

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
28 April 2019. Second Sunday of Easter. Year C

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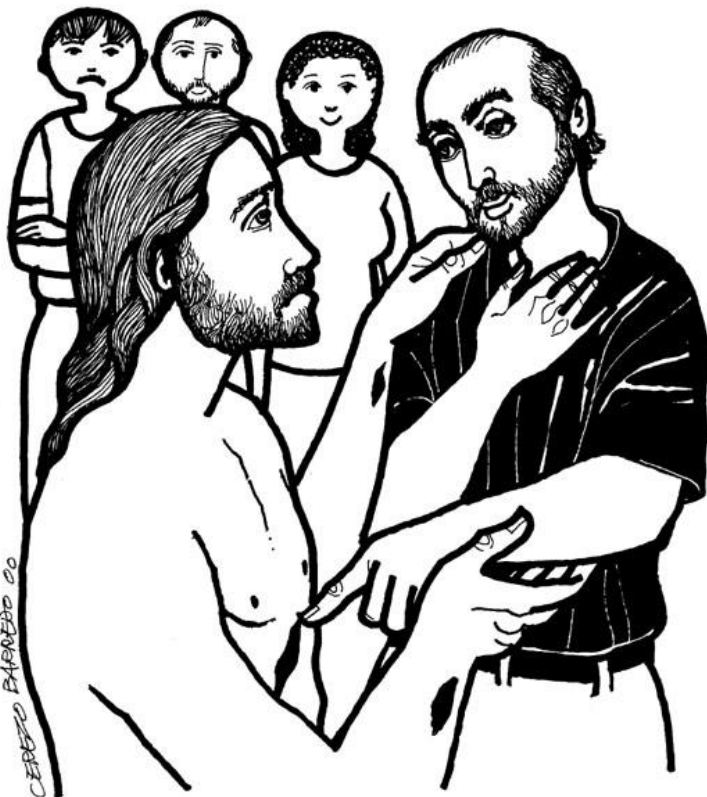
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part of the Roman Catholic
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Eight days later...

This week the Gospel is chosen because it relates to what happened today, eight days after Easter, Jesus comes again to his disciples. The story of Thomas's doubt and faith leads us to think about our doubts and faith but always in the context of being part of the family of the Church. Remember last week, and the baptisms you may have witnessed, or the renewal of your own baptismal promises: 'this is the faith of the Church. the faith in which we are baptised'.

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
14 April **£1419.15**
Holy Places Collection
£191.75

Calendar of Events

Sun 28 Apr	Divine Mercy Service <i>Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm</i>
Wed 1 May	1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 2 May	Cafod Group meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 2 May	Resurrection Rock <i>Blessed Sacrament church 7.00pm</i>
Mon 6 May	Live simply sewing group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 9 May	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i>
Thurs 9 May	Prayer Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sun 12 May	Exeter Parishes Confirmation <i>Blessed Sacrament church 6.00pm</i>
Mon 13 May	Live simply sewing group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 15 May	1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Fri 17 May	Big Diocesan Quiz <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Sun 19 May	Extraordinary Form Mass <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Mon 20 May	Live simply sewing group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 23 May	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i>
Thurs 23 May	Stronghold Praise & Worship <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i>
Wed 29 May	1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Mon 3 June	Live simply sewing group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 6 June	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i>
Sun 9 June	Pentecost Picnic <i>Heavitree Park 12.00</i>
Mon 10 June	Live simply sewing group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 12 June	1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
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Easter Thanks

Many thanks to all who were involved in the preparation and celebration of the Easter Triduum this year. It was marvellous to see so many of the Parish make the journey through the three most holy days of the Church's year. Special thanks to readers, musicians, altar servers, those who cleaned the Church, flower arrangers and all who helped make this a worthy and grace-filled celebration of Our Lord's passion, death and resurrection. Thank you also for the Easter Offerings which are your personal gift for the clergy. Happy Easter!

Divine Mercy Service

A Divine Mercy service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 28 April at 3.00pm. Fr John Watkins will be the celebrant and it will be preceded by confessions at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre afterwards and all are welcome.

Walk with Me

An Eastertide journey of prayer from Easter Sunday to Pentecost booklets are available in the church porch for a suggested donation of £1.00. Please put money in wall box marked 'books'.

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Plastic Free Lent Challenge

Thanks to everyone who joined our Plastic Free Lent Challenge. We hope that you will continue your efforts of reducing the amount of single-use plastics in your daily lives.

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 on Monday evenings (see dates in the newsletter calendar).

