

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
14 January 2018 Second Sunday Ordinary Time Psalter 2

COME AND SEE

What does it mean to be a follower of the Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads. Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening." The Psalm underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: "Here I am, Lord ! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

Concert at Blessed Sacrament

The Clifton String Trio with guest speaker Jilly Spencer, will present a programme of music and words at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 28 January 2018 at 3pm. You pay what you decide. See poster.

Peace Sunday

Today, 14 January, is the 51st World Peace Day. We are all invited to reflect on our role to be peacemakers, and peace seekers and a day of prayer for peace between nations, a lasting peace with justice. We also remember all those who work for peace. There will be a retiring collection to aid the work of Pax Christi.

Christian Unity Week of Prayer

A week of prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between 18 - 25 January and this years' theme is '**that all may be free**'. You are invited to a city wide prayer service at Belmont Chapel at 6.30pm on Sunday 21 January. There will be a Holy Hour at Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday 24 January at 2.00pm to pray for Christian unity.

Preparing for Baptism

Next preparation course for parents is on Saturday 3 February at 10.30 am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please book your place with the Parish Office.

Weekly Giving Envelopes

Weekly gift aid and planned giving envelopes are available for collection. Contact the Parish office for more info about planned giving and gift aid. Thank you. *Anne Burdon Parish Treasurer*

GATHER 2018

A residential weekend 19-21 January 2018 Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Cost £150 residential, £40 non-residential day rate. Last minute bookings are still being taken. We hope to see you there.

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The Pope's message for this year's Peace Sunday is '**Migrants and Refugees - seekers of peace**': *The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us "belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome*

them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth...When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them.

Milestones for action: Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.

“Welcoming” calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It demands balancing our concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights... **“Protecting”** has to do with our duty to recognize and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited... **“Promoting”** entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees. Among many possible means of doing so, I would stress the importance of ensuring access to all levels of education for children and young people... **“Integrating”**, lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community...

(From the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the celebration of the 51st world day of peace, 1 January 2018)

If you would like to find out more about the Church’s role in supporting migrants and refugees and what we as a community can do to respond to Pope Francis’ plea for action, please join our next *livesimply* meeting on Saturday, 27 January, 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

St Nick’s News

Applications for Reception entry in Sept 2018 should have been made to Devon Admissions by Monday 15 January.

You can complete the form online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place> **In addition** if you have applied to St Nicholas Reception class you are advised to submit to the Office a supplementary form (obtainable from Reception or from the school website https://st-nicholas-pri.eschools.co.uk/website/reception_or_in-year_admissions) which enables us to rank all of the admissions in the case of over subscription. If you do not submit a supplementary form your child will be ranked as the lowest category and may be at risk of not obtaining a place. Please submit this form for the attention of Ali Brocksom to St Nicholas Catholic Primary School, Ringswell Avenue, Exeter Ex1 3EG by 26 January.

DROP OFF DROP IN

You are welcome to our weekly coffee morning at 8.45am on Wednesday mornings. Parishioners are welcome to join us for fresh coffee and cakes and a chance to meet friends old and new!

Sick Parishioners

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

Important: Security upgrade

Following the installation of the CCTV cameras new and better locks are being fitted to the church. Anyone who has a need for a key to the church or access to the sacristy must request a new key or the new code and sign for these in the parish office. The changes will be happening next week after which old keys will not work.

Catholic Women's League

The first Mass of the year for the work of the League will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Saturday 20 January at 10.00am. Coffee and cakes will be served in the Lower Room after Mass. The next Meeting of the Section follows on Tuesday 23 January at Mount St. Mary's Convent at 2.00pm. You are reminded that subs of £22 are now due plus money for the Branch Retreat for those attending.

Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes

St James' Church, Tiverton is organising an Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes this April 5 - 14. Please contact Sally at 01884 798405 email srchapman@hotmail.com to secure your place. See poster in porch

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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2018

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

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.

EYCC

The next gathering of **Exeter's Young Catholic Community** will be on Wednesday 24 January in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.00 till 8.30pm. All 16-21 year olds welcome to come along.

The Pope tweets...

If we fail to suffer with those who suffer, even those of different religions, languages or cultures, we need to question our own humanity.

MURDER IS SERVED

The Sacred Heart Arts groups, with help from the clergy, are delighted to present a Murder Mystery evening. See if you can solve the mystery whilst enjoying a 2-course meal (including a pancake) and a drink from the bar. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 13 February (Shrove Tuesday) at the Cardinal Newman Centre at 7.20 pm for an evening of grand entertainment. Tickets £9, on sale from the Parish Office. A Draw prize will be held on the night. Any gifts for the draw would be gratefully received by the parish office.

Charismatic prayer group

Meets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.15 to 9.00pm on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday 25 January.

Organ and Cello Concert

To be held at Holy Cross church Topsham on Sunday 11 February at 4.00pm. Andrew Daldorph and Hilary Boxer will give a recital of organ and cello music using our William and Robert Gray 18th century. Tickets (free) are available by phoning 01392 877071 or 07791 693603 or at www.holycrosstopsham.org There will be a retiring collection to cover the costs of the concert, and to raise money for Estuary League of Friends and Water Aid. The concert will be followed by refreshments, weather permitting. Space is limited, so please do apply for tickets in advance, as there may not be any available on the door.

Please pray for...

The repose of the souls of George Jones and Elizabeth Moore who have died. Details of George's funeral will follow shortly.

Please pray for...

The children of our parish who have begun their preparation to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this summer. They will be enrolled today at 10.30 Mass.

Masses

Sunday 14 January
2nd Sunday Ordinary time
Peace Day

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am

Refreshments team

6.00pm *Street Pastors*

Monday 15 January

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 16 January

7.00pm

Wednesday 17 January

St Anthony

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 18 January

9.30am

Friday 19 January

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 20 January

9.30am *Toddler Group*

Sunday 21 January

3rd Sunday Ordinary time

Peace Day

9.00am *Welcoming Team*

10.30am

Eucharistic Ministers

6.00pm *People of the parish*

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9.30am at

Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesdays 8.00–9.00pm at

Mount St Mary Convent.

Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on
Saturday morning or by
appointment.

The Word

This Sunday 14 Jan

First Reading

1Samuel 3:3-10.19

Psalm Response

Here I am Lord!

I come to do your will.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

Gospel *John 1:35-42*

Next Sunday 21 Jan

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5.10

Psalm Response

Lord, make me know

your ways

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel *Mark 1:14-20*

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

7 January **£1060.88**

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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