

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
29 April 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter. Psalter 1

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A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



There are two obvious themes to today's readings: St Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter – baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the

Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

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.

Liturgy of the Word for children

During the 10.30am Mass most Sundays.

Refreshments

Sunday after 10.30am Mass and Wednesday after 9.30am Mass.

Parents and Toddlers

Monday mornings 9.30–11.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome especially new faces.

Getting married?

Congratulations! Please give us six months' notice if you are planning to marry in the Church.

Sick parishioners

Please inform one of the priests of the parish office if you know someone who is in need of a visit.

Newsletter

Deadline for newsletter items 4.00pm Wednesday. By phone or email.

Thank you

Collection Sunday
29 April **£1297.97**

Calendar of Events

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| Tues 8 May | Parish Evangelisation Team meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i> |
| Weds 9 May | Exeter History Group visit to Blessed Sacrament Church 10.30am |
| Thurs 10 May | Charismatic Prayer Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Fri 11 May | 1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Sat 12 May | Exeter Marriage Preparation Day <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 9.00am</i> |
| Sat 12 May | First Holy Communion Reconciliation <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 11.00am</i> |
| Sat 12 May | Quiet Day <i>Buckfast Abbey 10.00am</i> |
| Sun 13 May | Murder Mystery <i>Cardinal Newman House 3.00pm</i> |
| Mon 14 May | Kathryn Mannix talk <i>Lecture theatre RD&E 1.00pm and 3.00pm</i> |
| Tues 15 May | Kathryn Mannix talk <i>Waterstone's Exeter 6.30pm</i> |
| Wed 16 May | EYCC Exeter's Young Catholic Community <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 17 May | Thursday Luncheon Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 10 May | CAFOD Group meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Fri 18 May | May Crowning of Our Lady <i>St Nicholas School 9.15am</i> |
| Sat 19 May | Baptism Preparation Course <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.30am</i> |
| Sat 19 May | Pentecost Praise Vigil <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 5.30pm</i> |
| Sat 19 May | Renewal of marriage Vows <i>Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm</i> |
| Sun 20 May | Mass in the Extraordinary Form <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i> |
| Sun 20 May | Pentecost Park Picnic <i>Heavitree Park 12.30pm</i> |
| Mon 21 May | First Adoremus Group Meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Tues 22 May | Mass in honour of St Rita and Blessing and Distribution of roses <i>St Rita's Honiton 12.00pm</i> |

We pray for...

The young people of Exeter who are being confirmed by Bishop Mark at Sacred Heart Church today.

Parish Groups on the Eucharist

In preparation for **Adoremus 2018 – The Eucharistic Congress**, in Liverpool in September, we will be running several parish groups. 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, following a booklet by Fr Stephen Wang, and recommended by Bishop Mark. Each session includes Prayer, discussion and reflection and lasts up to an hour and a half. Sign up using the forms, indicating where the groups will be held, are in the church porch. All are welcome to participate. There are also a series of podcasts that are available to help us understand further what, we as a church, are being invited to prepare for. **Podcast 2: Journey like the magi:** <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Let-Us-Adore-Him-Adoremus-Podcasts/Episode-2>

Preparing for Baptism

Next preparation course for parents is on Saturday 19 May at 10.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptised in the near future please book your place with the Parish Office.

World Communications Day

The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on Sunday 13 May, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work.

livesimply

At their meeting on 28 April the members of the parish *livesimply* group agreed on an action plan that will be sent to CAFOD as part of the process of gaining the *livesimply* award. The plan consists of nine key actions that relate to the three *livesimply* themes and is displayed at the back of church. In order to implement the plan, we will need the support of the whole parish. Further details on different elements of the plan will be provided in the newsletter over the coming weeks. Please note that there are likely to be other *livesimply* activities that have not been included in the action plan, and there is always scope for new ideas. All parish members are invited to contribute ideas to our *livesimply* journey. You are welcome to join the group at any time and/or attend the meetings whenever you can (the next one is scheduled for Saturday 9 June at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre). If you would like further information, please contact livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or leave a message at the parish office.

Pentecost Praise Vigil

Come to Blessed Sacrament church on Saturday 19 May at 5.30 till 6.30pm for an hour of praise and worship calling on the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Picnic in the Park

Come along to Heavitree Park on Pentecost Sunday 20 May and join parishioners and locals to celebrate the 'Church's Birthday'. Bring your own picnic and wear red or orange to symbolise the flames. There will be a birthday cake and balloons.

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next meeting of EYCC will be on Wednesday 16 May 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 youth group meeting will be on Friday May 11 from 6.30-8.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree. 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 at exeteryouthworker@prcdtr.org.uk

Renewal of Marriage Vows

There will be an opportunity for married couples to renew their vows during 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 19 May at Sacred Heart church. Everyone is welcome. Wine and nibbles will be available at the back of church after Mass.

