

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
1 November 2020 The Solemnity of All Saints. Year A



Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in heaven

“A huge number, impossible to count” – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the “anonymous” saints, whose names we don’t remember – but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own “journey of perfection”. What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit – these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the “named” saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today’s feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

Feast of All Souls – 2 November

On Monday we celebrate the feast of All Souls when we remember and pray for all those who have died. **Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am and 6.30pm.** If you would like us to include your intention on Monday please email the parish with the names. Title you email All Souls Intention and we will make sure they are included. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. And may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

May they rest in peace...

Please pray for those who have died recently especially Edna Cahill who used to worship at Blessed Sacrament. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Human Person Workshop from Franciscan at Home

Monday 16 October 7.30 – 8.30pm. Who *am* I? What is *my nature*? *What* has God created me *for*? *Who* has God created me *for*? In this workshop we contemplate the unique answers that the Christian faith gives to these questions, answers that highlight the incredible dignity of every person. Objectives: by the end of this workshop you will: • Understand the truth that the human person is created in the image and likeness of God the Blessed Trinity. • Be more confident in how to teach about the stages God has led humanity through in Salvation History. • Have a deeper appreciation for the unique position of the human person in the created order. You will need access to - a computer, tablet/iPad or Smartphone a Bible and The Catechism of the Catholic Church (available online) an hour a week (on Monday evenings) for 6 weeks. For more information or for a link to the meeting contact Deborah van Kroonenburg - deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger and their Christmas cards and gift cards are now available. Christmas shopping may be different this year but you can still send your loved ones a life changing present. Last year sales of cards and gift cards helped to feed more than 3500 children with Mary's meals. Christmas cards to raise funds for Mary's Meals are available to order by calling 0800 698 1212 or online at www.marysmeals.org.uk/christmas-shop

Youth Events in the Diocese of Plymouth

You can view our creation service on the Diocese YouTube page youtu.be/bNVJYg4IQYM It's beautiful to hear what young members love about our world and our young adults reflecting on our duty as Stewards of the earth. If you know a young person that would like to take part in the next online service in December please contact youth@prcdtr.org.uk Thank you

The Plymouth Diocese will be performing a virtual nativity this year and the youth in the parishes and friends of those in the parish (do not have to be Catholic), ages 11-21, are invited to join in. There will be a series of workshops held over Zoom by a drama teacher on November 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 7.30-8.45pm. We need commitment for all dates and those involved with create and film a nativity that will be shared via the diocese YouTube channel and Facebook page. If your children or their friends would like to get involved with some drama lessons (no cost) and be a part of the diocese nativity this year, please get in touch with Erik Renz at exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk for more information. Young people under 18 will need to complete a form giving them authority to join in the sessions. To get the form and the link to log in please can they or the parent email me at youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Covid-19 Guidance

Please see attached a PDF of the latest government guidelines for 'Contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person.

Retrouvaille: You Can Help Your Marriage

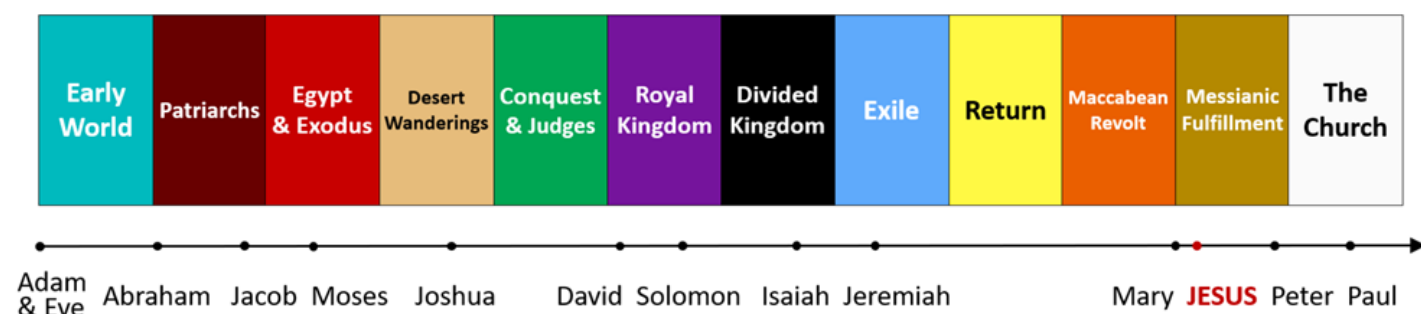
Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12 -15 November. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Free food for people who are homeless

