



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

23rd August 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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Teresa Costello

Parish Secretary: Mary Hammill

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalm 1

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 23rd Aug

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Ken Geraghty

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish



Mon 24th Aug

ST BARTHOLOMEW – APOSTLE, FEAST

Tues 25th Aug

Patron of Plasterers, Tanners and Leather Workers

St Louis of France (1214-1270) Optional Memorial

Patron of French Monarchy and Military Barbers

St Joseph Calasanz Pr (1557-1648) Optional Memorial

Patron of Catholic Schools

Wed 26th Aug

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Optional Memorial

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am

Intention: Isabella Kennedy

Followed by the Rosary

Thurs 27th Aug

St Monica (c.331-387) Memorial

Patron of Mothers

Fri 28th Aug

St Augustine Bp Dr (354-430) Memorial

Sat 29th Aug

The Passion of St John the Baptist Memorial

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

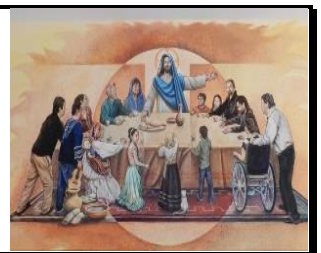
Sun 30th August

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Kevin Burns

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:

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.

Amen.

St. Ignatius of Loyola



Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea

is sponsored by Barbara Chelsom in memory of Benjamin Rebeiro RIP and Irene Rebeiro 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.



GRATEFUL HEARTS - SERVING OTHERS - Putting All Children First

The annual Appeal of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is **NEXT** weekend.

Please use the envelope attached to the newsletter or visit their website

(www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) to understand the wonderful work, which the Society does to help struggling children and their families.



Are you looking for a new, rewarding challenge?

join
trustee



Have you considered joining our Board of Trustees who meet four times a year? This is a voluntary position both rewarding and challenging. We need interest, energy and enthusiasm from our trustees to sustain and maintain the charity. Our trustees have a wealth of experience but we would love some new people to join our Board. The meetings are in Ashburton on Mondays, but it is possible to attend some via teams. We would love our new trustees to be more involved and rather than just attending board meetings, perhaps visiting schools and attending Deanery meetings and other parish meetings to talk about the invaluable work we do to help families. If you would like to join us at our next Board meeting to meet everyone and see whether it is something you might enjoy being a part of, please email ccs@ccsplymouth.org.uk or call 01364 645420.

OPEN GARDEN & CREAM TEA

A huge thank you to Ann Wallace for opening her fabulous garden last Sunday for all to enjoy the wide range of flowers growing there.

A good afternoon was had by all.

Thank you to all who attended & those who provided the fabulous Cream Tea and cakes, we raised £85.00 for parish funds.



OPEN HOUSE – SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2026

10.00 am – 5.00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Exeter

Join a group from North Devon who will attend the Open House at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Exeter on Saturday 10th October, 10am - 5pm.

Fr Jonathan Stewart and Blessed Sacrament Parish have been on a journey of transformation and are seeing their parish attracting new people, making new disciples, and growing in numbers and faith. Come and see it firsthand and be inspired about what is possible!

Text Hannah (07540 947 868) for more information and for the link to book your place.

WORSHIP NIGHT – FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2026

7:30 - 8:30pm at the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lee Road, Lynton EX35 6BS

You are invited to a Worship Night on Friday 30th October, 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

This will be a guided hour of praise and silent prayer at the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lee Road, Lynton EX35 6BS.

All are welcome.

Social time for young adults 18-35 beforehand 6 - 7:15pm.

Young adults, text David (07580 142 808) for more information.

The next **Gardening Day at the Most Holy Saviour Church, Lynton,** will be held on **Saturday, 12th September** from **9.30am to 4pm.**

Mass will be at 4.30pm.

Anyone coming from a distance, please just arrive when you can, there is no need to be there at 9.30am if that's too early.

Please bring a picnic lunch with you,
the Sisters will provide tea, coffee and cakes throughout the day.

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