

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
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There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say 'Thank You', to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

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 10.45am 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. **Relaunch Monday 4 November***

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
29 Sept £1387.49
6 Oct £1332.18*

Calendar of Events

Mondays

Sun 13 Oct

livesimply Sewing Group

St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm

Prisoners' Sunday

Extraordinary Form Mass

Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm

Wed 16 Oct

Wednesday Word

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

Rosary Group

Blessed Sacrament Church 6.30pm

1115 Youth Group

See notice for venue

Fri 18 Oct

Wednesday Word

Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm

Sun 20 Oct

World Mission Sunday

Wed 23 Oct

Wednesday Word

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

Thurs 24 Oct

Thursday Lunch Club

St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm

Stronghold Praise & Worship

Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm

Fri 25 Oct

Wednesday Word

Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm

Sun 27 Oct

Clocks go back one hour 2.00am

Tues 29 Oct

Rosary Group

Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm

Wed 30 Oct

Wednesday Word

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

1115 Youth Group

St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm

Fri 1 Nov

Wednesday Word

Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm

Sat 2 Nov

Blessing of Graves

Higher Cemetery 11.00am followed by

Sat 2 Nov

Refreshments

At St Richard Reynolds Centre

Sat 2 Nov

livesimply meeting & Repair Cafe

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

Wed 6 Nov

Wednesday Word

Blessed Sacrament church 2.00pm

Thurs 7 Nov

Thursday Lunch Club

St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm

Fri 8 Nov

Wednesday Word

Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm

Sun 13 Oct

Extraordinary Form Mass

Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm

Prisoners' Sunday

Today is Prisoners' Sunday. It is a day to direct our prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. It provides an opportunity to reflect on how we as a community can make a difference to the lives of those who are affected by the criminal justice system. A time to identify with those who are in crisis and find themselves in need of support in our own community. The focus this year is particularly on 'Hope and Freedom'. Pact, the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with conviction, dependants and their families is a shining example of such strength and conviction. They bring hope to many in an increasingly difficult environment. 2019 marks the 120th anniversary of service. We are asked to help support the work of Pact and if you are able to please contribute to a retiring collection today. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch. Thank you.

Stronghold Praise & Worship

The next meeting of the Prayer Group supported by Stronghold is on 24 October at 7.15pm and. All welcome.

Pope's Intention for October

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

Extraordinary Form Mass

In future this Mass will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church on the second Sunday of the month unless advised differently in the newsletter. The next Mass takes place at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church today Sunday 13 October.

Parish Rosary Group

Would you like to gather to pray the rosary together? We will next be meeting on Wednesday 16 October at 6.30pm in the church. We would love to see you there.

Wednesday Word

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.' *Luke 11:28*

Would you like to be more fully open to God's Word and be more prepared to receive God's personal message for you each Sunday? 'Wednesday Word' is a resource which allows us to prayerfully prepare for Mass on Sunday by reading and reflecting on the upcoming Sunday Gospel in a friendly and supportive group setting. Come along to an open group each week to ready yourself for Sunday Mass and to deepen and feed your faith. Two groups will meet each week: Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 in the St Richard Reynolds Centre and Fridays from 7:00-8:00 in the Sacred Heart Church. If you would like support in arranging a 'Wednesday Word' group in a different venue or at a different time, please contact Maria Quinn *exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk* or phone the parish office. If you unable to attend a group session, 'Wednesday Word' resources are available to view online at www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm

Prayer for the Extraordinary

Month of Mission

The Pope asks us to pray with him at midday every Friday in October:

God our Father, when your Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations'. Through our Baptism you send us out to continue this mission among all peoples. Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to us, which is still far from completion, may bring life and light to the world. May all peoples experience the saving love and generous mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

livesimply

livesimply is a long-term parish project and all meetings and activities are open to the whole parish. The *livesimply* goals and objectives - living simply in solidarity with people in poverty and sustainably with creation, were set out as part of the application to be designated as a *livesimply* Parish, which we have achieved.

