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2nd Week of Advent Year A Psalter 2

Saturday 7th 5:30pm Vigil Mass Ken Johnson R.I.P. Sunday 8th 10:30am Second Sunday of Advent Monday 9th 10:00am The Immaculate Conception of the BVM Tuesday 10th Advent Weekday 6:00pm Wednesday 11th 10:00am Advent Weekday Thursday 12th Advent Weekday Connie Beck R.I.P. 9:00am Friday 13th 10:00am May Cotter R.I.P. St Lucy



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 dong forget to visit the parish library and Traidcraft stall while youge there.

This weekend we welcome Fr Gerry Hastie MHM to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who, through the Red Box, already give to Missio - the Popeøs official charity for overseas mission, and Britainøs own missionary order the Mill Hill Missionaries. There will not be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box then please consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world.

Things to pray for this week

Bible Sunday – Sunday 8th 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.

Apologies if you have emailed a **notice for the newsletter** which does not appear this week ó the diocesan email server has been down and I have not received any emails at all since Friday 29th November! Apologies too for any other emails you have sent me remaining unanswered; I hope normal service will be resumed this weekí *Rebecca*

Tea'n'Chat is this Monday (9th) and includes a bring and share lunch starting at 12:30pm. All are welcome.

Prayer for Youth this Wednesday (11th) at 6:30pm in the church. All welcome.

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.

Please note that the **parish office will be closed** for Christmas from 20th December to 7th January inclusive. Please submit any items for the newsletter for the weekends of 22nd December, 29th December and 5th January by the end of this week (13th December) to ensure they are included. Many thanks, *Rebecca*

Our **Advent Reconciliation Service** is this Saturday (14th) 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. Please note that for weekend Masses during Advent there is **no entrance hymn.**

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

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.

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

Wednesday Word – the Vatican has declared this coming year as 'The God Who Speaks ó the Year of the Wordø 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.

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

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.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April-October 2020. 7 night stay and airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for £266 per person sharing. Book any flight any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call for further info on 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Monday	Pagany hafara Maga á gtarta at 0.25am		
Monuay	Rosary before Mass ó starts at 9:35am		
	Mothers Prayer Group 10:30am in the Presbytery		
Tuesday	Knit and Natter on first and third Tuesday of the month 2-4pm in the Presbytery		
Wednesday	Prayer for Youth on the second Wednesday of the month 6:30pm in the church		
Thursday	Marian Prayer Group 6-7pm in the church		
Friday	Divine Mercy devotion 3pm in the church		
	Choir Practice 4:45pm in the church		
Saturday	On the last Saturday of the month choir practice is usually at 10am in the church		

Next Weekend (14th/15th December)	5:30pm Vigil	10:30am	Readings
Reader 1	Margaret Draper	Siona	Is 35:1-6
Reader 2	Jill McGauley	Geoffrey Burton	Ja 5:7-10
Ciborium	Stephanie Turner	Rose MacQueen	
Eucharistic Chalice	Dorothy Vosper	Ann Faherty	
	Beryl Evans	Margaret Draper	
Welcomers	Pauline Brown	Bridget Bennett	
	Diane Key	David Hogg	
Cleaners	Marlene & Christine		
Counters on 9th	Linda & Paul Blay		
Flowers	No flowers in Advent		
Hall Refreshments	Jill and Peter McGauley		

Last week's collections Gift Aid £183.10 Cash £261.45 Standing Orders £249.94

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