

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

4 November 2018. *Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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part of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Plymouth.*

**LOVE
GOD
&
LOVE
NEIGHBOUR**

**CHRIST CALLS US TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR
HEARTS AND OUR NEIGHBOUR AS OURSELVES. LOVE
IS OF THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH. THIS LOVE
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ALL.**

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
21 October **£1223.89**
28 October **£1250.66**

Calendar of Events

Mon 5 Nov	livesimply Sewing & Knitting Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Tues 6 Nov	Cafod meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i>
Thurs 8 Nov	Clergy Requiem <i>Plymouth Cathedral 12.00noon</i>
Thurs 8 Nov	Prayer Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sat 10 Nov	livesimply Meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Sat 10 Nov	livesimply Sewing & Knitting Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 11.30am</i>
Sun 11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Sun 11 Nov	Blessing of Graves <i>Higher Cemetery (Hamlin Lane) 3.00pm</i>
Mon 12 Nov	livesimply Sewing & Knitting Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 15 Nov	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00</i>
Thurs 15 Nov	1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Fri 16 Nov	Mothers Prayers meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 1.30pm</i>
Sat 17 Nov	livesimply Advent Fayre <i>Church and Parish Centre 2.00-4.30pm</i>
Sun 18 Nov	World Day of the Poor
Sun 18 Nov	Extraordinary Form Mass <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Wed 28 Nov	First Holy Communion registration <i>St Nicholas School, Ringswell Avenue 6.30pm</i>
Tues 4 Dec	Advent Penitential Service <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm</i>
Sat 8 Dec	Readers Training <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 11.00am</i>
Sat 8 Dec	Cafod Advent Mass <i>Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm</i>
Sun 9 Dec	Extraordinary Form Mass <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Thurs 13 Dec	Night Fever <i>Sacred Heart Church 5.00pm</i>

livesimply

ADVENT FAYRE

Blessed Sacrament Church Saturday 17 November 2.00pm-4.30pm.

This event aims to raise awareness of ways to celebrate advent and Christmas in a more sustainable and responsible way and to raise money for CAFOD and local charities. The sewing and knitting group have produced wonderful Christmas decorations and gifts that you can purchase. There will also be delicious homemade produce, seasonal refreshments, children's craft activities and a raffle.

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 please contact Kathrin at livesimplyexeter@gmail.com.

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. Next dates are:
Monday 5 November at 7.00pm
Saturday 10 November at 10.00am
Monday 12 November 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.

We welcome...

Sofia Prokopiuk-Tape who will be baptised today at Blessed Sacrament. Please offer a prayer for her, her family and her Godparents.

Into your hands, Lord...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nenita Erneje** who has died. Nenita's body will be received into Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday 7 November at 5.00pm and a Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 8 November at 9.30am. All welcome. RIP.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Edgar** whose funeral Mass will be at Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am on Friday 16 November. RIP.

Gather 2019

January 18-20 at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay this is a weekend conference which brings together people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and beyond for a time of friendship, shared faith and formation. It is open to anyone who would like to come (already some of our parishioners have booked). Flyers which include a booking form are available in the church porch. We'd love to see you there. If you'd like to know more about the conference just ask Fr Jonathan.

EYCC Exeter's Young Catholic Community

The next meeting of EYCC will be after Christmas. The young people have decided to have a period of reflection to review the aims of the group and to plan how to move forward. Please keep them in your prayers and look out for news of the next meeting. If you are aged between 16 and 21 and would like to be part of this group exploring ways to live out your Catholic Christian faith then check out the Facebook page: Exeter's Young Catholic Community and join in the conversation.

1115 Youth Group

The group met last Thursday and engaged in a fascinating conversation about relationships and how we see ourselves and our relationships with God, our family and friends and with creation. Thanks to all who came along, but we need more of you. We know you're out there! Take courage and come along. Details of next meeting soon.

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.

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.

Extraordinary Form Mass

At Blessed Sacrament church on Sunday 18 November at 3.00pm.

Exposition with Taizé chants

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

New parishioners

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

The Pope's Intention for November

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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>

The Society of 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.

St Nick's News

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

APF Red Box Collection

It is time for your Missio red boxes to be opened and counted, so if possible can you bring them to Mass on November 11. If you are unable to do so please give me (John Mitchelmore) a telephone call on 01392 757199 and I will be pleased to visit your home to collect them. The missions are always very grateful for the support of their box holders. Thank you.

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. There has been some interest shown in the setting up of a group here at Blessed Sacrament and a representative from Mothers Prayers will come to talk to us on **Wednesday 21 November at 1.30pm** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Anyone interested is also welcome to come along to find out more.

2019 International Mass at Sacred Heart- change of date

An International Mass will take place on Sunday **27 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.

Catholic Women's League

The Mass for the deceased members of the CWL will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 17 November at 10.00am. The next Meeting is at 2.00pm on Tuesday 27 November at Mount St Mary's Centre.

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

Caritas Plymouth

Pope Francis, since the beginning of his Papacy, has urged us to rediscover our essential mission to the world. That is, to look around us, and see the need and then put our faith into action. In response to this call the Diocese is launching Caritas Plymouth, a social action charity helping the most vulnerable in May 2019.

A consultation event will be held on the structure and priorities of Caritas Plymouth on Saturday 1 December from 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. at St Boniface College, Plymouth. Bishop Mark O'Toole will be welcoming inspirational speakers from across England and there will plenty of opportunity to influence the work of Caritas Plymouth.

Unfortunately, there is a limit of three participants from each parish. Please see Fr Jonathan if you would like to attend. The event is free and food and refreshments are provided.

World Day of the Poor 2018

In his message for the second World Day of the Poor, to be celebrated on 18 November 2018, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means or background, to rediscover and celebrate in a spirit of joy our capacity for togetherness, for example we could share lunch after the 10.30am Mass on 18 November in the St Richard Reynolds Centre if people are interested.

'On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.' Pope Francis

Sisters' Thank You

Sisters Anna, Sheila and Stella wish to thank you very sincerely for your love and support shown through sympathy cards, Masses offered for the repose of the soul of Sister Guy-Marie, and for your presence at the Vigil and Funeral Mass. We appreciate your many gestures of love, compassion and concern at this sad time. May God bless each and every one.

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 new parish in your prayers.

CAFOD Pyramid Boxes

We will be collecting pyramid boxes at all Masses on Sunday 18 November. If you do not have a box please consider taking one and collecting your loose change over the year. Boxes are emptied twice a year in May and November.

Diocesan Service Team for Renewal Event

Brother Johnson Sequeira, a lay Catholic leader from India with a powerful healing ministry, is visiting the UK on Thursday 29 November, he will be in Torquay & Exeter and you will be welcome at either event. TORQUAY: Preaching, Teaching and Healing session at The Assumption Church Hall, Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NJ (2.30 – 5.00pm) EXETER: Preaching, Teaching and Healing session at Blessed Sacrament church 7.00 – 9.00pm. For more information contact Chris & Sue Lee - 01392 432929 on behalf of the Diocesan Service Team.

Blessing of graves

Praying for the dead is one of the most important things we do as Christians. Join us at Exeter Higher Cemetery (the Hamlin Lane entrance) on Sunday 11 November at 3.00pm to visit the graves of our loved ones. Even if they are buried far away come and join in this act of remembrance.

BATTLE'S OVER ringing out for peace

Sunday 11 November. A nation's tribute marking 100 years of remembrance. A nationwide Day of Commemorative Events marking the Centenary of the end of the First World War and paying tribute to the millions killed or wounded in battle, and those on the home front who struggled amidst pain and loss to help ensure freedom survived.

18.55: The Last Post. 1,000 individual buglers sound this historic tribute at WW1 Beacons of Light locations across the Nation and UK Overseas Territories.

19.05: Ringing Out for Peace. 1,000 cathedrals and churches will ring out their bells across the nation, and beyond, in celebration of Peace. At Blessed Sacrament we will ring our bell to join in this nationwide act of remembrance.



Youth Sunday

Ice Skating Trip

This year on Youth Sunday 25 November a trip to Plymouth Pavilions for ice skating has been arranged followed by a BBQ and Mass. A coach will leave Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am returning at 6.00pm. This is for all 10 to 17 year olds and the cost will be £12. If you would like to go please contact Patrick on 07880734088.

Plymouth Clergy Requiem

Please come and pray for the repose of the souls of those men who served the diocese and our parishes for so many years and who have died. **Thursday 8 November** at 12 noon Plymouth Cathedral Cecil Street PL1 5HW. May they rest in peace.

Advent Penitential Service

The Advent Penitential Service for all the Exeter parishes will be held at the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 4 December at 7.00pm when there will be several priests available to hear confessions.

Cafod Family Fast Day

Thank you for your generosity. A total of £1270.90 was collected.

Free Parish 2019 Diaries

are now available in the church porch.

Diocese of Plymouth Retreats

A 'taster' weekend for anyone who would like to try a Retreat for the first time! To take place in Southgate Retreat House at Buckfast Abbey, 16 – 18 November. For booking and general information, please contact Fr Adrian Toffolo 01548 852670 or email: adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

Catholic Singles

This 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 visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or call 0161 941 3498

Catholic children's society 2019 Calendar

A sample copy of the Catholic Children's Society's fundraising calendar **Windows Across The Diocese** can be found in the porch. If you would like to buy one they are available from the parish office and cost £5.00. Proceeds to the society's funds.

Mass Times

Sunday 4 November

Thirty First Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 5 November

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 6 November

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 7 November

9.30am *Amelia McFadyn RIP*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 8 November

9.30am *Funeral Mass*

Nenita Erneje RIP

Friday 9 November

The Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am *A P Antony RIP*

Saturday 10 November

St Leo the Great

9.30am *Sr Guy Marie RIP*

Sunday 11 November

Thirty Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Armistice Day Centenary

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

Filip Godbeer - birthday

6.00pm

Monday 12 November

St Josaphat

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 13 November

7.00pm *The Evans Family*

Wednesday 14 November

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 15 November

9.30am

Friday 16 November

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am *Funeral Mass*

Joseph Edgar RIP

Saturday 17 November

9.30am

Sunday 18 November

Thirty Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

9.00am *For the repose of the*

souls of the Catenians and

Catholics of Exeter & district &

families killed in the 1939/45

war

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 4 November

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Listen Israel: you shall love the

Lord your God with all your

heart.

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my

strength.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Because he remains for ever,

Christ can never lose his

priesthood.

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

This is the first commandment.

The second is like it.

Sunday 11 November

First Reading

1 kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone

from her meal and brought it to

Elijah.

Psalm Response

My soul, give praise to the

Lord.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offers himself only once

to take the faults of many on

himself.

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

The poor widow has put in

more than all.

Sunday 18 November

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-13

When that time comes your

own people will be spared.

Psalm Response

Preserve me, God, I take

refuge in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14.18

By virtue of one single offering,

he has achieved the eternal

perfection of all whom he is

sanctifying.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

He will gather his chosen from

the four winds.
