**Sunday 27 November Divine Office Week 1**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Christopher; Noreen Breadmore; Christina and John Morley; Leeah, Marjorie’s daughter; Leander; Sandra, Teresa and Tom’s niece; Father Tom, and all at the Care Home where he is chaplain; and all families of those suffering at this time.**

**MASS INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE**

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT YEAR A2**

**Saturday November 26**

**NO LATIN MASS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday November 27 9.00am HOLY MASS**

**Monday November 28**

**9.10am Morning Prayers NO MASS**

**Tuesday November 29 St Cuthbert Mayne (Mem)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers NO MASS**

**Wednesday November 30 St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland (FEAST)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers NO MASS**

**Thursday December 1**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Friday December 2 St Osmund of Salisbury (Mem)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**followed by Benediction**

**Saturday December 3 St Francis Xavier (Mem) MIGRANTS' DAY**

**9.30am LATIN MASS**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday December 4 9.00am HOLY MASS**

**Fr. Francis will be making an annual retreat from Wednesday November 23rd. until Thursday, December 1st. On Saturday and Sunday, 26-27 November Fr. Tony Pennicott has kindly promised to be here for Masses on those days.**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £252.00. Thanks to all who contributed. *Ruth*

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND OTHER SHRINES** On the seventh day of this pilgrimage we shall travel to Nevers, where we shall attend Mass and visit the Shrine of Bernadette Soubirous. The Chapel of the former convent of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, the Order which St Bernadette joined, houses the relics of the Saint, including her incorrupt body, to which thousands of pilgrims travel each year. There is also a garden open to the public, and a small museum and shop. On the following day we travel back to Caen and embark for England.

**NB - FROM 20 NOVEMBER PLACES HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO OTHER DORSET PARISHES.**

**For those planning to come come on the Lourdes pilgrimage**

1. In case anyone is having difficulty filling in the forms, Ruth is happy to give any help needed if you can come to the parish hall next **Tuesday, November 29th., at 10.30**.
2. You will need to bring:
3. Passport
4. EHIC card has been replaced by the UK Global Health Insurance card (UK GHIC). If you do not have one, Ruth can help you to order it, but you will need to bring your National Insurance Number and NHS Number may also be required.
5. Details of insurance if they have it, Company, Policy No and Emergency Contact no.
6. They will also need to provide details of an Emergency Contact so they will need a name and phone no.
7. Cheque Book to pay deposit.
8. Ruth will also explain how to arrange to pay the cost of the pilgrimage by instalments.

With blessings on every one of our parish family,

**Father Francis**

**OUR SYNODAL JOURNEY**

As part of our on-going Synodal journey, the Office for Evangelisation and Catechesis invites you to the following talks:

**Saturday 26th November**

11.00am Talk 3 The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church Today

1.30pm Talk 4 Deaconesses in the Catholic Church

The talks will take place at **St Peter’s Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX**. For those attending the day there will be 10.30am Refreshments and 12.15pm Lunch break. There is also Mass at 9.30am for those who wish. To request a Zoom link please email: carolinefarey@btinternet.com. *Fr. Jon Bielawski,* Delegate for Evangelisation & Catechesis

**The Pope's intentions for DECEMBER**

**For volunteer not-for-profit organisations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**What do these people have in common?**

• Actors John Wayne, Gary Cooper, Jim Nabors, Faye Dunaway, Vincent Price, Susan Hayward and Patricia Neal

• Academics and intellectuals Hadley Arkes (Amherst), Mortimer Adler (Great Books), Robert Bork (Yale) and G.K. Chesterton

• Royalty King Charles II (Great Britain)

• Artist Peter Paul Rubens

• Heroes of the Old West Kit Carson, Buffalo Bill and Doc Holliday

• Musician Dave Brubeck

• Playwrights Tennessee Williams and Oscar Wilde

• Novelists Ernest Hemingway, Evelyn Waugh, Sigrid Undset and Dean Koontz

If you didn't know, they are all converts to Catholicism. *Father Francis*

***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

**SHOEBOXES FOR SOUTH SUDAN** If anyone could let me have empty shoeboxes, or boxes or similar size, I would be very grateful. On **Saturday 26th November** there will be a Christmas Fair in Tarrant Keyneston to raise funds for medical supplies and training in this desperately poor country, also now suffering from the drought in the Horn of Africa. At the back of church you can find programmes for the Fair......a great opportunity for Christmas shopping and a home-made lunch. And the boxes? I fill them with little gifts (new or unused items), wrap them in Christmas paper, and sell them as ‘Santa’s Surprises’! *Madeleine*



**KNIT AND NATTER**: The last meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday 6 December,** 2-4pm in the hall. All welcome!  *Christina*

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD** Your support over this challenging year has been life-changing and very much appreciated. Thank you for praying, campaigning, donating or volunteering to support people and communities in their struggles against poverty and in the face of huge humanitarian crises, such as the war in Ukraine, the Pakistan Floods and the World food Crisis, particularly in East Africa. For example in South Sudan, where many communities have taken in displaced people fleeing violence and natural disasters. With your support our local experts help the communities give the arrivals food, and some are also given land. They erect temporary structures as shelter and helped to start farming. Nyanguet, who fled with her five children after her village was attacked, says, “The community host us well. My children and I feel safe now.”

Thank you for helping to support people and communities like this throughout the world. Please pray for our sisters and brothers around the world this Advent and Christmas time. Wishing you a truly blest, peaceful and joyful Advent and a happy Christmas from all at CAFOD. *Simon Giarchi* <sgiarchi@cafod.org.uk>

*O most dear Mary, blessed is the person who loves you! If I love Mary, I am certain of perseverance and I will obtain from God whatever I want.* - St John Berchmans