

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
29 July 2018. *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.

For the next five weeks we take our leave of Saint Mark's Gospel and read Chapter Six of Saint John's Gospel. This is the famous "Eucharistic Discourse" and begins with the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. A line of the Psalm gives the meaning of today's readings: "The eyes of all creatures look to you (O God) and you give them their food in due time." Our God provides for his people; the prosperity and fruitfulness of our earth and the mysterious cycles of nature ensures that all have what they need - and have some left over. The actions of Elisha and Jesus are in a sense prophetic: many would say that there is not enough food in this world to go round, just as the two sets of disciples complain that there is not enough for the hundred or the five thousand. But the prophetic action states that this is not true: God provides what is needed. This might prompt us to think about the unfair and unequal distribution of the fruits of the earth: the miracle is a sign of the Kingdom of God - what God wants the world to be like. We should take the message of the miracle to heart this Sunday and think about the multitude that sits in hunger in our world today.

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.

Liturgy of the Word for children

During the 10.30am Mass most Sundays.

Refreshments

Sundays after 10.30am Mass and Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass.

Parents and Toddlers

Monday mornings 9.30–11.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome especially new faces.

Getting married?

Congratulations! Please give us six months notice if you are planning to marry in the Church.

Sick parishioners

Please inform one of the priests or the parish office if you know someone who is in need of a visit.

Newsletter

Deadline for newsletter items 4.00pm Wednesday. By phone or email.

Many thanks

Sunday Collections
15 July **£1050.16**
22 July **£1099.38**

Calendar of Events

Sun 29 July	Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage to Buckfast <i>Buckfast Abbey 4.00pm</i>
Mon 30 July	Adoremus Group Meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Tues 31 July	Cafod meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i>
Sat 4 August	Share the Journey Walk <i>Starts at Sacred Heart Church 10.30am</i>
Sun 5 August	Share the Journey Card signing <i>Blessed Sacrament Church at all Masses</i>
Mon 6 Aug	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 9 Aug	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00</i>
Sat 11 Aug	Livesimply Meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Mon 13 Aug	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sat 18 Aug	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Sun 19 Aug	Mass in the Extraordinary Form <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Mon 20 Aug	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 23 Aug	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00</i>
Thurs 23 Aug	Stronghold Prayer & Praise <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Mon 27 Aug	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 30 Aug	CWL Celebration <i>Ugbrooke 10.00am</i>
Sat 1 Sept	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Mon 3 Sept	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Wed 5 Sept	EYCC <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 6 Sept	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00</i>
7 – 9 Sept	Adoremus Congress – Liverpool
Sat 8 Sept	Baptism preparation course <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.30am</i>
Sat 8 Sept	Syro Malabar Feast <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 1.00pm</i>

Share the Journey Walk

Saturday 4 August

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' to put pressure on governments. Please join us on a reflective walk on 4 August from Sacred Heart Church, Exeter. Convene inside the church at 10.30am or join us for Mass at 10.00am and stay on. We will then walk a mile to Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, where there will be refreshments and a discussion. On the way we will reflect on the stories of people who have fled their homes. The collective miles we walk will form part of a much bigger petition calling on the UK government and world leaders to create a united global response.

Share the Journey - Sign the Card

Did You Know: More people are on the move now than ever before? Every minute, 20 people around the world are newly displaced. Half of the world's refugees are children, and thousands take flight without the protection of parents or other family members. Three out of four of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries. On Sunday 5 August you will have the opportunity to sign a campaign card to seek a global response to this crisis.

