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3rd Week of Lent A Psalter 3



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Saturday 14th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 15th	10:30am	Third Sunday of Lent	<i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 16th	10:00am	Monday of the Third Week of Lent	
Tuesday 17th	9:00am	St Patrick	
Wednesday 18th	10:00am	Funeral – Gwen Larter R.I.P.	
Thursday 19th	9:00am	St Joseph	
Friday 20th	10:00am	Friday of the Third Week of Lent	<i>Gwen Larter R.I.P.</i>

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, Irene Ulucki, Tom Clarke, Suzanne Hosker, Daphne Adams, Fr David White, 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.

A reminder that the **children's station of the cross workshop** is after Mass TODAY (Sunday). All welcome.

Next weekend is **Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday** ó a relaxation of the penitential character of Lent. We look with expectation and anticipation to the joy of Easter, giving us hope and encouragement as we continue our journey towards the paschal feast. Also known as **Rose Sunday** due to an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses, we now mark it with rose/pink vestments, so this year we encourage you all to **wear something rose or pink to Mass next weekend** and rejoice!

Coronavirus – following the announcement from the Conference of Bishops this week that we have now moved to stage 2, may we remind you that anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from attending liturgy, public events or the sacrament of reconciliation.

Similarly, those who are vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) are advised to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.

Remember that illness excuses you from your Sunday obligation to attend Mass (CCC 2181)

In addition to the measures introduced last week, you will notice that we have also removed all the hymnbooks to avoid the risk of virus transmission. Please use the printed sheets provided instead.

In addition:

- the **Sick and Housebound Mass** due this Friday (20th) has been cancelled.
- **Parish Ceilidh and Ploughman's** - very sadly, this event had to be cancelled because of the coronavirus. A full refund for your ticket(s) will of course be given. Refunds available after weekend Masses.
- **Safeguarding training 4th April** has been postponed until further notice.
- Please help yourselves to a prayer sheet from the porch if you would like one.

Please note that Mass is at **9am on Tuesday** this week.

Knit and Natter meeting this Tuesday (17th) 2 - 4pm. The following meeting will be on 7th April. Everyone welcome, even if you don't knit. Just come for the natter, or bring along something else to do if you like. Sadly, we won't be having cake for a while because of coronavirus, but tea and coffee will be available.

Please note there will not be a **Wednesday Word** for the next two weeks.

Practice for next Sunday's **Folk Mass** will be on Saturday at 10am. All welcome.

Our parish raised a fantastic £722.15 for **CAFOD family fast day**. Your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers throughout Lent.

Help needed – we desperately need more cleaners to keep our church looking beautiful and loved. It is an easy and joyful ministry and we would love some more helping hands. A huge thank you to Pat McEleney for faithful ministry in helping us keep the church clean for many years.

I would like to thank Father Paul and the very many members of our parish family who sent me cards, email and Facebook greetings and congratulations on my being awarded the Papal Cross, **Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice**. I am compiling a scrap book so I can treasure them in the years to come. Thank you all for your care and support. *Peter McGauley*

Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes - The new planned giving envelopes are now available for collection from the church porch from this week. Please be aware that it has been necessary to change the box number for some parishioners. Any parishioner wishing to join the Planned Giving Scheme should pick up a form from the table, complete it and return to the parish office.

If anyone who currently makes their offerings by cash in envelopes wishes to change to paying by standing order please take a Banker's Order form and follow the instructions on the form.

Job Vacancy of the Diocese of Plymouth is looking for an RE and Catholic Life Adviser. See job description in the porch, applications due by Monday 30th March, interviews w/c 6th April.

ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture). Good news! The Iranian government is to release 70,000 prisoners serving sentences of less than five years, including many Christians, to lessen the spread of coronavirus within prisons. Please pray for them all.

Monday	Rosary before Mass 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
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

<u>Next Weekend (21st/22nd March)</u>	5:30pm Vigil	10:30am	Readings
Reader 1	Paul Holland	Rose MacQueen	<i>1S 16:1.6-7.10-13</i>
Reader 2	Peter McGauley	Paul Blay	<i>Eph 5:8-14</i>
Ciborium	John Defoe	Beryl Evans	
Eucharistic Chalice	Mary Turner	Ann Faherty	
	Margaret Draper		0
Welcomers	Beryl Evans	Carol O'Sullivan	
	Anne Murphy	Maureen Lock	
Cleaners	Linda Mills & Mary Spittel		
Counters on 16th	Margaret Draper & Joyce Milbourne		
Flowers	No flowers in Lent		
Hall Refreshments	Monica and Jeremy Walton		
Last week's collections	Gift Aid £173	Cash £212.65	
	CAFOD £722.15	Standing Orders £275.46	

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