

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

18 June. THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST.

11th week in Ordinary Time Psalter 1



CORPUS CHRISTI

The Eucharist is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a 'thing' that we receive, it is a person, a belonging, a relationship and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: 'Receive what you are 'the Body of Christ'. The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ's words to our reality: 'who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.' Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, journeying in communion with us, living within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper. And as St Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other 'God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body'.

Day for Life 2017

In October, it will be 50 years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. This year's *Day for Life* provides us with an opportunity to pray for and remember all lives lost before birth and to offer practical and emotional support to women and men who are worried or concerned about an unexpected pregnancy. There is a mandatory second collection in all parishes today. For more information see www.dayforlife.org

Corpus Christi Procession

Today, the patronal feast of our parish, we will join in a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds with Benediction followed by refreshments in the garden. Let us celebrate and proclaim the Lord's presence in our midst. Procession begins in the church at 3.00pm. Please join us.

First Holy Communion

What a blessing! 38 of our children will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time next Saturday 24 June at 10.30am. We hope and pray that, although this day will be special, every time they receive Holy Communion will be as special, for this is not a 'one off' experience, the Lord offers himself to us every day in the celebration of the eucharist. We give thanks to all who have supported our children these past months. May they too be richly blessed and rewarded. There will be a rehearsal for the Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday.

CAFOD BBQ and Games

The Blessed Sacrament CAFOD Group's Annual BBQ will be held on Saturday 15 July from 2.30 pm at Chris and Imelda's house, 21 Station Road, Pinhoe, Exeter EX1 3SA. As usual tickets are free but donations on the day will be acceptable! Please do let us know if you are coming 01392 460041
NEW THIS YEAR: Prize BINGO!!!

Altar Servers' Mass

Saturday 8 July 11.30am, at Plymouth Cathedral. Bishop Mark would like as many altar servers as possible from the Diocese, and their families, to join him at this Mass, and the BBQ afterwards. Servers will need to bring their albs, cassocks and cottas. Sacred Heart will be organising a coach which will be free for altar servers, and guests are requested to make a donation (suggest £10 per person). Please let Fr Jonathan know if you are able to attend and if you wish to go on the coach. The BBQ should finish by about 1.30/2pm.

Mega Youth Poll

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>. **The deadline for completing the poll has been extended till 30 June** so please encourage your youngsters to complete it.

Inter parish prayer group

The next meeting will be on 22 June. All are very welcome. Give Chris and Sue a ring on 01392 432929 for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for children

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

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.

Exeter Youth Worker

The Diocese of Plymouth has a **Vacancy for a Funded Youth Worker**. The role will involve setting up and leading a youth group in Exeter, for the parishes of: Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, Holy Cross and St Boniface. For a full job description and application form please contact Jan Holton at Diocese of Plymouth on 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. See leaflets in the porch. Closing date 2 July. Interviews will be held on 12 July. Please keep this initiative in your prayers as we seek to support the young people in our parishes in their faith and personal lives.

Fatima Centenary

Fatima Statue in Plymouth

On Saturday 24 June at Plymouth Cathedral Bishop Mark will crown the Fatima Apostolate's Pilgrim Virgin statue and consecrate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue is accompanied by the relics of Francisco & Jacinta. For details and travel options contact Tim Robertson 01392 433256/timt-robertson@clara.co.uk, see leaflets and worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk.

Plenary Indulgence

In order to celebrate with dignity the centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima, by mandate of Pope Francis, a Jubilee Year is granted, with the inherent plenary indulgence, from 27 November 2016 till 26 November 2017. Details can be found on notice in the porch.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church.

Tuesday 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. NB there will not be Adoration at the convent during July and August.

Pope Francis tweets...

Love requires a creative, concrete response. Good intentions are not enough. The other is not a statistic but a person to take care of.

St Nicholas School News

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed an amazing week on their residential at Kilve Court taking part in many.

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

On Monday 19 June at 10.30am all Year 6 children from the 12 central Plymouth CAST schools will gather to celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at Blessed Sacrament. This annual event is a lovely way of celebrating the end of their primary experience. Please keep them and all who have supported them in your prayers.

School Summer Fayre

Friday 23rd June from 5.30–8pm at School. This is a wonderful family time and also a great fundraiser for the school community. Please see poster in porch for more details.

2017 Diary Dates

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

- **Thursday 22 June** 6.30pm

First Holy Communion Mass

- **Saturday 24 June** 10.30am. **NB There will be no 9.30am Mass on this day.**

Welcoming Ministry Training

- **Tuesday 25 July** 7.30pm

Anointing Mass for the sick

- **Saturday 29 July** 11.00am.

If you know of someone who is not always able to come to Mass please let them know and offer them a lift. There will be refreshments afterwards in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Readers Meeting & Training

- **Saturday 16 September** 10.30am
Commissioning at all Masses 30 Sept.

Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

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

More details to follow in due course.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these ministries please talk to either Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office.

Call My Bluff

It's back, by popular demand! We are holding a Call My Bluff event on Friday 14 July starting at 7.30pm. at St Nicholas RC Primary School, Ringswell Avenue EX1 3EG Ticket price remains at £7.00 (includes a hot meal), and will be on sale from the Parish Office during the week. Drinks will be available and there will be a raffle. See poster for more details.

Please pray for...

Aidan Corbett who is being baptised today. and his parents and god parents.

Please pray for...

Jimmy Walsh who has recently died and whose funeral was celebrated last Friday. May he rest in peace.

Clifton String Trio

will perform works by Mozart, Purcell and Gordon Jacob on Sunday 25 June at St Andrew's Church, Exwick at 3.00pm. All are very welcome. Please see poster in the porch for more details.

African Sanctus

Exeter Festival Chorus are offering two performances of David Fanshawe's *African Sanctus* on Sunday 25 June, at 5pm & 7.30pm, at the Exeter Phoenix. For the 5pm performance, children's price only £1! The choir sings the Latin text of the Mass in many styles, interlaced with various sounds of Africa, captured by the composer during his travels around the continent. To complement this radically different approach to the Mass, images that Fanshawe captured are projected behind the performers, providing a unique aural and visual experience. For tickets contact either www.exeterfestivalchorus.org.uk; Exeter Phoenix Box Office 01392 667080, or Exeter Tickets 01392 665 885.

Ministry at Mass

If you are unable to minister please ensure you find a replacement. Many thanks.

Masses

Sunday 18 June

**THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Andre Raymond &
Marie Therese Mein RIP*

6.00pm

Monday 19 June

10.30am

Year 6 Leavers Mass

Tuesday 20 June

7.00pm

Wednesday 21 June

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 22 June

9.30am

Friday 23 June

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 24 June

**Nativity of St John the
Baptist**

10.30am

Sunday 25 June

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am

10.30am

Olive & Fred Morgan RIP

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass
on Saturday morning
and by appointment.

New website

Please visit www.blessed.sacrament.org.uk to view the parish's newly formatted website.

The Word

This Sunday 18 June

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

Psalm Response

*O praise the Lord,
Jerusalem!*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel *John 6:51-58*

Next Sunday 25 June

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm Response

*In your great love,
answer me, O God.*

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Gospel *Matthew 10:26-33*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday

11 June £1060.15

Getting married?

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

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.

Newsletter

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

Contact us

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