

Parish News



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

20 August 2017 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 4



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Today is one of those occasions when, even though the second reading is not chosen to correspond to the theme of the Gospel and first reading, it does in fact fit very well. Indeed, much of the letter to the Romans is explained in this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word: the whole theme is summed up in this: the Messiah came first of all to the people of Israel, to whom the promises were made in the past - but it could not remain there. The good news had to be taken to the ends of the earth, so that all peoples, indeed the whole of creation could welcome the Messiah and take a place in the Kingdom of God. All nations are welcome on God's holy mountain: 'Let all the peoples praise you, O God!'

A Grand Day Out

The Thursday Lunch Club would like to invite you to join them for a trip on the Tiverton Canal on Thursday 7 September. A coach will leave the church at 9.30am and will return mid-afternoon. You are asked to bring a packed lunch but can purchase drinks on the boat which has disabled access. The cost for the day, including the coach will be £11.15. If you would like to join them please give your name to either Di Bish 07940142124 or Maureen Knowles 07912383546. Please place your payment in an envelope marked 'TLC Tiverton Canal trip' and hand in at the Parish office or through the Presbytery door. For administration purposes we would be grateful if you could please reply by Tuesday 22 August.

2017 Diary Dates

Readers Meeting & Training

• **Saturday 16 September** 10.30am
Commissioning at all Masses 1 October.

Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

• **Saturday 23 September** 10.30am
Commissioning at all Masses 8 October.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these ministries please talk to Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the Parish Office or come along to one of the mornings to find out more.

We are always looking for more readers and ministers at all Masses.

Lourdes Autumn Get-together

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes - Saturday 7 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Details to follow soon.

Catholic Children's Society

Make Love Your Aim - Next weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic Children's Society. The charity works across the Diocese to prevent an immediate crisis from threatening the long term stability of family life. Bishop Mark's message of support for the appeal can be found on prayer cards available in the church porch. Please take one as a gift from the Society and if you can make a donation next week, please do so in the envelope provided. Please gift aid your donation if possible – it costs nothing!

Apostleship of the Sea

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Our Lady Star of the Sea on Friday 15 September at 7.00pm at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth. For more information contact Salvina Bartholomeusz salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or 020 7901 1932. All invited, please come along.

Call My Bluff

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Call My Bluff event held recently at St Nicholas School. It was a great success and £800 was raised in total, to be divided between the School, churches and URAFIKI.

Are YOU being called to serve as a Deacon?

Come to the Enquirers' Day at St Boniface House, Ashburton on Friday 14 October from 10.30am till 1.30pm. Contact Deacon James on 07906599389 or email him at: james.mackin.bremner@prcdtr.org.uk

Exeter Foodbank

Some parents struggle to provide sufficient food during school holidays when assisted school meals cease for the summer. Please continue to donate listed food items in EFB food boxes found in local supermarkets. Your help is needed and appreciated.

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: Pilgrimage People, Stapleford Granary, Bury Road, Stapleford, Cambridge CB22 5BP. Email: info@pilgrimagepeople.org Telephone 0800 612 3423. Website <http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org>

Welcome into the Church

Please pray for Stanley Robertson, Joseph Wilson and Jamielson Vasquez who will be baptised this week and for their families and Godparents.

Please pray for...

The repose of the soul of Dermot Ryan who has died and for his family. Details of his funeral will be published as soon as we have them. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for...

our young people who have received or are still waiting for results of public examinations. We pray that their study will prove fruitful and allow them to make the right decisions for their lives.

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, Wonford Road. Further details in the next few weeks.

Children's Liturgy

will resume in September. If you have children who find it difficult to settle please feel free to take them in to the St Richard Reynolds Centre or the garden during Mass

Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Blessed Sacrament 20 August at 3.00pm

Holy Hour

Thursday 24 August, 6.00pm in church.

Summer Fun Holiday Clubs

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 August - 9.30am to 12.30pm at Buckfast Abbey. Drop your children off for a morning of fun, games, crafts, stories, movement and drama activities. Plenty of opportunity to make friends and learn new skills. Ages 8-11. More information and to book see www.buckfast.org.uk/education

Music for a while

At Holy Cross, Topsham on Thursday 14 September at 6.30 pm. The first concert on the Gray organ, recently restored, will be given by John Wellingham who will play a programme of 17th and 18th century organ music. Tickets (free) are available from www.holycrosstopsham.org or call Frances Nieduszynska, 07791 693603. The concert will be followed by refreshments in the garden.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church. There will be no Adoration at the Convent during July and August.

Sick Parishioners

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to be visited please give their details to either Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office.

Individually Guided Retreats

Offered by the diocesan Ignatian Spirituality group. These silent retreats range from one day, weekend, 3 or 6-day retreats and are held at Buckfast Abbey. For dates, booking information and more information please ring 01548 852670 or e-mail mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

Travelling abroad this summer?

Please donate your unused foreign currency to the CCSP via the orange box in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre will still meet during the summer holidays. All welcome, especially new parents & babies/toddlers.

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.

Devon Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers

An exhibition on 25-27 August. Medieval Guest Hall Buckfast Abbey. Exhibitions and demonstrations of historic crafts used in traditional and modern ways. Unique handcrafted items for sale. Free entry.

Calling all runners!

Places are available to run the London Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 8 October 2017 or the Rome Marathon on Sunday 8 April 2018 on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society. For details see www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or email claire.warren@prcdtr.org.uk

Diocese of Plymouth Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

Holy Ghost Church, Exmouth is organising a pilgrimage from 6 - 17 May 2018. Flying from Bristol to Bilbao with coach transfers throughout. Bishop Mark will be joining the pilgrimage for some of the days. Cost is around £899. For further details contact holyghost1@btconnect.com 01395 63384.

Catholic Chaplaincies

A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn catholics@university.org.uk

The Pope Tweets...

Dear young people, you are the hope of the Church. Do you dream about your future? Then take part in #synod18! <http://goo.gl/WghUvl>

Masses

Sunday 20 August
20th Sunday Ordinary Time
9.00am
10.30am *Olive Morgan RIP*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 21 August
St Pius X
No Mass

Tuesday 22 August
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7.00pm

Wednesday 23 August
9.30am *Ann Pala*
4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 24 August
St Bartholomew
9.30am

6.00pm Holy Hour
Friday 25 August
9.30am

Saturday 26 August
9.30am

Sunday 27 August
21st Sunday Ordinary Time
9.00am *People of the Parish*
10.30am
6.00pm

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning and by appointment.

Newsletter

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

The Word

This Sunday 20 Aug
First Reading
Isaiah 56:1.6-7
Psalm Response
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Second Reading
Romans 11:13-15.29-32
Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28*

Next Sunday 27 Aug
First Reading
Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm Response
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.
Second Reading
Romans 11:33-36
Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday
13 August **£1117.51**

Getting married?

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

Welcome

We welcome to Blessed Sacrament parish all who are visiting us at this time. We pray you have a good holiday/visit. We also pray that those of our community who are enjoying holidays will return refreshed and invigorated by their time away.

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