



Church of The Most Precious Blood
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Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter 1

Saturday 18 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Private Int.</i>
Sunday 19 th	10:30am	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 20 th			
Tuesday 21 st	6:00pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22 nd	10:00am	St Cecilia	<i>Elizabeth Perry R.I.P.</i>
Thursday 23 rd	9:00am	Morning Prayer	
Friday 24 th	10:00am	St Andrew Dung-Lac	<i>Wale family Int</i>

Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish including Brenda & Chris Jupp, Andrew Torjussen, Brian Lesaux, Andy deKlerk, Mary Wallace, Jim Lock, Sheila Gardner, Irene Ulucki, Suzanne Hosker, Daphne Adams, John Chase, Adam Smith, Mary McAndrew, Sr Bernadette, Elizabeth Berry, Geoffrey & Sally Burton, Marita & Rex Anstis, Jane Brittain, Angie Walsh, Amanda Swift, George Hovora.

Safeguarding Sunday 19th Nov – we are joining other churches across the UK to highlight the importance of protecting children, young people and adults at risk. This is also an opportunity to celebrate those who work behind the scenes to make our church a safer place for all.

World Day of the Poor 2023 - the theme this year is 'Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor'. Tobit 4:7 We are invited to celebrate World Day of the Poor and to make every effort at this time to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidary and concrete assistance with those who are poor. Pope Francis' message this year is a clear call to us not to turn our face away from the poor so that God's face will not be turned away from us. The recent Synodal Assembly message to the people of God reminds us that to progress in our discernment, the Church absolutely needs to listen to everyone, starting with the poorest. This requires a path of conversion, which is also a path of praise: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children". We are invited to reflect on how we can draw close to those who are poor and bring hope and dignity to all who are in need both at a personal and parish level. Find more info at www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wdp23/

Knit and Natter will be held this coming Tues (21st) in St Teresa's Hall, 2-4pm. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Tues of the month, so the following one will be held on Tues 5th Dec, which will be our last meeting until the New Year. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend if you like. If you don't want to knit, just bring something else to do. Anything goes! Tea and cake will be provided and there is no charge. Any queries, please phone Jill McGauley on 01395 512745.

Things to pray for this week

World Day of the Poor – Sunday 19th November

- For the Church of God, that it may reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.
- For all who work with the poorest in our society, that encouraged by the God of mercy, they may bring hope and dignity to all in need.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Dear God,
Help us to be a church that:
Loves, welcomes, protects.
Listens, learns, serves.
Repents, restores, transforms.
Values, cares, believes.
God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.
In Jesus name.
Amen.

Get to know Thomas Merton! The **Parish Library** will be open during tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday. There will be a special display of books by the ever-popular American Trappist monk and writer Thomas Merton https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Merton Come, browse and borrow!

Advent 2023 - help yourself to an Advent at a glance leaflet with all the dates for this season.

Parish Advent Fair - Sat 25th Nov in St Teresa's Hall, with setting up on Fri 24th Nov in the morning. The posters are all up in town, the event is on Facebook and the Nub News and in What's On and the Sidmouth News, so we are ready and on the final countdown with just one week to go! Please bring any items you have for the Fair to the church porch this weekend or Wed 22nd after Mass, Thurs 23rd after Mass or to the hall on Fri 24th 10.30am - 2pm when we are setting up for the Fair. Also, most important, PLEASE COME TO THE FAIR! The proceeds will be going to Action East Devon. Stalls we are running are Bric-a-Brac, Books, Nearly New, Fancy Goods, Cakes, Christmas Goods, Bottle Tombola, Raffle (proceeds to HCPT Group 141), Toys, Jewellery and Guess the Weight of the Cake. Thank you for all you are doing to help. We have lots of lovely items donated for the Fair, but we still need more! Please help all you can. Any queries, please contact Jill McGauley (01395 512745 or jill.mcgale@btinternet.com)

Crib Festival - we will once more be hosting the Crib Festival in our hall on Dec 1st during Late Night Shopping and are asking for your support. Our first request is that as many of you who are able to, please lend us your cribs for the event. The Social Committee will be in the hall for crib drop off on Thurs 30th Nov 5-7pm and on Fri 1st Dec after morning Mass. Our second request is we need volunteers for the night. We know many of you want to enjoy the atmosphere in town so are asking for support in half hour shifts. We need help in the kitchen, prayer area and welcoming, plus tidying up afterwards. Please see the rota at the back of church and sign up for a shift.

Children's Christmas Workshop - Sat 2nd Dec 2pm. We will meet in the church to make the parish advent wreath for the church before moving to the hall for additional crafts. We look forward to seeing you all.

Carol Service - we will be holding our parish carol service on Sun 10th Dec in the church at 5pm, followed by a Festive Buffet in the hall starting at approx. 6pm. Tickets for the Festive Buffet are in aid of HCPT Group 141 who are taking a group of children to Lourdes this Easter. Tickets are £7.50 and accompanied children are free. Tickets will be on sale after both Masses.

Christmas shoeboxes - Thank you to those who filled a shoebox to go to Moldova, your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference this Christmas to those who have much less than us.

Sid Valley Food Bank - we have launched our Christmas appeal and Advent calendars are needed by this Thurs. We are delivering Christmas food hampers to 80 households. Please pick items to donate:
Savoury - tinned ham, gravy granules, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, cheese crackers, savoury snacks/crisps, fruit & nut mixes, cooking oil
Sweet - Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, children's selection boxes, sweet biscuits, squirty cream (not chilled), mince pies, soft drinks and Christmas crackers.
Donation points are Waitrose, Co-op, Lidl, Sidford Spar or bring items to the Youth Centre, Manstone Lane on Tues/Fri 10-12. Anything that you can give will be very much appreciated.
Hampers will be distributed on 13th Dec so please bring items by Monday 11th Dec.

Christmas Open House – you are all warmly invited to join John Quinton-Navarro and his family to celebrate the joyous season at their house 14 Green Mount, Sidmouth on Sunday 17th December, with running buffet and nibbles from 12:30 onwards. Please bring a bottle of your favourite tippie, and RSVP to John on 07929 591275

Sidmouth's **Café of the Year**... is also a Christian Bookshop! We're on a mission to inspire and resource the Christian community through quality Christian literature. Our focus currently is building up our selection of quality second-hand books. Do you have any lying around the house, you've enjoyed reading but will probably never read again? If so, can you consider donating them to the Mustard Seed? Why not 'bring one, buy one'!

Sidmouth Methodist Church Fellowship Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm in the church hall. All welcome, £2/week. 21st November Coffee from Africa with Pauline Tiffen

Parishioners' Offerings: Cash and Cheques £340.60 (£50 Gift Aided) Standing Orders £581.62 (£507.81 Gift Aided)
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