



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

5th July 2026

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

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Parish Safeguarding Rep:

Parish Secretary: Mary Hammill

FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalm 2

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 5th July

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Joe Blackadder RIP

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am



Mon 6th July

St Maria Goretti V M (1890-1902) Optional Memorial
Patron of Rape Victims

Tues 7th July
Wed 8th July

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am

Intention: Isabella Kennedy

Followed by the Rosary

Thurs 9th July

St Augustine Zhao Rong Pr M (1746-1815) Optional Memorial
and Companions MM (died 1648-1930)

Fri 10th July
Sat 11th July

Foundation Mass Intention: The Rosse Family Celebrated in Lynton

ST BENEDICT Ab (c.480-c.550) FEAST

PATRON OF EUROPE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 12th July

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Father Bolster

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish

Sea
Sunday



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

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 July 2026: *For respect for human life.*

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

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 Seafarers:

Heavenly Father,
we pray to You for those on the perilous oceans
that You will embrace them with your mighty protection
and grant them success in all their rightful undertakings.

Grant them in all hours of need
to see that they have a God who remembers them,
and grant them grace in the hour of danger
to commit their souls into Your hands.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who can rebuke the storm and bring it to silence,
and lay the roaring waves to rest,
show them who call to You out of the deep that
You hear their prayer and will save them.

And finally bring us all to the only safe port.

Amen.

Source: Apostleship of the Sea NZ



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.



UPCOMING RETIRING COLLECTIONS

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION is **THIS SUNDAY, 5th JULY** - The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. There will be a retiring collection on 5th July 2026. Please be generous.

ANNUAL STELLA MARIS COLLECTION IS **NEXT SUNDAY, 12th JULY**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. **Sea Sunday is Sunday, 12th July.** It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.



Stella Maris is seeking one volunteer in this parish to help with Sea Sunday which falls on **Sunday, 12 July.** This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Mass. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

Summer Raffle

We are planning our famous Summer Raffle
to be held on Sunday, 13 September 2026
for Church building works.

The prizes will **all be cash!**

£200 1st prize, £150 2nd prize, £100 3rd prize!

We need some help!

Are you able to support us with donations towards the prizes?

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 last **Children's Adoration** at the **Most Holy Saviour Church, Lee Road, Lynton**, before the summer holidays will be **Saturday 11th July at 10.30am - 11.30am**. Mass will be at 11.45am as usual. Thank you to all who came to the garden day, it is such a joy to allow the children to be part of convent life both for the sacred and for the everyday tasks like gardening!

Taizé Service – Sunday, 12th July 2026 – 7.00 pm
at St Peter's Church, Highfield Road, Ilfracombe, EX34 9LH.

Youth Fun Day on Saturday 11th July 12-18.00, St Rita's, Honiton - Join young people from across the Diocese to take part in a series of challenges and games. See if you can be the fastest team to complete the obstacle course or score the most goals in a penalty shoot-out or netball. There will be bouncy castles, sumo wrestling, arts and crafts and many more fun things to have a go at. There is a recommended donation of £5 per participant which includes entry, all activities and simple BBQ food. For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Catechetical Summer Camp 2026 on 27th - 31st July, Buckfast Abbey

At this year's Summer Camp young people **aged 9-12** will explore Pope Francis and Pope Leo's Dilexi Te - 'I love you'. It is a great way for young people to meet others from across the Diocese and gain a sense of belonging to the Diocesan and catholic family. Cost £150 per person. For further information please contact: summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk

A Deeper Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Summer Term 2026 - Monday evenings at 7pm online - Spend just 1 hour a week with others online, going gently 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/receive a link contact 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 sessions aim to support families as well as catechists and anyone interested in family faith formation. Spend just 1 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

National Eucharistic Congress in London on Saturday, 10th October 2026

Mass at St George's Cathedral and a procession across the Thames to Westminster Cathedral, followed by a vigil of adoration until 6am. **If you would like to be one of the 50 diocesan delegates, contact Fr Chris at Poole: (01202) 746539.**