

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
9 September 2018. *Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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Making the deaf hear and the dumb speak

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles – signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

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

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
26 August **£1,097.79**
2 September **£1,229.11**

Calendar of Events

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| 7 – 9 Sept | Adoremus Congress – Liverpool |
| Sun 9 Sept | Volunteer Mission Appeal
<i>All Masses</i> |
| Sun 9 Sept | Education Sunday |
| Sun 9 Sept | Holy Hour
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 2.00pm</i> |
| Sun 9 Sept | Eucharistic Procession & Benediction
<i>Church and Grounds 3.00pm</i> |
| Mon 10 Sept | Remedial Works
<i>Church porch area for 2 weeks</i> |
| Mon 10 Sept | Livesimply Sewing Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Tues 11 Sept | Livesimply Meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 13 Sept | Prayer Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i> |
| Sat 15 Sept | Catholic Women's League monthly Mass
<i>Sacred Heart Church 10.00am</i> |
| Sun 16 Sept | Mass in the Extraordinary Form
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i> |
| Sun 16 Sept | Heavitree Parklife Fun Day
<i>Heavitree Park 11.30am – 5.00pm</i> |
| Mon 17 Sept | Livesimply Sewing Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Tues 18 Sept | Cafod Group meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i> |
| Wed 19 Sept | EYCC
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 20 Sept | Thursday Lunch Club
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i> |
| Sat 22 Sept | Parish Garden Fete
<i>Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm- 4.00pm</i> |
| Sun 23 Sept | Car Free Sunday |
| Mon 24 Sept | Livesimply Sewing Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 25 Sept | Prayer Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i> |
| Sat 29 Sept | Livesimply Sewing Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i> |
| Sat 29 Sept | Livesimply Creation Liturgy
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.30pm</i> |

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Creation Time

Sunday, 23 September will be a 'Car-free Sunday' in our parish when you are encouraged to walk or use public transport to get to church or, if this is not possible, to share a car with others. We have chosen that weekend as 22 September is the annual World Car Free Day that is celebrated in cities around the world.

Sewing & Knitting Group

If you would like to meet up with other parish members and sew or knit items to raise funds for a charity sale later in the year, you are welcome to join this group at the St Richard Reynolds Centre whenever you can. The next dates are:

Monday 10 September at 7.00pm

Monday 17 September at 7.00pm

Monday 24 September at 7.00pm

Saturday 29 September at 10.00am

Craft activities – help needed

If you enjoy craft making and would like to help us make items for a fair later this year, please contact livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or leave a note with your contact details at the parish office. We urgently need donations of (odd) socks in different colours and old CDs/DVDs!

Instead of throwing them away, you can leave them in the box at the back of the church by Sunday 16 September. We are also looking for more craft materials (such as small scissors, coloured paper, small paint brushes etc.). Many thanks to everyone who has already donated items!

Exeter Foodbank Collection

Many thanks for your continuing support to the foodbank. You can leave your donation in the basket at the back of the church before or after Mass on Sunday.

Livesimply meeting

The next *livesimply* meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 September at 7.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas.

Annual Diocesan Mission Appeal 2018 – Volunteer Missionary Movement

Formed in England in 1969, VMM is an international lay Christian movement which recruits, trains and sends volunteers to share their skills in the developing world. VMM is committed to long-term and sustainable programmes to help communities out of poverty. At all Masses on Sunday 9 September there will be a volunteer speaker coming from VMM and a retiring collection will be taken for the charity's vital overseas work. This Missionary group was recommended by Bishop Mark and the appeal will be made throughout the Diocese of Plymouth.

Education Sunday

Today is Education Sunday, the annual day when the Catholic community comes together to celebrate and support our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform. Catholic schools couldn't exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last 170 years. The second collection is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive. Please pray for all the schools and colleges in our parish but especially our Parish School of St Nicholas.

The Pope Tweets...

Without the right to education there is no real freedom, which allows every person to be the protagonist of their own destiny!

Adoremus 2018

The Eucharistic Congress

This weekend in Liverpool the first Eucharistic Congress since 1908 will be taking place. We will be represented by delegates from Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart parishes – including some young people – and we pray that they will have a wonderful experience. To commemorate this event, and to help us feel united to the Congress in spirit and prayer, Bishop Mark has asked every parish in the diocese to have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration and Procession

We will be having a Holy Hour this Sunday afternoon in the church at 2.00pm followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.00pm followed by benediction in the garden. Let us pray for those of our parish and diocese who are at the Congress in Liverpool this weekend and for all of us that we may have a renewed sense of the power of the Eucharist and a deeper reverence for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and join us.

