

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

9 July 2017 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 2



Today's Gospel is an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is 'kind and full of compassion'.

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. There will be a retiring collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Gift aid envelopes are available in the porch. For more information or to give on line go to www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk
Thank you.

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. Tickets are free but donations on the day will be acceptable! Please do let us know if you are coming 01392 460041

Call my Bluff

Back by popular demand! Another Call My Bluff event on Friday 14 July at 7.30pm at St Nicholas School. Ticket price £7.00 (includes a hot meal), and are available from the Parish Office. See poster for more details. Tickets are almost sold out!

Catholic Women's League

The next monthly Mass will be on Saturday 15 July at the Sacred Heart church, South Street at 10.00am. All are very welcome.

Preparing for Baptism

Next baptism preparation course for parents is on Saturday 19 August 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.

Extraordinary Form Mass

Sunday 16 July at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament church.

Prayer Group

Held in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.15 pm - 9.00 pm, every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month – next meetings are Thursday 13 and 27 July. All very welcome. For more information please ring Chris and Sue: 01392 432929.

NB There will no meetings during the month of August.

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.

Help needed

Are you free for a couple of hours on a Monday morning? The toddler group is looking for someone to keep the group going for twelve months, from this coming September, while the person who runs it has a year off. It is nothing onerous. You just need to like chatting to parents and children and provide a friendly face to greet them. If you think that you could do this please get in touch Julia Gill on 07979841681. You will require a DBS check which will be arranged through the parish office. Thank you.

Foundations of Philosophy for Faith

4-day summer-school and course taster on Monday 24 - Thursday 27 July. An introduction to Catholic philosophy at the School of Annunciation, Buckfast Abbey.

This Summer-School acts as a 'course taster' for the 1-year online course for those who find they want to continue to examine these vitally important areas in the relationship between faith and reason, Catholic teaching and philosophy. Find more information of this and other courses at www.schooloftheannunciation.com.

St Loye's Ruins, Rifford Road

The chapel of St Loye's served Wonford as a place of worship but has laid in ruins for centuries. The first service to take place here for centuries will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 13 July. It will be a simple service of hymns and bible readings. All welcome to please come and join in this little piece of local history.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church. Except 24 July and 28 August.

NB there will not be Adoration at the Convent during July and August.

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.

SVP Summer Fayre

Saturday 15 July at St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Selling bric-a-brac, books, DVD's, children's toys, greeting cards, religious items etc. Also serving tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches. The money raised will augment the funds needed to help others in need so please find the time to come along.

Buckfast Lourdes Pilgrimage

On Sunday 30 July Mass will be celebrated at Buckfast Abbey at 4.00pm in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. All welcome, and to the cream tea which follows in the Abbey restaurant, provided by members of the Society of our Lady of Lourdes. Please phone Sheelah on 01392 431927 for numbers or transport.

Individually Guided Retreats

Are being organised by the diocesan Ignatian Spirituality group. These silent retreats range from one day, weekend, 3 or 6-day retreats and are held at Buckfast Abbey. For dates, booking information and more information please ring 01548 852670 or e-mail mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

Celebrate Weekend

Is moving! On 14/15 October 2017, the new venue will be: Notre Dame School Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. The new name will be: South West Celebrate Weekend. Save the date! More details coming soon.

2017 Diary Dates

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.

St Bridget's Friends

An invitation has been sent to anyone wishing to join the inaugural meeting of St Bridget's Friends at the Violet Evelyn Hall, Buckfast on Sunday 23 July starting at 2.00pm. See poster in the porch.

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps

30 July - 11 August at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. There are three camps: Junior Camp, Senior Camp, and St Petroc's camp for students in school years 11-13. Details and application forms available at www.pdsummercamps.org.uk.

To celebrate 65 years

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps team would like to welcome anyone from the CWL who has helped with the organization of the Camps to a celebration "Afternoon Tea" on either Tuesday 1 August for the Senior's and St Petroc's or Tuesday 8 August for the Junior Camp, both taking place from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Anyone who would like to visit the Summer Camps for tea on either date, please email Deacon Michael Turnbull - michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk, indicating on which of the dates you would like to visit.

Catholic Chaplaincies

A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn catholics@university.org.uk

Host Families Required

Can you accommodate an Italian student? Host families are required in Exeter to accommodate 1, 2, or 3 students ages 15-18 attending a holiday language course from 16 to 30 July. Please contact local organiser Rosemary Mason 01626 862965 or 07504 310387 or mason554@aol.com or International Study Programmes' office: 01451 860379. See handout in the porch.

Pope's Intention for July...

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Masses

Sunday 9 July

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sea Sunday

9.00am *Bob Bendall RIP*

10.30am

Derek & Lorraine Richards

50th Wedding anniversary

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 10 July

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 11 July

St Benedict

Patron of Europe

7.00pm

Wednesday 12 July

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 13 July

9.30am

Friday 14 July

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 15 July

St Bonaventure

9.30am

Sunday 16 July

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

6.00pm *Private Intention*

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass
on Saturday morning
and by appointment.

Newsletter

Deadline for newsletter
items 4.00pm Wednesday.

By phone or email.
Thank you.

The Word

This Sunday 9 July

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm Response

*I will bless your name for
ever, O God my King.*

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

Gospel *Matthew 11:25-30*

Next Sunday 16 July

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm Response

*Some seed fell into rich soil
and some produced its crop.*

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.18-23

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-23*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday

2 July **£1165.50**

Day for Life **£186.61**

Crusade of the Holy Spirit
collection **£357.54**

**Thank you for your
continuing generosity**

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.

Contact us

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