

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
10 November 2019. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C

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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.

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
27 Oct £1349.70
3 Nov £1422.84*

Calendar of Events

Monday

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St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm

Wednesday

Wednesday Word

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

Friday

Wednesday Word

Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm

Sun 10 Nov

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

Bicycle Marking

Blessed Sacrament Car Park 11.00am

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

Sat 23 Nov

Blessing of the Graves

Higher Cemetery 11.00am

Sun 17 Nov

Liturgy of Remembrance

Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm

Sun 24 Nov

Youth Sunday trip to Plymouth Pavilions

Leaving Blessed Sacrament 9.30am – 6.00pm

Tues 26 Nov

Rosary Group

Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm

Wed 27 Nov

1115 Youth Group

St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm

Thurs 28 Nov

Stronghold Praise & Worship

St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm

Sat 30 Nov

livesimply Wreath Making Workshop & Repair Café

St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am

Sun 1 Dec

HCPT Advent Service

Blessed Sacrament Church 4.30pm

Thurs 5 Dec

Thursday Lunch Club

St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm

Sat 7 Dec

Cafod Advent Mass

Sacred Heart church 5.30pm

Parish Pastoral Council

Many thanks to the eleven people who have been nominated and for those who did the nominating! We could hold an election for eight places, but I think it's a much better idea to invite all eleven to sit on the Council. We are a rich and diverse community and this will be reflected in the membership. So, the full membership will be:

Fr Jonathan, Maria Quinn (pastoral assistant), Lesley Hooper (Safeguarding), Anne Burdon (Treasurer), Shimmy Joy, Paul Minter, Trevor Baker, Tina Akinpelu, Ann Wright, Marie Moustache, Julia Gill, Frances Canning, Matthew Bosley (Youth Rep), Jane Martin, Nina Bossa-Lubugumu and Emma Wilson. The first meeting of the new council will be in the New Year, details to follow. *Fr Jonathan*

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.

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 17 November. On this 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. Perhaps you could bring a gift for the Food Bank on this Sunday. And, in solidarity with the hundreds of our brethren in chronic need in this country alone, try giving up something which you consider essential to your daily living, e.g. showering, for just one day.

Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion

On Saturday 30 November there will be a half-day of recollection for existing and new Readers and Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist for the parishes of Exeter. This is to be held at the Sacred Heart Church from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. This is an important opportunity to renew your commitment to these vital ministries in our community.

1115 Youth Group

The group 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

Youth Sunday

Are you aged 10 – 17? You are invited to join other young people on Sunday 24 November, Youth Sunday and the feast of Christ the King. A coach will leave Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am for skating at Plymouth Pavilions followed by food and a Youth Mass at Christ the King church in Plymouth. The coach will return to Blessed Sacrament at 6.00pm. The cost is £12 and if you want to go please contact Erik Renz at exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk

Gift Aid Donors

Gift Aid donors should soon receive an individual statement of how much you gave in the year so that you can check you have paid enough tax to cover the gift aid that the parish will claim. This statement will be sent to the address that is currently held by the gift aid organiser. If you are expecting a letter but do not receive one please contact the parish office. **If you are a UK taxpayer and don't currently gift aid your donations and wish to do so please also contact the parish office. Thank you.**

Baptism

If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptised in the near future, please contact the Parish office to book a place on one of our courses. We look forward to supporting you and your family in your faith journey together. Our Baptism course runs over 3 consecutive Saturday mornings from 10.30-12.00. We are offering three courses in 2020: March 14, 21, 28 July 11, 18, 25 and November 14, 21, 28

Extraordinary Form Mass

3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church today, Sunday 10 November.

'Celebrate' Family Mass

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

Parish Rosary Group

Would you like to gather to pray the rosary together? We will next be meeting on Wednesday 13 November at 6.30pm and Tuesday 26 November at 3.00pm in the church. We would love to see you there.

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/

GIFT Family Catechesis

If your child is at an age when you think they are ready to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion then GIFT is for you. Please take an information leaflet and a leaflet giving the dates of the sessions which will begin in January 2020. This is a radically different approach to growing in faith which we hope will lead to a greater understanding of the sacraments and your part in the life of the Church.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

CCSP are selling packs of Christmas cards designed by children 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. They can be ordered using the order form in the church porch and sending it together with payment to CCSP, St Boniface House in Ashburton.

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Advent wreath workshop. In the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 30 November at 10.00am. 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.

Stronghold Praise & Worship

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

Wednesday Word

'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

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

Saying Goodbye

13 November at 7.00pm in St Andrew's Minster, Plymouth, the Mariposa Trust is holding one of its Saying Goodbye services. 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

Prayer Group

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

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.

Catholic Women's League

Mass for deceased members will be said on Saturday 16 November at the Sacred Heart Church at 10.00 am. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Lower Room.

St Nick's News

Tours of our wonderful Reception unit will be held on Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am and at 6.00pm for prospective parents. To book a place contact Ali: 01392 445403 ext 222 abrocksom@stncls.uk.

We now have Children's Chaplains who help to develop the faith life of the school. They even have their own webpage where they post news about their activities in school and prayer intentions. For more information visit: [www.st-nicholasexeter.devon.sch.uk/website/childrens pages/201300](http://www.st-nicholasexeter.devon.sch.uk/website/childrens%20pages/201300) Take a look!

We also continue to develop our outdoor areas and have opened up our forest area. All our children will be working with the Devon Wildlife trust this year and we are also running Forest School sessions. Yr 5/6 have been building some fantastic dens this week. All our news is on our website www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk

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.

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.

Teaching in Africa

Deacon Kelvin Russell is going to SW Kenya to teach at a school with VMM in January 2020. He is asking for sponsorship to help with his trip. There is a form in the church porch or you can go to: justgiving.com/Crowdfunding/Kelvin-russell

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.

Interfaith Week 2019

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

HCPT Advent Celebration

HCPT Westcountry invites you to join them for an Advent Celebration with Bishop Mark at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 1 December. Advent activities for children from 2.30pm in the Richard Reynolds Centre and tea and cake from 3.45pm before an Advent Service in the church at 4.30 till 5.15pm. All welcome to come along.

Blessing of graves

Praying for the dead is one of the most important things we do as Christians so we invite you to join us at Exeter Higher Cemetery (the Hamlin Lane entrance) on Saturday 23 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. All welcome.

Cafod News

The next **Cafod meeting** is on Thursday 14 November at 7.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. 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.

Cafod Christmas Cards will be on sale after Sunday morning Masses.

Cafod Advent Mass - Saturday 7 December 5.30pm at Sacred Heart Church with Bishop Mark. Please join us and Bishop Mark to celebrate the work of CAFOD and to praise and pray for all of the CAFOD coordinators, parish contacts and supporters

Catenian Bursary Fund

This fund is designed to offer financial support to young Catholics aged 16 to 24, particularly those who are more disadvantaged and would not normally be able to undertake voluntary work, and who engage in projects of at least 15 working days to help others less fortunate than themselves. Please see poster or visit www.thecatenians.com.

Advent Penitential Service

The Advent Penitential Service for all the Exeter parishes will be held at the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 10 December at 7.00pm when there will be several priests available to hear confessions.

Free Cycle marking

Keep your bike safe - Devon and Cornwall Police will be coming to the Blessed Sacrament car park on Saturday 16 November at 11.00am to security mark any bikes that are brought along. So bring yours along to get it marked!

What's On in Heavitree

11 November - Armistice Day Service of Remembrance at the Commonwealth War Graves at Higher Cemetery (Hamlin Lane entrance) at 10.30pm and a new Walking Group is meeting at Heavitree Pleasure Ground, main entrance at 10.30am

16 November- St Michaels Church Autumn Fair 11 – 2.30pm at St Michaels Church

16 November - St Michaels Academy Christmas Fair 1pm – 4pm

16 November - The Big Quiz organised by City Community Church at St Michaels Academy

22 November - Big Switch On

23 November - Christmas Fair at Heavitree URC

Prayer for the country

St Petrock's on the High Street is hosting a prayer space for anyone who wants to spend some time praying for our country. There are three prayer stations, around the themes of unity, peace and hope. The next time you're in the city centre, join in praying for our country – for unity, peace and hope. Open daily during working hours, except when in use for meetings. The prayer space has been created by Ross Maynard, the community minister from South Street Baptist Church - a good example of churches working together.

Red Wednesday

27 November is Red Wednesday and is a hugely successful and high-profile campaign aimed at promoting religious freedom and shining a light on the suffering of persecuted Christians and others, especially in Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan and China. Be a Red Wednesday Champion of Faith. Further information and useful resources are available from catherine.crowson@aacnuk.org or telephone 020 8642 8668.

Mass Times

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*

Monday 11 November

St Martin of Tours

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 12 November

St Josaphat

6.30pm *The Evans Family*

Wednesday 13 Nov

9.30am *Deceased members of the Wilmot & Weston families*

4.00pm Hospital Mass

Thursday 14 November

9.30am *Patrick, Catherine & Brendan Healy RIP*

Friday 15 November

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 16 November

9.30am

Sunday 17 Nov

33rd in Ordinary Time

World Day of the poor

8.45am *Jim Clark RIP*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

3.00pm

Liturgy of Remembrance

6.00pm

Monday 18 November

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 19 November

6.30pm *Patrick, Catherine & Brendan Healy RIP*

Wednesday 20 Nov

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 21 November

The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am *Ann Pala RIP*

Friday 22 November

St Cecilia

7.30am Convent

9.30am *Private Intention*

Saturday 23 November

9.30am

Sunday 24 Nov

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the universe

Youth Sunday

8.45am *George Stewart RIP*

10.45am *Deceased members of the DHS Associates*

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 10 November

First Reading

2 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

Sunday 17 November

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

For you the sun of righteousness will shine out.

Psalm Response

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not let anyone have food who refuses to work.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your lives.

Sunday 10 November

First Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

Psalm Response

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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