

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**17 September 2017 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 4**

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## Cancelling the debt

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying 'that's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again'? When Jesus says that we must forgive 'seventy-seven' times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: 'Father, forgive them...' As his disciples, we must do likewise.

## Home Mission Sunday

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. Please give to today's retiring collection. Today's second collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

## CALLING CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in strengthening your faith and becoming fully a part of God's Church? Are you willing and ready to be part of a process of discernment and preparation so that you can become a 'Soldier for Christ'? If you're in Year 9 or above and the answer to these questions is **YES** then you need to take one of the sheets from the church porch, fill it in and hand it in to the parish office. We'll then be in touch to tell you more about what will be happening. We look forward to hearing from you within the next 2 weeks.

## Plymouth Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

**18-25 February 2019** There will be a Presentation and Facts evening at 7.00pm on **Monday 2 October** in the St Richard Reynolds' Centre. Further details: available from: Pilgrimage People - [info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org) 0800 612 3423 or their website: <http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org>

## Fr John Watkins

To celebrate Fr John's retirement, and to thank him for his ministry, we are having a party on Sunday 29 October at the Cardinal Newman Centre from 1.00pm. Please bring something to share. Drinks will be provided. We are also collecting to be able to offer Fr John a gift to express our thanks. Please put any contribution you would like to make in an envelope clearly marked FR WATKINS COLLECTION and give it to Lesley or Fr Jonathan, pop it through the letterbox or hand in to the parish office.

## South West Celebrate

14 & 15 October at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. The main speakers will be Rev Olly Ryder, Pippa Baker and David Wells. There are separate streams for children & young people along with lively worship, drama and a variety of workshops, Family Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Online booking is available (prior booking is essential). For more details call Susanne on 01803606256 email southwest@celebrateconference.org or see www.celebrateconference.org

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Mondays** at 9.30am in the church.

**Tuesdays** 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. Will resume on 26 September.

## CAFOD - SAVE THE DATE!

The popular Curry Quiz Night will be back on Friday 3 November. Ticket details to follow but in the meantime please reserve the date for a fabulous evening!

## Extraordinary Form Mass

Sunday 17 September at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

## Lourdes Autumn Get-together

Saturday 7 October at the St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree. Coffee will be served from 10.00am. Mass will be at 11.00 followed by a light lunch. All are welcome. Enquiries to Sheelah on 01392 43192

## Charismatic prayer group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre - 7.15 to 9.00pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Next meeting 28 September. All welcome. For more info call Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.

## Focus on Your Marriage -

### Catholic Marriage Enrichment

Saturday 21 October 2017 10.00 to 16.30 at St Peter's Church, Crownhill, 15 Boniface Lane, Plymouth. PL5 3AX. Drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch. Films, inspiration, couple activities (but no group work). To book a place please contact - Deborah van Kroonenburg 07961099173 [deborahvankroon@gmail.com](mailto:deborahvankroon@gmail.com)

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## Readers

*Commissioning at all Masses 1 October.*

## Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

**Saturday 23 September 10.30am**

*Commissioning at all Masses 8 October.*

## Exeter University Students

Are you a new student at Exeter University? Would you like to meet other Catholic students? If so why not come to the Catholic Chaplaincy. Mass is at 11.30am on Sundays followed by a free lunch. For more information about our weekly events find us on Twitter: @ExeterCatholic, Facebook (Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy), <https://exetercatholicchaplaincy.wordpress.com/>, or email Donna on [D.Cooper@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:D.Cooper@exeter.ac.uk). You can find us on campus, the address is: Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, EX4 4QU.

## Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome to come and join us especially new parents & babies/toddlers

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

At the 10.30am Mass on Sundays our young children are invited to go to the St Richard Reynolds Centre with their catechists to listen to the readings which are specially prepared for them.

## Diocesan Youth Rally 2017

For 8-17 year olds on Sunday 1 October at St Rita's Centre, Honiton 1.00-6.00pm admission £5.00. Lots of games followed by a BBQ and Youth Mass. Buses will pick up at 12.15 by St Nicholas School. To reserve a seat email Maria Quinn mquinn@stncls.uk by Wednesday 27 September. For further details see poster in church porch or call: Jackie on 01803 328916 or Patrick on 01837 851438.

