

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

23 September 2018. *Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. This tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces death for our sake. In today's first reading there is a chilling phrase which links these together. The plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." This cold calculation is the same as the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions – with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". Even though the storm clouds gather, the last line of the first reading, will come true: "God will look after him – we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

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
9 September **£1046.32**
16 September **£1195.58**

Calendar of Events

Mon 24 Sept	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 27 Sept	Stronghold Prayer & Praise <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i>
Fri 28 Sept	Macmillan coffee Morning <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Sat 29 Sept	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Sat 29 Sept	Livesimply Creation Liturgy <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 2.00pm</i>
Mon 1 Oct	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Wed 3 Oct	EYCC Exeter Young Catholic Community <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 4 Oct	Adoration <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 10.00am</i>
Thurs 4 Oct	Thursday Lunch Club <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i>
Fri 5 Oct	Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day Lunch <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i>
Sat 6 Oct	Livesimply meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Sat 6 Oct	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i>
Sun 7 Oct	Rosary & Benediction <i>Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm</i>
Mon 8 Oct	Livesimply Sewing Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Tues 9 Oct	Confirmation 2019 Intro Evening <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm Mass</i>
Wed 10 Oct	Adoremus Talk 1 <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am & 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 11 Oct	Adoration <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 10.00am</i>
Thurs 11 Oct	Thursday Lunch Club Celebratory Tea <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.30pm</i>
Thurs 11 Oct	Prayer Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sat 13 Oct	Society of Our Lady of Lourdes <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am with Mass at 11.00 in the Church</i>

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Car Free Sunday

We hope that some of you have been able to give up your car and found alternative ways to get to Mass today.

Creation Time

On Sunday 30 September we will reflect on God's creation during Masses to mark the end of Creation Season. Now and for the next few weeks is the time to collect seeds from your garden. Many flowers as well as vegetables can be grown from the seeds you have saved. If you have any seeds to spare, please put them in envelopes and bring them on 30 September so that they can be shared.

Sewing & Knitting Group

If you would like to meet up with other parish members and 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 dates are:

Monday 24 September at 7.00pm

Saturday 29 September at 10.00am

Monday 1 October at 7.00pm

Saturday 6 October at 12 noon

Monday 8 October at 7.00pm

Craft activities – help needed

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

Many thanks to everyone who has donated items for craft activities!

Exeter Foodbank Collection

Thanks for your continuing support to the foodbank. You can leave your donation in the basket at the back of the church.

Livesimply meeting

The next *livesimply* meeting will take place on Saturday 6 October at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas.

Confirmation 2019

Are you are in year 9 or above and would like to be confirmed next May? If so please send an expression of interest and your details, using the form you can find in the church porch, to the parish office so that we have your details to send the list of dates that you will have to commit to be a part of the exciting process to journey to your confirmation.

First Holy Communion 2019

Details of the preparation for children who wish to receive Holy Communion for the first time will be posted in Parish News soon. The first expectation is that you will already be coming to Mass with your child every Sunday (the obligation of every Catholic). If you are not, you may want to reflect upon the significance of the Eucharist in your and your child's life. We look forward to supporting you in helping the children of our parish grow in faith.

Please pray for...

the soul of Isabel Shaw who has recently died. A funeral service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament at 11.00am on Thursday 27 September. RIP.

Exposition with Taizé

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

The Pope Tweets...

It takes effort to always do good... The road to holiness is not for the lazy!

Exeter's Young Catholic Community

The next gathering of **EYCC** is on Wednesday 3 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00 till 8.30pm. All 16-21 year olds welcome.

Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the rosary. On Sunday 7 October at 3.00pm there will be Rosary and Benediction in the church. On Sunday 14 October the Filipino community will lead the rosary in the church followed by a procession around the grounds. All are very welcome to join them. The Filipino choir will also sing at the 6.00pm Mass that same evening.

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.

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.

1115 Youth Group

The 1115 (11-15 year old) youth group next meets on Thursday 18 October at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Contact Erik Renz exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk for more information. We look forward to meeting and engaging with you!

Parish Garden Fete

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Garden Fete and to all who helped. Without you there would be no fete. News on the total raised will be published in the next newsletter.

Individually Guided Retreats

The 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.

Cafod Family Fast Day

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get clean water. Thanks to your generosity, CAFOD has made sure that Longora and her neighbours have a reliable supply of clean and safe water. Pope Francis has said that “access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right” and “the world has a responsibility to help those who lack access to clean water.”

