

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**  
**21 January 2018 Third Sunday Ordinary Time Psalter 3**



Jesus begins his ministry where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message. Today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as old-fashioned. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do, say and assume and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

## 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.

## 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*

## livesimply

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

# Rediscover Jesus

## Lent Groups

Lent will soon be upon us. Given the positive feedback from parishioners who have read the book "Rediscover Jesus", over Christmas, 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*

Pope Francis has recently launched 'Share the Journey', a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. The Church worldwide is committed to sharing the journey of people on the move. In September 2018, world leaders will agree two new global 'compacts' (or agreements) at the United Nations: one on refugees and one on migration. Pope Francis has spoken of this as a 'unique opportunity' for Catholics worldwide to put pressure on governments. The Vatican hopes Pope Francis' intervention will galvanise action in the same way that the encyclical 'Laudato Si' influenced the Paris climate agreement in 2015. More information on the 'Share the Journey' campaign in the UK and how our parish can get involved will be provided at the *livesimply* meeting.

## Catholic Women's League

The next Meeting of the Section is 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.

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## 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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check). We would also 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 01392 445403 ext 222; [abrocksom@stncls.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncls.uk).

## BBC 500 Words

Key stages 1&2 came together last week in the hall to excitedly watch the launch of the BBC 500 words story writing competition and are now busily composing their own short stories to enter the competition.

## 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!

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## 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.

## Security upgrade

New and better locks have been 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.

## **MURDER IS SERVED**

The Sacred Heart Arts groups, with help from the clergy, 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](mailto:admin@plymouthcast.org.uk), sending completed forms to [admin@plymouthcast.org.uk](mailto:admin@plymouthcast.org.uk) or by post to Karen Grute, Plymouth CAST, St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Exeter's Young Catholics**

The next gathering of EYCC 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.

## **Charismatic prayer group**

Are you feeling the January 'Blues'? Come and be uplifted with 'Praise and Worship' on Thursday evening 25 January in the Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.15 - 9 pm. After light refreshment join in with live music and song, along with intercessory prayer. For more information: Chris and Sue 01392 432929

## **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](http://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.

## **Mass in the Extraordinary Form**

This afternoon (21st) at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

## **The Pope tweets...**

Listening to religious teaching or learning a doctrine is not enough. What we want is to live as Jesus lived

## **Racial Justice Sunday**

Next Sunday 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.

## Masses

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**Sunday 21 January**  
3rd Sunday Ordinary time

**Peace Day**

**9.00am** *Welcoming Team*

**10.30am**

*Eucharistic Ministers*

**6.00pm** *People of the parish*

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**Monday 22 January**

**7.30am** Convent

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**Tuesday 23 January**

**7.00pm** *Souls in Purgatory*

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**Wednesday 24 January**

*St Francis de Sales*

**9.30am**

**4.00pm** RD&E Hospital

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**Thursday 25 January**

*Conversion of St Paul*

**9.30am**

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**Friday 26 January**

*St Timothy & St Titus*

**7.30am** Convent

**9.30am** *Souls in Purgatory*

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**Saturday 27 January**

**9.30am** *EYCC*

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**Sunday 28 January**

4th Sunday Ordinary time

*Racial Justice Day*

**9.00am** *People of the parish*

**10.30am**

**6.00pm**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Mondays** 9.30am at

Blessed Sacrament.

**Tuesdays** 8.00–9.00pm at

Mount St Mary Convent.

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## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on  
Saturday morning or by  
appointment.

## The Word

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**This 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*

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**Next 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*

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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.

## Thank you

Collection Sunday

14 January **£1275.40**

Pax Christi collection

14 January **£252.73**

## 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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**Parish Priest**

Fr Jonathan Stewart

**Priest in retirement**

Fr John Watkins

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**Parish Office hours**

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Thursday 10.00am–4.00pm

**Parish Secretary**

Lesley Hooper

**Safeguarding Reps**

Vince Clark &

Lesley Hooper

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