

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**14 May 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter Psalter 1**



Today we continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ. We hear more about 'who Jesus is', with another 'I am' statement: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a 'spiritual house' with Jesus as our cornerstone. The Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with him (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. As a parish family, united in faith we form part of this 'spiritual house', the Church, as we journey to the Father.

## International Mass

Today we celebrate our International family with Mass at **11.00am** followed by a shared lunch of traditional cold food in the St Richard Reynolds Centre and the garden. Please join us.

## Hospiscare Will Fortnight 8-19 May

Some local solicitors have agreed to waive their fee for preparing or updating a will so that people can make a donation to Hospiscare instead. A list of participating solicitors is available in the church porch or for further information visit the website [www.hospiscare.co.uk](http://www.hospiscare.co.uk), email [fundraising@hospiscare.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@hospiscare.co.uk) or call Hospiscare on 01392 688020. Have you ever thought of including the parish in your will? We've greatly benefitted in the past!

## Feast of St Rita of Cascia

St Rita's Centre, Honiton on Monday 22 May with Mass at 12 noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The principal Celebrant will be Bishop Mark. Hot drinks will be available but please bring a packed lunch. If you are intending to go please contact St Rita's on 01404 452635. All welcome.

## Proclaiming Christ to the World

A morning of formation to enrich and enliven your faith in Jesus Christ and to renew your vision for passing it to others, presented by Caroline Farey, Director of Studies at the School of the Annunciation, on Saturday 20 May, at St Nicholas school 10am-1pm. There is no charge and all are welcome. Enquiries to 01752-701660.

# Parish Summer Fayre

**Draw Tickets** available in the porch for the Grand Draw which will take place at the Fayre on Saturday 10 June. Please take as many as you think you can sell to friends, family and work colleagues. Then put counterfoils and money in an envelope marked for the attention of 'Summer Fayre' and put them through the Presbytery door, hand them in to the parish office or to Jane. Also see posters for **competitions**

which are being run at the summer fayre. We will welcome old favourites such as: Exmoor Zoo, Nearly New, Tombola, Auction of Promises, Grand Draw, Cards, Plants and more. There will be lots of food - Cream Teas, Sandwiches, BBQ, Beer Tent and an International Food area. We'd be grateful for new goods, bottles and contributions for the tombola - please bring these into the church porch (no books, DVDs or CDs or jumble, thank you). The committee ask if any parishioners or businesses would like to sponsor any of the events that we have planned. If you can only sponsor part of an event then we'll be grateful - all donations will help to make our day truly memorable. **Grand Draw First Prize £250.00, Exmoor Zoo £252.00, PA System £75.00.** If you want to sponsor any of these as a business we'd be happy to mention your name in the programme. We're asking for volunteers to help on the day. If anyone has green fingers we would welcome any plants for the plant stall. Please phone Jane on 07890 373617.

## Exploring our Faith

Next session **Wednesday 24 May 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.

## Force coffee morning

Ivy and Jane would like to thank all who helped and attended the recent coffee morning. A fantastic sum of £1277 was raised to send to Force. Thank you.

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# St Nicholas School News

**Drop off Drop in** coffee mornings Wednesdays from 8.45am.

The **School Choir** will be singing at the event to celebrate the feast of **St Rita of Cascia** on Monday 22 May and it will be live streamed on YouTube from 12 noon. <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgle32stcKkZRYQohOMDNA/live>

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## National March for Life

20 May in Birmingham. SPUC have organised a coach leaving Plymouth at 8.00am and picking up from the M5 Exeter Services, Junction 30, at 9.00am. Coach will leave Birmingham at 5.00pm. Cost £20 per person. Donations gratefully accepted to cover the cost of coach hire. To book your place or for further info contact: Chris Hudson: 07742320717 or Lydia Keogh: 07756328648. Please join us.

## Mega Youth Poll

In 2018 Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. They will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. Access the poll here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathews-synod-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).

## Home Office Grant

We are very happy to report that we secured a grant of **£3498.80** towards the cost of the additional CCTV cameras in and around the church. Many thanks to Lesley who worked so hard on the application.

