Holy Cross Parish Newsletter

8th November 2026

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

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** PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TWO-WEEK NEWSLETTER! **

THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalter 4

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Sun 8th Nov **ILFRACOMBE – Mass *9:00am***
Intention: For our loved ones on the Remembrance Lists
LYNTON – Mass *11:30am*
Intention: The People of the Parish

Mon 9th Nov **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**, FEAST
Tues 10th Nov **St Leo the Great Pp Dr (died 461)** Memorial
Wed 11th Nov **St Martin of Tours Bp (316-397)** Memorial
Patron of France, Soldiers, Beggars and Innkeepers
ILFRACOMBE - Mass *10:30am*
FM: For the men of the parish who were killed in the 1939-1945 War RIP
Followed by the Rosary
Thurs 12th Nov **St Josaphat Bp M (c.1580-1623)** Memorial
FM: Kathleen Mary and Cecil Williams RIP Celebrated in Lynton
Fri 13th Nov
Sat 14th Nov **Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Optional Memorial

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalter 1

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



Sun 15th Nov **ILFRACOMBE – Mass *9:00am***
Intention: For our loved ones on the Remembrance Lists
LYNTON – Mass *11:30am*
Intention: The People of the Parish

Mon 16th Nov **St Edmund of Abingdon Bp (c.1175-1240)** Optional Memorial
St Margaret of Scotland (1046-1093) Optional Memorial
St Gertrude V (1256-c.1302) Optional Memorial
Tues 17th Nov **St Hilda Rel (614-680)** Optional Memorial
St Hugh of Lincoln Bp (c.1140-1200) Optional Memorial
St Elizabeth of Hungary Rel (1207-1231) Optional Memorial
Wed 18th Nov **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul – Apostles**, Optional Memorial
ILFRACOMBE - Mass *10:30am* Intention: Isabella Kennedy ***Followed by the Rosary***
Thurs 19th Nov WORLD DAY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE
Fri 20th Nov
Sat 21st Nov **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Memorial

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year A2, Psalter 2

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YOUTH DAY – YOUNG PEOPLE



Sun 22nd Nov **ILFRACOMBE – Mass *9:00am***
Intention: For our loved ones on the Remembrance Lists
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 November 2026: *For the proper use of wealth.*
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Please pray for the sick and housebound:
Harley Stratton, Geoff Fenning, Noreen Farrar, Hazel Villiers, Barbara Chelsom, 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:
Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace
calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Churches Together in Britain and Ireland



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.





NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS INTENTIONS – 4 of the November Masses will be celebrated for our deceased family members & friends. If you would like somebody included in the intentions for these Masses please complete the form at the back of church & return it to Deacon Steve or the Parish Office **ASAP**, thank you.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & RAFFLE!



It's that time of year again!

We are making plans for our annual **Christmas Bazaar & Raffle.** These fundraisers will be for improvements to the Church & Presbytery Buildings.

THE BAZAAR will be held on the morning of Saturday, **5th December 2026**, in the Foyer of the Landmark Theatre; please look out some good quality/new items for the stalls (bottles, Christmas items, toys, tombola, bric-a-brac) and bring them to church when you come or drop them off at the office; nearer the day bake up a storm for our cake stall!
We also need volunteers to run the stalls, please let Deacon Steve or Rosalind know how you can help, thank you.

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE will be drawn after the Mass on the Sunday, **20th December 2026.**

If you are able to provide prizes we would be very grateful, if you are able to provide something for the luxury hamper, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

World Day of the Poor Event Saturday 14 November 2026 - 11.00am-4.30pm

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

At the newly opened St James Catholic Church, 40 Old Road, Tiverton, EX16 4HJ, Bishop Nicholas will open the day and closing with mass, keynote speaker, David Wells will reflect on Pope Leo's message and also Canon Kristian Paver will talk on the new church in Tiverton. A simple lunch will be provided. Registration is essential for this free event. To register, email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone: 01364 645440.

Fair Trade and Chocolate Making
Saturday 14th November at 10.00am–3.30pm at Okehampton Parish Church Hall



Young people **aged 10-16** are welcome to explore the impact of the chocolate industry on people working within the industry and the environment. The day offers a chance to meet others from across the Diocese, join in games and activities including making chocolate from raw ingredients to create Florentines. £10pp. Booking essential. Please see noticeboard.

Advent, Young Adults Retreat (18-30 year olds), 20th-22nd November at Buckfast Abbey

A weekend exploring the scripture Isaiah 40:3, with talks led by Brothers Augustine & Reginald OP along with a chance to pray and reflect, whilst meeting other young adults from across the Diocese. £40pp. Booking essential. For more information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

CAFOD World Gifts: Love your neighbour this Christmas

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

This Christmas, share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift – from safe water to school meals! A meaningful way to bless loves ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Collect a catalogue from the back of church or call 0300 777 0030.

OFFERINGS: October 2026 (4 weeks) - £1,356.26
CAFOD Harvest Fast Dat - £155.10; **Prisoners' Sunday** - £20.00
World Mission Sunday - £92.60

Thank you for your continued support.