Repairing the church porch

The remedial work to repair the damage to the bell tower and porch caused by the burst pipe during the bad weather earlier in the year will commence on Monday 10 September. While this work is being done access to the church will be through the large double side doors or the door at the back in the martyr's chapel. The work is scheduled to take two weeks and we ask for your patience and understanding while the work is done.

Please pray for...

The repose of the soul of Isabel Shaw who has died. Funeral service at Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 27 September at 11.00am. May she rest in peace.

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; by email: southwest@celebrateconference.org; or by telephoning: Rebecca on 01395 489902 or Susanne on 01803 606256.

Getting Married?

The next Catholic Marriage Preparation course to be held in Exeter is on Saturday 13 October. Before that you will need to have arranged to meet with Fr Jonathan. These arrangements need to be made at least six months before your wedding date.

Exeter's Young Catholic Community

The next gathering of EYCC is on Wednesday 19 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00 till 8.30pm. All 16-21 year olds welcome.

Exposition with Taizé

On the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm in the Lady Chapel at the Sacred Heart Church.

Individually Guided Retreats

The retreats range from one day, weekend, 3 or 6-day retreats and are held at Buckfast Abbey. For dates, booking information and more information please ring 01548 852670 or e-mail mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.



PARISH GARDEN FETE

September 22nd 2018 Noon until 4.00pm

Entry is £1.00, for adults, which includes a Programme of Events and a voucher for a free cup of tea or coffee. Children are free!!

- Noon** Fete opened by The Lord Mayor
- 12.30pm** St Nicholas School Choir sing in Church
- 1.15pm** **The Auction of Promises**
the chance to bid for some fantastic goodies
- 2.00pm** Cake competition judging
- 3.30pm** **The Grand Draw – the moment we have all been waiting for!!**
£250.00 first prize, Hamper of Food, Flowers, Wine, Basket of Fruit and many more prizes!
- 3.45pm** Tug of War – Ladies versus Gents!!!!
- 4.00pm** Fete closes

All afternoon

Exmoor Zoo visiting with their animals and insects!
Great stalls selling bottles, jewellery, cards, fancy goods, toiletries etc
Live Simply craft area for children to play and draw

Don't forget to check out the Games Garden!

And lots more to do!

Visit the Gin Bar. Chance your luck on the tombola. Be tempted by the BBQ. See the animals from Exmoor Zoo! Visit the acclaimed stalls for cakes, savouries and home produce. Listen to our very own School Choir. Beat your mates on the tug of war! And lots more.....



AUCTION OF PROMISES

ADVANCE BIDDING - You can bid for these excellent lots in advance by using the form inside this bulletin. Place your bids in the box provided at the back of the church.

HELPERS REQUIRED

If you still would like to help on any of the stalls we still have vacancies - please give Jane a call on 07890 373617 and I can let you know where the gaps are!

DONATIONS

We still need donations of unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, bottles, cans and tins, nearly new items and jewellery please.

DRAW TICKETS

The draw is one of the big money raisers for the church each year so please buy some and sell some to friends, family and colleagues.

Every ticket sold is £1 towards much needed funds for the church. It is very important that **ALL STUBS ARE RETURNED BY 15th IF POSSIBLE** so that tickets can be folded during the week. **Or please bring them along on the day.**

TOMBOLA

We are going to have a tombola at the fete and would like to request that when you are next doing your weekly shop you pop a tin or jar of something into your basket to donate. This is a fantastic way of making a

sum of money for a relatively low cost to individuals. Please put any donations in the church porch.

PARKING

Just a note to clarify the parking position on the day of the fete. All stall holders and helpers will need to be parked before 10.30am and will have to leave their car in position until 4.00pm. We may have to double park cars because of space so please be aware you may not get to your car until the end of the fete.

Visitors coming to the fete will be allowed to park in the top car park, which will be open from noon until 4.00pm.

Stall holders are not able to use the lower car park after 10.30am as there will be children and adults going to and fro between the church and the garden.

CAKES

If anyone fancies baking a cake for the fete then we are always very happy for donations – please bring them on the day if you can. We do have freezer space in the Richard Reynolds centre for un-iced cakes and scones.

CAKE COMPETITION

There will be a cake competition during the fete so if anyone fancies joining our very own BAKE OFF then please bring your cake on the day, All cakes will be auctioned after judging.

GIN BAR

If anyone has any gin that they don't want (!) could you please let Father Jonathan know as he needs lots of bottles for his stall....or leave any bottles in the church porch.

LIVE SIMPLY

There will be a craft area for children to play in – if anyone has any paper, pens, crayons and pencils that we could have that would be lovely.

Auction of Promises at the Garden Fete

Saturday 22nd September 2018 at 1.15pm

Items to be auctioned and your chance to bid for them.

