

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish** Heavitree Exeter  
15 July 2018. *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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part of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Plymouth.*



## **He began to send them out**

Again it is prophecy that is our theme. Here, we concentrate on the sending of prophets, the entrusting of the mission to them, and most importantly the necessary qualifications to be a prophet. The only qualification necessary is an open ear, to hear the mandate from God. We see this in Amos, the simple shepherd, and in the Twelve, called by Jesus from their humble occupations, which no one would have thought qualified them to speak on 'religious' themes. The possibility of rejection and failure is quite explicitly treated - Jesus instructs the Apostles in what to do if they are ignored. When the Gospel simply states, "So they set off to preach repentance..." we can imagine all that was in their minds and hearts as they did so. They had heard the call of Jesus, and allowed it into their hearts: this was all they needed to go out and speak his words.

# Welcome

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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

Sundays after 10.30am Mass and Wednesdays 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 or 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.

## Many thanks

Sunday Collections  
1 July **£1524.66**  
8 July **£1207.05**

# Calendar of Events

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Sun 15 July	<b>Mass in the Extraordinary Form</b> <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Mon 16 July	<b>Adoremus Group Meeting</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Wed 18 July	<b>Ecumenical Service</b> <i>St Loyes Ruins Rifford Road 6.00pm</i>
Thurs 19 July	<b>1115 Youth Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Fri 20 July	<b>Afternoon Teas</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm</i>
Sat 21 July	<b>Livesimply Sewing Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Sat 21 July	<b>CWL monthly Mass</b> <i>Sacred Heart Church 10.00am</i>
Sun 22 July	<b>Charity Cake Sale</b> <i>Richard Reynolds Centre after 10.30am Mass</i>
Mon 23 July	<b>Livesimply Sewing Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Tues 24 July	<b>CWL Meeting</b> <i>Mount St Mary Centre 2.00pm</i>
Wed 25 July	<b>Garden Fete Planning Meeting</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 26 July	<b>Thursday Lunch Club</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00</i>
Thurs 26 July	<b>Stronghold Prayer &amp; Praise</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i>
Sat 28 July	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler pre-loved Clothes Sale</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 9.30am</i>
Sat 28 July	<b>Catechist Resources Afternoon</b> <i>Southgate Centre Buckfast 2.30-4.30pm</i>
Sat 28 July	<b>Urafiki Indian meal</b> <i>Cardinal Newman House 7.00pm</i>
Sun 29 July	<b>Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage to Buckfast</b> <i>Buckfast Abbey 4.00pm</i>
Mon 30 July	<b>Adoremus Group Meeting</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Tues 31 July	<b>Cafod meeting</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i>
Sat 4 August	<b>Share the Journey Walk</b> <i>Starts at Sacred Heart Church 10.30am</i>
Sun 5 August	<b>Share the Journey Card signing</b> <i>Blessed Sacrament Church at all Masses</i>
Mon 6 Aug	<b>Livesimply Sewing Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sat 11 Aug	<b>Livesimply Meeting RRC 10.00am</b>

# Garden Fete

**September 22 Noon until 4.00pm**

Great News! We are having our Church Garden Fete again this year and it will take place on 22 September. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. We will be needing unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, nearly new items, bottles, cans, and donations please so if you have anything can you bring them into the church porch. This is our annual event and a time when we can all come together to help raise much needed church funds and have fun! If anyone is interested in helping out on any of the stalls, catering or running any games then please come along to a meeting on July 25 at 7.00pm. Please call 07890 373617 if you require more details

## STRONGHOLD

### Praise and Worship

The Praise and Worship group will be meeting next on Thursday 26 July and Thursday 23 August. Why not come along and join us in praising God through Song. We are a very joyful group, seeking the Holy Spirit and his inspiration. St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.15pm

### First Holy Communions

Last Saturday 28 of our children received Holy Communion for the first time. Our thanks to Maria Quinn and her team of catechists for all the hard work they put in to prepare the children. Please continue to keep the children and their families in your prayers.

