

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
27 October 2019. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. *Year C*

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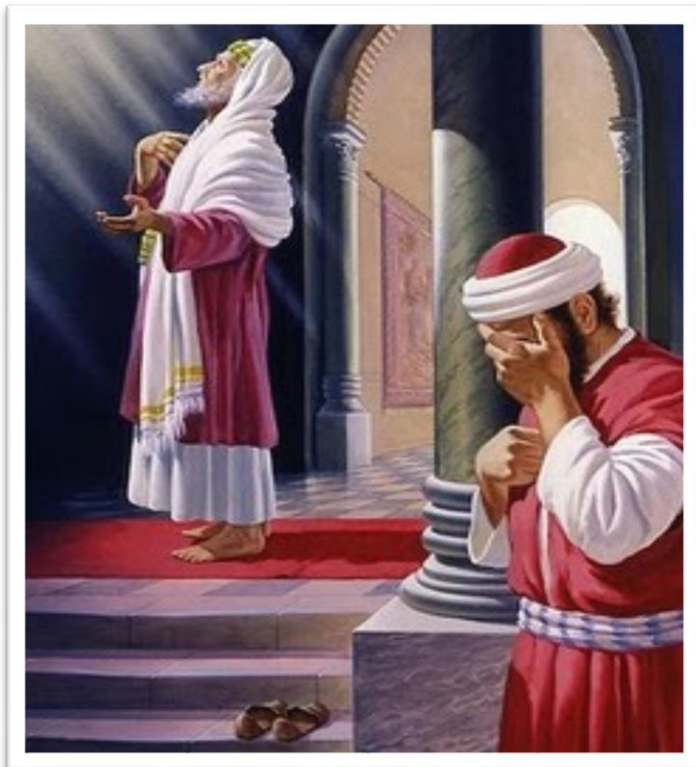
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A few weeks ago we had a Gospel about humility in social life, today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: 'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.' This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord's teaching! The sin of 'self-exaltation' consists in putting others in a lower place, as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today's Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying 'this prayer to himself' rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn't talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

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
13 Oct £1191.35
20 Oct £943.18*

Calendar of Events

Monday

livesimply Sewing Group

St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm

Wednesday

Wednesday Word

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

Friday

Wednesday Word

Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm

Tues 29 Oct

Rosary Group

Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm

Sat 2 Nov

Blessing of Graves

Higher Cemetery 11.00am followed by

Refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 12.00pm

Sun 3 Nov

livesimply Meeting & Repair Cafe

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

Pastoral Parish Council

Last date for nominations

Mon 4 Nov

Toddler Group Relaunch

St Richard Reynolds Centre 9.30am

Wed 6 Nov

Wednesday Word

NB Blessed Sacrament church 2.00pm

Thurs 7 Nov

Thursday Lunch Club

St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm

Sun 10 Nov

Clergy Requiem

Plymouth Cathedral 12.00noon

Extraordinary Form Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm

Wed 13 Nov

Rosary Group

Blessed Sacrament Church 6.30pm

1115 Youth Group

St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm

Thurs 14 Nov

Cafod meeting

St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm

Prayer Group

NB Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm

Sat 16 Nov

Celebrate Gather Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church 5.00pm

Sun 17 Nov

Liturgy of Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm

followed by Refreshments in the

St Richard Reynolds Centre 4.00pm

Thurs 21 Nov

Thursday Lunch Club & AGM

St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm

Tues 26 Nov

Rosary Group

Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm

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 some more parishioners who can come along 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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. 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.*

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.

Prayer Group

The next meeting of the Prayer Group is on Thursday 14 November at 7.15pm in the Blessed Sacrament Church. All welcome.

Parish Rosary Group

Would you like to gather to pray the rosary together? We will next be meeting on Tuesday 29 October at 3.00pm and Wednesday 13 November at 6.30pm in the church. We would love to see you there.

Exposition with Taizé

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

Wednesday Word

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

'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. Groups will meet each week: Wednesdays from 2.00-3.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre and Fridays from 7.00-8.00pm 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. 'Wednesday Word' resources are available to view online at www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm

Baptised in faith...

We welcome into the Church Joseph Morgan, Alexander Cosway, Nolen Pal and Eve Hubbard who are to be baptised into our parish community in the coming weeks. Please offer a prayer for them, their parents and Godparents.

All Saints

On **Friday 1 November** we celebrate the great Feast of All Saints. As it is one of the Church's most important festivals it is a holy day of obligation. **Masses on the day will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm.**

"Your reward will be great in heaven."

