

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**  
**18 August 2019. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C**

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*Blessed Sacrament Parish is  
part of the Roman Catholic  
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*I am not here to bring peace,  
but rather division.*



When we consider the Christian life, we often think in positive terms: peace, light, joy, goodness, life. And yet, as the Scriptures remind us today, that Christian life must be lived in the midst of a world which is filled with more negative terms: division, distress, cruelty and death. The words of the Gospel may appear shocking to us: Jesus says that he comes to bring 'division, not peace', and this seems totally contrary to the message of the Gospel! And yet, Jesus is not announcing his desire, of course he wants peace, not division, but showing his understanding of the world in which we live. He is inviting us to weigh up the cost of the Kingdom, a cost he was willing to embrace: as the second reading tells us: "*Jesus, for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, endured the cross*". Whatever weighs us down, let us endure and persevere, so that the fire of God's love may blaze over the whole earth!

# Welcome

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*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 10.45am Mass most Sundays.*

## Refreshments

*Sundays after 10.45am 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  
4 Aug £1274.81  
11 Aug £1158.68*

# Calendar of Events

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- Sun 18 Aug **Extraordinary Form Mass**  
*Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm*
- Mon 19 Aug **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Wed 21 Aug **1115 Youth Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Thurs 22 Aug **Stronghold Prayer & Praise & BBQ**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm*
- Sun 25 Aug **Fundraising BBQ-Uganda Borehole**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm*
- Mon 26 Aug **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Mon 2 Sept **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Wed 4 Sept **1115 Youth Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Sun 8 Sept **Education Sunday**
- Mon 9 Sept **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Thurs 12 Sept **Prayer Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm*
- Sun 15 Sept **Extraordinary Form Mass**  
*Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm*
- Mon 16 Sept **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Wed 18 Sept **1115 Youth Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Sat 21 Aug **Lourdes Group Autumn Get Together**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre*
- Sun 22 Sept **Diocesan Youth Rally**  
*St Rita's Centre 1.00-6.30pm*
- Mon 23 Sept **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Wed 25 Sept **Pastoral Parish Council Meeting**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm*
- Thurs 26 Sept **Stronghold Prayer & Praise**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm*
- Mon 30 Sept **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Wed 2 Oct **1115 Youth Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*
- Sat 5 Oct **Baptism Preparation Course**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.30am*
- Mon 7 Oct **Livesimply Sewing Group**  
*St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm*

# Welcome

We welcome to Blessed Sacrament parish all who are visiting us at this time. We pray you have a good holiday/visit. We also pray that those of our community who are enjoying holidays will return refreshed and invigorated by their time away.

## May they rest in peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barbara Henwood and George Falloon who have died. Barbara's funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 21 August at 10.00am. George will be received in to church at 4.30pm on Tuesday 3 September followed by a funeral Mass on Wednesday 4 September at 10.00am. Requiescant in pace

## Toddler Group

**Volunteers are needed to run our toddler group!** We are looking for friendly parishioners to run the group on Monday mornings 9.30-11.30am from September, either together or as part of a rota. The toddler group is open to all parents and guardians with children under 5 years in the community. You do not need to have a toddler yourself! The role would include welcoming people, making hot drinks, preparing snacks and leading activities (optional). A DBS check will be required. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

## Fundraising BBQ

There will be a fundraising BBQ in the St Richard Reynolds Centre garden on Sunday 25 August after the 10.45am Mass to which everyone is invited. There will also be a table top sale, auction and raffle. This event will be to raise funds for a water borehole for an orphanage in Budaaka, Uganda. Admission is free but donations are welcome as are you!

# *livesimply*

## Continuing the journey

Would you like to be part of our ongoing livesimply journey? We are planning to set up smaller teams of people who are interested in working on a particular theme linked to livesimply, such as

- Solidarity with migrants and refugees
- Sustainability and environmental action
- Sow and Grow (gardening, growing food etc.)

If you are interested in one of these themes (more are likely to follow), please get in touch at [livesimplyexeter@gmail.com](mailto:livesimplyexeter@gmail.com) or leave a message in the parish office. We are also happy to hear about any suggestions for further themes and action.

