



**Church of The Most Precious Blood
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Fifth week in Ordinary Time B2 Psalter 1

Saturday	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday	10:30am	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday	10:00am	St Agatha	
Tuesday	6:00pm	St Paul Miki	<i>Tom & Connie Gardner R.I.P</i>
Wednesday	10:00am	Weekday Mass	<i>Tessie Robinson R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9:00am	Weekday Mass	
Friday	10:00am	Weekday Mass	

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, Kath Welch, Gilda Wachala, Anne Sanderson, Adam Smith, Ann Scudamore and Sheila Gardner.

Welcome to all our visitors; we hope you have a lovely stay in Sidmouth. Please join us in the hall after Sunday Mass for tea and coffee. Don't forget to visit the Traidcraft stall and the parish library too!

This week we remember Joyce Prankard on the first anniversary of her death this Sunday (4th)

Look out for LENT! Please help yourself to a Lent at a glance leaflet from the porch which will give you the dates of everything we have planned to help make this season of Lent a prayerful and fruitful experience for you.

Day by Day booklets will be available from next weekend to aid your personal Lenten reflections.

Parking permits a reminder that your 2017 permits continue to be valid until the new 2018 permits are issued. If you have not yet applied, there is still time to do so.

Knit and Natter this Tuesday (6th) 2 - 4pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room, and again on 20th Feb. Come and join us! You don't have to knit or just come for the natter, or bring something else along or anything goes! We have tea and cake, too or no charge. Any queries, phone Jill on 512745

Marriage under stress? A short online course called Breakthrough is available at

<https://smartloving.org/breakthrough> and is free until February 14th. A practical, solution-focused course for all stages of marriage, it draws on contemporary research and Catholic theology and equips you with skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving joy-filled encounter that it is meant to be.

Things to pray for this week

Pope Francis' intention for February

- Say "No" to corruption – that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**Day for Victims of Human Trafficking –
8th February**

- For those who have suffered as a result of human trafficking through being bought, sold, or transported into slavery for sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and forced labour.
- For those who offer pastoral support to victims who have suffered psychological damage from their traumatic experiences.
- For all agencies working in collaboration to combat human trafficking.

Sid Valley Food Bank needs your help! The foodbank is running short of some essential supplies due to seasonal pressures, and we are out of savoury noodles, pasta sauce and custard. We are also very low on tinned meats, puddings, jam and marmalade. Many thanks in advance for your generous donations and prayers.

Retreats in the Diocese of Plymouth ó please see the poster in the glass cabinet in the porch for dates of retreat opportunities throughout the year. There is a mix of weekend, mid-week and six-day retreats, and the very popular Lentern Quiet Day on March 3rd ó early booking required! Contact details on the poster if you would like to arrange a retreat at another time separate to those advertised. Booking forms available from the parish office or contact the team directly.

Department of Education Consultation on “Changes to the teaching of Sex and Relationship Education & PSHE” ó the Government has stated that teaching on these new compulsory subjects will be LGBT inclusive and include scope to introduce gender issues and encourage children to question their gender. To take part in the government’s consultation go to www.education.gov.uk/consultations or by post to *RSE and PSHE Team, Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, 2nd Floor, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT* by **Monday 12th February**. SPUC have provided a guidance briefing to answer the seven consultation questions at: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/safe-at-school/respond-to-sex-education-consultation>

Sidmouth Prayer Room next prayer weekend starts on Friday 2nd March with a short time of prayer together at 7pm. Over the weekend we will be reflecting on God's creation, and as part of that joining in a **litter pick/beach clean**. All are welcome to join in anytime between 2-4pm, Saturday 3rd March, meeting first at the prayer room. For more info or to be added to our mailing list, please email sidmouthprayerroom@gmail.com.

Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes organized by St James; Church Tiverton April 5th - 14th. Across makes travel possible for those who find it difficult to do so, offering nursing care and support where needed. We are welcoming applications from helpers, medics and VIPs (those with support needs). £680pp (includes all travel, full board and insurance). Please contact Sally 01884 798405 or srchapman@hotmail.com to secure your place. All information is available on the website www.across-uk.org.uk

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
Thursday	Marian Prayer Group in St Teresa’s Hall 7.68pm
Friday	Choir Practice in the church from 4.45pm
Saturday	On the last Saturday of the month choir practice is usually at 11am in the church

<u>Next Weekend (10th/11th February)</u>	5:30pm Vigil	10:30am	Readings
Reader 1	Judith Banks	Hannah	<i>Lev 13:1-2, 44-46</i>
Reader 2	Emma McGauley	Gwen Larter	<i>1Co 10:31-11:1</i>
Ciborium	Mary Turner	Norma Hoare	
Eucharistic Chalice	Catherine Defoe	Brigid Mc-Smith	
	Peter McGauley	Alan Herbert	
Welcomers	Pauline Brown	Bridget Bennett	
	Margaret Draper	David Hogg	
Cleaners	Brigid Bennett & Marta Hiscox		
Counters on 5th	Margaret Draper & Joyce Milbourne		
Flowers	Cicely Cook		
Hall Refreshments	Brigid, Steve & Cathryn Griffiths		
Last week’s collections	Gift Aid £212.50	Cash £224.08	
Newsletter	Rebecca 513340		
Hall Bookings	Gwen & John Larter 579773 or email: rchallsidmouth@aol.com		
Parish Safeguarding Representatives	Una Cunningham 577391, Cathy Gunnell 519302 & Ann Murphy 07779986217		