Exeter Foodbank Collection

The Foodbank collections are continuing on Sundays. The priority items for April include potatoes (tins/instant), noodle/pasta snacks, vegetables (tins), and milk (1L UHT semi-skimmed).

Exeter Foodbank is organising a sponsored walk around the city on 29 June. Email walk@exeterfoodbank.org.uk for more information.

Sow and grow

Now is the time to sow flower or vegetable seeds you have saved from last year or those you have bought. Where possible reuse yoghurt pots, ice cream or butter containers or any item which is at least 2 inches deep. We are planning to hold a plant swap and sale towards the end of May. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Big Diocesan Quiz

On Friday May 17 at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre we will compete against other teams here and across the diocese all answering the same questions devised by the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). Tickets are £10 per person to include a fish & chip supper – please bring a pudding and a bottle to share. There will be a raffle and all proceeds will go to the Children's Society. Come as a team of six or join others on the night. Last time we held this quiz our winning team here came second in the diocese – this time we want to be overall winners!! There are still tickets available from Lesley Hooper in the Parish Office.

1115 Youth Group

Are you aged 11 to 15? If so come along to the next meeting of the 1115 youth group which will be on Wednesday 1 May at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

The Gift

How can we encounter the Holy Spirit & share our faith? This course from CaFE carries the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Francis. See www.thegiftofthespirit.org for a clip. There will be prayer, DVD, talks & discussion (plus lovely refreshments) Series of six Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm on the following dates: 30 April, 7 and 14 May, then 4, 11 and 18 June to be held at Cardinal Newman House, Wonford Road, Exeter EX2 4PF. There is no charge for this event, but please book your place in advance. Contact: Chris & Sue on 01392 432929 or email smyl_lee@hotmail.com

Adoration at the Convent

While 'The Gift' is running in the Exeter Deanery, the Tuesday evening Adoration at the Convent will not be taking place. . Adoration at the Convent will next take place on 21 and 28 May, during the midway-break in the 'The Gift' and then resume again on the 25 June once concluded.

Plymouth Diocese

Catechetical Summer Camps

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps, to be held at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. Camp details and application forms can be obtained from the porch or on-line from the camp website: www.pdsummercamps.org.uk Prompt applications are advisable. These are brilliant weeks of catechesis, fun and friendship for our youngsters.

Resurrection Rock

Please come along to Blessed Sacrament Church on 2 May at 7.00pm to enjoy a musical evening using songs from Jesus Christ Superstar and Resurrection Rock to tell the wonderful Easter story all performed by the children of St Nicholas School choir.

Catholic Women's League

On Saturdays after the morning Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in South Street **coffee and cake** is served by the Catholic Women's League in the Lower room. Please come along.

The next **monthly meeting** will be held on Tuesday 30 April at the Mount St. Mary's Centre at 2.00pm.

The next **Committee meeting** is in the Lower Room, Sacred Heart, on Saturday 27 April at 10.30am.

The CWL **annual pilgrimage** to Buckfast is on Saturday 11 May.

The CWL members would like to thank parishioners for their support of the Lenten Lunches in the Lower Room at the Sacred Heart Church during the Fridays of Lent. £607.81 was raised. This has been rounded up to £610 and will be given to Exeter's Day Centre for the homeless at St. Petrock's in Cathedral Close. Many thanks to all who helped.

CAFOD

CAFOD Pyramid Box Collection

We will be emptying pyramid boxes at all Masses on Sunday 5 May. Please bring your box in to be emptied on that date.

Cafod Meeting

The next Cafod group meeting will be held on Thursday 2 May at 7.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you are interested in the work that Cafod does please come along to this meeting. All are very welcome.

A Big Thank You

From Craig Ayles: Having now completed my 110 mile charity walk along the north Cornwall coast path for Dementia UK, I would like to say a big thank you to those parishioners of Blessed Sacrament who kindly sponsored me. Apart from the wonderful experience of walking in this beautiful part of the world I also managed

to raise a total of £607.65. Colin Green would also like to say thank you as this walk took place in memory of his wife Maryvonne Green who died in December 2017, suffering with dementia.

Sclerder Abbey

Are running the following events:

Weekend for Couples April 27-28 in English but with Polish translation.

Quiet Day on April 24 led by Fr Adrian Toffolo entitled "Living the Risen Life of Christ"

6 Day Retreat "Prayer and Fast" on 4-10 May. For more information on these events please email sclerder@gmail.com

Summer Conferences

To be held at Buckfast Abbey in the School of the Annunciation:

8-11 August - Inflamed by Love:

Discipleship and the Holy Spirit.

