

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

12 March 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent Psalter 2



Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead us to acknowledge that Lent is a very special 'calling', to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

24 Hours for the Lord

31 March/1 April at Sacred Heart Church
WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP. Sign-up sheets for one hour slots to watch in front of the Blessed Sacrament will be available soon and there will be a preparation meeting on Thursday 23 March at 7.00pm in the Lower Room, South Street. Please do come along.

Week of Guided Prayer

If you wish to take part in the retreat it is important that you come to the initial meeting on Sunday 19 March at 4.30pm (NB new time) in the St Richard Reynolds Centre when you will be introduced to your prayer guide/companion

Stations of the Cross

In the Church on Fridays in Lent at 5.00pm led by the Syro Malabar Community and at 7.00pm led by parish groups.

Lent Lunch this week

The next of these prayer services followed by a Lent lunch, organised by Churches Together in Heavitree, is at 12 noon on Wednesday 15 March at the United Reformed Church. Please come along.

Lent Penitential Service

Friday 31 March at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church several priests will be available to hear confession.

Confession during Lent

Each Tuesday evening, during Lent, the church will be open from 6.00 till 6.45pm and a priest will be available for confession before Mass at 7.00pm (except Tuesday 4 April). All welcome.

Thinking about Lourdes?

The Spring Get-together for anyone interested in travelling to Lourdes is at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 8 April from 10.00am for coffee followed by Mass at 11.00am then a light lunch in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome.

St Nicholas School News

We are delighted at the success of our **Fair Trade tuck shops** which have run over the last 2 weeks in school. We did so well that we ran out of items to sell!

We are collecting **Sainsburys vouchers** in school and would be pleased to receive any collected by parishioners. In recent years we have been able to swap these for some fantastic play equipment for the children. Every voucher counts! Please put any you collect in box in the church porch.

We have space in our **Nursery** for Summer term (after Easter) for any children who are 3 or older. Please contact the school to arrange a tour or to find out more about the admission process.

Drop Off Drop In - Don't forget to join us at school on Wednesday mornings at 8.45am to enjoy coffee, fantastic cakes, and chance to chat with friends old and new.

Toddler Group

We meet every Monday morning in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 9.30am till 11.30am. All welcome, especially new parents and babies/toddlers. See you there. Due to the week of guided prayer there will NOT be a Toddler group meeting on Monday 20 March.

Parish International Mass

Sunday 7 May at 10.30am. Please put this important date in your diary.

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps

30 July - 11 August, Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps running this year for students in school years 11-13.

Details and application forms can be found in the church porch or on-line www.pdsummercamps.org.uk. Prompt applications are advised.

Exploring our Faith

Wednesday 15 March at 7.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. A chance to learn more about our faith through conversation, shared experience and some gentle teaching. All welcome. Don't be shy.

Diocese of Plymouth Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

6 - 17 May 2018. Bristol to Bilbao with coach transfers throughout. Cost is around £899. Please see the poster/booking form or for further details, contact 01395 263384 or holyghost1@btconnect.com.

Lenten Day of Reflection

Thursday 16 March 10.30am - 4pm at Buckfast Abbey. Organised by All Saints Church Teignmouth. Book early, find details on the church noticeboard or contact office@allsaintsparish.co.uk

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday morning at 9.30am in the church. NB none on Monday 20 March
Tuesday evening 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent Chapel. All welcome.

Inter-Parish Prayer Group

No meeting on 23 March due to week of guided prayer or 13 April as it is Maundy Thursday. Next date 27 April 7.15-9.00pm.

YMCA Sleep Easy

The recent YMCA "Sleep Easy" event for the Homeless Youth was a tremendous success, raising over £26,000. Our parishioner, who survived the dry/wet night, would like to thank all those who gave so generously at the 6.00pm Mass. £90 was collected towards a total of £436. Thank you.

Liturgy of the Word for children

10.30am Mass on Sundays. The children are invited to go to the St Richard Reynolds Centre with their catechists.

Sick Parishioners

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to be visited by a priest please let a priest or the parish office know their details.

Catholic Women's League

Join us every Friday during Lent at the Sacred Heart Lower Room from 11.00 till 1.00 for a Lenten lunch for £3.50. Proceeds will go to a local charity.

The next monthly Mass is on Saturday 18 March at 10.00am at the Sacred Heart church, South Street

Evangelisation and Discipleship

Come and hear about an exciting new 6 week programme (from Tuesday 25 April) that is being launched for our Exeter parishes. Learn about discipleship and the joy of evangelisation. All welcome at a presentation evening at Cardinal Newman House on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm.

Run to the Son

23 to 25 June at Buckfast Abbey. A weekend of prayer and inspiration including a day in discipleship, a night vigil and a sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms / details available at www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or phone St. Peter's Parish, Plymouth 01752 701660 or see poster on noticeboard in the porch.

Exeter Blitz

As this year marks the 75th anniversary of the Exeter Blitz, Sacred Heart parish Arts Group are preparing a production, focussing on this key event in the City's history to be performed in the church on the evenings of Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April. Put the dates in your diary. Details how to get tickets to follow.

Lenten Holy Hour

Thursday 23 March at 2.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. All welcome.

Urafiki

Bentrine lives with his mother and father who struggle to feed their four children and provide for their basic needs. The family have a small amount of land on which to grow their basic crops of maize and beans but it isn't enough to feed the family and both parents work for other people whenever they get the chance. The family often go to bed hungry at night. They certainly don't have money to spare to be able to afford school fees for Bentrine. It costs £20 a month to sponsor a child at secondary school. This covers school fees, uniforms and shoes. It also provides a meal every day at school. If you receive a secondary education it means you are rescued from a cycle of grinding poverty. If anyone would consider sponsoring Bentrine or others like him please contact Imelda Wightman on 01392 460041

Lent Day of Recollection

At St Rita's Centre, Honiton, Saturday 18 March, 10.30am – 4.30pm. £25 incl lunch. See poster and booking forms which must be returned by Tuesday 14 March.

Coffee after Mass

There will be NO coffee after 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 22 March.

New ministry rotas

These have been sent by email but if you do not receive yours by email please look in the porch for an envelope addressed to you. Thank you

The Pope tweets...

Fasting is not only about abstaining from food. It also means sharing food with those who are hungry.

Please pray for...

The repose of the souls of Michael O'Shea and Lionel Mundy. Funeral Mass for Michael will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday 15 March at 11.00am. No 9.30am Mass that day.

Masses

Sunday 12 March

2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

6.00pm

Agnieszka Garbarczyk RIP

Monday 13 March

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 14 March

7.00pm

Wednesday 15 March

11.00am *Funeral Mass*

Michael O'Shea RIP

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 16 March

9.30am

Friday 17 March

St Patrick

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 18 March

9.30am

Sunday 19 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00am

10.30am *Marinette Mein*

(Birthday)

6.00pm

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on
Saturday morning or by
appointment.

Deadline for newsletter items is 4.00pm on Wednesdays. E: exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk T: 01392 274724

The Word

This Sunday

12 March

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm Response

*May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our
hope in you.*

Second Reading

2Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9*

Next Sunday

19 March

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm Response

*O that today you would
listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts'.*

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

Gospel *John 4:5-42*

Thank you

Sunday 5 March £

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.

Getting married?

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

Contact us

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