The saints forever praise God's glory in heaven. In their lives on earth they lived out the beatitudes preached by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount and that is why they are so happy now. We too need to model our lives on them so that where they are we may one day be. We, like them, will see God face to face.

The night which precedes the feast is the Eve of All Hallows (the hallowed or holy ones). Hallowe'en is a time when we make fun of death as we believe it has no hold over us. Jesus died for us and rose again to the new life of heaven, therefore as Christians we have no fear of death. This is why we can dress up and mock it.

All Souls

The day following the feast of All Saints is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. This is a special day of prayer for all our loved ones who have died. By praying for them we hope to assure them a place in heaven alongside all the saints we celebrated the previous day. Mass on **Saturday 2 November** will be at 9.30am.

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 **Saturday 2 November** at 11.00am to visit the graves of our loved ones. Even if they are buried far away come and join in this act of remembrance. This will be followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

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 on **Thursday 7 November** at 12.00 noon at Plymouth Cathedral Cecil Street PL1 5HW. May they rest in peace.

Saying Goodbye

On the 13 November at 7.00pm in St Andrew's Minster, Plymouth, the Mariposa Trust is holding one of its Saying Goodbye services. We know that many as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss. So who is the service for? Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family members or friends loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, www.sayinggoodbye.org. We also have FREE leaflets and resources available for those who would like more information or to be able to offer more support to those touched by baby loss.

Into your hands, Lord...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Hope** who has died. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 31 October at 11.00am. Requiescat in Pace.

Stronghold Praise & Worship

The next meeting of the Prayer Group supported by Stronghold is on Thursday 28 November at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Livesimply

This is a time of the year when there are a lot of opportunities to live simply, wear last year's winter clothes, have an advent penance ready, support any initiative to improve life for those less fortunate than ourselves, spend more time in prayer.

A meeting of the parish to further the goals and objectives in 2020 will be held on Saturday 2 November at 2.00pm. If you have any ideas for future livesimply projects please come along or email them to livesimplyexeter@gmail.com

The Repair Café will also be open that afternoon. Contact Coral 07745922636 or Frances 01392 209542 or just come along. There will also be a sale of clothes.

Advent wreath workshop. In the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 30 November 2019 after the morning Mass. The aim is to use as many natural resources as possible. If you could let Coral 07745922636 know if you would like to join us. You should bring the following with you: 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white candle, and scissors/secateurs, string, greenery from garden and dried pinecones, dried seeds, acorns, ribbon and perhaps small Christmas decorations.

Sewing Group Meets every Monday. The group is asking for donations of fabric suitable for making boys shorts. Dark colours and cotton fabric would be preferred and really appreciated.

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. pjd83468@gmail.com or elaineclplymouth@gmail.com

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.

Teaching in Africa

The Catholic Organisation VMM (*Volunteer Missionary Movement*) works with a variety of partners across Africa. I 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.

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

The group who will next meet on Wednesday 13 November at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All 11 to 15 year olds are welcome to come along.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

CCSP are selling packs of Christmas cards that have been designed by children in our Primary schools across the Diocese. Packs of 12 cards, featuring 3 copies of each of the 4 winning designs will be available to purchase for £5.00. Please support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). 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. You can 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.

'Matters Arising'

It was great to see so many of you at our Arts Group events last Saturday and Sunday. Thank you so much for your support. We have raised over £400 to be split equally between the Voluntary Missionary Movement and the Filipino Orphanage supported by the Sisters of The Presentation of Mary.

Pope Francis' Intention for November

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerge in the near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Interfaith Week 2019

Sat 9 November – Universal Peace Prayers for World Peace to mark the start of Interfaith Week, at the Garden room of the Southernhay United Reformed Church, from 10.30 to 11.00am

Wed 13 November – On becoming a multi-faith peacemaker in Jerusalem today – the spiritual journey of a Rabbi's daughter – Hanna Jaffe, at Southernhay United Reformed church at 7.15pm

Sat 16 November – Ask a Muslim – members of the Inclusive Mosque group will be hosting an informal session during which they will speak, answer questions and share informal conversation about Islam. You are invited to come along to the Mint Methodist Church, Fore St, Reception/coffee area,

Sun 17 November – A day of Building Bridges and Valuing Visions. An event open to all aged between 13 and 20 and it marks the re-launch of DIFFY (Devon Interfaith Forum for Youth). For more info and to book a place contact marc at interfaithyouthproject@gmail.com. This event will be held in Lupton House, Brixham and its grounds from 11.00am till 4.00pm