Share the Journey video

Watch the powerful video from Bishop Mark O'Toole encouraging the Catholic community and all people of goodwill to take part in Pope Francis' *Share the Journey* campaign, calling on governments to protect the human dignity of people on the move, refugees and migrants who are forced to leave their homes due to war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty: <https://cafodplymouth.wordpress.com/>

Garden Fete

September 22 Noon until 4.00pm

Great News! We are having our Church Garden Fete again this year and it will take place on 22 September. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. We will be needing unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, nearly new items, bottles, cans, and donations please so if you have anything can you bring them into the church porch. This is our annual event and a time when we can all come together to help raise much needed church funds and have fun! Please call 07890 373617 if you require more details

Baptism Preparation Course

The next baptism preparation course for parents will take place in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 8 September at 10.30 am. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptized in the near future please contact the Parish office to book a place on the course.

Buckfast Lourdes Pilgrimage

The annual Buckfast Lourdes afternoon pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29 July at 4.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament chapel at Buckfast Abbey. This will be followed by a cream tea provided by the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (though it will be necessary to buy drinks there). All are invited so please come along. Enquiries to Sheelah on 01392 431927

A Day with Mary

Downside Abbey, Somerset on Saturday 25 August from 10.00am till 5.30pm. During the day there will be confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Email dwm@adaywithmary.org

Please pray for...

The repose of the soul Edmund Hosker (father of Sheila) who has recently died. May he rest in peace.

Adoremus 2018

The Eucharistic Congress

There are a series of podcasts to help us understand further what, we as a church, are being invited to prepare for:

Podcast 6: Reading and Prayer - For our sixth podcast we join Canon John O'Toole, National Ecumenical Officer and Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department of Dialogue and Unity. Canon John reflects on the underlying theme of the Eucharistic Congress - Jesus, I am the Bread of Life - from John 6:35-40.

<http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-NationalEucharistic-Pilgrimage/Let-Us-Adore-Him-AdoremusPodcasts/Episode-6>

Prayer Intentions Book

All parishioners are invited to contribute to the Adoremus Parish Prayer Intentions Book, which will soon be at the back of Church, until the Adoremus Congress on 7-9th September. It will be taken to the Congress and placed before the Lord providing one way in which we as a Parish can contribute directly. Please take up this opportunity to write down an intention to be prayed for in the book.

livesimply

As the summer holiday season starts for many, please try to bear in mind the *livesimply* principles of sustainability and solidarity when travelling. This involves choosing more environmentally friendly transport options whenever possible and considering the needs of local people when deciding how to spend your money. The period from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of St Francis) is known as Creation Time/Season. During this time, you will be invited to reflect on God's creation in prayer and to take some

practical action. Sunday, 23 September will be a 'Car-free Sunday' in our parish when people are encouraged to walk or use public transport to get to church (as far as possible). More details on *livesimply* actions during Creation Season will be provided in future editions of the newsletter.

If you have an interest in *either* craft making *or* gardening and would like to get involved in activities that support the parish community, please contact Kathrin on livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or 01392 662870

Sewing & Knitting Group

Thank you for all the interest shown in this new group in the parish. We will meet regularly in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. The next few dates are:
Monday 6 August at 7.00pm
Monday 13 August at 7.00pm
Saturday 18 August at 10.00am
You are welcome on any or all of these dates, please join us.

Exeter Foodbank Collection

Thank you for continuing to support the Exeter Foodbank with donations. Please note that in addition to non-perishable food, certain non-food items are needed as well - such as toiletries and feminine hygiene products. There is a basket in church where you can leave your donations. It will be collected every third Sunday in the month. Many thanks.

Livesimply Meeting

The next *livesimply* meeting will take place on Saturday 11 August at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome!

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Marriage and family life pilgrimage 11-17 August at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham. For more info visit www.walsingham.org.uk or email family@walssingham.org.uk or call 01328801007

Thank you

After several years' service Sharron Shrimpton has stepped down as our Missio Red Box Secretary with our grateful thanks for her work. John Mitchelmore has taken over from her. In due course there will be the regular box countings, but in the meantime if anyone would like their box opened and counted or would like to have one John can be contacted on 01392 757199. Missio's summer magazines are in the porch so please take one.

