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Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter 3

Saturday 11 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Private Int.</i>
Sunday 12 th	10:30am	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 13 th			
Tuesday 14 th	6:00pm	Weekday Mass	<i>Sarah May Int.</i>
Wednesday 15 th	10:00am	St Bonaventure	<i>Private Int.</i>
Thursday 16 th	9:00am	Weekday Mass	<i>Private Int.</i>
Friday 17 th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	<i>Linda Int.</i>

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.

This Saturday (11th) 10am–2.15pm. **'Plymouth A Diocese of Proclamation'** Please join the diocese-wide evangelisation team for an inspirational morning to build our diocese in mission.

Hear what's happening across the diocese and share the vision.

Have an opportunity to expand mission horizons in your parish.

Explore your personal role in the Great Commission.

Share simple ideas of how to evangelise.

Pray & build fellowship together.

Croissants and refreshments provided.

Sea Sunday - Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. This Sunday (12th) is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting SEA to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Things to pray for this week

Sea Sunday – Sunday 12th July

- For all who sail the world to enable our safety and comfort.
- For families left behind, that they may know stability and peace.
- For an appreciation of the food and produce which comes to us through seafarers, that we may never take their work for granted.

Concerned about AI? So is Pope Leo! How as Church, as Christians in the world, do we respond to safeguard the dignity of all people in this age of artificial intelligence? Pope Leo offers some guidance in his encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity)*. Come along and find out more! Tues 14th July 6.45 – 8.00pm (Refreshments 6.30pm) St Teresa's Hall – a simple, user-friendly presentation. No prior knowledge required! All welcome.

Parish office summer holiday hours - advanced notice that from 19th July to Sept the newsletter will be produced every 2 weeks. The parish office will be open alternate weeks in August and closed w/c 3rd, 17th and 31st August. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Sunday 19th July, 3pm: **Afternoon Tea** to include scones in aid of HCPT Group 141, to take children with special needs to Lourdes next Easter. Please join us for a lovely afternoon with friends whilst helping others. Tickets on sale after Mass. Adults £8 accompanied children are free.

Marriage support - from relationships that 'just in a rut', needing refreshment, or more serious we have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Car Parking Permits are ready to collect from the porch!

If you have not yet applied for a new parking permit, please do so as soon as possible:

- Put your name and car registration number on an envelope
- Enclose cash or a cheque for £25 made payable to 'RC Church Sidmouth'
- Post the envelope through the presbytery door

Please remember that you do not need a permit to park to attend church services, but only for parking outside of service times, and a permit does not give you a guaranteed right to park, but simply the possibility to do so if a space is available.

Avoid parking in the church car park half an hour before or during a service unless attending it. Overnight or long-stay parking is not permitted, except by special arrangement with the parish office, and these must park in the rear of the hall car park whenever possible.

Display your permit prominently to avoid unnecessary confrontation. *Thank you.*

Stop **assisted suicide** being legalised! Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11th September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

Contemplative Retreats at St. Rita's Centre August 18th–27th - 8 Day Contemplative Retreat for those familiar with this way of praying as well as introducing the Gries Path to those for whom it is new. The team includes the current director of Haus Gries, Fr Lutz Mueller SJ, Margaret Castro and Paddy Rylands. For further details contact retreat co-ordinator paddyrylands@gmail.com

The 3rd Renewal Retreat based on **Brother Michael's Spirituality** is 6th–10th October 2026 at Hosanna House, Bartrès near Lourdes and will include daily trips into Lourdes. €356pp for a double room, €424 for a single. To reserve a place, contact Lorenzo at Hosanna House lorenzotrancoso@hosannafrance.fr When you have secured your travel (direct flights Stansted–Lourdes are available) email secretary@brothermichaelstrode.org and Lorenzo to confirm the details. Payment due by 31 August 2026. If you want to know more, phone Brigid 07811 364 327

The third **National Eucharistic Congress** will take place in London on Sat 10th Oct. Mass at St George's Cathedral and procession across the Thames to Westminster Cathedral, followed by a vigil of Adoration until 6am. There is space left on the diocesan coach (leaving Plymouth 5am and picking up at Exeter Services) – if you would like a place, please contact Fr Chris 01202 746539

SEE. SPEAK. ACT: **Faith in Action Against Modern Slavery** 14th Oct 1–5pm, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall. *"He has sent me... to set the oppressed free."* (Luke 4:18)

Modern slavery is hidden in our communities. Join us for an ecumenical event with expert talks and workshops to learn how your church community can recognise exploitation, safeguard vulnerable people, and help bring freedom and hope. Free, book at <https://tinyurl.com/36hftacx>
"...we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, ...that always seeks peace, ...charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering." Pope Leo XIV

Orange for October – Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) will be having a dedicated month to promote their Orange Box recycling scheme and more details will follow shortly. The Orange Box scheme raised a record £35,216.51 in 2025 thanks to the generosity of parishes and most importantly, those parishioners who generously donated their unwanted bits and pieces. This recycling scheme turning clutter into cash raises more money each year. So far this year we have raised £6,827.45 from deliveries to our contacts who work tirelessly to turn your donations into much needed funds for us to continue to help families through our Essential Grants programme.

Parishioners' Offerings: Cash & Cheques £335.43 (£75.00 Gift Aided) Standing Orders £595.35 (£545.50 Gift Aided)

Please make all cheques payable to **RC Church Sidmouth**

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