



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

12th July 2026

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

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FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalter 3

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



Mon 13th July

St Henry (972-1024) Optional Memorial

Tues 14th July

St Camillus de Lellis Pr (1550-1614) Optional Memorial
Patron of Nurses, Hospitals and the Sick

Wed 15th July

St Bonaventure Bp Dr (c.1217-1274) Memorial
ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am

John Hennessey

Followed by the Rosary

Thurs 16th July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Optional Memorial

Fri 17th July

FM: Michael Andrews Intentions Celebrated in Lynton

Sat 18th July

Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Optional Memorial

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 19th July

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Neville and Kate Wheelan

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish

He felt pity for them for they were
like sheep without a shepherd.
Mark 6:30-34



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 of the week:

*O St Camillus, you have said that the
"poor and the sick are the heart of God"
and that in serving them we serve Jesus the Christ.*

*When we serve the sick
help us to see them the image of Jesus.*

*Give us hearts that love,
eyes that understand,
words that comfort,
and a faith that inspires them.*

*When we are sick enable us
to transform our suffering into healing,
our fears into trust,
our discouragement into prayer,
and to treasure each gift and moment God gives us.
We ask this in Christ's name.*

Amen.



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 COLLECTION

THIS 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.



CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24th June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but your support is needed to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code.

Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



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.



St Peter's Church, Highfield Road, Ilfracombe, EX34 9LH

This Sunday, 12th July at 7:00pm



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.**

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.

