

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

13 August 2017 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 3*



How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.

The Assumption of our Lady

Tuesday 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at the Blessed Sacrament are at 9.30am and 7.00pm.

Afternoon Tea

You are invited to come along to afternoon tea in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Friday 18 August at 2.00pm. Please bring your own scones, cake etc. - we can provide the tea! No cost for this afternoon of fun and chat!

Preparing for Baptism

The next baptism preparation course for parents is on Saturday 19 August at 10.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptised in the near future please contact the Parish office to book a place.

A Grand Day Out

The Thursday Lunch Club would like to invite you to join them for a trip on the Tiverton Canal on Thursday 7 September. A coach will leave the church at 9.30am and will return mid-afternoon. You are asked to bring a packed lunch but can purchase drinks on the boat which has disabled access. The cost for the day, including the coach will be £11.15. If you would like to join them please give your name to either Di Bish 07940242124 or Maureen Knowles 07912383546. Please place your payment in an envelope marked 'TLC Tiverton Canal trip' and hand in at the Parish office or through the Presbytery door. For administration purposes we would be grateful if you could please reply by Tuesday 22 August.

2017 Diary Dates

Readers Meeting & Training

• **Saturday 16 September** 10.30am
Commissioning at all Masses 1 October.

Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

• **Saturday 23 September** 10.30am
Commissioning at all Masses 8 October.
If you are interested in taking part in any of these ministries please talk to Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the Parish Office. We are looking for more readers and ministers at all Masses.

Lourdes Autumn Get-together

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes - Saturday 7 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church Exeter. More details to follow nearer the time.

Young? Volunteering?

Need some cash to help with your expenses? The Catenian Bursary Fund may be able to help. Each year the fund gives cash grants (nothing to repay) of a total of over £100,000 to young Catholics between the ages of 16 and 24, who work as helpers on Diocesan and HCPT pilgrimages to Lourdes, or volunteer to work on projects around the world. To see the wide variety of projects which we support, the few criteria you will need to meet and to download an application form check us out at: www.thecatenians.com/bursary.

RCIA/Journey of Faith

Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church and would like to learn about the Catholic faith? If so, you are very welcome to come along to our Journey of Faith meetings which will begin in the autumn. These are a series of informal talks and discussions which take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Mount St Mary Centre, Wonford Road. There will be further details in the next few weeks letting you know what to do if you are interested in joining.

New Parishioners

Are you new to Blessed Sacrament parish? If so, you are most welcome and we hope you will be very happy here. If you haven't already done so, please provide us with your contact details. Forms are available in the church porch and from the parish office (electronically) and should be returned to the office once completed. This also applies if you have been here for a while but not yet completed a form. It is good for us to know something about you and to be able to keep you updated with things happening in the parish. Thank you.

Summer Fun Holiday Clubs

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 August - 9.30am to 12.30pm at Buckfast Abbey. Drop your children off for a morning of fun, games, crafts, stories, movement and drama activities. Plenty of opportunity to make friends and learn new skills. Ages 8-11. More information and to book see www.buckfast.org.uk/education

Music for a while

An inaugural concert on the Gray organ at Holy Cross church in Topsham on Thursday 14 September at 6.30 pm. The 18th century organ was recently installed at Holy Cross and the first concert on the organ will be given by John Wellingham who will play a programme of 17th and 18th century organ music. Seating is limited at Holy Cross. Tickets (free) are available by phoning 07791 93603 or through the events page of the Holy Cross website www.holocrosstopsham.org There will be a retiring collection to cover the costs of the concert and to raise money for the new Topsham Adventure Centre and Estuary League of Friends. The concert will be followed by refreshments in the garden.

Please pray for...

our young people who are awaiting results of public examinations. We pray that their study will prove fruitful and allow them to make the right decisions for their lives.

Sick Parishioners

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to be visited please give their details to either Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office.

Prayer Group

There will be no meetings in August.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church.

There will be no Adoration at the Convent during July and August.

Individually Guided Retreats

Offered by the diocesan Ignatian Spirituality group. These silent retreats range from one day, weekend, 3 or 6-day retreats and are held at Buckfast Abbey. For dates, booking information and more information please ring 01548 852670 or e-mail mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

Plymouth CAST Vacancy

Clerk to the Board – for details and how to apply see notice in church porch or visit Plymouth CAST website's Careers section http://www.plymouthcast.org.uk/web/hq_support_vacancies/296759 and follow the external link.

Sclerder Family Festival

At Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall, organised by Chemin Neuf on Saturday 19 August. A summer festival in the grounds of historic abbey on the beautiful Cornish coast. Single ticket £10/ family ticket £20. See poster porch for details with booking forms. www.sclerderfamilyfestival.cheminneuf.org.uk for more info and how to book.

The School of the Annunciation

There is still time to book for a Summer Course at Buckfast Abbey. Introduction to Catholic Theology: 14-17th August, Spiritual Theology : 17-20th August, Discover the Old Testament: 24-27th August, Apologetics: 24-27th August. To book or for information call 01364 645660 enquiries@schooloftheannunciation.com

Inheritance

A festival for young adults 16-35 and families. 24-28 August at Walsingham. For more info see leaflets in porch or www.youth2000.org, info@youth2000.org or call 01338821153

Mass in the Extraordinary Form

At Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 20 August at 3.00pm

Exeter Foodbank

Some parents struggle to provide sufficient food during school holidays when assisted school meals cease for the summer. Please continue to donate listed food items in EFB food boxes found in local supermarkets. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Catholic Women's League

The next monthly Mass will be on Saturday 19 August at the Sacred Heart church, South Street at 10.00am. All are very welcome to come along.

Welcome into the Church

Please pray for **Poppy Molyneux** who will be baptised this weekend and for her family and Godparents.

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre will still meet during the summer holidays. Older siblings are welcome too. All welcome, especially new parents & babies/toddlers.

Children's Liturgy

is taking a break during the school holidays and will resume in September. If you have a child who finds it difficult to settle please feel free to take him/her in to the Richard Reynolds Centre or the garden during the readings and homily.

Refreshments after Mass

Served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday and the 9.30 Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Masses

Sunday 13 August

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Andre Raymond &*

Marie Terese Mein RIP

6.00pm *Valdi Pala RIP*

Monday 14 August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

No Mass

Tuesday 15 August

Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am

7.00pm *MJ Abraham RIP*

Wednesday 16 August

9.30am *for the family of*

Michael Quinn RIP

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 17 August

9.30am

Friday 18 August

9.30am

Aleksander Szytko RIP

Saturday 19 August

9.30am

Sunday 20 August

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am

10.30am *Olive Morgan RIP*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass
on Saturday morning
and by appointment.

Newsletter

Deadline for newsletter
items 4.00pm Wednesday.
By phone or email.
Thank you.

The Word

This Sunday 13 Aug

First Reading

Kings 19:9.11-13

Psalm Response

*Let us see, O Lord,
your mercy and give us*

your saving help

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33*

Next Sunday 20 Aug

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Psalm Response

*Let the peoples praise you,
O God; let all the peoples
praise you.*

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday

30 July **£1051.75**

Getting married?

Congratulations! Please
give us at least six months'
notice if you are planning
to marry in the Church.

Welcome

We welcome to Blessed
Sacrament parish all who
are visiting us at this time.
We pray you have a good
holiday/visit. We also pray
that those of our
community who are
enjoying holidays will
return refreshed and
invigorated by their time
away.

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