Place your bid beside each item that you wish to bid for and place the form in the box at the back of the church. The higher your bid, the more likely you are to be successful. Many thanks.

YOUR NAME

TELEPHONE NO

1 Exeter Chiefs signed Rugby Ball

A chance to own a bit of the Chiefs!

My bid is £

2 Stuart Line Cruises

A River Exe Cruise voucher for 2 adults and 2 children – approx value £20.00.

My bid is £

3 Decorative plaster plaque of St Richard Reynolds by Geoffrey Preston

My bid is £

4 The Seven Stars, Kennford

£50.00 voucher for a meal and drinks.

My bid is £

5 Pecorama

A family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children – approx value £25.00

My bid is £

6 Decorative plaster plaque of the Madonna and Child by artist Geoffrey Preston.

My bid is £

7 Castle Drogo

Admission for 2 adults and 3 children to the castle and gardens, approx value £25.00

My bid is £

8 Heavitree Brewery

Voucher for £40.00 for a meal at The New Inn Alphington.

My bid is £

9 Exmoor Zoo

A family ticket to visit this great attraction.

My bid is £

10 Christmas Cake

Ivy Campbell will bake and ice a cake of your choice

My bid is £

11 Heavitree Osteopaths

Massage by Lymphoedema specialist
Lesley Hunter value £40.00

My bid is £

12 Clyston Mill, Broadclyst

Family ticket (2 adults and all children)
and bag of flour.

My bid is £

13 Heavitree Brewery

Voucher for £40.00 for a meal at The
Passage House Inn, Topsham.

My bid is £

14 Exeter Chiefs

2 standing tickets on the North Terrace to
watch an Exeter Chiefs Premiership Rugby
Cup Game

My bid is £

15 Geoffrey Preston

Decorative plasterwork plaque of Our Lady
of the Milk

My bid is £

16 Heavitree Osteopaths

Treatment by Registered Osteopath
Pauline Goodall – value £40.00

My bid is £

17 Powderham Castle

Complimentary ticket for 2 people for this
local attraction – approx value £21.00

My bid is £

18 Kents Cavern

Two tickets for the Daytime Cave Tour –
approx value £18.00

My bid is £

19 A Christmas Dinner

Prepared by Chris Wightman for up to 8
people

My bid is £

20 A Supper Evening with Drinks

Prepared by Father Jonathan for up to 4
people

My bid is £

A huge Thank You to those who have
contributed promises for this year's
auction. We are very grateful.

Home Mission Sunday

16 September - The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Please consider contributing to the second collection on this Sunday. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is also possible to donate online at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>

Cafod Harvest Fast Day

This year's Cafod family harvest fast day will be on Friday 5 October. Envelopes will be available soon for your donations.

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.

The Pope's Intention for September

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Pope Francis also records a video each month, related to the prayer theme, which can be viewed online at <http://apostleshipofprayer.org/the-pope-video>

Quiet Day at Buckfast

The subject of the next Quiet Day is "Temptation and some suggestions as to deal with it!" Saturday 15 September 10.00am till 3.00pm in the Violet Evelyn Hall, Southgate Retreat Centre, Buckfast Abbey. Group discussion and individual reflection. Mass and confessions. Booking forms are in the porch, contact 01364 645532 or email warden@buckfast.org.uk or direct at www.buckfast.org.uk/boxoffice

Heavitree Parklife Fun Day

Sunday 16 September. Annual fun day 11.30am – 5.00pm. Live music, stalls, entertainment, rides, food, drink and lots of fun! See you there! Details to follow.

Travelling abroad this summer?

Please donate your unused foreign currency to the CCSP via the orange box in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart church on Saturday 15 September at 10.00 am. The Mass intention will be offered for the Spiritual Director of the League, Bishop Doyle. After Mass refreshments will be served in the Lower Room. The next monthly meeting will be held at the Mount St Mary centre on Tuesday 25 September at 2.00pm. New members are welcome.

Exeter University Students

Mass at the Catholic Chaplaincy is at 11.30am on Sundays followed by a free lunch. Find us on campus at Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, EX4 4QU. Online: Twitter @ExeterCatholic, Facebook Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy.

Catholic Chaplaincies

A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn catholics@university.org.uk

Confirmation 2019

Are you are in year 9 or above and would like to be confirmed next May? If so please send an expression of interest and your details (e.g. name, address, date of birth and an email address) to the parish office so that we have your details to send the list of dates that you will have to commit to be a part of the exciting process to journey to your confirmation.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Lourdes autumn get-together will take place on Saturday 13 October at the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All are invited for Coffee from 10.00 am, with mass at 11.00 am followed by a simple lunch. This is a good opportunity to meet others interested in Our Lady of Lourdes and who may go on pilgrimage in the future or who have been there in the past. All welcome.

