Holy Cross Parish Newsletter

22nd November 2026

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

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

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

Mon 23rd Nov — **St Clement I Pp M (died c.97)** Optional Memorial
St Columban Ab (c.543-615) Optional Memorial

Tues 24th Nov — **St Andrew Dung-Lac Pr M (1795-1839) and Companions Mm** Memorial

Wed 25th Nov — **St Catherine of Alexandria V M (4th century)** Optional Memorial
Patron of Philosophers and Preachers
ILFRACOMBE - Mass *10:30am*
Intention: Norman Thorne RIP ***Followed by the Rosary***

Thurs 26th Nov

Fri 27th Nov

Sat 28th Nov

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT Year B, Psalter 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sun 29th Nov

ILFRACOMBE – Mass *9:00am*
Intention: For the repose of the Souls of those religious of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who worked in Ilfracombe
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:



Merciful God,
We pray for families and individuals who have left or fled their homes,
seeking safer and better lives.
We lift up to you their hopes, fears, and needs,
that they may be protected on their journeys,
their dignity and rights may be honoured and upheld,
and they may be welcomed with open arms
into generous and compassionate communities.
Amen.
(Catholic Charities USA)

Pray As You Go is a daily prayer website, podcast & application that was created in 2006 by Peter Scally SJ, Jesuit Priest, in the UK and can be found at https://pray-as-you-go.org **or** download the app.

Sanctuary Lamp at Our Lady Star of the Sea
This week the Sanctuary Lamp does not have a sponsor. 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.



CAFOD World Gifts: Love your neighbour this Christmas
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.

Help riase funds for CCSP - Did you know **70% of shoppers** will do their Christmas shopping online this year? And did you know this shopping can **easily turn into funding for CCSP**? Everyone's favourite Christmas gift retailers like eBay,Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Currys, Etsy, M&S, Boots, Dunelm, Waterstones and even more will all donate money to CCSP when supporters, volunteers, trustees and the CCSP community shop with them. **It's very easy** – an online shopper simply buys something from one of the above retailers or 8,000 others, and the retailer sends CCSP a free donation as a thank you, at no extra cost to the shopper. Please register to fundraise for CCSP whilst you shop this Christmas and throughout the year by going to www.easyfundraising.org.uk

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.

HCPT Westcountry Region Advent Liturgy led by Bishop Nicholas Hudson at 4.30pm on Sunday 29th November at Assumption Parish, Abbey Road, Torquay, TQ2 5NJ

There will also be children's activities from 2.30pm and refreshments at 3.45pm, both in the parish hall.

Life-Changing Pilgrimage Holidays
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ADVENT RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2026 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE "EXPLORING PRAYER AND CONVERSION" led by Fr. Gerald Wilson OAR

The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10am. The second talk will be at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £27.00. See the poster on the noticeboard for more information.

Residential Marriage Course from 8th – 10th January 2027

Are you wanting to understand the Church's teaching on Matrimony and its vision for the Sacrament more deeply? Join the Course **from 8th – 10th January 2027** to explore the theology of Marriage, based on Scripture and structured around the Rite itself. With time for personal reflection and exercises, sharing in couples and as a group, this weekend course serves as a standalone or as an accompaniment to other in-person or online courses. For more information/to book go to https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

Remember to save your used stamps for the **Catholic Children's Society**.
Place them in the orange box at the back of Our Lady Star of the Sea
OR bring them to the Parish Office