A meeting of the parish to further the goals and objectives in 2020 is booked for Saturday 2 November at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you have any ideas for future *livesimply* projects please email them to Coral at livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or on 07745922636 or Frances on 01392 209542. Or come along to the meeting. The Repair Café will also be open on that day. There will also be a sale of clothes provided by a parishioner. Proceeds will go to *livesimply* causes.

Advent wreath workshop

This will be held in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 30 November. Come and learn how to make your own wreath and be introduced to the prayers that are said around an Advent wreath. The aim is to use as many natural resources as possible. Please let Coral know on 07745922636 if you are coming to help with planning.

Sewing Group

The group has acquired two more sewing machines. One was purchased by the parish, the other with money donated to the repair café. The group is working hard on dresses and shorts to be taken to Uganda later this year. Others are making bags, quilts and knitting various garments.

Baptised in faith...

We welcome into the Church Amber Knapp and Vaidas Slipaitis who have been baptised into our parish community. Please offer a prayer for them, their parents and Godparents.

World Mission Sunday 2019

Each October, the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates World Mission Sunday. This year, it is on Sunday, 20 October. On the penultimate Sunday of October, every Catholic parish prays for the global mission of the Church. And every parish contributes to the Pope's fund for world mission - known in England and Wales as Missio. Even the poorest community gives what it can, then each receives according to its needs. As we continue this Extraordinary Month of Mission, please continue to join in praying for missionaries around the globe. With the Synod on the Amazon taking place in Rome at this time, we are reminded of the continued need to reach out to some of the remotest places in our world in response to Jesus Christ's command to 'go and make disciples of all the peoples'. Thank you for your support of world mission. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses.

“Matters Arising”

You are invited to the premiere of Maureen Speller's latest play presented by the Sacred Heart Arts Group at the Cardinal Newman Centre on Saturday 19 October (7.10 for 7.30 pm) or on Sunday 20 October (2.40 for 3.00pm) including a theatre quiz. Tickets £4 available from the parish office or after Masses this Sunday or on the door. Proceeds split between the Voluntary Missionary Movement and the Filipino Orphanage supported by our Presentation Sisters.

Exposition with Taizé

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

What's On in Heavitree

25th October - Goldies Singalong at Bodley Close Community Room from 11.00am to

12.00pm. Join in singing songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s! www.golden-oldies.org.uk
Suggested donation £2

25th October - Pumpkin carving in Heavitree Pleasure Ground at 2.00pm organised by Parklife.

26th October – Uncle Tom Cobley and All. Discover the story behind the song Widecombe Fair with Dr Todd Gray at St Michael's Academy at 7.15pm Tickets in advance £6.50. See poster for details.

27th October - The Heavitree Squilometre 'Great House and Wonford Village' project culminates with tea and tours in the afternoon and a lantern parade followed by a family 'medieval themed party' at Wonford Community and Learning Centre in the evening. For more details or go to www.heavitreesquilometre.org

28th October - A new Walking Group is beginning! Meet at Heavitree Pleasure Ground at 10.30am

St Nick's News

Reception 2020 & Nursery

We are giving tours for prospective parents for Reception 2020 entry on Tuesday 19th November at 9am and 6pm. Please contact Ali to book a place abrocksom@stnics.uk / 01392 445403 ext 222. Please contact Ali if you wish to find out more about our Nursery provision for over 3 year olds. We offer both 15 and 30 hours funding and before and after school care during term time.

Toddler Group Relaunch

The Toddler Group will start to meet again on Monday 4 November. We are very grateful to those who have come forward to help to run this group. We are also looking for any more mature ladies who can help to make a cuppa for the mums and helpers and get to know some of the young parents in the parish. Please pass the word around and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday mornings 9.30 till 11.30am.

