

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

12 November 2017 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Psalter Week 4*



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



GRANT PEACE, O Lord, across our strife-torn world,
Where war divides and greed and dogma drive.
Help us to learn the lessons from the past,
That all are human and all pay the price.
All life is dear and should be treated so;
Joined, not divided, is the way to go.

PROTECT, DEAR LORD, all who, on our behalf,
Now take the steps that place them in harm's way.
May they find courage for each task they face
By knowing they are in our thoughts always.
Then, duty done and missions at an end,
Return them safe to family and friends.

GRANT REST, O LORD, to those no longer with us;
Who died protecting us and this their land.
Bring healing, Lord, to those who, through their service,
Bear conflict's scars on body or in mind.
With those who mourn support and comfort share.
Give strength to those who for hurt loved-ones care.

AND SOME THERE BE who no memorial have;
Who perished are as though they'd never been.
For our tomorrows their today they gave,
And simply asked that in our hearts they'd live.
We heed their call and pledge ourselves again,
At dusk and dawn – we will remember them!

Charles Henrywood



'Watch early for wisdom'

Wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in 'putting off till tomorrow...', since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

Preparing for Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised then we ask you to attend a session which includes reflection on the significance of the sacrament and its effect in our lives. The next session is on Saturday

25 November at 10.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre (adjacent to the church). Please phone the parish office to register and to book a place. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

To prepare your child for First Holy Communion, you must attend a Registration meeting on **Wednesday 29 November at 6.30 pm at St Nicholas School EX1 3EG**. Children do not need to attend this meeting. Please bring a copy of your child's certificate of baptism, your contact details and £8.00 (*which funds the book we will be using*). The programme begins in January and consists of a monthly Saturday morning meeting for both parents and children with a further early evening meeting monthly for the children. It is essential you attend this meeting as it will not be possible to join the preparation process part way through. We look forward to seeing you.

CONFIRMATION 2018

The first session for the young people is on Wednesday 15 November at 7.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. Parents: if you did not come to the introductory session last week please come on 15 Nov at 6.00pm so that we can take details and give you information about the preparation process.



Living in solidarity with the poor

Poverty means having a humble heart that accepts our creaturely limitations and sinfulness and thus enables us to overcome the temptation to feel omnipotent and immortal. Poverty is an interior attitude that avoids looking upon money, career and luxury as our goal in life and the condition for our happiness. Poverty instead creates the conditions for freely shouldering our personal and social responsibilities, despite

our limitations, with trust in God's closeness and the support of his grace. Poverty, understood in this way, is the yardstick that allows us to judge how best to use material goods and to build relationships that are neither selfish nor possessive. (Pope Francis – from his Message for the First World Day of the Poor)

As we are nearing Advent, it is easy to become immersed in today's culture of consumption – spending money on presents for people who do not really need them. Instead, why not get a gift that helps transform the lives of poor communities and families in developing countries? CAFOD *World Gifts* can be life-changing and help us celebrate the true spirit of Christmas. *World Gifts* catalogues are now available to collect in the church porch.

NIGHTFEVER 2017

A meeting to discuss arrangements for this year's Nightfever will be on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30 pm within the Blessed Sacrament Church, following 7.00 pm Mass. Please try to attend if you would like to volunteer your help. This year Nightfever will take place at the Sacred Heart church on Thursday 14 December.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

At 10.30am Mass on Sundays our young children are invited to go to the St Richard Reynolds Centre with their catechists. Due to lack of helpers there will **NO** children's liturgy on Sundays 12 and 19 November. If you feel that you could help and increase the number of helpers please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Sisters' Christmas Cards

The Sisters have been busy making cards (religious Christmas and general) with the used cards which you donated. These cards are now for sale at the convent. All proceeds will go towards their orphanage in the Philippines. Please drop by the Convent to buy some

Christmas Get Together

On Friday 15th December there will be a Christmas Afternoon Tea held in the Richard Reynolds Centre. This will start at 2.00pm. Please bring your own scones, cake etc. - we can provide the tea and mulled wine! No cost for this afternoon of fun and chat! For more details call Jane on 07890 373617.

Sung Intercession Response at 10.30am Mass Today

**God hears me when I pray,
God hears me when I pray,
Out of all the people in this great big world, God hears me,
God knows my voice
and he hears me when I pray.**

Alan Christie RIP

Alan was a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament for many years until he moved to Hampshire to be nearer his family due to ill health. Alan passed away in August and on Saturday 18 November we will remember him when his family join us for a Requiem Mass at 9.30am. His family also invite friends and parishioners to join them after Mass in the St Richard Reynolds Centre for refreshments and to share memories. Please join them.

GATHER 2018

A residential weekend of faith, formation and friendship. Come and join catechists, parents, clergy and friends, as well as Bishop Mark, and take the opportunity to strengthen your faith with other Catholics. 19–21 January 2018 Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Cost £150 residential, £40 non-residential day rate. To book your place use the flyer provided or download from Facebook page Gather Conference. Early booking is essential. We hope to see you in Torquay in January.