St Petrock's has adapted its housing & homelessness services to support clients throughout the Covid-19 situation. Their rough-sleeper team are working with colleagues to co-ordinate support where it is most needed across the city. See attached guide for dates and places that this help can be found. They have also produced a [news update](#) to share some of the positive work happening in our parishes during the Covid-19 crisis, a copy is attached

The Bible Timeline Course

Please join us for a 7 week course which will help you grasp the Big Picture of the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, for life! It divides the whole Bible into 12 colour-coded Periods, easy to understand and memorise. The course will be live streamed and free. It will run every Wednesday at 7.00 - 8.30pm for 7 weeks starting on Wed 4 November. For course info see www.comeandsee.org to register see <https://comeandsee.org/registration>



Coming to Church

As the Sunday obligation is suspended, you are able to come to any of the Masses celebrated during the week. If you are able to come to a weekday Mass (especially if you are not working) it would help as the Sunday Masses are filling up and we have had to turn some people away. Doors will open 20 minutes before Mass starts. Please arrive in good time and wait outside the porch door. You will be invited into the porch individually or as a household to sanitise your hands, give your contact details for "track and trace" purposes and then wait to be seated by a steward. Please cooperate politely with them as they take you to your seats in church. It may not always be possible for you to sit in your favourite place, but this is so that we can easily accommodate people towards the back of the church minimising disruption during Mass. Once Mass has started the doors will be closed, so please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time. Please place your offering in the basket by the door as you leave.

In line with Government guidelines parishioners should keep to a social distance of 1m+, and must wear a face covering during their time in church (except young and primary school aged children). Please provide your own face covering.

You may find it chilly in church as we have to have as much ventilation as possible to keep you safe - so please bear with us and find those winter jumpers and coats so that you can keep yourself warm in church. Thank you for your understanding.

Stewarding at Mass

Our stewards continue to offer their time to help us celebrate Mass safely and have been doing so for many months now. **We would like to be able to give our stewards a break so please volunteer to go on the rota. If you are coming to Mass regularly and are under 70 years old you could take your turn to minister to the community in this way. See it as 'taking your turn' rather than leaving it to a small group of people volunteering.**

If you would like to join the team please contact the Parish Office and we will get you on the rota. You may need to undergo some simple training. Please can we ask that all stewards arrive **at least half an hour before the beginning of Mass** so that we can open the doors of the church in readiness for our congregation. Many thanks. We are immensely grateful to you all.

NHS COVID-19 App and QR Code for Blessed Sacrament

The NHS has introduced an app for smart phones which enables you to check into venues which display a QR code. We have received a QR Code poster for the Blessed Sacrament Church and this is now on display in the porch. To check in, open your NHS COVID-19 app and tap "Venue Check in". This will open your camera automatically. Scan the QR code on the poster. The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else. As not everyone has a smart phone or is able to use the app, we will also continue to manually take names and contact details. For more information on the NHS app and QR codes, please see the two attachments with last week's newsletter.

A Pastoral Message from Bishop Mark O'Toole

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of the 40 Martyrs of England & Wales is attached to the newsletter

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, please email: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Celebrate South West

The South West Celebrate Team have put together a series of online Zoom evenings on Mondays from 7.30 – 8.30pm. To register go to www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020. The topics covered are: 2 November: Unity; The Importance of Unity for the Kingdom. 16 November: Formation; The Call to Ever Deeper Discipleship with Stronghold 30 November: Mission; Taking Risks and Stepping out in Faith to Pursue God's Mission.

St Nicholas School Admissions

Reception 2021 Admissions

We are now taking Reception tour bookings for those interested in Reception 2021 admissions. Due to COVID restrictions we are offering 6 tours over 2 days and are strictly limiting the numbers to 15 people per tour. The dates are either **Wednesday 21 October** or **Wednesday 18 November** and on each day we are offering tours at **9.30am, 1.30pm or 6.00pm** Please email the school (head@stnics.uk) with your preferred date, time and the numbers coming. We look forward to meeting you and showing you our lovely school.

Churches Together Devon News

The latest Churches Together Devon news is now available, here:

<https://mailchi.mp/e163e3bc1ba8/ctd-news-update-october-2020?e=8484c4b7b3>

Care for the Family *Because Family Life Matters*

Since 1988, Care for the Family has sought to promote strong family life and help those who face family difficulties. They focus primarily on the following areas of family life: marriage, parenting and bereavement. Their autumn events have a specific faith focus and we are sure you will find them helpful. Visit their website cff.org.uk for information about the free to view sessions and films and to register for those you would like to watch.

