

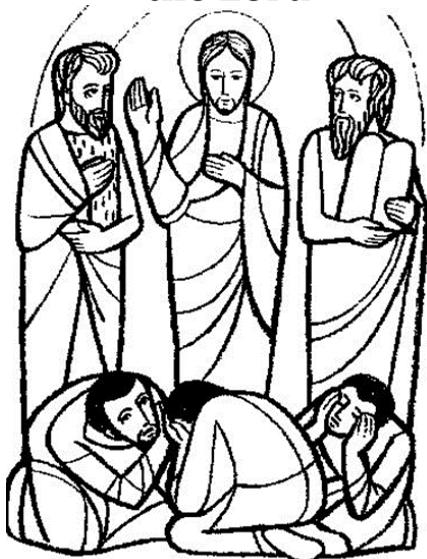
Parish News



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

6 August 2017 *The Transfiguration of the Lord. Psalter Week 2*

The Transfiguration of the Lord



We now come to the amazing account of the transfiguration of Christ on the mountain. This dramatic event marks a major turning point in the gospel narratives, for Jesus was beginning to turn more and more to Jerusalem and the suffering and death that awaited Him there. But before all of that would take place, there was this glimpse of glory. And we read in the New Testament that it was because of the glory that was set before Him He was able to endure the cross. The revelation of Christ's glory in this chapter was a clear confirmation to the disciples of the truth of Peter's confession of faith but it was also a great encouragement for Christ Himself as He faced the agony that would occur on another hill called Golgotha.

Parish Summer Barbeque

Join us today in the St Richard Reynolds Centre Garden at 1.00pm. Please bring your own food and drink - there will be a supervised barbeque to use for cooking your burgers and sausages! No cost for this get together!

Afternoon Tea Friday 18 August

St Richard Reynolds Centre garden beginning at 2.00pm. Please bring your own scones, cake etc. - we can provide the tea! No cost for this afternoon of fun and chat! For more details about any of these please call Jane on 07890 373617

Preparing for Baptism

The 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.

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre will still meet during the summer holidays. Older siblings are welcome too. All welcome, especially new parents & babies/toddlers.

Children's Liturgy

is taking a break during the school holidays and will resume in September. If you have a child who finds it difficult to settle please feel free to take him/her in to the Richard Reynolds Centre or the garden during the readings and homily.

Prayer Group

There will be no meetings in August.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday at 9.30am in the church.

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. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

New Parishioners

Are you new to Blessed Sacrament parish? If so, you are most welcome. We hope you will be very happy here. If you haven't already done so, please provide us with your contact details. Forms are available in the church porch and from the parish office (electronically) and should be returned to the office once completed. It is good for us to know something about you and to be able to keep you updated with things happening in the parish. Thank you.

Summer Fun Holiday Clubs

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 August - 9.30am to 12.30pm at Buckfast Abbey. Drop your children off for a morning of fun, games, crafts, stories, movement and drama activities. Plenty of opportunity to make friends and learn new skills. Ages 8-11. More information and to book see www.buckfast.org.uk/education

Catholic Singles

This is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information phone 0161 941 3498 or visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk

Individually Guided Retreats

Offered 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.

2017 Diary Dates

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.

More details to follow in due course.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these ministries please talk to Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the Parish Office. We are looking for more readers and ministers at all Masses.

Autumn Get-together

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes - Saturday 7 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament church Exeter. More details to follow nearer the time.

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps

To celebrate 65 years of the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps this year, the team would love to be joined by anyone from the CWL who has helped with the organisation of the Camp at a celebration "Afternoon Tea" on **Tuesday 8 August** for the Junior Camp, taking place from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Please email Deacon Michael Turnbull, if you wish to go michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk,

Sclerder Family Festival

At Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall, organised by Chemin Neuf on Saturday 19 August. A summer festival in the grounds of historic abbey on the beautiful Cornish coast. Single ticket £10/ family ticket £20. See poster porch for details with booking forms. www.sclerderfamilyfestival.cheminneuf.org.uk for more info and how to book.

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

Music for a while

An inaugural concert on the Gray organ at Holy Cross church in Topsham on Thursday 14 September at 6.30 pm. The 18th century organ was recently installed at Holy Cross and the first concert on the organ will be given by John Wellingham, specialist in historic organs and playing technique for early instruments. He will play a programme of 17th and 18th century organ music, including pieces by Bach, Stanley, Purcell, Gibbons and Marcello. Seating is limited at Holy Cross. Tickets (free) are available through the events page of the Holy Cross website (www.holycrosstopsham.org) or by phoning 07791 693603. There will be a retiring collection to cover the costs of the concert, and to raise money for the new Topsham Adventure Centre and Estuary League of Friends. The concert will be followed by refreshments in the garden.

Emmaus Road Ministries

Our next event is on September 23 at Weycroft Hall, Axminster. The subject will be Moving into Freedom - from Anxiety, Fear and Stress, where we will be looking at what creates it, and how God can help us handle these emotions and discover greater freedom and trust. With prayer ministry. Please see the attached leaflet for details.

The School of the Annunciation

There is still time to book for Summer Courses 2017 at Buckfast Abbey. Introduction to Catholic Theology: 14-17th August, Spiritual Theology : 17-20th August, Discover the Old Testament: 24-27th August, Apologetics: 24-27th August. To book or for information call 01364 645660 or go to: enquiries@schooloftheannunciation.com

The Pope Tweets...

The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life.

Catholic Children's Society Travelling abroad this summer?

Please donate your unused foreign currency to the CCSP via the orange box in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Helping Hands 50:50 Club

£1per month minimum donation. Please contact the office 01364 645420 or www.ccsplymouth.org.uk for an application form.

Calling All Runners! If you would like to run the Rome Marathon on Sunday 8 April 2018 on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society for details please email claire.warren@prcdtr.org.uk

Celebrate Weekend

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 to follow.

Inheritance

A festival for young adults 16-35 and families. 24-28 August at Walsingham. For more info see leaflets in porch or www.youth2000.org, info@youth2000.org or call 01338821153

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.

Plymouth CAST Vacancy

Clerk to the Board – for details and to apply see notice in church porch or visit Plymouth CAST website's Careers section http://www.plymouthcast.org.uk/web/hq_support_vacancies/296759 and following the external link.

The Assumption of our Lady

Tuesday 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.30am and 7.00pm

Masses

Sunday 6 August

**The Transfiguration
of the Lord**

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 7 August

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 8 August

St Dominic

7.00pm

Wednesday 9 August

**St Teresa Benedicta of the
Cross (Edith Stein)**

9.30am *For Peace*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 10 August

St Lawrence

9.30am *Michael Quinn RIP*

Friday 11 August

St Clare

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 12 August

9.30am

Sunday 13 August

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Andre Raymond &*

Marie Terese Mein RIP

6.00pm *Valdi Pala RIP*

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 6 August

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10.13-14

Psalm Response

*The Lord is king, most high
above all the earth*

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9*

Next Sunday 13 Aug

First Reading

Kings 19:9.11-13

Psalm Response

*Let us see, O Lord,
your mercy and give us
your saving help*

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33*

Thank you

Collection on Sunday
30July **£952.92**

Getting married?

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

Welcome

We welcome to Blessed
Sacrament parish all who
are visiting us at this time.
We pray you have a good
holiday/visit. We also pray
that those of our
community who are
enjoying holidays will
return refreshed and
invigorated by their time
away.

Contact us

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