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Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Year A Psalter 2

Saturday 26 th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 27 th	10:30am	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 28 th			
Tuesday 29 th	6:00pm	SS Michael Gabriel Raphael	<i>Stephen Dunphy Int.</i>
Wednesday 30 th	10:00am	St Jerome	<i>Rebekah Cunningham Int.</i>
Thursday 1 st	9:00am	Morning Prayer	
Friday 2 nd	10:00am	The Holy Guardian Angels	<i>Tony McCann 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, Geoffrey & Sally Burton, Conor Dolon, Pepe Arti, Marita & Rex Anstis, Angie Walsh, Margaret Draper and Philip Burgoyne.

The **Advent planning meeting** takes place this Saturday 26th September at 10am in the meeting room. Whilst ministry co-ordinators are especially encouraged to attend, the meeting is also open to anyone who would like to help shape our parish celebration of this wonderful liturgical season.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 27th Sept - "Even just one of these children" The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Sid Valley Help provides a befriending service for isolated older people in the Sid Valley area where volunteers visit people on a regular basis, offering company and a chat. They have a waiting list of people who would like a befriender but not enough volunteers. Full training and support are given. If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer, come and meet with them this Tuesday (29th) 930-1130am upstairs in Costa – there will be cake!

CAFOD Family Fast Day is this Friday (2nd). It is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously. By giving to CAFOD this Harvest, we can put our faith into action and share God's love with our neighbours overseas. Please collect a CAFOD envelope this week so that you can Gift Aid your donation, and return it next weekend in the second collection. You can also give through the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/give?form=givetoharvest2026>

If anyone would be interested in taking on responsibility for **hall bookings** please speak to the parish office for more information.

Sid Valley Food Bank are currently short of peanut butter, tinned meat, instant noodles and savoury biscuits, which can be donated at any of the supermarket collection points. Thank you!

Things to pray for this week

The Harvest

- For a fair and just trade so that all may receive a just wage for the work of their hands.
- For politicians and all who make decisions that affect the future of the earth, may they safeguard the planet for future generations.

On the weekend of 3rd and 4th of October we will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis of Assisi and the end of the Season of Creation for this year. If possible please can you wear something green to Mass to show our solidarity as we stand together as stewards of creation. Thank you 🌱

St Francis, Woolbrook has a season of events to celebrate the 800th Anniversary – see poster in the porch for more details. No need to book, all welcome!

Taizé Service Sun 4th Oct at 6pm. Join us for a service of song, silence and contemplation to mark the end of the Season of Creation and Feast of St Francis of Assisi. All welcome 😊

Care for Creation on the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's death, Pope Leo XIV has declared a Year of St Francis - we are all called to become saints in our world, following St Francis' example, to model a holiness of life and witness to peace. The Season of Creation 1st Sept–4th Oct is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

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 event, booking required: <https://tinyurl.com/36hftacx>

'I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you' **Catechists Fair** 10am-4pm (not inc lunch) Oct 17th Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre. Come and share your experiences of sharing faith and bringing people ever closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Topics will include Growing Family Catechesis, The link between Liturgy and Catechesis, Catechists demonstrations. Discounted books available from Isaiah Books Mission. More info: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Have you ever asked the question, 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?' This **Day of Reflection** for men will be held on Sat 17th Oct 10am – 3pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Bodmin. The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving priests from our diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s welcome to attend with parents' permission. If travelling by train, we can collect you from Bodmin Parkway with prior notice. For more info and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or Fr Ralph Candy vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Annual Fair 14th Nov 10am-12noon in the hall - put the date in your diary. We'll set up on Fri 13th Stallholders needed-please let Jill know if you can help jill.mcgauley@btinternet.com

World Day of the Poor Event – The Lord is the Refuge of the Poor Join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth to celebrate the 10th World Day of the Poor Sat 14th Nov, 11am-4.30pm at the newly opened St James Catholic Church, Tiverton with Bishop Nicholas opening the day and closing with Mass, keynote speaker David Wells reflecting on Pope Leo's message and also Canon Kristian Paver who will talk on the new church at Tiverton. A simple lunch will be provided. Registration essential for this free event and early booking advised: [10th World Day of the Poor Event: Tiverton – Fill in form](#) 01364 645440 or caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group silent retreats provide an opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life to make a little extra space and time for God. Advent 2026 residential retreats at St Rita's, Honiton Nov 27th–29th(Fri–Sun) Weekend Retreat £160. Nov 27th–Dec 2nd(Fri–Wed) 4-day Retreat £370. Nov 27th–Dec 4th (Fri–Fri) 6-day Retreat £510 Cost includes full board & lodging, but help available for those who have difficulties with the recommended donations. For further details and bookings 01752 769164 or 07823 447637 diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk

Parishioners' Offerings: Cash & Cheques £297 (£69 Gift Aided) Standing Orders £652 (£588 Gift Aided) SumUp & Online £68 Please make all cheques payable to **RC Church Sidmouth**

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