

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

19 March 2017 3rd Sunday of Lent Psalter 3



Living Water

The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

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 in the church porch and there will be a preparation meeting on Thursday 23 March at 7.00pm in the Lower Room, South Street. Please do come along.

Week of Guided Prayer

Those taking part should come to the first meeting at 4.30pm on Sunday 19 March in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Stations of the Cross

In the Church on Fridays in Lent at 5.00pm led by the Syro Malabar Community and at 7.00pm led by parish groups.

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 22 March at the St Lawrence 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.

Lenten Holy Hour

Thursday 23 March at 2.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. All welcome.

Confession 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.

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.

NB none on Monday 20 March

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

Thinking about Lourdes?

The Spring Get-together for anyone interested in travelling to Lourdes is at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 8 April from 10.00am for coffee followed by Mass at 11.00am then a light lunch in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome.

St Nicholas School News

The School choir was asked to sing at Exeter Racecourse to open a Plymouth CAST meeting for Heads, Governors and Board members. They were a credit to the school and sang a range of songs beautifully. They received much applause from all attending. There are photos and videos on the school website:

www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk

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.

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.

Toddler Group

We meet every Monday morning in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 9.30am till 11.30am. All welcome, especially new parents and babies/toddlers. See you there. Due to the week of guided prayer there will NOT be a Toddler group meeting on Monday 20 March.

Parish International Mass

Sunday 7 May at 10.30am. Please put this important date in your diary.

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. 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.

Inter-Parish Prayer Group

There will not be a meeting on 23 March due to the week of guided prayer or 13 April as it is Maundy Thursday. Next date 27 April 7.15-9.00pm.

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.

Liturgy of the Word for children

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

Congratulations Canon John

Bishop Mark has appointed Canon John Deeny as a Vicar General to work alongside Mgr Robert Draper in our Diocese. Whilst this involves more commitment, he will continue his work as Parish Priest at Sacred Heart. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sick Parishioners

Please let a priest or the parish office know details of parishioners who would like a visit or Holy Communion at home.

Catholic Women's League

Join us every Friday during Lent at the Sacred Heart Lower Room from 11.00 till 1.00 for a Lenten lunch for £3.50. Proceeds will go to a local charity.

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.

Urafiki

Belinda is the oldest of four children and her mother works tirelessly to feed her children. Belinda worked extremely hard at primary school in spite of all the challenges she faced. Challenges like days without food, living in a hut with a roof that leaked, having to miss days and even weeks of school because of the lack of basic necessities. It is Belinda's dream to go to secondary school and she will be the saviour of her family if she can achieve her dream. She has been given the uniform of a secondary school in anticipation of a sponsor and we are trusting in The Lord that a sponsor will come forward to pay her fees. If anyone would consider sponsoring Belinda or others like her please contact Imelda Wightman on 01392 460041

Crisis in East Africa

United Nations is warning that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. Severe drought, lack of food, and civil war, mean that now over 16 million people across East Africa are facing starvation.

You may have already responded through the DEC appeal but there will be a collection at all Masses this weekend. Your donation will get food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/eastafrica

The Pope tweets... Let us pray for one another so that we may open our doors to the weak and poor.

Please pray for...

The repose of the soul of Lionel Mundy who has recently died. He was well known at Blessed Sacrament where he was organist for many years. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart church on Friday 24 March at 10.00am. All welcome.

Coffee after Mass

There will be NO coffee after 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 22 March.

Employment Opportunities

(16 hours per week)The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint three Area Fieldworkers for Parish Evangelisation. You are invited to learn more about these roles, meet the Evangelisation Team and experience first-hand the joy of Evangelisation on Sunday 9 April 2017 from 3.00pm – 5.00pm at Sacred Heart Church. To register your interest please call: Fr. Jon Bielawski on 01752 701660 or Michele Thompson on 07940 453607.

Pope's Intention for March...

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Masses

Sunday 19 March
3rd Sunday of Lent
9.00am

Pasquale Donnarumma RIP
10.30am *Marinette Mein (B*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 20 March
St Joseph Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
7.30am Convent

Tuesday 21 March
7.00pm

Kieran McDonagh RIP

Wednesday 22 March
9.00am *Souls in purgatory*
4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 23 March
9.30am
2.00pm Holy Hour

Friday 24 March
7.30am Convent
9.30am

Saturday 25 March
The Annunciation
of the Lord
9.30am

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*

Confessions

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

CLOCKS GO FORWARD
ONE HOUR 25/26 Mar

The Word

This Sunday
19 March

First Reading
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm Response
O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'.

Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2.5-8
Gospel *John 4:5-42*

Next 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*

Thank you

Sunday 12 March
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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.

Deadline for newsletter items is 4.00pm on Wednesdays.

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