

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
26 August 2018. *Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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"Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life."

Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel - but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing. Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'. Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not the flesh, which has nothing to offer.

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
12 Aug **£1500.33**
19 Aug **£1135.62**

Calendar of Events

Sun 26 Aug	Fr John Deeny's Farewell Lunch <i>Cardinal Newman House 1.00pm</i>
Mon 27 Aug	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 30 Aug	CWL Celebration Mass <i>Ugbrooke 11.00am (coach leaves at 10.10)</i>
Thurs 30 Aug	1115 Youth Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</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>
Sun 9 Sept	Volunteer Mission Appeal <i>All Masses</i>
Mon 10 Sept	Remedial Works <i>Church porch area for 2 weeks</i>
Mon 10 Sept	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Tues 11 Sept	Livesimply Meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i>
Thurs 13 Sept	Prayer Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i>
Sat 15 Sept	Catholic Women's League monthly Mass <i>Sacred Heart Church 10.00am</i>
Sun 16 Sept	Mass in the Extraordinary Form <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Mon 17 Sept	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Tues 18 Sept	Cafod Group meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.30pm</i>
Wed 19 Sept	EYCC <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 20 Sept	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i>
Sat 22 Sept	Parish Garden Fete <i>Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm</i>

Parish Garden Fete

September 22 Noon until 4.30pm

Entry is £1.00 for adults, which includes a Programme of Events and a voucher for a free cup of tea or coffee. Children are free!!

PROGRAMME

Noon; Fete opened by The Lord Mayor
12.30pm; St Nicholas School Choir sing in Church

1.15pm; The Auction of Promises - the chance to bid for some fantastic goodies

2.00pm; Cake competition judging

3.30pm; The Grand Draw – the moment we have all been waiting for!

£250.00 first prize, Hamper of Food, Flowers, Wine, Basket of Fruit and many more prizes!

3.45pm; Tug of War – Ladies versus Gents!

4.00pm; Fete closes

We need unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, nearly new items, bottles, cans, and donations please so if you have anything please bring them to 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.

Welcome

We welcome to Blessed Sacrament parish all who are visiting us at this time. We pray you have a good holiday/visit. We also pray that those of our community who are enjoying holidays will return refreshed and invigorated by their time away.

Preparing for Baptism

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.

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Creation Time

1 September to 4 October is known as Creation Time. Saturday 1 September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis encourages the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. Try to make some time that day to reflect on the beauty of God's creation, to pray for its preservation and to think about practical action that you can take to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for our shared earth.

Sewing & Knitting Group

If you would like to meet up to sew or knit items to raise funds for a charity sale later in the year, you are welcome to join this group at the St Richard Reynolds Centre whenever you can. The next few dates are:

Monday 27 August at 7.00pm

Saturday 1 September at 10.00am

Monday 3 September at 7.00pm

Monday 10 September at 7.00pm

Craft activities – help needed

If you enjoy craft making and would like to help us make items for a fair later this year, please contact livesimplyexeter@gmail.com or leave a note with your contact details at the parish office.

We also need donations of (odd) socks in different colours as well as craft materials (such as scissors, coloured paper, small paint brushes etc.). You can leave them in the box at the back of the church.

Exeter Foodbank Collection

Please remember those struggling to feed their children during the school holidays and donate to the foodbank. You can leave your donation in the basket at the back of the church before or after mass on Sunday.

Livesimply meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11 September at 7.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas.

Repair Works

The remedial work to repair the damage caused by the burst pipe during the bad weather earlier in the year will commence on Monday 10 September. While this work is being done access to the church will be through the large double side doors or the door at the back in the martyr's chapel. The work is scheduled to take two weeks and we ask for your patience and understanding while the work is done.

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 7: "Let us adore him – Seeing afresh" - For our seventh podcast we join Father George Bowen, a school chaplain and priest at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – the Brompton Oratory in London <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Let-Us-Adore-Him-Adoremus-Podcasts/episode-7>

Prayer Intentions Book

All parishioners are invited to contribute to the Adoremus Parish Prayer Intentions Book, which is on the altar in the Martyrs chapel at the back of the 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.

Getting Married?

The next Catholic Marriage Preparation course to be held in Exeter is on Saturday 13 October. Before that you will need to have arranged to meet with Fr Jonathan. These arrangements need to be made at least six months before your wedding date.

Come and sing with us!

We would like to extend to you a warm invitation to join us at St David's Church, Exeter for a recording of worship songs and traditional hymns led by a renowned worship leader and band. The music will be filmed for BBC One's *Songs of Praise* and will be broadcast in future editions of the programme; including our episode celebrating Harvest in the Exeter area. We are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us, to lead the viewers at home in the singing. Recording: Thursday 6 September 6.30 – 9.30pm Where: St David's Church, Queen's Terrace, Exeter, EX4 4HR. There is still time to apply so please give your name to the parish office so that your name can be added to those of the parish who are already going along. *Songs of Praise* has been championing Christian music for nearly 60 years and continues to be enormously popular. For this to continue into the future we need the participation of people like yourself and so we'd be grateful if you could encourage others to take part.

1115 Youth Group

The 1115 (11-15 year old) youth group. Next meets on Thursday 30 August 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Contact Erik Renz exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk we look forward to meeting and engaging with you!

Exeter's Young Catholic Community

The next gathering of **EYCC** is on Wednesday 5 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00 till 8.30pm. All 16-21 year olds welcome.