10, 11, 12 November **Primary Parenting** 24, 25, 26 November

South West Big Christmas Carols Online

December 5 & 6. Professionally produced carols from a range of participants including well known Christian singers (Matt Redman, Lucy Grimble, London Community Gospel Choir, Wildwood Kin and a Cathedral Children's Choir TBC). Interspersed with testimonies of people's experience of the hope of the gospel, with J John TBC. Large nativity featuring multiple schools from across the southwest - a narration of the nativity acted out and captured on camera.

Possibly the largest nativity in the southwest. Live presenters topping and tailing the night.

More info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6khID6Nh44>

Sick Parishioners

Please remember in your prayers all in our parish who are sick, in hospital, recently bereaved, lonely or struggling at this difficult time. May God help them to find the strength and courage to deal with their difficulties. May they know that the parish is with them and praying for them.

Exeter Prays

During the last Sunday of each month Exeter Prays at 8.00 - 8.40pm. Please join in praying for our city, land, and the nations. Online at www.southwestawake.com/

Government help

There is a free service to find out what help you can get from the government and other organisations. The link here is: <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-support>

Caritas Plymouth

Caritas Plymouth focuses on supporting and enabling parishes and communities to take action to reach out to the poor and marginalised, building on the great work that is already happening and sharing good ideas. Over recent months we have worked with partners to distribute funding for food and essential items to those struggling as a result of Covid-19; we have organised events to raise awareness of modern slavery and we have offered training on how to support people struggling financially. We have celebrated the Season of Creation in partnership with CAFOD and our schools. We are linking in with groups interested in Justice and Peace to share Catholic Social Teaching including the Covid-19 catechesis and the new Encyclical '*Fratelli Tutti*'. If you would like to find out more about the work of Caritas, the latest newsletter can be found on the [Diocesan website](#)

Pope Francis on Mercy...

What counts above all else is 'faith working through love' (Gal 5:5). Works of love directed to one's neighbour are the most perfect eternal manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit...

Pope's November Intention

Artificial Intelligence. We pray that the process of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Getting married?

Congratulations! Please give us six months' notice if you are hoping to marry in the Church.

Prison Advice & Care Trust Operation Elf 2020

Every year more than 200,000 children experience the distress and heartache of losing someone they love because of imprisonment. Through no fault of their own, these children will often deal with shame, embarrassment, stigma and loneliness - and may live in households with parents or carers who themselves are struggling to cope. This has been an extremely difficult year for many, and prisoners' children and families have faced many months without any visits and little contact with their loved one in prison. In any given year, Christmas can be a particularly painful time for children with a parent in prison, but never more than this year.

It will come as no surprise that we cannot run Operation Elf 2020 in the same way as we have done before, but that doesn't mean we're not doing anything to support the children of prisoners this Christmas. Instead of the toys we would usually ask for, this year we're asking you to buy a book token to the value of £10 that can be sent in a Christmas card to a prisoner's child. Last year, thanks to your generosity, PACT collected 3,000 toys and books - donated by churches, businesses and individuals - which were gifted to prisoners' children by their parents, at special Family Days run by PACT in the run-up to Christmas. This year, with your support, we want to help even more children feel loved and remembered with their own special Christmas gift. With your help, PACT is working to ensure that these children still get to experience the magic of Christmas. Operation Elf gives you the chance to show a little love and care for children with a parent in prison. Will you give the gift of Christmas to a prisoner's child this year?

How can you help? Our idea is simple: we are asking you to buy a book token to the value of £10 and post it to our very own Santa's Grotto (OK, it's our Central Office, but shhh!). Our hard-working team of Christmas Elves will then arrange for the book token to be sent to a child in a Christmas card from their mother or father in prison. The child can then take the token to the shop and choose a book that they would like. With your help we can spread a little Christmas cheer to families and children who are separated at Christmas.

That sounds great! Where can I buy a book token? You can buy book tokens online from www.nationalbooktokens.com (using a credit/debit card or PayPal) or from all local bookshops. If you buy your book token online, you can even choose for it to be delivered [straight to our Santa's Grotto!](#)

Let us know you will be supporting Operation Elf! If you are going to be supporting Operation Elf and donating a book token for a prisoner's child, let us know by [filling in a very short form](#) so we can thank you! You can also leave a Christmas message for a prisoner's child.

