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Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Year C Psalter 4

Saturday 16 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 17 th	10:30am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 18 th			
Tuesday 19 th	6:00pm	Weekday Mass	
Wednesday 20 th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	
Thursday 21 st	9:00am	Weekday Mass	
Friday 22 nd	10:00am	St Mary Magdalene	

Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish including Brenda and Chris Jupp, Rose MacQueen, Andrew Torjussen, Brian Lesaux, Andy deKlerk, Mary Wallace, Clifford and Christopher Brown, Kath Welch, Irene Ulucki, Suzanne Hosker, Daphne Adams, John Chase, Adam Smith, Mary McAndrew, Sr Bernadette, Elizabeth Berry, Robert Brandenburg, Jim and Maureen Lock, Marita & Rex Anstis, Ursula Layland.

This weekend we are delighted to welcome **Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwike IHM** who will speak at our Masses on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. There is a second collection for their work.

Thank you for giving to **Sea Sunday**; our parish raised £284. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Second request! A vital part of our communal ministry is sharing our Masses and other liturgies online. This service enables our fellow parishioners who are sick and housebound to continue to join us in communal prayer and worship. We need a small team to form an IT group to carry this forward. We have asked for volunteers but sadly no one has yet come forward. Can you help or do you know anyone else who can? Please contact Peter McGauley on 512745 or email peter.mcgaleay@btinternet.com

Sidmouth Folk Festival - If you would like to be part of the church presence after the opening concert on Saturday 30th July, we need people to play music, give out goodies or chat to people. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact the parish office.

Things to pray for this week

- We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.
- We pray for all considering abortion, that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds.
- We pray for all expectant mothers, that an overwhelming sense of hope and joy will fill their lives as they journey through this life changing experience.
- For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities.
- We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them.

Hall Chairs - we are shortly placing an order for new chairs for St Teresa's Hall, and will need to dispose of our existing chairs as soon as the new ones arrive. We are unable to sell the old chairs as they are 25 years old and we are unsure if they meet the current fire retardant safety rules. We are therefore happy to give them away, on the full understanding that we are unaware if the chairs conform to current fire safety standards. You are invited to put your name on the list on the table in the church porch for as many as you would like, together with your phone number or email address, on a first come, first served basis. We will give you a date to collect your chair(s) from the Hall, with a proviso that they must be collected by the date given or they will be disposed of.

Knit and Natter this Tuesday (19th) in the Hall 2pm-4pm. It normally takes place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, but we do not meet during August, so the date of the following meeting is 6th September. Everyone is welcome and do bring a friend. If you don't want to knit, just bring something else to do – anything goes! Tea and cake provided, no charge. The chairs will be socially distanced to keep everyone safe. Any queries, please phone Jill 512745.

Copies of the latest **Diocesan Synodal update** and **National Synthesis** are available from the parish office on request, or by email. The Bishops of England and Wales are now gathering to discern their response to this National Synthesis. Their work, together with the synthesis document will be sent to the Synod Office in Rome as the formal submission to the Synod from England and Wales. We thank all who have participated so far in the Synodal Process and ask for continued prayers as we journey together towards being a Synodal Church in today's world.

Like many small businesses and charities, **The Mustard Seed** has faced enormous challenges during and after the coronavirus pandemic, including losing several volunteers. We are therefore looking for interested people who could spare us some time to assist in the café or behind the scenes. Could this be you? Do you enjoy cooking? Or shopping? Or making a good cup of coffee? Are computer/office skills your forte? Appropriate training would be provided if required. If you would like to find out more then please contact Sally Wilshaw, Manager, on 01395 512225.

Street Pastors do an amazing job being Jesus' hands and feet on the streets of Exeter within the night-time economy. They are finding that since the pandemic they are praying, listening and sharing their faith more than ever with those they meet. Their new training program starts Monday 12th September. See www.streetpastors.org/locations/exeter to find out more.

Bumps and Babies support group on Friday mornings in term time at Primley Church 10-11:30am. For pregnant mums and those with a babe in arms, to access support, help and friendship in the early months. Tea, coffee and cake provided, together with breast-feeding advice and baby weighing facility.

Catholic in Health and Social Care - New Resources from the Anscombe Bioethics Centre
The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is an organisation which does research on behalf of our Bishops and education for the Catholic community on moral matters in medicine. They have a new website which has resources which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care. You can access and benefit from their work through their website and social media: www.bioethics.org.uk or sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, and accessible briefings on moral matters in medicine: <https://bit.ly/ABC-Subscribe>. Please forward this to others you think would be blessed by these important resources.

Pilgrimage of Preparation and Prayers for the Sanctity of Life – Walsingham National Catholic Shrine, Sat 6th August 12pm with Bishop Philip Egan. For more details contact 01858 571242 or view online at www.walsingham.org.uk www.prolifepilgrimage.org

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