



# Church of The Most Precious Blood DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

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People of the Parish*

## Fifth Week of Lent Year A Psalter 1

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Lent Weekday
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Lent Weekday

*Graham & Margaret Wheeler Int.*

**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

- **Children's Workshop** to prepare for the Stations of the Cross is this Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) after Mass
- **Silent Adoration** continues Mondays in Lent 10am-10:45am
- **Lent lunches** continue this week at the Parish Church on Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>) at 11:45am
- **Zoom Lent talks** on parables of Jesus continue this Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, Simon Giarchi. All welcome - see poster for joining info
- **Stations of the cross** in the church continues Fridays in Lent at 6pm. All welcome.
- A beautiful Stations of the Cross with living tableaux:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHCORHpQBdQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHCORHpQBdQ) - well worth sitting and praying with

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

Don't forget the **clocks go forward** next weekend (28<sup>th</sup>) – time for some spring sunshine!

## Easter

- Holy Week begins next weekend!
- Palm Sunday Mass (29<sup>th</sup>) will begin at St Teresa's Hall with a procession back to church.
- 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 Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April, leaving here 9:30am. There are still some spaces left.

### PALM SUNDAY

5:30pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
10:30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
(process from St Teresa's Hall)

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
3pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

#### HOLY SATURDAY

The Easter Vigil  
8:30pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### EASTER SUNDAY

10:30am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

- Please use the lists in the porch for foot washing and watching on Maundy Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- There is a second collection for Holy Places on Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Don't forget to bring your own bells and wear white for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Easter offering envelopes are available in the porch

**Help needed** – would you like to spread Easter joy by serving prosecco after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday? Please let the parish office know if so!

**Saying Goodbye**—21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Contemplative Retreats at St. Rita's Centre April 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>** An Introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer* as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands [paddyrylands@gmail.com](mailto:paddyrylands@gmail.com)

**Heatree Residential** 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May, 'Go make disciples of all nations' Matt 28:19  
Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9-12 (school years 5-7) Whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building amongst other activities, young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90. To book: [Heatree 2026 15th-17th May – Fill in form](#) Further info: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

### **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**

**Great Big Diocesan Quiz** Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May. It would be wonderful if your parish could join in, Last year 10 parishes helped to raise almost £2,000. All you have to do is find a quiz master, then as many parishioners as possible to make up the teams and CCSP will supply the rest.

Would you like to join our **50:50 club**? Helping Hands is a simple and effective way of raising funds for CCSP as half of the money raised in subscriptions is used for our Essential Grants programme and Pro-active Parenting courses and the other half is returned to members as prize money. The distribution of prize money is determined each time by the number of members in the draw. It costs £12 a year for entry into all monthly draws and you can enter each draw more than once by increasing your subscription. To start your membership, all you need to do is complete our application by visiting <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/form-helping-hands-application/>

**Time for a Spring Clean?** It's that time of year when we start to look forward to the longer evenings and look to dust off the cobwebs of the winter months by having a good old-fashioned spring clean. Did you know that you can donate your unwanted items through the Orange Box recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause? In 2025, our Orange Boxes raised a staggering **£35,216.51**. Items that can be popped in include stamp collections, first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre 1950, coins and banknotes – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise, precious metals including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc, metals including ornaments, metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition, costume jewellery, medals, small antiques and collectibles, watches – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not, any Catholic religious memorabilia such as rosaries, crucifixes, medals etc. And don't forget you can recycle your old ink cartridges through our ink cartridge recycling boxes which raised £400 and saved 27.57kg from landfill last year.

**World Vision** event at All Saints, Sidmouth 2-4pm Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April. Come and learn more about the work that World Vision do in the developing world. With David Lewis and Steve Ellerington, WV volunteer coordinator for the South West. All welcome.

**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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