## 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 6.30 to 9.30pm

## Exeter Foodbank Collection

Please continue to support Exeter Foodbank throughout the school holidays when families might need extra help. The current priority items include instant coffee, sponge puddings, squash/cordial, rice pudding (tins), meat (tins), jams and spreads, and milk (1L UHT Semi-Skimmed), tinned vegetables (e.g. sweetcorn, peas, carrots), custard (tins or cartons) and biscuits. To help address one of the key reasons for the growing demand for emergency food supplies, join the Trussell Trust's campaign on demanding changes to the Universal Credit system: <https://action.trusselltrust.org/5weekstoolong>

## The Pope Tweets...

Education with horizons open to transcendence helps young people to dream and to build a more beautiful world.

# Catholic Children's Society News

## Annual Appeal

'Working Together – Putting All Children First': the annual appeal of the Catholic Children's Society is next Sunday 25 August. Leaflets are available in the porch which will help you to understand the wonderful work which the Society does to help struggling children and their families. Here is Bishop Mark's message of support for this appeal:

*"I am particularly pleased to hear that the theme of this year's Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal is 'Working Together'. With the launch of Plymouth Caritas, we are seeking an all-embracing strategy in our response to the needs of a wide variety of people in our Diocese. In that outreach, our own Diocesan response to needy children and their families will always have a special place. I know many of you share this concern and respond so generously each year to the Annual Appeal, as we work to give children and families the support they both need and deserve. May God bless you for your generosity."*

This message can also be found on bookmarks which are also in the church porch. Please take one home with you. Thank you so much.

## CCSP Newsletter

Copies of the Summer 2019 Newsletter Children First, are available in the church porch please take one home to read.

## Can you help CCSP?

Leaflets explaining how you can help the work of the children's society by regular donation or donating other items are also available in the porch for you to take.

## 50/50 Club

CCSP has around 100 supporters of our Helping Hands 50:50 club, but we'd love to

double this number by the end of 2019. This would mean that every month, we would be looking to give away £100 in prize money whilst raising £100 each month for CCSP too! There would be a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £50, a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £30 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £20 every month if we can increase the membership to 200 supporters. To be in with a chance of winning and to support a worthwhile cause each month, please visit [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) or call Lydia on 01364 645420 for more information.

## Donate your old items

You can put any of the following in the CCSP orange box in the St Richard Reynolds Centre: Postcards\*\* (including Pre-1940s Birthday Cards and World War 1 silk cards\*\*) – used or unused. Coins and Bank Notes – any and all, old and new, from ANYWHERE in the world, obsolete or otherwise. Precious Metals – including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc. Costume jewellery is accepted too. Medals and Badges – any and not limited to military items, other medals and badges accepted. Keys and Locks – any age or types. Metals – metal toys, metal household ornaments and cutlery – any age, type or condition – contact us if you're not sure. Watches – Quartz or wind-up, working or not. Scientific and Photographic items – many types are accepted – however please contact us first before sending. Small Antiques and Collectibles – anything unusual considered – contact us if you're not sure.



## St Nick's News

We look forward to welcoming new families to our school in September and also our new school dog who, as he grows, will be trained to become a therapy dog. We wish all parishioners a very happy, restful summer.

## Diocesan Youth Rally

The rescheduled Diocesan Youth Rally will be on 22 September from 1.00pm till 6.30pm. Lots of games and finishing with free BBQ and Youth Mass. Please bring coat and packed lunch. Cost £5.00. See poster for details. Each young person must complete a Parental Consent form prior to attending. Please bring the form along on the day. Forms in the porch. Further details from Patrick 01837 851438 or pmorris@wjmorris.co.uk

## Save the date!

## Chorister Concert.

The Girl Choristers of Exeter Cathedral, with their conductor, the Cathedral's Director of Music, Timothy Noon, will be coming to give a concert in Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 12 October at 5.00pm. This outreach concert will be a rare opportunity to hear the girls sing outside of their Cathedral duties and promises to be a real treat. The concert is not ticketed but there will be a suggested donation of £7 for Adults and £3 for children, with proceeds being shared to support the Cathedral Choir and also to Urafiki [www.orafiki.org.uk](http://www.orafiki.org.uk) Urafiki volunteers will also be welcoming people after the concert into the St Richard Reynolds Centre for refreshments and other fundraising activities. More details coming soon! For more details, contact Frankie Phillips via 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.

## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

8-15 September 2019. An opportunity to experience the peace and serenity that exists in Medjugorje where lives are transformed through miracles, both physical and spiritual. Departing from Bristol. Limited places. For details, please contact Michael Carney 07884 014828 or [dartrey@gmail.com](mailto:dartrey@gmail.com)

## Pope's Intention for August

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human development".

*Pope Francis also adds a second, more urgent intention each month, which is published on the Apostleship of Prayer website [apostleshipofprayer.org](http://apostleshipofprayer.org)*

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

## International Mass Sunday 22 September

At 10.45am followed by an International lunch. We are a very diverse parish with parishioners from all over the world and we would like as many of you as can to come along to make it a truly international celebration. During the coming weeks you may find someone coming up to you and asking if you would like to contribute to the food/music/readings etc. Please be generous in your response. Previous International Masses have been some of the most wonderful celebrations here in our parish. We look forward to a wonderful day's celebration.

## First Holy Communion

## Photos 2019

are now available to buy online at <https://differentangle.onlineweb.shop/>

## Diocesan job vacancy

Diocesan Schools' Commission  
Administrator (part time) at St Boniface  
House, Ashburton 20 hours per week. The  
post holder will manage the administrative,  
secretarial support and office resources to  
ensure the smooth running of the Diocesan  
Schools' Commissioner's office. For more  
details see poster in the porch and copies of  
the job description and application form are  
obtainable from Jan Holton on 01364  
645383 or [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk)  
Last date for applications 4 Sept.

## Caritas Event

*'The hope of the poor shall not  
perish for ever'*

This is the theme of Pope Francis' Message  
for the World Day of the Poor on Sunday  
17 November 2019. Caritas Plymouth will be  
holding their third event looking at the  
causes of poverty and its impact in the run  
up to the World Day of the Poor. The event  
will include sharing thoughts and ideas  
about how we in our parishes can mark the  
World Day of the Poor and looking at Pope  
Francis' message. It will be held at St Rita's  
Centre, Honiton on Saturday 12 October  
from 10.30am till 3.30pm. The free event  
includes a buffet lunch. Limited space -  
booking essential Please contact:  
[caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Caring for Our Common Home

This year World Day of Prayer for the Care  
Of Creation falls on Sunday 1 September and  
all parishes are asked to mark this day.  
Recently at the Bishop's Conference meeting  
the Bishops of England and Wales made this  
statement on the current human and  
ecological crisis: *"In the light of Pope  
Francis' teaching in Laudato Si and*

*reaffirming our commitment to the principles  
outlined in our document "The Call of  
Creation, 2002", the Bishops' Conference  
recognises that humanity is in an  
unprecedented ecological crisis. There is a  
moral duty to act with urgency and enable  
the faithful to make informed decisions that  
care for creation and will assist in repairing  
the damage. We therefore urge the Church at  
all levels to continue to develop initiatives  
that care for our common home, and to  
identify individuals and groups to be  
advocates for this journey."*

The Bishops Conference's agency which is  
leading on this important matter is CAFOD  
and its current campaign *Our Common  
Home* provides a good opportunity to  
respond to the crisis through our parishes  
and schools. The aims to stop the UK  
contributing to climate change by 2045. We  
are asked to complete a petition to the Prime  
Minister. Schools are requested to invite  
their local MP to visit and see for themselves  
the practical response Catholic schools are  
making to Laudato Si. All of this provides an  
authentic witness to the Church's love for  
the poorest of our brothers and sisters and  
for creation. I encourage the priests,  
teachers, parishes and schools to take part  
in this campaign. More information on  
Creation Celebrations and CAFOD's  
campaign can be found at [www.cafod.org.uk/climate](http://www.cafod.org.uk/climate) Other excellent ways to develop  
initiatives that care for our common home  
could be enrolling the parish in  
the *livesimply* Award at [www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply](http://www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply) Recently Blessed Sacrament in  
Exeter became the latest parish in the  
diocese to achieve the award.

**Please consider signing the net zero by  
2045 petition in the porch or on-line at  
[e-activist.com/page/44225/petition/1](http://e-activist.com/page/44225/petition/1)**



**Extraordinary Form Mass**  
3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church today,  
Sunday 18 August.

# Stronghold

The next meeting of the Stronghold prayer and praise group is on Thursday 22 August **at 7.00pm** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please note the earlier start time.

