

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
15 April 2018 3rd Sunday of Easter. Psalter 3



The Gospel this week gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - the meeting in Jerusalem when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish. He reminds the disciples of all he suffered so the 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins' could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us St Peter doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem. He takes them through recent events highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to 'repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.' The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he 'becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away'. So all that St John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.

Rosary on the Coast

Sunday 29 April

For faith, life and peace in the British Isles
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. **We will join this prayer crusade on Exmouth Seafront at 3.00pm. We will meet at the Lifeboat Station by Maer rocks (2 large car parks nearby) at 2.30pm. Please make your own arrangements to get to Exmouth. If you can offer, or need a lift, please get in touch with the parish office. All welcome.** www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Good Shepherd Sunday - It's your call - is being celebrated on Sunday 22 April and is a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This year the Diocese has one applicant going forward to the selection advisory conference in April, so we ask you to keep him in your prayers. There will be a retiring collection next Sunday for the Seminarians Fund. Gift aid envelopes are available in the church porch to take and return for the collection.

We welcome in baptism...

Noah Davey and Thomas Barraclough who will be baptised into the church community this week. We pray for them, their families and Godparents.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form

At Blessed Sacrament, 15 April at 3.00pm

Thursday Lunch Club

The fortnightly lunch club is flourishing and we are into our tenth year but we are short of helpers and so if anyone feels able to offer - no cooking involved - or simply wishes to find out more about us, please ring Di Bish on 07940 142124

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Tip of the week: Every day, 24 million slices of bread are thrown away in the UK. To keep bread for longer, put it in the freezer and use it straight from frozen to make toast. For innovative ways of using toast and other tips and recipes for reducing food waste, check out <https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Preparing for Baptism

Next preparation course for parents is on Saturday 19 May at 10.30 am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please book your place with the Parish Office.

Catholic Women's League

The monthly Mass for the work of the CWL is on Saturday 21 April at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am. Coffee and cakes will be served after Mass in the Lower Room. The monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 24 April at the Mount St Mary's meeting room at 2.00pm.

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next meeting of EYCC will be on Wednesday 18 April in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.00pm. If you're aged 16 to 21 you are most welcome to join us.

1115 group

The next 1115 group meeting will be on Wednesday April 25 from 6.30-8.00 pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Everyone aged 11-15 is welcome to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to meeting and engaging with you! Any questions, please contact Erik Renz exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk

Prayer and Praise evening

The next prayer & Praise evening will be held in the St Richard Reynolds centre on Thursday 26 April from 7.15-9.00pm

Charismatic prayer group

The next prayer group will be held in the St Richard Reynolds centre on Thursday 10 May from 7.15 - 9.00pm.

Summer Camps

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps, to be held at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. Details and application forms from the website: www.pdsummercamps.org.uk Prompt applications are advisable.

Resurrection Rock SVP Fundraiser

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.

Run to the Son

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 June at Buckfast Abbey. A weekend of prayer and inspiration to help equip you for mission. 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 sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. Tickets £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms available online at www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or contact St. Peter's parish Plymouth on 01752 701660.

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

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.

A Day with Mary

On Saturday 28 April at the Cathedral Church of SS Peter & Paul, Clifton Park, Bristol starting at 10.00am. Details can be found on poster in the church porch.

Refreshments after Mass

St Richard Reynolds Centre after 10.30 Mass on Sunday and 9.30 Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint a Parish Secretary (part-time for 25 hours per week) for Our Lady and St Patrick, Teignmouth. A job description and application form can be obtained from Jan Holton 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Last date for receipt of applications Monday 16 April. Interviews to be held on Monday 23 April at Our Lady and St Patrick.

Help Needed

By Churches At The Devon County Show - Thursday, Friday and Saturday 17, 18 and 19 May. This is an opportunity for witness, worship and hospitality. Volunteers are needed on Thursday 17 May to help man the tea bar, serving tea or coffee and cake throughout the day in shifts giving time to enjoy the show. People who are attending the Show during any of the three days are being asked to welcome people who come to the stand, show them what is available and listen to anyone who wants to talk. We need homemade cake, biscuits or scones. A drop off point for these will be the Lower room of the Sacred Heart Church, South Street from 10.30am until 12.30pm on Wednesday 16 May. To discuss the possibility of helping in any way please contact Frances Canning on 01392 209542 or email francesandedward@blueyonder.co.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

18 to 25 February led by Bishop Mark. Completed booking forms and deposits need to be received before the **18 April**. To request an itinerary and booking form, please contact Pilgrimage People on 0800 6123423 (info@pilgrimagepeople.org) quoting Ref: PLYM01.

The Pope Tweets...

Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church.

Masses

Sunday 15 April

9.00am *Ken Hobbs RIP*

10.30am *People of the parish*

6.00pm

Monday 16 April

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 17 April

NO Mass

Wednesday 18 April

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 19 April

9.30am

Theresa McDonnell RIP

Friday 20 April

No Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 21 April

9.30am

Sunday 22 April

***World Day of Prayer for
Vocations***

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the parish*

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Mondays 9.30am

Blessed Sacrament Church
except 9 & 23 April

Tuesdays 8.00pm

Mount St Mary Convent.

**Parent and Toddler
Group**

Mondays at 9.30am till

11.30am in St Richard

Reynolds Centre. All
welcome, especially new

parents and

babies/toddlers.

The Word

This Sunday 15 April

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15.17-19

Psalm Response

*Lift up the light of your face
on us, O Lord*

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

Gospel *Luke 24:35-48*

Next Sunday 22 April

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm Response

*The stone which the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone*

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

Gospel *John 10:11-18*

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
8 April **£1175.70**

Contact us

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