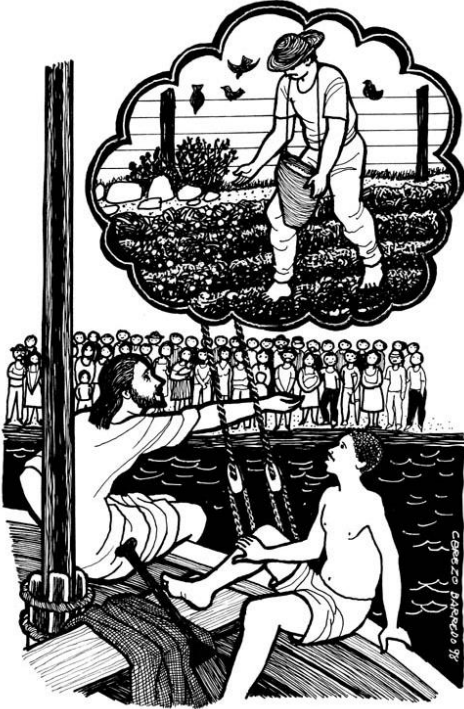


ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

16 July 2017 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 3



The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called 'The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown

out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

Preparing for Baptism

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.

Prayer Group

Meets in St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.15 pm - 9.00 pm, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month - next meetings are Thursday 13 and 27 July. All welcome. For more information please ring Chris and Sue: 01392 432929. **NB** There will no meetings during the month of August.

Toddler Group help needed

Are you free for a couple of hours on a Monday morning? The toddler group is looking for someone to keep the group going for twelve months, from this coming September, while the person who runs it has a year off. It is nothing onerous. You just need to like chatting to parents and children and provide a friendly face to greet them. If you think that you could do this please get in touch Julia Gill on 07979841681. You will require a DBS check which will be arranged through the parish office. Thank you.

Liturgy of the Word for children

At the 10.30am Mass on Sundays the children are invited to go to the St Richard Reynolds Centre with their catechists.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church. Except 24 July and 28 August.

NB there will not be Adoration at the Convent during July and August.

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.

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome, especially new parents & babies/toddlers.

Foundations of Philosophy for Faith

4-day summer-school and course taster on Monday 24 - Thursday 27 July. An introduction to Catholic philosophy at the School of Annunciation, Buckfast Abbey. This Summer-School acts as a 'course taster' for the 1-year online course for those who find they want to continue to examine these vitally important areas in the relationship between faith and reason, Catholic teaching and philosophy. Find more information of this and other courses at www.schooloftheannunciation.com.

Buckfast Lourdes Pilgrimage

On Sunday 30 July Mass will be celebrated at Buckfast Abbey at 4.00pm in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. All welcome, and to the cream tea which follows in the Abbey restaurant, provided by members of the Society of our Lady of Lourdes. Please phone Sheelah on 01392 431927 for numbers or transport.

Individually Guided Retreats

Are being organised 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.

Celebrate Weekend

Is moving! On 14/15 October 2017, the new venue will be: Notre Dame School Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. The new name will be: South West Celebrate Weekend. Save the date! More details coming soon.

2017 Diary Dates

Welcoming Ministry Training

- **Tuesday 25 July** 7.30pm

Anointing Mass for the sick

- **Saturday 29 July** 11.00am.

If you know of someone who is not always able to come to Mass please let them know and offer them a lift. There will be refreshments afterwards in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Readers Meeting & Training

- **Saturday 16 September** 10.30am
Commissioning at all Masses 30 Sept.

Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

- **Saturday 23 September** 10.30am
Commissioning at all Masses 8 October.

More details to follow in due course.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these ministries please talk to either Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office.

St Bridget's Friends

An invitation has been sent to anyone wishing to join the inaugural meeting of St Bridget's Friends at the Violet Evelyn Hall, Buckfast on Sunday 23 July starting at 2.00pm. See poster in the porch.

Catholic Chaplaincies

A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn catholics@university.org.uk

Catechetical Summer Camps

30 July - 11 August at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps: Junior Camp, Senior Camp, and St Petroc's camp for students in school years 11-13. Details and application forms available at www.pdssummercamps.org.uk.

Celebrating 65 years of Camps

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps team would like to welcome anyone from the CWL who has helped with the organization of the Camps to a celebration "Afternoon Tea" on either Tuesday 1 August for the Senior Camp and St Petroc's or Tuesday 8 August for the Junior Camp, both taking place from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. If you would like to visit the Summer Camps for tea on either date, please email michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk, indicating which of the dates you would like to visit.

Music for a while

An inaugural concert on the Gray organ at Holy Cross church in Topsham on Thursday 14 September at 6.30 p.m. The 18th century organ which was recently installed at Holy Cross and the first concert on the organ will be given by John Wellingham, specialist in historic organs and playing technique for early instruments. He will play a programme of 17th and 18th century organ music, including pieces by Bach, Stanley, Purcell, Gibbons and Marcello. Seating is limited at Holy Cross. Tickets (free) are available through the events page of the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosstopsham.org) or by phoning 07791 693603. 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.

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.

Social Events for your Diary!

Men's Breakfast Saturday 5 August

Reed Hall Exeter University 9.00am. Breakfast followed by parishioner and artist Geoffrey Preston speaking about his work. Price £15.00 and details to follow.

Barbeque Sunday 6 August

St Richard Reynolds Centre Garden at 1.00pm. Please bring your own food and drink - there will be a supervised barbeque to use for cooking your burgers and sausages! No cost for this get together!

Afternoon Tea Friday 18 August

St Richard Reynolds Centre garden beginning at 2.00pm. Please bring your own scones, cake etc. - we can provide the tea! No cost for this afternoon of fun and chat! For more details about any of these please call Jane on 07890 373617

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

Welcomed into the Church

Please pray for **Alexander Goldsmith & Jack Carolan** who will be baptised this weekend and for their families and Godparents.

May They Rest in Peace

A Funeral Service for the repose of the soul of **Michael Quinn** will be celebrated at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Tuesday 25 July at 2.30pm.

A Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of **Hilary Moraes** will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday 27 July at 9.30am.

Masses

Sunday 16 July

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

6.00pm *Private Intention*

Monday 17 July

No Convent Mass

Tuesday 18 July

7.00pm

Wednesday 19 July

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 20 July

9.30am

Friday 21 July

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 22 July

St Mary Magdalene

9.30am

Sunday 23 July

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm *Dick Henwood RIP*

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 16 July

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm Response

*Some seed fell into rich soil
and some produced its crop.*

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.18-23

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-23*

Next Sunday 23 July

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

Psalm Response

*O Lord, you are good
and forgiving*

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-43*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday

9 July **£1094.89**

Apostleship of the Sea

£326.55

**Thank you for your
continuing generosity**

Getting married?

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

Welcome

We hope you have a happy
and peaceful time with us
here in Exeter. Please ask
one of the Welcomers or
contact the parish office if
we can help in any way.

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