This will be followed by a BBQ. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life and the celebration of Mass is central to our faith, but it is not the only way to pray. We pray through song and word, praising God with all our hearts and minds and bodies. It is simple but moving. Why not give it a go! All welcome.

## 2019 Global Evangelisation Summit Reply

This Summit, which is the largest gathering for Evangelisation in the English speaking world, took place in Ottawa on 4 May this year and will be replayed on 5 October at Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre (Room 4) from 9.00am (registration 8.30am) until 5.00pm. Speakers include Fr. James Mallon (Divine Renovation), Michelle Moran (Zion Community), Michael Dopp (Mission of the Redeemer Ministry), Cardinal Lacroix, Fr. Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson. The event is FREE. Register by booking on [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) or phone 01752-701660. Tea/coffee/biscuits provided. Please make your own food arrangements.

## What's on in Heavitree

**21 & 28 August** – Pop up events in Heavitree Pleasure Ground. Go along and chat with neighbours and your community builder over a free cuppa with games equipment for children. From 11.00am till 1.00pm. Why not take a picnic?

## 1115 Youth Group

Are you aged 11 to 15? If so you are welcome to come along to the next meeting of the 1115 youth group which will be on **Wednesday 4 September** at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

## Exam results

Please keep in your prayers those of our young people who have received or are still awaiting the results of public examinations. We pray that their study will prove fruitful and allow them to make the right decisions for their lives.

## Prayer Group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. On the fourth they are supported by Stronghold. The next date is Thursday 22 August at 7.00pm.

## Adoration at the Convent

There will be no adoration at the Convent during August. It will resume on Tuesdays beginning 10 September from 8.00pm – 9.00pm. Thank you to all those who support this devotion in our community.

## St Augustine 28 August

Augustine was born in Thagaste in Africa of a Berber family. He was brought up a Christian but left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth, until at length, through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death. Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. His 'Confessions' are a landmark of world literature. The Second Readings in the Office of Readings contain extracts from many of his works. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308.

# Mass Times

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## Sunday 18 August

*20th in Ordinary Time*

8.45am

*Aleksander Szytko RIP*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm *Barbara Henwood RIP*

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## Monday 19 August

No Convent Mass

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## Tuesday 20 August

*St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor*

No Mass

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## Wednesday 21 August

*St Pius X, Pope*

10.00am *Funeral Mass*

*Barbara Henwood RIP*

4.00pm *Hospital Mass*

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## Thursday 22 August

*The Queenship of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.30am *Maryvonne Green RIP*

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## Friday 23 August

No Convent Mass

9.30am *Ann Pala RIP*

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## Saturday 24 August

*St Bartholomew*

9.30am

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## Sunday 25 August

*21st in Ordinary Time*

8.45am

10.45am *Private Intention*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

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## Monday 26 August

No Convent Mass

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## Tuesday 27 August

*St Monica*

6.30pm

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## Wednesday 28 August

*St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor*

9.30am

4.00pm *RD&E Hospital*

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## Thursday 29 August

*The Passion of St John the*

*Baptist*

9.30am

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## Friday 30 August

*St Margaret Clitherow*

No Convent Mass

9.30am

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## Saturday 31 August

9.30am

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## Sunday 1 Sept

*22nd in Ordinary Time*

*World Day of Prayer for*

*Creation*

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am

6.00pm

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## Confessions

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Saturday 10.00am Church

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## Adoration

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There will be No adoration on Tuesdays at the Convent during August.

First Wednesday each month Lady chapel at Sacred Heart 7.00pm

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

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## The Word

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### Sunday 18 August

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10

*You have borne me to be a man of dissension for all the land.*

Psalm Response

*Lord come to my aid!*

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

*We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started.*

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Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

*I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.*

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### Sunday 25 August

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

*They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.*

Psalm Response

*Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good news.*

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13

*The Lord trains the one that he loves.*

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

*Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*

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### Sunday 1 September

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.

28-29

*Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.*

Psalm Response

*In your goodness, O God, you have prepared a home for the poor.*

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24

*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

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Gospel

Luke 14:1.7-14

*Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.*

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