Sun 17 November – An Interfaith Week Celebration at Plymouth Unitarian Church, Notte Street, Plymouth PL1 2HG 5–6pm

Smart Loving Breakthrough

When marriages are conflicted, the whole family suffers. It's stressful for the parents and distressing for the children. Smart Loving Break Through is an online course designed to help individual spouses process their emotions and understand what is

driving the conflict in their marriage. Grounded in contemporary psychology and framed by Catholic spirituality, the 3 hour course is available anywhere, anytime. More information is available online (and a 50% discount): smartloving.org/breakthrough/

'Celebrate' Family Mass

At Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday 16 November at 5.00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday). Come and join the South West Celebrate Weekend team and many 'Celebrators' from around the diocese! All parishioners are welcome.

St Nick's News

Reception 2020 & Nursery

We are giving tours for prospective parents for Reception 2020 entry on Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am and 6.00pm. Please contact Ali to book a place 01392 445403 ext 222 abrocksom@stnics.uk. 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.

Cafod News

The next **Cafod meeting** will take place in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.00pm on Thursday 14 November. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to know more about the group and what it does.

CAFOD Pyramid Boxes

We will be collecting pyramid boxes at all Masses on Sunday 17 November. The collection will go to the Syrian emergency appeal fund. Please remember to bring your box along on that day.

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 17 November is World Day of the Poor. On this World Day we are called to examine our conscience to see if we can truly hear and respond to the cry of the poor in our world. In our communities, we are

invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. Pope Francis asks us to pray, and to share a meal after Mass if we can, in a spirit of joy and togetherness.

CAFOD Faith in Action

This November CAFOD is hosting some Faith in Action Days. This year we are pleased that we will be hosting one at Buckfast Abbey on 9 November from 10.00am till 4.00pm. We will reflect on Scripture and Church teaching and be inspired by others and CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas. Please do try and come along. Places are limited so please book your place ASAP via this link cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Plymouth-Faith-in-Action-Day or 01752 268 768

Cafod Christmas Cards will be on sale after the morning Masses today 27 October.

CALL MY BLUFF

Representatives from the Baptist, Methodist C of E churches and the Salvation Army will join two of our priests - to make two teams on **Friday 29 November**, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Cardinal Newman Centre. The food will be provided by the Filipino parishioners, drinks and a Draw, all to add to the entertainment. Tickets £10. Proceeds to *Mary's Meals* and CAFOD.

Liturgy of Remembrance

On Sunday 17 November at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church you are invited to join us to remember all those we have loved and lost. This collective act of thanksgiving will include readings, prayers, songs and reflections to help us remember and to give thanks for their lives. All welcome. Please invite anyone you know, family or friends who you think may like to come.

Extraordinary Form Mass

The next Mass takes place at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church today, Sunday 10 November.

Mass Times

Sunday 27 October

30th in Ordinary Time

8.45am *Bob Bendall RIP*

10.45am *Marie Sheehan RIP*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 28 October

SS Simon & Jude Apostles

No Convent Mass

Tuesday 29 October

6.30pm

Wednesday 30 October

9.30am

4.00pm Hospital Mass

Thursday 31 October

11.00am *Funeral Mass*

Richard Hope RIP

Friday 1 November

All Saints

Holyday of Obligation

NO Convent Mass

9.30am *Dermott Curtis RIP*

7.00pm *People of the Parish*

Saturday 2 November

All Souls

9.30am

11.00am *Blessing of graves*

Higher Cemetery

Sunday 3 Nov

31st in Ordinary Time

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *Private Intention*

6.00pm

Monday 4 November

St Charles Borromeo

NO Convent Mass

Tuesday 5 November

6.30pm

Wednesday 6 November

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 7 November

9.30am *Patrick, Catherine &*

Brendan Healy RIP

Friday 8 November

7.30am Convent

9.30am *Amelia McFadyen RIP*

Saturday 9 November

Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

9.30am

Sunday 10 Nov

32nd in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday –

All Victims of War

8.45am *Rest of the souls of*

Catenians & Catholics of the

Exeter Area killed in the

1939/45 war.

10.45am

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 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.

Sunday 3 November

First Reading

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.

Psalm Response

I will bless your name

forever, O God my King

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

Sunday 10 November

First Reading

Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14

The King of the world will raise us up to live again for ever.

Psalm Response

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of

your glory, O Lord.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living

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