

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
20 May 2018 Pentecost Sunday.

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*Blessed Sacrament Parish is
part of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Plymouth.*

The Spirit of truth will lead
you to the complete truth.



We have arrived at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

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
6 May **£1122.93**
13 May **£1227.63**

Calendar of Events

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| 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> |
| Wed 23 May | 1115 Youth Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 24 May | Praise and Worship
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Sat 26 May | Livesimply Sewing/knitting Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i> |
| Sat 26 May | Flores de Mayo
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 4.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 31 May | Thursday Lunch Club
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm</i> |
| Fri 1 June
& Sat 2 June
Sun 3 June | Syro Malabar Retreat
<i>Church & St Richard Reynolds Centre</i> |
| Mon 4 June | Corpus Christi procession
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i> |
| Tues 5 June | Adoremus Group Meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Wed 6 June | Pastoral Parish Council Meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 7 June | EYCC Youth Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Sat 8 June | Cafod Group meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Tues 12 June | Livesimply meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i> |
| Thurs 14 June | Parish Evangelising Team meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 14 June | Thursday Lunch Club
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 14 June | Prayer Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Sun 17 June | Mass in the Extraordinary Form
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i> |
| Mon 18 June | Adoremus Group Meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Wed 20 June | EYCC Youth Group in RRC 7.00pm |

Secular Clergy Fund Appeal

On Sunday 27 May we will be taking up the mandated collection for the Plymouth Diocesan Secular Clergy Fund. This gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude to those priests who have served us through the years and are now retired or unwell. Please be generous. And don't forget you can always make provision in your will for the fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the church porch.

We pray for...

the young people of Exeter who were recently confirmed. Also Finn Carolan who is to be baptised into our parish community this weekend. We pray for him, his parents and Godparents.

Pentecost Picnic in the Park

Come along to Heavitree Park today, 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.

Praise & Worship

The next prayer group will be held in the St Richard Reynolds centre on Thursday 24 May from 7.15 – 9.00pm.

World Communications Day

Thank you for contributions of £194.02

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next meeting of EYCC will be on Wednesday 6 June in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.00pm. If you're aged 16 to 21 you are most welcome to join us.

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. All 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. 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. Everyone can participate and though most groups have already started you are still welcome to join one of them. 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>

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

livesimply

One of the key actions included in the *livesimply* action plan for our parish is 'Organise and participate in activities/campaigns on environmental sustainability and climate change'. In the coming months, we will explore opportunities for supporting local as well as national campaigns. At a local level, we are planning to get involved in the 'Plastic Free Exeter' initiative that seeks to avoid single use plastics in the city www.engb.facebook.com/plasticfreeexeter/. Details to follow. **Starting 3 June** we are collecting non-perishable food donations at Masses on the

first Sunday of every month for Exeter Foodbank. There will be a collection box at back of the church. Please help if you can. As another part of the livesimply parish actions we would like to set up a **sewing and knitting group** and would like to invite anyone who may be interested to come along to an initial meeting in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 26 May at 10.00am. We would love the group to include those who can sew or knit and also those who would like to learn new skills, so please feel free to come along to find out more. If you have any questions, please call Sharron on 07756691940.

If you would like to find out more or want to contribute to our livesimply action plan, you are welcome to join the next meeting on Saturday 9 June at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. You can also contact livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or leave a message at the parish office, if you don't have internet access.

1115 Group

1115 Next Meeting AND Bowling Night
***DATE CHANGE*:**

The next meeting of the 1115 group will take place in the St Richard Reynolds centre on Wednesday May 23 from 18:30-20:00. Please be sure if you are dropping your children one of the group leaders or volunteers is on premises (from 18:15 generally). The next meeting will be on **Friday June 8** at Exeter Tenpin Bowling. Please collect the necessary forms (consent and conduct) available in the church porch. Please return forms no later than **Sunday May 27** so an accurate headcount and booking can be done. The completed forms should be placed in a sealed envelope marked '1115 Trip' and put through the presbytery letterbox. Preliminary costs are £11.20 per person plus any additional money for food, games, etc. Money will be collected at the bowling alley on the night so please ensure that your child has paid before dropping off.

Any questions, please email Erik Renz at exter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.

Attention parents: We would greatly appreciate anyone who is able to help chaperone the event. If you are able to volunteer (and if you'd like to bowl), please include this on your consent form. Thank you!

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.

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 the subject Liturgy Day. Prior booking is essential before 31 May.

CAFOD Coffee Morning

CAFOD hope for your support for our coffee, cake, plant and book sale at the Sacred Heart Church, South Street, Exeter on Saturday 2 June (10-30 am - 1pm). Offers of cakes and help on the day will be gratefully appreciated.

Your chance to star!

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.

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.

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

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.

