

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
23 April 2017 Second Sunday of Easter Psalter 2



Easter is not just a day, but a season, the longest in the Church's year. We are given fifty glorious days of spring and summer to prolong our baptismal joy, to bask in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist, to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them – as he comes among us.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A Divine Mercy service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church today at 3.00pm. Fr John Watkins will be the celebrant and it will be preceded by confessions at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre afterwards and all are welcome.

Forming Intentional Disciples

This course for Exeter parishes begins on Tuesday 25 April at 7.30 pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome.

International Mass

Please note change of date. Our International Mass will be on **Sunday 14 May** at 10.30am. There will be a meeting to plan the liturgy and the lunch on **Tuesday 25 April in the church.** It would be wonderful to have someone from all the countries that we have in the parish come to this meeting as we want you all to be represented and to be involved.

Preparing for Baptism

Next baptism preparation course for parents is on Saturday 29 April at 10.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptised in the near future please contact the Parish office to book a place.

Renewal of Marriage Vows

There will be a Mass for the renewal of marriage vows on Friday 5 May in the Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm followed by light refreshments at the back of the church. All are welcome to come along.

The Refugee Journey

28 April 7.30pm Cardinal Newman House. This event will look at the, sometimes desperate, 'journeys' that refugees take seeking sanctuary. Presentations will explore the issues from a global, international and local perspective and consider the 'journey' that we all share in coming to terms with our response to this humanitarian crisis. Speakers include Fr Jonathan Stewart, Prof Nick Gill, CAFOD's Head of Advocacy and Education, Neil Thorns and Wendy Milne, Exeter City of Sanctuary. There will be refreshments and all welcome. For further details contact Chris Wightman on 01392 460041

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 for this and everyone is welcome to attend. Enquiries to 01752-701660.

South Street Blitz

26 and 27 April at 7.00pm the Sacred Heart Arts Group will be performing a dramatisation to commemorate this key event in the history of the city followed by drinks and nibbles. Free entry but tickets available from Gerry Hinton 07970042641.

Resurrection Rocks Church

On Easter Thursday the children of St Nicholas School helped us reflect on the mystery of Easter with a presentation of 'Resurrection Rock'. This was a fantastic mix of songs from the shows Jesus Christ Superstar and Resurrection Rock. The songs were supported by simple actions with tremendous meaning. A white cloth which had adorned the table at the Last Supper became the cloth Jesus wore at the Crucifixion. Thanks to all who put so much time and effort into the production.

Catholic Women's League

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday 25 April at 2.00 pm at Mount St Mary's Meeting Room, Wonford Road. Visitors welcome.

Monthly Mass - for the work of the CWL on Saturday 29 April at the Sacred Heart Church, South Street at 10.00 am,

Buckfast Pilgrimage - The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Buckfast Abbey will be on Saturday 13 May. A coach will leave Holloway Street at 12 noon and Blessed Sacrament Church at 12.10pm. The cost will be approx. £9. The Mass. Will be celebrated by Bishop Mark. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to enjoy a cream tea. For more details and to book a place contact Frances Canning on 01392 209542. All are very welcome.

St Nicholas School News

We are happy to be back at school and enjoying the warmer weather after the Easter break. Our **Drop off Drop in** coffee mornings will resume on Wednesday from 8.45am. All welcome.

Would you like to be a **School Governor** and • have an impact on the outcomes for children at St Nicholas School • be part of a dynamic team • help to shape the direction of our school? • Do you have experience or skills in Human Resources, Health & Safety or Premises Management? We are looking for interested people who would be willing to give some time per term to join our Governing Body, either as a Foundation or a Community Governor. If you are interested and would like some more information please contact the Clerk to Governors Ali Brocksom at paslt@stncs.uk, our Head teacher Angela Folland at head@stncs.uk or our Chair of Governors Lisa Thomas at chair@stncs.uk.

Please pray for...

Grace Shaw who was baptised last week and for Olivia Knight who is being baptised today. Remember them and their families in your prayers.

Inter-Parish Prayer Group

Next meeting is Thursday 27 April 7.15-9.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

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.

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

Please let a priest or the parish office know details of parishioners who would like a visit or Holy Communion at home.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child - SPUC

Are holding a meeting to reflect on 50 years since legalized abortion in the UK in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 13 May from 2.30 till 4.30pm. Come and hear the pro-life message.

National March for Life

20 May in Birmingham. SPUC (Society for the protection of the unborn child) have organised a coach leaving St Peter's, Crownhill, Plymouth at 8.00am and picking up from M5 Exeter Services, Junction 30, at 9.00am. Come and join us to witness against 50 years of the legalised killing of unborn babies in this country. 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

Summer Fayre Sat 10 June Help Needed Please

We will be having lots of our usual attractions and stall and lots of food! We would be grateful for new goods, bottles and contributions for the tombola - please bring these into the church porch. Once again the committee would like to 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 will still be very grateful - all donations will help to make our day truly memorable. **Raffle Ticket First Prize £250.00/ Bouncy Castle £190.00/ Exmoor Zoo £252.00/PA System £175.00** If a business we would be happy to mention your name in the programme. We are also asking for volunteers to come forward and help on the day. Also if anyone has green fingers we would welcome any plants for the plant stall - now is the time to plant those seeds! Please phone Jane on 07890 373617.

Christian Life program

Couples for Christ (CFC) from 8 am to 6 pm on 17th, 24th and 25th of June 2017 to be held at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Exeter University, Glenthorne Road, EX4 4OU. All married couples, singles, widows from 22 years old and above are invited to attend the three day program from your Parish area. Parking is free and refreshments and food will be on offer during the course of the program.

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. Some help with funding may be available on application.

Masses

Low Sunday 23 April

9.00am *Ken Hobbs RIP*

10.30am *People of the parish*

3.00pm *Divine Mercy*

Service in Church

6.00pm

Monday 24 April

St George *Patron of England*

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 25 April

St Mark *Evangelist*

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 26 April

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 27 April

9.30am *Walter Leach RIP*

Friday 28 April

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 29 April

St Catherine of Sienna

Patron of Europe

9.30am

Sunday 30 April

Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am *John & Stella Landers*

Diamond wedding anniversary

10.30am

Marie Therese Mein RIP

6.00pm *People of the parish*

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning and by appointment.

The Word

This Sunday

Low Sunday

23 April

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

Next Sunday

30 April

First Reading

Acts 2:14.22-33

Psalm Response *Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

Second Reading

St Peter 1:17-21

Gospel *Luke 24:13-35*

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.

Newsletter

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

Contact us

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