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Seventh Week of Easter Year A Psalter 3

Saturday 16 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Caitlin Rose Kelly R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 17 th	10:30am	Seventh Sunday of Easter	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 18 th			
Tuesday 19 th	6:00pm	Easter Weekday after Ascension	<i>Private int.</i>
Wednesday 20 th	10:00am	Easter Weekday after Ascension	
Thursday 21 st	9:00am	Morning Prayer	
Friday 22 nd	10:00am	Funeral – Tony Chivers R.I.P.	

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.

Communication Sunday – this year's theme is Preserving Human Voices and Faces. In his message, Pope Leo highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity. More info www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/
On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. There is a second collection to support this work.

Things to pray for this week

World Communications Day – 17th May

- For all who work in the media, may they broadcast with truth and integrity.
- For places and events that are forgotten by the news, may they be remembered in our hearts.

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

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.

Knit and Natter will meet this Tues (19th) in St Teresa's Hall 2-4pm. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Tues of every month, so the next one will be on 2nd June. Do come and join us and enjoy a little laughter, relaxation, good company and homemade cake. 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 will be provided and there is no charge. Any queries, please phone Jill McGauley 01395 512745.

Tony Chivers R.I.P. – please continue to keep Stella, Penny and all Tony's family and friends in your prayers at this time. His funeral is this Friday at 10am. All welcome.

Diocesan Newsletter for May is available at: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

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.

There is a **second collection next weekend** for the Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund

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. Please see the poster in the church entrance.

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.

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

Online Webinar – Violence Against Women in the Bible Tues 26th May 10am until midday
What does a biblical understanding of violence against women look like? How might this understanding inform our responses as Catholic communities to violence against women in our churches and in wider society? Join the webinar to hear from the panel of theologians and practitioners. Hosted by CSAN's Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith.
Click the link to register [CSAN Domestic Abuse Alliance \(26-May-2026\) · CharitySuite Events](#)

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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