Canonisation of Cardinal Newman

Pope Francis will canonise Blessed John Henry Newman in St Peter's Square on 13 October making him the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Newman is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century. See also - www.newmancanonisation.com/
We pray that this will be a grace-filled time for our nation. St John Henry Newman, pray for us and for the country you loved.

Commemorative Newspaper

11 October - the commemorative issue – all you need to know about the canonisation.
18 October – full report on the canonisation. Copies will be available in the church porch each week at a cost of £3 each which should be placed in the box marked 'newspapers'.

Retreats in the diocese

15–17 November (Fri–Sun) Weekend retreat – a 'taster' weekend at Buckfast for anyone who would like to try a retreat for the first time. To book contact: Diocesan Retreats 14 Beweys Park, Lower Burraton, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 4SW 01752 657469. pid83468@gmail.com or elaineclplymouth@gmail.com

A 'greener' parish

The Diocesan fuel management company, which manages all diocesan parishes' fuel contracts including our own, has entered into a "Green" gas contract which started on 1 October. In keeping with the Pope's message that we all have a responsibility as custodians of the earth's resources they will continue to buy 'green' and the contract is for renewable energy (wind and hydro power only). Green certificates will be issued at Diocesan level on an annual basis.

Gather 2020

Light for My Steps

This annual conference gathers people from the Diocese of Plymouth and beyond for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship.

Our 2020 speakers include Sr Gemma Simmonds – director of the Religious Life Institute, teacher and spiritual director, Monsignor Robert Draper – Vicar General of the Diocese of Plymouth and Fr Anthony O’Gorman – parish priest and experienced supporter of the faith of young people.

Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay Friday 31 January – Sunday 2 February. Please see the flyer for more information and booking form. These are available in the church porch. We look forward to welcoming you to this opportunity to refresh your faith and to find new confidence in sharing it with others. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The SVP is looking for new members. Over the last year we have made visits to many elderly and lonely people in their homes, in hospitals and care homes. We have arranged and paid for a family to have a holiday. We have provided communal meals for a Community Shelter for children and young people coping with a variety of issues. Our Coffee Morning in Exeter High Street has raised money to support SVP's Baby Feeding Stations in the Sudan. We've also been able to send aid to the Sisters' Orphanage in the Philippines and also to our twinned SVP Conferences in India. We are doing this, and much more but if we are to continue our work we do need more members. Just one hour of your time now and again would make such a difference. If you would like to volunteer or if you would like more information please contact Maureen Speller or Mike Eden: maureenspeller@hotmail.com mike.eden52@btinternet.com

Magazines for hospital

Could we please have your old suitable magazines that we can donate to the RD&E hospital for elderly patients to read. Any magazines that you have can be left in the box under the table in the porch entrance of the church. Thank you.

1115 Youth Group

For the next meeting we are planning a nature walk on Woodbury Common on 16 October. Please email Erik Renz exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk for details. If the weather does not look good, details of where the meeting will be held will be sent. Please can you indicate if you can attend by emailing Erik. We will meet between 6.45 – 8.00pm. Children would need to be brought to Woodbury. Parents and family welcome to come, including four legged friends.

St Boniface's Catholic College

There will be an open afternoon at the college in Plymouth on Monday 14 October from 3.30pm for prospective families wishing to continue their son's Catholic education into secondary school. Current 4, 5 and 6 families are welcome to attend, all welcome. Meet their new Headteacher Mrs Cox, and take part in student-led tours of their facilities. More information is available on their website at www.stbonifaces.com

Missio Red Boxes

This October is Pope Francis' Extraordinary Month of Mission so it is appropriate for our Red Boxes to be opened and counted. Your box can be collected at both morning Masses on Sunday 27 October. If you are unable to bring them then please contact John Mitchelmore on 01392 757199 and you can arrange for him to collect your box. There are copies of Mission Today in the porch please take a copy.

