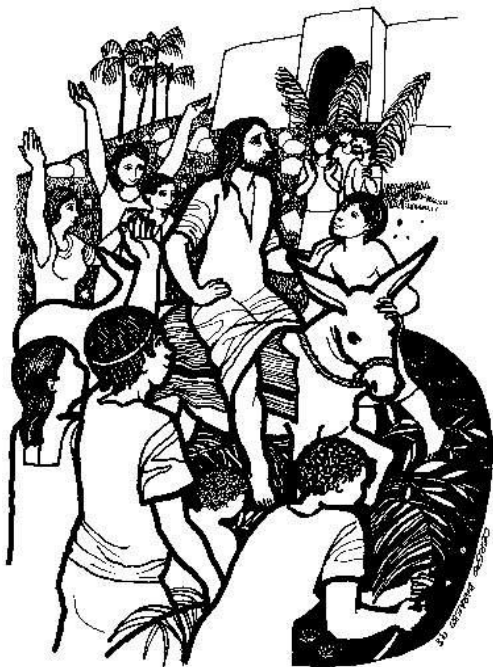


# Parish News



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**9 April 2017 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Ps week 2**



On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story - the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

We continue to support impoverished farmers in Africa by distributing the palm crosses that they and their families have made during the year. Income generated from the sale of these palm crosses goes towards basic necessities such as clothing, food, education and medical treatment.

## **THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

The three great days of the Paschal Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the most significant and the most solemn in the Church's year. Celebrated as one great liturgy, each leads into the next as we follow the incredible events of the last hours of the life of Jesus. Celebrating on all three days rather than just at one or two, assures us of a greater understanding of the depth and wonder of the central mystery of our faith.

### **The Washing of Feet**

On Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper we commemorate the moment when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. Fr John and Fr Jonathan will come amongst the congregation to wash feet. If you would like to take part please sit at the end of the pew and take off your shoes (and socks!) in readiness. Thank you.

### **The Refugee Journey**

**28 April 7.30pm** Cardinal Newman House. This event, organised by local CAFOD groups, 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 Professor Nick Gill, Wendy Milne from Exeter City of Sanctuary and Fr Jonathan Stewart, as well as a representative from CAFOD. All welcome. Refreshments.

# Resurrection Rock

At 7.00pm on Thursday 20 April in Blessed Sacrament Church the choir of St Nicholas School will be leading 'Resurrection Rock', a musical journey of the events of Holy Week and Easter. All welcome.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

A Divine Mercy service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 23 April 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.

## Servers Practices

For all who will be serving during the Easter Triduum. 10.00am Tuesday 11 April for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Saturday 15 April for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning.

## International Mass

**Please note change of date.** May 7 is Vocations Sunday so it has been decided to move the date of our International Mass to **Sunday 14 May** at 10.30am. There will be a meeting to plan the liturgy and the lunch on Tuesday 25 April at 7.30 in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. 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.

## Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome, especially new parents and babies/toddlers.

# 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](http://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.

## Employment Opportunities

### 3 Area Fieldworkers for Parish

**Evangelisation in the diocese.** To find out more please come to the Lower Room at Sacred Heart today, Sunday 9 April 2017 from 3.00pm – 5.00pm To register interest please call: Fr. Jon Bielawski on 701660 or Michele Thompson on 07940 453607.

## South Street Blitz

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Exeter Blitz. On 26 and 27 April at 7 pm the Sacred Heart Arts Group will be performing a dramatisation to commemorate this key event in the history of the city. It will last about 1 hour followed by drinks and nibbles. Entrance is free: a collection in favour of two charities will be taken. Tickets will be available from 2 April from Gerry Hinton 07970042641.

## 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.

## Please pray for...

The repose of the souls of **Sarah Farrell** and **Margaret Clinton** who have died. May they rest in peace and may their families and friends find comfort and consolation.