### Baptism Preparation Course

The next baptism preparation course for parents will take place in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 8 September at 10.30 am. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptized in the near future please contact the Parish office to book a place on the course.

# Charity Cake Sale

Bonnie and Dalton are raising money for two different charities by selling homemade cakes after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22 July. Dalton is raising money for Water Aid to give children healthier lives and Bonnie for Children's Hospice South West who provide care and support to families in the south west who have children with life - limiting conditions. Please join them for coffee and cake in the St Richard Reynolds Centre and help to support these charities.

## Exposition with Taizé

Will take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm in the Lady Chapel at the Sacred Heart Church.

## Ecumenical Service

A simple, child friendly service of hymns and readings will be held at the St Loyes Ruins, Rifford Road at 6.00pm on Wednesday 18 July followed by refreshments. Please come and worship at this centuries old sacred site and join with our fellow Churches in Heavitree.

## Catholic Women's League

A Mass for the work of the CWL will be celebrated on Saturday 21 July at 10.00am in the Sacred Heart Church followed by refreshments in the Lower Room. The July meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 July at 2.00pm at the Mount St Mary Centre.

## Summer Accommodation

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in Central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). To book phone 020 7349 5600 (option0) or email: allenhall@rcdow.org.uk

## Extraordinary Form Mass

At Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday July 15 at 3.00pm

## Share the Journey Walk

In September 2018, world leaders will agree two new global 'compacts' (or agreements) at the United Nations: one on refugees and one on migration. Pope Francis has spoken of this as a 'unique opportunity' to put pressure on governments. Please join us on a reflective walk on 4 August from Sacred Heart Church, Exeter. Convene inside the church at 10.30am or join us for Mass at 10.00am and stay on. We will then walk a mile to Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, where there will be refreshments and a discussion. On the way we will reflect on the stories of people who have fled their homes. The collective miles we walk will form part of a much bigger petition calling on the UK government and world leaders to create a united global response.

## Share the Journey - Sign the Card

Did You Know: More people are on the move now than ever before? Every minute, 20 people around the world are newly displaced. Half of the world's refugees are children, and thousands take flight without the protection of parents or other family members. Three out of four of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries. On Sunday 5 August you will have the opportunity to sign a campaign card to seek a global response to this crisis.

## Share the Journey video

Watch the powerful video from Bishop Mark O'Toole encouraging the Catholic community and all people of goodwill to take part in Pope Francis' *Share the Journey* campaign, calling on governments to protect the human dignity of people on the move, refugees and migrants who are forced to leave their homes due to war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty: <https://cafodplymouth.wordpress.com/>

## Adoremus 2018

### The Eucharistic Congress

There are a series of podcasts to help us understand further what, we as a church, are being invited to prepare for: Podcast 6: Reading and Prayer - For our sixth podcast we join Canon John O'Toole, National Ecumenical Officer and Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department of Dialogue and Unity. Canon John reflects on the underlying theme of the Eucharistic Congress - Jesus, I am the Bread of Life - from John 6:35-40.

<http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-NationalEucharistic-Pilgrimage/Let-Us-Adore-Him-AdoremusPodcasts/Episode-6>

### The Pope's intention for July

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

## Urafiki Indian meal

A chance to taste a fabulous meal with games and a raffle on Saturday 28 July at Cardinal Newman House from 7.00 till 10.30pm in aid of Urafiki. Tickets £15. Enquiries to Chris/Imelda Wightman on 01392 460041 or 07815 683939.

