

Welcome to...

Advent

and

Christmas

at the Catholic Church in Sidmouth



Church of the Most Precious Blood

2016

Advent is the time of preparation in the Church's year when we get ready to celebrate Christmas, when Jesus was born in the stable at Bethlehem. We also look with hope to the future as we believe that Jesus will come again. So Advent is a wonderful time of expectation and preparation, filled with hope and joy.

We have lots of exciting things happening during Advent and Christmas and we would love to share this special time with you.

It doesn't matter if you haven't been to church for a long, or perhaps you're not sure what you believe. You're still very welcome to join us for any of these events.

### Crib display at Late Night Shopping

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm onwards*

St Teresa's Hall

If you're in town for the Christmas Late Night Shopping evening, why not drop in and visit our display of cribs and nativity scenes? Enjoy free tea/coffee and mince pies while you look at the variety of depictions of the gathering at the stable. There's also the opportunity to light a candle and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

**St Teresa's Hall** is in the corner of Vicarage and Connaught Road – opposite Sidmouth Garage.



The **Church of the Most Precious Blood** is off Vicarage Road at the end of Radway – just turn down the road with Sidmouth Print Shop on the corner.

### Carol Service

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 5pm*

in the Church

A family-friendly service full of your favourite carols! Come and listen to the Christmas story and reflect on the importance of the Christmas message in your own life.

*If you pop into our church during Advent you might notice a lot of purple.*

*Purple is the colour of penitence, which is central to our Advent preparation – we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ at Christmas by repenting of the things that we wish we hadn't done and reconciling ourselves to God. Our Reconciliation Service is a perfect opportunity to do this.*

### Reconciliation Service

*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10am*  
in the church

A short service with the chance to say sorry to God for any wrong choices we have made, and to receive His abundant forgiveness and healing love.



### Quiet Service

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5pm*  
in the church

Christmas can be a very busy and frantic time for many of us. Why not take an hour to give yourself a break from all the hustle and bustle of preparations and just sit quietly with God in peace? A service of simple repetitive singing and short readings, interspersed with periods of silence for personal reflection.

You are also welcome to join us for Mass, which happens every day in the church – see our website for times.

The church is usually open during daylight hours – feel free to call in any time you want.

## Christmas Celebrations in the Church

*Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December) Masses at 7pm and Midnight*

*Christmas Day (Sunday 25th December) Mass at 10:30am*



‘Christmas is the world’s  
biggest birthday party.  
Everybody in the whole  
world is invited to join in!’

If you would like any more information about any of the things mentioned here, or you have any questions about church at all please do get in touch; we’d love to hear from you.

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