Catholic Women's League

The monthly meeting on Tuesday 22 May has been **cancelled** to enable members to attend the Mass at St Rita's at 12.00noon that day. The next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 26 June at the Mount St Mary's Centre.

St Nick's News

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!

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 AT 9.00am. Please sign up on the form at the back of the church.

Corpus Christi Procession

On June 3, our parish feast day, we will process around our grounds and return to the presbytery garden for Benediction followed by refreshments. Everyone is most welcome. Bring any flags and banners. Let us celebrate and proclaim the Lord's presence in our midst. Procession begins in the church at 3.00pm.

Mgr. Harry Doyle's Jubilee

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 one of the envelopes in the porch for this and put through the presbytery letterbox or hand in to the Parish office. Many thanks.

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

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.

St Mary's Winslade School 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

Altar Servers' Rally, Mass and BBQ

This annual Mass be celebrated by Bishop Mark at Plymouth Cathedral at 11.30am on Saturday 23 June followed by a barbeque which should finish around 1.30-2.00pm. Bishop Mark would like as many altar servers as possible from the Diocese, and their families, to attend. Servers will need to take their albs/cassocks and cottas. A list will be placed in the sacristy for any of our servers who are going to add their name so that we can inform them how many to expect for catering purposes. Transport will not be provided but as families are invited we hope that you will all go along.

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.

Annual Youth Rally

Will take place at St Rita's Centre on Sunday June 24 1.00 till 6.30pm. Admission is £5.00. A bus will pick up at 12.15pm on the junction of Ringswell Avenue (St Nicholas School) and will return at 7.15pm. Further details can be obtained from Patrick on 01837 851438 or 07880 734088 pmorris@wjmorris.co.uk More information and parental consent forms that must be completed for any youngster attending can be found in the church porch.

Diocesan job vacancy

The Diocese has a vacancy for a Religious Education and Catholic Life Adviser, Plymouth CAST. This is a key role within the Trust. Some evening and weekend work may be necessary. More details can be found in the church porch. To request an application form and job description, please email admin@plymouthcast.org.uk, sending completed forms to admin@plymouthcast.org.uk or by post to Karen Grute, Plymouth CAST, St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL. Closing date Thursday 24 May midday. Potential interview date 31 May at St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon.

Community sponsorship of refugees

A free half day event for those interested in finding out more about the community sponsorship scheme, at The Old Deanery, Exeter on Wednesday 20 June from 10.00am till 12.00noon (registration from 9.30am). You can find out about the Government's new community sponsorship scheme for refugees. Go to: communitysponsorshipexeter.eventbrite.co.uk to reserve a place and find more information at abide@otterystmary.org.uk

Catholic Summer Conferences

Would you like to know a little more about Catholic thinking, about how to grow in the spiritual life, how to begin to respond in love to those difficult questions about Catholic belief? The School of the Annunciation is offering four short conferences this summer in the beautiful surroundings of Buckfast Abbey - two in Spiritual Theology (12 to 15 June, and 30 July to 2 August), one in Philosophy (2 to 5 August), and one in Apologetics answering difficult questions of our time (9 to 12 August). Application forms can be downloaded from the School's website (<https://www.schooloftheannunciation.com/site.php?menuaccess=57>) or you can call the School direct - 01364 645660.

Natural Family Planning SW

Helping to build a 'civilisation of love' - new teacher recruitment. For more information see the noticeboard in the church porch or contact Christine Hudson on 07742320717

Retreat

June 29 till July 1 weekend retreat at Southgate Retreat House. Booking forms available in the porch.

The Pope Tweets...

God loves us in a way that crushes all loneliness and isolation.

Mass Times

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

Sunday 20 May

Pentecost

9.00am People of the parish

10.30am

6.00pm

Mr Joy Johnson Veliveth RIP

Monday 21 May

8.00am Convent

Tuesday 22 May

NO Mass

12.00 St Rita's Honiton

Wednesday 23 May

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 24 May

St Aldhelm

9.30am

7.00pm

Friday 25 May

St Bede the Venerable

7.30am Convent

9.30am Francesco

Saturday 26 May

St Philip Neri

9.30am

Sunday 27 May

The Most Holy Trinity

9.00am

Clare & Joe Leonard RIP

10.30am

Alan Summerscales RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Monday 28 May

NO Convent Mass

Tuesday 29 May

7.00pm

Wednesday 30 May

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 31 May

The Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am

Friday 1 June

St Justin

No Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 2 June

9.30am

10.00am Confessions

Sunday 3 June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9.00am Richard Ware RIP

10.30am People of the parish

6.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Mondays 9.30am Church

Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent

The Word

This 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

Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel John 20:19-23

Next Sunday 27 May

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40

Psalm Response

Happy the people the Lord
has chosen as his own.

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Next Sunday 3 June

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm Response

The cup of salvation I will
raise; I will call on the Lord's
name.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel

Matthew 14:12-16.22-26



COME HOLY SPIRIT