



# Holy Cross Parish

## Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, Registered Charity No. 213227

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**Chaplain to the Nuns:** Fr Guy de Gaynesford

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**Parish Secretary:** Mary Hammill

## HOLY WEEK - Year A, Psalter 2

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am**

Intention: Kevin Burns

**LYNTON – Mass 11:30am**

Intention: The People of the Parish



Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March

**ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am**

**LYNTON – Mass 11:45am**

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March

**ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am**

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION for Vocations 6:00-7:00pm**

**LYNTON – Mass 11:45am**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April

**LYNTON – Mass 7:30am**

**NO MASS IN ILFRACOMBE**

**CHRISM MASS AT PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL - 12.00 noon;**

the Mass will be live streamed, go to <https://www.plymouthcathedral.org.uk>

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – EVENING MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**ILFRACOMBE: Mass 8:00pm** Intention: Elizabeth Morgan RIP

*watching at the Altar of Repose until 10:00pm*

**LYNTON – Mass 9:00pm** *watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight*

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**GOOD FRIDAY - This is a day of Fasting & Abstinence in the Catholic Church**

**ILFRACOMBE: Walk of Witness - 9:00am from the War Memorial, Ilfracombe**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 3:00pm**

**LYNTON: Way of the Cross – 9:00am**

**starting in the garden of the Anglican Church in Lynton.**

**Wear warm clothes and walking shoes as it is a 2 hour walk up Hollerday Hill.**

**Church Service - 3:00pm and Office of Darkness – 7:30pm**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**HOLY SATURDAY – THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**ILFRACOMBE: Mass 8:00pm – CAR PARK CLOSED**

Intention: Anne Maureen Wylie RIP

**LYNTON: Mass 10:00pm**

Intention: Marion Wilson RIP

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**ILFRACOMBE – Mass 10:30am**

Intention: Teresa Hancock

**LYNTON – Mass 11:30am**

Intention: The People of the Parish



**THE MOST HOLY SAVIOUR, LEE ROAD, LYNTON:**

For weekday Mass times visit [www.marymorningstar.co.uk](http://www.marymorningstar.co.uk)

OR ring 01598 753373 or 07783 150328

**CONFESSIONS:** Lynton - Saturdays 10:30-11:30am, before 11:45am Mass  
Barnstaple – Saturdays 10:30am, after 10:00am Mass  
Ilfracombe - Sundays 8:15-8:45am, before 9:00am Mass

**Opening times for Our Lady Star of the Sea Church:**

Sun. 9:00am-5:00pm; Mon. **CLOSED**;

Tues. 9:30am-12.30pm & 6:00-7.00pm;

Wed. 9:30am-5.00pm; Thurs. & Fri. 9:30am-12.30pm;

*These times may be subject to change at short notice.*

**\*\*\* CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March \*\*\***



**The Pope's Intentions for March 2026: 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.

***Please pray for the sick and housebound:***

Pat May, Harley Stratton, Geoff Fenning, Noreen Farrar, Hazel Villiers, Barbara Chelsom, Rory Stewart, Anne Stewart, Landa Peace and Isabella Kennedy. *If you or someone you know is in hospital or ill at home, please let Deacon Steve or the office know for the Sacramental Ministry.*



# Holy Week

**Prayer for Holy Week:**

Lord God, I give you thanks for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

Here I stand, at the start of holy week,  
the week in which we remember Jesus' passion and death,  
and I am distracted by many things.

Turn my eyes to the One who comes in your name,  
the One who opens the gates of righteousness,  
the One who answers when we call.

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,  
and for sending your son to us, in human frailty.

To walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see him coming,  
and may praise him with a pure heart.

May I walk in the way of his suffering,  
and share in his resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.



**Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea**

The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored by Barbara Chelsom in memory of Benjamin Rebeiro RIP and Irene Rebeiro RIP.

If you are able, please sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp. There are envelopes at the back of Church for the details of who you wish to have the lamp sponsored for and your donation.



**Kathy Paynton RIP, Marion Wilson RIP & Elizabeth Morgan RIP** – It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Elizabeth Morgan who passed away on 23 March 2026 and Kathy Paynton and Marion Wilson who passed away recently.

**Chrism Mass at Plymouth Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 12.00 noon**

Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating our Chrism Mass.

The Cathedral will provide a pasty as you leave after the Mass.

Car parking will be limited as the Cathedral School car park is closed as it is term time. Park at St Luke's Western Approach Stonehouse, Plymouth PL1 1AJ. This is the old Toys R Us car park for those who know Plymouth and is only 5 minutes' walk to the Cathedral.



We will be having the annual collection for ***Holy Places in Palestine*** on **GOOD FRIDAY** (3<sup>rd</sup> April)



**THE BIG EASTER CLEAN** in  
Our Lady Star of the Sea will take place on  
**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10:30am**  
*All hands on deck as many hands make light work!*



**Time for a Spring Clean?** It is that time of year when we start to look forward to the longer evenings and look to dust off the cobwebs of the Winter months by having a good old-fashioned Spring Clean. Did you know that you can donate your unwanted items through the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s Orange Box recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause? In 2025, Orange Boxes in the Diocese raised a staggering **£35,216.51** compared to the previous year's record-breaking total of **£5,970.51** in 2024 and **£5,534.00** in 2023.

**Items that can be popped into your parish Orange Box include -**

**Stamp collections**, first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre-1950

**Coins and banknotes** – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise

**Precious metals** including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc

**Metals including ornaments**, metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition

**Costume jewellery, medals, small antiques and collectibles**

**Watches** – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not

**Any Catholic religious memorabilia** such as rosaries, crucifixes, medals etc

**And don't forget you can recycle your old ink cartridges**

through our ink cartridge recycling boxes which also raised almost **£400** for CCSP and saved 27.57kg from landfill last year.



May you have

The gladness of Easter,  
which is Hope

The promise of Easter,  
which is Peace

The spirit of Easter,  
which is Love