

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

18 March 2018 Fifth Sunday of Lent. Psalter 1

Celebrating Easter

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 25 March

Wednesday 28 March

No 9.30am Mass

12.00 Chrism Mass Plymouth Cathedral

If you can offer, or need, a lift to Plymouth please let the office know in good time.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 29 March

7.00pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fast and abstinence

Friday 30 March

9.30am Morning Prayer in church

3.00pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION.

NB Confessions will be available afterwards in the church.

8.00pm Watching at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 31 March

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Blessing of Food. All welcome.

8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 1 April

9.00am

10.30am

NO evening Mass

Ministry at Easter

Please see the sign-up sheets which are in the church porch if you would like to read or distribute Holy Communion at Easter.

Maundy Thursday

We need 12 people – men, women and children – to have their feet washed.

Please sign the sheet in the church if you would be willing to take part.

Collection for Easter flowers

Our wonderful team of flower arrangers will be very grateful for anything you can give to the collection at all Masses next weekend. Many thanks.

Blessing of Food

Błogosławieństwo Pokarmów Wielkanocnych

There will be blessing of food on Holy Saturday at 11.00am in the Church.

W wielkanocnych. Zapraszamy wszystkich Wielka Sobota o godz. 11.00 w Blessed Sacrament Church odbędzie się poświęcenie pokarmów bardzo serdecznie. This is not only a Polish tradition, everybody is welcome to come to this service.

Stations of the Cross

The last of these are on Friday 23 March at 5.00pm with the Syro Malabar community and 7.00pm led by Thursday Lunch club.

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.

Altar Servers Practice

All altar servers are asked to come to a practice for Easter in the church on Friday 30 March at 12 noon.

Lent Lunches in Heavitree

The last prayer service followed by a simple lent lunch is on Wednesday 21 March at St Michael's church at 12.00 noon. All welcome. Donations to Exeter Foodbank.

Divine Mercy Service

A Divine Mercy service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 8 April at 3.00pm. Fr John Watkins will be the celebrant and it will be preceded by confessions at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre afterwards and all are welcome.

Livesimply

If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to commit to one of the livesimply Lent pledges: 1. Have at least two meat-free days a week. 2. Avoid using disposable bottles and coffee cups. 3. Volunteer at least one hour per week. If you have chosen pledge 1 and start running out of ideas for vegetarian dishes, <https://www.meatfreemondays.com/recipes/> will give you some.

Toddler Group

Mondays at 9.30am in St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome, especially new parents and babies/toddlers.

Praise and Worship evening

Will be held in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Thursday 22 March from 7.15 till 9.00pm. All very welcome. For info contact Chris and Sue on 01392 432929

EYCC

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21 March in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you are aged 16 to 21 you are most welcome to join us.

1115

"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.

Share the Journey

Taking action in solidarity with people fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty, Pope Francis has launched **Share the Journey**, a new global campaign for the rights of people on the move. He reminds us: "Christ asks us to welcome our brother and sister migrants and refugees with arms wide open". Join Bishop Mark at **Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 5 May 2018 at 1.00- 4.30pm** for a **Share the Journey Afternoon** to reflect, pray and find out how we can take action in solidarity with migrants and refugees. Be inspired by speakers Bishop Mark, Libby Abbott of CAFOD and Nick Hanrahan of Jesuit Refugee Service UK. Be resourced, share ideas and make plans. The **Share the Journey Exhibition** (first shown in the Houses of Parliament) will be at **Buckfast Abbey** for two weeks from **27 April until 13 May**. For further information contact mary.conway@prcdtr.org.uk or sgiarchi@cafod.org.uk

Rosary on the Coast

For faith, life and peace in the British Isles - Sunday 29 April. For more info see <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/> An opportunity to pray for a re-flourishing of faith across the British Isles as a New Spring Time within the Church, so that we Christians of these lands might spread the Gospel in its fullness in a renewed and joyous way.

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.

Urafiki

You are invited to a coffee morning in aid of Urafiki in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 14 April from 10.00 till 12.00. All welcome.

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

A Special Day of Prayer

At the request of Pope Francis, Friday 23 March has been designated a special day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse. The Bishop will be leading a Holy Hour between 6 -7pm in the Cathedral on that day. All are welcome to attend.

Exeter Foodbank

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.

Catholic Children’s Society News

Celebrate Ascension Thursday at Buckfast Abbey: join the Catholic Children’s Society for the day on 10 May to raise funds for our local families in need. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by lunch and a talk from the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe. Tickets £25 to include lunch

and a tour of the grounds or the Abbey. Call our office 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk for details.

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 at home or in hospital please let Fr Jonathan, Fr John or the parish office know.

St Nicks News

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 to check. Book tours by phoning 01392445403 ext. 222.

Employment Opportunities

Exeter Foodbank has an exciting job opportunity for a part time administrator, for up to 10 hours per week. They are seeking an administrator with excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills, and a motivation to provide practical and compassionate support to people in crisis. Further details of how to apply and a full job description are available on their website: <https://goo.gl/o8T9P4> the closing date for applications is 12 April.

St Peter’s School have a vacancy for an office administrator for between 14 and 37 hours per week for 39 weeks per annum. Details for the vacancy and application pack can be found at www.spexe.org Closing date is 20 March

Masses

Sunday 18 March
5th Sunday of Lent

9.00am

10.30am

Remegio Alegre Senior RIP

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 19 March

St Joseph

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 20 March

7.00pm

Wednesday 21 March

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 22 March

9.30am

Friday 23 March

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 24 March

9.30am

Sunday 25 March

**Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord**

9.00am *Peggy Webber RIP*

10.30am *Jacob Joseph RIP*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

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, 3.00pm

The Word

This 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*

Next Sunday 25 Mar

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Response

*My God, my God, why have
you forsaken me.*

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel *Mark 14:1-15:47*

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
11 March **£1197.45**

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD
ONE HOUR AT 1.00AM
SUNDAY 25 MARCH**

Contact us

Parish Priest

Fr Jonathan Stewart

Priest in retirement

Fr John Watkins

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