



# Holy Cross Parish

## Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

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**Parish Clergy:** Rev Philip Waites & Rev Stephen Bearman (Deacons)

**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

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**ILFRACOMBE - Mass 9:00am**

Intention: Ernest Hancock

**LYNTON - Mass 11:30am**

Intention: The People of the Parish

**EASTERTIDE ENDS THIS EVENING**



## EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A, Psalter 4

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial**

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May

**St Philip Neri Pr (1515-1595) Memorial**

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May

**St Augustine of Canterbury Bp (died c.604) FEAST**

**ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am**

*Followed by the Rosary*

Intention: Isabella Kennedy

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**

**THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST FEAST**

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May

**St Paul VI Pp (1897-1978) Optional Memorial**

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Optional Memorial**

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – DAY FOR LIFE

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am**

Intention: Derek Lamb

**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

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_uH7mi3Rhk)



***Prayer for Pentecost:***



Like the first disciples  
before the coming of God's power at Pentecost,  
we wait in faith, and pray.

Come Holy Spirit, nothing can separate us from your love.

Come Holy Spirit, come and transform us.

**Pray As You Go** is a daily prayer 3website, podcast & application that was created in 2006 by Peter Scally SJ, Jesuit Priest, in the UK and can be found at <https://pray-as-you-go.org> or download the app.

**UPCOMING RETIRING COLLECTION**

**NEXT WEEKEND** there is a retiring collection for **PLYMOUTH SECULAR CLERGY FUND**. This fund enables the retired priests of our diocese, who have served us so well to receive a small pension and helps with any unexpected expenses. The fund is also available to help our priests who have long term illness and medical bills they need help with.

**School Transport grants for the academic year 2026-27**

The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking applications from parents/guardians wishing to apply for grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE joint school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth. Applications for the academic year 2026-27 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn term if their application has been successful. There are limited funds and not all applications may be successful. You can obtain an application form from the parish office.

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

**Caritas May Newsletter**

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

**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.



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 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) or telephone 020 87491321.

#### **A Deeper Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

Summer Term 2026 - Monday evenings at 7pm online.

Spend just one hour a week with others online, going gently but deeply and prayerfully into the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Sessions are for catechists, those who hope to be catechists, those seeking to know more about their faith, anyone interested in discovering more about the teaching of the Church, in fact anyone who is interested. To find out more, or receive a link please contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

#### **Shifting to Family-Centred Formation**

**Summer Term 2026 - Wednesday evenings at 7pm online** - This workshop considers parish ministry centred on family catechesis, in which the parish helps families by providing the education, encouragement, and accompaniment they need. The weekly sessions aim to support families as well as catechists and anyone interested in family faith formation. Spend just one hour a week with others online, in prayerful reflection on the topic. To find out more, or receive a link please contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

**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](mailto: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.