12-15 August - Church History & the Fathers.

15-18 August - Philosophy & Apologetics.

See posters in the church porch or for

more information and to apply visit

www.sota-edu.com Email enquiries:

enquiries@sota-edu.com or telephone

01364 645660

RUN to the SON

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 June at Buckfast Abbey. For the third year running, a weekend of prayer and inspiration to help equip you for mission. Main features include a day of growth in discipleship led by Anthony Gielty, a night vigil of prayer welcoming the dawn in the splendour of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and a sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. Tickets £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms and more detail available online at www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or contact St Peter's parish office on 01752 701660 if you have any questions.

Confirmation 2019

On 12 May at the 6.00pm Mass at Blessed Sacrament 13 of our young people from the Exeter parishes will be confirmed.

Please remember them all in your prayers as they reach their final preparation to receive the sacrament and continue on their faith journey.

Into your hands, Lord...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Downes** who has died.

Maureen's body will be received into Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday 1 May at 4.30pm and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 2 May at 9.30am. All welcome. Requiescat in Pace.

We welcome in baptism...

Kieran Green and **Mercy Arockiam** who were baptised into the church community on Easter Sunday. Also **Allessandro Blandini** who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for them, their families and their Godparents.

Please pray for...

Matt Dunn and Hannah Langford-Thomas who were married at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 13 April. We wish them a long and happy married life together.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be at Plymouth Cathedral from 16-18 May. Together with Sacred Heart Parish we are hoping to visit the Cathedral on Friday 17 May. If enough people are interested in this unique event, a coach will leave Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am and Blessed Sacrament a few minutes later. The return will be in the early evening. Please sign the list in the church porch if you wish to come. The cost will be about £10. Please sign up by 17 April. See dowrytour.org.uk or the sheet attached to the list.

Feast of St Rita of Cascia

The feast of St Rita of Cascia will be celebrated at St Rita's Retreat and Conference Centre on Wednesday 22 May with Mass at 12.00noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The principal Celebrant this year will be Canon John Webb. The choir from St Nicholas School will be singing during the distribution of Holy Communion. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to this celebration. (Hot drinks will be available all day but please bring a packed lunch.)

Churches Together at Devon County Show

Help is needed by Churches Together at the Devon County Show on Thursday 16, Friday 17, and Saturday 18 May. This is an opportunity for witness, worship and hospitality. Bishop Mark will be coming to preach at the early service on the 16 May. Homemade cakes, biscuits or scones, are needed. If you aren't going to the show a drop off point for any donations will be the Palace Gate Centre, 3 Palace Gate behind the Baptist Church between the hours of 9.00am and 12.00noon and 5.00pm and 9.00pm when the reception is manned. Or brought to the churches Stand at the Show. To arrange collection from our churches call Frances Canning 01392 209542 or francesandedward@blueyonder.co.uk

March for Life UK

On Saturday 11 May 'March for Life UK' is happening in London. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2.00pm (no booking required). For more info see posters/leaflets or go to marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773501721/ 07885505116

Pope's Intention for May

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Pope Francis also adds a second, more urgent intention each month, which is published on the Apostleship of Prayer website www.apostleshipofprayer.org His monthly video on the prayer intention can be viewed online at <http://apostleshipofprayer.org/the-pope-video>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

1-8 August 2019 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. A time of prayer and relaxation. Cost £795. For further information and to book please see the information in church porch.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

1-8 August 2019 also led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. Cost £495. For further information and to book please contact Fr Anthony O'Gorman 01637 851697 or email: anthony.o'gorman@prcdtr.org.uk.

Quiet Day at Buckfast

'Be Compassionate as Your Father is Compassionate' To be held in the Violet Evelyn Hall, Southgate Retreat Centre, Buckfast on Saturday 11 May from 10.00am - 3.00pm. Further details and booking forms can be obtained from: Warden's office, Buckfast Abbey 01364 645532 warden@buckfast.org.uk www.buckfast.org.uk/boxoffice, the cost is £15 and the day is led by Dom Christopher Delany a member of the Community at St Mary's Abbey, Buckfast.

The Pope Tweets...

Christ is risen, and with Him our creative hope arises to face the problems of our day, because we know we are not alone.

