



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**WEEK COMMENCING 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)**

OPENNESS TO THE WORD OF GOD – BIBLE SUNDAY

**Masses today: 9am & 10.30am** People of the Parish  
(Readings: Ba 5:1-9 Ps 125 Ph 1 3-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6)

### Mass during the week:-

Monday **No Mass**  
Tuesday 10am (Rosary at 9.40am. Refreshments after Mass) Loretta Wilson RIP  
**Wednesday 6.45pm Advent Evening Mass**  
Thursday 10am *St Lucy*  
Friday 10am *St John of the Cross*  
(9:40am Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life)  
Saturday **No Mass**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** After 10am weekday Masses and on request

Anniversaries: Terence Fleet, Millicent M Williams, Kathleen G Swainson, Annette M Murray

### **A warm welcome to our visitors**

#### Today:

**Please pray for the sick and/or housebound** including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, and Margaret Davies.

**Today: Plymouth Catholic Choir** Advent Service in our church at 3pm. All are welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

**Children's Liturgy** There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (*N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them*).

**Festival of Nativity Scenes:** Last day.... St John's Church, Horrabridge from 12 noon to 4.30pm. Local churches & groups have come together to produce a variety of Nativity scenes. Entry free but donations desirable. It ends with a Carol Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4.30pm. Holy Cross has a display (thanks to those involved).

#### Appeal for Christmas Flowers and Flower Arrangers.

There will be a collection for flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas today and if you would like to help with the flower displays for Christmas please come along on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm in the hall. Contact Fran Blackmore on 01822 854271 for more information.

**Missing DVD** – We have a box set of the Complete Series of Rev. Robert E Barron 'Catholicism, the Journey of a Lifetime', but Parts 7&8 – Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven and The Communion of Saints is missing. We think this has been lent out – if you have the DVD please can you return it to the Presbytery as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Christmas Raffle** Please do support this end of year fundraiser for our church funds. All the prizes, £50 cash, voucher for Rock Inn (£25), voucher for Moor Beauty, voucher for Yelverton Golf Club, Bottles etc are all worth more than £5. All but one have been donated by non-parishioners. IF you can afford to, please do buy more than one square on the board at the back of the church.  
Thank you for your generosity.

In this season of goodwill, a card from YOU could really bring hope to someone who is imprisoned or persecuted simply for their religious or political beliefs. If possible, please send a card before 31 December. Further details from the 'Write for Rights' booklet at the back of church, or from Tony John (852172).

2019 Calendar: **Windows Across the Diocese** – in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Excellent value at just £5, ideal present for family and friends.

**Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10.30 am Mass today.**

The **Martha Group** now have a new book case in the corridor by the hall. Come along and choose a book to read or a CD to listen to! All proceeds go to Martha Group Charities

**To Visitors/Holiday Makers:** If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church

**Dates:-**

**Forthcoming Holy Cross Events at a glance**

**SVP Meeting** after Mass on Tuesday 11th December

**Parish Annual Christmas Dinner** at the Moorland Garden at 6.30pm on Tuesday 11th December (for those who have signed up).

**The second Video Presentation** in the Hall on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7:30pm, by Bishop Robert Barron given at the Adoremus Conference in Liverpool – entitled: ‘Sainthood, Sanctity and what makes us Holy’.

**NATIVITY SERVICE:** This will take place at 11:45 am (after the 10:30am Mass) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Any children or teenagers (to Read) who would like to participate should inform Mary Pike.

**Plymouth Deanery - ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Monday 10th – 7pm Holy Cross, Yelverton**  
**Wednesday 12th – 6pm Cathedral, Wyndham Street West, Plymouth**  
**Wednesday 19th – 7pm St Peter’s, Crownhill**  
For other services within the Deanery, please see the notice located in the Church Porch.

**FORMATION DAY FOR CATECHISTS** - calling all catechists and “would be” catechists who help pass on the faith in any way by involvement in Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage Preparation programmes or Children’s Liturgy. The last day in the current course which was scheduled for January 19th 2019 has now been changed to January 12th. St. Peter’s Parish Room, 10.30am-1pm. All welcome.

**The GATHER Conference** brings together people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. In 2019 we will gather at the Best Western Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay on 18–20 January 2019.  
**Full details and booking arrangements available at the back of the church.**

**Catholic South West!**

The December edition is available – 50p per copy

CTS booklets – individually priced in the rack  
Selection of cards & books in the carousel.

Parish Secretary - Office Hours this week  
Wednesday 9am-2pm; Friday 10am-3pm

**Newsletter: All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please to Sue Walsh**  
(Tel: 07767480807, or 01822 854118 or by email: svwalsh@hotmail.com)

**Notices:-**

**Christmas appeal on behalf of the Tavistock Foodbank:**

Foodbanks are preparing to face their busiest month of the year as Christmas approaches and the demand for help rockets by as much as 50%. The organisers greatly welcome the support of Holy Cross and would be delighted to receive a **few more seasonal products** as well as both male and female toiletries. They particularly request **tinned ham, UHT milk, fruit juice, small Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, box/tins of biscuits, children’s selection boxes, boxes of chocolates, snacks and nibbles (e.g. peanuts, crisps etc.), Pringles, tins of fruit and custard, Schloer and Christmas crackers.** Thank you for your continued cooperation and for your cash donations which are much appreciated. **There will be a Christmas paper-covered box at the back of church for the next few Sundays. If any families would like to donate a chocolate/sweet or other Christmas item for a family receiving help from the Foodbank, we will deliver it in time for Christmas. Please bring YOUR contribution next Sunday. Thank you.**

**SVP SUDAN BABY FEEDING CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Once again we are asking that rather than you giving your loved ones gifts this year, that you give the gift of life and hope on their behalf. Donate to the SVP Sudan baby feeding appeal and receive a gift certificate with a personalised message to give them on Christmas day, for tax payers gift aiding would be appreciated. Or just donate for yourselves, either gift aided, or in the SVP box at the back of church. Members of the SVP will be at the back of church with the forms after Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Red Missio (APF) boxes**...if you would like yours emptied so your donation can be banked this year please leave it at the back of the church by December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those who have supported the charity this year by using a red box. Thank you, Sue Walsh

**Please save used stamps** for the Catholic Children’s Society. There is a jar for them on the back table.

**Bonus Ball winner:** on 1<sup>st</sup> December was Frances Cooper with ball number 57. She won £25. There were 41 subscribers that night so £16 went to Parish funds.

**The Collection last Sunday:**

Loose plate £161.20 Gift aided £75.00  
Standing orders £358.00.

**Thank you**

The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sue Walsh & Mike Green



**The Pope’s Universal Intention for December:**

**Evangelisation: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**

‘That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.’