Please join us on Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October) at 12 noon in the Richard Reynolds centre to share a simple and delicious soup lunch. This will follow Mass, which will be at 11.30am on that day. If you can't make the lunch but would like to take a more active role in CAFOD please leave your details with the parish office and we will get back to you.

Annual Mass Count

Every year we are asked to count the number of people attending the Masses in the parish so please don't be disturbed to see someone counting heads during each Sunday Mass for the next four weeks.

Stronghold

Next meeting of the charismatic prayer & praise group is on Thursday 27 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.15pm. All welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During October there will be Adoration for a half an hour immediately following the 9.30am Mass on Thursdays 4, 11, 18 and 24 October.

Adoremus Talks

Come and listen to the two inspiring talks given by Bishop Robert Baron at the recent Adoremus congress in Liverpool. You can listen to Talk 1 - Mystery of the Mass - the source and summit of Christian life, on Wednesday 10 October at 10.00am or at 7.00pm. Talk 2 - Sainthood, Sanctity and what makes us Holy on Wednesday 24 October at 10.00am or 7.00pm. All in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Proclaiming the Word

On Saturday 8 December at 11.00am new and existing readers will meet in the church to consider the vital role of readers in proclaiming the word of God in the liturgy. This is a ministry which can be fulfilled by a variety of people and it would be wonderful if those who proclaim the Word of God to our parish community could reflect it's diversity, it's inclusivity and it's joy. Please consider taking up this role. You will be supported, trained and helped and encouraged.

Blessed Marie Rivier

There will be a talk about the life of Blessed Marie Rivier (the foundress of the Sisters of Mount Saint Mary's) on Wednesday 10 October at 2.30 pm - all are welcome.

Been abroad this summer?

Please donate your unused foreign currency to the Catholic Children's Society via the orange box in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

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 October

Evangelization – The Mission of Religious
That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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>

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

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.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Societies autumn get-together will take place on Saturday 13 October at the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All are invited for Coffee from 10.00 am with Mass at 11.00 am followed by a simple lunch. This is a good opportunity to meet others interested in Our Lady of Lourdes and who may go on pilgrimage in the future or who have been there in the past. All welcome.

Mothers Prayers

Mothers prayers was launched in England in 1995. At that time two grandmothers, Veronica and her sister-in-law Sandra felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. Through prayer they learned that Jesus wishes all mothers to surrender their children to His care, to take away pain from the mothers and to pour blessings on their children. Mothers Prayers has now spread throughout the world and is in about 120 countries. There have been many wonderful answers to prayers. A group may be started with only two mothers with a maximum of eight. Usually members meet every week. They obey the strict rule of confidentiality and anything that is said at the meeting must never be repeated. As mothers learn to trust each other through their prayers and sharing together their burdens become lighter. If you are interested in learning more to join this worldwide group of mothers praying for their children please contact Lesley in the parish office. We can then arrange for the local coordinator to come and talk to us and set up a group.

You are invited

Edward and Frances Canning invite you to celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary at Mass on Friday 28 September at Blessed Sacrament Church at 9.30am. No presents please but offerings of cakes or raffle prizes as following the Mass there will be a celebration which coincides with:

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

On Friday 28 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Macmillan Cancer Support help thousands of people suffering with cancer and their families. Please come and support this Coffee Morning which is a national event and fundraiser for their important work. All welcome.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church? Would you/they like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so, you are warmly invited to join us in our RCIA weekly meetings which begin this autumn on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm in the Mount St Mary Centre, Wonford Road. These are open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike and consist of informal talks and discussions about our faith. The date of the first meeting will be announced shortly in the newsletter. If you are interested please give your name and details to the parish office.

Sewing Machines wanted

If anyone has a treadle sewing machine they are willing to part with please let Imelda Wightman know. She is sending them to a village in Kenya in order for women and men to learn how to sew and enable them to feed their children. For more information you can contact Imelda on 01392 460041 or 07815 683939

Catenian Bursary Fund

This Fund makes annual awards totalling over £150,000 to young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan pilgrimages. For full details including eligibility criteria visit www.catenianbursary.com

Job Opportunities

CAFOD Community Participation

Coordinator - 6 months fixed term contract starting 1 November 2018. Do you have a strong interest in global justice and international development? Do you want to put your faith into action? Are you able to support a growing team of CAFOD volunteers working in diocesan parishes and schools? Based in our Plymouth City Centre Office, the role enables a team of committed volunteers to inspire and support Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. For more information please visit www.cafod.org.uk/work-with-us and click on current vacancies. The closing date is 27 Sept.