Baptised in Faith...

We welcome into the Church Zion Clavel, Benjamin Biciunaite and Conall Fitzpatrick who have been baptised in the past few weeks. Please offer a prayer for them, their parents and Godparents. May they continue to grow in God's love and care.

Celebration of Mass – Rule of 6

The change to the law regarding meeting in groups no larger than six **does not** apply to places of worship, but please remember the rule when you are gathering after Mass. We have heard about a family that has been fined £10,000 for inviting 50 people to a post-baptism celebration in their home.

Lockdown Questionnaire

Please see attached to the newsletter a Questionnaire which will help us to help you in the event of another Lockdown. The questionnaire will also be available on the website. If you wish to have copy emailed to you please email the parish office for a copy.

Email: exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk

Growing In Faith Together

WHAT IS IT? GIFT is for families of faith; for families with children who are looking forward to receiving Holy Communion; for families with older children who want to be confirmed in their faith; for families with younger children who want to experience and grow in faith in a simple and enjoyable way.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Our first three GIFT sessions at the beginning of this year were a great success with over 30 families joining together at St Nicholas School on Saturday mornings. Due to the current situation and our inability to meet together we are having to do things in a different way. We have invested in resources which are designed to support parents in sharing their faith and helping their families grow in knowledge and love of God, his creation, Jesus his Son and the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit and his action in the world and our lives. We are offering these resources to any family who may be genuinely interested in and willing to engage in the process. This is not homework for children (!) but a real opportunity for families to share and enjoy their faith at home TOGETHER (which the Church has always described as the Domestic Church).

MONTHLY MEETING Each month we will meet parents for 30 minutes on ZOOM. We will familiarise you with the 'God calls' resources by focusing on: introducing you to the structure and format of the resources; exploring the catechesis and faith teaching of the resource and answering any questions you may have. The material concentrates on coaching you to teach and support your children in learning about faith. Following the Zoom call, you will be emailed the resources which can be used with the whole family during the month.

If you'd like to join us, please get in touch with Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.ogr.uk Future GIFT zoom dates are scheduled for the 7 Nov and 5 Dec.

Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group

Is offering a programme of both Residential and Online individually guided retreats. Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Group are experienced guides who have received training in relation to Ignatian spirituality and include priests, deacons and lay people. There are a number of local retreats being offered at discounted rates at St Rita's centre, Honiton which is currently being run on the lines of a hotel following all recent Covid guidelines. Advent Retreats – St Rita's Centre, Honiton: Nov 27–29(Fri–Sun) Weekend Retreat; Nov 30–Dec 4(Mon–Fri) Midweek Retreat; Nov 27– Dec 4(Fri–Fri) 6–day Retreat. In these uncertain and challenging times, many of us may feel the need to explore, make sense and reflect on the presence of God in our everyday lives, especially during difficult or painful moments experienced recently. Retreats offer an ideal opportunity to do this. We welcome those who may be new to the experience of a retreat, as well as those familiar with it. For further information, contact: diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone: 01752 769164 or 07823447637. See attachment for dates of retreats over the coming year.

Church cleaning

Our band of stewards are doing a great job of cleaning all the surfaces after each Mass but we would also like to say a big thank you to the ladies who are coming in every few weeks to give the church and dust and sweep. Thank you

Exeter Foodbank—Food Shortages

Can you help by donating the following? Potatoes (tinned); microwaveable Sponge Pudding; Squash; Toiletries (shower gel/deodorant/shampoo). Current Collection Points - Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Tesco (Exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd) You can also give a donation on line at exeter.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Would you like to support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) and save yourself a trip to the shops to purchase your Christmas cards this year? CCSP have a small supply of cards left from last year – please complete the order form (attached to the newsletter) and return it together with your cheque made payable to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon, TQ13 7JL. We are hoping to be able to run another Design a Christmas card competition in our Catholic schools again next year so look out for new designs next Christmas.



Did you know that you can help raise funds for the CCSP when you shop online?



Have you registered with AmazonSmile or easyfundraising yet? If you haven't, it's simple and only takes a couple of

minutes to sign up and each time you shop online at over 4,300 participating stores or via Amazon, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) receives a small donation from the store with no extra cost to you. Please have a look next time you are online by visiting either or both

- smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/282803-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)
- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ccsplymouth/> - once you have raised your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!

