

# Parish News



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**24 September 2017 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 1**



## Be generous, God is

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not – unfortunately for us,

God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts.

## Diocesan Youth Rally

For 8-17 year olds on Sunday 1 October at St Rita's Centre, Honiton 1.00-6.00pm admission £5.00. Lots of games followed by a BBQ and Youth Mass. Buses will pick up at 12.15 by St Nicholas School. To reserve a seat email Maria Quinn [mquinn@stncs.uk](mailto:mquinn@stncs.uk) by Wednesday 27 September. For further details see poster in church porch or call: Jackie on 01803 328916 or Patrick on 01837 851438.

## CALLING CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in strengthening your faith and becoming fully a part of God's Church? Are you willing and ready to be part of a process of discernment and preparation so that you can become a 'Soldier for Christ'? If you're in Year 9 or above and the answer to these questions is YES then you need to take one of the sheets from the church porch, fill it in and hand it in to the parish office. We'll then be in touch to tell you more about what will be happening. We look forward to hearing from you before 28 October.

## Plymouth Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

**18-25 February 2019** There will be a Presentation and Facts evening at 7.00pm on **Monday 2 October** in the St Richard Reynolds' Centre. Further details: available from: Pilgrimage People – [info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org) 0800 612 3423 or their website: <http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org>

## **Fr John Watkins**

To celebrate Fr John's retirement, and to thank him for his ministry, we are having a party on Sunday 29 October at the Cardinal Newman Centre from 1.00pm. Please bring something to share. Drinks will be provided. We are also collecting to be able to offer Fr John a gift to express our thanks. Please put any contribution you would like to make in an envelope clearly marked FR WATKINS COLLECTION and give it to Lesley or Fr Jonathan, pop it through the letterbox or hand in to the parish office.

## **Celebrate South West**

14 & 15 October at Notre Dame School, Speakers and lots of activities for all ages and Family Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Prior booking is essential. Online booking is available. For more details call Susanne on 01803606256 email

southwest@celebrateconference.org  
or see [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Mondays** at 9.30am in the church.  
**Tuesdays** 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. All welcome.

## **CAFOD - SAVE THE DATE!**

The popular Curry Quiz Night will be back on Friday 3 November. Reserve the date for a fabulous evening!

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

At the 10.30am Mass on Sundays our young children are invited to go to the St Richard Reynolds Centre with their catechists to listen to the readings which are specially prepared for them.

## **Lourdes Autumn Get-together**

Saturday 7 October at the St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree. Coffee will be served from 10.00am. Mass will be at 11.00 followed by a light lunch. All are welcome. Enquiries to Sheelah on 01392 43192

## **Catholic Marriage Enrichment**

A day for couples to focus on their marriage, the blessings and the challenges. Saturday 21 October 2017, 10.00 to 16.30 at St Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth. Drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch. Films, inspiration, couple activities (but no group work). To book a place please contact Deborah van Kroonenburg on 07961099173 [deborahvankroon@gmail.com](mailto:deborahvankroon@gmail.com)

## **Toddler Group**

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome to come and join us especially new parents & babies/toddlers

## **Charismatic prayer group**

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre - 7.15 to 9.00pm. The next meeting will on 28 September. All welcome. For more info call Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.

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## **Readers**

*Commissioning at all Masses 1 October.*

## **Extraordinary Ministers**

*Commissioning at all Masses 8 October.*

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## **Exeter University Students**

Are you a new student at Exeter University? Would you like to meet other Catholic students? If so why not come to the Catholic Chaplaincy. Mass is at 11.30am on Sundays followed by a free lunch. You can find us on campus at Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, EX4 4QU. For more information about our weekly events find us on Twitter: @ExeterCatholic, Facebook (Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy), <https://exetercatholicchaplaincy.wordpress.com/> Donna at [D.Cooper@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:D.Cooper@exeter.ac.uk).

## **Pope's Intention for September**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

## **Vacancy at Buckfast Abbey**

Please see poster in church porch for details and how to apply.

