

# Parish News



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**22 October 2017 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 1**



## **Where there is hatred, sow love; help bring peace to South Sudan.**

Today we pray for the Church in South Sudan where sadly, conflict continues; more and more people are hungry, homeless and traumatised. Retribution is rife. This young country is on the brink of collapse, but you can help bring peace to the people of South Sudan. World Mission Sunday is your chance to support our missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world.

## *live simply*

The *livesimply* initiative was launched 10 years ago by a number of Catholic organisations and agencies in England and Wales to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's 1967 encyclical 'Populorum Progressio' (On the Progress of Peoples). Pope Paul called on wealthy nations to show solidarity and support developing countries. As poverty and economic inequality cause many conflicts, he declared that development is the 'new name for peace'. The encyclical criticised unrestrained liberal economics and called for an equitable distribution of the world's resources. 50 years on, the concerns raised by Pope Paul still appear relevant. In his encyclical 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis similarly addresses the problem of global inequality while also highlighting the overexploitation of resources and humankind's dangerous path towards destroying our common home.

If you would like to find out more about *livesimply*, please come along to the **meeting on Friday, 27 October, 7.00pm, in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.**

## **Plymouth Clergy Requiem**

Please come and pray for the repose of the souls of those men who served the diocese and our parishes for so many years and who have died. **Thursday 9 November** at 12 noon Plymouth Cathedral Cecil Street PL1 5HW. May they rest in peace.

# Fr John Watkins

Next Sunday we will gather to say Thank You to Fr John at the Cardinal Newman Centre at 1.00pm. Please join us and bring something along for us to share. There is a basket as you leave the church after Mass this weekend if you would like to make a contribution to his present and haven't already done so.

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## First Holy Communion

Parents of children who are in year 3 or above at school who wish their child to prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time next summer are invited to a registration meeting at St Nicholas School on Wednesday 29 November at 6.30pm. It is essential you attend this meeting as it will not be possible to join the preparation process part way through. NB Children need not attend this meeting.

## CAFOD Curry & Quiz Night

Friday 3 November at the Cardinal Newman Centre. Save the date for a fabulous evening which also raises funds to help the poorest in our world!

## Confirmation

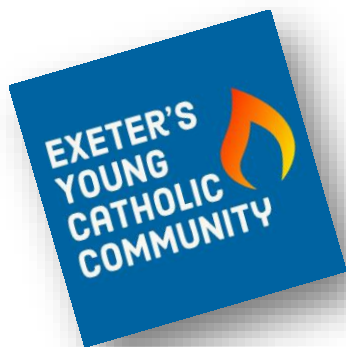
Last call for young people who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year to complete a form and hand it in to the Parish Office **by next Sunday**.

## GATHER 2018

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. See you there.

## Praying in The Spirit

Praising God takes many forms. Prayer is as diverse and different as we are. If you'd like to join us for an evening of charismatic praise and worship then come to the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Thursday 26 October at 7.15pm. Together we will allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.



## EYCC

A new group in Exeter for Catholics aged 16-21. There'll be food, discussions about our faith and prayer and we're open to any ideas as to how we can improve each session! The first gathering will be on Wednesday 8 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. Looking forward to seeing you!

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## Charismatic prayer group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre - 7.15 to 9.00pm. The next meeting will on 12 October. All welcome. For more info call Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Mondays** 9.30am at Blessed Sacrament.  
**Tuesdays** 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. All welcome.

## Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

Thanks to those who volunteered to help provide refreshments after the 10.30 Mass on Sundays. You should have received your rota which runs to March next year.

## Half Term at St Nick's

Please pray that everyone connected with the school enjoys this half term week. We pray especially for the teaching and teaching support staff and those who have roles of leadership and governance and give thanks for their dedication and skill. May they be refreshed and renewed.

## Welcomed into the Church

Please pray for Aleksander Job who will be baptised this weekend and for his parents and Godparents. May he be richly blessed.

## Catholic Women's League

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 October at Mount St. Mary's Convent, Wonford Rd at 2.00pm.

## Exeter University Students

Mass at the Catholic Chaplaincy is at 11.30am on Sundays followed by a free lunch. Find us on campus at Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, EX4 4QU. Online: Twitter @ExeterCatholic, Facebook Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy.

## 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](mailto:mjbutler6@yahoo.com) or [adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk)

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

At 10.30am Mass on Sundays our young children are invited to listen to the

## St Rita's Pilgrimage 2018

St Rita's are arranging a pilgrimage to Cascia, Rome and Roccaporena in June 2018. For more information see the poster in the porch, telephone 01404 42635 or email [stritas@btinternet.com](mailto:stritas@btinternet.com)

## Pope's Intention for October

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

## The Pope tweets...

Let us bring the flame of Christ's love to humanity which needs true happiness and peace so much.

## Accommodation required

Could you accommodate a 33 yr old professional woman who is looking for a room in a home? Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Many thanks.

# Being a disciple-making disciple

Autumn 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Guild of Our Lady and St Joseph, in association with the School of the Annunciation, marked this with a lecture by the Chair of the Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis of the Bishop's Conference, Bishop Mark O'Toole. The lecture was held at St Patrick's Church, Soho, London on Monday 2 October. Full text of the lecture is available at: [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/images/files/disciple.pdf](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/images/files/disciple.pdf)

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## Into your hands, Lord...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clare Leonard who has died. Clare's body will be received into Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday 26 at 4.30pm and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday 27 at 10.30am. All welcome.

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## Catholic Children's Society

**Old £1 Coins.** If you have found yourself in the possession of an old pound coin or two, please consider donating them to the Catholic Children's Society via our orange recycling box which you can find in the St Richard Reynolds Centre or give to one of the priests who will deposit them for you. As the saying goes... every little helps!

## Blessing of the graves

Praying for the dead is one of the most important things we do as Christians. Join us at Exeter Higher Cemetery (the Hamlin Lane entrance) on Sunday 5 November at 3.00pm to visit the graves of our loved ones. Even if they are buried far away come and join in this act of remembrance.

## The British Summer is over!

Some say it never started! Remember the clocks go back one hour at 2.00am next Sunday 29 October.

## Masses

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**Sunday 22 October**

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

**World Mission Day**

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

6.00pm *For the evangelisation of peoples*

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**Monday 23 October**

7.30am Convent

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**Tuesday 24 October**

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

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**Wednesday 25 October**

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 26 October**

9.30am

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**Friday 27 October**

7.30am Convent

10.30am **Funeral Mass**

**Mary Clare Leonard RIP**

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**Saturday 28 October**

9.30am

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**Sunday 29 October**

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *Bridie Hayes RIP*

10.30am *Fr John Watkins*

6.00pm *People of the parish*

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass  
on Saturday morning  
and by appointment.



## The Word

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**This Sunday 22 Oct**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 45:1. 4-6*

**Psalm Response**

*Give the Lord glory  
and power.*

**Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

**Gospel** *Matthew 22:15-21*

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**Next Sunday 29 Oct**

**First Reading**

*Exodus 22:20-26*

**Psalm Response**

*I love you, Lord, my strength*

**Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

**Gospel** *Matthew 22:34-40*

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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.

## Thank you

Collection Sunday  
8 October **£1,169.47**

## 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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**Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

**Assistant Priest**

Fr John Watkins

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Lesley Hooper

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Vince Clark &

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part of the Roman Catholic  
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