

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

29 October 2017 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 2



Love God, Love your neighbour

When you look at the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do we become a great example to people everywhere.

Fr John Watkins

Please join us for a shared lunch to say Thank You to Fr John at the Cardinal Newman Centre at 1.00pm today. And please bring something along for us to share.

Confirmation

Last call for young people who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year to complete a form and hand it in to the Parish Office by today. The registration evening is on Thursday 2 November at 7.00pm at the Blessed Sacrament church. It is important that candidates and parents attend this meeting.

Feast of All Saints

Wednesday 1 November is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am and 7.00pm

First Holy Communion

If your child is in school year 3 and you would like them to prepare for First Holy Communion, you must attend a Registration meeting on **Wednesday 29 November at 6.30 pm at St Nicholas School EX1 3EG**. Children do not need to attend this meeting. Please bring a copy of your child's certificate of baptism, your contact details and £8.00 (*which funds the book we will be using*). It is essential you attend this meeting as it will not be possible to join the preparation process part way through. We look forward to seeing you.

World Missions Sunday

Thank you for your generosity at last week's World Mission collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year please go to: missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

Into your hands, Lord...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pam Rockey and Diarmid McMahon who have died recently. May they rest in peace.



You are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor man, but you are giving him back what is his. You have been appropriating things that are meant to be for the common use of everyone. The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich. (St Ambrose)

During the month of November, we will focus on the theme of 'Living in solidarity with the poor'. On Sunday, 19 November, we will join other Catholic communities around the world in celebrating the first World Day of the Poor as declared by Pope Francis. We will reflect on what is already being done in our parish to support those who are marginalised and disadvantaged and will start to develop ideas for new ways of showing solidarity. If you would like to get involved with *livesimply* but were unable to attend the meeting last Friday, please contact Kathrin (email kathrin_forstner@hotmail.com).

Thursday Lunch Club

Can anyone help? Ladies or Gentlemen, the Thursday Lunch Club would be so pleased if you could join our rota of helpers. We fortnightly set up, serve and clear up lunch for our very appreciative diners. Please give Di Bish a call on 07940142124 to find out more about us. We look forward to hearing from you.

APF Red Box collection

Box holders are asked to bring their red box along with them to Mass on Sunday 19 November to be collected and emptied. Thank you.

Plymouth Clergy Requiem

Please come and pray for the repose of the souls of those men who served the diocese and our parishes for so many years and who have died. **Thursday 9 November** at 12 noon Plymouth Cathedral Cecil Street PL1 5HW. May they rest in peace.

Blessing of the graves

Praying for the dead is one of the most important things we do as Christians. Join us at Exeter Higher Cemetery (the Hamlin Lane entrance) on Sunday 5 November at 3.00pm to visit the graves of our loved ones. Even if they are buried far away come and join in this act of remembrance.

Exeter's Young Catholic Community

A new group in Exeter for Catholics aged 16-21. There will be food, discussions about our faith and prayer and we're open to any ideas as to how we can improve each session! The first gathering will be on Wednesday 8 November at 19.00-20.30 in St Richard Reynolds Centre and we'd love to see you there! Like our Facebook page to keep updated and if you'd like more info, speak to Fr Jonathan.

Exeter Parishes Youth Worker

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have recruited a youth worker to support the young people of our parishes. Erik Renz, who attends both our parish churches, will begin working soon with the younger age group 11-16. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins this important and exciting work in our community.

CAFOD Events

Curry & Quiz Night

Unfortunately this event has had to be **postponed**. Further details of another date for this popular event will follow.

Harvest Fast Day

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Harvest Fast Day. Our Parish raised **£771.16** which will help CAFOD's work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.

Charismatic prayer group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre - 7.15 to 9.00pm. The next meeting will be 9 November. All welcome. For more info call Chris and Sue Lee on 01392 432929.

GATHER 2018

19–21 January 2018 Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Cost £150 residential, £40 non-residential day rate. To book your place use the flyer provided or download from Facebook page Gather Conference. Early booking is essential. See you there.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9.30am at Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesdays 8.00–9.00pm at Mount St Mary Convent. All welcome.

Monday 6 Nov and Monday 4 Dec

Adoration with Taizé chants in the Lady Chapel, Sacred Heart from 7.00-8.00 pm. Singers/musicians/any instruments very welcome. Practice in Church from 6.30 pm.

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.

Sick Parishioners

Please let a priest or the parish office know details of parishioners who would like a visit or Holy Communion at home.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Guided Retreat

November 17–19 'Taster' Weekend Retreat Southgate House, Buckfast Abbey. Booking forms in church porch or telephone 01548 852670 or email mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2 - 8 August 2018 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. A time of prayer and relaxation. Cost £779. For further information and to book please see the information in church porch.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2 - 8 August 2018 also led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. A time of prayer and

relaxation. Cost £495. For further information and to book please contact Rev Anthony O'Gorman, tel: 01637 851697 or e:mail: anthony.o'gorman@prcdtr.org.uk.

The Catenian Association

This is an organization for Catholic men. They meet monthly in local 'Circles' for prayers and dinner together often followed by a talk on a topical issue. Families play an important role, taking part in social events. Being a Catenian is an opportunity to get to know your fellow Catholics, to support the clergy and support some charitable causes. The Exeter Circle meets at the Golf & Country Club on the second Monday of each month and would welcome new members. For more information contact Matthew Clark on 07875 298088.

SVP CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Every Christmas the St Vincent de Paul Society donates food parcels to the residents of homeless shelters in Exeter. Staff at the shelters tell us that this gift makes a big difference at this time of the year which can be particularly difficult. Last year we were able to deliver more than 160 parcels and this was made possible only through the generous donations of food by parishioners and by the pupils of St Nicholas School. We are looking to deliver at least that number this year and so from 11th November a box will be available at the back of the church to collect your food donations. Further information about the progress of our appeal will be made over the coming weeks. For more information please contact Amie Dunphy on 07795 461528.

Accommodation required

Could you accommodate a 33 yr old professional woman who is looking for a room in a home? Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Many thanks.

The Pope tweets...

Be courageous witnesses to Christ in the places where you live and work.

Masses

Sunday 29 October

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *Bridie Hayes RIP*

10.30am *Fr John Watkins*

6.00pm *People of the parish*

Monday 30 October

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 31 October

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 1 November

Feast of All Saints

9.30am *Dermott Curtis RIP*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

7.00pm

Thursday 2 November

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.

All Souls'

9.30am *Peter & Kieran*

McDonagh RIP and all deceased members of the

McDonagh Family

Friday 3 November

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Elizabeth Kelleher RIP

Saturday 4 November

St Charles Borromeo

9.30am

Sunday 5 November

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am *Andre Raymond &*

Marie Therese Mein RIP

6.00pm

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass
on Saturday morning
and by appointment.

The Word

This Sunday 29 Oct

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel *Matthew 22:34-40*

Next Sunday 5 Nov

First Reading

Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10

Psalm Response

*Keep my soul in peace
before you, O Lord.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

Gospel *Matthew 23:1-12*

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.

Thank you

Collection Sunday

22 October **£1133.85**

World Missions collection

£231.03

Getting married?

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

Newsletter

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

Contact us

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