



## Church of The Most Precious Blood DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent Year A Psalter 1

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10:30am	First Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00am	St Osmund of Salisbury
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	St Francis Xavier
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	St John Damascene
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00am	Advent Weekday
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Mass for Sick and Housebound</b>

*Hugh O'Donnell R.I.P.*

*Halina Rynkiewicz R.I.P.*

*Barbara Hogg 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 Brenda Jupp, Chris Jupp, Connie Loebell, Andy deKlerk, Geraldine Page, Mary Wallace, Clifford Brown, Christopher Brown, Eileen Brown, Suzanne Hosker, Daphne Adams, John Chase, Sister Bernadette, Brian Slattery, Gilda Wachala, Ursula Layland, Anne Sanderson, Adam Smith, 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, and don't forget to visit the parish library and Traidcraft stall while you're there.

**Next weekend** we welcome Fr Gerry Hastie to give the five-yearly Red Box Appeal. Through the Red Box we care for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries through the Red Box.

Please note that this month's **Tea'n'Chat** is not until next Mon (9<sup>th</sup>) and includes a bring and share lunch at 12:30pm

**Knit and Natter** are meeting this Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup>) 2-4pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room. Come and join us! We have tea and cake, too & no charge. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Any queries, phone Jill 512745.

**General Election** Thursday 12th December: as we prepare to vote in this important election, CAFOD have prepared a handout (available from the porch) which presents what we believe as Catholics and might help us all in our decision making. May we all continue pray for our nation at this time.

We had a wonderful time at the **Christmas Fair** on Saturday, with a record number of visitors through the door! We raised £880 at the fair and HCPT raised a further £229 from the raffle. This gives us to date an amazing £2365 for the new hall kitchen. A HUGE thank you to all the helpers, donators and buyers on the day! We couldn't do it without you all.

**'Love's Journey'** Thank you to everyone who came to support me on November 17th. It meant a great deal to see you there. Donations raised £314, 50% of which I will send to Pancreatic Cancer UK. Mim xx

### Welcome to ADVENT 2019

Help yourself to a **Day by Day** booklet and an **'at a glance'** leaflet from the porch, and one for a friend or neighbor too!

Please note that for weekend Masses during Advent there is **no entrance hymn**.

The **sung response** to the prayers of the faithful is:

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.*

### Things to pray for this week

#### Pope Francis' Intentions for December

- May every country take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young a priority, especially those who suffer.

#### Migrants' Day – Tuesday 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.



*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

**Companions Sidmouth Advent Calendar** is now on display in the porch with items we need to help settle the refugee family when they arrive. Please choose a gift tag from the calendar, and bring the gift to the church on Sun 27th, the Feast of The Holy Family, when Fr Paul will bless the gifts. If you have any questions please contact Ann Faherty. Thank you x

**CAFOD World Gifts** ó excellent Christmas gifts for your family and friends óhelp yourself to a brochure in the porch.

**Wednesday Word** – the Vatican has declared this coming year as 'The God Who Speaks ó the Year of the Word' As a way of bringing this themed year to life, we will be gathering together after 10am Mass each Wednesday in Advent to look at the readings for the following Sunday. Do come along for a coffee, some prayerful discussion and time together discovering more about the word of God through the scriptures. We hope to see you there.

**Crib Evening** – this Friday (6<sup>th</sup>) - our parish is hosting a crib evening in the hall during late night shopping 5-8pm. Please can you once more generously lend us your cribs for the evening? Crib drop off Thurs 6-8pm or Fri 10.30am - 12.30. We would also like your help during the event with welcoming people, offering refreshments and music. Please sign up to cover one or more half hour shifts.

**CAFOD Advent Mass led by Bishop Mark** - join Bishop Mark and the team at CAFOD to give thanks for the lifesaving and transforming work we have been able to achieve this year and to pray for our sisters and brothers around the world living in poverty. This Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>) at 5.30pm, Sacred Heart Church, South Street, Exeter

**Advent Retreat** at St Rita's with Fr Brian Kenwick, 10am-3:30pm Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. ÷Advent ó a time for looking back and looking forward £25 including lunch. See poster in the porch for more details. Booking forms from the parish office or ring 01404 42635 or email [stritas@btinternet.com](mailto:stritas@btinternet.com) by 6<sup>th</sup> December for a place.

Our **Advent Reconciliation Service** is on Saturday 14<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** - Sunday 15th December 5pm in the church followed by a Christmas Buffet (approximately 6pm start) in aid of HCPT Group 141. Tickets will be available after Mass, £6 per adult, accompanied children free.

**ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture) appeal:** Please send a message/card to: Jesuit Refugee Service UK expressing support for their work accompanying refugees/forced migrants in the UK; advocating their cause, focussing on those detained under the immigration rules or left destitute. Jesuit Refugee Service UK, The Hurtado Jesuit Centre, 2 Chandler Street, London E1W 2QT, [uk@jrs.net](mailto:uk@jrs.net).

<b>Monday</b>	Rosary before Mass ó starts at 9:35am Mothers Prayer Group 10:30am in the Presbytery
<b>Tuesday</b>	Knit and Natter on first and third Tuesday of the month 2-4pm in the Presbytery
<b>Wednesday</b>	Prayer for Youth on the second Wednesday of the month 6:30pm in the church
<b>Thursday</b>	Marian Prayer Group 6-7pm in the church
<b>Friday</b>	Divine Mercy devotion 3pm in the church Choir Practice 4:45pm in the church
<b>Saturday</b>	On the last Saturday of the month choir practice is usually at 10am in the church

<u>Next Weekend (7th/8th December)</u>	<b>5:30pm Vigil</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Reader 1</b>	Kathleen Dollery	Tanya Trevena	<i>Is 11:1-10</i>
<b>Reader 2</b>	Emma McGauley	Hanna	<i>Rom 15:4-9</i>
<b>Ciborium</b>	Alan Herbert	Alan Herbert	
<b>Eucharistic Chalice</b>	Mary Turner	Rose MacQueen	
	John Defoe	Ann Faherty	
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judith Banks	Angela Power	
	Linda Mills	Richard Power	
<b>Cleaners</b>	Brigid Bennett & Tundi Bearwolf		
<b>Counters on 2nd</b>	Linda & Paul Blay		
<b>Flowers</b>	No flowers in Advent		
<b>Hall Refreshments</b>	Angela and Richard Power		
<b>Last week's collections</b>	Gift Aid £136.60	Cash £234.86	Standing Orders £249.94
Please make all cheques payable to <b>RC Church Sidmouth</b>			
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**Hall Bookings**

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