

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

11 June The Most Holy Trinity. 10th week in Ordinary Time Psalm 2



Why white?

White is the colour of heaven. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord as well as today, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

In the earliest centuries all vestments were white – the white of baptismal purity and of the robes worn by the armies of the redeemed in the Apocalypse, washed white in the blood of the Lamb.

As the Church grew secure enough to be able to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out, and it is only as late as the 19th century that they were harmonised into their present form.

The Most Holy Trinity

We begin our Summer 'Ordinary Time' by celebrating a strange feast - not of a particular saint or event, but of the awesome paradoxes of our God, the Three-in-One, Father, Son and Spirit: so immeasurably distant, yet so amazingly close, so full of power and so full of love. It is love that is the key to the mystery: the revelation of God, to Moses and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, shows a perfect love - a perfect unity. In the beginning, in the story of Creation in Genesis, God made man and woman 'in the image and likeness of God', to live together as a community of love. So too, the Church is an image of this perfection of community which is Father, Son and Spirit. We, as many members of one Church, strive in our everyday lives to imitate God who is Three and One, perfect unity and perfect love.

Corpus Christi Procession

On Sunday 18 June, the patronal feast of our parish, we will join in a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds with Benediction followed by refreshments. All parish groups and parishioners of all parishes are most welcome. Bring any flags and banners. Let us celebrate and proclaim the Lord's presence in our midst. Procession begins in the church at 3.00pm. If you have any rose petals you could bring on the day we would be very grateful.

Day for Life

In October, it will be 50 years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. This year's *Day for Life*, on Sunday 18 June, provides us with an opportunity to pray for and remember all lives lost before birth and to offer practical and emotional support to women and men who are worried or concerned about an unexpected pregnancy. For those who have had an abortion, this anniversary year is a reminder that 50 years on "there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart" (*Misericordia et misera* 12). There is a mandatory second collection in all parishes and proceeds will go to the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church supported Life activities. Further information is available on www.dayforlife.org

Where Mercy and Misery Meet

2-4pm Sat 17 June at St Joseph's Newton Abbot. An afternoon to explore Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter with Sister Anne McDowell. It will include a brief presentation, reflection on how we can respond to the theme of the letter, and conclude with a short prayer service. All welcome. Further details from Peter Farrell on 01626 369478.



Fatima Centenary

Fatima Statue in Plymouth

On Saturday 24 June at Plymouth Cathedral Bishop Mark will crown the Fatima Apostolate's Pilgrim Virgin statue and consecrate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue is accompanied by the relics of Francisco & Jacinta, who were canonised as the first child saints by Pope Francis at Fatima on 13 May. For details and travel options contact Tim Robertson 01392 433256/timg-robertson@clara.co.uk, see leaflets and worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk.

Granting of Plenary Indulgence

In order to celebrate with dignity the centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima, by mandate of Pope Francis, a Jubilee Year is granted, with the inherent plenary indulgence, from 27 November 2016 till 26 November 2017. Details can be found on notice in the porch.

Altar Servers' Mass

Saturday 8 July 11.30am, at Plymouth Cathedral. Bishop Mark would like as many altar servers as possible from the Diocese, and their families, to join him at this Mass, and the BBQ afterwards. Servers will need to bring their albs, cassocks and cottas. Sacred Heart will be organising a coach which will be free for altar servers, and guests are requested to make a donation (suggest £10 per person). Please let Fr Jonathan know if you are able to attend and if you wish to go on the coach. The BBQ will finish by about 1.30/2pm.

Extraordinary Form Mass

At Blessed Sacrament at 3.00pm today.

Holding on and Letting go!

The next in Fr Christopher's series of Quiet days is to be held here on Saturday 1 July. The subject of this Quiet Day is *'Holding on and letting go; has it always got to be like this?'* and explores why we need to step out of our 'comfort zone' and asks why do we hang on to things we have no use for? The day takes place in the Violet Evelyn Hall at Southgate and runs from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The cost is £15 to include refreshments and a light lunch. Mass will be celebrated as part of the day and there will be an opportunity for quiet prayer, group discussions and confession.

Parish prayer group

The next meetings will be on 8 and 22 June, 13 and 27 July at the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.15 to 9.00pm. The theme for the 4 weeks will be - Symbols of the 4 Gospel writers. All are very welcome and give Chris and Sue a ring on 01392 432929 for more information.

Pope's Intention for June...

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes innocent people.

Exeter Youth Worker

The Diocese of Plymouth has the above vacancy. The role will involve setting up and leading a youth group in Exeter, for the parishes of: Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, Holy Cross, Topsham and St Boniface, Crediton. The post holder will need to demonstrate a love of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church combined with knowledge of the faith and the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Plymouth. The joy of spreading the Gospel and supporting our young people is vital. They will need to have an enthusiasm for youth work and be able to build rapport with young people at all levels. A qualification in youth work and or theology/catechesis would be an advantage but not essential. Computer literacy and up to date knowledge of communication technology such as social media would also be advantage. The post holder will need to work (one evening per week or fortnight) and occasional weekends. For a full job description and application form contact Jan Holton email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk or 01364 645383 or see leaflets in the church porch. Closing date: 2 July. Interview date: 12 July.

