

# Parish News



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**  
**4 March 2018 Third Sunday of Lent Psalter 3**

## **Walk with Me Lent Companion**

Copies are still 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. Friday 9 March will be led by the Catholic Women's League.

## **Lent Lunches in Heavitree**

The next prayer service followed by a simple lent lunch will be held on Wednesday 7 March at St Lawrence church at 12.00 noon. All are welcome. Donations will be sent to Exeter Foodbank.

## **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.

## **Sunday Mass Times**

This weekend as last we will be asking you for your thoughts on the times of the Sunday morning Masses. More time between them would enable those who attend the earlier Mass to stay for coffee and socialise. It would also considerably ease the congestion in the car park. This is a consultative process and your thoughts on the matter would be very helpful.

## **Music Ministry Prayer Gathering**

There will be prayer gathering for those who are involved in music ministry in the parish at 10.30am on Saturday 10 of March in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you

are or would like to be involved in music ministry in our parish, please join us. There will be an opportunity to pray together as well as to have a cup of coffee and a chat, so we can get to know each other better.

## **livesimply**

Last week, the Mustard Seeds group at St Nicholas school have been running a fair trade tuck shop as part of the children's Lenten *livesimply* journey. As Fair Trade Fortnight continues for another week, perhaps we can all make an effort to watch out for fair trade goods when we do our shopping.



## **Lent Quiet Day**

The first in Fr Christopher's series of Quiet days in 2018 will take place on Saturday 10 March in the Violet Evelyn Hall at the Southgate Retreat Centre. The subject of this Quiet Day is '*This is my commandment, love one another...but love has its enemies*'. The day begins with tea & coffee at 10.00am and runs 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 cost remains at £15, to include refreshments and a light lunch. Application forms are available in the church porch.

# 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. 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.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2 – 8 August 2018 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. Cost £779. For further information and to book please see the information in the church porch.

## Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2 – 8 August 2018 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. 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

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)

## Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 1 July 2018. £649 per person sharing. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. See poster in church porch or contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps 2018

Applications are now being taken for places at the 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.

## 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

## Exeter Foodbank

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

Saturday 10 March 7pm till 7am. To book your place see poster in porch or at [www.sleepeasyexeter.org.uk](http://www.sleepeasyexeter.org.uk).

Chris Lee is taking part and is looking for sponsorship. Go to his Just Giving Page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chrislee4ymcaexeter/> or there are some sponsorship forms in the porch that you can add your name to. Please gift aid your contribution on the form, if you pay tax in the UK this will generate a further 25% to help homeless young people. If you need any help contact Chris on 07702 435890. Thank you

## **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**

Forthcoming event!

Great Big Diocesan Quiz Friday 13 April. Two years ago the Blessed Sacrament were runners up in the Diocese. Can we do better? If you would like organise this for the parish contact the parish office.

## **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.

## **St Vincent de Paul Society**

How about giving up a little of your time during Lent? Could you give perhaps just an hour or two each week to those in need by joining the St Vincent de Paul Society? Sometimes the most important thing we can offer is the hand of friendship. This could be your chance to help those local people who are in need. If you would like to know more about the SVP and what we do then please get in touch with Mike Eden y email: [mike.eden52@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.eden52@btinternet.com) or by phone: 07760 493940

## **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.

## **Exeter's Young Catholic Community**

The next gathering of EYCC is on Wednesday 14 March in the St Richard Reynolds Centre 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.

## **RISE Theatre**

Presents a new, original play about the life of Blessed Oscar Romero - 'Romero Heartbeat of El Salvador' on Wednesday 28 March at Notre Dame School, Plymouth at 7.00pm. For information how to obtain tickets see notice in the church porch, call 01752775101 or at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre)

## **Collecting items for Uganda**

Do you have items of clothing, books, beddings that could go to Uganda for young people? Please leave them in the Church porch as 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.

## **Music during Lent**

Some of you have been asking why we're not having a hymn at the end of Mass during Lent. It's really the same reason we don't sing 'Alleluia'. The tone of the season is quieter and more reflective, it is a penitential season after all. So the final procession of the ministers is accompanied by solemn silence. Then, at Easter, we will celebrate the resurrection once more rejoicing with music and singing.

# Masses

**Sunday 4 March**  
3rd Sunday of Lent  
**9.00am**  
**10.30am**  
**6.00pm** *People of the parish*

**Monday 5 March**  
**7.30am** Convent Mass

**Tuesday 6 March**  
**7.00pm**

**Wednesday 7 March**  
**9.30am**  
**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

**Thursday 8 March**  
**9.30am**

**Friday 9 March**  
**7.30am** Convent Mass  
**9.30am**

**Saturday 10 March**  
**9.30am**

**Sunday 11 March**  
4th Sunday of Lent  
*Laetare Sunday*  
**9.00am**  
**10.30am**  
**6.00pm**

## 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

## This Sunday 4 March

**First Reading**  
*Exodus 20:1-17*  
**Psalm Response**  
*You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*  
**Second Reading**  
*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*  
**Gospel** *John 2:13-25*

## Next Sunday 11 Mar

**First Reading**  
**Psalm Response**  
**Second Reading**  
**Gospel**

## 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  
25 February £1250.38  
Cafod fast day collection  
£1114.11

## 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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