Exposition with Taizé

Will take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm in the Lady Chapel at the Sacred Heart Church.

Summer Accommodation

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in Central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). To book phone 020 7349 5600 (option0) or email: allenhall@rcdow.org.uk

CELEBRATE 2018

South West Celebrate Weekend 13-14 October Plymouth

A joyful and faith-filled event for young and old at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. Main Speakers: Maria Heath, Fr. Oscar Ardila, Charles Whitehead. Separate streams for children and young people, lively worship, drama, a variety of workshops, family Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation available. Online booking now open (Prior booking essential). More details can be found online at www.celebrateconference.org; by email: southwest@celebrateconference.org; or by telephoning: Rebecca on 01395 489902 or Susanne on 01803 606256. Look forward to seeing you there.

Catholic Summer Conferences

The School of the Annunciation is offering short conferences this summer in the beautiful surroundings of Buckfast Abbey - in Spiritual Theology 30 July to 2 August, in Philosophy 2 to 5 August, and one in Apologetics answering difficult questions of our time 9 to 12 August. Application forms can be downloaded from the School's website <https://www.schooloftheannunciation.com/site.php?menuaccess=57> or you can call the School direct on 01364 645660.

Natural Family Planning

Teacher Recruitment for Natural Family Planning (NFP) South West - helping to build a 'civilisation of love'

We are a volunteer organisation. We deliver the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP to engaged and married couples across the diocese and teach fertility awareness to teenagers. Applicants may be married/single but must be willing to chart their own fertility/use the method and be committed to the Church's teaching on Marriage and Family Life. To find out more, please ring or text Christine Hudson: 07742320717

Sclerder family Festival

'I am because I belong'. At Sclerder Abbey Looe PL13 2JD on Saturday 18 August from 11.00am till 8.00pm see poster in the porch for details.

Catholic Singles

We all know how difficult it is to meet people of like mind, let alone others who share our faith. Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information tel. 0161 9413498 or visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk

Battle of Fenny Bridges

There will be an opportunity for new volunteers to sign up as extras. We still need male volunteers aged over 18 and capable of holding agricultural implements safely. There will not be any engagement in battle activity as such, but the battle will be simulated through a series of "stills" cleverly edited. We also need children accompanied by parents or adult carers to be part of the non-battle scenes. Ladies who can sew also welcome. THE DATES OF THE FILMING HAVE BEEN EXTENDED and filming will now start on Friday 31 August and continue into Sunday 2 September. ruthyendell@yahoo.com
Telephone 01392 215147

Individually Guided

Retreats at Buckfast Abbey

These silent retreats range from one day, weekend, 3 or 6 day retreat and are held at Buckfast Abbey. A list of the dates and booking forms are in the porch. Please book early if you want a specific date. It is also possible to arrange retreats for one or two people at other times of the year.

For information email

mjbutler6@yahoo.com/adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk or 01548852670.

Bell Ringing Festival

Saturday 11 August from 10.00am till 5.30pm at Buckfast Abbey. Teams will be ringing throughout the day including the first ever joint ringing between the towers of Holy Trinity Church and Buckfast Abbey at 2.00pm. 'Mini ring' bell demonstrations, hand bells and education/craft activities.

Ministry Rotas

Please ensure that if, for whatever reason, you are unable to minister – either proclaiming the word or distributing Holy Communion – you have found someone to take your place. People are regularly stepping in at the last minute which means they have not had the chance to prepare.

Fortnightly Parish News

As we are now publishing the newsletter every fortnight please make sure you get your items to us in good time, well before any event is taking place. And if you could get information to the parish office by Wednesday afternoon that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

New parishioners

Are you new to Blessed Sacrament parish? If so, you are most welcome and we hope you will be very happy here. If you haven't already done so, please provide us with your contact details. Forms are available in the church porch and from the parish office (electronically) and should be returned to the office once completed. This also applies if you have been here for a while but not yet completed a form. It is good for us to know something about you and to be able to keep you updated with things happening in the parish. Thank you.

