**SUNDAY 19 January 2025 YEAR C1 PSALTER 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; 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**

**(OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY until 25th)**

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

**9.30am Confessions**

**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)**

**Monday 20 January St Fabian *and* St Sebastian, Martyrs (Opt Mems)**

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

**Tuesday 21 January St Agnes, Martyr (Mem)**

**6.10pm Evening Prayers**

**6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 22 January St Vincent, Martyr (Opt Mem)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers**

**9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday 23 January 9.10am Morning Prayers**

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

**Friday 24 January St Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church (Mem)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers**

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

**Saturday 25 January The Conversion of St Paul Apostle (Feast)**

**9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**9.30am Confessions**

**Saturday 25 January** (OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS)

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday 26 January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**9.00am HOLY MASS (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)**

**SPUC** There will be **a second collection after Mass this Saturday and also on Sunday 2 Feb** for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children’s White Flower Appeal. According to Government statistics, there were 251,377 abortions in 2022, the highest number ever recorded in the U.K. Please give generously so that SPUC can continue fighting for the lives of unborn children, each one made in the image of God. *Amabel*

This weekend Father Francis will make a second 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!) At **3pm on Wednesday 22nd January for about an hour** Father Francis and Frances Hyde would like a meeting of all those people who have volunteered.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - £245. Thanks to all who contributed. Thank you.

**STANDING ORDERS** - Amounts for November - Gift Aided £1,217.50, Non Gift Aided £345.00 Thank you.

With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

**Father Francis**

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

**OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP** We meet every Thursday in the church hall at 2.30 pm to say the Rosary and to learn and gain insight from Sacred Scripture.

**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, 2-4pm** in the church hall.

**13-17 YEAR OLD RESIDENTIAL. JANUARY 24th – 26th** 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 Sat., 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. **Saturday 1 February, 10.30am-12.30pm at St Catherine's, Lewens Lane, Wimborne**, BH21 1LE.

**GATHER 2025 JUBILATE** A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, **28th-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

**PARISH LUNCH** Please sign up on the list at the back of church - Saturday 1st March 12 noon for 12.30 at Stourpaine Village Hall.

**Deborah Fisher, Manager of Caritas Plymouth Diocese, has sent us an invitation** to join an online catch up on Tuesday 21 January from 11.30 – 12.15 (45 minutes) to talk about the cost-of-living crisis and what information and guidance Caritas can provide to parishes and schools who may be approached for support. This will provide useful sources of information that we can pass on to those in need.

It is a helpful initiative from which we can all benefit, plus it is good to be part of a wider group with shared values and concerns. (SVP are also invited). If you are available on 21st please register to receive Zoom details: https://forms.office.com/e/pD07Rwu1K7. A poster with full details is in the porch.

Please also share this invitation with anyone else who may find this meeting of value. With thanks and looking forward to seeing you online. *Marie*

**PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS 2025** - the publication of the books has been delayed, a few copies will be available in the next few weeks.

**OUR NEWSLETTER** - This is printed on the blank side of ‘Our Faith on Sunday’. Several parishioners have noticed that the print is smaller due to the inclusion of the Creeds. We are advised that it will revert to the original print format but this will not be until February.

**CAPACITAR TASTER SESSIONS** January can seem very long and grey after the brightness of Christmas! The third Monday in January is sometimes referred to as Blue Monday because for many people it’s a day of particularly low mood. We all need help at times to find the joy in life and to remain peaceful and grounded amidst life’s challenges. Capacitar is an international organisation that teaches easy to learn techniques that help us manage our stress, improve our sense of wellbeing and build greater resilience so that we are better able to cope when difficulties arise. Founded by a Catholic sister in the 1980s, Capacitar has maintained strong links with the Catholic Church. The practices, which many people find to be very prayerful, have a lovely balance of quiet reflection and gentle movement, often accompanied by music. There will be 2 opportunities for you to come and experience Capacitar for yourself this Monday (20th) in the Coffee Room at either 2pm or 7pm. Please choose whichever time suits you best. You will need to wear flat, comfortable shoes and clothes that allow you to move (but you don’t need to come dressed for the gym!)

For further information please contact Nickie Fidgin on 07985 560518 or email nickiefidgin@gmail.com

The Diocese is **advertising for Headteachers for two of our Catholic primary schools** and we wish to reach out to all those in our parish communities who may be interested in the positions. The closing date for applications is January 27th, 2025. For details please see posters in porch. Helen Brown Diocesan Schools Commissioner

**UNBOUND** – a practical guide to deliverance and true Freedom in Christ. In this Jubilee year where Pope Francis has asked us to be “Pilgrims of Hope” this day will offer practical guidance on the spiritual battle of life and how inner healing and deliverance can give us true freedom in Christ. The day is being led by Sue Walsh the National Co-ordinator of Unbound Prayer Ministry UK. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 15th February 10am-3pm. ( Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey Mass at noon.

Bookings need to be done through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk

Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you. *Fr John Bielawski*

**JACKLIN** We have had another count of money collected to support Jacklin for her schooling, food, clothing and general needs. When one looks at her photograph how she has grown up to the young lady she has become, and how well she is doing at her school. We can be very proud of her and ourselves. Again, thank you and blessings, *Francis Hyde*

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