



Church of The Most Precious Blood DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

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Sixth Week of Easter Year A Psalter 2

Saturday 9 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 10 th	10:30am	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 11 th			
Tuesday 12 th	6:00pm	Easter Weekday	
Wednesday 13 th	10:00am	Funeral – Robert Brandenburg R.I.P.	
	7:00pm	Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord	
Thursday 14 th	10:00am	The Ascension of the Lord	
Friday 15 th	10:00am	Easter 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 and Philip Burgoyne.

Christian Aid Week – there is a second collection this weekend to support the work of Christian Aid in fighting hunger and growing hope in the poorest areas of the world. Please take an envelope from the porch for your donation.

Parish Afternoon Walk at the Donkey Sanctuary 2.30pm today (10th). After a leisurely stroll around, we will stop for tea in their lovely café. No charge, other than what you choose to eat and/or drink. See poster for more details. Please sign the list if you are coming and also if you need a lift there.

Robert Brandenburg R.I.P. – Robert had requested that people do not wear black to his funeral, 10am on Wednesday. All welcome.

A reminder that the **Ascension of the Lord** is a holy day of obligation. Mass at 7pm Wednesday and 10am Thursday.

Rise to our Cause – Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Ascension Day fundraiser at The Assumption of Our Lady, Torquay, Thurs 14th May. Mass at noon, 2 course hot lunch. Tickets £15 vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk 01364 645420. All proceeds to help vulnerable children and families

There is a **second collection next weekend** for Communications Sunday.

Advanced warning that I have been busy making **recycled candles** from the leftover church candlewax again and will be selling them in the hall during coffee next Sunday (17th). Cash only, proceeds to CAFOD. Thank you in advance for your support! *Rebecca x*

It's nearly time for the new **tea and coffee rota**. If you would like to join this lovely ministry please let the parish office know or contact Judith Howcroft directly howcrofts@btinternet.com

Thank you to everyone who has left **rosaries** in the SVP box. We will be sending them off to the missions and prisons at the end of May so if you have any spare or old ones please drop them in the SVP box in the narthex.

Things to pray for this week

Anniversary of the Election of the Holy Father – 8th May

- For our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, that he may lead the Church in service and truth.
- For all bishops, that they may teach with authority, govern with humility and pray for the good of all.

Laudato Si Week will be celebrated on 17th-24th May this year. To celebrate, why not hold a picnic with your community to enjoy the beauty of Creation around you. You may like to hold this on the 16th as a moment of reflection before the week begins, so that your hearts will be in a disposition to enjoy the wonders of Creation that God reveals to you during the Laudato Si week.

Heatree Residential 15th - 17th 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

Caritas invites you to take part in a new project – **God's Wild Acre**. Do you have a little space in your garden, a window box, or any area you can give to encourage nature to do what it does best? We would like to reach an acre of land that has been set aside to celebrate creation's wild growing. Please send us your stories, images and size of your plot so that we can share them on our media streams caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

The **assisted suicide Bill** has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that it has fallen and will not become law! This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords. To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>

Volunteering for youth ministry in the Diocese of Plymouth - Do you or have you thought about volunteering to work with the youth either in your parish or further afield? Youth Events are setting up a database of volunteers to keep in contact with them, offer training and support for the work they do, and keep them informed of events that are happening across the Diocese. In completing the form it does not mean you are committed to any voluntary work, it is simply an expression of interest. People on the database will be contacted and asked if they would like to support an event. Please follow the link: [Volunteer Data Form – Youth Diocese Events – Fill in form](#) For further information please contact Ruby or Saskia youth@prcdtr.org.uk

St Rita's feast day Friday 22nd May St Rita's Centre, Honiton with Father Jose Romero OAR Mass at 12 noon, followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for the sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website www.stritascentre.org and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day but bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm. We advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30 am.

Kite Flying at Pentecost Sunday 24th May. No coffee in the Hall today. Instead, come up Peak Hill and join us for a drink and a slice of Birthday cake as it is the Church's Birthday. Other cakes too! This is an ecumenical event, when we invite all the other churches and the people of Sidmouth to join us and enjoy time together. Poster going up shortly with all the details.

Ignatian Individually Guided Silent Retreats

Jun 26th-28th(Fri-Sun) Weekend (£160) Jun 26th-1st July(Fri-Wed) Extended Weekend (£350)
Sclerder Abbey Retreat House, (Chemin Neuf) Cornwall PL13 2JD

A retreat house with large garden and pleasant rural walks, close to the sea, once a Carmelite monastery situated near Looe offers simple accommodation. An opportunity to step back from everyday life to make space and time for God. Cost includes full board & lodging, but help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations. For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

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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