



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Week Commencing Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (Year C)**

***The Baptism of the Lord***

(Readings: Is 40:1-5.9-11 Ps 103 Tt 2:11-14.3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16.21-22)

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Vigil Mass of the Baptism of the Lord</i></b>	
Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></b>	
Tavistock 9am	Mass	<i>Norah Frances Barrett RIP</i>
Yelverton 10.45am	Mass	<i>Oliver Cooper RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Yelverton 10am	Mass
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Yelverton 10am	Mass
		<i>Mgr Canon Michael Hanley RIP</i>
		<i>Mary Lawlor &amp; Deceased members of the Lawlor Family</i>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
Yelverton 6pm	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
Tavistock 9am	Tavistock	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Yelverton 10:45am	Yelverton	<i>Bill &amp; Margaret Douglas RIP</i>

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors!**

**Please continue to: wear a mask whilst in Church; maintain social distancing; hand sanitise on entering and leaving; remain in your seats until directed by a Steward. Thank you for your continued patience and support.**

### Parish Notices: -

**We welcome Canon George**, who will be celebrating our Masses for us while Fr Cyriacus is on holiday.

#### ***Please pray for:***

#### ***those whose anniversaries occur at this time:***

*Simone Jefferies, Lionel Charles Henry, Shirley Anne Worth, Nathaniel James Brown, Margaret Delisle-Gray, Janet Mary Hazel, Oliver Cooper, Evelyn Maria Downey, Clara Louisa Adams, Gerald Averhill Ivereigh, Jane Sarah McKinnon, Florence Leahy, Sr Louise (Margaret McLoughlin) and Marie Lynch.*

***the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Barbara Everet, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin & Maureen Allen.***

***Lottie, Anabel, Jacob, Millie and Chloe, who will be making their First Holy Communion in June 2022.***

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 continue to be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. Please take a seat, maintain social distancing and your choice of refreshment will be brought to your table. **Keep Safe!**

#### **Adoration Prayer after Communion:**

*O Sacrament Most Holy,  
O Sacrament Divine,  
All Praise and All Thanksgiving,  
Be Every Moment Thine.*

**CRIB OFFERINGS** will go to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). A basket has now been placed next to the Crib - Please try to be generous as this collection is one of their major sources of income. Many fundraising events have been cancelled this year so 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.

#### **Prayer Walk for Tavistock College**

Please join us on a prayer walk around the perimeter of Tavistock College on **Wednesday 12th January at 9.30am**. This will be to pray for the school, and the work of Catalyst at the start of this new year. We will meet in the Meadows by the underpass, and it usually lasts for less than an hour. If you are unable to come, please join us in praying from where you are. Our prayers together will make a difference.

**Next Sunday, 16th January, is PEACE SUNDAY** and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page. Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to:

*Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY* Tel: 0208 203 4884

**CARITAS:** Tuesday 18th January 6-7pm Online Event: **Homelessness** Caritas Plymouth is running an online event on homelessness the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in partnership with St Petroc's, Cornwall. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend. The event will reflect on homelessness in our Diocese and what practical actions we can take to reach out to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Please use the following link to register <https://forms.office.com/r/NkUZyhwcKf> or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Tuesday 8th February 2022 Refugees and Migrants Online Event 5-6pm** On the Feast of St Bakhita, all are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion on the challenges facing migrants and refugees and the opportunity to take action, including through community sponsorship. This is a free online event. You can register via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/K3uz5LLY2X> or by emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

**The Pope's Universal Intention for January: For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family

**CAFOD** is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

**Soup Kitchen** - starting in Tavistock, every Tuesday from 18th January for 3 month trial period. Having volunteered at Tavistock Foodbank for a few years, I have noticed recently that there seem to be more people who are homeless or sofa surfing, without a stable base in which to try to improve their situation. I thought I could offer support by starting a soup kitchen once a week. This idea was kindly supported by Rob Weston and the Church Elders from the URC and so from Tuesday 18th January there will be two to three volunteers running the kitchen for a three-month trial period, over the coldest winter months. It will be held every Tuesday from 11 - 2 pm, offering soup and sandwiches and a dry place to chat, and perhaps meet other people in a similar situation. If you know of anyone who might benefit from receiving a little more nourishment and somewhere to go on a Tuesday over the course of the winter, I would be grateful if you could let them know about the soup kitchen.  
*Angela Evans*

**Tavistock Foodbank.** Many people are suffering from delays in receiving benefit and large numbers are in crisis and living constantly on the edge of poverty and hunger. Your gifts and your continuing support make a real difference and are greatly appreciated. Items now required for Food Bank: Custard, sponge pudding and rice pudding, crisps, smash potato, toiletries, cleaning spray, fruit juice.

A blue box will be placed in the church porch at the time of Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning for donations.

**Bonus Ball:** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January ball number 42 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £30 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 30 subscribers that night.

**Recent Collections:**

Loose plate £296.60  
Gift Aid Envelopes £5.00  
Standing orders £635.00.

*Thank you*

**Parish Secretary- Office hours:** Wed & Friday 9am-2pm

The **Parish Safeguarding Representative** is Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807)

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

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