

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
18 November 2018. *Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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part of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Plymouth.*



*“He will gather his chosen
from the four winds.”*

As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: 'Then he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds.' This gathering of God's children will be a wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

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
4 November **£1514.48**
11 November **£1207.03**

Calendar of Events

Sun 18 Nov	World Day of the Poor Cafod pyramid box collection Extraordinary Form Mass <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Wed 21 Nov	Mothers Prayers meeting <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 1.30pm</i>
Thurs 22 Nov	Service of Penitence & Healing <i>Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Mark 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 22 Nov	Prayer Group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sat 24 Nov	livesimply sewing group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Sat 24- Sun 25 Nov	Confirmation Candidates Retreat <i>St Rita's Honiton</i>
Mon 26 Nov	livesimply sewing group <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Wed 28 Nov	First Holy Communion registration <i>St Nicholas School, Ringswell Avenue 6.30pm</i>
Thurs 29 Nov	Brother Johnson Sequeira <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm</i>
Tues 4 Dec	Advent Penitential Service <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 6 Dec	St Nicholas Day Mass <i>St Nicholas School 9.15am</i>
Sat 8 Dec	Readers Training <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 11.00am</i>
Sat 8 Dec	Cafod Advent Mass <i>Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm</i>
Sun 9 Dec	Extraordinary Form Mass <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Thurs 13 Dec	Night Fever <i>Sacred Heart Church 5.00pm</i>
Sun 16 Dec	Advent Carol Service <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>
Mon 17 Dec	Carol Service <i>St Loyes ruins 6.00pm</i>
Tues 18 Dec	Carols <i>Horse & Groom Heavitree 7.30pm</i>
Tues 1 Jan	New Year Cheese & Wine <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm</i>
Sun 6 Jan	Epiphany praise <i>Blessed Sacrament Church 3.00pm</i>

Service of Penitence and Healing

Following Bishop Mark's recent pastoral letter concerning the scandal of child abuse in the Church, he has called all the clergy of the diocese to meet and publicly ask for forgiveness and healing as a sign of our willingness to accept the sins of the past and to make reparation. The service for Devon will be celebrated on **Thursday 22 November at 7.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church**. You are warmly invited to join the bishop and clergy to pray for radical change in the Church and a new beginning of trust and hope.

First Holy Communion 2019

If you would like your child to prepare for first Holy Communion you must attend a Registration meeting on Wednesday 28 November at 6.30pm at St Nicholas School EX1 3EG. Children do not have to attend this meeting. Please bring a copy of your child's certificate of baptism (if you haven't got one contact the parish where they were baptised and they will send you a copy), your contact details and £8.00 (which funds the book we will be using).

Convent Christmas Cards

We wish to thank you for saving your Christmas cards to be recycled in aid of local charities. Sister Guy-Marie had a great gift for doing this. However, as she is no longer with us, the card making has come to an end. Therefore, please, **NO MORE CHRISTMAS CARDS**. Thank you, once again, for your help in the past. God bless. Sisters Anna, Stella, Sheila.

Advent 2018

It will soon be the season of Advent, that time of preparation for the great celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. There are many ways to make Advent a special time. Here are just a few ideas for you:

Advent day of recollection

Advent Readings led by Fr Barry Hallett at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, Saturday 15 December 10.30am-4.30pm. Includes Mass and an opportunity for Confession. Cost is £25 which includes lunch. See poster and booking forms for details. Bookings are also accepted by phone or email and payment can be made on the day. Tel 01404 42635 or email stritas@btinternet.com.

Advent Penitential Service

The Advent Penitential Service for all the Exeter parishes will be held at the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 4 December at 7.00pm when there will be several priests available to hear confessions.

Walk With Me

Advent Reflection Booklets are available in the church, £1 each. Please put money in box marked 'books'.

Advent Crib Blessing

Sunday, 2 December, is the first Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring from home your crib, or a couple of crib figures, to be blessed during Mass.

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. Please consider taking up this role. You will be supported, trained and helped and encouraged.

Catholic children's society 2019 Calendar

A sample copy of the Catholic Children's Society's fundraising calendar **Windows across the Diocese** can be found in the porch. If you would like to buy one they are available from the parish office and cost £5.00. Proceeds to the society's funds.

World Day of the Poor 2018

In his message for the second World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means or background, to rediscover and celebrate in a spirit of joy our capacity for togetherness.

