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Third Week of Advent Year A Psalter 3

Saturday 13 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 14 th	10:30am	Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete!	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 15 th			
Tuesday 16 th	6:00pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 17 th	10:00am	Advent Weekday <i>O Sapientia</i>	
Thursday 18 th	9:00am	Advent Weekday <i>O Adonai</i>	
Friday 19 th	10:00am	Advent Weekday <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	

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.

This weekend is **Gaudete Sunday** so don't forget to wear pink!

The parish office will be closed for Christmas from 19th December until 6th January. Happy Christmas! *Rebecca x*

Christmas offering envelopes are available in the porch. Please help yourselves.

Carol service and buffet tonight (Sunday) at 5pm.

Silent Adoration 10:00am–10:45am Monday all welcome.

Waiting for the Lord next Sunday (21st) at 4pm. A time of quiet prayer by candlelight, interspersed with music and readings.

Christmas refreshments – we need a couple of people to serve sherry and mince pies after Midnight Mass. Please let the parish office know asap if you can help.

Pilgrims of Hope - In these last few weeks of the Jubilee Year, the display board is reflecting examples of the various ways Parishioners spread hope - in the parish, in the local community, in the wider world. If there is anything missing that you feel should be included, please could you leave the details and your name, in an envelope at the parish office. Thank you.

Parishioners' Christmas cards – the box for posting cards to parishioners only will be on the table in the church porch from Sat (6th) onwards. Post alphabetically by surname and don't forget to check the box each time you come to Mass to collect cards sent to you. Last day for posting is Friday (19th)

Red Boxes have now been counted, many thanks for your generous support. Please see Beryl to get your box back ready for next year!

Things to pray for this week

May this holy season
bring you such blessings
from the Lord
that you may know afresh
in the depths of your being
just how abundantly
the Lord loves you
and cares about you
not only at Christmas
but always.
Amen.

Our parish's **Care of Creation** group has been busy during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Recently, led by Lucia Cooper, we raised the profile here in Sidmouth of COP30 in Brazil and the urgent need to address global warming. Then parishioners met our local MP Richard Foord and asked about what he was able to do in Parliament to tackle debt in developing countries, enabling them to improve their economies in an environmentally sustainable way. Moving forward the group is working on actions for 2026 including to find a way of replacing the planters around St Teresa's Hall in the spring. If you are interested in the environment and would like to join in the parish's Care of Creation group, contact Naomi: nhogg7@gmail.com And the town itself has lots of environmental activities to get involved in, including the Sidmouth Arboretum's hedge and tree planting activities across the Sid Valley. If you want to be part of Sidmouth's future climate resilience, just turn up on any of the days you can with a spade and a warm drink. 13th Dec - planting a wildlife hedge at Cotford, Lower Roncombe Valley and 4th Jan at Stoney Orchard, near Hare and Hounds. Everyone is friendly, it's great fun and only takes an hour or so. Young and young at heart; all are welcome.

Knit and Natter will be meeting this Tues (16th) 2-4pm for a Christmas Celebration with 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! There is no charge. Our next meeting after this one will be 6th Jan. Any queries, phone Jill McGauley 01395 512745 or 07968 226435.

Putting all children first especially at Christmas time. Please take time to visit our crib over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. We continue to ask you for concern, prayer and action. God bless all our supporters and donors.

CAFOD World Gifts – help yourself to a booklet and make a world of difference to families fleeing conflict, families battling the climate crisis and a community protecting the Amazon. World Gifts is a present that keeps giving!

John and Shelia would like to invite you to their **Christmas Open House** on Sunday 28th Dec from 12noon at 14 Green Mount, with running hot and cold buffet. Please bring a bottle of whatever you like to drink. RSVP to John 07929 591275

Latest **Youth Events** newsletter

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/8C09255F03B7437F>

Thank you to those who attended the two meetings recently to share and feedback on some the initial ideas which the **PPC working group** had developed. If you weren't able to come along, or just want to know more about how things will move forward, we have produced a letter which summarises the feedback and outlines what will be happening next. This document is available on our parish website [here](#) or a few hard copies are available from the porch. If you want to find out more or support us, then please reach out via the parish office.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date 12th Feb www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

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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Christmas 2025

Wednesday 24th December:

Christmas Eve

7pm Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December:

Christmas Day

10:30am Mass

