



**Church of The Most Precious Blood
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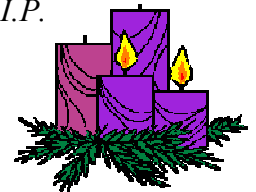
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Second Week of Advent C Psalter 2

Saturday	10:00am 5:30pm	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:30am	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday	10:00am	Advent Weekday Mass
Tuesday	6:00pm	Advent Weekday Mass <i>Connie Beck R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday	10:00am	Funeral – Jillian Raymont R.I.P.
Thursday	9:00am	St Lucy
Friday	10:00am	St John of the Cross



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!

Tea and coffee rota – meeting in the hall after Mass today (9th) for all those involved in this important ministry

Next weekend is **Gaudete Sunday** (also known as Rose Sunday) so it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible wearing something rose or pink to Mass next weekend.

There is a **second collection next weekend** for Day for Life, focusing on human trafficking and modern slavery.

Things to pray for this week
Bible Sunday –9th December

- For our openness to the Word so that we may hear God speaking to us today.
- For all called to proclaim the Word; that they may communicate God’s message to all.

Our **Advent Reconciliation Service** will be this Saturday (15th) 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.

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

Please note that the **Parish office will be closed for Christmas** 21st December until 8th January. Please submit any items for the newsletters for the weekends 22nd/23rd December, 29th/30th December and 5th/6th January by the end of this week (14th December) to ensure they are included. Happy Christmas everyone! *Rebecca*

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!

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

Community Christmas Lunch - 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 email sidmouthcommunitychristmas@gmail.com

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? **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe**, imprisoned in Iran since 2016 on false charges of spying. Partly held in solitary confinement, victim of physical and mental ill-health, she has seen her family, including 4-year old daughter, only once. Please send a non-religious (picture) card to Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Evin Prison, District 2, Behesht St, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. You can include a short one-line message.

Volunteer needed in the Mustard Seed cafe on a Thursday morning, ideally 10am-2pm but any time within this would be helpful. Every week would be perfect but every two or even three weeks would be much appreciated. Please see Sally Wilshaw at the Mustard Seed if you are interested.

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

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 6 ó 7pm
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 (15th/16th December)</u>	5:30pm Vigil	10:30am	Readings
Reader 1	Kathleen Dollery	Andrew Torjussen	<i>Zep 3:14-18</i>
Reader 2	Emma McGauley	Gwen Larter	<i>Ph 4:4-7</i>
Ciborium	Alan Herbert	Beryl Evans	
Eucharistic Chalice	Mary Turner	Margaret Draper	
	John Defoe	Ann Faherty	
Welcomers	Beryl Evans		0
	Anne Murphy	Maureen Lock	
Cleaners	Marlene & Christine & Sheryl		
Counters on 10th	Gwen & John Larter		
Flowers	No flowers in Advent		
Hall Refreshments	Angela & Peter Peddell		
Last week's collections	Gift Aid £186.40	Cash £338.50	
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		
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