

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

25 March 2018 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Psalter 2

CHRISM MASS

28 March 12 noon. Plymouth Cathedral

On Wednesday we will gather with our bishop to celebrate the Chrism Mass when the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises and the oils used in the Church this year will be blessed.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 29 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY 30 March

Day of fasting and abstinence

9.30am Morning Prayer in church

3.00pm THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8.00pm Watching at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 31 March

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Blessing of Food. All welcome.

8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY 1 April

Mass at **9.00am & 10.30am** only.

NO evening Mass

The Easter Triduum is the most significant of the Church's year. It is one great liturgy commemorating the saving work of Christ. If you can please try to come along to all three celebrations on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday evening.

Ministry at Easter

Please sign the sheets on the altar in the Martyrs' chapel if you are able to serve.

Washing of the feet

You are invited to take part in the Mandatum – the washing of the feet – during Mass on Maundy Thursday evening. Please sign the sheet in the Martyrs chapel.

Collection for Easter flowers

Our wonderful team of flower arrangers will be very grateful for anything you can give to the collection this weekend.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

At a time when many Christians in the Holy Land are experiencing great hardship and isolation, it is important for us to express our concern and solidarity. One of the ways of doing that is to ask for the prayers and generosity of the Catholic community at this particular time through the retiring collection on Good Friday. Making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is another way of expressing our support and concern for our Christian brothers and sisters in that land

Blessing of Easter Food

Poswiecenie pokarmow wielkanocnych w naszym kosciele odbędzie się w Wielka Sobota o godz. 11:00. Serdecznie zapraszamy.

Holy Saturday at 11.00am in Church. This is not only a Polish tradition, everybody is welcome to come along.

Altar Servers Practice

If you're intending to serve at the Easter Triduum please come to a practice in the church on Friday 30 March at **10.00am**.

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

This Sunday (*Palm Sunday*) will be the last time this Lent we can donate food at Mass. Poor families get a double issue of food during Holy Week as the Foodbank closes during Easter week. Thank you for your generous and charitable response as there have been over 30 bags full of food donated during Lent. This has been part of the "Live Simply" initiative.

The next livesimply meeting will take place on Saturday, 7 April at 10.00am, in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome!

Parent and Toddler Group

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

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next meeting of EYCC will be on Wednesday 18 April in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.00pm. If you're aged 16 to 21 you are most welcome to join us.

1115 Group

"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 visit 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.

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

Urafiki Coffee Morning

St Richard Reynolds Centre Saturday 14 April from 10.00 till 12.00. All welcome.

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@prcdr.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.

Mass in The Extraordinary Form

Today 25 March at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church. Mass last weekend was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

St Nicks News

Pope Francis, St Nicholas School and Lent!

During this Lenten season, the children and staff at St Nicholas have been inspired by Pope Francis to focus on 'caring for our common home.' Children have: organised selling and buying fair trade products at a Tuck shop, tried to use reusable water bottles to cut down on plastic waste and will be focusing on saving energy through turning out lights next week.

Holy Week Liturgies

The Supper of the Lord

Tuesday 27 March 9.15am

The Way of the Cross

Thursday 29 March 9.15am

Parishioners are welcome to join us in the school hall as we journey through the events of Holy Week at these very special liturgies.

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 available at: www.goo.gl/o8T9P4 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

Natural Family Planning South West. Appeal for teachers.

'...at the heart of civilisation is the family centred in marriage between a man and a woman that remains open to the gift of new life in children.' (Pope John Paul II Letter to Families 1994). We are volunteers trained to teach the Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) of fertility regulation to Catholic and engaged couples. BOM is a scientifically proven method, compatible with Church teaching on marriage and family life. We teach across the diocese, including marriage prep in conjunction with SmartLoving, and are looking to train women who have some experience or basic knowledge of NFP, or of using NFP, or who would be willing to learn and use this method themselves. There is an initial full day training session (a Saturday) after which training will be via 10 correspondence modules, over 10 consecutive months. Discretionary cost of £250 covers all teaching resources and teaching, BUT don't let money put you off! This can be waived on appeal.

For more information please contact Christine Hudson on 07742 320717

Masses

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*

Monday 26 March

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 27 March

7.00pm

Wednesday 28 March

No Mass

12 noon Chrism Mass

Plymouth Cathedral

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Sunday 1 April

Easter Sunday

9.00am

10.30am

No 6.00pm Mass

Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Blessed Sacrament Church

Sunday 25 March 3.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays 9.30am

Blessed Sacrament Church.

Tuesdays 8.00pm

Mount St Mary Convent.

The Word

This Sunday 25 March

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*

Next Sunday 1 April

First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Psalm Response

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel *John 20:1-9*

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 **£710.93**

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