

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
12 May 2019. Fourth Sunday of Easter. *Year C*

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I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me

This Sunday is traditionally known as ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter, remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today’s Gospel: ‘I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost.’ This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection, how we live the Easter Story.

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
28 April **£1213.72**
5 May **£1320.06**

Calendar of Events

Sun 12 May	Exeter Parishes Confirmation <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 6.00pm</i>
Mon 13 May	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Tues 14 May	Station Mass with Bishop Mark <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 6.30pm</i>
Fri 17 May	Big Diocesan Quiz <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Sun 19 May	Extraordinary Form Mass CANCELLED
Mon 20 May	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 22 May	St Rita's Feast Day <i>St Rita's, Honiton 12.00noon</i>
Wed 22 May	1115 Youth 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>
Sat 25 May	Livesimply 'Spring Into Action' <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Mon 27 May	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 30 May	Livesimply Meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.45pm</i>
Mon 3 June	Livesimply 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>
Sun 9 June	St Boniface Pilgrimage <i>Crediton 3.00pm</i>
Mon 10 June	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 12 June	1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 13 June	Prayer group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sat 15 June	Street Pastors Celebration <i>Exeter Cathedral 7.00pm</i>
Sun 16 June	Extraordinary Form Mass <i>Blessed Sacrament 3.00pm</i>
17 June	Extraordinary Form Mass <i>Blessed Sacrament 3.00pm</i>

Confirmation 2019

Today, Sunday 12 May, Bishop Mark will visit Blessed Sacrament to confirm the young people of the Exeter parishes at the 6.00pm Mass. Please remember them all in your prayers as they receive the sacrament and continue on their faith journey. A big thank you to the catechists from the parishes who have helped them.

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 the Parish Office.

livesimply

On **Saturday 25 May 10.00am-noon** we will hold a '**Spring into Action**' morning in the St Richard Reynolds Centre that combines different *livesimply* activities:
Repair Café - Members of the Sewing & Knitting group will be available to help with replacing zips, repairing seams and hems, replacing buttons etc. Repairs may be completed while you wait or items may be taken away and returned later. There is no charge but small donations are appreciated.

Sow and Grow - Parish members have been busy growing plants from seeds harvested in their gardens. We invite you to bring and swap plants or to select plants and give a small donation.

Pre-loved baby clothes sale - We have a range of lovely pre-loved baby clothes for spring and summer that you can select from against a small donation. There will also be refreshments and craft activities for children. The funds raised at the event will be used to support charitable causes in Exeter and beyond.

Exeter Foodbank Collection

In 2018/19, Exeter Foodbank provided 3 days' worth of emergency food for 6,808 people – an increase of 23% over the previous year. Your continuing support of our Foodbank collection is therefore greatly appreciated. The priority items for May include squash/cordial, noodle/pasta snacks, sponge puddings, potatoes (tins/instant), vegetables (tins), meat (tins), soup (tins/packets), rice pudding (tins), instant coffee, cereals (small/medium size packs) and milk (1L UHT semi-skimmed).

If you want to help address one of the key reasons for the growing demand for emergency food supplies, please join the Trussell Trust's campaign on demanding changes to the Universal Credit system: action.trusselltrust.org/5weekstoolong

We need you!

We are currently preparing for an assessment of our activities to hopefully receive the *livesimply* award this summer. However, this would not be the end but just one milestone in our *livesimply* journey. We need more people who are willing to share bright ideas and/or help to implement *livesimply* actions in our parish. You don't have to be able to attend all meetings – there are different ways in which you could support our work. So please get in touch by emailing us livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or come along to one of our meetings or events for a chat.

The next *livesimply* meeting will be on Thursday 30 May at 7.45pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome!

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 22 May at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

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'.

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.

CAFOD

The CAFOD Pyramid Box Collection raised £164.08. This will buy over 30 hand tools so that families can grow their own food. Thank you for supporting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters across the world. The next pyramid box collection will be in November.

