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Second Week of Lent Year A Psalter 2

Saturday 28 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1 st	10:30am	Second Sunday of Lent	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 2 nd			
Tuesday 3 rd	6:00pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 4 th	10:00am	Lent Weekday	<i>Eileen Fisher R.I.P.</i>
Thursday 5 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer	
Friday 6 th	10:00am	Lent Weekday	<i>Roger Darby R.I.P.</i>

Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish including Chris Jupp, Andrew Torjussen, Andy deKlerk, Mary Wallace, Jim Lock, Irene Ulucki, Daphne Adams, John Chase, Hilary Burke, Mary McAndrew, Catherine Baptie, Geoffrey & Sally Burton, Conor Dolon, Pepe Arti, Marita & Rex Anstis, Angie Walsh, Philip Burgoyne.

Lent 2026

- **Taizé service** today (Sunday) at 5pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Silent Adoration** continues Mondays in Lent 10am-10:45am
- **Lent lunches** continue this week at St Peter's Sidford URC on Wednesday 11:45am
- **Zoom Lent talks** on parables of Jesus continue this Monday (2nd) at 7pm The Parable of the Rich Fool, Dame Karen Foong. All welcome - see poster for joining info
- **Stations of the cross** in the church continues Fridays in Lent at 6pm. All welcome.
- Please use the signup list in the porch to indicate if you would be interested in travelling to the **Chrism Mass** at Plymouth Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April. If there is sufficient interest, we will organise a coach.

There is a **second collection this weekend for CAFOD Family Fast Day** – this Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in time of drought. Return your CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org/envelope or call 0303 303 3030, text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

John Chase R.I.P. is now reunited with Teresina; may they rest in peace. Please continue to keep Ann, Liam and all John's family and friends in your prayers. His funeral will be on Wed 11th March.

Things to pray for this week

Pope's Intention for March

- Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Amen

Big Brew at 40 - Primley URC, Mon 2nd March 2.30-4pm. Come along for a cuppa and cakes that change lives and make a difference in the fight for justice that transforms trade. At the Big Brew you can sample Fairtrade tea and coffee, and find out how Fairtrade works. Everyone welcome.

Knit and Natter will be meeting this Tues (3rd) in the hall 2–4pm. The following meeting will be on 17th March. Do come and join us and enjoy a little laughter, relaxation, good company and homemade cake and tea. We would love to see you! Everyone is very welcome, bring a friend if you like. If you don't want to knit, bring something else to do, or come for the chat - anything goes! Tea and cake provided, there is no charge. Any queries, phone Jill 512745 or 07968 226435.

Compassionate Boxes are looking for volunteers to look after facebook, website, GoFundMe page, and helping with events, and committee members and a secretary for the charity. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact compassionateboxes@mail.com

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 all

We are delighted to welcome the Polish choir **Sounds for the Glory of the Lord** 5pm Sun 22nd March contemplative concert, including Staba Mater, Anima Christi, and Taizé. All welcome

Sid Valley Food Bank are currently short of savoury rice, custard, cereal, jam, peanut butter, rice pudding, instant noodles. We welcome all donations, however small. Thank you for your support.

Love knitting? Over the last few years, parishioners from a number of parishes have knitted beautiful baby blankets, cardigans, hats, booties, mittens and teddy bears. Thanks to these kind, wonderful knitters, we have posted many small bundles of knitted garments to families who apply for an Essential Grant as they don't have enough funds to pay for some of the basic essentials for their babies. We've received some wonderful feedback from parents. If you enjoy knitting and would like to help families of all faiths and none, please do get in touch with our Essential Grants Manager by calling **01364 645424** or by emailing vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk

Stay Awake 2026 – all-age, all-day Catholic Christian Conference with music and worship, 10am-6pm 2nd May, Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, DT1 2ET. This year's theme is: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'(Ps 51:10) Book your place at stayawakejc.com now! We invite all parishioners, whatever age, to a fun faith-filled day with appropriate children's streams, and David Wells is our main keynote speaker! We have a choice of workshops too and more! Refreshments supplied including home-made cakes and free pizza after Mass. Free for children and £12.50 for the rest of us! See you there!

Inspire Saturday 11am—6pm, 14th March, Buckfast Abbey, aimed at those aged 13-25. We have a great line up of speakers and musicians this year. Falmouth Vineyard are returning, Tymowski, Benjamin Haycock and Jemimah Paine are joining them. This year we have included a workshop in the programme. £30 for a ticket. Follow the link to book: [Inspire Individual Booking Form – Fill in form](#) For further information contact Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Safeguarding training at Axminster parish 9:45am to 3pm Sat 14th March with Robert Kingdon. Please let the parish office know if you would like to attend by Feb 27th axminster@prcdtr.org.uk

Saying Goodbye—21st March 11am at Exeter Cathedral. A service for anyone who has personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago. We also welcome anyone who is grieving the fact they haven't had children, due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons. Babies and children are also invited – this service is truly a family event for all.

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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