

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**26 March 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday Ps 4**

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## **Jesus. The light of the world**

There is a subtle link between the readings this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - 'no evil would I fear' as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being 'anointed' with spittle) of the man born blind.

## **Confessions during Lent**

Each Tuesday evening, during Lent, the church will be open from 6.00 till 6.45pm and a priest will be available for confession before Mass at 7.00pm (except Tuesday 4 April). All welcome.

## **Mothering Sunday**

Traditionally the day on which those who were working away from their families were allowed home to their 'Mother' church to celebrate. Today we remember not only Mother Church but also all Mothers as we celebrate and give thanks for them and the gift they are and have been in our lives. We pray especially for expectant mothers, for mothers whose children have died and for those mothers who have gone to their eternal reward.

## **24 Hours for the Lord**

31 March-1 April at Sacred Heart Church **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.** Sign-up sheets for one hour slots to watch in front of the Blessed Sacrament are available. As part of the *24 Hours for the Lord* there will be a simple Welcome Breakfast of cereals, sausage bap, coffee, tea etc. in the Baptist Church next door from 8.30–9.30am on 1 April. It is really good to join with our Baptist neighbours and parishioners will be helping out. Our Baptist friends will also lead a time of prayer in Sacred Heart Church at about 7.45am as part of our 24 Hours.

## **Stations of the Cross**

Friday 31 March led by the Syro Malabar Community at 7.00pm in the church.

## **Lent Lunch this week**

The next of these prayer services followed by a Lent lunch, organised by Churches Together in Heavitree, is at 12 noon on Wednesday 28 March at the Blessed Sacrament Church. Please come along.

## **Lent Penitential Service**

Friday 31 March at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church several priests will be available to hear confession. All welcome.

## **Preparing for Baptism**

The next baptism preparation course for parents will take place in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 29 April at 10.30 am. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptized in the near future please contact the Parish office to book a place on the course.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday morning** at 9.30am in the church.

**Tuesday evening** 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent Chapel. All welcome.

## **Thinking about Lourdes?**

Saturday 8 April from 10.00am for coffee followed by Mass at 11.00am then a light lunch in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

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## **St Nicholas School News**

We would like to invite parishioners to our Supper of the Lord liturgy to be held in the school hall on Tuesday 28th March at 9.15am at which Fr Harry will wash the feet of 12 children. It is a beautiful liturgy which encompasses the events of Holy Week in a creative and moving way.

**Drop Off Drop In** - Don't forget to join us at school on Wednesday mornings at 8.45am to enjoy coffee, fantastic cakes, and chance to chat with friends old and new.

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## **CWL Lent Lunches**

Each Friday in Lent in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart from 11.00 till 1.00. £3.50 with proceeds going to a local charity.

Our next monthly Meeting is on Tuesday 28 March at 2.00 pm at the Mount St Mary Centre. New members are very welcome.

## **Run to the Son**

23 to 25 June at Buckfast Abbey. A weekend of prayer and inspiration including a day in discipleship, a night vigil

and a sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms / details available at [www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son) or phone St Peter's Parish, Plymouth 01752 701660 or see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

## **Toddler Group**

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

## **Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps**

30 July - 11 August, Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps running this year for students in school years 11-13. Details and application forms can be found in the church porch or on-line [www.pdsummercamps.org.uk](http://www.pdsummercamps.org.uk). Prompt applications are advised.

## **Diocese of Plymouth Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela**

6 - 17 May 2018. Bristol to Bilbao with coach transfers throughout. Cost is around £899. Please see the poster/booking form or for further details, contact 01395 263384 or [holyghost1@btconnect.com](mailto:holyghost1@btconnect.com).

## **Evangelisation and Discipleship**

All welcome at a presentation evening at Cardinal Newman House on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm. Come and hear about an exciting new 6 week programme (from Tuesday 25 April) that is being launched for our Exeter parishes. Learn about discipleship and the joy of evangelisation.

## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Area Fieldworkers for Parish**

**Evangelisation.** The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint 3 Area Fieldworkers for Parish Evangelisation (16 hours a week). You are invited to learn more about these roles and to meet the Evangelisation Team on Sunday 9 April 2017 from 3.00pm - 5.00pm at the Lower Room, Sacred Heart

Church. To register your interest please call: Fr. Jon Bielawski on 701660 or Michele Thompson on 07940 453607.

## **Exeter Foodbank**

During the season of Lent, when we concentrate on prayers, fasting and almsgiving, please remember the poor families of Exeter who are helped by Exeter Foodbank. Exeter Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust, a Christian-based charity supporting Foodbanks that provide emergency food to people in crisis. There are food collection points in all the main supermarkets and money donations are very welcome to help with the running costs of the charity. For further information please visit the website <https://exeter.foodbank.org.uk>.

## **Filipino Mass on Easter Sunday**

Sunday 16 April at Blessed Sacrament Church at 1.00pm. The presiding Priest will be Fr Jimmy Lindero.

## **Extraordinary Form Mass on Easter Sunday**

Sunday 16 April at Blessed Sacrament Church at 3.00pm.

## **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.

## **South Street Blitz**

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Exeter Blitz. On 26 and 27 April at 7 pm the Sacred Heart Arts Group will be performing a dramatisation to commemorate this key event in the history of the city. It will last about 1 hour followed by drinks and nibbles. Entrance is free: a collection in favour of two charities will be taken. Tickets will be available from 2 April from Gerry Hinton 07970042641.

## **The Pope Tweets...**

Fasting is fruitful when accompanied by concrete expressions of love towards our neighbours, especially those in difficulty.

# **Your Voice Matters Mega Youth Poll**

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. We have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll> If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).

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## **Catholic Children's Society News Calling all runners!**

Places are available to run the London Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sun 8 Oct 2017 on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). For details email [claire.warren@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:claire.warren@prcdtr.org.uk) or visit [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk)

**Spring is here!** Clear out your drawers and cupboards and donate any old jewellery, coins and watches to the Catholic Children's Society. Place in the orange box in the /St Richard Reynolds Centre or call 01364 645420 to arrange collection.

**Helping Hands** the 50:50 club of the Society. £1 a month, three cash prizes every month. You have to be in it to win it! For details call 01364 645420 or see our website [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk)

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## **Ministry at Easter**

Please see the sign-up sheets which will be in church if you would like to read or distribute Holy Communion at Easter.

# Masses

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**Sunday 26 March**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**

*Laetare Sunday*

**9.00am** *Peggy Webber RIP*

**10.30am** *Andre Raymond & Marie Therese Mein RIP*

**6.00pm** *People of the parish*

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**Monday 27 March**

**7.30am** Convent

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**Tuesday 28 March**

**7.00pm**

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**Wednesday 29 March**

**9.30am** *Souls in purgatory*

**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 30 March**

**9.30am**

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**Friday 31 March**

**7.30am** Convent

**9.30am**

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**Saturday 1 April**

**9.30am**

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**Sunday 2 April**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**9.00am** *Alice Denham RIP*

**10.30am** *People of the parish*

**6.00pm**

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning and 6.00-6.45pm Tuesdays during Lent or by appointment.

Deadline for newsletter items is 4.00pm on Wednesdays.  
E: [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk)  
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# The Word

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**This Sunday**  
**26 March**

**First Reading**

*Samuel 16:1.6-7*

**Psalm Response**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want*

**Second Reading**

*Ephesians 5:-14*

**Gospel** *John 9:1-41*

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**Next Sunday**

**2 April**

**First Reading**

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

**Psalm Response**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**Second Reading**

*Romans 8:8-11*

**Gospel** *John 11:1-45*

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## Thank you

Sunday 19 Mar **£1169.37**

Cafod Lent Fast Day

**£932.75**

Cafod Emergency East

Africa Appeal **£1124.39**

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

## 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.

## Getting married?

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

# Contact us

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**Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

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Fr John Watkins

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