

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
1 April 2018 Easter Sunday.



Resurrexit sicut dixit. Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Sunday

A Divine Mercy service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 8 April at 3.00pm. Fr John Watkins will be the celebrant and it will be preceded by confessions at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre afterwards and all are welcome.

livesimply

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lent *livesimply* actions by donating to the food bank and responding generously to the CAFOD Fast Day appeal. You can still donate to the CAFOD Lent appeal <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent> online until 12 May. Well done also to the children at St Nicholas school who embraced *livesimply* and Pope Francis' words in 'Laudato Si' as part of their Lenten journey! If you committed to one of the *livesimply* Lent pledges, perhaps you can try to continue on this path.

We always welcome new ideas for *livesimply* actions. Get in touch by sending a message to livesimplyexeter@gmail.com and, if you can, come to the *livesimply* meetings. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, 7 April, 10.00am, in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Easter Offering Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the porch and may be returned with any of the collections over Easter. These are for your personal contribution to the parish clergy.

1115 Group

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them as it had upon us at the beginning". Acts 11:15

A new group for youngsters aged 11-15 will meet on Thursday 5 April at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. We hope as many of our youngsters as possible will come along and finding out more about what we can do for them as a Church. Look forward to seeing you there.

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next meeting of EYCC will be on Wednesday 4 April in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.00pm. If you're aged 16 to 21 you are most welcome to join us.

Urafiki Coffee Morning

St Richard Reynolds Centre Saturday 14 April from 10.00 till 12.00. All welcome.

Share the Journey

Taking action in solidarity with people fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty, Pope Francis has launched ***Share the Journey***, a new global campaign for the rights of people on the move. He reminds us: "Christ asks us to welcome our brother and sister migrants and refugees with arms wide open". Join Bishop Mark at **Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 5 May 2018 at 1.00- 4.30pm** for a **Share the Journey Afternoon** to reflect, pray and find out how we can take action in solidarity with migrants and refugees. Be inspired by speakers Bishop Mark, Libby Abbott of CAFOD and Nick Hanrahan of Jesuit Refugee Service UK. Be resourced, share ideas and make plans. The **Share the Journey Exhibition** (first shown in the Houses of Parliament) will be at **Buckfast Abbey** for two weeks from **27 April until 13 May**. For further information contact mary.conway@prcdtr.org.uk or sgiarchi@cafod.org.uk

Rosary on the Coast

For faith, life and peace in the British Isles - Sunday 29 April. For more info visit www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk An opportunity to pray for a re-flourishing of faith across the British Isles as a New Spring Time within the Church, so that we Christians of these lands might spread the Gospel in its fullness in a renewed and joyous way.

Catholic Children's Society News

Celebrate Ascension Thursday at Buckfast Abbey: join the Catholic Children's Society

for the day on 10 May to raise funds for our local families in need. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by lunch and a talk from the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe. Tickets £25 to include lunch and a tour of the grounds or the Abbey. Call our office 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk for details.

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.

SVP Fundraiser

Resurrection Rock

Peter Kelly was really passionate about linking St Nicholas School with the great local work of the SVP. The children are performing the Easter story in thanksgiving for Peter and a retiring collection will be made for the SVP. Please come along to Blessed Sacrament Church on Tuesday 24 April at 7.00pm to enjoy a musical evening using songs from Jesus Christ Superstar and Resurrection Rock to tell the wonderful Easter story.

We welcome...

Grace Samways who will be baptised into the church community this week. We pray for her, her family and her god parents. Also Peter Hollingsworth who was baptised at the Easter vigil.

We pray for...

The repose of the soul of Lucia Kirk RIP whose funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 4 April at 9.30am at Blessed Sacrament.

National Eucharistic Congress – Adoremus

Being held in Liverpool in September 2018. Thousands of people from all around the country will come together for this Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. The aims of the Congress are: to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration,

encourage greater understanding and love for the Blessed Sacrament; provide resources for Eucharistic adoration in parishes and schools, better equip and form catechists and Extraordinary Ministers; confirm parish ministry around centrality of the Eucharist. Events will be held in parishes while the Congress takes place. More details to follow soon.

Sleep Easy 2018

Exeter's Young Homelessness Awareness Fundraiser. Around 50 people slept out in Exeter and raised more than £30,000, an outstanding amount. The funds will benefit the Exeter YMCA homelessness services and help shine a spotlight on youth homelessness, getting more people talking about the issue and making a decision to act upon it. Thank You, Chris Lee.

Run To the Son

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 June at Buckfast Abbey. For the second year, a weekend of prayer and inspiration to help equip you for mission. Main features include: a day of growth in discipleship led by Fr. Oscar Ardila, a night vigil of prayer welcoming the dawn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and a sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. Tickets £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms and more detail available online at www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or contact St. Peter's parish, Plymouth on 01752 701660 if you have any queries.

Mass on Monday morning

Mass will be celebrated in the church at 9.30am on Easter Monday.

THANK YOU

to you all for making the celebration of the Easter Triduum so moving and prayerful. Thank you for your faithfulness and your continued witness to Christ and his Church. It is inspiring and a real hope for the future. God bless you all.

Masses

Sunday 1 April

Easter Sunday

9.00am

10.30am *Peter Hollingsworth*

No 6.00pm Mass

Monday 2 April

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Tuesday 3 April

7.00pm

Wednesday 4 April

9.30am Funeral Mass

Lucia Kirk RIP

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 5 April

9.30am

Friday 6 April

No Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 7 April

9.30am

Sunday 8 April

Divine Mercy Sunday

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am

3.00pm Divine Mercy

Service in church

6.00pm

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Mondays 9.30am

Blessed Sacrament Church.

Tuesdays 8.00pm

Mount St Mary Convent.

The Word

This Sunday 1 April

First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Psalm Response

*This day was made by
the Lord; we rejoice and
are glad.*

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel *John 20:1-9*

Next Sunday 8 April

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm Response

*Give thanks to the Lord for
he is good,
for his love has no end.*

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

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.

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.

Thank you

Collection Sunday
25 March **£1262.31**

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