## Catholic Singles

We all know how difficult it is to meet people of like mind, let alone others who share our faith. Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information tel. 0161 9413498 or visit [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk)

# *livesimply*

Living simply involves embracing the 5 Rs – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle – when considering the things that we own. Clothes for babies and small children tend to be worn for just a short period of time and should ideally be passed on for others to use. On Saturday, 28 July from 9.30 till 11.30am there will be a sale of pre-loved clothes for babies and children up to the age of 5 as well as maternity clothes at the St Richard Reynold Centre. The money raised from the sale will be donated to Refugee Support Devon to support their work with asylum seekers and refugees. If you would like to donate suitable items (clean and of good quality), please leave them in the box at the back of the church before 27 July. If you have any questions or are able to help out on the day, please contact Kathrin on [livesimplyexeter@gmail.com](mailto:livesimplyexeter@gmail.com).

## **Sewing & Knitting Group**

Thank you for all the interest shown in this new group in the parish. We will meet regularly in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. The next few dates are:  
Saturday 21 July at 10.00am  
Monday 23 July at 7.00pm  
Monday 6 August at 7.00pm  
Monday 13 August at 7.00pm  
Saturday 18 August at 10.00am  
You are welcome on any or all of these dates, please join us.

## **Exeter Foodbank Collection**

There is a basket in church where you can leave your donations of non-perishable food. It will be collected every third Sunday in the month. Many thanks.

## **Livesimply Meeting**

The next *livesimply* meeting will take place on Saturday 11 August at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome!

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## **CELEBRATE 2018**

### **South West Celebrate Weekend 13–14 October Plymouth**

A joyful and faith-filled event for young and old at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. Main Speakers: Maria Heath, Fr. Oscar Ardila, Charles Whitehead. Separate streams for children and young people, lively worship, drama, a variety of workshops, family Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available. Online booking now open (Prior booking essential). More details can be found online at [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org); by email: [southwest@celebrateconference.org](mailto:southwest@celebrateconference.org); or by telephoning: Rebecca on 01395 489902 or Susanne on 01803 606256. Look forward to seeing you there.

## **Walsingham Pilgrimage**

Marriage and family life pilgrimage 11–17 August at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham. For more info visit [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) or email [family@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:family@walsingham.org.uk) or call 01328801007

## **Resources for Catechists with Bishop Mark O'Toole**

An afternoon for catechists and for anyone interested in passing on the faith, especially those involved in sacramental preparation for reconciliation, Eucharist for children and parents, RCIA and children's liturgy. Some of the best resources available will be presented by expert practitioners from around the country. Saturday 28 July 2.30-4.30pm Southgate Retreat Centre, Buckfast Abbey. Free entry.

## **The Pope Tweets...**

You too are like the Good Samaritan when you recognize the face of Christ in those near you.

## **1115 Youth Group**

The 1115 (11-15 year old) youth group will be meeting on Thursday 19 July 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 [exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk).

## **Catholic Summer Conferences**

The School of the Annunciation is offering short conferences this summer in the beautiful surroundings of Buckfast Abbey - in Spiritual Theology 30 July to 2 August, 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 on 01364 645660.

## **Natural Family Planning**

*Teacher Recruitment for Natural Family Planning (NFP) South West - helping to build a 'civilisation of love'*

We are a volunteer organisation. We deliver the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP to engaged and married couples across the diocese and teach fertility awareness to teenagers. Applicants may be married/single but must be willing to chart their own fertility/use the method and be committed to the Church's teaching on Marriage and Family Life. To find out more, please ring or text Christine Hudson: 07742320717

## **Sclerder family Festival**

'I am because I belong'. At Sclerder Abbey Looe PL13 2JD on Saturday 18 August from 11.00am till 8.00pm see poster in the porch for details.

