**SUNDAY 26 January 2025 YEAR C1 PSALTER III**

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

**9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**9.30am Confessions**

(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) (YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE PARISH)**

**Monday 27 January St Angela Merici (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 28 January St Thomas Aquinas (Mem)**

**6.10pm Evening Prayers**

**6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 29 January 9.10am Morning Prayers**

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**Thursday 30 January 9.10am Morning Prayers**

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

**Friday 31 January St John Bosco (Mem) Patron of youth & Catholic publishers**

**9.10am Morning Prayers**

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

**Saturday 1 February 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Saturday 1 February 9.30am Confessions**

**10am HOLY MASS (Family of Mary)**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEAST)**

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

**9.00am CHILDREN'S MASS**

**(WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE)**

**SPUC** There will be **a second collection on Sunday 2 Feb** for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children’s White Flower Appeal. *Amabel*

**VOLUNTEERS** There is a list at the back of church to add your name if you would like to help 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. Please see Father Francis or Frances Hyde if you would like to know more.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - £280.39. Thanks to all who contributed. **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** £180. **STANDING ORDERS** - Amounts for November - Gift Aided £1,217.50, Non Gift Aided £345. Amounts for December - Gift Aided £1,687.50, Non Gift Aided £145. Thank you. *Ruth*

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 for the sanctity of marriage, for families, and for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome. *Marie*

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

**DAY OF REFLECTION** – 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 10am to 4pm** at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, 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: 'Simple Proclamation' - how to, in conversation, give shape and meaning to God in Jesus, so that others may know and believe. **Sat, 1 February, 10.30am-12.30pm at St Catherine's, Lewens Lane, Wimborne**, BH21 1LE.

**PARISH LUNCH – Saturday 01 March at Stourpaine Village Hall–** tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses. £10 Adults, £5 Children. Please also add your name to the list at the back of church, in order that the caterers may plan for the

correct number of people. Thanks, *Anthony*

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

**OUR NEWSLETTER** - This is printed on the blank side of ‘Our Faith on Sunday’. Several parishioners have noticed that the print is smaller. We are advised that it will revert to the original print format but this will not be until **February 16th**  *Ruth*

**UNBOUND** – 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, 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. Book through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk ; Enquiries: 01752 701660. *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, *Frances Hyde*

**CAPACITAR** If you didn’t manage to come to the taster session last week, don’t worry as we will be meeting again **this Monday (27th) at 2pm** **and 7pm** **in the hall**. You’re very welcome to join us at whichever time suits you. Please wear flat, comfortable shoes. For further information contact Nickie Fidgin: 07985 560518 or email nickiefidgin@gmail.com

**NEW DAILY MISSALS** - We are now able to pre-order, so I have placed a list at the back of the church with those parishioners who placed their names in June 2024. If you no longer wish to order a copy please delete your name. If you wish to pre-order a copy add you name. We are also advised that they will be £55.00 each. If you wish to have a copy and spread the cost please let me know and I can make arrangements. *Ruth Hiscock*

**ENDING CHILD POVERTY** Child poverty levels have remained alarmingly high over the last decade. Caritas Plymouth supports the call from the Catholic Bishops’ Conference (CBCEW) to lift the two-child benefit cap as one of the ways in which we can helpthousands of children out of poverty. We invite people to join the CBCEW campaign by writing to your local MP. It will take just two minutes to make your voice heard to end the two-child benefit cap: Take action on the two-child cap policy - Catholic Bishops' Conference. Many thanks for your continued support, Best wishes,The Caritas Team

**AN INVITATION TO SURVIVORS** We have two survivor groups in the Diocese that have now been running for over a year, which provide an opportunity for anyone with lived experience of abuse to share their thoughts and ideas about survivor support work in our Diocese. We are grateful to all those who so generously give of their time to attend these meetings. The Diocese would welcome the opportunity to hear from others who have a lived experience of abuse, so that we can involve them in the work we are doing to support survivors. If you would like to help us with this work, or you would like to find out more, please contact: Sophie Scagell (Survivor Support Caseworker) on 01364 645436 / sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk