

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

7 October 2018. *Twenty seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the “two become one” for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

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
23 September **£1100.34**
30 September **£1304.32**

Calendar of Events

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| Sun 7 Oct | Rosary & Benediction
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm</i> |
| Mon 8 Oct | Livesimply Sewing Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Tues 9 Oct | Confirmation 2019 Intro Evening
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm Mass</i> |
| Wed 10 Oct | Adoremus Talk 1
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am & 7.00pm</i> |
| Wed 10 Oct | Blessed Marie Rivier talk
<i>Mount St Mary Centre 2.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 11 Oct | Adoration
<i>Blessed Sacrament Church 10.00am</i> |
| Thurs 11 Oct | Thursday Lunch Club Celebratory Tea
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 11 Oct | Prayer Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Sat 13 Oct | Society of Our Lady of Lourdes
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am with Mass at 11.00 in the Church</i> |
| Sun 14 Oct | Rosary Month Procession
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 4.00pm</i> |
| Tues 16 Oct | Pastoral Parish Council meeting |
| Wed 17 Oct | Exeter Young Catholic Community
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 18 Oct | Adoration
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 10.00am</i> |
| Thurs 18 Oct | Thursday Lunch Club
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00 noon</i> |
| Thurs 18 Oct | 1115 Youth Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Sat 19 Oct | Urafiki Coffee Morning
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i> |
| Sun 20 Oct | Extraordinary Form Mass
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm</i> |
| Wed 24 Oct | Adoremus Talk 2
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am & 7.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 25 Oct | Adoration
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 10.00am</i> |
| Thurs 25 Oct | Stronghold Prayer & Praise
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |

livesimply

Livesimply Advent Fayre

We will hold an Advent Fayre at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 17 November where you can purchase handmade Christmas decorations and gifts etc. Further details will be announced in the next newsletter. At the fayre we would like to showcase the cultural diversity of our parish community by selling a selection of international Christmas cakes/sweets. If you are able to contribute a treat that represents your cultural tradition or, alternatively, if you are able to volunteer at the event, please contact Kathrin at livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or leave your details in the parish office.

Share the Journey – Solidarity with migrants and refugees

Building on the Share the Journey event that took place in August we would like to identify ways in which our parish can continue to demonstrate solidarity with people who are forced to leave their homes. Part of this is learning more about the reasons why people migrate or have to seek refuge and what they experience when they arrive in another country. One particularly contentious issue is the practice of asylum detention in the UK.

On Thursday 1 November at 7.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre Prof Nick Gill will give a talk with the title 'Being in the Wrong Place at the Wrong Time – Perspectives on Immigration Detention'.

Apart from explaining the immigration detention process, he will outline what can be done to change things. All welcome!

Livesimply meeting

The next *livesimply* meeting will take place on Saturday 10 November at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas.

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.

Sewing & Knitting Group

If you would like to meet up with other parish members and sew or knit (or to learn how to do it), you are welcome to join this group at the St Richard Reynolds Centre whenever you can. The next dates are: Monday 8 October at 7.00pm, Saturday 27 October at 10.00am, Monday 29 October at 7.00pm

First Holy Communion 2019

We are looking forward to welcoming those children who would like to receive Holy Communion for the first time in 2019. If your child is in school year 3 and you would like them to prepare, you must attend a **Registration meeting on Wed 28 November at 6.30pm** at St Nicholas School EX1 3EG. There is no need for the children to attend this meeting. The preparation will begin in January with one monthly meeting on a Saturday morning at St Nicholas School for all parents and children and a further session, just for the children, once a month on a weekday evening at 6.00pm. We will give you a note of all the dates at the registration meeting. As well as being committed to these meetings we ask you to make a commitment (which is the obligation of all Catholics) to attend Mass each Sunday in the parish where you live. When you come on 28 November please bring a copy of your child's certificate of baptism (if you haven't got one contact the parish where they were baptised and they will send you a copy), your contact details and £8.00 (which funds the book we will be using). Look forward to seeing you on 28 Nov.

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, using the form you can find in the church porch, to the parish office so that we have your details The introductory evening will be on Tuesday 9 October following the 7.00pm Mass where we hope to see the candidates and their families.

Exeter's Young Catholic Community

The next gathering of **EYCC** is on Wednesday 17 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00 till 8.30pm. All 16-21 year olds welcome.

1115 Youth Group

The 1115 (11-15 year old) youth group next meets on Thursday 18 October at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Contact Erik Renz exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk for more information. We look forward to meeting and engaging with you!

We welcome...

Lucia Ihimekpen who will be baptised on Sunday 7 October. Please pray for her and her parents and Godparents.

Please pray for...

Stacey Killarney and Peter Gould who will be getting married on Friday 12 October. We wish them a long and happy married life together.

Into your hands, Lord...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diana Price who has died. Diana's body will be received into Blessed Sacrament Church on Tuesday 16 October at 5.00pm and a Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 17 October at 9.30am. All welcome. Requiescat in Pace.

Gather 2019

January 18-20 at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms are now available

Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the rosary. On Sunday 7 October at 3.00pm there will be Rosary and Benediction in the church. On Sunday 14 October the Filipino community will lead the rosary in the church followed by a procession around the grounds. All are very welcome to join them. The Filipino choir will also sing at the 6.00pm Mass that same evening.

Exposition with Taizé

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

Prisoners' Sunday

This year on October 14 we mark Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. It provides an important opportunity to reflect on how we as a community can make a difference to those whose lives are affected by the criminal justice system. The day begins the ecumenical week of activity called Prisons Week. For more details about the work of Pact visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk If you would like to contribute to the work of PACT there will be a basket in the porch.

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. Online booking now open (Prior booking essential). More info from Rebecca on 01395 489902 or Susanne on 01803 606256.

Stronghold

Next meeting of the charismatic prayer & praise group is on Thursday 25 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.15pm. All welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During October there will be Adoration for a half an hour immediately following the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays 11, 18 and 24 October.

Adoremus Talks

Come and listen to the two inspiring talks given by Bishop Robert Baron at the recent Adoremus congress in Liverpool. You can listen to Talk 1 - Mystery of the Mass - the source and summit of Christian life, on Wednesday 10 October at 10.00am or at 7.00pm. Talk 2 - Sainthood, Sanctity and what makes us Holy on Wednesday 24 October at 10.00am or 7.00pm. All in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Proclaiming the Word

On Saturday 8 December at 11.00am new and existing readers will meet in the church to consider the vital role of readers in proclaiming the word of God in the liturgy. This is a ministry which can be fulfilled by a variety of people and it would be wonderful if those who proclaim the Word of God to our parish community could reflect it's diversity, it's inclusivity and it's joy. Please consider taking up this role. You will be supported, trained and helped and encouraged.

Blessed Marie Rivier

There will be a talk about the life of Blessed Marie Rivier (the foundress of the Sisters of Mount Saint Mary's) on Wednesday 10 October at 2.30 pm at the Mount St Mary's Centre - all are welcome.

Extraordinary Form Mass

At Blessed Sacrament church on Sunday 21 October at 3.00pm.

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 October

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice. 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>

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.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Societies 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.

St Vincent de Paul

The focus of our work at the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is visiting and befriending people who may be lonely or in some form of poverty. They could be refugees, the elderly, the homeless, people in care homes or in their own homes. For the most part we are involved face to face with the people we help. This month we have made visits to care homes, two or three times a week; we have visited people in their own homes; volunteered to move paving slabs for a disabled person, given lifts to Church and we have helped with shopping. The Friday Chatter Cafe is open after a summer break and together with the CWL, we are preparing for a coffee morning in St Stephen's church in the High Street on 27 October. Material and practical assistance is ongoing and **you could be part of this**. If you want to know more, just give us a call on our helpline 07512 467971

Mothers Prayers

Mothers Prayers was launched in England in 1995. At that time two grandmothers, Veronica and her sister-in-law Sandra felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. We are hoping to set up a group in the parish. There are some leaflets in the porch with more information and if you would like to join a group here please contact Lesley in the parish office.

International Mass at Sacred Heart

An International Mass will take place on Sunday 20 January 2019 at 11.00am at the Sacred Heart Church, followed by a meal at the Cardinal Newman Centre. If you would like to be involved and represent your country please contact by email Vivianne - hot-ma@hotmail.com or Kelvin Russell-russellgrac@aol.com Everyone is welcome from all Exeter parishes.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church? Would you/they like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so, you are warmly invited to join us in our weekly meetings which begin this autumn on Wednesday 10 October at 7.30pm in the Mount St Mary Centre, Wonford Road. These are open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike and consist of informal talks and discussions about our faith. If you are interested please give your name and details to the parish office.

