**SUNDAY 1 December 2024 YEAR C1 PSALTER WEEK I**

**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**

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

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

 **9.30am Confessions**

 **5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

 **Sunday 1 December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

 **9.00am CHILDREN'S MASS**

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

 **9.10am Morning Prayers,Holy Rosary, *and then* Divine Mercy Prayer Group**

**Tuesday 3 December St Francis Xavier (Mem) MIGRANTS & REFUGEES DAY**

 **6.10pm Evening Prayers**

 **6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 4 December St John Damascene, Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem)**

 **9.10am Morning Prayers**

 **9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday 5 December 9.10am Morning Prayers**

 **9.30am HOLY MASS**

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

 **Friday 6 December St Nicholas (Opt Mem)**

 **9.10am Morning Prayers**

 **9.30 HOLY MASS *followed by Benediction***

**Saturday 7 December St Ambrose
 9.30am Confessions**

 **10am HOLY MASS (CWL)**

 **5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

 **Sunday 8 December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

 **9.00am HOLY MASS**

Next Sunday, 8th December, we shall have the Rite of Installation of Anthony Reed into the Ministry of "Acolyte"; then on one of the Sundays of Easter he will also be installed as a "Lector" of the Church. We continue to pray for him as a parish and ask God to bless him in his journey to the clerical state of "Deacon".

 As I shall be going to Oscott with Anthony Reed to support his formaion programme, Father Anthony Pennicott shall celebrate the evening Mass on Saturday 7th December.

 The following Saturday, 14th December, we shall have the Mass for both the CWL and the CML (the Catenians). (See also below concerning the Catholic Women's League).

 On Saturday evenings we already sing the Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) at the end of Mass. I would like us to sing this lovely prayer on the last Sundays of the month. If you are not familiar with it please see below. Copies will be distributed with the hymn books at the appropriate Masses.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £227.58. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENING MASS** £48.00. Thanks to all who contributed.  *Ruth*

  With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

 **Father Donald**

**Blandford Catholic Women** Following the meeting with Catholic Women’s League representatives on 11 November, it was concluded that we don’t wish to be subject to the formal structure of the CWL at this stage. We will form a Catholic women’s group (name to be decided) and will meet regularly/(monthly).

Founded on prayer, our aims are to reinforce the Catholic faith within our families, encourage vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life and provide practical help to all within our parish community, e.g. visiting housebound parishioners, giving lifts to Mass and supporting those in need. With God’s grace we have the potential of being a great force for good. 10am Mass on Saturday 14th December will be celebrated for our new group, and a short meeting will follow in the parish hall. All the women in our parish are eagerly invited to attend.  *Marie Fisher*

**LOST AND FOUND** A key and a white-metal pierced-ear earring have been found. The key was on the edge of the pavement where it meets the car park and the earring was in the church hall. If either of them is yours please speak to Father Donald for its return to you.

**NEW MISSALS** - An order was placed in June 2024 to take advantage of a discount offered by CTS if ordered before 30 June. This 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

**The Pope's intentions for DECEMBER For pilgrims of hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**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\*\***

Dear Parishioners, Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM.**  Because of the new UK data protection laws, we now need your permission to hold your contact details.   The blank forms are with envelopes at the back of the Church and should be returned by **8th December**. *Harriet Cornwall,* Secretary

**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 Children’s’ 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**  There will 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*

**KNIT AND NATTER**  Next meeting **Tuesday 17 December.** Meetings will begin again in the new year: dates to be announced. All welcome*. Julie*

**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*

**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! *Madeleine*

**BLANDFORD CARES** is urgently in need of coats and jackets for those less fortunate in our community and to send to Ukraine. If you have any you can donate, please deliver them to Blandford Cares at the United Reform Church in Whitecliff Mill Street on Tuesdays from 9am to 1.00pm (or leave them with the Food Bank there), or bring them to church for members of the Blandford Welcome Group to give them to Blandford Cares. They are also collecting candle stubs which a local man makes into new candles to send to Ukraine where electricity outages are constant. Please don’t throw these away but collect them for this good cause. *Blandford Cares*

**A SECOND-HAND COAT AND JACKET SALE** will be held at the United Reform Church, 28 Whitecliff Mill St, Blandford Forum DT11 7DQ on **Tuesday 3 December from 10am to 12pm.** Donations are welcome and the opportunity to buy warm winter clothing is open to all. (In aid of Blandford Cares). With thanks, *Marie*

**ON CHRISTMAS EVE**, the first Mass of Christmas will be a Children's Mass. As usual, the children will share a simple re-enactment of the gospel story. If your child would like to take part in this or take on another role during the Mass, please catch me after Sunday Mass or email me on alisoncain@gmail.com if I don't already have your email address. We will begin rehearsals for this on **8th December.** *Ali*

**YOUTH EVENTS AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH**, 13-17 Year old Residential. January 24th – 26th 2025 East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor.

Come and join other 13 -17 year olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join in - these include: photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm giving you a chance to meet the animals and feed them. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk. *Saskia Hogbin*

**SWEEPSTAKE 2024/25** There are still envelopes for the parish sweepstake, on the table at the back of the church. If you require further information, please contact

mike.moore@ btinternet.com *Mike*

*Salve Regina, mater misericordiae* Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,

*Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.* Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

*Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.* To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

*Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes* To Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and

*in hac lacrimarum valle.* weeping in this valley of tears.

*Eia ergo, Advocata nostra* Turn then, most gracious Advocate thine eyes of

*illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos* mercy towards us.

*converte.* And after this exile

*Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,* Show unto us the blessed fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.

 *nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.*

*O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgin Maria.* O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.