

**FIRST READING** Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She, herself, walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 62: 2-8

*R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God*

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

*R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

*R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God*

SO I bless you all my life, in your name, I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

*R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God*

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

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**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.**  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25 : 1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: 10 bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and 5 were sensible; the foolish ones did not take their lamps, but brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived.

Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "Open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour".

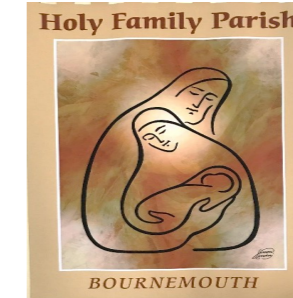
The Gospel of the Lord      **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.**

**THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH**

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

*Jesus' parable teaches us that we need to be prepared for His return at ANY time; we need to make sure that our lamps are full of oil which represents the Holy Spirit.*

*We also need to make sure that we are living in a way that is pleasing to God.  
If we are not prepared, we will be shut out of the kingdom of heaven.*

*This parable is a powerful reminder that we should always be prepared for Jesus' return.  
We should live our lives in such a way that we are ready to meet him at any time.*

*Is there oil in your life?  
Every day?*

Dear Lord,  
Open our eyes to the significance of the parable of the 10 bridesmaids reminding us that our lamps must be filled with the oil of preparedness.  
Help us to be wise, not foolish, in our anticipation of meeting you.  
Grant us the grace to replenish our spiritual lamps with the oil of faith, love, and good deeds.  
May we not be caught of guard when you arrive, but rather find ourselves ready to enter your eternal feast.  
We pray we may always be vigilant, watching for your return, and striving to live our lives in accordance with your teachings.  
Amen



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Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Thirty Second Sunday in the Ordinary time.!

In light of the ongoing conflict in The Holy Land, The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has released a statement from Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishops' Conference's International Affairs department, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Chair of the Holy Land Co-ordination have released a statement on the ongoing Israel/Hamas war:

*"To our brothers and sisters across the Holy Land, particularly those sheltering in the Parish of the Holy Family in Gaza along with those in the West Bank, we remain close to you and in constant prayer for you at this most difficult, terrifying, and testing of times. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.*

*"To our own government, we urge you to continue your diplomatic efforts for a ceasefire, the immediate release of all hostages and the facilitation of humanitarian aid so that desperately needed food, water, fuel, and medical supplies can be safely delivered into Gaza. We will continue to add our voice to the impassioned chorus calling for justice, peace, and the cessation of the suffering that has descended upon the Holy Land.*

*"To the Catholic Community here in England and Wales, please join us in prayer for those in the Holy Land, particularly for those who have been taken hostage, those who have been killed, those who have been injured, and their families.*

*"We also pray for those who are wearied by the conflict to receive strength, and those in positions of power and authority receive the wisdom to guide them into ways of peace and justice."*

**For Faithful people Life is changed, not ended.** This Month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We have in place the Book of Remembrance in both the churches. May I request you to write the names of those near and dear ones who have died, and the date you would like them to be remembered. Do make it a point to attend a mass, if you can, on the date you have chosen.

**Reflection: "Watchout then, because you do not know the day or the hour of the Son of Man's coming" (Mt.25:13)**

Swiss Psychiatrist Dr. Paul Tournier dates his conversion to a day when he chose to spend an hour praying. It proved to be a dry, painful experience. But when the hour was over, something inspired him to pray a bit longer. He did and ended up experiencing God's presence in a way that changed his life. It frightened him to think how close he had come to missing it.

Do I sometimes tend to shorten or prolong my period of prayer, when it is a dry and painful experience?

*"It is better to be patient than powerful.*

*It is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities". Proverbs 16:32*

*Fr. Chacko*

**Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ**




*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Antony Panathara, Noel Harris, Kevin Moore, Margaret Simpson, Sheila Shelley, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Frances Smith, Anna Browne, Joceyline & Peter Cotrel Frances & Tony Herbert



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 11	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>St Martin of Tours</i>
Sun 12	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  <b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>
Mon13	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Tues14	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <i>Mass Int: Sharon Whitaker</i>
Wed15			NO MASS <i>St Albert the Great</i>
Thur16	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>St Edmund of Abingdon, St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude VI</i>
Fri 17	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet <i>St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln, St Elizabeth</i> HOLY HOUR—adoration & prayer
Sat 18	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun 19	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time <b>SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY</b>

*Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group*  
**ADVENT - RESIDENTIAL SILENT RETREATS**

Nov 24th – 26th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat

Nov 27th – 1st Dec (M – F) Midweek Retreat

Nov 24th – 1st Dec (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat.

Venue: St Rita's, Honiton,

Cost includes full board & lodging.

Recommended donation:

Weekend Retreat £140

Midweek Retreat £240

6 day Retreat £450

Please contact :

*Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group*

*diocesan-ignatian-retreats @prcdtr.org.uk*

*or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637*

for further information or booking form.

**A DAY OF REFLECTION ON CARE FOR CREATION**  
**SAT 25 NOVEMBER**  
**ST CATHERINE'S WIMBORNE**  
**10.30 – 5.00**

In 2021, Caritas Plymouth (the diocesan environmental lead) started to develop a strategy which will consider what more we can do to care for creation. We want to hear from parishioners about their priorities and concerns and how they think the Church can respond. This day will offer an opportunity for prayer, quiet contemplation and reflection.

We would like to invite parishioners to join us for a day of reflection. A simple lunch will be included. Numbers are limited so please register here <https://forms.office.com/e/XtkJe1eeGq> or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY**  
SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 2023  
at ST RITA'S CENTRE  
"PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD"

FAITH AND WORKS led by Deacon Nick Johnson.

9.30am coffee/tea  
Talks, adoration in silence (with opportunity for Confession)  
1pm Lunch and Mass at 3.15pm

£25.00 for the day, including lunch,

[For further info & to register your name](#)

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**PARISH QUIZ**  
Saturday 25 November

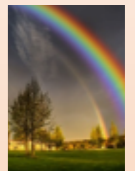
7.30 start StB Hall

Contact Mike  
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**A Service of Bereavement and Remembrance**

Sunday 19th  
November 3pm

St Bernadettes



**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**  
at both churches to remember those who have gone before us

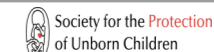
*Eternal rest, grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them,  
May they rest in peace  
Amen*

**ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP**  
Thurs 17th November  
7pm in StB Lounge  
All welcome



**JUSTICE FOR BABY LILY.**

SPUC new postcard campaign calling on the Health Secretary to bring an end to the pills by post abortion policy. Please support by completing a postcard at the back of church



**LIFT THE BAN !!**

Please support this petition which is being supported by Faith and Liv, 2 young people from our parish watch their video on Facebook - to see why. Please sign the petition at the back of church, thank you.



**ST BERNADETTE 90th** Bernadette was canonised December 1933, and our church opened in January 1934. There will be a celebration mass at StB 11am on 10th December to start the 90th birthday celebrations. There will be light lunch afterwards. Full details of all planned celebrations soon



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 7.15pm—8.30pm**  
**Your Parish.... Find out what's happening in the Parish, who is who, future events planned and a report from the Chairman and the Treasurer**