



Holy Cross Parish

Newsletter

11th 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-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalter 4

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

Sun 11th Oct

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

FM: Ellen Roberts RIP

LYNTON – Mass 11:30am

Intention: The People of the Parish



Mon 12th Oct

St Wilfrid Bp (c.634-709) Optional Memorial

Tues 13th Oct

St Edward the Confessor – King (c.1003-1066) Optional Memorial

Patron of Kings, Difficult Marriages and Separated Spouses

Foundation Mass Intention: The Butcher Family Celebrated in Lynton

Wed 14th Oct

St Callistus I Pp M (died c.222) Optional Memorial

ILFRACOMBE - Mass 10:30am

Intention: Isabella Kennedy *Followed by the Rosary*

Thurs 15th Oct

St Teresa of Jesus V Dr (1515-1582) Memorial

Patron of Lacemakers and Headache Sufferers

Fri 16th Oct

St Hedwig Rel (c.1174-1243) Optional Memorial

St Margaret Mary Alacoque V (1647-1690) Optional Memorial

Sat 17th Oct

St Ignatius of Antioch Bp M (died c.107) Memorial

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sun 18th Oct

ILFRACOMBE – Mass 9:00am

Intention: Ernest Hancock

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 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:

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.



A Prayer for The Future

Loving God,
each day as I step further into my future,
give me the courage, knowledge and
patience that I need on my journey.
Remind me that you always journey with me
and that you will never lead me into anything
that you won't lead me through.
Thank you for the gift of my life.
May the way I live it be my gift to you –
with your love and guidance
In Jesus' 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.



Pat May RIP - It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Pat May who passed away recently.

UPCOMING RETIRING COLLECTION

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - NEXT SUNDAY, 18th October:

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission - through a special collection.

*This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit **missio.org.uk** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.*



Youth Volunteers Newsletter can be found by using this link:

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

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Couples are helped by Retrouvaille to re-discover trust and hope in their marriage. For more information go to:

<https://retrouvaille.org.uk>



Modern Slavery Information Sessions

Tuesday, 13 October at 11.00 am & 15 October at 7.00 pm in Barnstaple

Delivered by Gabriel Wynne & Ian Gee from the Salvation Army

Hosted by the Pickwell Foundation

The free sessions provide an introduction to modern slavery and exploitation, helping people to recognise the signs, understand the realities of exploitation in the UK, and learn how to respond safely and appropriately if they have concerns.

For more information go to:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-day-slavery-information-session-tickets-2002618924111

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-day-slavery-information-session-tickets-2002620379464

Chocolate Making Workshop at Truro Parish Church

Saturday 17th 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



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.

CCSP Crowdfunder Prize Draw

Would you like to win this calming relaxation bundle?

You could keep some of the prizes for yourself or gift them to family and friends for Christmas as the draw takes place on Monday, 23 November 2026.

Included in the bundle is -

- * A beautiful, large handmade quilt
- * A gorgeous, soft to the touch crocheted teddy
- * A wonderful, handmade, white circular Christening gown
- * A calming diffuser with a selection of essential oils
- * A scented candle advent calendar.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by clicking this link –

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/a-calming-relaxation-bundle>



Plymouth CAST needs you!

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel.

We are looking to expand our Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience of education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust. Contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further details, Mrs Leah Paiano lpiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

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>