Plymouth CAST Multi-Academy Trust

Head teacher – St Paul's, Plymouth (Required - January 2019)

Religious Education And Catholic Life

Adviser - based at St. Boniface House To request an application form & job description, please email careers@plymouthcast.org.uk clearly stating the role you are interested in, sending completed forms by post to Richard Thorns at Plymouth CAST, St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL or by email to careers@plymouthcast.org.uk. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email.

Caritas Plymouth

Pope Francis since the beginning of his Papacy, has urged us to rediscover our essential mission to the world. That is, to look around us and see the need and then put our faith into action. In response to this call the Diocese is launching in May 2019 Caritas Plymouth, a social action charity helping the most vulnerable. A consultation event will be held on the structure and priorities of Caritas in Plymouth on Saturday 1 December from 10.30am till 3.30pm, at St Boniface College,

Plymouth. Bishop Mark O'Toole will be welcoming inspirational speakers from across England and there will plenty of opportunity to influence the work of Caritas Plymouth. Unfortunately, there is a limit of three participants from each parish. Please see Fr Jonathan if you would like to attend. The event is free and food and refreshments are provided.

School of the Annunciation

We are delighted to be able to share with you some good news from the School. St Mary's University, Twickenham, has approved validation of the proposed BA in the New Evangelisation. The BA course will formally launch on the weekend of 27–30 September. The BA programme, which is validated subject to final confirmation by St Mary's, is unique in this country, being the only one of its kind to be designed specifically for preparing the faithful for the New Evangelisation.

Catholic Singles

This 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 visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or call 0161 941 3498

St Nick's News

We are pleased to be back for a new school year. A warm welcome all the new children and families who have joined us. 'Lord, unwrap this new year as a gift from You; we give thanks for all the new opportunities we will have to live and learn together. Bless this new beginning and bless our school.

For children entering Reception in September 2019 we will be holding 'Tea and Tour' Open Mornings on 6/11, 14/11 and 22/11 at 9.15am or 14/11 at 6pm. Please contact Ali on 445403 ext 222 / abrocksom@stncs.uk to book a place.

Mass Times

Sunday 23 Sept

Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Harvest: the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation
9.00am

Marguerite Feeney RIP

10.30am *People of the Parish*
6.00pm

Monday 24 September

Our Lady of Walsingham
NO Convent Mass

Tuesday 25 September

7.00pm *Souls in purgatory*

Wednesday 26 Sept

9.30am *Peggy Webber RIP*
4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 27 September

St Vincent de Paul
9.30am

11.00am *Funeral service*
Isabel Shaw RIP

Friday 28 September

7.30am Convent Mass
9.30am *Edward & Frances*
Canning wedding anniversary

Saturday 29 September

SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael – Archangels
9.30am *Adrian Jenkinson RIP*

Sunday 30 Sept

Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am *People of the Parish*
10.30am *Isabel Shaw RIP*
6.00pm *Phyllis Pirez RIP*

Monday 1 October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 2 October

The Holy Guardian Angels
7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 3 October

9.30am
4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 4 October

St Francis of Assisi
9.30am

Friday 5 October

7.30am Convent Mass
9.30am

Saturday 6 October

9.30am *Private Intention*

Sunday 7 October

Twenty seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cafod Fast Day Collection
Homeless Sunday

9.00am
10.30am *People of the Parish*
6.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Mondays 9.30am Church
Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent
Thursdays 4, 11, 18, 25
October after 9.30am Mass.

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

The Word

Sunday 23 Sept

First Reading
Wisdom 2:12.17-20
Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Psalm Response
The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3
Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37
The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first he must make himself servant of all.

Sunday 30 Sept

First Reading
Numbers 11:25-29
Are you jealous on my account?

Psalm Response

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading

James 5:1-6
Your wealth is all rotting.

Gospel

Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48
Anyone who is against us is not for us.

Sunday 7 October

First Reading
Genesis 2:18-24
They became one body.

Psalm Response

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11
The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16
What God has united, man must not divide.