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Fourth Week of Lent Year A Psalter 4

Saturday 14 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>John Tubby R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 15 th	10:30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 16 th			
Tuesday 17 th	6:00pm	St Patrick	
Wednesday 18 th	10:00am	Lent Weekday	
Thursday 19 th	9:00am	St Joseph	
Friday 20 th	10:00am	Lent Weekday	

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, Hilary Burke, Mary McAndrew, Catherine Baptie, Geoffrey&Sally Burton, Conor Dolon, Pepe Arti, Marita&Rex Anstis, Angie Walsh, Margaret Draper, Anthony Chivers and Philip Burgoyne.

Lent 2026

- **Reconciliation Service** at 10am this Saturday (14th) all welcome to this opportunity for Lenten penance.
- Today (15th) is **Laetare Sunday** – don't forget to wear something rose or pink! Enjoy this little relaxation in the middle of Lent.
- **Silent Adoration** continues Mondays in Lent 10am-10:45am
- **Film night** on Tuesday (17th) - Pasolini's *The Gospel According to Matthew* - an invitation to reflect on the life of Christ in the hall 6.30pm refreshments, 6.50pm introduction to the film which will begin at 7pm. The film lasts approximately 2 hrs during which there will be a short interval. All welcome!
- **Lent lunches** continue this week here in church on Wednesday (18th) at 11:45am
- **Zoom Lent talks** on parables of Jesus continue this Thursday (19th) at 7pm The Parable of the Prodigal Son, Sr Bernadette Reis. 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 like to join the coach travelling to the **Chrism Mass** at Plymouth Cathedral on Wednesday 1st April. There are still some spaces left.

Things to pray for this week

Hope is a kernel of light and strength which dwells in our hearts in expectation of good things to come.

Light up our loves with your love so that we may be signs of hope.

Hope shines brightly, but the burdens of life can dampen its glow.

Light up our lives with your love so that we may be signs of hope.

Lead us as pilgrims on a journey alongside our brothers and sisters as we respond to your call.

Light up our lives with your love so that we may be signs of hope.

Renew our faith and move us to action as we commit to building a better world.

Light up our loves with your love so that we may be signs of hope.

Amen

Don't forget the **clocks go forward** next weekend – time for some spring sunshine!

Knit and Natter will be meeting this Tues (17th) in St Teresa's Hall 2–4pm. There will be no meeting on 7th April due to Easter, so the following meeting will be on 21st April at 2pm. 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, just bring something else to do, or just come for the chat - anything goes! Tea and cake provided, there is no charge. Any queries, please phone Jill McGauley 01395 512745 or 07968 226435.

We are delighted to welcome the Polish choir **Sounds for the Glory of the Lord** at 5pm on Sunday 22nd March for a prayerful contemplative concert, including Stabat Mater, Anima Christi, and Taizé. All welcome to this perfect Lenten reflection.

Easter Cards available from Holy Cross Abbey - see www.hcawhitland.co.uk for more details

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill - The Lords have continued to scrutinise the Bill, and it seems highly likely that it will fall due to running out of time. However, the House of Commons may either call for the Bill to be carried over to the next session, or may invoke the Parliamentary Act which will prevent the Lords from delaying the process of the Bill through to law during the next presentation to parliament. In Jersey and the Isle of Man where the Bill has passed, it is being held up by Royal Assent as it has to be scrutinised by the Ministry of Justice. This will not be the case in England. Thank you for your actions and ongoing prayers to block this Bill. *Belle Bick*

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed! Please take 30 seconds to stop assisted suicide from being forced into law. Right To Life UK has made an EasyAction tool to email your MP asking them to oppose attempts to force assisted suicide into law by bypassing the House of Lords. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASCommons2026 to ask your MP to oppose forcing the assisted suicide Bill into law.

Sid Valley Food Bank are currently short of tinned meat, tinned vegetables, peanut butter and jam. Thank you for your support in helping to feed local individuals and families in need. All donations welcome, however small, can be left at any of the usual supermarket collection points.

Concerts in St Giles' Sidbury - A new short series of concerts has launched in St Giles' Sidbury with a lively evening of jazz and swing with "The Hot House Combo" on Friday 13th 7.30 (doors open 7pm, bar). Tickets £12 (adult) £6 (under 16s) can be obtained by emailing Chris Ward on Musicinsidbury@gmail.com or subject to availability on the door. Proceeds in support of church funds. Future concerts 24th April and 30th May come along for a great evening and tell your friends!

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.

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!

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)

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