



Church of The Most Precious Blood
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3rd Week of Advent B Psalter 3

Saturday 12 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Terri & Philip Carney R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 13 th	10:30am	3 rd Sunday of Advent ó Gaudete!	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 14 th	ó		
Tuesday 15 th	6:00pm	Weekday of Advent	
Wednesday 16 th	10:00am	Weekday of Advent	<i>Private Int.</i>
Thursday 17 th	10:00am	Weekday of Advent O Sapientia	
Friday 18 th	10:00am	Weekday of Advent O Adonai	<i>Private Int.</i>

Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish including Brenda Jupp, Chris Jupp, Brian Lesaux, Andy deKlerk, Geraldine Page, Mary Wallace, Clifford Brown, Christopher Brown, Irene Ulucki, Tom Clarke, Suzanne Hosker, Daphne Adams, John Chase, Sister Bernadette, Brian Slattery, Judith Banks, Ursula Layland, Adam Smith, Kath Welch.

Public acts of worship have now resumed and will continue regardless of which tier we are in. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended - if you do not feel safe coming to Mass then please stay at home and don't worry ó there is absolutely no requirement for you to attend Mass in person. Remember that Masses will continue to be streamed on Facebook and Zoom for those at home. If you need help with accessing either of these platforms then please just let us know.

Sea Sunday - there is a second collection this week (transferred from earlier in the year). To give online instead please go to www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/

Virtual coffee after Mass on Zoom on Sunday mornings. All welcome, as ever; just let us know if you need the log in details.

Don't forget that **Children's Liturgy** has recommenced for Advent, via videos posted on the parish Facebook page ó you don't have to be a child to enjoy them!

Parish Carol Service ó this Sunday (13th) at 5pm on zoom* or available on the parish Facebook page. Followed by a zoom parish social (6pm approx). Bring your own nibbles and drink! All are welcome so feel welcome to invite friends and family. *Please contact emma.mcgauley@btinternet.com for the zoom link. If you can't make it, you can catch up later from the parish Facebook page.

2021 Church Diaries ó if you missed the opportunity to get one earlier this year, there are still a few left so if you would like one, please let Rebecca know.

SidValley Food Bank Christmas Hamper Appeal – can you donate to this important cause? This week they need toiletries, cooking oil, crackers, washing up liquid, squirty cream (not refrigerated) and trifle/cake mix. Donation points at Dairy Shop, Waitrose, Lidl and Sidford Spar 07936 917507 info@sidvalleyfoodbank.org.uk

Many thanks to all those who participated in or supported **Looking Forward – an evening of Advent entertainment**. Look out for the Christmas one coming up on Saturday 2nd January!

Things to pray for this week

Sea Sunday

- For all who sail the world to enable our safety and comfort
- For families left behind, that they may know stability and peace
- For an appreciation of the food and produce which comes to us through seafarers, that we may never take their work for granted.

We are all called to **Welcome the Stranger** but many people are unsure how they can help others during this time of continued lockdown. Caritas has produced a Christmas Newsletter which offers some practical suggestions for action and links to prayer resources. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Caritas-at-Christmas-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

Plymouth Diocese is looking for a **Diocesan Schools Commission Administrator**. This part-time post is based at St Boniface House with some home working. Job description and application form from recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk application deadline Monday 4th January

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Alternative ways to donate to the **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)** – a number of parishes have asked how they can donate this Christmas instead of the usual offering made in church, since during these unprecedented times, it might not be possible for offering collections to be made in the usual way. You can donate to the CCSP this Christmas via

- our Christmas Crowdfunding page ó <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/stretch-out-your-hands-this-christmas> (CCSP receive 100% of every donation, as Crowdfunder have waived all their fees to help charities and we acknowledge receipt via email)
- post by sending a cheque made payable to Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL
- BACS direct into our account ó Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) sort code ó 52-41-60 account number ó 06024335
- text ó to donate £5 text 5CCSP to 70085, to donate £10 text 10CCSP to 70085 or to donate £20 text 20CCSP to 70085

Fratelli Tutti ó Caritas Plymouth is preparing a number of short videos to offer a reflection on each chapter of the Encyclical. One reflection will be shared each week over the coming 8 weeks. We hope that the videos will provide food for thought and encourage people to read the full text. The reflections are all on our Diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/videos>

Amazon Smile - Would you like to help our local primary school while doing your online shopping? If you usually shop at Amazon, you can sign into www.smile.amazon.co.uk instead and select Sidmouth Ce Primary School Ptfa as your chosen charity, then continue to shop as usual. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the value of any purchase you make direct to the school PTFA, you don't have to do a thing except shop as usual!

Light up our lives
Christ, come into our world of darkness
Light up our lives with your coming.
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of
your birth
Strengthen our resolve to work for
change in our world
And to share the hope of your birth that
each Advent brings.
Amen

Safe Spaces

The Safe Spaces team is there for anyone who has experienced church-related abuse of any kind. They run a helpline and live chat service Monday ó Saturday 10am-6pm, (Thursdays 12-8pm).



Tel: 0300 303 1056
Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk
LiveChat: www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk
Website: www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk

Parishioners' Offerings: Cash and Cheques £172.32, of which £77.31 is Gift Aided
Standing Orders £486.62, of which £412.88 is Gift Aided

Please make all cheques payable to **RC Church Sidmouth**

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Hall Bookings St Teresa's Hall is closed to the public until further notice

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