



Church of The Most Precious Blood

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For the Diocese

People of the Parish

Bessie Culverwell R.I.P

Chris Wale R.I.P.

First Week of Lent Year B Psalter 1

Saturday 17 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 18 th	10:30am	First Sunday of Lent
Monday 19 th		
Tuesday 20 th	10:00am	Lent Weekday Mass
Wednesday 21 st	10:00am	Funeral – David Brown R.I.P.
Thursday 22 nd	9:00am	Morning Prayer
Friday 23 rd	10:00am	Lent Weekday Mass

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

There is a second collection next weekend for **CAFOD Lent Fast Day this Friday (23rd)**. Please take an envelope this weekend and return it next week. Your donations to the appeal will help hardworking people with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

Lent 2024

- **Four Constitutions of Vatican II** – a discussion group for the Jubilee year preparations. Tuesday afternoons at 4:30pm in the hall, starting this Tuesday (20th). All welcome.
- **Lent Lunches** every Wednesday at 11:45am followed by simple soup lunch, starting this Wednesday (21st) at Sidmouth Methodist Church.
- **Stations of the Cross** in the church on Fridays at 6pm starting this Friday (23rd)
- **Online Lent talks** based on the Sunday Gospels with Fr Mark Skelton and other speakers from within the Diocese. Zoom link from the parish office. 6:30pm Friday evenings.
- **Caritas Diocese of Plymouth** has created a Lent Calendar to suggest ways we can use this time for prayer, reflection and action <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/lentcalendar-24/> can also join the Big Lent walk to support the work of CAFOD <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>
- **Ignatian Silent Lenten Retreats** at St Rita's Feb 23rd – 25th (weekend £140) Feb 26th – March 1st (midweek £280) Feb 23rd – March 1st (6 day £475) includes full board and lodging. diocesan-ignation-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or 01752 769164 for more info or to book
- **Lent Retreat** Saturday 2nd March at St Rita's led by Fr. Jacek Kostuch. See poster in the porch for more details. Charge for the day, including 3 course lunch is just £25. Booking by 01404 42635, admin@stritascentre.org or www.stritascentre.org/events Payment on the day.

Things to pray for this week

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – 23rd February

- For the poor and hungry of the world, may they have access to the food they need to survive.
- For all who work for overseas development, may they work alongside the poor, bringing dignity and justice.

Parish Walk - on 25th February we are having a Lenten Parish Walk, "Discovering the Blue Plaques of Sidmouth". Meet in St Teresa's Hall at 2.15pm. The walk will last for about 1 hour and we will return to the Hall for tea and cake at around 3.30pm. Wet weather plan – an early tea in the Hall! The Hall will be open during the afternoon, so if you wish to return early, you may do so. Everyone very welcome and there is no charge. If you can't manage the walk, just come for tea and chat! If you have any queries, please contact the Walk Leader, Philip Wragg on 07850 766045 or a member of the Social Committee.

Thankyou to everyone who came to the **Quiz and Curry night** on Sunday 4th February we had a great night. £1,198.90 was raised to assist helper fares to go to Lourdes this Easter. Your support is greatly appreciated. With love HCPT Group 141 x

Robin and Charles organized a **sponsored walk** to raise more money towards their fare to go to Lourdes as helpers with HCPT Group 141 this Easter. They walked from the church to Ladram Bay and back again with a group of friends on Tuesday 13th February. Thank you for your support.

Cherishing Sidmouth Cemeteries – a new volunteers group is meeting every Thursday from 9:30am to help care for the cemeteries of Sidmouth. The aim of the group is to keep the cemeteries in good order for those who wish to visit graves of their loved ones, whilst at the same time being places where wildlife is welcomed in. All welcome, particularly in this early stage of the project where we need as many hands to do practical work as possible, before the growing season starts in earnest. Or if parishioners are interested in a one-off Saturday session, let us know. For more information please contact tess@sarnian.co.uk or see www.cherishing-cemeteries.vgsidmouth.co.uk

Sid Valley Food Bank - If you would like to support us, we would be grateful for any of the following: cereal, baked beans, coffee, tinned meat, little desserts/cakes, size 6 nappies, wet and dry dog food, toilet paper, washing up liquid, laundry detergent. Thank you for your support.

Saying Goodbye – a service for anyone who has lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, birth or early years, or who has been affected by a family member or friend's baby loss. Whether the loss was recent or many years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We also welcome those who are grieving the fact they haven't had children, whether through infertility, circumstance or any other reason. Exeter Cathedral 12:30pm 2nd March. www.sayinggoodbye.org

The Marriage Kit by SmartLoving - an enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit smartloving.org/marriage-kit
Sale until 29th Feb - 50% off use coupon code: MarriageWeek24

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April-Oct 2024. 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or www.med-irishcentre.com

Come and See Weekends at Holy Cross Abbey Whitland for those who are discerning a Cistercian vocation. Friday 24th – Monday 27th May and Friday 16th – Monday 19th August. Email comeandseehca@gmail.com for more information.

Sidmouth Methodist Church Fellowship Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm in the church hall. All welcome, £2/week. 20th Feb The Otter Folk Band with colin Campbell

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