



**Church of The Most Precious Blood  
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**First Week of Advent C Psalter 1**

<b>Saturday</b>	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30am	First Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am	St Francis Xavier
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00pm	Advent Weekday Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am	Advent Weekday Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mass for Sick and Housebound</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</b>



**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.

**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, where the Traidcraft stall has up to **50% off** selected items until Christmas!

A special welcome to our **First Holy Communion** children and their families as they are enrolled in their programme this morning (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Christmas is coming!** As always, we have lots of events planned to help make your Advent a meaningful time of preparation. If you missed it last week then please help yourself to a **Day by Day booklet** and an **'at a glance'** leaflet from the porch, and take one for a friend or neighbor too!

**Advent Taize Service** today (2<sup>nd</sup>) at 5pm ó all welcome. Come and start Advent in peace and quiet with God.

There will not be a **Tea'n'Chat** meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Instead there is an outing to the Crediton Christmas Tree Festival and Bernaville Nurseries on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please see notice in porch.

Please note that **Mass for the Sick and Housebound** on Friday is at 11am, and there is Mass on Saturday morning at 10am - **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

**Tea and coffee rota** –if you haven't yet done so, **please** let the parish office know that you are able to attend the important meeting for all involved in this ministry next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>) in the hall after Mass. Many thanks.

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

**Knit and Natter is back!** We will be meeting in the presbytery meeting room this Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup>) between 2 and 4pm. If you don't knit, bring something else to do, or just come for the natter! There will be no meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December or 1<sup>st</sup> January so our next meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Any queries, please phone Jill McGauley on 512745.

There are **legacy information leaflets** in the porch ó please do take one, and prayerfully consider your response

Things to pray for this week

**Pope Francis' intention for December**

- For evangelization: that people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**Migrants' Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

- For our society, that it may always welcome the stranger.
- For those countries from which asylum seekers and refugees have fled; that all may work together for peace and justice.

**Crib evening** - once again we will be opening our hall for late night shopping 5-8:30pm Friday 7th Dec with a display of cribs to give people a time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Free mulled wine, tea, coffee and mince pies available. If you have a crib that you could lend to us for the event please bring it to the hall on Thurs 6th, 6-7 pm or Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 12-12.30 or alternatively contact Emma McGauley 07967821794. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the night as welcomers, in the kitchen, in the prayer area or as musicians. You don't need to stay all night; there is a rota at the back of church - please sign up to help. *Thank you*

Our **Advent Reconciliation Service** will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. If you're unable to make this date, please see the poster in the porch which gives you the dates of some local (NB earlier!) alternatives.

**Carol Service** this year will be at 5pm Sunday 16th December in the church followed by a Christmas Buffet in St Teresa's (start time 6pm approx). Tickets for the buffet will be £5 with all proceeds going to HCPT group 141, taking children with special needs to Lourdes every Easter. Tickets will be on sale after Mass.

**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? Like many Christians and church leaders, **Mussie Ezaz** is held under harsh conditions and facing ill-treatment in a notorious prison desert camp in Eritrea. His family have not seen him since 2007. Please send a (non-religious) greeting and short message of hope and encouragement to: family of Mussie Ezaz, c/o Release International, PO Box 54, Orpington, BR5 9RT

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

**St Teresa's Hall contact details** ó as you may well be aware, at the end of the year Gwen and John Larter are stepping down from managing the hall, after 14 years of dedicated hard work. A new Hall Management Committee has been formed, and the various roles and responsibilities shared between them and existing parish groups. Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> January the email address for hall bookings and queries will be [sidmouth-pastoral@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:sidmouth-pastoral@prcdtr.org.uk) and the phone number will be 579414 (Ann Faherty) or 513340 (parish office).

If you or someone you know would like to attend the **Community Christmas Lunch** please email to let Andie Mills know as soon as possible. If you are able to help with preparation in the lead up to the day or if you are able to help on Christmas Day itself then please also email [sidmouthcommunitychristmas@gmail.com](mailto:sidmouthcommunitychristmas@gmail.com)

**Gather 2019** ó 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Monday</b>	Rosary before Mass ó starts at 9:35am Mothers Prayer Group 10:30am in the Presbytery
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Evangelisation Prayer Group on the last Wednesday of the month in the church 7pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Marian Prayer Group in the church 6-7pm
<b>Friday</b>	Choir Practice in the church from 4.45pm
<b>Saturday</b>	On the last Saturday of the month choir practice is usually at 10am in the church

<u>Next Weekend (8th/9th December)</u>	<b>5:30pm Vigil</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	John Defoe	Rose MacQueen	<i>Ba 5:1-9</i>
<b>Reader 2</b>	Diane Key	Ann Liverton	<i>Ph 1:3-6, 8-11</i>
<b>Ciborium</b>	Beryl Evans	Norma Hoare	
<b>Eucharistic Chalice</b>	Peter McGauley	Brigid Mc-Smith	
	Alan Herbert	Alan Herbert	
<b>Welcomers</b>	Jennifer Boswell	John Larter	
	Lynne Ridgely	Gwen Larter	
<b>Cleaners</b>	Bridget Bennett & Tunde Bearwolf		
<b>Counters on 3rd</b>	Gwen & John Larter		
<b>Flowers</b>	No flowers in Advent		
<b>Hall Refreshments</b>	Jill & Peter McGauley		
<b>Last week's collections</b>	Gift Aid £186.11	Cash £256.60	
<b>Newsletter</b>	Rebecca 513340		
<b>Hall Bookings</b>	Gwen & John Larter 579773 or email: <a href="mailto:rchallsidmouth@aol.com">rchallsidmouth@aol.com</a>		
<b>Parish Safeguarding Reps</b>	Una Cunningham 577391, Cathy Gunnell 519302 Ann Murphy 07779986217		