## **Battle of Fenny Bridges**

There will be an opportunity for new volunteers to sign up as extras. We still need male volunteers aged over 18 and capable of holding agricultural implements safely. There will not be any engagement in battle activity as such, but the battle will be simulated through a series of "stills" cleverly edited. We also need children accompanied by parents or adult carers to be part of the non-battle scenes. Ladies who can sew also welcome. THE DATES OF THE FILMING HAVE BEEN EXTENDED and filming will now start on Friday 31 August and continue into Sunday 2 September. [ruthyendell@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthyendell@yahoo.com) Telephone 01392 215147

## **Individually Guided**

### **Retreats at Buckfast Abbey**

These silent retreats range from one day, weekend, 3 or 6 day retreat and are held at Buckfast Abbey. A list of the dates and booking forms are in the porch. Please book early if you want a specific date. It is also possible to arrange retreats for one or two people at other times of the year. For information email [mjbutler6@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbutler6@yahoo.com)/[adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk) or 01548852670.

## **Bell Ringing Festival**

Saturday 11 August from 10.00am till 5.30pm at Buckfast Abbey. Teams will be ringing throughout the day including the first ever joint ringing between the towers of Holy Trinity Church and Buckfast Abbey at 2.00pm. 'Mini ring' bell demonstrations, hand bells and education/craft activities.

## **Friends of Heavitree Health Centre FOHHC**

They are looking for volunteer drivers. If you have some spare time and could help please contact Jackie Minto, Co-ordinator on 01392 277409

## **Buckfast Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The annual Buckfast Lourdes afternoon pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29 July at 4.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament chapel at Buckfast Abbey. This will be followed by a cream tea provided by the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (though it will be necessary to buy drinks there). All are invited so please come along. Enquiries to Sheelah on 01392 431927

## **Ministry Rotas**

Please ensure that if, for whatever reason, you are unable to minister – either proclaiming the word or distributing Holy Communion – you have found someone to take your place. People are regularly stepping in at the last minute which means they have not had the chance to prepare. A new reader's rota has been sent out this week. For those without email a copy can be found waiting for you in the porch. Thank you.

## **Fortnightly Parish News**

As we are now publishing the newsletter every fortnight please make sure you get your items to us in good time, well before any event is taking place. And if you could get information to the parish office by Wednesday afternoon that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **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.

## **Next Sunday 22 July Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time**

### **They were like sheep without a shepherd**



Sheep without a shepherd." This is the simple theme of today's readings. It is interesting that Jesus' reaction to the crowd is one of pity – as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds - a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.



# Mass Times

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## Sunday 15 July

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

6.00pm

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## Monday 16 July

7.30am Convent Mass

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## Tuesday 17 July

NO MASS

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## Wednesday 18 July

9.30am *Julie Rynn*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

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## Thursday 19 July

9.30am

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## Friday 20 July

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am *Ann Newman RIP*

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## Saturday 21 July

9.30am

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## Sunday 22 July

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9.00am

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm *Charlie Scott RIP*

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## Monday 23 July

*St Bridget of Sweden*

7.30am Convent Mass

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## Tuesday 24 July

7.00pm

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## Wednesday 25 July

*St James - Apostle*

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

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## Thursday 26 July

*SS Joachim & Anne*

9.30am

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## Friday 27 July

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am *Marjorie Elizabeth*

*Gifford Pitman RIP*

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## Saturday 28 July

9.30am *Bill Ferguson RIP*

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## Sunday 29 July

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9.00am

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

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## Confessions

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Saturday 10.00am Church

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## Adoration

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Mondays 9.30am Church

There is no Adoration at the Convent during July and August.

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

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## The Word

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### Sunday 15 July

**First Reading**

Amos 7:12-15

*Go, prophesy to my people.*

**Psalm Response**

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

*Before the world was made, God chose us.*

**Gospel**

Mark 6:7-13

*He began to send them out.*

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### Sunday 22 July

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*The remnant of my flock I will gather.*

**Psalm Response**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:13-18

*Christ Jesus is the peace between us.*

**Gospel**

Mark 6:30-34

*They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

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### Sunday 29 July

**First Reading**

2 Kings 4:42-44

*They will eat and have some left over.*

**Psalm Response**

*You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires*

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 4:1-6

*One body, one lord, one faith, one baptism.*

**Gospel**

Mark 6:1-15

*Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*

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