Please pray for...

Ava Heale who will be welcomed into the parish community through baptism this Sunday. Please also pray for her parents and Godparents.

The Pope's Intention for August

The treasure of families. That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

The Pope Tweets...

Prayer is never in vain: it always brings forth something new that, sooner or later, bears fruit.

1115 Youth Group

The 1115 (11-15 year old) youth group. For summer activities and any questions contact Erik Renz exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk We look forward to meeting and engaging with you!

St Nick's News

As the school breaks up for the summer holidays we pray that everyone will have a good holiday, refreshing and revitalising. We thank God for the staff who work so hard to help our children grow and become the people God created. We thank God for the children of the school who remind us of the joy and enthusiasm of creation. We thank God for the parents and carers who have entrusted the care of their children to the school. We pray especially for all who are leaving the school and for those who will be joining in September. Happy Summer Holiday!
Some copies of the latest school newsletter are available in the porch.

STRONGHOLD Praise and Worship

The Praise and Worship group will be meeting next on Thursday 23 August. Why not come along and join us in praising God through Song. We are a very joyful group, seeking the Holy Spirit and his inspiration. St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.15pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 15 August, a Holyday of obligation. Masses will be at 9.30am at Blessed Sacrament, 10.00am at Sacred Heart, 4.00pm at the RD&E hospital chapel and 7.00pm at Sacred Heart

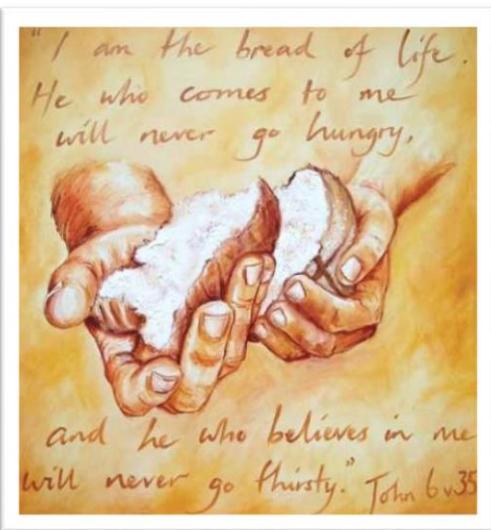
Sea Sunday

Thank you for your generosity £383.18 was collected for the work of the apostleship of the Sea.

Catholic Children's Society SW

Only one place left to run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in London on Sunday 14 October. Raise £300 for the Catholic Children's Society and run for free. Details: claire.warren@prcdtr.org.uk.

Next Sunday 5 August Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time I am the bread of life



We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign, but not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a New Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?

Mass Times

Sunday 29 July

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Jo & Ken Hobbs RIP

10.30am People of the Parish

6.00pm Special Intention

Monday 30 July

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 31 July

St Ignatius of Loyola

NO Mass

Wednesday 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori

9.30am Edmund Hosker RIP

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 2 August

9.30am

Friday 3 August

NO Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 4 August

St John Mary Vianney

9.30am

Sunday 5 August

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Private intention

10.30am

6.00pm People of the Parish

Monday 6 August

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 7 August

NO Mass

Wednesday 8 August

St Dominic

NO Mass

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 9 August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

9.30am

Friday 10 August

St Lawrence

NO Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 11 August

St Clare

NO Mass

Sunday 12 August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am

10.30am People of the Parish

6.00pm Valdi Pala RIP

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Mondays 9.30am Church

There is no Adoration at the Convent during July and August.

Please refer to the notice board on the church door for any alterations.

The Word

Sunday 29 July

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

Psalm Response

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

One body, one lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-15

Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.

Sunday 5 August

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4.12-15

I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

Psalm Response

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17.20-24

Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

He who come to me will never be hungry.

Sunday 12 August

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.

Psalm Response

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.

Gospel

John 6:41-51

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
