



## Church of The Most Precious Blood DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

### 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide A Psalter 2

*No public celebration of Mass until further notice, due to the current coronavirus pandemic.*

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**Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish** including Brenda Jupp, Chris Jupp, Connie Loebell, 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, Gilda Wachala, Ursula Layland, Adam Smith, Kath Welch.

#### Here to help

If you have a specific **prayer request** then please let us know on [sidmouth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:sidmouth@prcdtr.org.uk) or 513340 and Fr Paul will offer your intention at Mass.

If you need help or are concerned about yourself or someone else, please contact the parish office by phone or email on [sidmouth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:sidmouth@prcdtr.org.uk) or 513340. If you would like to help with regular phone calls, please contact Peter McGauley on [peter.mcgale@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.mcgale@btinternet.com) or 512745.

Our **website** ([www.churchofthemostpreciousblood.co.uk](http://www.churchofthemostpreciousblood.co.uk)) and parish **Facebook page** ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) as well as our **Twitter** accounts @SidmthRCParish and @sacredtweets are good places to check out for inspiration and to help us all feel connected in these strange times. If you've not tried it before, now might be a good time to start...

Don't forget to search for our **facebook group** 'Parish of the Most Precious Blood Sidmouth' and send a request to become a member of the group, then you can benefit from all the inspiring things being posted!

This weekend we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Laudato Si'** - 16-24 May. [Laudato Si'](#) tells us that everything is connected and tragically, the current health catastrophe has much in common with the ecological catastrophe. Both are global emergencies that will affect many people, both directly and indirectly. Despite the current situation, there are still lots of ways we can take action to mark this anniversary, sharing [the common prayer](#) and celebrating what we have achieved in our homes, schools and parishes. CAFOD and Caritas Plymouth have produced a summary of resources for anyone interested in exploring further the message of Laudato Si'. During the week we will be sharing reflections and examples of how our diocese is taking action via our diocesan facebook page [www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/](http://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/).

**The Ascension of the Lord** is celebrated this Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>). Forty days since Christ astounded His disciples by His resurrection, he returns to His Father in heaven. But before He goes, He must commission His disciples to go forward and spread his teaching, once they have been baptized by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Ascension is traditionally the beginning of the **Pentecost Novena** – nine days of prayer to prepare for the feast of Pentecost on the following Sunday. You might like to look at the resources available at [www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church). In particular, there is a 'Journey with Mary' booklet for those who have a devotion to Our Lady to pray 'thy kingdom come' as we journey with Mary through the decade of the rosary from Ascension to Pentecost.

#### An Ascension Day Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,  
Right before your Ascension into heaven, you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, upon receiving the Holy Spirit.  
May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me.  
And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance and your grace.  
And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above in Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Online Alpha course** – Blessed Sacrament, Exeter are running an online alpha course starting on Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>). If you are interested in joining, please email [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found at [www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/alphaonline](http://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/alphaonline)

**Catherine and John** would like to thank all those parishioners who joined them in celebrating their Diamond Wedding Mass from St. Luke's, Pinner. It was a wonderful feeling to know that so many were with us spiritually. To all those who sent us gifts and cards a big thank-you, it helped lift us out of isolation, as did all the telephone messages. May God bless you all.

**CAFOD** launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases, will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty. CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns.

In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. Please donate at [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)

**Offerings** ó many thanks to those parishioners who have set up a new **standing order** to support the church during these strange times. If you would like to do the same, just email the parish office for a form.

We realise that this is a time of great financial uncertainty for many people, so please don't worry about your offering to the church if things are difficult for you right now. However, we are continuing to face these problems; whilst we are unable to gather for Mass, weekly collections are obviously not taking place. This results in a loss of about £500/week, but our expenditure remains relatively unchanged with tax, insurance, utilities and other bills still to pay.

Our Treasurer is therefore appealing to you if you are able to, to please change your giving to paying by **standing order**. This is safest way to continue giving at this time, and helps us with our ongoing expenditure. If you prefer to use BACS, please make sure your name is included in the description box when you make your payment.

If these methods are not possible for you, or you prefer to give cheques/cash or use the **envelopes**, then just pop them through the door during your daily exercise. To reduce contact, perhaps you could save them up and give three or four weeks at a time.

Our bank details are: NatWest Bank Plc, Sort code: 55-50-06, Account: 06056857, Account Name: Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees Reg Sidmouth

Message from the **Diocesan Safeguarding Office** - I don't have to tell you that we are undergoing a national crisis at the moment, which as well as bringing all the problems of the current pandemic, also creates increased safeguarding risk in many areas. These include domestic abuse, mental health issues, and the vulnerable being scammed, to mention but a few. If you have any safeguarding concerns either personally or for any other person then do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Office who remain open and available to assist. To contact us either email [robert.brown@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:robert.brown@prcdtr.org.uk) or ring 01364 645431 which will be transferred to my mobile. *Robert Brown, Safeguarding Coordinator, Diocese of Plymouth.*

**Special Masses** – the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have arranged that each Thursday evening at 7pm a Catholic Bishop will celebrate a live-streamed Mass in their Cathedral for the sick and their families, NHS front-line workers and those working in social care. A full list can be found from [www.cbew.org.uk](http://www.cbew.org.uk) but this Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>) is Bishop Robert Byrne from St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egq-cFTh5i2y\\_EQw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egq-cFTh5i2y_EQw)

**Last week's collections** Standing Orders £309.73

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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