Catholic Women's League

On Saturdays after the 10.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in South Street **coffee and cake** is served by the CWL in the Lower room. All welcome. The next **monthly Mass** for the work of the league will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 18 May at 10.00am followed by coffee and cakes in the Lower room.

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.

Exeter Bach Society

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.

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 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.)

Crediton Pilgrimage to honour St Boniface

In celebration of St Boniface on Sunday 9 June led by the Bishop Mark O'Toole and the Anglican Bishop of Crediton, The Right Reverend Jackie Searle. Begins at 3.00pm with sung Evensong at the Anglican Parish Church of Holy Cross, Church Lane followed by a procession to the statue of St Boniface in Newcombes Meadow and then to the National Shrine of St Boniface. The pilgrimage concludes with Solemn Benediction at St Boniface church at approximately 4.30pm followed by light refreshments.

2019 Retreats

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 Weekend Retreat
7 – 12 July 5 day Retreat at Sclerder, Looe, Cornwall
11 – 13 October A Midweek Retreat
11 – 18 October A 6 day Retreat
15 – 17 November Taster' Weekend.
All retreats (except the one at Sclerder) are at Buckfast. Booking forms are available from the church porch or the parish office.

Deanery Station Mass

Bishop Mark O'Toole will be meeting with the clergy of the Exeter Deanery at Blessed Sacrament on the afternoon of Tuesday 14 May. Following the meeting he will celebrate a Station Mass in the church with clergy and laity from around the deanery at 6.30pm. All welcome.

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.

Exeter Street Pastors

The Exeter Street Pastors provide pastoral support for those who are out late at night in Exeter City Centre. For the last ten years they have supported people, compelled by the Gospel imperative to 'love thy neighbour'. To celebrate their Tenth Anniversary you are invited to a service of thanksgiving at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 15 June from 7.00 till 8.15pm.

Diocesan Youth Rally

Sunday 16 June at St Rita's Centre, Honiton for 8-17 year olds. Youth admission £5.00. It's a knockout, tug of war, netball, football and skittles competitions. Bouncy castle, gladiators, bungee run, BBQ and celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark. A coach will pick up at junction of Ringswell Avenue at 12.15pm and return for 7.15pm. For further details contact Patrick on 01837 851438 or 07880 734088 or at pmorris@wjmorris.co.uk

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The focus of our work at St Vincent de Paul (SVP) is visiting and befriending people who may be lonely, vulnerable or in some form of poverty and for the most part we are involved face to face with the people we help. But while charity begins at home it does not end there. The SVP has a long term sponsorship programme in Sudan, helping to develop projects like the baby feeding programme. It may be a long way from home but it is a programme close to our hearts. So together with the CWL we are preparing for a coffee morning in St Stephen's church in the High Street on 25 May where we will be selling tea, coffee and cakes together with cards and religious items from the Sisters. All the money raised will go towards the Baby feeding stations. We hope you will find the time to support us on the 25 May.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be at Plymouth Cathedral from 16-18 May. If enough people are interested in this unique event, a coach will leave Sacred Heart Church on Friday 17 May 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. See dowrytour.org.uk

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.

St Nick's News

We have spaces in our high quality nursery for the Autumn term and can offer tours of the Foundation Stage for interested parents. We accept both 15 and 30 hours extended funding and additional hours are less than £4.50 per hour. Please contact 445403 ext. 222 to obtain more info and to arrange a tour. Please also visit our website to find out more about us and read our news www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk/website

We have many exciting plans to develop our outdoor space over the coming year. We have opened up a garden area where children can dig, watch our 4 new chickens and run around amongst the trees. The children have been very excited to have this new, more natural area to play in.

Our school choir have many performances coming up this term. They performed brilliantly at 'Resurrection Rock' last week at Blessed Sacrament Church. They will be singing at the St Rita's Day Mass on 22 May at St Rita's Centre in Honiton and will also perform at the Devon County Show on Friday 17 May which is now an annual event. Please support them if you see them out and about on their travels!

