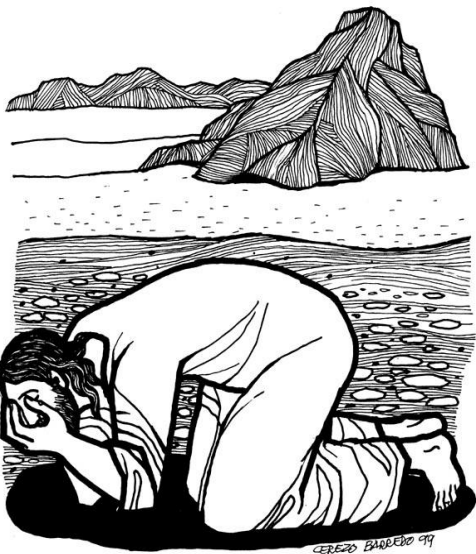


# Parish News



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**  
**18 February 2018 First Sunday of Lent Psalter 1**

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In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

## CAFOD

### Family Fast Day

Friday 23 February is CAFOD's Family Fast Day and is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On this day can you give up a meal or eat a simple meal in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost 3 million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough food to eat. For every pound you donate to CAFOD this Lent, the UK Government will also donate a pound up to a total of £5million. So twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong, twice the number of lives can be transformed.

### Family Fast Day Lunch

The CAFOD group will be providing a soup lunch in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Friday 23 February following Mass at 11.00am Please join us.

### Cafod news

In light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has issued a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities and this can be seen at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). You can also find a copy on the noticeboard in the church porch.

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### Walk with Me

Copies of this booklet, a Lenten Journey of Prayer, are available in the church porch. If you can give a donation of £1 please put the money in the box marked 'Books'.

## **Stations of the Cross**

In the church every Friday during Lent at 5.00pm with the Syro Malabar community and at 7.00pm with parish groups.

## **Lent Lunches in Heavitree**

During Lent simple lunches will be provided after a short prayer service at 12 noon at the following:

21 February - Heavitree URC

28 February - Blessed Sacrament

7 March - St Lawrence's Church

14 March - Wonford Methodist

21 March - St Michael's Church

All are welcome. Donations will be sent to Exeter Foodbank.

## **Lenten Retreat**

At St Rita's Centre Honiton on Saturday 3 March 10.30am till 4.30pm. For more details and how to book see notice in church porch or call 01404 42635 [stritas@btinternet.com](mailto:stritas@btinternet.com)

## **Praise & Worship**

Come and join us in a Praise and Worship evening at the St Richard Reynolds centre on Thursday 22 February from 7.15 - 9.00 pm. All very welcome. Contact for enquiries: Chris and Sue Lee - 01392 432929

## **Mass in the Extraordinary Form**

The next Mass in the extraordinary form will be at Blessed Sacrament Church today, Sunday 18 February at 3.00pm

## **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.

## **Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps 2018**

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps, to be held at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. Camp details and application forms are available in the church porch or on-line from the website: [www.pdsummercamps.org.uk](http://www.pdsummercamps.org.uk)  
Prompt applications are advisable.

# **Pilgrimages**

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 2019**

Bookings are coming in for this pilgrimage to be led by Bishop Mark from the 18 to 25 February next year. Completed booking forms and deposits need to be received before the 18 April this year. To request an itinerary and booking form, please contact Pilgrimage People on 0800 6123423 ([info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org)) quoting Ref: PLYM01. We will be travelling from Luton airport and options for transport to and from the airport will be available.

## **Plymouth 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 the church porch.

## **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

2 - 8 August 2018 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. A time of prayer and relaxation. Cost £495. For further info and how to book please contact Rev Anthony O'Gorman on 01637 851697 email: [anthony.o'gorman@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:anthony.o'gorman@prcdtr.org.uk).

