

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
2 April 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent Psalter week 1



Lazarus! Come out!

Today is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

Seven Last Words

A meditation on the last words of Jesus spoken from the cross. We will listen to music and contemplate images of the Passion in a spirit of prayer and reverence. Wednesday 5 April at 7.30pm in the church

Evangelisation & Discipleship

Cardinal Newman House at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 April. A presentation about the exciting programme that is being launched for our Exeter parishes on April 25. We will learn about discipleship and the joy of becoming a confident evangeliser.

The Refugee Journey

28 April 7.30pm Cardinal Newman House. This event, organised by local CAFOD groups, will look at the, sometimes desperate, 'journeys' that refugees take seeking sanctuary. Presentations will explore the issues from a global, international and local perspective and consider the 'journey' that we all share in coming to terms with our response to this humanitarian crisis. Speakers include Professor Nick Gill, Wendy Milne from Exeter City of Sanctuary and Fr Jonathan Stewart, as well as a representative from CAFOD. All welcome. Refreshments.

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7 April at 5.45pm led by the Syro Malabar Community and at 7.00pm

Collection for Easter flowers

Our wonderful team of flower arrangers will be very grateful for anything you can give to the collection at all Masses this weekend. Many thanks.

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 or phone St Peter's Parish, Plymouth 01752 701660 or see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

St Nicholas School News

We broke up on Friday for the Easter break and are looking forward to a rest and some warmer weather. Our Drop Off, Drop in coffee mornings will resume on 19 April. At 7.00pm on Thursday 20 April St Nicholas School choir will be leading 'Resurrection Rock', a musical journey of the events of Holy Week and Easter. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church and all are welcome.

Preparing for Baptism

Next baptism preparation course for parents is on Saturday 29 April 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.

Toddler Group

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

CWL Lent Lunches

Our last lunch will be this Friday 7 April, 11am till 1pm in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart church. All proceeds are for Exeter's Day Centre for the homeless at St Petrock's.

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.

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.

South Street Blitz

This year marks the 75th 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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday morning at 9.30am in the church.
Tuesday evening 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent Chapel. All welcome.

Exeter Choral Society

is performing Handel Messiah, this celebratory work of Jesus' life, death and resurrection on 10 May, at 7.30 pm at St. James' Church. To buy tickets, please contact Sarah Bryan on 01392 661 651 or email sarah@sbholistic.co.uk

The Pope Tweets...

The peace that springs from faith is a gift: it is the grace of feeling that God loves us and that he is always beside us.

Ministry at Easter

There are a few gaps on the sheets for names if you are to minister. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 9 April

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am

6.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Monday 10 April

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 11 April

7.00pm *Mass In Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 12 April

No 9.30am Mass.

12.00 Chrism Mass Plymouth Cathedral
If you can offer, or need, a lift to Plymouth please let the office know in good time.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 13 April

7.00pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fast and abstinence

Friday 14 April

9.30am Morning Prayer in church

10.00am Exeter Cathedral. Service

followed by Walk of Witness

3.00pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION.

NB Confessions will be available afterwards in the church.

8.00pm Watching at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 15 April

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Blessing of Food

8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 16 April

9.00am

10.30am *People of the parish*

1.00pm Filipino Mass

NO 3.00pm Extraordinary Form Mass and

NO evening Mass

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The three great days of the Paschal Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the most significant and the most solemn in the Church's year. They are celebrated as one great liturgy, each leading into the next as we follow the events of the last hours of the life of Jesus. If you are intending to come and celebrate why not commit to coming to all three liturgies? In this way you will be assured of a greater understanding of the depth and wonder of the central mystery of our faith.

Servers Practices

For all who are planning to serve during the Easter Triduum. 10.00am Tuesday 11 April for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Saturday 15 April for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The chaplet of The Divine Mercy will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament church on Sunday 23 April. The Celebrant will be Fr John Watkins and it will start at 3.00pm following confessions at 2.30pm. Everyone is invited to have tea in the Richard Reynolds Centre afterwards.

Please pray for...

Milan Nevai who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. With the support of the church community we will stand alongside him as he takes this momentous step of faith. May his journey inspire and strengthen us all and may he, and all who are to be baptised and confirmed, be filled with blessings this day and always.

The Pope's Intention for April

That young people may respond generously to their vocation and seriously consider offering themselves to god in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Masses

Sunday 2 April

5th Sunday of Lent

9.00am *Alice Denham RIP*

10.30am *People of the parish*

6.00pm

Monday 3 April

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 4 April

7.00pm

Wednesday 5 April

9.30am *Souls in purgatory*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 6 April

9.30am

Friday 7 April

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 8 April

9.30am

For times of Services for Holy Week please see inside.

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 T: 01392 274724
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The Word

This 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*

Next Sunday

9 April

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Thank you

Sunday 26 Mar **£1056.41**

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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