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First Week of Advent Year A Psalter 1

Saturday 29 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>George & Betty Lavender R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 30 th	10:30am	First Sunday of Advent	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 1 st			
Tuesday 2 nd	1:00pm	Funeral Mass – Jane Brittain R.I.P.	
Wednesday 3 rd	10:00am	St Francis Xavier	<i>Denny Hughes R.I.P.</i>
Thursday 4 th	9:00am	Advent Weekday	
Friday 5 th	10:00am	Advent Weekday	

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, Daphne Adams, Teresina & John Chase, Mary McAndrew, Catherine Baptie, Geoffrey & Sally Burton, Neil Scully, Pepe Arti, Marita & Rex Anstis, Angie Walsh, Philip Burgoyne.

A special welcome to **Rosie Lavender** and her family and friends as she is baptised this Sunday. Welcome to the church family! Please keep her in your prayers at this special time.

Installation of Bishop Nicholas – Please keep Bishop Nicholas and our diocese in your prayers at this important time. Don't forget you can watch at www.youtube.com/@PlymouthDioceseRC

Christmas is coming! Please help yourself to an Advent at a glance leaflet, a Walk with Me booklet and an Advent prayer card from the porch.

I have been busy making **recycled candles** from the leftover church candlewax, and will be selling them in the hall during coffee this Sunday. Cash only, proceeds to CAFOD. Thank you in advance for your support! *Rebecca x*

Silent Adoration 10:00am – 10:45am Mondays in Advent starting 1st December All welcome.

Reconciliation service 10am Saturday 6th December

Advent Retreat Day Sat 6th Dec at St Rita's Centre 'From captivity to freedom: an Advent Journey of hope' led by Deacon Kelvin Russell and Fr. Jose Romero OAR. Coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am, first talk at 10am, second talk at 11am, Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) at 12.00pm, lunch at 1pm, Holy Mass at 2.45pm, depart 3.30pm. The charge for the day, inc lunch, is just £25. To register, please complete the application form and let us know of any dietary requirements. You can contact us on 01404 42635, at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online <https://www.stritascentre.org/events-retreats-1/advent-retreat-day-from-captivity-to-freedom-an-advent-journey-of-hope>. Payment in advance or on the day.

Things to pray for this week

Pope's Intention for December

- For Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, that they might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Migrants' Day – 3rd December

- For our society, that it may always welcome the stranger.
- For those countries from which asylum seekers and refugees have fled, that all may work together for peace and justice.

Calling our Parish family – we need your prayers for peace in our fragile world. Please join us on Fridays in the church 3-4pm for Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary. God bless you.

Annual Fair - an enormous “Thank You” to everyone who helped prepare, set up, run a stall, clear up, take unsold items to charity outlets and/or support our Annual Fair last Saturday. We were so well supported, both by our own parishioners and also the people of Sidmouth. We raised a total of £1,723 on the day, which includes the HCPT Group 141 raffle takings of £252.60. This means that we will be sending £735.50 to each of our two chosen charities, Action East Devon and Sidmouth Hospice at Home. Many thanks to you all, *The Social Committee*.

Christmas cards for sale from Holy Cross Abbey – see www.hcawhitland.co.uk

Forget “Black Friday” and **Live Simply** instead. Break free from the sea of consumerism we drown in every Christmas. Some ideas: Secret Santa - price limited small gifts to exchange amongst friends, family or colleagues. (Even better if re-using products from home or charity shops.) Giving gifts through a donation to CAFOD or other agency committed to the relief of poverty.) Gifting your time with those who you know will be lonely or facing difficult times - remembering that Christ loves them every bit as much as he loves us. Give, or plan to sow seeds that will grow with your faith over the next few months and even years. Put Christ right back into Christmas this year.

If you missed the chance to donate to the Rotary **Christmas appeal** last weekend, you can give directly at <https://rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=979798&ClubID=1222> Over the last three years Rotary and the Food Bank have worked together to help families, children and the elderly at Christmas. This year because of operational reasons the Food Bank are unable to coordinate and provide hampers for those in need. Rotary, through the help of business, organisations and the people of Sidmouth will bridge this gap and provide over 130 hampers and presents for children.

Sid Valley Food Bank supports many local families and individuals who are in food poverty, providing emergency food for those in immediate need. All donations of food are welcome, but we are currently particularly short of: instant noodles, tinned spaghetti, peanut butter, jam, honey, tinned rice pudding. Donations of food can be left at any supermarket collection points.

There will be NO **Knit and Natter** on Tuesday (2nd) as the hall will be in use following a funeral). Our next meeting will be a Christmas Celebration on 16th Dec in the hall 2-4pm, and there will be mince pies, Christmas cake and a few other goodies while we knit. Do come and join us and enjoy a little laughter, relaxation and good company. We would love to see you! Everyone is very welcome, bring a friend if you like. If you don't want to knit, just bring something else to do, or just come for the chat - anything goes! Tea and cake provided and there is no charge. Any queries, please phone me – Jill McGauley Tel: 01395 512745 or 07968 226435.

Residential for Teens (13-17yrs) Jan 23rd-25th East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. ‘I was a stranger and you invited me in’ Matt 25v35. Refugees and asylum seekers, who are they? Why did they flee? A contribution of £50 per person to assist with costs. Further info youth@prcdtr.org.uk

The **Community of Our Lady of Walsingham** seeks help to purchase a property to accommodate their growing community and further their apostolates of prayer, parish missions, hospitality, chaplaincy and youth work. Any amount, large or small is greatly appreciated and the community assure you of their prayers. Cheques payable to COLW can be sent to House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ. More info, as well as the option to donate online, can be found at: www.maryshouseappeal.org 01362 692574 office@walsinghamcommunity.org

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/support-us/>

Parishioners' Offerings: Cash & Cheques £339.57 (£71.88 Gift Aided) Standing Orders £733.42 (£621.85 Gift Aided)

Please make all cheques payable to **RC Church Sidmouth**

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