

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**1 October 2017 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 2**



## ‘Once a sinner, always a sinner.’

That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: ‘Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.’ All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

## Diocesan Youth Rally

**We are very sorry but this event, which was due to take place at St Rita’s, in Honiton, today has had to be cancelled.** A future youth event is being planned for Youth Sunday, 26 November, in Plymouth. More details will be in a future newsletter.

## CONFIRMATION 2018

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 before 28 October.

## 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: available from: Pilgrimage People – [info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org) 0800 612 3423 or their website: <http://www.pilgrimagepeople.org>

## Welcomed into the Church

Please pray for **Fergus Cherrett and Rory Mansell** who were baptised this week and for their families and sponsors.

# CAFOD FAST DAY

## Harvest Fast Day Friday 6 October

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can.

## Fairtrade at Sainsburys

CAFOD is concerned that Sainsbury's supermarket has announced that it will move away from the well-known Fairtrade mark for its own brand tea. Fairtrade tea empowers farmers and producers in some of the world's poorest communities. While Sainsbury's has said the 'Fairly Traded' scheme it will trial for its tea will operate in a similar way to Fairtrade, small scale producers say they are concerned that they will lose control over how the money made from their goods can be spent. CAFOD co-founded the Fairtrade Foundation in 1992 alongside Christian Aid, Oxfam, Traidcraft and others and with them CAFOD is campaigning to persuade Sainsbury's to keep Fairtrade. Find out how you can support the campaign here <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Sainsbury-s-blow-to-fairtrade>

## Fr John Watkins

To celebrate Fr John's retirement, and to thank him for his ministry, 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.

## Parish Diaries 2018

These 'free' diaries for 2018 are available in the church porch. Take one for a friend!

## Lourdes Autumn Get-together

Saturday 7 October at the St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree. Coffee will be served from 10.00am. Mass will be at 11.00 followed by a light lunch. All are welcome. Enquiries to Sheelah on 01392 43192

## Celebrate South West

14 & 15 October at Notre Dame School, Plymouth. Prior booking is essential. For more details call Susanne on 01803606256 email [southwest@celebrateconference.org](mailto:southwest@celebrateconference.org) or see [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

## Catholic Marriage Enrichment

A day for couples to focus on their marriage, the blessings and the challenges. Saturday 21 October 2017, 10.00 to 16.30 at St Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth. Drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch. Films, inspiration, couple activities (but no group work). To book a place please contact Deborah van Kroonenburg on 07961099173 [deborahvankroon@gmail.com](mailto:deborahvankroon@gmail.com)

## Charismatic prayer group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre - 7.15 to 9.00pm. The next meeting will on 12 October. All welcome. For more info call Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.

## Minsters of the word

We welcome our readers this weekend who will be commissioned during Mass.

## Extraordinary Ministers

*Commissioning at all Masses 8 October.*

## 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, and will start on 4 October. If you are interested please complete a slip which is available in the church porch, and hand to one of the priests or post in the presbytery letterbox

# GATHER 2018

19–21 January 2018 Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Join Bishop Mark O'Toole, Fr Denis McBride, David Wells, Canon Paul Cummins, catechists, teachers, clergy and friends of the Diocese of Plymouth for a weekend of friendship, faith and formation. Cost £150 residential, £40 non-residential day rate. To book your place use the flyer provided. Early booking is essential. We look forward to welcoming you to GATHER 2018.

## Quiet Day at Buckfast

*'Forgive and Forget, is it possible to forget?'* will be repeated on Saturday 21 October at Violet Evelyn Hall at Buckfast. For more information please see the poster and booking forms in the porch.

## A Sea Symphony

A performance of Vaughan Williams' 'A Sea Symphony' on Saturday 25 November at Exeter Cathedral by local choirs. Tickets can be purchased from the Exeter Visitor Information and Tickets Office in Dix's Field, at <http://seasymphony.org.uk>

## St Nick's News

We held a week of fundraising activities to raise money for 3 cancer charities. A **Macmillan Coffee morning** on Wednesday and raised over £130 from donations for cakes provided by staff and parents. We then held our first **Race for Life** Event on Thursday and all children, from Nursery to Yr 6 ran up to 4k. We were blessed with a sunny warm morning and the children were very excited to run the route together around the school grounds. They all received a medal and a cake once they had finished their race. From donations received to date we are estimating that we have made over £1,000 which will be divided between Cancer Research UK, Clic Sargent and Macmillan. Thank you very much to all in our school community who supported this wonderful event.

## Becoming a LiveSimply parish

You are invited to join a *livesimply* meeting on Friday, 27 October, 7pm at the St Richard Reynolds Centre. It will give you an opportunity to learn more about Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' that inspired the *livesimply* programme for Catholic communities. We will also hear more about the *livesimply* award and how we can jointly work towards it as a parish. We hope to get together representatives of the different parish groups as well as individuals interested in becoming involved so that we can jointly embark on the *livesimply* journey.

## Guided Retreats

November 17-19 'Taster' Weekend Retreat All take place at Southgate House, Buckfast Abbey. Booking forms can be found in the church porch or telephone 01548 852670 or email [mjbutler6@yahoo.com](mailto:mjbutler6@yahoo.com) or [adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk)

## 'One Hundred Years Later, a Marian Call for the Whole Church'

Conference at Buckfast Thursday 12 and Friday 13 October. To book or for further information go to [www.buckfast.org.uk/Fatimaconference](http://www.buckfast.org.uk/Fatimaconference)

## A Day with Mary

Buckfast Abbey Saturday 14 October. 10.00am procession followed by Mass at 11.00am. Finish at 5.30pm. For full details see poster in the church porch.

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Mondays** at 9.30am in the church.  
**Tuesdays** 8.00-9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. All welcome.  
**Tuesday 3 October** from 7 - 8pm at Sacred Heart Church, South Street.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

At the 10.30am Mass on Sundays our young children are invited to go to the St Richard Reynolds Centre with their catechists to listen to the readings which are specially prepared for them.

## Masses

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### Sunday 1 October

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Aga & Gregor Figiel*

25th wedding anniversary

6.00pm *Penny Barrington*

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### Monday 2 October

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

7.30am Convent

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### Tuesday 3 October

7.00pm

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### Wednesday 4 October

*St Francis of Assisi*

10.00am *Funeral Mass*

*Dan Downes RIP*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

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### Thursday 5 October

9.30am *John & Matilda Vick*

60th wedding anniversary

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### Friday 6 October

*Cafod Fast Day*

NO Convent Mass

9.30am *Eileen Lever RIP*

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### Saturday 7 October

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

11.00am

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### Sunday 8 October

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

*Day of prayer for prisoners  
and their dependants*

9.00am

10.30am *Andre Raymond &*

*Marie Therese Mein RIP*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass  
on Saturday morning  
and by appointment.

## The Word

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### This Sunday 1 Oct

**First Reading**

*Ezekiel 18:25-28*

**Psalm Response**

*Remember your mercy, Lord*

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 2:1-5*

**Gospel** *Matthew 21:28-2*

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### Next Sunday 8 Oct

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

**Psalm Response**

*The vineyard of the Lord  
is the House of Israel*

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 4:6-9*

**Gospel** *Matthew 21:33-43*

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## Thank you

Collection on Sunday

24 September **£1152.98**

## 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.

## Contact us

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### Parish Priest

Fr Jonathan Stewart

### Assistant Priest

Fr John Watkins

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### PARISH OFFICE

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### Parish Office hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday 10.00am-4.00pm

### Parish Secretary

Lesley Hooper

### Safeguarding Reps

Vince Clark &

Lesley Hooper

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### PARISH SCHOOL

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