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Fourth Week of Easter Year B Psalter 4

Saturday 20 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 21 st	10:30am	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Monday 22 nd		
Tuesday 23 rd	6:00pm	St George
Wednesday 24 th	10:00am	Easter Weekday
Thursday 25 th	9:00am	St Mark
Friday 26 th	10:00am	Easter Weekday

*For the diocese
People of the Parish*

*work of the SVP
Private int.
Hovora family int.
Celina & John Golden Ann.*

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, Teresina & John Chase, Adam Smith, Mary McAndrew, Sr Bernadette, Elizabeth Berry, John Turner, Catherine Baptie, Fiona Storrie, Julie Carney, Geoffrey & Sally Burton, Marita & Rex Anstis, Jane Brittain, Angie Walsh, Amanda Swift, Diana Richardson.

There is a second collection this weekend for **Vocations Sunday**. The World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us. As ever, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for those currently serving in priestly ministry, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. Please use the envelopes provided to give to the Seminarians Fund. This year Plymouth Diocese have already accepted two young men into formation and hope to have a third before the summer, so will have three men at Allen Hall and two more in Valladolid. It currently costs around £35,000 per year to fund each student. Thank you for your prayers and your generosity.

Things to pray for this week

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Sunday 21st April

- For vocations to the priesthood and the religious life; may we be open to God's call.
- For priests and religious; may their lives bear fruit in plenty.

Next weekend we celebrate our **First Holy Communion Mass**. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

Bluebell Walk – next Sunday (28th) at Blackbury Camp followed by afternoon tea at Blackbury Honey Farm. (Provide own transport – lift share if possible. Tea at own cost.) Meet at 2.15pm by entrance to the bluebell wood by the car park. A short stroll, but fairly uneven terrain. After the woodland walk to admire the bluebells, we will drive on to Blackbury Honey Farm, which is on the same road, for tea (at own cost). In the event of bad weather, this event will be cancelled. Any queries, please contact Philip Wragg (07850 766045), or a member of the Social Committee.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse 30th April - The Bishops of England and Wales have set aside the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter as a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused, during a season of hope and new life. This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church.

Sid Valley Food Bank - There has been increased need for the Food Bank in the school holidays, and food donations have declined a bit, so we are experiencing some shortages in our stock. We are currently short of coffee, custard, savoury biscuits, cakes and tinned pet food, but appreciate all donations at existing church or supermarket collection points.

The **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children** is holding its annual Pro-life Prayer Chain by the Blue Bridge on the A385 Ashburton Road, Totnes 11am-1pm on Saturday 27th April. Please come and join us. We stand and pray in silence holding placards towards oncoming traffic. It is a powerful witness that we are against the killing of unborn babies. Thank you.

Youth Adventure Residential 24th–26th May, Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, aimed at age 10–13. Those that have attended previously talk about enjoying meeting other Catholics from across the diocese along with a chance to explore their faith. Many of the friendships have continued to grow since the residential and they seek each other at other events. The adventures include caving and bushcraft, with many other challenges and activities throughout the weekend. There is a recommended contribution of £100 to cover costs. For further info: Saskia youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Laudato Si' week – calling all crafters! During Laudato Si' week (19th-26th May), there will be an exhibition and prayer walk at Plymouth Cathedral interpreting Laudato Si' through artwork and reflections by pupils from local schools. All visitors to the Cathedral will also be invited to add to a mass participation artwork called the Mossy Carpet. People are invited to make a textile tuft such as crochet, knit, embroider, plait, pompom or something else to attach to the carpet! This artwork will help us to consider how our small actions can make a huge change, and how our Christian faith calls us to be part of the restoration of nature. There will be drop-in workshops 12-4pm on 20th May at the Cathedral but the Mossy Carpet will be in place from 18th- 24th May for people to visit and add their contributions. If you cannot come to the Cathedral but are able to help us by making some crafts to contribute, contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk and we can send guidance.

Jesus is in the house! (Mark 2:1) Come and encounter Him

A day of encounter for all ages, at St Cuthbert's Conference Centre, Buckfast Abbey 10am-6pm 29th June. Experience joyful praise and worship, ways of connecting to God's voice, prayer from the heart, workshops, prayer ministry, Adoration, and Mass.

Hot/cold drinks included, optional two course lunch or bring your own packed lunch.

Tickets available from Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jesus-is-in-the-house-mark-21-tickets-871769073767?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete&keep_tld=1 We want to make the day as accessible as possible for everyone so there is also a 'pay what you can' option for tickets.

Please contact info@swccr.org.uk for more information or if you have any questions.

We're really looking forward to sharing the day with as many of you as possible!

Job Vacancy - the Methodist Church are looking to employ a Mission Support Worker in the Sidmouth area, 7 hrs/week usually on Fridays. Main duties include helping to run Bumps and Babes group, a mindfulness after school club for high school children, and assisting the minister with pastoral matters as required. Initially fixed-term until August 2028 (subject to 6 months probationary period) DBS check required, opportunities for study and training, pension scheme. £13.20/hr. Closing date 9th May, interviews 16th May revsantry@gmail.com for an application form

Right to life - ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment and oppose abortion up to birth. Join the Catholic Bishops in supporting an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks, and opposing an amendment that would introduce abortion up to birth. Collect a postcard from the porch to send to your MP in support of the 22-week amendment. To oppose abortion up to birth: www.righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment

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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