**SUNDAY 12 January 2025 YEAR C1 PSALTER 1**

**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; Theresa and Tom Hogan and Sandra and Sharon; Kelly Harte; Joan Pitman; 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 11 January 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**9.30am Confessions**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday 12 January BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)**

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

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**CHRISTMASTIDE ENDS**

**Monday 13 January St Hilary, Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem)**

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

**Tuesday 14 January**  **6.10pm Evening Prayers**

**6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 15 January 9.10am Morning Prayers**

**9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday 16 January 9.10am Morning Prayers**

**9.30am HOLY MASS**

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

**Friday 17 January St Anthony (Mem)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers**

**9.30 HOLY MASS f*ollowed by* Benediction**

**Saturday 18 January 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**9.30am Confessions**

(OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY until 25th)

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday 19 January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**9.00am HOLY MASS (PEACE DAY)**

**This weekend and next Father Francis will appeal for a few people to help Frances with sacristy duties (that is, getting the church ready for Mass and making sure we have everything we need for the services to be celebrated as they should be). Frances, as we know, is doing a wonderful job BUT, doing it on her own, it is getting a bit too much for her. What we really need is just a few people who can volunteer to help (MEN INCLUDED!) This way each person will not have much to do. If it is not convenient, Father Francis will instruct all volunteers together on Wednesday January 22nd. This is serious so please have a think.**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - £195.11. Thanks to all who contributed. **FLOWER COLLECTION BOX** - The wall box near the side door is for donations for flowers. The contents were counted last week £50.80 has been donated. Thank you.

With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

**Father Francis**

**HONITON LENT RETREATS-** Please see poster in porch.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FAMILY OF MARY** will be on Saturday 1 February following 10am Holy Mass.after Mass. The Mass intention is for the sanctity of marraige, for families, and for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

**OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP** We meet every Thursday in the church hall t 2.30 pm to say the Rosary and to learn and gain insight from Sacred Scripture with a hot drink

**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 & NATTER** Next meeting on **Tuesday 21st January 2025 2-4pm** in the church hall. All welcome. *Julie*

**13-17 YEAR OLD RESIDENTIAL. JANUARY 24TH – 26TH 2025** at 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 or follow the link to book: https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG

Saskia Hogbin, Youth Events and Youth Ministry Diocese of Plymouth,

**SAVE THE DATE:** Day of Reflection – **Saturday 1 February** at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy. Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life ?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU.

Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents’ permission. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk *Julie Taylor* Vicariate for Clergy

**FORMATION! FR JON BIELAWSKI**  (Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis, Plymouth Diocese) is coming to our Deanery to give a talk entitled 'Simple Proclamation' - how to, in conversation, give shape and meaning to God in Jesus, so that others may know and believe. DATE: **Saturday 1 February, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at St Catherine's, Lewens Lane, Wimborne**, BH21 1LE.

**GATHER 2025 JUBILATE** A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, **Friday 28th - Sunday 30th March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay**. Booking forms available from the Sidmouth parish office, see facebook page or email [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthgather@yahoo.com) for more information. *Rebecca*, Parish Secretary, Sidmouth

**THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH** is seeking to appoint a Head of Safeguarding, following the retirement of the current postholder. Please see poster in porch.

**RETROUVAILLE** is a Catholic ministry for marriages in difficulty. We help couples whose relationships 'need a little help' to those with more serious challenges and thus are separated or considering divorce. Retrouvaille international recently did a survey of past couples who experienced the programme - 75% of couples were still together five years later - the feedback was that it restored trust and healing to their marriage where other strategies had failed.

There are various notices in the porch - please do take a look.