Exeter University Choral Society

Offers a unique opportunity to amateur choral singers all over Exeter. A one-day workshop with John Rutter on June 1 at St David's church. Book a place at www.exeterguild.org/ents/events/25302/

Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund Collection

Collection will take place on 19 May. This collection is the main source of income to support our retired and sick priests. There are now around twenty-five retired priests in our Diocese. Any cheques should be made payable to Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacred Heart Arts Group

is going into production again! We will soon start rehearsals of two short plays by Maureen Speller. Performances will be on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October at the Cardinal Newman Centre. You are invited to help us put the show on the road by auditioning for acting roles - male/female 18 and over - or if acting is not your scene, stagehands will be needed to help out with set design, costume, technical/sound equipment and general stage management. You do not need to be skilled in any of the arts. We tend to learn as we go along, but we do have a lot of fun in the process. We know you are out there, so do join us if you can. Dates of casting meetings will be announced shortly. You can request a copy of the scripts by contacting Maureen at maureenspeller@hotmail.com or Dorf Ruscoe at ruscoe@talktalk.net

Seminarians' Appeal

There will be a retiring Collection today for the Seminarians' Fund. Please help to support those training to serve us as priests of our Diocese in future years. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Diocesan Vacancy

The Diocese of Plymouth is seeking to recruit an Accounts Assistant to work as part of the Finance Team in the Central Office in St Boniface House, Ashburton. This will be a 1 Year Fixed Term Contract. Salary: £11.14 per hour, 3 days per week (21hours). Copies of the job description and personal specification can be obtained from Jan Holton at recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk or 01364 645383. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The last date for applications is Monday 27 May. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 11 June at St. Boniface House. More details are also on the poster in the church porch.

Supporting Marriage

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on 7 – 9 June. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

We welcome in baptism...

Thomas Ardizzone who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for him, his family and his Godparents.

Please pray for...

Jake Treliving and Laura Narey who will married at Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday 25 May. We wish them a long and happy married life together.

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>

The Pope Tweets...

Today we ask for the grace to be docile to the voice of the Lord and for a heart open to the Lord.

Mass Times

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*

Monday 13 May

Our Lady of Fatima

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 14 May

St Matthias

6.30pm Station Mass with
Bishop Mark O'Toole

Wednesday 15 May

9.30am *Peter Kelleher RIP*

4.00pm Hospital Mass

Thursday 16 May

St Athanasius

9.30am *Nuala Griffin*

Friday 17 May

No Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 18 May

9.30am

Sunday 19 May

5th Sunday of Easter

9.00am *Kath Jenkinson RIP*

10.30am *People of the parish*

6.00pm *Thanksgiving*

Jean Edwards' 90th birthday

Monday 20 May

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 21 May

6.30pm *Ola Godbeer*

Wednesday 22 May

St Rita of Cascia

9.30am *Dorothy Elson RIP*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 23 May

9.30am

Friday 24 May

St Aldhelm of Sherborne

No Convent Mass

9.30am *Lisa Roberts RIP*

Saturday 25 May

St Bede the Venerable

9.30am

Sunday 26 May

6th Sunday of Easter

9.00am *Paula Parkyn RIP*

10.30am

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 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.*

Sunday 17 May

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

*They gave an account to the
church of all that God had
done with them.*

Psalm Response

*I will bless your name for
ever, O God my King.*

Second Reading

Revelations 21:1-5

*God will wipe away all tears
from their eyes.*

Gospel

John 13:31-35

*I will give you a new
commandment:
love one another.*

Sunday 26 May

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2.22-29

*It has been decided by the Holy
Spirit and by ourselves not to
saddle you with any burdens
beyond these essentials.*

Psalm Response

*Let the people praise you,
O God; let all the peoples
praise you.*

Second Reading

Revelations 21:10-14.22-23

*He showed me the holy city
coming down out of heaven.*

Gospel

John 14:23-29

*The Holy Spirit will remind you
of all I have said to you*