Parish Pastoral Council

The members of the PPC have served the parish, some for many years, and I'm extremely grateful to them. It has been decided that we should move to a fully elected membership. This, I believe, will give opportunities for greater representation of the parish community and the possibility of wider influence. The PPC is a consultative body to enable the parish priest, who has the ultimate responsibility for the welfare of the community, to make wise decisions about the future – and the present – of the parish. Therefore I'm asking for nominations for membership of the new council which will be formed this autumn. We need 8 elected members. If we have more than 8 nominations we will move to an election. If you would like to nominate someone please complete a nomination form, which can be found in the church porch, and return it to the Parish Office by Sunday 3 November. You must obtain the agreement of the nominee and ask them to sign the form as well as yourself. If you would like to know more about the working of the PPC, copies of the constitution are available in the Parish Office and I would be happy to talk to you about the role of the membership.

Many thanks. Fr Jonathan.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

From early November, CCSP will be selling packs of Christmas cards for the first time. The cards have been lovingly designed by children in our Primary schools across the Diocese. Since September CCSP have visited a number of schools to promote the Christmas card competition as well as the work of the charity whose main aim is 'PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST'. Packs of 12 cards, featuring 3 copies of each of the 4 winning designs will be available to purchase soon for £5.00. Please support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) and

help the children in our local schools to become Good Shepherds who think of helping other children less fortunate than themselves. This is one of the loveliest, kindest and most caring things that our children can do. Please let the parish office know if you wish to purchase some packs and an order will be sent from the parish. Thank you.

Stamps for Hospice

Sister Guy-Marie used to trim used postage stamps for the Hospice. This was one of her ways of helping them. They get a lot of money from selling the stamps. The Sisters are continuing this work for her. Please bring your used stamps and put them in the box in the church porch. Thank you.

Catholic Women's League

The next Mass for the work of the League is on Saturday 19 October at Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am. Coffee and cakes will be served afterwards in the Lower Room.

Teaching in Africa

The Catholic Organisation VMM (*Volunteer Missionary Movement*) works with a variety of partners across Africa. I have offered my services as a Secondary School Science teacher with 32 years experience and was immediately offered a placement at St James Minor Seminary Secondary School in the Diocese of Lodwar, North West Kenya. My main task will be both teaching students Science and teaching unqualified teachers how to teach Physics and Chemistry. The Headteacher, Brother Moses, has asked me to arrive at the school on 15 January 2020 and remain for about one month. In this venture I have the full support of Father Kieran as well as our Bishop Mark and Bishop Dominick of Lodwar Diocese. Please support me by your prayer and by sponsoring me. God Bless You . . . *Deacon Kelvin Russell*. A sponsor form is available in the church porch for you to sign up to help.

Mass Times

Sunday 13 October

28th in Ordinary Time

Prayer for Prisoners & their families

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *Mary Leach RIP*

6.00pm

Monday 14 October

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 15 October

St Teresa of Jesus

6.30pm *The Tapp Family*

Wednesday 16 October

9.30am

4.00pm Hospital Mass

Thursday 17 October

St Ignatius of Antioch

9.30am

Friday 18 October

St Luke, Evangelist

7.30am Convent

9.30am *John Hickey Power RIP & Beatrice Power RIP*

Saturday 19 October

9.30am *Thanksgiving for the Uganda Borehole Fundraising*

Sunday 20 October

29th in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day

8.45am *Sr Guy Marie RIP*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm *Elizabeth Kelleher RIP*

Monday 21 October

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 22 October

Pope St John Paul II

6.30pm

Wednesday 23 October

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 24 October

11.00am *Frances Hayter RIP & Family*

Friday 25 October

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 26 October

9.30am

NB Clocks go back one hour tonight.

Sunday 27 October

30th in Ordinary Time

8.45am *Bob Bendall RIP*

10.45am *Marie Sheehan 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 13 October

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.

Psalm Response

The Lord has shown salvation to the nations.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.

Sunday 20 October

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Psalm Response

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

Sunday 27 October

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.

Psalm Response

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.

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