



# Holy Cross Parish

## Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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

**Parish Church:** *Our Lady Star of the Sea*, Runnacleave Road, Ilfracombe, North Devon, EX34 8AQ

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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:** Teresa Wright

**Parish Secretary:** Mary Hammill

## TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalter 3

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am**

Intention: Derek Lamb

**LYNTON – Mass 11:30am**

Intention: The People of the Parish



Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct

**St Faustina Kowalska V (1905-1938) Optional Memorial**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

**St Bruno Pr (c.1034-1101) Optional Memorial**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Our Lady of the Rosary Memorial**

**ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am**

Intention: Isabella Kennedy

*Followed by the Rosary*

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

**ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN – PRIEST, FEAST**

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Foundation Mass Intention: Margaret Bernard Celebrated in Lynton

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

**St Denis Bp M and Companions Mm (died c.250) Optional Memorial**

**Patron of France**

**St John Leonardi Pr (1541-1609) Optional Memorial**

**St Paulinus of York Bp (died 644) Optional Memorial**

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

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (PRISONS WEEK – PRAYER FOR PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES)

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am**

FM: Ellen Roberts RIP

**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 October 2026: *For mental health ministry.***

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

***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.*

***John Henry Newman's Daily Prayer:***

May He support us all the day long,  
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.  
Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest and peace at the last.  
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**

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - THIS SUNDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> October:**

*There will be an optional collection on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please donate to our Harvest Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030.*

**Youth Volunteers Newsletter** can be found by using this link:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-FD9D3738248EC9822540EF23F30FEDED>

**Care for Creation - A Special Year** - The Year of St Francis 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death in 1226. Pope Leo XIV declared it will be a special Year of St Francis in which we are all called to become saints in our world, following St Francis' example. We are called to model a holiness of life and witness to peace. The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

**OPEN HOUSE – SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2026 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Exeter**

Join a group from North Devon attending the Open House at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Exeter on Saturday, 10th October, from 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.

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

**SEE, SPEAK, ACT: Faith in Action Against Modern Slavery Event** - Join Caritas and Clewer to learn how to recognise the signs, respond safely and take action against slavery and exploitation on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 1.00 pm-5.00 pm at Plymouth Methodist Central Hall, Eastlake Street, PL1 1BA.**  
To register email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or telephone 01364 645440.

**Chocolate Making Workshop at Truro Parish Church**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October (ages 10 - 16)**

Explore the catholic social teaching around growing and farming cocoa and the chocolate industry. You will get to taste the raw ingredients that make chocolate, whilst making your own chocolate and producing Florentines. Simultaneously there is a craft workshop to create a box for your Florentine. Cost: £10 per person. For further information contact Saskia, [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)



**Catechists Fair - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre**

The day runs from **10.00 - 16.00**. (Lunch not included) - Share your experiences of sharing faith and bringing people closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Topics to include:

**Growing Family Catechesis and The Link between Liturgy and Catechesis**

Catechists Demonstrations

Beautiful, discounted books available from the Isaiah Books Mission.

To book or for information contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

**Day of Reflection - Saturday 17 October at St Mary & St Petroc Church, Bodmin, PL31 1HF**

Have you ever asked 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life ?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on 17 October from **10am-3pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre, St Mary's Road, Bodmin. The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided - please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. Pickups from Bodmin station can be arranged if required. To register your interest/ more information email Fr Kostuch on [jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) or Fr Candy [vocation@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vocation@prcdtr.org.uk)

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**World Day of the Poor Event – The Lord is the Refuge of the Poor**

Join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor on

**Saturday 14 November 2026, 11am-4.30pm, at the newly opened St James Catholic Church, 40 Old Road, Tiverton, EX16 4HJ** with

Bishop Nicholas opening the day and closing with mass, keynote speaker, David Wells reflecting on Pope Leo's message and also Canon Kristian Paver will talk on the new church at Tiverton. A simple lunch will be provided.

Registration is essential for this free event and early booking is advised.

To register email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or telephone 01364 645440.

**DIOCESAN VACANCY:**

**Deputy Headteacher at the The Cathedral School of St Mary, Plymouth**

Full details, job description, recruitment pack and application form can be found using the link below:

<https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-PIC-0145>