Summer Accommodation

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in Central London in July and August. There are beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night including breakfast. Website: www.allenhall.org.uk Tel: 020 7349 5600 (option 0) Email: allenhall@rcdow.org.uk

Christian Life programme

Couples for Christ (CFC) from 8 am to 6 pm on 17th, 24th and 25th of June 2017 at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Exeter University. All married couples, singles, widows over 22 years old are invited to attend the three day program. Refreshments and food will be provided during the program.

Run to the Son

Friday 23 to Sunday 25 June at Buckfast Abbey. A weekend of prayer and inspiration. A night vigil and a sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. **Price reduced to £25!** Inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms: www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or St. Peter's Parish, Plymouth 01752 701660.

Mega Youth Poll

If you're aged 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. Access the poll here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk. **The deadline for completing the poll has been extended till 30 June so please encourage your young people to complete the survey.**

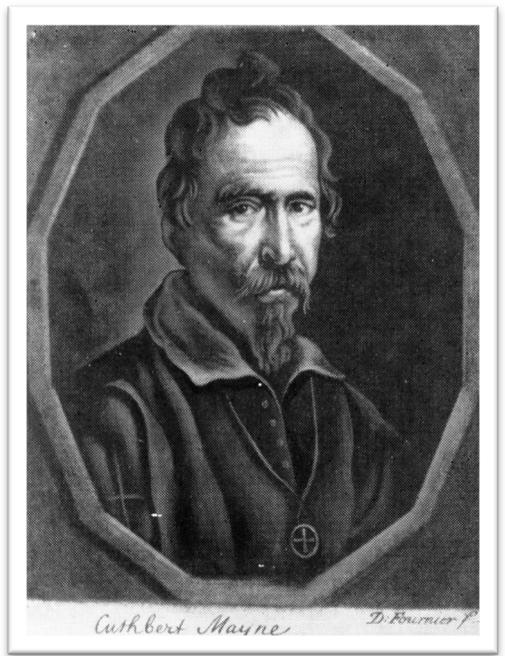
Liturgy of the Word for children

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

St Nicholas School Midsummer Fayre

Friday 23 June 5.30 till 8.00pm at the school. Entry £1 per adult, children free. Lots to do – BBQ, bar, cakes and refreshments, bouncy castle, raffle, family games, glitter tattoos, ice creams and sweets and a photographer. All welcome.

NURSERY PLACES We have a few spaces left in our Nursery for 3 year old children from September. Please contact Ali on paslt@stnics.uk for more information or to arrange a tour. We will be offering the extended entitlement of 30 hours per week for eligible families from September.



Pilgrimage to shrine of Saint Cuthbert Mayne Launceston

The 440th anniversary of the arrest of St Cuthbert Mayne occurs on 8 June. To encourage visits from pilgrims who are unable to get to Launceston on the day and to pray for priestly vocations for this Diocese, there will be a Forty Hours Devotion at the Shrine Church of St Cuthbert Mayne from 10.00pm on Friday 9 June to Sunday 11 June at 3.00pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and veneration of the major relic. The main event will be at 3.00pm on Sunday 11 June. Bishop Mark will lead pilgrims in Solemn Benediction and Veneration of the relic. Refreshments in the hall will follow.

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome to come and join us.

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.

2017 Diary Dates

Corpus Christi Procession

- **Sunday 18 June 3.00pm**

Year Six Leavers' Mass

- **Monday 19 June 10.30am**

Year 6 leavers of the schools of CAST Central area will be meeting to celebrate Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church followed by a picnic in the grounds. Please keep all those children who are starting new schools in the autumn in your prayers.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

- **Thursday 22 June 6.30pm**

First Holy Communion Mass

- **Saturday 24 June 10.30am.**

Please keep the **38 children** who will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time in your prayers. **NB There will be no 9.30am Mass on this day.**

Welcoming Ministry Training

- **Tuesday 25 July 7.30pm**

Anointing Mass for the sick

- **Saturday 29 July 11.00am.**

Hopefully as many of our housebound parishioners would be able to come to this Mass and receive the Sacrament of the Sick. 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. We are always looking for more people to minister in the parish.



Call My Bluff

It's back, by popular demand! We are holding a Call My Bluff event on Friday 14 July starting at 7.30pm. Our Parish team will be Fr John Deeny (*Captain*), Fr Jonathan Stewart and Deacon Kelvin Russell against a School team led by Head Teacher Angela Folland. **NB** change of venue: the event will this time be held at St Nicholas RC Primary School, Ringswell Avenue EX1 3EG where there is plenty of free parking. Ticket price remains at £7.00 (includes a hot meal), and will be on sale at the end of Mass or from the Parish Office during the week. Drinks will be available and there will be draw tickets, prizes and splendid entertainment! Any profit will be divided between Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament churches, St Nicholas School and Exeter charity URAFIKI.

