



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

12th 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

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER - Year A, Psalter 2

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

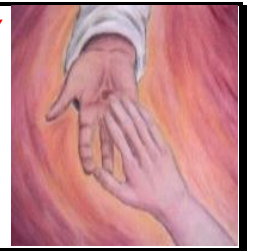
Sun 12th April

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Kevin Burns

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish



Mon 13th Apr

Easter Weekday

St Martin I Pp M (d.655) Optional Memorial

Tues 14th Apr

Easter Weekday

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

Wed 15th Apr

Easter Weekday

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10.30am

Intention: Isabella Kennedy

Thurs 16th Apr

Easter Weekday

Fri 17th Apr

Easter Weekday

Sat 18th Apr

Easter Weekday

Foundation Mass Intention: Gladwys Mary Marston RIP Celebrated in Lynton

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun 19th Apr

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Mary Poulson RIP

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 Divine Mercy Sunday

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp
and rightly understand in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Fr Tony's Homilies



Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea

The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored by Barbara Chelsom in memory of Father Leon Conroy 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.



The **Diocese of Plymouth Special Edition Newsletter Easter 2026** is now available at: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A79280C8C13121D82540EF23F30FEDED>.

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?

Heatree Residential 15th - 17th May

Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor.

The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). Whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90.

For further information email Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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

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.



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.



MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS

We are pleased to let you know that in the calendar year 2025 **£2,258,451** was raised through the Red Box Collections across England & Wales.

This is a slight increase on the Red Box income received in 2024 (£2,238,853).

Many thanks to all Red Box volunteers and supporters!

