



# Church of The Most Precious Blood

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### Fourth Week of Lent Year B Psalter 4

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Laetare Sunday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Lent Weekday Mass
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Lent Weekday Mass
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Lent Weekday Mass

*Adam Baptie R.I.P.  
People of the Parish*

*Jacqueline Pelisser Int.  
Elizabeth Perry R.I.P.  
Paul Holland Int.*

**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.

### Lent 2024

- This Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) is **Laetare Sunday** – a day of relaxation from Lenten observance as we've reached the halfway point! We are encouraged to wear rose pink, and it's also traditionally a day to celebrate mothers and other important women in our lives – who are you thanking God for today?
- **Four Constitutions of Vatican II** – a discussion group for the Jubilee year preparations. Tuesday afternoons at 4:30pm in the hall, all welcome.
- **Lent Lunches** every Wednesday at 11:45am followed by simple soup lunch, this Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>) at St Peter's Sidford.
- **Stations of the Cross** in the church on Fridays at 6pm
- **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.
- Unfortunately there has not been sufficient interest to warrant a coach to the **Chrism Mass** this year, so please make your own way there; we encourage you to car share where possible.
- There are currently no plans for a **Walk of Witness** on Good Friday. If anyone is interested in forming a small group to organize one then please let the parish office know so we can put you in touch with each other to make it happen.

#### Things to pray for this week

#### **Anniversary of the Election of the Holy Father – 13<sup>rd</sup> March**

- For our Holy Father Pope Francis, may he lead the Church in service and truth.
- For all bishops, may they teach with authority, govern with humility and pray for the good of all.

Could you help with the cameras for **Zoom** over the Easter services or for a weekend Mass on a regular basis? It's not difficult but makes a big difference to the people watching at home. Speak to the parish office to find out more.

We need people to help **set up the hall** for tea and coffee on a Sunday morning. Please let the parish office know if you can help. This could be a separate rota to making the tea and coffee!

**Volunteers needed** to count the collection. Could you spare an hour or two every couple of months to help count and bank our church cash offerings? We really need some more parishioners to join our team. This is not an onerous task, and volunteers work in teams of two on a rotational basis. If you are willing to help, or to find out more, please contact the parish office.

**Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes** - the new planned giving envelopes are now available for collection from the church porch. Any parishioner wishing to join the system should pick up a form from the table, complete it and return to the parish office. If you pay income tax and are able to sign a Gift Aid Declaration then the parish will be able to claim back from HMRC the tax which you have paid on your offerings. Please pick up a form from the porch whether your offerings are in cash or by banker's order.

**National Novena to St Joseph** 10th -18th March St Joseph's Maidenhead. Send your petitions and/or request a Novena booklet - Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ [novenahmh@gmail.com](mailto:novenahmh@gmail.com), watch Masses at [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena)

The **Mustard Seed Café** is in desperate need of volunteers, especially between 11am and 2pm each day. Pop into the café, call 01395 512225 or email [mustard.seed@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mustard.seed@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help keep this wonderful enterprise going.

**Child Exploitation Awareness Day** on 18th March aims to highlight the issues surrounding child exploitation, and encourages everyone to Think Twice, Think Abuse. 2024 marks the 10th anniversary of this awareness day. Child Exploitation is a form of abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18. It encompasses all the ways in which children and young people can be exploited, including Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and criminal exploitation. National Child Exploitation Awareness Day encourages everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse, and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

**Sid Valley Food Bank** - we would be grateful for: tins of custard, savoury instant noodles and rice, tins of soup, tins of carrots or peas. We are also short of dog and cat biscuits. Thank you.

**Stay Awake** is taking place for the sixth year on Saturday 13 April 10am–7pm at All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets free for those in Year 9 and under, £10 for Year 10–13 and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available from [www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024](http://www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024)

**New Teacher Recruitment:** Natural Family Planning (NFP) South West – in support of marriage and family life - We are looking to recruit and train new teachers to become part of a team delivering the Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) in the Plymouth Diocese. Applicants will need to chart their own fertility to gain experience. Training will be via correspondence modules. All learning must be completed within a 2 year time frame. Training is organised by Billings Method England (BME) which is the national accrediting body. Once accredited, you will be expected to attend 2 local diocesan study days per year in person and attend 2 BME Zoom training sessions per year. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact: Christine – 07742320717

**Sidmouth Methodist Church Fellowship** Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm in the church hall. All welcome, £2/week. 12th March Greenland in Colour with David Zirker

**Parishioners' Offerings:** Cash&Cheques £307.24 (£76.15 Gift Aided) Standing Orders £610.14 (£533.81 Gift Aided) Please make all cheques payable to **RC Church Sidmouth**

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