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4th Week of Lent A Psalter 4

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

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.

- Although we are no longer celebrating Mass in public until further notice, we will continue to produce this **weekly newsletter** while we can. This will be available on the website as usual, on the parish Facebook page, and in the church porch. If you are visiting the church for your own personal private prayer, we encourage you to take a copy of the newsletter home and use the Sunday Mass readings printed on the back to reflect on and aid you in your personal prayer life at this time.
- Please feel free to help yourselves to the other **prayer resources** available in the church and/or by following the links listed at the bottom of the newsletter.
- At this time we obviously don't know yet what will be happening for **Holy Week**, and will keep you updated with any further information once we receive it.
- In these new and challenging times, be gentle with yourselves and others as we all try to adjust to this new normal. Stay safe, follow the advice and help others to do the same.

Confessions on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed.

National Day of Prayer and Action - Sunday 22nd March. Join in prayer to see an end to the coronavirus pandemic. You are invited to light a candle at 7pm in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. ðAt such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that He holdsö.

Offerings ó some people have asked how they can continue to give to the church during this time. If you usually make your offerings by cash and would like to change to paying by standing order, there are Banker's Order forms available in the porch or email the parish office for a copy. (If you make your offerings using envelopes then you could of course continue to fill the envelopes each week and just hold on to them at home until normal service resumes if you would rather.)

Companions update - Home Office says Yes to Companions! We had some great news this week. The Home Office has approved our application to resettle a family in Sidmouth. We will now be matched with a family. Thanks to all who have been involved - we couldn't do it without you. Due to the impact of the coronavirus we will be discussing the timescale for bringing a family to Sidmouth but our work goes on to ensure we have everything ready when it does happen.

Missio are praying for those who are already suffering, for those who are grieving, for those who are anxious, and for those who are working tirelessly to care for the sick. If anyone you know would appreciate being held in prayer at Mass please email their name to us at info@missio.org.uk or call us on 020 7821 9755.

ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture). The Beehive Children's Foundation (Africa), based in Nakuru, Kenya, acts to transform the lives of pregnant 10+ year old girls, often facing isolation, homelessness, prostitution and abortion. They provide vital, culturally appropriate care and education to mothers and babies. Please send a greeting to: The Beehive Children's Foundation (Africa), 10 Queen Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 1SS

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Resources

Catholic Bishops of England and Wales prayers for times of no public Masses
www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/prayer-and-worship-2/

11am Mass at Plymouth Cathedral every morning available:
<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/> and <https://www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk/>

Live streaming Mass
www.churchservices.tv
www.livemass.net

Last week's collections Gift Aid £142 Cash £254.65 Standing Orders £275.46

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Hall Bookings St Teresa's Hall is closed to the public until further notice.

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