2026, the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill fell at the end of the Parliamentary session having failed to complete its passage through Parliament. Now, Lauren Edwards MP (Labour) has reintroduced essentially the same Bill, with Second Reading scheduled for Friday 11th September. It appears that the assisted suicide lobby is intending to invoke the Parliament Acts, whereby if the House of Lords rejects the same Bill in two consecutive Parliamentary sessions, it can be passed without their consent **BUT**, if MPs **REJECT** the Bill at Second Reading, it will not progress further. We have just a small window of time to persuade MPs to reject the Bill during the summer recess, when most MPs are back in their constituencies. Please write to your MP asap, or make an appointment to meet them face to face before the September vote. There will be SPUC flyers and info at the back of your church to help you. Further info: Christine Hudson: [Tel: 07742320717](tel:07742320717)
Email: chrishud78@talktalk.net

Luke Pollard MP, Labour Plymouth Sutton and Devonport, voted for Abortion Decriminalisation but no vote was recorded on Assisted Dying.
Email: luke.pollard.mp@parliament.uk

Fred Thomas MP, Labour Plymouth Moor View, voted for Assisted Dying but no vote was recorded for abortion decriminalisation. Email: fred.thomas.mp@parliament.uk

Rebecca Smith MP, Conservative Plymouth S.W. Devon voted against Abortion Decriminalisation and against Assisted Dying.
Email: rebecca.smith.mp@parliament.uk

Date for your Diary - Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Annual Appeal 29/30 August 2026.

"These are challenging times for many families experiencing financial hardship. Such families are often in temporary accommodation after fleeing abuse or the breakdown of relations or the loss of their jobs due to illness and circumstances beyond their control. The Essential Grants Programme exists to provide essential items to help relieve families' needs. CCSP warmly encourage applications from such families for school uniforms, shoes, beds, mattresses and bedding, clothes for children and newborn babies, cots, bottles, chests of drawers, wardrobes, alongside white goods such as cookers and fridges. They require all such applications to be accompanied by a referee. The process from application to supply is usually within two to three weeks.

CCSP also need trustees. If anyone is interested in offering their time, please contact the office on 01364 645420 and ask to speak to the Chair, Shelagh Fearnley. They would love to hear from you."

Here is the link to our Diocesan newsletter for July/August

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-47E6F88D98A22DCD2540EF23F30FEDED>

Tavistock Foodbank: For your information the following goods are urgently required at the food bank: **Sponge puddings, Jam, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Cup-a-soup**

Thank you for your ongoing support

Parish Notices

**A FAREWELL BUFFET LUNCH
TO THANK FATHER DANIEL
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PARISH
will take place on
SUNDAY 30th AUGUST from 1:45pm**

If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church. It would be appreciated if you could provide either a salad or a dessert. Please add to the sign-up sheet. Cold meats, quiches and soft drinks will be provided.

Please BYO alcoholic drinks if you wish.

Please pray for **Joy Jewell** who is in Derriford. Her family live in London and have requested visits if you feel able. Joy (first name Kathleen) is on Stannon ward.

The Martha Group are coordinating visits, solely not to tire Joy and spread-out contacts. If you can let Sue Savage know your plan she can tell you if it clashes with another (s.m.savage@icloud.com text **07792217730**).

Sunday 2nd August Collections:

Loose plate: £122.00 Card Reader: £50
Standing Orders: £620

Mass attendance: 70

Thank you

Bonus Ball News: On **Saturday 1st August** the Martha Group won with ball number 29 (Round 1). They won £25. There were 26 subscribers that night so £1 went to church funds.

The Parish Safeguarding Representative

is Sue Walsh.

The Diocese of Plymouth's Safeguarding Team is available on: 01364 645430 or by email on: safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

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

Parish Office.

Please note: The parish office at Yelverton remains open Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm, so please continue to contact Ann or Marian during those times.

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The Pope's Intentions for August : For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community. <https://popesprayer.va>