**SUNDAY 27 October 2024 YEAR B2: PSALTER WEEK II**

**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 26 October St Chad *and* St Cedd**

**9.30am Confessions**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY (CLOCKS GO BACK)**

**Sunday 27 October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**Monday 28 October ST SIMON *AND* ST JUDE, APOSTLES (FEAST);**

**9.10am Morning Prayers *followed by* 9.30am Service of the Word and Holy Communion,Holy Rosary, *and then* Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

**Tuesday 29 October 6.10pm Evening Prayers**

**6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 30 October 9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday 31 October 9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

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

**Friday 1 November ALL SAINTS (OBL SOL)**

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

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

**6pm HOLY MASS**

**Saturday 2 November ALL SOULS**

**9.30am Confessions**

**10.00 HOLY MASS (CWL)**

**12 NOON HOLY MASS**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**Sunday 3 November THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9.00am CHILDRENS MASS**

It has been decided that on the weekend of the installation of Bishop Philip Moger at the Cathedral **(9th November)** there will be **no Saturday evening Mass** but instead there will be Mass on the **Sunday evening at 5.30pm** as well as the normal Mass in the morning.

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.

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER** - FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

See also https://thepopevideo.org/

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £237.14; **WORLD MISSION** £235.40. Thanks to all who contributed. *Ruth* **CAFOD FAMILY FAST** *-* The final figure sent to CAFOD was £361.10*.* Thank you*.* **STANDING ORDERS** - Amounts for September - Gift Aided £1,712.50, Non Gift Aided £220.00. Thank you.

With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

**Father Donald**

**NEW MISSALS** - The order has arrived and will be available to collect from next weekend. I think the easiest way to pay is by cheque please, as paying to the parish bank account will result in more work for the Bookkeeper. Please make your cheques payable to ‘Plymouth Diocesan Trust’. As we placed the order early we have a 10% discount to advertised prices as follows :-

Code A Standard Edition Red Sunday Missal £17.95

Code C Burgundy Gift Edition £26.95

Code E Paperback for 12 months £8.95

I will distribute the Missals after Mass on Saturday **2 November** and after Mass on **Sunday 10 November** in the Hall so please bring your chequebook with you. *Ruth*

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL RESOURCES** The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources for people to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. This link will take you to the relevant page on the website: [https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide). *Canon Paul Cummins*

**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

**PLEASE FIND A LINK HERE** to a special edition diocesan newsletter, which you can copy and paste, and which includes important information about Bishop Philip Moger's installation. https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-AC528D9336F3C9BA2540EF23F30FEDED You are warmly invited to sign up here to receive future newsletters, which will include pastoral letters from Bishop Philip: https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494.

*Caitlin Miller*, Communications Assistant, Diocese of Plymouth

**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*

**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*

**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\*\***

***QUIZ* in aid of CAFOD in the Hall at 7pm on Saturday9 November.**  Join us for a fun night with a quiz hosted by Anthony and a supper of veggi chilli and jacket potatoes. Tickets £5 and a raffle. Bring your own drinks. We will supply tea and coffee. All proceeds to CAFOD. **Please sign up on the form at the back of church** so we know how many potatoes to buy! *Ali and Anna*

We are running the **PARISH SWEEPSTAKE** again for 2024/25. The Sweepstake has raised more than £10,000 and the takings have been divided equally between Parish Funds and the prizes. The first draw this year will take place at the next Parish function in 2025. Last year this was at the Parish meal.

Envelopes for the Parish Sweepstake can be found at the back of the church. If you would like to support the Sweepstake, please complete an envelope with your name and contact details. Each entry is £10. Please put your £10 or multiples thereof into the envelope and place the envelope in the collection plate. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to ‘Plymouth Diocesan Trust’.

To make a bank transfer please email me at mike.moore@btinternet.com for instructions and a unique reference. This is to reconcile any deposits for the sweepstake. Many thanks for your support, *Mike Moore*

**KNIT AND NATTER**  N**ext meeting Tuesday 29th October.** All welcome.

**LOCAL ADVENT IGNATION RETREATS,** **CARITAS EVENTS**: Please see posters in porch.

**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*

The next meeting of the **PARISH COUNCIL** will take place in the new year, following Fr. Donald's return from Nigeria. A firm date will be circulated nearer the time. In the meantime, please remember the

**CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL** [The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter:](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

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**ADVENT MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT**: All Parishioners are invited to our special Advent Mission, featuring John Huntriss, a renowned Scripture scholar, who will be leading a three-day series of talks on the theme: “How to Write a Gospel”. This enlightening series will take place from **November 27th to November 29th from 7 pm to 8 pm each evening at Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester.** Join us as we explore the rich and inspiring process of Gospel writing, deepening our understanding of the Scriptures in preparation for the Advent season. **Everyone is encouraged to attend** and make this a meaningful part of your Spiritual journey this Advent. *Irina Osborn (Mrs),* Parish Secretary, Holy Trinity Parish Centre

**DONATIONS TO THE ORANGE BOX**:

* Stamp Collections, First Day Covers or old Envelopes and pre 1950 Postcards. Leave foreign stamps (of any date) or UK stamps postmarked BEFORE 1970 ON envelopes and postcards – DO NOT REMOVE THEM! They can be worth more as a collectible item complete.
* Coins and Bank Notes - Any and all, old and new, from ANYWHERE in the world, obsolete or otherwise.
* Precious Metals - Including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc.
* Medals - Not limited to military items – any medals and metal badges accepted.
* Costume Jewellery
* Watches - Digital quartz or manual wind, working or not.
* Metals - Household metal ornaments, metal toys, any keys and locks, metal cutlery - any age, any condition.
* Small antiques & collectibles. Anything unusual considered - contact us if not sure before sending. Take a look in the loft. You would be amazed how much that old junk could raise for a good cause! ornaments, metal toys, any keys and locks, metal cutlery
* Any Catholic Religious Memorabilia Such as - rosaries, crucifix, pyx, medals etc.

*Vicki Dunstone* [<vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vickidunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk)

*Our Blessed Mother once said to me: "I am the Mother of the Poor Souls. For my prayers serve to mitigate their sufferings every single hour that they remain in purgatory."*

*-* St Bridget