

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

25 June 2017. Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 4



Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout history, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body.

First Holy Communion

What a blessing! Yesterday 38 of our children received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. We hope and pray that, although this day was 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.

CAFOD BBQ and Games

The Blessed Sacrament CAFOD Group's Annual BBQ will be held on Saturday 15 July from 2.30 pm at Chris and Imelda's house, 21 Station Road, Pinhoe, Exeter EX1 3SA. As usual tickets are free but donations on the day will be acceptable! Please do let us know if you are coming 01392 460041 **NEW THIS YEAR: Prize BINGO!!!**

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. You will need to bring your albs, cassocks and cottas. Sacred Heart are hoping to hire a coach which will be free for altar servers, guests are asked to make a donation (suggest £10 per person). If you are able to attend and if you wish to go on the coach please sign the list in the sacristy. The deadline is 25 June. The BBQ should finish by about 1.30/2pm.

Mega Youth Poll

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>. **The deadline for completing the poll has been extended till 30 June** so please encourage your youngsters to complete it.

Inter parish prayer group

The next meeting will be on 6 July. All are very welcome. Give Chris and Sue a ring on 01392 432929 for more information.

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.

Toddler Group

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

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.

Exeter Youth Worker

The Diocese of Plymouth has a **Vacancy** for a **Funded Youth Worker**. The role will involve setting up and leading a youth group in Exeter, for the parishes of: Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, Holy Cross and St Boniface. 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 on 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. See leaflets in the porch. Closing date 2 July. Interviews will be held on 12 July.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church.

Tuesday 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. NB there will not be Adoration at the convent during July and August.

Holding on and Letting go!

The next in Fr Christopher's series of Quiet days is to be held 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, Buckfast Abbey 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.

The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

Thursday 29 June is the feast of St Peter and St Paul and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at Blessed Sacrament will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting is on Tuesday 27 June at 2.00pm at Mount. St. Mary's Convent, Wonford Rd. New members welcome.

Mission Appeal

On Sunday 2 July Fr Alan Bell will be at all Masses talking about and making an appeal on behalf of the **Crusade of the Holy Spirit**. There will be a retiring collection to help support their work in Latin America.

Sclerder Family Festival

Organised by Chemin Neuf which is to take place at Sclerder Abbey on Saturday 19 August. Parishioners and holiday visitors to the Diocese welcome to attend. See poster in porch for details.

Please pray for...

Aidan Corbett who is being baptised today and his parents and god parents.

St Nicholas School News

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic residential week at Kilve Court in sunny Somerset last week enjoying many outdoor activities such as abseiling, climbing, mountain biking and swamp walking. On their return this week they took part in a Plymouth CAST Leavers' Mass for the 12 schools in the Central area which was held at Blessed Sacrament Church and celebrated by Father Jonathan.

We will be celebrating the feast day of Ss Peter and Paul in the school hall on 29 June at 9.15am. All welcome to join us.

If the weather is fine on Wednesday 28th June there will be no Drop Off Drop In as we will be holding our Sports Day.

2017 Diary Dates

Welcoming Ministry Training

- **Tuesday 25 July** 7.30pm

Anointing Mass for the sick

- **Saturday 29 July** 11.00am.

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.

The Pope Tweets...

The personal encounter with refugees dispels fears and distorted ideologies and becomes a factor for growth in humanity.

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. at St Nicholas School, Ringswell Avenue. Ticket price remains at £7.00 (includes a hot meal), and will be on sale from the Parish Office during the week. Drinks will be available and there will be a raffle. See poster for more details.

Ministry at Mass

If you are unable to minister please ensure you find a replacement. Many thanks.

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

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 Bridget's Friends

An invitation has been sent to anyone wishing to join the inaugural meeting of St Bridget's Friends at the Violet Evelyn Hall, Buckfast on Sunday 23 July stating at 2.00pm. See poster in the porch for more information.

Masses

Sunday 25 June

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am

10.30am

Olive & Fred Morgan RIP

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 26 June

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 27 June

7.00pm

Wednesday 28 June

St Irenaeus

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 29 June

Ss PETER & PAUL

9.30am

7.00pm

Friday 30 June

9.30am

Saturday 1 July

10.30am

Sunday 2 July

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am

For our loved ones departed

10.30am *Andre Raymond &*

Marie Therese Mein RIP

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

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 25 June

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm Response

*In your great love,
answer me, O God.*

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Gospel *Matthew 10:26-33*

Next Sunday 2 July

First Reading

Kings 4:8-11.14-16

Psalm Response

*I will sing for ever
of your love, O Lord*

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4.8-11

Gospel *Matthew 10:37-42*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday

18 June **£967.39**

Day for Life **£186.61**

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.

Contact us

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