



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

17th May 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

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SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER - Year A, Psalter 3

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Sun 17th May

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 9:00am

Intention: Isabella Kennedy

LYNTON - Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish



Mon 18th May

St John I Pp M (died 526) Optional Memorial

Tues 19th May

St Dunstan Bp (909-988) Optional Memorial

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

Wed 20th May

St Bernadine of Siena Pr (1380-1444) Optional Memorial

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am

Followed by the Rosary

Intention: Kevin Burns

Thurs 21st May

St Christopher Magallanes Pr M (1869-1927) Optional Memorial

and his Companions Mm (died 1915-1937)

Fri 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia Rel (1381-1457) Optional Memorial

Sat 23rd May

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sun 24th May

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 9:00am

Intention: Ernest 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

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 May 2026: *That everyone might have food.*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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.*

Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea

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.



Interview with Bishop Nicholas

Bishop Nicholas has recorded a short video reflecting upon his own journey to the priesthood. This is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_uH7mi3Rhk

Lourdes Pilgrimage Petitions

Barbara Chelsom is going on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes in May. She will be happy to take parishioners petitions to Our Lady with her. Please get your petitions to her by Sunday, 17th May, thank you.



Prayer for Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill our hearts with the fire of your divine love.
Let your presence guide us
with holy wisdom and heavenly strength,
that we may walk faithfully in the will of God,
now and always.
Amen.

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UNIVERSAL WELCOME AT PENTECOST - As we journey towards Pentecost, we remember the Church was universal in its make-up from its very beginning. To mark this, Caritas wishes to share their continued invitation that all are welcome in our churches and communities. Caritas' wider initiative is to support the [A Million Acts of Hope](#) campaign, showing our solidarity of Welcome to all and kindness in the community.

RETIRING COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND there is a retiring collection for **World Communications Day**. Please support the Catholic Communication Network with your prayers and your generosity.

Caritas May Newsletter

To read the latest news of love in action around our diocese visit <https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

The **Diocesan Newsletter for May** has now been issued and is available at <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

God's Wild Acre - Caritas invites you to take part in a new project – God's Wild Acre.

Do you have a little space in your garden, a window box, or any area you can give to encourage nature to do what it does best? Caritas would like to reach an acre of land that has been set aside to celebrate creation's wild growing. Please send us your stories, images and size of your plot so that we can share them on our media streams caritas@prcdtr.org.uk



Laudato Si Week will be celebrated on Sunday **17th May to Sunday 24th May** this year.

To celebrate, why not hold a picnic with your community to enjoy the beauty of Creation around you.



The next **Children's Adoration** at the **Most Holy Saviour Church, Lee Road, Lynton**, will be **6 June at 10.30am - 11.30am** Mass will be at 11.45am and children, parents and siblings are invited to have a picnic lunch on the lawn after Mass.

Please bring a picnic lunch, the sisters will provide you with drinks and cakes. This is an ideal opportunity to invite other children, your children's school friends or your neighbours who may be interested in coming regularly to Children's Adoration and who haven't been before. Let's all pray to the Holy Spirit and ask him who we should invite.

Young Adults Retreat, Sclerder 19th - 21st June

A weekend retreat for **18-30 year olds** to **reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth**, this is underpinned by the scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a **contribution of £40** each. Transport will be provided from Liskeard Station both on the Friday night and Saturday morning, returning around 2pm on Sunday. It is important to **book**. For further details contact: Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk

The next **Gardening Day** at the **Most Holy Saviour Church, Lynton**, will be **20th June from 10am-4pm. Mass at 4.30pm.**

Over the past few years our garden days have proved to be incredibly successful and great fun, and we have really begun to see huge improvements. Thank you to all those who have participated in the past. The day is also a great opportunity and an ideal occasion for all ages to come together and work on a common project and discover the joy of what we can achieve together. **Please bring a picnic lunch, the sisters will provide you with drinks and cakes.**

Catholic Union's Summer Gathering at Buckfast Abbey at 10am on Saturday 11 July

Open to members of the Catholic Union and their guests. The day will include an introduction given by Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth and Ecclesiastical Adviser to the Catholic Union, and Mass in the Abbey. There will be a talk by Abbot David Charlesworth OSB and also speaking will be a Catholic member of the House of Lords. This is an opportunity for members and their guests to come together in convivial surroundings at a place of special interest and devotion. The day will close at 4pm when you will be able to enjoy the popular Fauré Requiem in the Abbey sung by the Choristers. Tickets are £30. For more information contact info@catholicunion.org.uk or telephone 020 87491321.

DONATIONS FOR THOSE IN NEED - People are struggling to make ends meet at the moment and we have been told that there are specific requests for hygiene products to be donated to families in our local area. Simple gifts make a BIG difference so please continue to bring items to church or drop them into the office in you are passing, thank you.



Volunteering for Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Plymouth - Do you or have you thought about **volunteering** to work with the youth either in your parish or further afield? Youth Events are setting up a database of volunteers to keep in contact with them, offer training and support for the work they do, and keep them informed of events that are happening across the Diocese. For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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.