## **Society of our Lady of Lourdes**

Sick, able-bodied and helper pilgrims are invited to join the Society of our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 25 May to 1 June - flying from Exeter. Further details from Sheelah on 01392 431927 or the Society Office: 0208 848 9833 e-mail [enquiries@soll-lourdes.com](mailto:enquiries@soll-lourdes.com)

## **Joint Services Pilgrimage**

Joint Services Hosanna House are taking enquiries for this year's pilgrimage from 17-25 May 2018. It is open to all veterans and their dependants with disabilities, and we provide 1-1 caring, we also include in our group a doctor, nurse and priest. We

stay at Hosanna House which provides facilities for all disabilities. For enquiries email [Richard.tipping@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Richard.tipping@blueyonder.co.uk) or call 01752 787697

### **Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

St James' Church, Tiverton is organising an Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes 5 – 14 April making travel possible for those who find it difficult to do so, offering nursing care and support where needed. Information is available on the website [www.across-uk.org.uk](http://www.across-uk.org.uk). To secure your place contact Sally 01884 798405 or email [srchapman@hotmail.com](mailto:srchapman@hotmail.com)

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### **The Spring Lourdes Get-together**

For anyone interested in Our Lady of Lourdes and Lourdes there will be a get-together on Saturday 17 March at the St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament church. Coffee will be served from 10.00am, with mass at 11.00am followed by a light lunch. All welcome: enquiries to Sheelah on 01392 431927

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

Services are being held on Friday 2 March with the title "**All God's creation is very good!**" A morning service will be held at Sacred Heart Church at 11.00am and an evening service at St Thomas Baptist Church at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

### **Exeter Food bank**

On Sundays during lent, there will be a box at the back of the church for your donations of non-perishable food in support of Exeter Foodbank. Please make this part of your "Pray / Fast / Give" Lenten intentions. Thank you.

### **YMCA Sleep Easy 2018**

Will you take part in Sleep Easy 2018 by getting sponsored to spend the night sleeping outside? Saturday 11 March 7pm till 7am. To book your place see poster in porch or at [www.sleepeasyexeter.org.uk](http://www.sleepeasyexeter.org.uk).

### **EYCC**

The next gathering of **Exeter's Young Catholic Community** will be on Wednesday 21 February in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.00 till 8.30pm. All 16-21 year olds welcome.

### **Exeter Catholic Youngsters**

The Exeter Parishes are setting up a group for our younger Catholics aged 11-15. To make this happen, we need volunteers from our community who could help. We are looking for over 18s to assist with talks, meetings, and activities. If you are interested, please get in touch with Erik Renz, [exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk) All volunteers will need a DBS check before they can start helping.

### **Collecting items for Uganda**

We collect various items for orphans in East Uganda who are between 6 years and 18 years. If you have items of clothing, books, beddings that we could take off your hands we would be most grateful. If you could leave them in the Church porch by the 25 March. We shall be travelling to Uganda on the 27 March and these items will be hand delivered by us, John and Nina Lubugumu. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Sick & Housebound Parishioners**

If you know of anyone who needs a priest to visit please let Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office know.

### **The Pope Tweets...**

When we confess our sins with humility and sincerity, we receive forgiveness and are reunited with God and our brothers and sisters.

**During Lent a recessional hymn will NOT be played at Masses.**

## Masses

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**Sunday 18 February**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

**9.00am** *People of the parish*

**10.30am**

**6.00pm**

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**Monday 19 February**

**NO Convent Mass**

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**Tuesday 20 February**

**10.30am Funeral Mass**

*Joseph Costello RIP*

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**Wednesday 21 February**

**St Peter Damian**

**9.30am** *Ann Geeney RIP*

**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 22 February**

**The Chair of St Peter**

**9.30am**

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**Friday 23 February**

**St Polycarp**

**7.30am** Convent Mass

**11.00am**

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**Saturday 24 February**

**NO Mass**

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**Sunday 25 February**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**9.00am** *Richard Ware RIP*

**10.30am** *People of the parish*

**6.00pm**

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning or by appointment.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Monday** 9.30am Blessed Sacrament.

**Tuesday** 8.00pm Mount St Mary Convent.

## The Word

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**This Sunday 18 Feb**

**First Reading**

*Genesis 9:8-15*

**Psalm Response**

*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

**Second Reading**

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

**Gospel** *Mark 1:12-15*

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**Next Sunday 25 Feb**

**First Reading**

*Genesis 22:1-2,9-13*

**Psalm Response**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**Second Reading**

*Romans 8:31-34*

**Gospel** *Mark 9:2-10*

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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  
11 February **£1100.82**

## 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

**Priest in retirement**

Fr John Watkins

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**Parish Secretary**

Lesley Hooper

**Safeguarding Reps**

Vince Clark &  
Lesley Hooper

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Angela Folland

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