**SUNDAY 13 October 2024 YEAR B2: PSALTER WEEK IV**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Father Robert; Christina and John Morley; Janet Hudson; Josie Seath; Father Chacko; Sandra; Kelly Harte; and all those suffering at this time.**

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

***During the month of October, which is dedicated to St Joseph, we will pray one decade of the Holy Rosary after every Mass***

 **Saturday 12 October St Wilfrid (Opt Mem)**

 **9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament *and***

 **Confessions**

 **10am HOLY MASS (CMO)**

 **5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

 **Sunday 13 October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -**

 **PRISONS WEEK - PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

 **9am HOLY MASS *followed by* Holy Rosary**

**Monday 14 October St Callistus I, Martyr**

 **9.10am Morning Prayers *followed by* 9.30am Service of the Word and Holy Communion *and then* Holy Rosary**

**Tuesday 15 October St Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church (Mem)**

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

**Wednesday 16 October St Hedwig; St Margaret Mary Alacoque; St Richard Gwyn, Martyr (Opt Mems)**

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

 **Thursday 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr (Mem)**

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

 **2.30pm Our Lady's Prayer Group**

 **Friday 18 October ST LUKE - EVANGELIST (FEAST)**

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

 ***including* a decade of the Holy Rosary**

 **3pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

**Saturday 19 October St John de Brébeuf, St Isaac Jogues and their Companions, Martyrs; St Paul of the Cross (Opt Mems)**

 **9.30am Confessions**

 **5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

 **Sunday 20 October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

 **9am HOLY MASS - THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE PARISH, *followed by* Holy Rosary**

**After Sunday Mass** there will be a Baptism. With great joy we welcome Lolicia into our Christian community.

 After due consultation, we shall have a Mass, accompanied by singing the Liturgy, on **22nd November** which is the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Cecilia.

 We continue to ask for the intercession of St Joseph in this month of October which we devote to him.

**OUR NEW SECRETARY Mass Stipends** Please put these envelopes in the plate within an envelope marked 'Harriet'. If she is not present, you may of course give the envelope direct to Father Donald.

**DEI VERBUM - THE WORD OF GOD**: “How can we know anything about God with certainty? Why should we trust what the Church tells us about God? How do we make sense of the Bible?” In preparing for the Jubilee year 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to explore the key documents of Vatican II and one of those documents is Dei Verbum. Come and join us with Sister Hyacinthe, who as a Dominican, will guide us through the text and inspire us with a love of God’s Word. The day will take place at **Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 19th October** 10am (tea/coffee) 10.30-3pm. (Mass at 12noon) To reserve a place contact: *deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk* *Fr Jon Bielawski* (Delegate for Evangelisation and Catechesis)

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £280.66. CAFOD £300.01\* Thanks to all who contributed. *Ruth*

***\* CAFOD FAMILY FAST -***Please ensure that your envelope is in the Offertory plate this weekend.  You can still give by sending the Gift Aid envelope direct to CAFOD, Freepost and I suggest that you send a cheque rather than cash. It is not cost effective for the parish or CAFOD to process small donations.  If you wish to give outside special collections please use the FREEPOST envelopes.*Ruth Hiscock Parish Treasurer*

  With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

 **Father Donald**

**Parish Website** - The weekly newsletter is now being downloaded to the parish website, blandfordcatholics.org *Ruth*

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue … or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting 8th - 10th Nov. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com www.retrouvaille.org.uk We are happy to send out supporting leaflets or posters to your parish. Please don't hesitate to contact us for more details. God bless. *Sharon and James Westby Retrouvaille England and Wales Co-Ordinators*

**Get equipped** - likely vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas. Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr’s BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world’s most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada.

Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead Catherine Robinson catherine@righttolife.org.uk

**SAVE THE DATE**: **Vocations Retreat** 1-2 November Honiton Retreat Centre, St Rita’s Centre, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton EX14 1AP.

Are you called to witness as a Permanent Deacon, a Religious or a Priest? There is an opportunity to reflect on this with other discerners and others living out vocations as a Permanent Deacon, Religious or Priest. If you are interested please join us at our Reflection Day **starting at 5pm on** **Friday 1 November**. Day delegates are welcome to join on **Saturday 2 November at 9am**. *For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch*

**DORSET DEANERY JUBILEE BANNER \*\*** We would like to invite people who are thinkers or creative to come together on **Tuesday 15th October 2024** in the church hall here in Blandford from 2-4pm to plan and design our panel on the theme of 'Rest'. We hope that the panels will be created with due regard for care for creation and where possible use donated, recycled and natural materials. The panel will reflect one of the six themes chosen by the Pope and will be joined with panels from across the Deanery to make one banner.

*Pope Francis announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope” and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. For more information on the Year of Hope: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/* Thank you, *TeresaMaguire*, Caritas Development Worker, Dorset Deanery For further information please contact: *julesmulloy@hotmail.co.uk*

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**\*\* WILL PARISHIONERS WISHING TO INSERT NOTICES PLEASE EMAIL THEM IN NO LATER THAN THURSDAY EVENINGS OR THEY MAY NOT BE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PRINTING ON FRIDAY**

 **MORNINGS\*\***

**KNIT AND NATTER**  N**ext meeting Tuesday 15th October.** (\*\*JUBILEE BANNER) Thereafter meetings will continue weekly where possible, on Tuesdays but at irregular intervals and future dates will be announced as soon as possible.  *Julie*

**CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT** in the church hall on **Saturday 9th November,** hosted by Anthony as quizmaster. Details to follow*.*

**LOCAL ADVENT IGNATION RETREATS,** **MARONITES TALK**, **FRANCISCAN ONLINE WORKSHOPS**, **CARITAS EVENTS**: Please see posters in porch.

**BLANDFORD FOODBANK (NOURISH)** - We are now a recognised referrer to the Foodbank. So if anyone needs a food parcel, please contact Anthony Reed on 01258 451132 aprwas@hotmail.com or see him after Mass.

 The Foodbank, now known as Nourish, provides a wide range of services, help and information; not just the provision of food. The following provides more information:

 please google Nourish Community Larder and Food Bank (faith-works.org.uk).  *Anthony*

**I AM WALKING 100KM OVER 2 WEEKS** for the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) with my poor old dog Newton (12, but still full of energy). MAP provides urgent medical supplies, support and healthcare services in the occupied Palestinian territories and Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Unfortunately, over 885 healthcare workers have been killed in Gaza and the West Bank since October 7th 2023 (UN OHCHR report 24/9/24), including doctors and healthcare workers supported by MAP. Despite enormous challenges, including damaged health infrastructure, a lack of fuel for the movement of vehicles for vaccination teams, a shortage of medical supplies, and security risks, MAP remains committed to supporting Palestinian children and their families. Thank you, *Rachel Plummer*

*AMAZING NEWS!* We have managed to collect £729.87 to send to Jacklin who has written many times to thank us for supporting her and her dream to become a doctor. I thank you too for supporting me in our Parish Project. God bless you all. *Frances Hyde*

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*It is the nature of Jesus Christ to lead us surely to the Father. In the same way, it is the nature of the Blessed Virgin to lead us surely to Jesus*. - St Louis Grignion de Montfort