Our New Caring Club - We are delighted that applications are starting to arrive from supporters who wish to join our NEW Caring Club. We are looking for 100 loyal supporters to help us raise £10,000 every year by donating £100 each year (either in one full amount or in two half instalments of £50). More details about this Club can be found on our website or in the Autumn edition of our 'Children First' newsletter (a copy was attached to last weeks parish news) or you can contact Vicki Dunstone, Fundraiser and Communications officer Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Parish Children's Society Volunteer

You could make a difference as a volunteer for the Blessed Sacrament parish and put the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) at the heart of your charitable efforts. If you are interested please contact Vicki Dunstone by email at vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk or give her a call on 01364 645420 See the attached Autumn newsletter for more information about the society and how it helps so many children and families in the Diocese.

Essential Grants Programme for Children and Families

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has funds available for essential grants to families living in the Diocese of Plymouth who are struggling as a result of Covid-19. The charity can provide essential items that parents and carers could otherwise not afford for their children such as basic essential items like cookers, fridge/ freezers, washing machines or cots and beds for children to sleep in. The fund is open to families of all faiths and none.

<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-giving/> tel: 01364 645420.

The Pope tweets...

Kindness frees us from the cruelty that at times infects human relationships, from the anxiety that prevents us from thinking of others, from the frantic flurry of activity that forgets that others also have a right to be happy

Face Masks/Coverings

It continues to be mandatory to cover our faces when we come to church. Please see it rather as an act of charity towards your neighbour than a rule. We are going to maintain the 2m distancing in church which the government recommends wherever possible. This will mean that the capacity inside the church will not change. Therefore, if you do come and cannot get in, please be generous in your response. Certain people are exempt from wearing masks and a list of these exemptions can be found on the Gov.uk website.

Financial support

We have very kindly been given some money to help people who might be struggling at the moment. It's not a huge amount but it could perhaps cover a few weekly shops for some families or something similar. We know how difficult it can be to ask for help but you may be able to ask on someone's behalf. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office.

Parish News

Deadline for newsletter items 4.00pm Wednesday. By phone or email.

Clean hands and a pure heart

Today's psalm reminds us that those who are to climb the mountain of the Lord are those with clean hands and pure hearts. Well we've been cleaning our hands for months now so we should be ok on that score, but what about our hearts? It's a time of anxiety for us all and this can make us despondent. I know many of you are not coming to church for good reason (we miss you, but understand) and some are, very sensibly, still shielding. There's talk of Christmas being cancelled (as if!). It's easy to lose heart. But the psalm is one of encouragement because it goes on to say that we will receive blessings from the Lord, that if we seek his face (put our trust in him) than we will be rewarded.

So today I want to encourage you all. Turn once more to the Lord. Open your heart to him and pour out your anxieties, your fears, your hopes and your dreams. He listens, he consoles, he is very near. "The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm." Let us all take heart. God bless us all. *Fr Jonathan*

For all the Saints...

2 November All Souls' Day

For the souls in purgatory, waiting for eternal happiness and for meeting the Beloved is a source of suffering, because of the punishment due to sin which separates them from God. But there is also the certitude that once the time of purification is over, the souls will go to meet the One it desires.

Letter of Pope John Paul II for Millennium of All Souls' Day

Purgatory, by Jean Colombe (1485).



4 November St Charles Borromeo (1538-1584), Bishop

Charles Borromeo was a leading figure of the Catholic Reformation. He was born in a castle on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy, to a powerful family. He was related to the Medici through his mother. As the second son, he was destined for a career in the Church from an early age. He received a doctorate in civil and canon law at the University of Pavia, and when his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV in 1559 he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal. Among

many other responsibilities he was made administrator of the vacant diocese of Milan and protector of the Catholic cantons of Switzerland and of the Franciscans and the Carmelites. He played a large part in the diplomatic efforts that led to the re-opening in 1562 of the reforming Council of Trent, which had been suspended since 1552. As long as the Church was in a weak and corrupt state, emperors and kings could control it and its assets – and they would not easily give up control.



In late 1562 Charles's elder brother died, leaving him as head of the family. His relations wanted him to abandon his ecclesiastical career and marry, and even the Pope suggested it; but Charles saw his brother's death as a sign of the vanity of human wishes. Eventually, in 1563, he settled the argument by secretly being ordained priest. He was soon consecrated as Archbishop of Milan, but the Pope would not let him leave Rome because he was needed there. He worked on the catechism, the Missal and the Breviary, and reformed his own diocese as well as he could from a distance through trusted deputies.