## **Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child - SPUC**

Are holding a meeting to reflect on 50 years since legalised 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**

20th May in Birmingham. SPUC Plymouth branch have organised a coach to this event. It will leave St Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth at 8am and pick up from M5 Exeter Services, Junction 30, at 9.00am. Come and join with us and several thousand others to peacefully 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

## **Handel's Messiah**

Exeter Choral Society is performing this celebratory work of Jesus' life, death and resurrection on 10 May, at 7.30 pm at St. James' Church, Exeter. To buy tickets, please contact Sarah Bryan on 01392 661 651 or email sarah@sbholistic.co.uk

## **Please pray for...**

**Milan Nevai** who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. With the support of the church community we will stand alongside him as he takes this momentous step of faith. May his journey inspire and strengthen us all and may he, and all who are to be baptised and confirmed, be filled with blessings this day and always.

## **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.

## **Walsingham Way Vocational**

### **Pilgrimage** 30 June - 2 July.

For young Catholics considering their vocation. This is for young men and women aged 18-30. Details from [www.walsingham.org.uk/calendars/walsingham-way](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/calendars/walsingham-way) or [enquiries@ukvocation.org](mailto:enquiries@ukvocation.org).

## **Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps**

30 July–11 August at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps running this year: Junior Camp, Senior Camp, and St Petroc's camp for students in school years 11-13. Prompt applications advised and details and application forms available at [www.pdsommerncamps.org.uk](http://www.pdsommerncamps.org.uk).

## **Poor Box Offerings**

Thanks to your generosity donating to our Poor Box in church we have been able to send donations from the parish to Community Housing Aid - Nightstop, Exeter Foodbank and St Petrock's.

## **The Pope Tweets...**

The peace that springs from faith is a gift: it is the grace of feeling that God loves us and that he is always beside us.

## **The Pope's Intention for April**

That young people may respond generously to their vocation and seriously consider offering themselves to god in the priesthood or consecrated life.

## **Getting married?**

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

## **Deadline for newsletter items**

4.00pm on Wednesday. 01392 274724 [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) Thank you.

# Holy Week

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## **PALM SUNDAY 9 April**

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

**10.30am** *Private intention*

**6.00pm** *Souls in Purgatory*

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## **Monday 10 April**

**7.30am** Convent Mass

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## **Tuesday 11 April**

**7.00pm** *In Thanksgiving*

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## **Wednesday 12 April**

**No 9.30am Mass**

**12.00** Chrism Mass

Plymouth Cathedral

**NO Hospital Mass**

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## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

### **Thursday 13 April**

**7.00pm** MASS OF THE

LORD'S SUPPER

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## **GOOD FRIDAY 14 April**

*Day of fast and abstinence*

**9.30am** Morning Prayer

**10.00am** Exeter Cathedral.

Service & Walk of Witness

**3.00pm** THE

CELEBRATION OF THE

PASSION OF THE LORD.

***Confessions available  
afterwards in the church.***

**8.00pm** Watching at the

Cross

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## **HOLY SATURDAY**

### **Saturday 15 April**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer

**11.00am** Blessing of Food

**8.00pm** THE EASTER VIGIL

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## **EASTER SUNDAY**

### **Sunday 16 April**

**9.00am** *Private intention*

**10.30am** *People of the parish*

**1.00pm** Filipino Mass

**NO 3.00pm** Ext. Form Mass

**NO evening Mass**

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# The Word

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## **Palm Sunday**

**9 April**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

**Psalm Response**

*My God, my God, why  
have you forsaken me?*

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

**Gospel** *Mt 26:14-27:66*

## **Easter Sunday**

**16 April**

**First Reading**

*Acts 10:34.37-43*

**Psalm Response**

*This day was made by  
the Lord; we rejoice and  
are glad.*

**Second Reading**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

**Gospel** *John 20:1-9*

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## **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*

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## **Thank you**

Collection Sunday 2 April

**£1105.29**

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## **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.

# Contact us

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## **Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

## **Assistant Priest**

Fr John Watkins

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## **Safeguarding Reps**

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