**SUNDAY 24 November 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 FOR THIS WEEK IS CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE**

**Saturday 23 November St Clement I, Martyr; St Columban, Missionary**

**9.30am Confessions**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**



**Sunday 24 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (SOL) YOUTH DAY - YOUNG PEOPLE**

***8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**Monday 25 November St Catherine of Alexandria**

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

**Tuesday 26 November 6.10pm Evening Prayers**

**6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 27 November 9.10am Morning Prayers**

**9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday 28 November 9.10am Morning Prayers**

**9.30am HOLY MASS**

**2.30pm Our Lady's Prayer Group and Bible Study**

**Friday 29 November St Cuthbert Mayne (Mem) Secondary Patron of the Diocese**

**9.10am Morning Prayers**

**9.30 HOLY MASS**

**Saturday 30 November St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)**

**9.30am Confessions**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday 1 December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C1**

***8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**HOLY SOULS** Please place in the basket in front of the altar the names of any deceased members of your family or others you wish to pray for during November.

**TODAY**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, marks the end of the Church's calendar year B.

We shall start using the **new Lectionary from next Sunday,** which is the first week of Advent.

Anthony Reed shall be installed with the Office of an Acolyte on one of the Sundays of Advent. We continue to pray for him.

I thank God for his mercies and remain grateful to Him as I count my blessings. I thank you all who have supported me spiritually and materially in this first year of my work in Blandford Forum. God bless you all.

The ceiling of the church is cracking. I hope we can arrest the situation early: "A stitch in time saves nine."

In this month of November, we pray for all the departed, especially our loved ones and priests who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £241.66. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENING MASS** £48.00. Thanks to all who contributed.  *Ruth*

With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

**Father Donald**

**LOST AND FOUND** A white-metal pierced-ear earring has been found. If it is yours please speak to Father Donald for its return to you.

**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 7pm to 8pm each evening at Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester.** *Irina Osborn*, Parish Secretary, Holy Trinity Parish Centre

**NEW MISSALS** - A order was placed in June 2024 to take advantage of a discount offered by CTS if ordered before 30 June. The order has now been received. Some parishioners have indicated that they would wish **to order a missal**. There is a list at the back of the church. Please note Daily Missals Coded D are not available until April 2025, and also Sunday Missal Coded E is only for the end of the church year 2025 ie 12 months. Depending on the number ordered we may have to pay postage. Please do **not** put your name on the list **if you have already ordered in June**. I will leave the list for a number of weeks.  *Ruth*

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY - SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER AT ST RITA’S CENTRE** “JESUS IS COMING: WHY?” led by Fr. Jonathan Bielawski

The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The talk will start at 10.00am. Post - talk questions – reflections will be at 11.05am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Please see poster in porch.

Booking can be made by phone, email, or online (ADVENT RETREAT DAY - “JESUS IS COMING: WHY?"). Payment can be made on the day. *Krista Radzina*, St. Rita’s Centre Administrator

**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\*\***

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** - If you wish to give cards to parishioners please ensure that the full name of the recipient is at the **TOP** of the envelope, **not the middle**. It takes up less room on the table. Thanks,  *Ruth*

**CATHOLIC CHILDRENS’ SOCIETY** - Many cards delivered to homes have a postage stamp rather than a franked postal payment. Used postage stamps can raise money for the Catholic Childrens’ Society, so consider saving the stamps from the envelope with a margin around and place them in the Orange Box at the back of the church. *Ruth*

**SPUC NEWS AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE CAMPAIGN** There will be a roadside witness on **Saturday 23rd November outside Poole Hospital 11am to 12pm and outside Bournemouth Hospital 1pm to 2pm** . Placards will be provided. Please come and help protect the vulnerable. There will also be a protest on **December 10th at 7pm outside Bournemouth Council Civic Centre**, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY, against the BCP’s unjust prosecution of Adam Smith Connor for silently praying outside the BPAS Clinic in Bournemouth . The first person to be prosecuted for thought crime in the U.K. please bring a torch and high viz jacket. Thank you, *Amabel*

**‘LAMENT AND LIGHT’ ECUMENICAL SERVICE** **on Monday 25th November at 2pm**, at St Mary’s Church in Plympton (Market Road, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 1QW). The service is being held to mark the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (25th November – 10th December), which is a campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Fr Mark Skelton and Rev Lizzi Green will lead the service. Refreshments will be available afterwards. *Sophie Scagell*

**KNIT AND NATTER**  Next meeting **Tuesday 26th November.** All welcome*. Julie*

**From Teresa Maguire, Caritas Development Worker, Dorset Deanery, St Mary’s Catholic Church Poole:** We would like to invite you take part in our **JUBILEE CARE FOR CREATION PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT.** We would like to encourage people to think about the world around them in our Diocese and we would love to see your photographic interpretation of the themes of Beauty, Humanity and Good Choices. To find out more details and make a submission please follow the link on the Diocesan website: Jubilee Care for Creation Photography Project.

**NOURISH (FOOD BANK) are collecting for Christmas items now. They** are asking for Christmas cake and puddings, sweet and savoury biscuits, chocolates or sweets, tins of fruit, custard, jelly, angel delight, tea bags, hot chocolate and coffee. This is in addition to the everyday items we usually collect. Thank you. *Jan*

"Dear Parishioners - Fr Donald has asked me to update the **PARISHIONERS’ REGISTER**. In compliance with the UK and Plymouth Diocese data protection laws, we now need to have your written permission to hold your contact details, so I would be very grateful if you would fill out a Parish Register form. Please be sure to place the form in a sealed envelope and return it to the presbytery or you can drop it off to me in the office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings between10am-1pm. Please note that we are committed to ensuring that information we hold about individuals is properly and securely managed in accordance with legal requirements on data protection and direct marketing.

The forms will be at the back of the Church, with pens & envelopes. It would be greatly appreciated if you would complete the forms by 8th December at the very latest.

Many thanks, *Harriet Cornwall* (Parish Secretary)"

**GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR** Please support medical aid to South Sudan at **Tarrant Keyneston Hall on 30th November from 11 - 2**: Free Entry: Please join us for the annual Fair offering homemade cakes, preserves, sweets and beeswax and honey products. There is a raffle, tombola, bookstall and a Christmas Gift stall plus the chance to win a Christmas Hamper. Homemade lunches are served: soup, bacon butties, mince pies and mulled wine. All this is to raise money for medical work in one of world's poorest countries provided by a charity run entirely by volunteers including doctors who ensure all donations reach their source. More information from Madeleine: if you would like to donate any items, please mark them "Sudan" and leave them at the back of church. Thank you very much! *Madeleinel*

*Take my hand O Blessed Mother;*

*Hold me firmly lest I fall.*

*I am nervous when I'm walking*

*And to thee I humbly call.*

*Guide me over every crossing,*

*Watch me when I'm on the stairs,*

*Let me know you are beside me,*

*Listen to my fervent prayers,*

*Bring me to my destination,*

*Safely every single day.*

*Help me with each undertaking*

*As the hours pass away.*

*When evening falls upon us*

*And I fear to be alone,*

*Take my hand O Blessed Mother,*

*Once again, and lead me home.*