Exeter Bach Society

Recital by Thomas Hobbs on Saturday 12 May at 7.30pm at St Luke's College Chapel. Tickets £12 in advance or £14 on the door. Music of Eastern Europe on Saturday 2 June at 7.30pm at St Margaret's church, Topsham Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door. Advance tickets and more information are available from their website www.exeterbachsociety.org

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. Tickets £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities (other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms online at www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or contact St. Peter's parish Plymouth on 01752 701660.

Flores De Mayo

A traditional Filipino Marian devotion of Mass, a procession, devotion and flower offerings at Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday 26 May at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Pilgrimage to Buckfast

The annual pilgrimage to Buckfast will take place on Wednesday 30 May. This is organised by the CWL but everyone is welcome. A coach will leave Holloway Street at 12noon and Blessed Sacrament at 12.10pm. The return journey will begin at 5.30pm. The cost will be £10. Please contact Frances Canning 01392 209542 if you would like to come or want more details. This is a lovely spiritual and social occasion.

Annual Music & Liturgy Day

With composer and liturgist Paul Inwood at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Newton Abbot on 23 June. All are welcome including instruments. 'Music for the Journey' a day looking at a variety of music by different composers for times of sorrow and joy, and for moments when we are at changing points in our lives. Cost - £10 per person including tea/coffee. It will start with registration at 10.00am and finish with a closing liturgy at 4.00pm. Further information available by emailing: enquiries@mainstream-cts.co.uk with subject Liturgy Day. Prior booking is essential before 31 May.

Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to act as "extras" in a 30 minute section of a film on the Reformation for EWTN Catholic TV network from the USA. The episode will focus on The Battle of Fenny Bridges, and be filmed in and around Feniton in early September. A copy of Sacred Heart's Five Wounds banner will feature. Able-bodied men of 18 or older are needed, and some women and accompanied children for non-battle scenes. A "walk through" in July or August at Feniton is expected. Anyone interested please contact Ruth Yendell 01392 215147 ruthyendell@yahoo.com

True Survivor

A vocation event for 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, Vocations Promotor, or at www.beyondthewild.org.

MURDER MYSTERY

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. Proceeds will be going to Mary's Meals. For information about this charity go to www.marymeals.org.uk. So don't miss out again there are only a limited number of tickets which are available to buy from the parish office.

Quiet Day at Buckfast

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.

Adult server at Mass

Is there someone amongst our parishioners who feels called to serve the parish in this way? If you do, please speak to Fr Jonathan or Fr John. Thank you to all our servers who do a wonderful job on Sunday but also during the week.

Churches Together at Devon County Show 2018

Volunteers are needed on Thursday 17 May to help serving tea or coffee and cake on the Churches Together stand throughout the day in shifts giving volunteers time to enjoy the show. If you are visiting the show on any of the days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday 17, 18 and 19 May) please come along to the stand and help welcome visitors, showing them what is available and listening to anyone who wants to talk. We also need donations of homemade cakes, biscuits or scones. The drop off point for these will be the Lower Room of 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

Foodbank 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

World Meeting of Families 2018

Pope Francis confirms he will travel to Ireland to take part in the 9th World Meeting of Families which takes place in Dublin 21 – 26 August. Visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets for more information.

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.

Thursday Lunch Club

The Thursday Lunch Club is flourishing but are short of helpers so if anyone feels able to offer help - no cooking involved - or wishes to find out more ring Di Bish on 07940 142124

CAFOD

Thank you for your support for our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe & Zambia - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet to reach the target! You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent".

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention, for someone who is ill or a loved one who has died, in thanksgiving for an answer to prayer or perhaps something personal, please see Lesley in the parish office who will be able to help you find a date and time which suits you. It is traditional to make an offering at the same time. This is simply what you can afford and would like to give.

St Nick's News

We are looking forward to a long weekend and the prospect of some sunny weather. Parishioners are welcome to come to our Ascension Mass to be held in the school hall on Thursday 10th May at 1.45pm and / or our May Crowning liturgy to be held at 9.15am on Friday 18th May. Our Drop off Drop In coffee mornings have also restarted every Wednesday from 8.45am - 9.30am. Parishioners are welcome to join staff and parents to enjoy fresh coffee and cakes!

The Eucharistic Congress Parish / School Group - Please note that one of the parish groups to support this congress is meeting at St Nicholas School on Friday mornings. Please sign up on the form at the back of the church.

New Parishioners

Are you new to Blessed Sacrament parish? If so, you are most welcome and we hope you will be very happy here. If you haven't already done so, please provide us with your contact details. Forms are available in the church porch and from the parish office (electronically) and should be returned to the office once completed. This also applies if you have been here for a while but not yet completed a form. It is good for us to know something about you and to be able to keep you updated with things happening in the parish. Thank you.

