**SUNDAY 9 February 2025 YEAR C1 PSALTER 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; 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 8 February St Josephine Bakhita *and* St Jerome Emiliani**

 **5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**Sunday 9 February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

 **9am HOLY MASS**

**Monday 10 February St Scholastica (Mem)**

 **9.10am Morning Prayers *followed* by Service of the Word and Holy Communion *followed by* Holy Rosary**

**Tuesday 11 February OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PATRONAL FEAST**

 **(THE SICK AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM - WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK)**

 **6.10pm Morning Prayers 6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 12 February 9.10am Morning Prayers ­9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday 13 February 9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30 am HOLY MASS**

 **Friday 14 February St Cyril and St Methodius. Missionaries, Patrons of Europe, Feast**

 **9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS *followed by* BENEDICTION**

 **Saturday 15 February 5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

 **Sunday 16 February 9am HOLY MASS**

 **- RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**

**We thank Fr. Tony Pennicott for celebrating our Saturday Vigil Mass.**

**We are very pleased to announce that there will be Holy Mass celebrated this coming Sunday at 9am, and offer a warm welcome and thank you to Fr. Scott Anderson**. *Anthony*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - to be published when available **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** - Final total - £274.50 **FLOWERS AND CANDLES** - £100 **CSSP** - £53.20 **STANDING ORDERS** - Amounts for December - Gift Aided £1,687.50, Non Gift Aided £145. Thank you to all who contributed. *Ruth*

  With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

 **Father Francis**

**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 for more information.

**YOUNG ADULTS ROME PILGRIMAGE 2025** Do you want to deepen your faith and engage more fully in your Catholic community? Come and encounter the breadth and depth of the Catholic Church with a Pilgrimage to Rome 28th July-4th August 2025 for 20-35 year olds. As well as Mass with Pope Francis, you will experience the vibrancy of the Church as you are surrounded by thousands of young pilgrims from around the world, glorifying God. You will then be able to share this unique experience by giving back to your community from the riches that God wills to give to you. For more information and to register your interest **by 17th February**, please follow the link: https://forms.office.com/e/fhZ8zmvLy6SAN

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS 2025** - There has been a delay in receiving a few copies for parishioners. I have left one copy at the back of the church so that anyone can access to the book. Please do not remove it from church.  *Ruth Hiscock*

**PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE** A mainstay of any Holy Year is pilgrimage. While Rome is the focus, the Holy Father asked each Diocese to establish a number of locations to be Places of Pilgrimage to provide a more local and accessible experience of walking pilgrimage. There are four such locations for Plymouth Diocese: The Cathedral; St. Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston; St. Boniface, Crediton; and Holy Trinity, Dorchester. Details for how to book a group, or times for more casual pilgrimages, will be published on the Diocesan website and will be sent more directly when they have been finalised. An indulgence has been established by the Holy See relating to these Places of Pilgrimage, but I will share detailed information when some matters have been clarified soon. *Harriet*

**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\*\***

**SWEEPSTAKE 2024/25** This years’ sweepstake will be drawn at the Parish Lunch on the 1st March. If you wish to participate, please complete an envelope, found at the back of the church, and place the completed envelope in the collection plate, no later than Sunday 23rd February. Half of the money will be returned in cash prizes and half will go to parish funds. Thanks, *Mike*

**KNIT & NATTER** Next meeting on **Tuesday February 18, 2-4pm** in the church hall. *Julie*

**PARISH LUNCH – Saturday 1st March at Stourpaine Village Hall–** tickets are 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*

A raffle will be held at our forthcoming Parish Meal, so, donations of gift items will be very welcome. Any consumables must be in date, with thanks. *Mel*

**OUR NEWSLETTER** - is printed on the blank side of ‘Our Faith on Sunday’. We are advised that FoS will revert to the original print format on **February 16th**  *Ruth*

**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*

**CSSP NEWS A second Wills Week:** Following our successful inaugural Wills Week last June, we will have another Wills Week slightly earlier this year. We have had to postpone it to **w/c 28 April 2025.**

 **Great Big Diocesan Quiz** This year’s Great Big Diocesan Quiz will be held on **Friday 9th May**. Last year, 8 parishes took part and helped to raise just over £1,500. Another 2 parishes joined in a week or two later and a further £1,427.50 was raised bringing the total to almost £3,000. All you have to do is find a venue and a quiz master.

**Helping Hands** is a simple and effective way of raising funds for CCSP as half of the money raised in subscriptions is used for our Essential Grants programme and Pro-active Parenting courses and the other half is returned to members as prize money. The distribution of prize money will be determined each time by the number of members in the draw. It costs £12 a year for entry into all twelve monthly draws and you can enter each draw more than once by increasing your subscription to £24 for two entries, £36 for three entries and so on. If your name is drawn out, we will post a cheque to you. To start your Helping Hands membership, all you need to do is complete our application by visiting our website https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/form-helping-hands-application/

**ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA 8 FEBRUARY 2025**

St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. Josephine Margaret Bakhita was a Sudanese-Italian Canossian religious sister who lived in Italy for 45 years, after having been a slave in Sudan. In 2000 she was declared a saint.

On her Feast Day on **8 February**, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. Modern Slavery is one of the social action themes for the Jubilee. To find out more about this important issue and how you can respond, please visit https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/jubilee2025socialaction/

Many thanks, *Deborah Fisher*