At length Pius IV died and in 1566 his successor permitted Charles to take up residence in his diocese. He began reform from the top, giving much of his property to the poor. He set up the

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach children the faith: it was the beginning and inspiration of the Sunday School movement. When famine struck the province, he fed 3,000 people at his own expense for three months and inspired others to do likewise. When plague came, he prepared himself for death, made his will, and went to the hospital where the worst cases were. After enormous amounts of nagging, preaching and persuasion the secular clergy at length followed his example.

As might be expected, Charles encountered determined opposition to his programme of reform. His aunts, in Dominican convents, treated the introduction of grilles as a personal insult. More seriously, the canons of one church slammed the door in his face to prevent him making a visitation and their servants fired at him, damaging the crucifix he was carrying; and the members of a rich and corrupt order of monks were so opposed to being reformed that one of them dressed as a layman, joined Charles's household at evening prayer, and shot him. The assassin's bullet did not penetrate Charles's clothing. (Two years later the Pope had to suppress the order and distribute its assets: a sad end to an order that had done much good and produced many saints in its 350-year history).

The King of Spain, whose jurisdiction included Milan at the time, resisted any diminution of his power, and the next fifteen years are a complex tapestry of arrests, excommunications, denunciations, calumnies, and absolutions – ending at last in peace.

Charles's final visitation was of the cantons of Switzerland in 1583, where as well as the usual corruptions and abuses he had to deal with senior priests who were practising witchcraft and sorcery, and enemies who claimed that his fight against heresy was a plot to extend Spanish domination into the region. Charles died on 3 November 1584 at the age of 46.

Mass Times

Sunday 1 November

Feast of All Saints

8.45am Dermot Curtis RIP

10.45am Noel Tighe RIP

6.00pm People of the Parish

Monday 2 November

Commemoration of all the Faithful

Departed. All Souls' Day

9.30am and 6.30pm

Tuesday 3 November **6.30pm**

Noel Tighe RIP

Wednesday 4 November **9.30am**

St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Thursday 5 November **9.30am**

Friday 6 November **6.30pm**

Saturday 7 November **9.30am**

Sunday 8 November

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Day – All victims of war

8.45am *Rest of the souls of Catholics and Catholics of the Exeter area killed in the 1939/45 War*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Tuesday 10 November **6.30pm**

St Leo the Great Pope & Doctor

Deceased members of the Mason, Scarfe & Warren families

Wednesday 11 November **9.30am**

St Martin of Tours, Bishop

A P Antony RIP

Thursday 12 November **9.30am**

St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

The Evans family

Friday 13 November **6.30pm**

Saturday 14 November **9.30am**

The Word

Sunday 1 November

FIRST READING Revelations 7:2-4.9-14
I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

PSALM *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.*

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3
We shall see God as he really is.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Sunday 25 October

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

PSALM *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God*

SECOND READING 1
Thessalonians 4:13-18
God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13
The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Confessions

Following 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. *Please be seated (socially distanced) in the front pews on the left of the church. The church will need to be cleaned following confessions.*

Attachments

*Sunday Message, Sunday Homily. Sunday Plus
LOOK & ICTHUS
Catholic Children's Society (Plym) Newsletter
Lockdown Questionnaire
Bishop Mark's Pastoral Message
Free Food Guide
Lockdown Questionnaire
Retreats information*

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Jonathan Stewart

Priest in retirement

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Your Offering

We are enormously grateful for your continued generosity to the parish, particularly at this time when fewer people are coming to church on a regular basis. Please place your cash offering or planned giving envelopes in one of the two baskets at the church doors. These will be collected at the end of each Mass. Please remember that the most efficient way for you to give is by standing order. Forms are available by emailing the parish office. Arrangements are made directly with your bank. And if you can, please GiftAid your contribution.

No paper Parish News

Some of you will have been able to celebrate Mass in the church recently. In line with Covid regulations, paper copies of the newsletter will not be available at the church. We are sending it to as many as we can by email. If you know anyone who may like to receive it please ask them to email their request to the parish office and they can be added to our circulation list.

Parish News by Post

If you know someone who would appreciate keeping in touch in this way. With their permission please give their name and address to the parish office at exeterheavitree@prcdtr.org.uk or call the parish office and we will arrange to get a copy to them.

The Bishops' Conference

Regular updates from the Bishops' Conference can be found at ccn@cbcew.org.uk

Dial-a-Mass

For the benefit of those who do not have the internet or computer the Mass is recorded and put on the telephone at 12 midday on Sundays and will stay until 11.59 the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call they can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Dial 01642 130120