Exposition with Taizé

On the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm in the Lady Chapel at the Sacred Heart Church.

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.

Individually Guided Retreats

Offered by the diocesan Ignatian Spirituality group. These silent retreats range from one day, weekend, 3 or 6-day retreats and are held at Buckfast Abbey. For dates, booking information and more information please ring 01548 852670 or e-mail mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

Put a Smile on a Child's Face: the annual appeal of the Catholic Children's Society is this weekend 26 August. Please take a leaflet today to understand the marvellous work the Society does to help struggling families. If you didn't pick up a gift aid envelope last weekend these are available in the church porch. Thank you

Please pray for...

Sam Roberts and Kirsty Saville who were married at Blessed Sacrament this week. We wish them every blessing as they begin life as husband and wife.

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.

The Pope's Intention for September

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Pope Francis also records a video each month, related to the prayer theme, which can be viewed online at <http://apostleshipofprayer.org/the-pope-video>

Quiet Day at Buckfast

The subject of the next Quiet Day is "Temptation and some suggestions as to deal with it!" Saturday 15 September 10.00am till 3.00pm in the Violet Evelyn Hall, Southgate Retreat Centre, Buckfast Abbey. Group discussion and individual reflection. Mass and confessions. Booking forms are in the porch, contact 01364 645532 or email warden@buckfast.org.uk or direct at www.buckfast.org.uk/boxoffice

Heavitree Parklife Fun Day

Sunday 16 September. Annual fun day 11.30am - 5.00pm. Live music, stalls, entertainment, rides, food, drink and lots of fun! See you there! Details to follow.

Fortnightly Parish News

We are now publishing the newsletter every fortnight so please take one home with you to keep up to date with all that is happening.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention, for someone who is ill or a loved one who has died, in thanksgiving for an answer to prayer or perhaps something personal please see Lesley in the parish office who will be able to help you find a date and time which suits you. It is traditional to make an offering at the same time. This is simply what you can afford and would like to give.

The Pope Tweets...

The Eucharist, Jesus the Bread of Life, is the beating heart of the Church and renews in us the impulse to love

Travelling abroad this summer?

Please donate your unused foreign currency to the CCSP via the orange box in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Catholic Women's League

The CWL celebrate the feast of their patron St Margaret Clitherow on Thursday 30 August, with a visit to Ugbrooke House. A coach will leave the Blessed Sacrament at 10.10am and Mass will be celebrated in Ugbrooke chapel at 11.00 am.

The next rota Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart church on Saturday 15 September at 10.00 am. The Mass intention will be offered for the Spiritual Director of the League, Bishop Doyle. After Mass refreshments will be served in the Lower Room.

The Volunteer Missionary Movement

Formed in England in 1969, VMM is an international lay Christian movement which recruits, trains and sends volunteers to share their skills in the developing world. VMM is committed to long-term and sustainable programmes to help communities out of poverty. At all Masses on Sunday 9 September there will be a

volunteer speaker coming from VMM and a retiring collection will be taken for the charity's vital overseas work. This Missionary group was recommended by Bishop Mark.

Education Sunday

Education Sunday, 9 September, is the special time of year when our Catholic community comes together to celebrate and support our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform. Catholic schools couldn't exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last 170 years. The second collection taken that day is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive. Young people are encouraged to come to Mass in their school uniform to show the special link between the Catholic community and our schools.

Exeter University Students

Mass at the Catholic Chaplaincy is at 11.30am on Sundays followed by a free lunch. Find us on campus at Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, EX4 4QU. Online: Twitter @ExeterCatholic, Facebook Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy.

Home Mission Sunday

16 September - The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Please consider contributing to the second collection on this Sunday. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is also possible to donate online at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>

Catholic Chaplaincies

A new website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn
catholics@university.org.uk

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

There will be an autumn get together on Saturday 13 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Details to follow soon.

Apostleship of the Sea

You are invited to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Wednesday 26 September at 7.00pm in St Mary Immaculate Church, Killigrew Street, Falmouth TR11 3PR. Fr Brian Kenwick will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Kerala floods - an SVP appeal

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal by visiting www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

Thank you

For your generosity last weekend £1019.11 was collected at Masses to send relief to those hit by the flooding in Kerala

Next Sunday 2 Sep

Twenty second Sunday in ordinary time

"You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions."



We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which "externalism" and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true "internal" faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them "hypocrites", as he condemns their "worthless worship". He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

Mass Times

Sunday 26 August

Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am

6.00pm *Dermott Ryan RIP*

Monday 27 August

St Monica

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 28 August

St Augustine

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 29 August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

9.30am *Funeral Mass*

Edmund Hosker RIP

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 30 August

St Margaret Clitherow

9.30am

Friday 31 August

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 1 September

World day of prayer for the care of creation

9.30am

Sunday 2 Sept

Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 3 September

St Gregory the great

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 4 September

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 5 September

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 6 September

9.30am

Friday 7 September

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am *Harold Holding RIP*

Saturday 8 September

The nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am

Sunday 9 Sept

Twenty third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Education Sunday

9.00am *People of the Parish*

10.30am *Mo Flavin RIP*

6.00pm

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 26 August

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

Psalm Response

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church

Gospel

John 6:60-69

Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

Sunday 2 September

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord.

Psalm Response

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

St James 1:17-18.21-22.27

You must do what the word tells you.

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

Sunday 9 September

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Psalm Response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

St James 2:1-5

God chose the poor to be heirs to the kingdom.

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.