Poor Clare sisters at Lynton

The small Poor Clare community at Lynton are shortly leaving their monastery. The Mass of Thanksgiving will take place in the church at Lynton on Saturday 15 September 2018 at 11.00am. There will be light refreshments afterwards. If any parishioners would like to attend please inform the parish office so that they will know how many to expect.

Canonisation

There will be a national Mass of thanksgiving for Archbishop Oscar Romero on Saturday 3 November at 12.30pm in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. This is being organised by the Romero Trust in conjunction with the Bishops' Conference. Everyone is welcome to attend and no tickets are required.

Extraordinary Form Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday 16 September at 3.00pm.

Thank you

Canon John Deeny would like to pass on his thanks to all those who attended or helped in anyway for the wonderful farewell party we celebrated for him. We wish him every blessing as he moves to Cornwall. WE pray too for Fr Kieran Kirby as he begins his ministry at Sacred Heart parish.

You are invited

Edward and Frances Canning invite you to celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary at Mass on Friday 28 September at Blessed Sacrament Church at 9.30am followed by a celebration which coincides with:

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

on Friday 28 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Macmillan Cancer Support help thousands of people suffering with cancer and their families. Please come and support this Coffee Morning which is a national event and fundraiser for their important work. All welcome.

Cafod Harvest Fast Day

This year's Cafod family harvest fast day will be on Friday 5 October. Envelopes will be available soon for your donations.

School of the Annunciation -

We are delighted to be able to share with you some good news from the School. St Mary's University, Twickenham, has approved validation of the proposed BA in the New Evangelisation. The BA course will formally launch on the weekend of 27-30 September. The BA programme, which is validated subject to final confirmation by St Mary's, is unique in this country, being the only one of its kind to be designed specifically for preparing the faithful for the New Evangelisation.

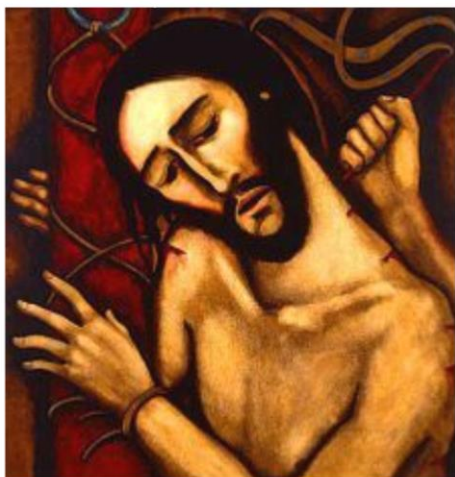
Charismatic prayer group

Next meeting is on Thursday 13 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.15pm. All welcome.

Diocesan vacancy

The diocese has a vacancy for a part time Safeguarding Case worker. More details and how to apply can be found on the church noticeboard. The closing date for applications is Monday 24 September.

Next Sunday 16 Sep **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's

Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

The Exaltation of the Cross **Friday 14 September**

What are these Christians about, exalting an instrument of torture? Firstly, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Secondly, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. We may theorise and theologise all we like; but all our theorising and theologising is nothing without the history on which it are based. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.

Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday 15 September

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows flourished in the Middle Ages and the hymn *Stabat Mater* was composed for it. Although it is officially celebrated today, the day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, popular devotion in many parts of the world celebrates it with processions on the Friday before Holy Week.

The Dedication of the Cathedral Sat 22 September

The Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface in Plymouth was dedicated on September 22 1880. As a diocese we celebrate this feast as a reminder that we are part of a 'particular Church', the diocese, and that our bishop is our apostle and leader. In the Cathedral the day is a solemnity.

Mass Times

Sunday 9 Sept

Twenty third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Education Sunday

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Mo Flavin RIP*

6.00pm

Monday 10 September

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 11 September

7.00pm

Wednesday 12 Sept

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 13 September

St John Chrysostom

9.30am

Friday 14 September

The Exaltation of the

Cross

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am

Sunday 16 Sept

Twenty fourth Sunday in

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Home Mission Sunday

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 17 September

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 18 September

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 19 Sept

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 20 September

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

9.30am

Friday 21 September

St Thomas Apostle

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 22 September

Dedication of the

Cathedral

9.30am

Sunday 23 Sept

Twenty fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

The Harvest

9.00am

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Mondays 9.30am Church

Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent

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

The Word

Sunday 9 Sept

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Psalm Response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

God chose the poor to be heirs to the kingdom.

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

John 6:60-69

Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

Sunday 16 Sept

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me.

Psalm Response

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Sunday 23 Sept

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12.17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Psalm Response

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first he must make himself servant of all.