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

Between 25 May and 4 June communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. Ecumenical celebration at Blessed Sacrament church Sunday June 4 at 3.30pm. Please see flyer for information.

## **Secular Clergy Fund Collection**

Next Sunday 21 May we will be taking up the mandated collection for the Plymouth Diocesan Secular Clergy Fund. This collection gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude to the priests who have served us and are now retired or unwell. Last year the total raised in the diocese was £22,010 which boosts the fund and enables us to offer grants to priests in need. Please be generous. And don't forget you can always make provision in your will for the fund. GiftAid envelopes available.

## **Churches Together at Devon**

### **County Show 18,19 & 20 May**

Volunteers are needed on 18 May to help in the tea bar. People are asked to welcome people who come to the stand, show them what is available and listen to anyone who wants to talk. Also needed: homemade cakes, biscuits or scones which can be left in the St Richard Reynolds Centre after Mass on Wednesday 17 May. To help contact Frances Canning on 01392 209542

## **Spiritual Care in Hospital**

Spiritual Care has always been an important part of the overall care offered in NHS hospitals through their Chaplaincy departments. Here at the Department of Pastoral, Religious and Spiritual Care in the RD&E Hospital a great group of volunteers help us in various ways. "It's a privilege and honour to spend time with people – I'm always surprised by how open and honest people are and how much they appreciate a listening ear". These are words of one of our current volunteer ward visitors, who see patients by calling bed-to-

bed on their assigned ward once a week offering a friendly ear. They also help us to discern those who might need further support whether pastoral, religious or spiritual so that we can make sure that this element of care is provided on the patient journey. We offer training for this vital work and the next course will start on Monday 18 September and run weekly for 8 weeks (2.30-4.30pm). If you're interested in any way the flyers in the porch offer more information and contact details.

## **Plymouth CAST vacancy**

Head of School Improvement required for the diocese. See noticeboard for details.

## **Extraordinary Form Mass**

Blessed Sacrament Sunday 21 May 3.00pm.

## **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Taizé Chants**

Sacred Heart church Lady Chapel Thursday 18 May 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. All welcome.

**Toddler Group** Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. 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.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday morning** at 9.30am in the church.  
**Tuesday evening** 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent Chapel. All welcome.

## **Novena for Pentecost**

Saturday 27 May to Sunday 4 June. With the blessing and encouragement of Cardinal Vincent Nichols and of the Bishops of England and Wales, we have been asked to set aside a few days leading up to Pentecost to pray for the renewing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit and to be empowered to become a more effective witness to Jesus. All parishioners are encouraged to join in the Novena and prayer leaflets (Novena for Pentecost) are available in the porch.

## Masses

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**Sunday 14 May**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**9.00am** *People of the parish*

**11.00am** *Mr Joy Veliyeth RIP*

**International Mass**

**6.00pm** *Peter Kelleher RIP*

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**Monday 15 May**

**7.30am** Convent

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**Tuesday 16 May**

**7.00pm** *Souls in Purgatory*

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**Wednesday 17 May**

**9.30am**

**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 18 May**

**9.30am**

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**Friday 19 May**

**7.30am** Convent

**9.30am**

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**Saturday 20 May**

**9.30am**

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**Sunday 21 May**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9.00am**

**11.00am**

**6.00pm** *People of the parish*

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning and by appointment.

## 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.

## The Word

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**This Sunday 14 May**

**First Reading**

*Acts 6:1-7*

**Psalm Response**

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

**Second Reading**

*St Peter 2:4-9*

**Gospel** *John 14:1-12*

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**Next Sunday 21 May**

**First Reading**

*Acts 8:5-8.14-17*

**Psalm Response**

*Cry out with joy to God  
all the earth*

**Second Reading**

*St Peter 3:15-18*

**Gospel** *John 14:15-21*

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## Thank you

Collection Sunday 7 May

**£1130.49**

Seminarians Fund **£357.05**

Good Friday collection for

Holy Places **£256.44**

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## Getting married?

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

## Newsletter

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

## Contact us

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**Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

**Assistant Priest**

Fr John Watkins

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