



**Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17th May</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>World Communications Day</b>
		9am Mass	Int: For Lucy and Michael Hayes - 55th Wedding Anniversary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22nd May</b>	9:25 Adoration 10am Mass	Int: For People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24th May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 9am Mass	Int: Peggy Shaw (RIP)

*Please stay for refreshments after Sunday Mass*

*A very warm welcome to all our visitors*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment*

**Please pray for ...**

**those whose anniversaries occur during the month of May:** Theresa Palastre, Charles Hall, Leslie Smith, Luke Joseph Glancy, Winifrid Thorn, Major Albert Booth, Thomas George Gidley, Patricia Ann Eastbury, Frank Stanley Williams, Mary Elizabeth Swallow, Anthony Maxwell Hill, Christopher Robin Start, Kerri Louise Sheerin, Pamela Anne Crowley Brown, Theresa May Yelland, Francis Farrell, Richard Lee, Josie Holwill, Katharine Fitzgerald, Mark William John Gillett and Dennis Joseph McMahon, Frank Ward

**the sick and/or housebound including:** Kit Cook, Ian Kilpatrick, Paul & Jan Demery, Geoff Luckman, Ian Wood, Jean Rose, Jeff Moles and Corrie Grice, Vivienne Gardner, Michael Sparring

*We would like to wish Lucy and Michael Hayes many blessings for their 55th Wedding Anniversary.  
May Our Lady lead them in the many more beautiful years to come.*

**Parish Lunch.** Everyone is invited to a Parish Lunch. **Date: 27th June, 12:30pm.** It will be a bring and share lunch. Sign up list will be available soon in the back of the church. We are looking forward to it very much.

**Next product stall date 31st May** after Mass. Donations of produce—cakes/cookies, crafts, plants will be gratefully received.

**Cream Tea Fundraiser .** Pencil in your diary the date for the next Cream Tea which will be on Saturday **11th July** at Mary Bell's lovely garden in Calstock. Details to follow.

**St. Vincent De Paul Society.** The SVP meets here in the church on the last Tuesday of every month at 18:30. Inspired by Christ's call to love our neighbour as ourselves, we work to offer practical support, companionship, and a spirit of justice to those who need it. The greatest gift we can share is our time. If you would like to join the SVP or if you are in need of our support, please contact the OLA office and leave your details.

**Children's Liturgy** - every Sunday during mass. Please see this weeks leader for instructions.

**Rosary Group** meet every Tuesday in church at 6pm. All are welcome. If you have intentions you would like put forward to the group, please contact the office.

**Mothers and Grandmother's Prayer Group.** We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 5.15pm until 6.00pm, to pray for our children and grandchildren. Please see Anne Wood for details.

**Tavistock Foodbank** is requesting following items: Tinned soup, tinned meat, lifelog milk noodles and pot noodles.

**Thank you**

**Parish Safeguarding Team:** Jane Lumley, Jola Kawalek. **Contact:** 01364 645 430 or [safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)

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## From around the Diocese and beyond

**UNBOUND Prayer Ministry available in our Diocese.** If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Contact [unboundprayerdop@gmail.com](mailto:unboundprayerdop@gmail.com) or see the poster displayed for more information.

### EVANGELISATION THROUGH ART - Local Artists Exhibition

Holy Cross Catholic Church, Dousland Road, Yelverton PL20 6AZ (In the Hall. Plenty of Parking)

May 24th 2.30pm until Saturday May 30th 6pm (weekdays 11am – 6pm)

**“All beauty is but a shadow of His glory and every piece of art whispers His name”**

You are warmly invited to experience a unique exhibition of art designed to stir the imagination, awaken the soul, and explore life's biggest questions. You will meet ordinary folks who have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to create things of beauty. ~They are not professionals ~ Some have never painted before ~Their work will astonish you.

Come along and spend some time enjoying beautiful, authentic real art (No AI!). Maybe take some home.

Chat with the artists hear their stories – It will get you thinking : ~ What is true beauty ~Why does art move us so deeply ~Is there more to life than we see ~ How does God speak to us?

There will be tea and cake available to nourish the body as well! **Come curious. Leave inspired!**

### UNIVERSAL WELCOME AT PENTECOST

As we journey towards Pentecost, we remember the Church was universal in its make-up from its very beginning. To mark this Caritas has produced a WELCOME poster to celebrate the 75 languages we have identified being present in our parish communities here in the diocese. As part of [A Million Acts of Hope](#) we are inviting parishes to display our Welcome banners, not just for Pentecost, but to share our continued invitation that all are welcome in our churches and communities. Come and look at the poster and see how many languages you recognise .

**Online Webinar – Violence Against Women in the Bible** ~ Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026- 10am until midday

What does a biblical understanding of violence against women look like? How might this understanding inform our responses as Catholic communities to violence against women in our churches and in wider society? Join the webinar to hear from the panel of theologians and practitioners. Hosted by CSAN's Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith. Click the link to register [CSAN Domestic Abuse Alliance \(26-May-2026\) · CharitySuite Events](#)

**Young Adults retreat, Sclerder 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June** A weekend retreat for **18 - 30 year olds** to to **reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth**, this is underpinned by the scripture Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude. Along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a **contribution of £40** each. Transport will be provided from Liskeard Station both on the Friday night and Saturday morning, returning around 2pm on Sunday. It is important to **book**: [Sclerder Retreat \(18-30\) - Stewards of the earth – Fill in form](#) Any further questions contact: Saskia, [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

### ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY ON FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2026 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE

**Principal Celebrant:** Father Jose Romero OAR. The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for the sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website [www.stritascentre.org](http://www.stritascentre.org) and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm. We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am. Car parking stewards will be on duty to help you, and there will be a small army of volunteers working in various places helping to ensure a smooth running of the day and a happy feast day for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

### TACT News

**“SONGS OF PRAISE” in the Meadows, Sunday 24th MAY 2.30-4pm.** Please come along for another “SONGS OF PRAISE” event hosted by The Salvation Army, Sunday 24th MAY 2.30-4pm at the Bandstand in the Meadows, Tavistock. Join in singing along to hymns, old and new - song sheets available! If wet, the event will take place at the URC, Russell St. Some chairs will be provided but you may wish to bring a camp chair, and perhaps a blanket, according to the weather!

**We look forward to the Retreat Day at Rob & Suzy Weston's retreat centre**, which is confirmed to go ahead on **Thursday 21st May, running from 10-3pm. Please arrive around 9.45 if possible.**

There will be tea and coffee on arrival and a simple lunch provided, with refreshments again at the end.

We would ask everyone to contribute £15 towards the day please (the full cost is £30, and the balance will be paid by TACT) - BACS details for payments are as follows - please enter your surname as a reference. (You can pay cash on the day if you prefer). **Bank: Lloyds, Sort Code: 30-94-91, Account Number: 24916460, Account name: Tinhay Retreats Ltd**

For more information contact Jackie P on [tacttavi@gmail.com](mailto:tacttavi@gmail.com)

**Diocese of Plymouth Links - Click the inks to visit following pages:**

**Diocese News:** <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

**Caritas:** Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese <https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>

**Catholic Bishops Conference** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/>

**The Catholic Network:** [Today's historic election results have not only changed British politics, but the moral landscape too - The Catholic Network](#)

### ***Collections: 10/05/2026 ~Thank you***

**Loose Plate:** £163.73

**Card:** £25

**Standing Order:** £290

**Mass Attendance:** 68



### **Pope Leo's Intentions for May - That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food