

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
28 January 2018 Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Psalter 4



Where does authority come from? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching', but what amazes them is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does adds credibility to what he says. It's the familiar situation – we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is – a kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. So we must listen to prophets or teachers when they are backed by such authority; so that we do not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we recognise that the messenger is sent by God. This demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

Racial Justice Sunday **Belonging: All are Welcome**

Today we are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. There are many stories of alienation throughout the Bible, with clear calls to "Love the stranger". That the Church is a place where all belong is clearly seen in the recent Feast of Epiphany, when Christ is revealed not only to the Israelites, but to all of God's people. Today there will be a retiring collection for the work of CARJ the **Catholic Agency for Racial Justice**. Please pray for their work in what is an enormously important field. Some prayer cards are available in the church porch.

Winter Concert

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 including works by Mozart, Purcell and Jacob. Pay what you decide. See poster.

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.

Rediscover Jesus

Lent Groups

Lent will soon be upon us. Given the positive feedback from parishioners who have read the book "Rediscover Jesus", we are going to run joint parish groups – mornings at Sacred Heart on Wednesdays 21, 28 February and 7, 21 and 28 March at 10.30am in the Lower room, Sacred Heart, and Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm on 20 & 27 February and 6, 13, 20 & 27 March in the St Richard Reynolds Centre, during Lent. The groups will be based on thoughts and reflections, arising from the book. If you have passed your book to someone else, you might like to invite that person to come along with you. We hope to get more books soon. Sign up sheets will shortly be available in the church porch to let us know when you will come. You will be asked to indicate if you require a book so that we know how many additional copies to get.

livesimply

With Lent approaching, now is a good time for us to reflect on how we can make an extra effort to *livesimply* during the weeks leading up to Easter. We would like to invite parishioners to share their favourite vegetarian recipes to encourage others to incorporate meat-free days as part of the Lenten fast. Please email the recipe to livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or drop off a hand-written recipe at the parish office by 15 February. Many thanks!

The next meeting to find out more about the 'Share the Journey' campaign in the UK and how we can be involved is at 10.00 am on Saturday 27 January in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome!

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.

St Nick's News

We are now taking applications for Nursery spaces starting in September 2018. Application forms can be obtained from the School Office or from the school website and can be submitted along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate (if applicable). We do offer the extended 30 funded hours per week to eligible parents, go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check.

We would be pleased to give you a tour of the Foundation Stage so that you can see the Nursery in action. Tours can be booked by contacting Ali on 01392 445403 ext 222 / abrocksom@stncs.uk

Catholic Children's Society

We received a letter after donating £176.11 to the Society following our non-uniform day last term. They wrote: *"We are so pleased that the school joined in with this. The money raised by this appeal will be used to support parents through our parenting programme and also to provide essential items such as clothing and shoes to help children more directly. This month we will have helped four families with shoes and clothes for the winter months, and one asylum family with school uniforms so that the children can start new lives in a safer environment. Thanks for your support."*

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 & Housebound Parishioners

If you know of anyone who would like to be visited by a priest please let Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office know.

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.

MURDER IS SERVED

Sacred Heart Arts groups are delighted to present a light-hearted 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 at the Cardinal Newman Centre at 7.20 pm for an evening of grand entertainment. Tickets £9 (children under 16 £5) on sale from the Parish Office. A Draw will be held on the night. Any gifts for the draw would be gratefully received by the parish office. All proceeds to charity.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Deputy Head of School Improvement, permanent, full time and **Designated Safeguarding Lead**, permanent part-time 3 days per week. For more information see poster in the porch.

To request an application form and detailed job description, please email admin@plymouthcast.org.uk, sending completed forms to admin@plymouthcast.org.uk or by post to Karen Grute, Plymouth CAST, St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL. Closing date for applications is Monday 29 January

Pope's Intention for February

Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist the lure of corruption.

Charismatic prayer group

Next meeting Thursday 8 February in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

True Survivor

Beyond the Wild presents True Survivor: Hearing the Call 29-31 May 2018. Learn how to survive in the wild and discover how the fire of your faith can survive and flourish in our world. For young men aged 13-18. For more info email: info@beyondthewild.org or contact Fr Dylan James fatherdj@gmail.com and see poster in the church porch

We welcome...

Leo Lowe into the family of the Church as he is baptised today. Please pray for him and his parents and godparents

Rest in Peace...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sydney George Jones** who has died. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 31 January at 10.00am** at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next gathering of **EYCC** will be on Wednesday 7 February in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.00 till 8.30pm. All 16-21 year olds welcome. Bishop Mark has accepted an invitation to join the group at this meeting which is great news!

90th Birthday Celebrations

Mrs Kitty Riley will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Monday 12 February at the Lower Room at Sacred Heart following the 10.00am Mass. All welcome

Organ and Cello Concert

Holy Cross Church Topsham Sunday 11 February at 4.00pm. Retiring collection to cover costs and for Estuary League of Friends and Water Aid. For (free) tickets phone 01392 877071 or 07791 693603 or at www.holycrosstopsham.org Space is limited, so apply for tickets in advance, as there may not be any available on the door.

Lent Talks at Holy Ghost Exmouth

Explore the basic message of Jesus and how we can respond to it during four sessions: 21 Feb – Adrian Aylward. 28 Feb – David Wells, 7 March – Fr Stephen Hoyle and 21 March – Martin Nicholls. 7.00 – 8.30pm. Free admission and refreshments. For more info contact learkingston@gmail.com /01395 272607

The Pope Tweets...

Christian joy cannot be bought. It comes from faith and from meeting Jesus Christ, who is the reason for our happiness.

Masses

Sunday 28 January
4th Sunday Ordinary time
Racial Justice Day
9.00am *People of the parish*
10.30am
6.00pm

Monday 29 January
7.30am Convent

Tuesday 30 January
7.00pm

Wednesday 31 January
St John Bosco
10.00am Funeral Mass
George Jones RIP
4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 1 February
9.30am
Ann & Jack Newman RIP

Friday 2 February
Presentation of the Lord
Day for Consecrated Life
7.30am Convent
9.30am *Joan Moran RIP*

Saturday 3 February
9.30am *Musicians & Singers*

Sunday 4 February
5th Sunday Ordinary time
9.00am
10.30am *People of the parish*
6.00pm

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 28 Jan
First Reading
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm Response
*O that today you would
listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel *Mark 1:21-28*

Next Sunday 4 Feb
First Reading
Job 7:1-4.6-7
Psalm Response
*Praise the Lord who heals
the broken-hearted.*
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23
Gospel *Mark 1:29-39*

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
21 January **£1057.78**

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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