



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

5th April 2026

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

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Convent Church: *The Most Holy Saviour*, Lee Road, Lynton, EX35 6BS

Chaplain to the Nuns: Fr Guy de Gaynesford

Parish Safeguarding Rep:

Parish Secretary: Mary Hammill

EASTER SUNDAY

Sun 5th April

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 10:30am

Intention: Teresa Hancock

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish



THE EASTER OCTAVE

Mon 6th Apr

EASTER MONDAY SOLEMNITY

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 10.30am

Intention: Troubled Children

FM: Hugh Canon Lean and his kindred, living or dead celebrated in Lynton

Tues 7th Apr

EASTER TUESDAY SOLEMNITY

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10.30am

Intention: Private Intention

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

FM: Mary Grant RIP celebrated in Lynton

Wed 8th Apr

EASTER WEDNESDAY SOLEMNITY

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10.30am Intention: Eileen Louise Giraldi RIP

Thurs 9th Apr

EASTER THURSDAY SOLEMNITY

Fri 10th Apr

EASTER FRIDAY SOLEMNITY

FM: C & H Pope celebrated in Lynton

Sat 11th Apr

EASTER SATURDAY SOLEMNITY

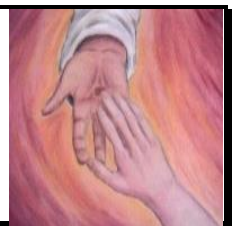
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sun 12th Apr

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Kevin Burns

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

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.

The Pope's Intentions for April 2026: *For priests in crisis.*

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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.*



Prayer for Easter

Christ is Risen: the world below lies desolate.
Christ is Risen: the spirits of evil are fallen.
Christ is Risen: the angels of God are rejoicing.
Christ is Risen: the tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
glory and power are his forever and ever
Amen.

St. Hippolytus of Rome (AD 190-236)



Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea

The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored by Barbara Chelsom in memory of Father Pearce Bolster 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.



UNBOUND Prayer Ministry is available in this Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, there are ministers trained to help you. Please contact unboundprayerdrop@gmail.co or see the poster displayed on the noticeboard for more information.

LITERATURE AND FAITH RETREAT TAKING PLACE ON 13th – 17th APRIL 2026

AT BUCKFAST ABBEY - This retreat aims to defamiliarize the ordinary so that you can see its mysterious, sacramental, extraordinariness and be led to its source: Glory Himself.

Further information can be found at www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats

Stay Awake! Save the date: Saturday, 2 May 2026 at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester

From 10am – 6pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00.

Stay Awake tickets are now available – book yours today at www.stayawakejc.com

Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages!

Could this be part of your New Year's resolution, to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?

PRAYER RETREAT TAKING PLACE ON 12th – 16th OCTOBER 2026

AT BUCKFAST ABBEY – Jump start your prayer life!

Top tips and shared experiences with Dr Sue Price. Further information can be found at www.buckfast.org.uk/retreats

PARISH LIBRARY

We put some books at the back of church which you can borrow and return.

If you enjoy a book recommend it to others. You can donate books to the library and recommend books we should buy and add to the library.



DONATIONS FOR THE THOSE IN NEED

Your donations of non-perishable foods/personal hygiene items make a big difference to those in need especially during these difficult times, so please continue to bring items to church or drop them into the office if you are passing, thank you.

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.