Exeter City of Sanctuary (ExCoS)

This is a local organisation working to make Exeter a more welcoming place for

refugees. We are looking for a: **Treasurer** - ExCoS has a bank account and at present few funds but we do need someone to keep a record of our income and expenditure.

Fund Raiser - to help increase our funds we thought it would be a good idea to have someone to take on this specific role, perhaps with the brief of organising one fundraising event each year. If you know of someone who might be approached for either of these tasks or you see this as your way of supporting ExCoS, please do get in touch. We would be happy to discuss the tasks in more detail. Please email exetercos@outlook.com if you are interested.

St Nick's News

We are busy making plans for our 10th anniversary on our Ringswell Avenue site. We are pleased that the Bishop will be coming to celebrate Mass with the school community at 9.15am on Wednesday 6th December in the school hall. Parishioners are welcome to join us. Please let Ali know if you wish to come: email paslt@stncls.uk or by calling 01392 445403 ext. 222.

Exeter Street Pastors

Pope Francis said *"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets...."*

Exeter Street Pastors don't usually get bruised or hurt, but occasionally get dirty while looking after people on the streets of Exeter at night. Can you spare one night a month (till 3am), to show the church in action on the streets by giving out flip-flips and water, occasional first aid, clearing up broken bottles, but mostly listening and caring? If you would like to learn more, or follow us some night as an observer, then ask the parish office to put you in contact with one of the Street Pastors in our parish. They are currently recruiting with training starting in February 2018. Taster sessions are also being held on 18 November, 16 December, 21 January and 11 February.

Contact them for full details on 07952 456926 or Exeter@streetpastors.org.uk

Youth Ice Skating Trip

This year on Youth Sunday 26 November a trip to Plymouth Pavilions for ice skating has been arranged followed by a BBQ and Mass. A coach will leave Exeter Services at 10.00am returning at 6.00pm. This is for all 10 to 17 year olds and the cost will be £12. If you can go please contact Patrick on 07880734088

SVP CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Every Christmas the St Vincent de Paul Society donates food parcels to the residents of homeless shelters in Exeter. Staff at the shelters tell us that this gift makes a big difference at this time of the year which can be particularly difficult. Last year we were able to deliver more than 160 parcels and this was made possible only through the generous donations of food by parishioners and by the pupils of St Nicholas School. We are looking to deliver at least that number this year. From 11 November a box will be available at the back of the church to collect your food donations. Further information about the progress of our appeal will be made over the coming weeks. For more information please contact Amie Dunphy on 07795 461528.

Visit to the Diocese of Plymouth by Cardinal Vincent Nichols

The Cardinal will be visiting the diocese in November to celebrate the Feast of St Cuthbert Mayne during this year when we mark the 440th anniversary of his death. Cardinal Nichols will preach at First Vespers in Plymouth Cathedral at 6.00pm on Tuesday 28 November. He will then celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Buckfast Abbey on Wednesday 29 November. Parishioners are very welcome to attend both and there will be a chance to venerate the relic of St Cuthbert at both liturgies.

A Sea Symphony

Saturday 25 November Exeter Cathedral.
Tickets from the Exeter Visitor Information
and Tickets Office in Dix's Field, or at
<http://seasymphony.org.uk>

YMCA Christmas Fundraiser

You can give the gift of a home this
Christmas by getting sponsored to abseil
off Princesshay Car Park When? **Saturday
9th December, slots available between
10am - 4pm** Where? **Princesshay Car
Park, Exeter, EX1 1EU** Registration fee?
**£20 (adult), £15 (u18), includes a
complimentary Santa suit, hot drinks
and mince pies.** Register at
www.santaabseil.org.uk or by ringing
YMCA Exeter's Events Team on 01392
410530. Email events@ymcaexeter.org.uk
for more information.

Catholic Women's League

The monthly Mass for the work of the
League is next Saturday 18 November at
the Sacred Heart church at 10.00am.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2-8 August 2018 also led by Bishop Mark.
Flying from Exeter. A time of prayer and
relaxation. Cost £495. For further
information and to book please contact Rev
Anthony O'Gorman, tel: 01637 851697 or
e:mail: anthony.o'gorman@prcdtr.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2-8 August 2018 led by Bishop Mark.
Flying from Exeter. A time of prayer and
relaxation. Cost £779. For further
information and to book please see the
information in church porch.

Catenians Public Speaking Contest 2018

Province 13 - Catenian Association
Fourth Public Speaking Contest on
Saturday 24 February 2018. Following the
success of the Catenian Association's Public
Speaking Contest (PSC) over the last three
years, we would now like to extend an
invitation to all Catholic 6th Formers, in

Years 11 to 14 (16 to 19 year olds) who are
attending any Catholic school, Church
school or state school, to participate in our
4th PSC which is being held on Saturday,
24th February 2018, at St. Peter's Church,
Crownhill, Plymouth. The winner will
receive the Provincial Trophy, awarded
annually to the winning school, as well as a
personal trophy, cash prize and Certificate.
The runner up will receive a personal
trophy, cash prize and Certificate and
Certificates are awarded to all other
participants. The winner of our local
Provincial trophy is also entitled to enter
the national competition in Manchester
during September 2018! If you know any
young person who would like to take part,
please get in touch in the first instance
with: Peter Holman 01626 438446
phadenraf@gmail.com and see poster in
the church porch.

