



# Church of The Most Precious Blood DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH

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## Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter 4

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	St Philip Neri
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Weekday Mass



*People of the Parish*

*Private int.*

*Pauline & Packie McEleney 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.

**Kite Flying at Pentecost (24<sup>th</sup>)** 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.

There is a second collection this week for the **Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund** – please give if you can to support the work of this fund, which cares for the retired priests of our diocese who have served us so faithfully for so long.

**Prayer Request Book** – please feel free to make use of this new book, which will be left at the back of church during weekdays. The Wednesday prayer group will then pray for your intentions when they meet together each week.

**Online Webinar – Violence Against Women in the Bible** Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**Sidmouth children, families and youth church network** – if you would be interested in being part of this group to support faith growth in our young Christian community in the town please speak to the parish office.

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.

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](mailto:howcrofts@btinternet.com)

### Things to pray for this week

#### **Pentecost – 24<sup>th</sup> May**

- For the Holy Father, may he be a focus of unity and peace.
- For the local Church, may it be a beacon of Christ.

## **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family – 8pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June webinar on Zoom.**

The beginning of adolescence is in many ways a “rebirth” of the child, and when this “rebirth” happens, many parents feel as if they are learning how to be a parent all over again! This is the great journey from childhood to adulthood and it is not always an easy road for parent or child. But God always gives the grace parents need, and Mike and Alicia Hernon from the Messy Family Project remind parents of this fact. They give empathy and guidance on how to successfully navigate the tween and teen years by modelling the behaviour they wish to see and investing in the relationship on a deeper level. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/celebratetrust/2138479>

**Young Adults retreat** at Sclerder 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June. A weekend retreat for 18-30 year olds to reflect on our calling to be stewards of the earth, underpinned by Genesis 2:15. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Fr Jude, along with art workshops and time in the gardens. Young people are being asked to make a contribution of £40 each. Transport from Liskeard Station on Fri night and Sat morn, returning around 2pm on Sun. Please book at: [Sclerder Retreat \(18-30\) - Stewards of the earth – Fill in form](#) More info: Saskia [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

Calling our Parish family – we need your prayers for peace in our fragile world. Please join us on Fridays from 3 to 4pm for Adoration, **Divine Mercy Chaplet** and the Rosary. God bless you.

**God’s Wild Acre** - Caritas invites you to take part in a new project. 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](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

Interested in training and volunteering as a **Relationship Counsellor**? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support, and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC. These costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. To find out more please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

## **Ignatian Individually Guided Silent Retreats**

Jun 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>(Fri-Sun) Weekend (£160)      Jun 26<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk) or 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

## **Safe Spaces**

The Safe Spaces team is there for anyone who has experienced church-related abuse of any kind. They run a helpline and live chat service Monday–Saturday 10am–6pm, (Thursdays 12–8pm).



Tel: 0300 303 1056

Email: [safespaces@firstlight.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@firstlight.org.uk)

LiveChat: [www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk)

Website: [www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk)

**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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