Youth Synod Gathering

2 - 5 July at Buckfast Abbey for 16 - 19 year olds. You are invited to respond to the call of Pope Francis to meet with other young people as part of the international preparations for the 2018 papal synod on Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment. Cost £50. Contact fiona.hutchings@prcdtr.org.uk for more information

Monsignor Harry Doyle

This year Fr Harry Doyle celebrates the golden Jubilee of his ordination as a priest. He has been associated with the Exeter Deanery for over 25 years. There will be an anniversary Mass at Plymouth Cathedral on Friday 8 June at 12.00noon for all those priests in the Diocese who celebrate their jubilee in 2018. You are very welcome to attend. Holy Cross in Topsham, Fr Harry's current parish, is organising a collection in recognition of the work he has done for Plymouth diocese over the last 50 years including his work for Exeter Deanery. They will present him with a cheque and a small gift after the 11.00 am Mass at Holy Cross on 10 June. If you would like to donate, please place your cash contribution in an envelope marked 'Gift for Fr Harry Doyle' and put through the presbytery letterbox or hand in to the Parish office. Many thanks.

Dying Matters Week

As part of Dying Matters week, Palliative Care Physician, Dr Kathryn Mannix is coming to Exeter to give talks on her latest book 'With the End in Mind'. This is Kathryn's exploration of the biggest taboo in our society and the only certainty we all share: death. Hear first-hand how the author of this extraordinary book sends a vital message to the living and answers the most urgent, intimate and fascinating questions about the end-of-life process. Kathryn is the medical advisor to the Art of Dying Well website. Kathryn will be at Waterstones Bookshop, Roman Gate, Exeter at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15 May. Tickets for this are £3 and are available instore or on line www.bit.ly/wexmannix It is essential that you book. It may still be possible to hear her talk at the RD&E Lecture Theatre at 1.00 and 3.00pm. These are fully booked but there may be cancellations. Visit the RD&E Members Website www.rdemembers.com. Or for further information call 01392 403977.

Feast of St Rita of Cascia

You are invited to join the Augustinian Recollect community in Honiton to celebrate the feast of St Rita on Tuesday 22 May at St Rita's Centre. Mass is at 12.00 noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The principal celebrant will be Fr Jonathan Stewart, Dean of Exeter. At 3.30pm there will be benediction. You are very welcome to join this celebration. Hot drinks will be available all day but you will need to take a packed lunch.

Walsingham

Marriage and family life pilgrimage week 11 – 17 August at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham. For more info visit www.walsingham.org.uk or email family@walssingham.org.uk or call 01328801007

The Pope Tweets...

Praying means being with God, experiencing God, loving God

Winslade Reunion

Are you an 'Old Boy' of St Mary's Winslade School? If so, you are invited to a reunion taking place on Saturday 16 June. Mass at 9.30am will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament by Fr Jonathan, himself an 'old boy', followed by a get together at Cardinal Newman House from 11.00am till 6.00pm. Numbers attending are needed for catering so if you want to attend please contact the parish office for details on how to book or contact Pat Cauldwell at cauldwell@tinyworld.co.uk

Come & See

If you are 20-40, a committed Catholic and seriously considering the possibility of a vocation to be a Benedictine Monk at Buckfast Abbey come to Come & See, a vocations weekend on 16-21 May at Buckfast Abbey. Contact The Abbot or email vocations@buckfast.org.uk

Parish News now every two weeks

We have decided to try publishing the parish newsletter every two weeks rather than every Sunday. We have included a Calendar of Events which is easy to refer to and will hopefully keep you in touch with what's going on in and around the parish and diocese. Obviously this will mean that if you want an item to appear you will have to make sure it gets to the Parish Office in good time (by Wednesday afternoon). We also hope to have a notice board on the outside of the church doors so that even if the church is locked you will be able to find out the times of Masses etc.

Mass Times

Please refer to the notice board on the church door for any alterations.

Sunday 6 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am *Special Intention*

10.30am

Confirmation Candidates

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 7 May

May Bank Holiday

8.00am *Convent*

Tuesday 8 May

7.00pm *For peace*

Wednesday 9 May

9.30am *Walter leach RIP*

4.00pm *RD&E Hospital*

Thursday 10 May

The Ascension of the Lord
Holy day of Obligation

9.30am

7.00pm

Friday 11 May

7.30am *Convent*

9.30am

Saturday 12 May

9.30am

Sunday 13 May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Kathleen Jenkinson RIP

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Monday 14 May

St Matthias

7.30am *Mass Convent*

Tuesday 15 May

7.00pm

Peter Kelleher RIP

Wednesday 16 May

9.30am

4.00pm *RD&E Hospital*

Thursday 17 May

9.30am

Friday 18 May

7.30am *Convent*

9.30am

Saturday 19 May

9.30am

10.00am *Confessions*

5.30pm *Pentecost Praise*

Vigil Church

Sunday 20 May

Pentecost

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am

Intention

6.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Mondays 9.30am Church

Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent

The Word

This Sunday 6 May

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

Psalm Response

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading

1John 4:7-10

Gospel John 15:9-17

Next Sunday 13 May

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17.20-26

Psalm Response

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading

1John 4:11:16

Gospel John 17:11-19

Next Sunday 20 May

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm Response

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23



You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last.