

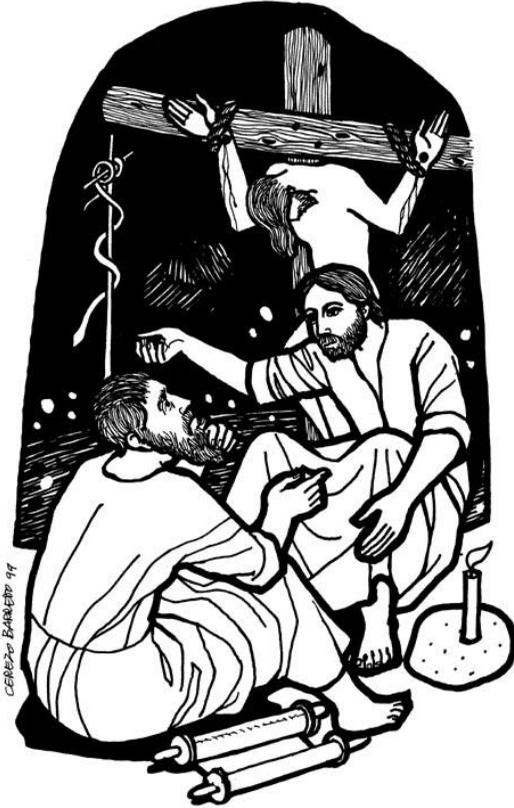
# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**

**11 March 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent. Laetare Sunday. Psalter 4**

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In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about God's saving work: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. So today's theme is "salvation": but to understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.

## **Mothering Sunday**

Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, is traditionally celebrated as Mothering Sunday. In an old tradition, those who were in service were allowed to return home for this Sunday, returning to their 'mother' church or parish. We give thanks today for all mothers, wherever they may be, and especially for those who would love to be a mother, for mothers who have lost children and for our own mothers who have died. Thank you to our flower ladies who have prepared the posies which will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. And to all Mums: have a wonderful day. Thanks be to God.

## **Stations of the Cross**

In the church each Friday during Lent at 5.00pm with the Syro Malabar community and at 7.00pm with parish groups. Friday 16 March will be led by St Nicholas School.

## **Lent Lunches in Heavitree**

The next prayer service followed by a simple lent lunch is on Wednesday 14 March at Wonford Methodist church at 12.00 noon. All welcome. Donations to Exeter Foodbank.

## **Lent Penitential Service**

7.00pm Friday 23 March at Sacred Heart Church South Street Exeter. The sacrament of penance or reconciliation is the most wonderful opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and the grace we need to change our lives. There will be a number of priests available for individual confession.

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Last week was REUSE week, which encouraged us to pass on, repair, refurbish, repurpose, maintain and lend items that we own to give them a new lease of life. Reusing things helps to cut down how much we waste and consume, which reduces our environmental impact and saves us money at the same time. One useful initiative in Exeter is the Repair Café, a community project that sets up shop at St Sidwell's Community Centre once a month. Volunteers will help you mend a variety of items – including toys, electrical appliances and bikes. The next Repair Café is scheduled for Saturday 17 March, 10am to 1pm. For more info see [www.facebook.com/exeterrepaircafe/](http://www.facebook.com/exeterrepaircafe/)

## **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Family Fast Day collection and the Fast Day Lunch. We raised **£1,200.96**. This will be match funded. This is an amazing result and will transform the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

## **Catholic Women's League**

The monthly Mass for the work of the League will be held on Saturday 17 March at the Sacred heart Church, South St at 10a.m. Coffee and cakes will be served afterwards in the Lower Room.

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## **Pilgrimages**

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019**

18 to 25 February led by Bishop Mark. Completed booking forms and deposits need to be received before the 18 April. To request an itinerary and booking form, please contact Pilgrimage People on 0800 6123423 ([info@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:info@pilgrimagepeople.org)) quoting Ref: PLYM01.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

2 – 8 August 2018 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. Cost £779. For further information and to book please see the information in the church porch.

### **Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

2 – 8 August 2018 led by Bishop Mark. Flying from Exeter. Cost £495. For further info and how to book please contact Rev Anthony O'Gorman on 01637 851697 email: [anthony.o'gorman@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:anthony.o'gorman@prcdtr.org.uk).

### **Society of Our Lady of Lourdes**

Sick, able-bodied and helper pilgrims are invited to join the Society of our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 25 May to 1 June - flying from Exeter. Further details from Sheelah on 01392 431927 or the Society Office: 0208 848 9833 e-mail [enquiries@soll-lourdes.com](mailto:enquiries@soll-lourdes.com)

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## **Music during Lent**

Why are we not having a hymn at the end of Mass during Lent? The tone of the season is quieter and more reflective. So the final procession is accompanied by solemn silence. Then, at Easter, we will celebrate the resurrection once more rejoicing with music and singing.