Thursday Lunch Club

Can anyone help? The Thursday Lunch
Club are looking for more helpers to help
on a fortnightly rota. Please give Di Bish a
call on 07940142124 to find out more.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9.30am at Blessed Sacrament.

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

Monday 4 Dec Adoration with Taizé
chants in the Lady Chapel, Sacred Heart
from 7.00-8.00 pm. Singers/musicians/any
instruments very welcome. Practice in
Church from 6.30 pm.

Filipino-Led Mass

Sacred Heart at 5.30pm on 11 November
there will be a 'Filipino-led' Mass.

APF Red Box collection

Red boxes will be collected and emptied
at all masses next Sunday 19 November.

Charismatic prayer group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre -
7.15 to 9.00pm. The next meeting will be
23 November. All welcome. For more info
call Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.

Responding at Mass

If you're ever unsure of the words and responses at Mass, the full text, including the words of the Gloria and the Creed, can be found at the front of your hymn book.

Please pray for...

the repose of the soul of **Peter Murray** who has died. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Tuesday 14 November at 11.00am. RIP

Please also pray for

the repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Plumer** who has died. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Tuesday 21 November at 10.30am. RIP

Please also pray for...

the repose of the soul of **Michael Nawrocki** who has died and whose funeral will be at Exeter Crematorium. RIP

Exeter Bach Society Concert

Presents Christmas Baroque on Saturday 2 December at 7.00pm at Southernhay United Reformed Church. Tickets, in advance £14 available from Exeter Tickets in the Tourist Information Centre, or £16 on the door. Full-time students half price, children free.

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. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Guided Retreat

November 17–19 'Taster' Weekend Retreat Southgate House, Buckfast Abbey. Booking forms in church porch or telephone 01548 852670 or email mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk

Meaningful Advent Calendar

Looking for an Advent calendar with more meaning? 'The Real Advent Calendar' has been produced which contains Fairtrade chocolate. They can be bought at some supermarkets and from Traidcraft.

Exeter's Young Catholic

Community EYCC

Catholics aged 16-21. The next gathering will be on Wednesday 22 November at 19.00–20.30 in St Richard Reynolds Centre and we'd love to see you there! Like our Facebook page to keep updated and if you'd like more info, speak to Fr Jonathan.

Buckfast Quiet Day

'How to be peacemakers, not only at Christmas'. The final of Fr Christopher's series of Quiet days in 2017. Saturday 2 December in the Violet Evelyn Hall at the Southgate Retreat Centre. Refreshments at 10.00am. Day ends at 3.00pm. Mass will be celebrated as part of the day and there will be an opportunity for quiet prayer, group discussions and confession. The cost is £15 to include refreshments and a light lunch.

Advent Day of Recollection

At St Rita's Centre, Honiton with Rev Terry Enright entitled 'What are *You* Waiting For?' on Saturday 16 December 10.30am till 4.30pm. Refreshments and lunch provided at a cost of £25 per person. For further information contact St Rita's Promotions 01404 42635 stritas@btinternet.com Booking forms also available in the church porch.

Sick Parishioners

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

The Pope Tweets...

May a culture of encounter always be promoted that is able to bring down the walls which still divide the world.

Extraordinary Ministers

Please approach the sanctuary when the bell rings as the celebrant drinks from the chalice. The servers will get into position to receive Holy Communion giving you space to come up. There is no need to wait at the step, just bow and come straight into position. Thank you.

Masses

Sunday 12 November
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday

9.00am *Rest of the souls of Catenians and Catholics of the Exeter area killed in the 1939/45 war*

10.30am *The Evans family*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 13 November

7.30am *Convent*

Tuesday 14 November

11.00am *Funeral Mass*

Peter Murray RIP

NO 7.00pm *Mass*

Wednesday 15 November

9.30am *Clare Leonard RIP*

4.00pm *RD&E Hospital*

Thursday 16 November

9.30am

Caroline Rooney RIP

Friday 17 November

7.30am *Convent*

9.30am *Virginia Robins*

Saturday 18 November

9.30am *Requiem Mass*

Alan Christie RIP

Sunday 19 November

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Lodivico Rodolfi RIP*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass
on Saturday morning
and by appointment.



The Word

This Sunday 12 Nov

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm Response

*For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-3*

Next Sunday 19 Nov

First Reading

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,
30-31*

Psalm Response

*O blessed are those
who fear the Lord*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

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.

Thank you

Collection Sunday
5 November £

Getting married?

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

Newsletter

Deadline for newsletter items 4.00pm Wednesday.
By phone or email.



Contact us

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