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Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter 4

Saturday 18 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Ann Widdecombe R.I.P.</i>
Sunday 19 th	10:30am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 20 th			
Tuesday 21 st	6:00pm	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22 nd	10:00am	St Mary Magdalene	<i>Vincent, Margaret & Paul Bennett R.I.P.</i>
Thursday 23 rd	9:00am	St Bridget of Sweden	<i>Rose & Andrew MacQueen R.I.P.</i>
Friday 24 th	10:00am	Weekday Mass	<i>Marie Alexander R.I.P.</i>

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter 1

Saturday 25 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Private Int.</i>
Sunday 26 th	10:30am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 27 th			
Tuesday 28 th	6:00pm	Weekday Mass	<i>Jessica & Isobella Fotheringham R.I.P.</i>
Wednesday 29 th	10:00am	SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus	
Thursday 30 th	9:00am	Weekday Mass	
Friday 1 st	10:00am	Weekday Mass	

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, Geoffrey & Sally Burton, Conor Dolon, Pepe Arti, Marita & Rex Anstis, Angie Walsh, Margaret Draper and Philip Burgoyne.

Parish office summer holiday hours – a reminder that from now until 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. Happy summer! *Rebecca x*

This Sunday (19th) 3pm: **Afternoon Tea** 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. Adults £8, accompanied children free.

Thank you for giving to **Sea Sunday**. Our parish raised a wonderful **£400** (plus an extra £182 from the recent quiz night) which will help ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Things to pray for this week

- For a deepening of knowledge and understanding of our common heritage of faith.
- For an openness to the stranger and a care for their needs.
- For all people of faith, that mutual respect and the promotion of peace may be a voice for good.
- For Christian and Jewish believers, that their shared heritage of the divine Word of God may enrich life and faith and deepen understanding.

Next meeting of **Knit and Natter** this Tues (21st) in the hall 2-4pm. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, but will be having a break for August, so our next meeting will be on 1st Sept. Do come and join us and enjoy a little laughter, relaxation, good company and homemade cake. Everyone is very welcome, bring a friend if you like. Tea and cake will be provided and there is no charge. Any queries, please phone Jill McGauley 01395 512745.

There will be a **Taize Prayer Service** in our church on Sunday 2nd August at 6pm. Join us if you can for a service of song, silence and contemplation. All welcome 😊

From Pope Leo to the Sid Valley – talk by David Wells

The evening was an amazing opportunity to truly listen to each other and be inspired to step forward in September to become part of a larger group in our journey to forming a new Pastoral Council. Look out for further information in future newsletters on how to join in.

David's message was that God loves YOU totally and unconditionally, not for what you do, how hard you work, or how busy you are, but just because you are: a beloved and completely unique person. And God's love isn't limited; he also loves the person sitting next to you and the person sitting next to them! As we are all beloved sons and daughters of God, we are also brothers and sisters to each other; a fraternity or family. Not just within our networks of those we know, but beyond them. Like most families, we won't always agree, but knowing that God loves them as much as he loves us means we can disarm hurtful words, work through disagreements and overcome division to create a more harmonious, peaceful world. If you weren't able to make the evening, David's talk is now on You Tube at <https://youtu.be/p-nuaSF8kNI>

St Teresa's Hall clear out – please note that we will be having a summer clear out of the hall in August. Anything found in the kitchen, cloakroom or on the stage that is not identified and agreed as needing to be there will be given a new home elsewhere, so this is your warning to check and remove anything that belongs to you that you may have inadvertently (or indeed purposefully) left there over time! Many thanks.

Pope Leo and AI – many thanks to all who participated in Tuesday's meeting. Some words used to describe the meeting were: enlightening, informative, encouraging, energising and fun! A summary of the key points from the meeting is at the back of church – please take a copy if interested. A full write up will also be in the next diocesan newsletter. We will be continuing our AI conversations in September- watch this space!

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

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>

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

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