## **The Spring Lourdes Get-together**

If you are interested in knowing more about Our Lady of Lourdes pilgrimage group there will be a get-together on Saturday 17 March at the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Coffee will be served from 10.00am, with Mass at 11.00am followed by a light lunch. All welcome: enquiries to Sheelah on 01392 431927

## **Celebrating Easter**

### **Maundy Thursday 29 March**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

### **Good Friday 30 March**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm

### **Holy Saturday 31 March**

The Easter Vigil 9.00pm

### **Easter Sunday 1 April**

Mass at 9.00 and 10.30am

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*"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them as it had upon us at the beginning". Acts 11:15*

A new group for youngsters aged 11–15 will meet for the first time on Thursday 5 April 6.30–7.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. We hope that as many of our youngsters as possible will be interested in coming along and finding out more about what we can do for them as a Church. Look forward to seeing you there.

## Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador

Rise Theatre presents a new, original play about the life of Blessed Oscar Romero – 'Romero Heartbeat of El Salvador' on Wednesday 28 March at Notre Dame School, Plymouth at 7.00pm. For information how to obtain tickets see notice in the church porch, call 01752775101 or at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre)

## Exeter Foodbank

During Lent, there will be a box at the back of the church for your donations of non-perishable food in support of Exeter Foodbank. Make this part of your Pray/Fast/Give Lenten intentions.

## 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 & Housebound Parishioners

If you know of anyone who needs a priest to visit please let Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office know.

## St Vincent de Paul Society

If you would like to know more about the SVP and how we support the vulnerable in our parish and city please get in touch with Mike Eden: [mike.eden52@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.eden52@btinternet.com) or by phone: 07760 493940.

## Introduction to Fatima

You are invited to a talk by Tim Tindal-Robertson after the 7.30pm Mass at Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy on Thursday 22 March, on the message which Our Lady gave at Fatima to Francisco and Jacinta, the first non-martyr child saints in the history of the Church.

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## St Nicks News

What an exciting end to last week with the snow! The children came back with many happy memories of sledging, snowmen and snowballs. Now we are back to normal and happy to see signs of spring and warmer weather.

As part of our school Lenten journey **Mustard Seeds** have been running a Fair Trade Tuck Shop for all children during break time. This highlights awareness of Fair Trade principles and is very popular. We are 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 offer the extended 30 funded hours per week to eligible parents see [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check. We'd be pleased to give you a tour of the Foundation Stage so that you can see the Nursery in action. Tours can be booked at [abrocksom@stncs.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncs.uk) or by phoning 01392445403 ext 222.

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## Burst Pipe in bell tower

Following the recent burst pipe the loss adjustor has estimated the work to repair the ceilings and floor will be in the region of £10,000. We hope to start the work as soon as possible and in the meantime ask you to be patient. All the paper material in the porch was ruined and was thrown away. Please use the other two doors to the church (as last weekend). Many thanks to all who helped the clear up on Saturday.

## Masses

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**Sunday 11 March**

4th Sunday of Lent

*Laetare Sunday*

**9.00am** *People of the Parish*

**10.30am**

**6.00pm**

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**Monday 12 March**

**7.30am** Convent Mass

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**Tuesday 13 March**

**7.00pm**

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**Wednesday 14 March**

**9.30am**

**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 15 March**

**9.30am**

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**Friday 16 March**

**7.30am** Convent Mass

**9.30am** *Yvonne Cann RIP*

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**Saturday 17 March**

*St Patrick*

**11.00am**

*Society of Our Lady of Lourdes*

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**Sunday 18 March**

5th Sunday of Lent

**9.00am**

**10.30am**

**6.00pm** *People of the Parish*

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on  
Saturday morning or by  
appointment.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Monday** 9.30am

Blessed Sacrament Church.

**Tuesday** 8.00pm

Mount St Mary Convent.

## Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Blessed Sacrament Church

Sunday 18 March at 3.00pm

## The Word

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**This Sunday 11 Mar**

**First Reading**

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23*

**Psalm Response**

*O let my tongue cleave to my  
mouth if I remember you not!*

**Second Reading**

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

**Gospel** *John 3:14-21*

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**Next Sunday 18 Mar**

**First Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

**Psalm Response**

*A pure heart create for me,  
O God.*

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

**Gospel** *John 12:20-30*

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## 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.

## 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.

## Thank you

Collection Sunday

4 March **£1086.38**

CAFOD fast day collection

**£1200.96**

## Contact us

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**Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

**Priest in retirement**

Fr John Watkins

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