Exeter Bach Society

An evening with Professor Robert Quinney on Sunday 12 May at 6.45pm (immediately following choral evensong featuring the

Exeter Bach choir) at Bramdean School Chapel, Homefield Road, Heavitree. If attending the church service please be seated by 5.30pm. A musically illustrated talk on the works of J S Bach. Tickets are £10 available from www.exeterbachsociety.org.uk or from Exeter Tickets, Dix's Field 01392 665885

Also on Saturday 8 June at 7.30pm at St Margaret's church, Topsham 'Sun, Moon and Stars'. Tickets £12.50 in advance or £15 on the door.

Fr Frank's roof

We have received a letter of thanks from Fr Frank and the people of Katanga in Ghana for the contribution from the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament to help reinstate the roof of their church:

*Kindly receive greetings from the people of Katanga, Ghana. I write to acknowledge receipt of the money sent in support of the roofing of our church. On behalf of Christ faithful, I would like to thank you for showing us love in our moment of difficulty. Members of the Church are making generous donations to enable us to put the roof back on the Church. Thank you and God bless you. Sincerely yours in Christ
Fr Frank Offin-Sekyere*

Exeter Street pastors

Invite you to celebrate with them at their 10th Anniversary Service to be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 15 June from 7.00 till 8.15pm.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention, for someone who is ill or a loved one who has died, in thanksgiving for an answer to prayer or perhaps something personal please see Lesley in the parish office who will be able to help you find a date and time which suits you. It is traditional to make an offering at the same time. This is simply what you can afford and would like to give.

2019 Retreats in the Diocese of Plymouth

A number of retreats led by members of the Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group are taking place throughout the year as follows:

28 – 30 June - A Weekend Retreat

7 – 12 July - A 5 day Retreat at Sclerder, Looe, Cornwall

11 – 13 October - A Midweek Retreat

11 – 18 October - A 6 day Retreat

15 – 17 November – A 'Taster' Weekend Retreat

All retreats (except the at Sclerder) are at Buckfast. Booking forms are available from the church porch or the parish office.

New parishioners

Welcome! We hope you will be very happy here in the parish. 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. Thank you.

Book of Intentions

This book is brought to the altar at each Mass and contains the things we offer to God in prayer; the name of someone who is sick or who has died; a personal situation which needs resolution; a private intention, anything you would like to bring to the Lord. The book can be found on the offertory table with the bread and wine.

I have my doubts.

Do you ever doubt? Do you wonder about the things that happened in the Gospel and think, 'Is it really true?' You're in good company. Thomas doubted. He was not there when the other disciples saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He must have felt left out, not 'in the know'. Jesus comes to reassure us and to prove to us the truth of the Resurrection. Happy are we who have not seen and yet believe. Happy Easter!

Mass Times

Sunday 28 April

2nd Sunday of Easter

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am

Felicia Ogugua Melie RIP

3.00pm *Divine Mercy Service*

6.00pm *Sr Patrick's intention*

Monday 29 April

St Catherine of Sienna

7.30am *Convent*

Tuesday 30 April

St George

6.30pm

Wednesday 1 May

9.30am

Andrew Amechi Melie RIP

4.00pm *Hospital Mass*

Thursday 2 May

St Athanasius

9.30am *Funeral Mass*

Maureen Downes RIP

Friday 3 May

St Philip and St James

7.30am *Convent*

9.30am *Walter Leach RIP*

Saturday 4 May

The English Martyrs

9.30am *Private intention*

Sunday 5 May

3rd Sunday of Easter

9.00am *Marie Dillon RIP*

10.30am *People of the parish*

6.00pm

Monday 6 May

7.30am *Convent*

Tuesday 7 May

6.30pm

Wednesday 8 May

9.30am

4.00pm *RD&E Hospital*

Thursday 9 May

9.30am *Special Intention*

Friday 10 May

7.30am *Convent*

9.30am

Saturday 11 May

9.30am

Sunday 12 May

4th Sunday of Easter

9.00am

Tom and Richard Ware RIP

10.30am *Andrew Amechi and*

Felicia Ogugua Melie RIP

6.00pm *People of the parish*

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent

First Wednesday each

month Lady chapel at

Sacred Heart 7.00pm

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

The Word

Sunday 28 April

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading

Revelations 1:9-18.17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Sunday 5 May

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32.40-41

We are witnesses of all this. We and the Holy Spirit.

Psalm Response

I will praise you, Lord, You have rescued me.

Second Reading

Revelations 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.

Gospel

John 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

Sunday 12 May

First Reading

Acts 13:14.43-52

We must turn to the pagans.

Psalm Response

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

Revelations 7:9.14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

‘As the
Father sent
me, so am
I sending
you.’