



**Church of The Most Precious Blood**  
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**Second Week of Advent Year A Psalter 2**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Second Sunday of Advent	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Advent Weekday	<i>Denny Hughes R.I.P.</i>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Advent Weekday	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Sick and Housebound Mass</b>	

**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.

**Reconciliation service** 10am this Saturday (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Taizé service** 5pm this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup>) – all welcome to this service of simple sung repetitive chants and scripture readings interspersed with periods of silence for personal reflection. Come and spend some time this Advent waiting in hope for the God who saves us.

Please note that there is Mass on Mon (8<sup>th</sup>) at 10am for **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sick and Housebound Mass** 11am this Friday (12<sup>th</sup>)

**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.

**Bishop Nicholas Installation** - a special edition newsletter celebrating the installation is available here:  
<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/-860B12BD0A8754D92540EF23F30FEDED>.

Things to pray for this week

**Bless us anew this Christmas**

We ask you, Lord,  
to bless our lives anew  
this Christmas.

Just as you came among us  
that first Christmas  
to share your life with us,  
so we ask you this Christmas  
to renew us all again in your love,  
no matter how far  
we may have strayed  
from your loving presence.

Open our hearts anew  
to that love you have  
for each and every one of us,  
a love that knows no bounds.

For this, dear Lord, we thank you.  
Amen.

**Parishioners' Christmas cards** – the box for posting cards to parishioners only will be on the table in the church porch from Sat (6<sup>th</sup>) 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 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** - the Bill is currently in the House of Lords where the Committee have raised over 1,000 amendments and requested more time. 'The Chief Whip this week announced ten extra days, carrying Committee consideration through to late April shortly before the end of the Parliamentary session.' (Care not Killing website) Please note that the ten days stated by the Chief Whip includes Fridays only as this is the allocated day for debate on Private Members Bills - hence the delay is 10 weeks. Thank you for your continuing prayers that this Bill runs out of time and falls. *Belle Bick*

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.

**John and Catherine Defoe** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes following Catherine's ill health recently. God bless you all.

**Live Simply** - 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.

As the weather gets colder and the Christmas season approaches, the **Food Bank** provides vital help for people who are in food crisis. Our weekly packages are carefully thought-out to be useful to both individuals and families for basic meal preparation. We are always in need of tinned food including meat, vegetables, fruit and custard. Cooking oil, jars of herbs, mayonnaise and peanut butter are also useful. Thank you to you all for your donations at supermarket collection points.

**Christmas cards** for sale from Holy Cross Abbey – see [www.hcawhitland.co.uk](http://www.hcawhitland.co.uk)

**Teens residential** 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. Those aged 13-17 are invited to explore lives of people holding refugee and asylum seekers status in the UK. There is time to question refugees and asylum seekers to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum. Once listening to stories, there is a chance for young people to form their own opinion and decide what actions they would like to do. This event costs £50pp. For further info: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

**2026 meetings** – advance notice that our parish Lent planning meeting will be 10am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January and Advent planning meeting on at 10am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome!

**St Francis Leprosy Guild** is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Founded in 1895 and with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as our patron, SFLG today supports over 30 centres in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We also fund research projects, hospitals and an active case-finding programme to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent lifelong disabilities occurring. Will you help SFLG work towards a leprosy-free world? For more information please visit our website [www.stfrancisleprosy.org](http://www.stfrancisleprosy.org) or email [parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org)

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

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