## RCIA/Journey of Faith

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? Want to learn about the Catholic faith? If so, please come to our Journey of Faith meetings. These are a series of informal talks and discussions on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Mount St Mary Centre, and will start on 4 October. If you are interested please complete a slip which is available in the church porch, and hand to one of the priests or post in the presbytery letterbox

## Refreshments after Mass

Served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday and the 9.30 Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat. More helpers are needed to help after the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. If you can help please contact Toni Percival on 01392 218677

## Quiet Day at Buckfast

The subject of this Quiet Day is '*Forgive and Forget, is it possible to forget?*' at Violet Evelyn Hall at Buckfast from 10.00am to 3.00pm on Sat 23 September. The cost is £15 to include refreshments and a light lunch. For more information please see the poster in the porch where you will also find some booking forms.

## Parklife Heavitree

Sunday 17 September Park life in Heavitree pleasure grounds 12 noon -4.00pm with Churches Together in Heavitree craft tent. Search Facebook Park Life Heavitree.

## St Nick's News

The new term has started at St Nicholas School and we have welcomed many new children into our school and parish community. We will be celebrating the new term with a **School Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday 26 September** and parishioners are welcome to join us in the school hall.

Our **Drop off Drop In** coffee mornings have resumed on Wednesdays at 8.45am. Parishioners are welcome to come for coffee and cake with parents and staff.

Please keep us in your prayers this term.

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## Please pray for...

**Dan Downes** who has died. His funeral will be celebrated at 10.00am on Wednesday 4 October. His body will be received into church on Tuesday 3 October at 4.30pm. May he rest in peace.

Please also pray for **Bill Glennon** and **Tony Loweth** who have died and whose funerals will be celebrated at Exeter Crematorium this month. May they both rest in peace.

## Joined in Marriage

Please pray for **Elliot Wells** and **Louise Wright** who are to be married at Blessed Sacrament on this coming Friday. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their future life.

## Welcomed into the Church

Please pray for **Kara Walmsley** and **Nathaniel Naveenraj** who are to be baptised this Sunday and for their families and sponsors.

## Pope's Intention for September

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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## Catholic Women's League Mass

The monthly CWL Mass will be held on Saturday 30 September at Sacred Heart, South Street at 10.00am.

## Masses

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**Sunday 17 September**  
24th Sunday Ordinary Time

**Home Mission Sunday**  
**9.00am** *Jorge Gabriel RIP*  
**10.30am**

*Teresa Castelluzzo RIP*

**6.00pm** *People of the Parish*

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**Monday 18 September**

**7.30am** Convent

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**Tuesday 19 September**

**7.00pm**

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**Wednesday 20 September**

**St Andrew Kim Tae-gon**

**9.30am** *Mike & Maggi Halford*  
*Wedding Anniversary*

**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 21 September**

**St Matthew**

**Apostle & Evangelist**

**9.30am**

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**Friday 22 September**

**Dedication of the**  
**Cathedral**

**7.30am** Convent

**9.30am**

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**Saturday 23 September**

**St Pius of Pietrelcina**

**(Padre Pio)**

**9.30am**

*Josephine & Pasquale Di Lello*

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**Sunday 24 September**

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

**The Harvest; the fruits of**  
**human work, and the**  
**reverent use of creation**

**9.00am** *Peggy Webber RIP*

**10.30am** *Ola Godbeer*

**6.00pm** *People of the Parish*

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass  
on Saturday morning  
and by appointment.

## The Word

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**This Sunday 17 Sept**

**First Reading**

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7*

**Psalm Response**

*The Lord is compassion and*  
*love, slow to anger and rich*  
*in mercy.*

**Second Reading**

*Romans 14:7-9*

**Gospel** *Matthew 18:21-35*

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**Next Sunday 24 Sept**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

**Psalm Response**

*The Lord is close to all who*  
*call him.*

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 1:20-24.27*

**Gospel** *Matthew 20:1-16*

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## Thank you

Collection on Sunday  
10 September **£1193.54**  
Education Sunday **£261.11**

## Getting married?

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

## 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.

## Newsletter

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

## Contact us

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**Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

**Assistant Priest**

Fr John Watkins

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**PARISH OFFICE**

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**Parish Office hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday 10.00am-4.00pm

**Parish Secretary**

Lesley Hooper

**Safeguarding Reps**

Vince Clark &

Lesley Hooper

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