Catholic Chaplaincies

Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated University Chaplain. A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn. Please see the poster in the church porch and let prospective students know about the website: catholics@university.org.uk



Summer Fayre

Many thanks to those who helped make yesterday's Parish Summer Fayre such a success. The weather could not dampen our spirits and everyone who came had a wonderful time. The Fayre provides a huge boost to the parish's fundraising and helps us realise some of the projects which we need to undertake. A huge debt of gratitude goes to Jane Martin who has yet again masterminded the event with her usual skill and enthusiasm (and a few digs in the ribs now and again!). But she would want us to thank the team of volunteers without whom none of it would happen. So..

THANK YOU!

More about how much we raised in next weekend's newsletter.

Catechetical Summer Camps

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

CAFOD News

Bishop Mark has received a letter from CAFOD thanking the parishes of the diocese for their generosity and prayer in the recent emergency appeal to provide life-saving aid to those who need it most in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and North Kenya. We are asked to pass those thanks on to parishioners of Blessed Sacrament.

The Parish has a very active CAFOD group who meet regularly to discuss many of the initiatives brought forward to help the poorest in our world. If you would like to know more why not speak to Shirley Larkin or Chris Wightman or Sister Stella. They would be very happy to talk to you and tell you more about their work.

Please pray for...

the repose of the souls of **Richard Ware** and **Alan Summerscales** who have died recently. A Funeral Mass for Alan will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday 15 June at 10.00am. All welcome. We also remember their families in our prayers, especially Joan and Pat.

Please also pray for...

those sitting public examinations at this time. Many of our young people are sitting exams, GCSEs and A levels as well as University and College finals, and this can be a time of anxiety. Please also keep their parents and siblings in your prayers!

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church.

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

Walsingham Way

Vocational Pilgrimage

30 June - 2 July for young Catholic men and women considering their vocation. This is for young aged 18-30. See www.walsingham.org.uk/calendars/walsingham-way or enquiries@ukvocation.org.

Summer School Courses

The School of the Annunciation, Buckfast Abbey is offering 4-day Summer School Courses during July and August on various topics. Find more information at: www.schooloftheannunciation.com.

Celebrate Weekend

The highly successful charismatic family weekend, which has been held in Torquay for several years is on the move. On 14/15 October 2017 we will gather at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. The new name will be: South West Celebrate Weekend. Save the date! More details coming soon.

The Pope Tweets...

Humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak, but of the strong.

Week of Guided Prayer

For those who took part in the Week of Guided Prayer there is to be a follow up meeting on Wednesday 14 June at 7.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please try to come along. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on the impact the week has had on our lives and to share some of our stories and experiences with others who were on the week. Wendy Victor, one of the guides, will be joining us and helping us reflect.

Corpus Christi Buckfast

There will be a Corpus Christi Procession at Buckfast Abbey on Sunday 18 June at 3.00pm with evening prayer and Benediction. For further details see: www.buckfast.org.uk/whats-on

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 5 August at Reed Hall, Exeter University. Geoffrey Preston, parishioner of Blessed Sacrament and the artist who created the beautiful relief of St Richard Reynolds which adorns the martyrs chapel the St Richard Reynolds Centre will address us about his life and work.

First Holy Communion

What a blessing! 38 of our children will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 24 June at 10.30am. They have been preparing for this moment, actually all their lives, but especially in the last months with their catechists, parish clergy and parents. Please keep them all in your prayers as they take this important step in their relationship with Jesus. We hope and pray that, although this day will be special, every time they receive Holy Communion will be as special, for this is not a 'one off' experience, the Lord offers himself to us every day in the celebration of the eucharist. We give thanks to all who have supported our children these past months. May they too be richly blessed and rewarded.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention, for someone who is ill or a loved one who has died, in thanksgiving for an answer to prayer or perhaps something personal please see Lesley in the parish office who will be able to help you find a date and time which suits you. It is traditional to make an offering at the same time. This is simply what you can afford and would like to give.

St Anthony of Padua

whose feast we celebrate on Tuesday, was originally an Augustinian monk but was so impressed by the lives of the Franciscans that he joined their order. After preaching the Gospel in Africa he returned to Italy and after meeting St Francis he settled in Padua. He was the first Franciscan theologian. His sermons are full of gentleness but he reproved the wicked with severity –especially backsliding clergy(!) and oppressors of the weak. He is a doctor of the church and the patron saint of the lost and found.

Masses

Sunday 11 June

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 12 June

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 13 June

7.00pm

Wednesday 14 June

St Anthony of Padua

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 15 June

10.00am *Funeral Mass*

Alan Summerscales RIP

Friday 16 June

9.30am

Saturday 17 June

7.30am Convent

9.30am

*For the spiritual welfare of
Hilda and Edith Robinson*

Sunday 18 June

**THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

6.00pm

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass
on Saturday morning
and by appointment.

New website

Please visit www.blessed-sacrament.org.uk to view the parish's newly formatted website. We'd be very happy to hear what you think about it.

The Word

This Sunday 11 June

First Reading

Exodus 34:4-6.8-9

Psalm Response

*To you glory and praise
for evermore.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel *John 3:16-18*

Next Sunday 18 June

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

Psalm Response

*O praise the Lord,
Jerusalem!*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel *John 6:51-58*

Thank you

Collection Sunday 4 June
£1059.14

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. Thank you.

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