**Sunday 11 December Divine Office Week 3**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Iris Bell; 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**

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT YEAR A2**

**Saturday December 10 Our Lady of Loreto (Opt Mem); St John Roberts**

**9.30am LATIN MASS**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday December 11 9.00am HOLY MASS**

**Monday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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

**Tuesday December 13 St Lucy (Mem)**

**6.10pm Evening Prayers 6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday December 14 St John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church (Mem)**

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

**Thursday December 15**

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

**Friday December 16**

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

**followed by Benediction**

**Saturday December 17**

**9.30am LATIN MASS**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday December 18 9.00am HOLY MASS**

**PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST – ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME** Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God’s love and giving families hope in times of crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for all that you do for CCSP and on behalf of all the staff and trustees, we wish you and your parishioners a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Vicki Dunstone* Fundraiser and Communications Officer Catholic Children’s Society (Plymouth)

We have **CHRISTMAS CARDS** for sale in church that are made by the cloistered Carmelite nuns of the Sheffield Carmel: 60p each for the larger; 50p for the smaller. I have known the convent for 60 years, a good set of very sensible women, mostly from Yorkshire, who live a life of poverty and prayer. That does not sound much fun, but I assure you that it would be difficult to find a more cheerful group.

**AS USUAL THE 1ST MASS OF CHRISTMAS ON CHRISTMAS EVE WILL BE A CHILDREN'S MASS.** It's lovely to have as many children involved as possible. If your child would like to participate eg. in reading a prayer or acting out the nativity story, please get in touch, if you haven't already done so, by emailing me on alisoncain@gmail.com. If you will have visiting children/grandchildren with you on Christmas eve, who would like to take part, please let me know, there's always room for extra shepherds or angels. If possible, we will have short practices after mass on **Sunday 11th and Sun 18th**. Thank you, *Ali*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £240.69. **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** £414. **MARYS MEALS (YULETIDE FESTIVAL)** £202. Thanks to all who contributed. *Ruth*

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND OTHER SHRINES**

With blessings on every one of our parish family,

**Father Francis**

***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

**FOOD BANK** **Thursday afternoons 2 -4 pm** Come along to the Food Bank for a warm welcome,a hot drink, cake and a chat. Thank you *Jan*