## RCIA/Journey of Faith

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? Want to learn about the Catholic faith? If so, please come to our Journey of Faith meetings. These are a series of informal talks and discussions on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Mount St Mary Centre, and will start on 4 October. If you are interested please complete a slip which is available in the church porch, and hand to one of the priests or post in the presbytery letterbox

### 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. If you can help after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday please contact Toni Percival on 01392 218677

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## St Nick's News

We will be celebrating the new term with a **School Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday 26 September** and parishioners are welcome to join us in the school hall.

Our **Drop off Drop In** coffee mornings have resumed on Wednesdays at 8.45am. Parishioners are welcome to come for coffee and cake with parents and staff.

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### Guided Retreats for Oct & Nov

October 6-8 Weekend Retreat  
October 9-13 Midweek Retreat  
October 6-13 6 Day Retreat  
November 17-19 'Taster' Weekend Retreat  
All take place at Southgate House, Buckfast Abbey. Booking forms can be found in the church porch or telephone 01548 852670 or email [mjbutler6@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbutler6@yahoo.com) or [adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk)

### A Day with Mary

At Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 14 October. The day will start at 10.00am with a procession followed by Mass at 11.00am and finish at 5.30pm. For full details see poster in the church porch.

## A Sea Symphony

A performance of Vaughan Williams' 'A Sea Symphony' on Saturday 25 November at Exeter Cathedral by local choirs. Tickets can be purchased from the Exeter Visitor Information and Tickets Office in Dix's Field, at <http://seasympphony.org.uk>

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### Please pray for...

**Dan Downes** who has died. His funeral will be celebrated at 10.00am on Wednesday 4 October. His body will be received into church on Tuesday 3 October at 4.30pm. May he rest in peace.

The news has just reached us that **Alan Christie** died in early August. A requiem Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 18 November to remember Alan. May he rest in peace.

### Welcomed into the Church

Please pray for **Luna-Bree McNamara** who is to be baptised this Sunday and for her family and sponsors.

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### Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday 26 September at Mount St Mary Convent at 2.00pm and the monthly Mass for the work of the League is at 10.00am on Saturday 30 September at the Sacred Heart Church. Non-members welcome.

### Quiet Day at Buckfast

*'Forgive and Forget, is it possible to forget?'* will be repeated on Saturday 21 October at Violet Evelyn Hall at Buckfast from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The cost is £15 to include refreshments and a light lunch. For more information please see the poster in the porch where you will also find some booking forms.

### Pilgrimage 2018

St Rita's are arranging a pilgrimage to Cascia, Rome and Roccaporena in June 2018. For more information see the poster in the porch, telephone 01404 42635 or email [stritas@btinternet.com](mailto:stritas@btinternet.com) or

## Masses

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**Sunday 24 September**  
25th Sunday Ordinary Time

*The Harvest; the fruits of human work, and the reverent use of creation*

**9.00am** Peggy Webber RIP

**10.30am** Ola Godbeer

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

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**Monday 25 September**

**7.30am** Convent

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**Tuesday 26 September**

**7.00pm**

*Marguerite Feeney RIP*

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**Wednesday 27 September**

*St Vincent de Paul*

**9.30am** Anne Leach RIP

**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 28 September**

**9.30am**

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**Friday 29 September**

*SS Michael Gabriel*

*Raphael - Archangels*

**7.30am** Convent

**9.30am**

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**Saturday 30 September**

*St Jerome*

**9.30am**

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**Sunday 1 October**

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

**9.00am** People of the Parish

**10.30am** Aga & Gregor Fiegel

*Wedding anniversary*

**6.00pm**

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass  
on Saturday morning  
and by appointment.

## The Word

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**This Sunday 24 Sept**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

**Psalm Response**

*The Lord is close to all who call him.*

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 1:20-24.27*

**Gospel** *Matthew 20:1-16*

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**Next Sunday 1 Oct**

**First Reading**

*Ezekiel 18:25-28*

**Psalm Response**

*Remember your mercy, Lord*

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 2:1-5*

**Gospel** *Matthew 21:28-2*

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## Thank you

Collection on Sunday

17 September **£1256.61**

Home Missions **£224.29**

## 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.

## Newsletter

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

## Contact us

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**Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

**Assistant Priest**

Fr John Watkins

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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**Parish Office hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday 10.00am-4.00pm

**Parish Secretary**

Lesley Hooper

**Safeguarding Reps**

Vince Clark &

Lesley Hooper

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**PARISH SCHOOL**

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