



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

16th August 2026

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

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Parish Safeguarding Rep: Teresa Costello

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TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalter 4

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SOLEMNITY

Sun 16th Aug

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Martha Thorne RIP

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish



Mon 17th Aug

Tues 18th Aug

Wed 19th Aug

St John Eudes Pr (1601-1680) Optional Memorial

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am

Foundation Mass Intention: Margaret Mary Gordon RIP Celebrated in Lynton

Followed by the Rosary

Thurs 20th Aug

St Bernard Ab Dr (c.1090-1153) Memorial

Patron of Gibraltar and Beekeepers

Fri 21st Aug

St Pius X Pp (1835-1914) Memorial

FM: Michael Andrews Intentions Celebrated in Lynton

Sat 22nd Aug

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 23rd Aug

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Ken Geraghty

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

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 August 2026: *For evangelisation in the city.*

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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:

We pray for all who suffer in sorrow,
That they may find consolation;
we pray for all who yearn for justice,
that their longing will be satisfied;
we pray for the tender hearted,
that they might enjoy mercy;
we pray for all who are persecuted and all who struggle for freedom,
that they might experience the peace of God's kingdom.
Amen.



Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea

is sponsored by Barbara Chelsom in memory of Father John Bielawoski 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.



Diocesan Newsletter

The latest Diocesan Newsletter is now available by using this link:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t47E6F88D98A22DCD2540EF23F30FEDED>

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.

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.



OPEN GARDEN & CREAM TEA

Sunday, 16 August at 3:30pm

Ann Wallace is opening her gardens for all to see her wonderful flower display. There will be an opportunity to buy a cream tea and support our funds for the church roof.

We can enjoy some time in the sun and fresh air.

There is a tennis court where the children can play, if the weather is less than clement the children can play table tennis in the barn.

Ann's address is Poole Farm, Poole Lane, Woolacombe, EX34 7AP.

This is at the very very end of the lane. Go slowly as it's bumpy!

Lifts can be arranged for those who don't drive.



Mass for Marriage 2026 at noon on Saturday, 12 September 2026

at The Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth, PL1 5HW

The Celebrant will be Bishop Nicholas. For more information contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Summer Raffle



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



TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!

The prizes will **all be cash!**

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

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

The parish is immensely grateful to all donors who have supported the parish during the year and helped to keep our doors open to achieve our Mission.

For those who are Gift Aid donors you should soon receive an individual statement of how much you gave in the year so that you can check you have paid enough tax to cover the Gift Aid that the parish will claim. This statement will be handed to you or go to the address that we currently hold for you. If you are expecting a letter but do not receive one, please contact Rosalind Bearman.

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