



**Church of The Most Precious Blood
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Third Week of Advent C Psalter 3

Saturday	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:30am	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday	10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass
Tuesday	6:00pm	Advent Weekday Mass
Wednesday	10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Advent Weekday Mass
Friday	10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass

Deceased Clergy

Holy Souls

Private Int.

Mary Everson R.I.P.



Confessions After weekday Mass or by appointment

Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish including Joyce Long, Connie Loebell, Mary Wallace, Clifford Brown, Christopher Brown, Eileen Brown, Suzanne Hosker, Rebecca Warren-Heys, Sister Bernadette, Brian Slattery, Gilda Wachala, Ursula Layland, Anne Sanderson, Adam Smith and Kath Welch.

Please let the parish office know if you would like Fr Paul to visit if you are sick or following a visit to hospital.

Welcome to all our visitors, we hope you have a lovely stay in Sidmouth. Please join us for tea and coffee in the hall after Mass on Sunday and visit the parish library and Traidcraft stall.

Christmas greetings and many thanks to all our Traidcraft supporters during 2018. *Celina and John*

Happy Gaudete Sunday! It's also known as Rose Sunday so it's lovely to see some of you in rose or pink ☺

There is a **second collection this weekend** for Day for Life, focusing on those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery.

This week we remember Alfonso Sevilla on the first anniversary of his death on Sunday (16th)

Parish Christmas cards – please take a card home to give to a friend or neighbour to invite them to come to church this Christmas.

Carol Service this year will be this evening at 5pm in the church followed by a Christmas Buffet in St Teresa's (start time 6pm approx). Tickets for the buffet are £5 with all proceeds going to HCPT group 141, taking children with special needs to Lourdes every Easter.

Please note that the **Parish office will be closed for Christmas** 21st December until 8th January. Any further items for the newsletters for weekends 22nd/23rd December, 29th/30th December and 5th/6th January must please be with me by this Tuesday (18th) to ensure they are included. Happy Christmas everyone! *Rebecca*

Welcomers - please let Gwen know which Masses you will be available to assist at over the Christmas period.

Windows Across the Diocese ó these lovely 2019 calendars are available for sale from the parish office for £5 each, all proceeds to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) ó they make a perfect Christmas present!

Christmas cards for parishioners – please use our lovely new box in the porch!

A HUGE thanks to everyone who made the **Christmas Fair** such a great success! This year we raised £1026.23 - amazing! This includes £177 for HCPT 141 raised through the raffle. Thank you all so much for the helpers who gave up their time, for the gifts to sell and parishioners who came along and supported it. The kitchen refurbishment is off to a good start! See you all next year!

Notes from the most recent **PPC meeting** are displayed in the porch and available on the website.

Thank you from the **Food Bank** - Firstly a big thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers; the Food Bank couldn't run without you. If anyone can spare a couple of hours on a Friday afternoon once every 5 weeks please contact me. We are also desperate for a driver to do one run around the area delivering bags to help out Maria. Next week we are making up 70 parcels with Christmas extras as well as dealing with 30 referrals in the afternoon. A big thank you to everyone who has donated goods over this year. *Cicely Cook* (513213)

Advent appeal from ACAT(Action by Christians Against Torture) ó this Advent, could you send a greeting card to or on behalf of a prisoner of conscience or one under a death penalty? **Linda Carty**, a dual US/UK citizen has been on death row in Texas since 2002 for abduction and murder following a deeply flawed trial. She is dangerously close to execution. Please send a greetings card and/or message of support, religious if you wish to her at: Mountainview Unit, 2305 Ramson Road, Gatesville, Texas 76528, USA.

Primley URC Friendship Lunch – food and fellowship for those who would otherwise spend Sunday on their own. Come to a free lunch on the first Sunday of every other month; first date January 6th. See poster in porch for more dates and details on how to book.

Carol Singing with Christian Aid - from 11am-12noon on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd December outside Pure Indulgence. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us!

Gather 2019 ó 18th-20th January in Torquay. See poster in the porch for more details, and ask the parish office for a booking form. Please speak to Fr Paul in confidence if you require financial assistance in order to attend.

Monday	Rosary before Mass ó starts at 9:35am Mothers Prayer Group 10:30am in the Presbytery
Tuesday	Fortnightly prayer group at Fr Paddy's 7pm Knit and Natter on each first and third Tuesday of the month 2-4pm in the Presbytery
Wednesday	Evangelisation Prayer Group on the last Wednesday of the month in the church 7pm
Thursday	Marian Prayer Group in the church 6ó7pm
Friday	Choir Practice in the church from 4.45pm
Saturday	On the last Saturday of the month choir practice is usually at 10am in the church

<u>Next Weekend (22nd/23rd December)</u>	5:30pm Vigil	10:30am	Readings
Reader 1	Margaret Draper	Siona	<i>Mi 5:1-4</i>
Reader 2	Jill McGauley	Hanna	<i>Heb 10:5-10</i>
Ciborium	Stephanie Turner	Brigid Mc-Smith	
Eucharistic Chalice	Dorothy Vosper	Norma Hoare	
	Beryl Evans	Rose MacQueen	
Welcomers	Patricia Gannon	Phil Hibbert	
	Pam Manning	Pat & Stephen Knight	
Cleaners	CHRISTMAS CLEANING - tba		
Counters on 17th	Linda & Paul Blay		
Flowers	Christmas Flowers		
Hall Refreshments	Monica & Jeremy Walton		
Last week's collections	Gift Aid £233.10	Cash £261.69	
Newsletter	Rebecca 513340		
Hall Bookings	Gwen & John Larter 579773 or email: rchallsidmouth@aol.com		
Parish Safeguarding Reps	Una Cunningham 577391, Cathy Gunnell 519302 Ann Murphy 07779986217		