World Mission Sunday

Sunday 21 October is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided by Missio. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses. Thank you.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL monthly Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 20 October at 10.00am. Coffee and cakes will be served afterwards in the Lower Room. The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday 23 October at the Mount St. Mary's Centre, Wonford Rd at 2.00pm. There will be a talk and film on Mary's Meals, given by Mrs. Ann White. Parishioners are welcome to come to the talk.

St Nick's News

We have had an exciting start to the term so far. Year 5/6 had a visit by a mobile planetarium; there is a new salad bar at lunchtimes for all children to use; and we have a set of gamelan instruments that enable children to create the most beautiful sounds during music lessons.

We will be holding 'Tea and Tour' open mornings on 6 November, 14 November and 22 November at 9.15am or 14 November at 6.00pm for parents who have children entering Reception class in September 2019. Please contact Ali (abrocksom@stnics.uk) or call 01392 445403 ext. 222 to book a place.

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor on our Governing Body for a 4 year term. It is a chance to be involved in the strategic management of the school and is a rewarding and interesting role, although there is a time commitment. If you are interested in finding out more about the role and what it entails please contact head@stnics.uk

Drop Off Drop In, our weekly Friday coffee morning. All parents are welcome to join us at 8.45am for fresh coffee and delicious cakes and to meet friends old and new.

We welcome the children from St Nicholas school who will be helping with the celebration of the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 7 October.

Care for our common home

A shared reflection on Laudato Si led by David McLoughlin at St Joseph's church hall, Queen Street, Newton Abbot TQ12 2ET on Saturday 3 November 2.30 – 4.30pm. All welcome. No charge.

Hope in conflict

Can we find hope in times of conflict – personal, communal, international? Exploring creative approaches to peace making on Saturday 17 November 9.30

registration for 10.00 – 16.15 in the Alumni Auditorium, The Forum, Streatham Campus, University of Exeter, Stocker Road, EX4 4PT. The keynote speaker is Padraig O Tuama leader of the Corrymeela community. Tickets are available from bit.ly/sDoLCEI. Or enquiries telephone Liz 01392 668859

Diocesan Job Opportunities

Head teacher – St Paul's, Plymouth (Required - January 2019). Closing Date: 4.00pm Friday 12 October. Interview dates: Tues 30 and Wed 31 October. Religious Education and Catholic Life Adviser based at St. Boniface House. Closing date: Midday, Monday 8 October. Interview date Thursday 18 October. To request an application form and job description email: careers@plymouthcast.org.uk clearly stating the role that you are interested in, sending completed forms by post to Richard Thorns at Plymouth CAST, St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL or by email to: careers@plymouthcast.org.uk. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Please complete a postcard and send to our MP urging him/her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23 October. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards in porch.

Fr Frank's Roof

You may remember Fr Frank from St Michael's Kete Krachi, Ghana. The parish church to which he moved recently is in desperate need of repair. If you can offer any financial support please give your donation to the parish office and we will ensure it gets to him. And please keep him and his parish in your prayers.

Mass Times

Sunday 7 October

Twenty seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cafod Fast Day Collection

9.00am Moses *Chabu RIP*

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Monday 8 October

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 9 October

Bl John Henry Newman

7.00pm

Wednesday 10 October

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 11 October

9.30am *Clare Leonard RIP*

Friday 12 October

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 13 October

11.00am *Mary Leach RIP*

Sunday 14 Oct

Twenty eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prisoners Week (until 20th)

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 15 October

St Teresa of Jesus

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 16 October

7.00pm *The Tapp Family*

Wednesday 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch

9.30am *Funeral Mass*

Diana Price RIP

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 18 October

St Luke the Evangelist

9.30am *John Hickey Power & Beatrice Power RIP*

Friday 19 October

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Elizabeth Kelleher RIP

Saturday 20 October

9.30am

Sunday 21 Oct

Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day

9.00am

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Mondays 9.30am Church

Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent

Thursdays 4, 11, 18, 25

October after 9.30am Mass.

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

The Word

Sunday 7 October

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

They became one body.

Psalm Response

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide.

Sung Bidding Prayer

Response 10.30am Mass

God hears me when I pray

God hears me when I pray

Out of all the people in this great big world,

God hears me, God knows my voice

And he hears me when I pray.

Sunday 14 October

First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Psalm Response

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Sunday 21 October

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in

atonement, he shall see his

heirs, he shall have long life.

Psalm Response

May your love be upon us,

O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.