

ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
22 April 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter. Psalter 4**

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. 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 for the Seminarians Fund. Gift aid envelopes are available in the church porch.

Rosary on the Coast

Next Sunday 29 April

There will be a national saying of the Rosary around the Coast of the British Isles on Sunday 29 April. . **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

Preparing for Baptism

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

Sponsored Walk

You can support the work of **Exeter Foodbank** by joining this sponsored walk on June 23. More information is available from walk@exeterfoodbank.org.uk or by phoning 07818226524

Livesimply

The next *livesimply* meeting will be on Saturday 28 April at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome! The focus of the meeting will be to work on the *livesimply* action plan for our parish. Over the last few months, the *livesimply* group has been developing a number of ideas for action, but there is always scope for more. Do you have a suggestion for a parish initiative that corresponds to one of the three themes: 1) Living simply, 2) Living in solidarity with people in poverty, 3) Living sustainably with creation? If so, please come along to the meeting or get in touch via livesimplyexeter@gmail.com.

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.

Thursday Lunch Club

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

Catholic Women's League

The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 24 April at the Mount St Mary's meeting room at 2.00pm.

Prayer and Praise evening

Will be held in the St Richard Reynolds centre on Thursday 26 April from 7.15pm

1115 group

The next 1115 group meeting will be on Wednesday April 25 from 6.30-8.00pm 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

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next meeting of EYCC will be on Wednesday 2 May in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.00pm. If you're aged 16 to 21 you are most welcome to join us.

True Survivor

A vocation event for teenage boys aged 13 to 18 on May 29 to 31. Come along to a 'wild camping' experience offering formation in Christian manhood. It offers a combination of training in survival skills and an explanation of how we need parallel skills in the spiritual life. This year's schedule includes input on the priesthood as a model of manhood and so those attending need to be open to considering a priestly vocation, please see the poster in the porch, contact Fr Dylan James our Vocations Promotor, or at www.beyondthewild.org.

Flores De May and Santacruzán

Takes place at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Torquay, on Saturday 12 May. The celebration starts from Princess Gardens Pavilion at 2.30pm processing to the Church for Holy Mass at 5.45pm, followed by a Filipino Cultural Show and food. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Groups on the Eucharist

In preparation for **Adoremus 2018 - The Eucharistic Congress** in Liverpool in September, we will be running several parish groups, at various times and places. The purpose of the groups will be: to help us grow in love and understanding of the Mass, our appreciation of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and foster our sense of mission which springs from the Eucharist. There are 6 sessions, usually held bi-monthly, following an excellent booklet by Fr Stephen Wang, and recommended by Bishop Mark. Each session includes Prayer, discussion and reflection and lasts between an hour/hour-and-a-half. Sign up using forms listing the details of the groups which will be available next week. All are welcome to participate. There are also a series of podcasts that are available to help us understand further what, as a church, are being invited to prepare for. **Podcast 1: An Invitation to us all:** <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Let-Us-Adore-Him-Adoremus-Podcasts/Episode-1>

A Day with Mary

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.

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. 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.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children [SPUC]

March for Life - London 5 May. Join with thousands of other pro-lifers. Coach pick up at Exeter Services at 8.00am and returns at 5.00pm. Cost £25 per person. If you can't join us, please consider making a donation to cover the cost of coach hire.

SPUC Regional Conference, Saturday 19 May 1.00- 4.30pm at Buckfast Conference Centre. Speakers will be coming from HQ to explain the latest attacks on unborn life. For further info for both events: Chris Hudson Tel: 01752 224018

Share the Journey

Join Bishop Mark at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 5 May, 1.00 pm - 4.30 pm, for a Share the Journey afternoon to find out how we can take action in solidarity with migrants and refugees. For further information contact: mary.conway@prcdtr.org.uk or sgiarchi@cafod.org.uk.

Catholic Children's Society

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.

Back by Popular Demand

Did you miss out by not getting tickets for the last "**Murder Mystery**" event? By popular demand it has come back to life! On Sunday 13 May at 3.00pm at Cardinal Newman House. Tickets £5 – to include tea and cake. So don't miss out again there are only a limited number of tickets which will be available to buy from the parish office from Tuesday 24 April.

Thank you message

It is a year since Roger Sayer was admitted to hospital with a life threatening illness. He spent three months in hospital and he would like to thank all those who gave him support, visited him and offered prayers for him which have all helped greatly with his remarkable recovery.

Help Needed

Churches at the Devon County Show need help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 17, 18 and 19 May. 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 on 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 from 10.30am until 12.30pm on Wednesday 16 May. If you can help please contact Frances Canning on 01392 209542 or francesandedward@blueyonder.co.uk

Quiet Day at Buckfast

The next in Fr Christopher's series is on Saturday 12 May in the Violet Evelyn Hall at the Southgate Retreat Centre at 10.00am until 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 subject is: *Jesus said 'Love your enemies', is this at all possible?* The cost is £15, to include refreshments and a light lunch. Booking forms are 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

Masses

Sunday 22 April

*World Day of Prayer for
Vocations*

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the parish*

Monday 23 April

St George

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 24 April

NO Mass

Wednesday 25 April

St Mark

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 26 April

9.30am

Friday 27 April

No Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 28 April

9.30am

Sunday 29 April

9.00am *Maryvonne Green RIP*

10.30am *People of the parish*

6.00pm *Sr Patrick's birthday*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be **NO** Adoration on Monday at the church or Tuesday at the Convent this week only

Parent and Toddler Group

Meets at 9.30am till 11.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome, especially new parents with babies and toddlers.

The Word

This 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*

Next Sunday 29 April

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

Psalm Response

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

Gospel *John 15:1-8*

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
15 April **£1019.06**

Contact us

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