

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

10 September 2017 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 3



Love one another

No man is an island. How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments'.

Education Sunday

Today is Education Sunday and we welcome the children from St Nicholas school who will be helping to lead the liturgy at the 10.30am Mass. This year's theme is 'Gathered in my name'. On Education Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those involved in Catholic education, teachers, school staff, parents, governors and volunteers, and all those who contribute in some way. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting Catholic education. The CES regularly negotiates on behalf of schools and dioceses with the Department for Education and Ofsted, to ensure Catholic schools are well represented. There will be a retiring collection today for the diocese's education work, and the CES.

CALLING CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in strengthening your faith and becoming fully a part of God's Church? Are you willing and ready to be part of a process of discernment and preparation so that you can become a 'Soldier for Christ'? If you're in Year 9 or above and the answer to these questions is **YES** then you need to take one of the sheets from the church porch, fill it in and hand it in to the parish office. We'll then be in touch to tell you more about what will be happening. We look forward to hearing from you.

FR JOHN WATKINS

Fr John has decided that he will be resigning from ecclesiastical office at the end of October. In the world's terms this means he will be retiring, but as we all know he will always be a priest. He will continue to live and work in the parish community and be a part of our life. His ministry is, and will continue to be a vital part of our communal life. To celebrate this, and to wish him well, we are having a party on Sunday 29 October at the Cardinal Newman Centre from 1.00pm. Please bring something to share. Drinks will be provided. We are also collecting to be able to offer Fr John a gift to express our thanks. Please put any contribution you would like to make in an envelope clearly marked FR WATKINS COLLECTION and give it to Lesley or Fr Jonathan, pop it through the letterbox or hand in to the parish office.

Plymouth Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage

18-25 February 2019 There will be a Presentation and Facts evening at 7.00pm on Monday 2 October in the St Richard Reynolds' Centre. Further details: Pilgrimage People - info@pilgrimagepeople.org Telephone 0800 612 3423. Website <http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org>

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays at 9.30am in the church.

Tuesdays 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. Will resume on 26 September.

CAFOD - SAVE THE DATE!

The popular Curry Quiz Night will be back on Friday 3 November. Ticket details to follow but in the meantime please reserve the date for a fabulous evening!

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome to come and join us especially new parents & babies/toddlers

Extraordinary form Mass

Sunday 17 September at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Apostleship of the Sea

A Mass in honour of their patron Our Lady Star of the Sea is on Friday 15 September at 7.00pm at Plymouth Cathedral. For more information contact Salvina Bartholomeusz salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or 020 7901 1932. All invited, please go along.

Home Mission Sunday

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. Next Sunday, 17 September, there will be a retiring collection. The money received ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

South West Celebrate

14 & 15 October at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. The main speakers will be Rev Olly Ryder, Pippa Baker and David Wells. There are separate streams for children & young people along with lively worship, drama and a variety of workshops, Family Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation. Online booking is available (prior booking is essential). For more details call Susanne on 01803606256 email southwest@celebrateconference.org or see www.celebrateconference.org

Catholic Women's League

The annual Rota Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church on Friday 15 September at 10 a.m. followed by coffee in the Lower Room.

Focus on Your Marriage - Catholic Marriage Enrichment

Saturday 21 October 2017 10.00 to 16.30 at St Peter's Church, Crownhill, 15 Boniface Lane, Plymouth. PL5 3AX. Drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch. Films, inspiration, couple activities (but no group work). To book a place please contact - Deborah van Kroonenburg 07961099173 deborahvankroon@gmail.com

Charismatic prayer group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre - 7.15 to 9.00pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Next meeting is 14 September. The evening includes: refreshments, prayer, praise and worship, teaching, testimony and sharing and petitioned prayer. All are very welcome! For more information call Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.

Please pray for ...

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor who has died. Bishop Mark was his Private Secretary from 2002 to 2008 and Cardinal Cormac preached at his Episcopal Ordination in our Cathedral. Prayers were offered for the repose of the Cardinal throughout the Diocese this past week. May this good servant of the Lord, rest in peace

Readers Meeting & Training

Saturday 16 September 10.30am

Commissioning at all Masses 1 October.

Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

Saturday 23 September 10.30am

Commissioning at all Masses 8 October.

Please let the parish office know if you will be attending these days or not.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these ministries please talk to Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the Parish Office or come along to one of the mornings to find out more. We are always looking for more readers and ministers at Mass.

Sick Parishioners

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to be visited please give their details to either Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office.

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. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat. More helpers are needed to help after the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. If you can help please contact Toni Percival on 01392 218677

Cleaner needed

To clean an apartment in St Leonards for three hours once a fortnight. If you are interested please call 01392257500 or 07851746211.

Children's Liturgy

At the 10.30am Mass on Sundays, when the children are invited to go to the St Richard Reynolds Centre with their catechists, will resume on **Sunday 17 September**. If you have children who finds it difficult to settle please feel free to take them in to the St Richard Reynolds Centre during Mass.

RCIA/Journey of Faith

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? Want to learn about the Catholic faith? If so, please come to our Journey of Faith meetings. These are a series of informal talks and discussions on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm at the Mount St Mary Centre, Please contact the parish office 01392 274724 if you are interested.

The Kerala Catholic Community

of Exeter are celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 16 September at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Mass, in the Syro-Malabar rite, is at 2.30pm followed by a procession. There will be various cultural programmes and dinner at St James Church Hall in Mount Pleasant Road at 6.00pm. They would welcome all parishioners to join them for any or all of the celebrations.

Quiet Day at Buckfast

The subject of this Quiet Day is '*Forgive and Forget, is it possible to forget?*' It takes place in the Violet Evelyn Hall at Buckfast from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The cost is £15 to include refreshments and a light lunch. For more information please see the poster in the porch where you will also find some booking forms.

YMCA Open Day

See poster in church porch for details. All very welcome.

Masses

Sunday 10 September
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Education Sunday

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Mo Flavin RIP*

6.00pm

Monday 11 September

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 12 September

7.00pm

Wednesday 13 September

St John Chrysostom

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 14 September

The Exaltation

of the Holy Cross

9.30am

Friday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 16 September

St Cornelius & St Cyprian

9.30am

2.30pm *Syro Malabar Rite*

Sunday 17 September

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Home Mission Sunday

9.00am

10.30am

Teresa Castelluzzo RIP

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass
on Saturday morning
and by appointment.

Newsletter

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

The Word

This Sunday 10 Sept

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm Response

*O that today you would
listen to his voice!*

Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20*

Next Sunday 17 Sept

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Psalm Response

*The Lord is compassion and
love, slow to anger and rich
in mercy.*

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday
3 September **£1272.75**

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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