**SUNDAY 16 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; Babara Emery; 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 15 February 5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

 **Sunday 16 February 9am HOLY MASS - RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**

**Monday 17 February The Seven Founders of the Servite Order (Opt Mem)**

 **9.10am Morning Prayers HOLY MASS *followed by* Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers**

**Tuesday 18 February 5.00 -6 .00pm *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

**6.10pm Evening Prayers 6.30pm HOLY MASS**

**Wednesday 19 February 9.10am Morning Prayers ­9.30am HOLY MASS**

 **2.30pm Our Lady's Prayer Group**

**Thursday 20 February 9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30 am HOLY MASS**

 **Friday 21 February St Peter Damian, Doctor of the Church (Opt Mem)**

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

 **Saturday 22 February The Chair of St Peter Apostle (Feast)**

 **5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

 **Sunday 23 February 9am HOLY MASS**

**This is Racial Justice Sunday and we are encouraged to pray for an end to suffering caused by racism: for tolerance and respect and an openness to neighbours and strangers; for the broadening of our horizons and an awaeness of what is happening in our world; and for individuals, groups or movements that promote war and conflict, that Christ, the Prince of Peace, might turn hearts to a culture of life.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU** to Father Francis, Father Tony and Father Scott for offering Holy Mass, and to Deacon Michael for the Service of the Word and Holy Communion while I was away. Thank you too to everyone who prayed for me. It is good to see you all again.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope** Father Francis and I are considering a pilgrimage to Rome during the Jubilee Year, possibly in the Autumn. If you think you may be interested please put your name on the sheet at the back of church. If there is enough interest details and prices will be sought and published.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £179.80. **STANDING ORDERS** - Amounts for January - Gift Aided £1,217.50, Non Gift Aided £270.00 Thank you. **CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**  - The total crib collection amounted to £534.96. Thanks to all who contributed. *Ruth*

 With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

 **Father Donald**

**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** 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.** 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** 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*

**NOURISH** (Food Bank) are short of the following items: Coffee, cereal, shampoo, tinned meat, but all other donations also welcome. Green collection box at the back of the church. Thank you, *Jan*

**PARISH LUNCH** – **Saturday 01 March** in Stourpaine Village Hall – 12.00 for 12.30 – thank you to all those who have committed to the lunch by entering your name on the form at the back of the church. We have now reached the maximum number the hall can accommodate (80). If you have entered your name on the form, but no longer intend to attend, please let me know. For those who have put your name down, but haven’t yet bought tickets, tickets will continue to be sold for the next 2 weeks after the weekend Masses. There will be a raffle during the event, so if anyone wishes to donate a prize, please bring it to the Church Hall between now and the event. New items only, please.

Thank you. *Anthony*

Donations of gift items for the raffle will be very welcome. Any consumables must be in date, with thanks. *Mel*

**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.**

**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/

*Mary stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from Him. She is also the exalted Daughter of Zion in whom the times are fulfilled and the New Plan of salvation is established. -*  Vatican II: The Church, 55