'On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.' Pope Francis

Loving God,

Open our ears to hear you in the cry of those living in poverty.

Open our eyes to see you in the lives of the oppressed.

Open our hearts to meet you in others and to respond with mercy and compassion.

Pour out on us your grace, so that we may grow as your faithful people, always seeking your kingdom of Truth, Justice and Peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Livesimply Advent Fayre

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Advent Fayre – by volunteering their time, donating a cake or coming along to help raise money for charity. If you missed it, check out the stall at the back of the church after Sunday Mass where we will continue to sell Christmas gifts and other goodies. If you haven't got one already, please also take a copy of the *Livesimply Guide for Advent and Christmas*.

If you are interested in a more sustainable and ethical way of preparing for Christmas, you might also want to go to

the 'Christmas without Cruelty Festival' at Exeter Corn Exchange on Saturday 24 November 10.00am-4.30pm. There will be stalls featuring ethical traders and organisations that promote human, animal and environmental causes. Products on sale will include fair trade clothes, local arts and crafts, cruelty-free cosmetics, and vegan cakes.

How can you get involved?

As Pope Francis asks us to examine our conscience to see if we can truly hear and respond to the cry of the poor in our world, we encourage you to get involved in one of the groups within the parish that support people in need locally and/or around the world. They are run by very dedicated people but are short of members/volunteers. Even if you don't have time to attend meetings, there are other ways in which you can support them.

CAFOD

Is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Through local Church partners, they help people directly in their own communities, and campaign for global justice, so that everyone can reach their full potential. The parish group is actively involved in fundraising and campaigning. Contact Shirley at s.larkin@exeter.ac.uk.

CWL

The members of the Catholic Women's League group play a very active role in parish life and organise and support a number of social events to raise funds for local and international charities. francesandedward@blueyonder.co.uk.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The local SVP group focuses on visiting and befriending people who may be lonely or in some form of poverty, such as refugees, the elderly, the homeless, people in care homes or in their own homes. Contact them on 07512 467971.

Solidarity with migrants and refugees

Thanks to everyone who came along to Nick Gill's thought-provoking talk on immigration detention on 1 November. If you missed the talk but would like to find out more about this topic, please visit the website of the Detention Forum <https://www.detentionforum.org.uk/> and find out more about the experiences of refugees who experienced the system at <https://www.28for28.org/>. Regardless of your personal views on immigration, indefinite detention is against human dignity and we therefore invite you to learn more about the issues, spread the word and join the campaign to limit detention to 28 days <https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/>

Sewing & Knitting Group

If you would like to meet up with other parish members and sew or knit (or to learn how to do it), you are welcome to join this group at the St Richard Reynolds Centre whenever you can. Please contact Sharron 07756691940 for more information.

Exeter Foodbank Collection

Many thanks for your continuing support to the foodbank. You can leave your donation in the basket at the back of the church before or after mass on Sunday. Priority items for this month include vegetables and fruits in tins, squash/cordial, jams and spreads, toiletries.

Livesimply meeting

The next *livesimply* meeting will take place on Saturday, 15 December, 10am, St Richard Reynolds Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and share ideas.

We welcome...

Kena Okoroafor who will be baptised today at Blessed Sacrament. Please offer a prayer for him, his parents Ada and Wilfred and his Godparents.

CAFOD Pyramid Boxes

We will be collecting pyramid boxes at all Masses on Sunday 18 November. If you do not have a box please consider taking one and collecting your loose change over the year. Boxes are emptied twice a year in May and November.

CAFOD World Gifts

Please find World Gifts catalogues in the church porch and take one home with you. Or look on line at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk They have a range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to communities around the world. Not only are these great gifts to give to friends and family, they are also a way to keep Christ's love for the poorest members of our global family at the heart of Christmas giving.

Cafod Advent Mass

Sacred Heart Church Saturday 8 December at 5.30 pm in celebration of the work of Cafod. All are welcome.

Free Parish 2019 Diaries

are now available in the church porch

Baptism Preparation Course

The next baptism preparation course for parents will take place in the Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 19 January 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.

Night Fever

This year will take place at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 13 December.

Mothers Prayers

There has been some interest shown in the setting up of a group here at Blessed Sacrament and a representative from Mothers Prayers will come to talk to us on **Wednesday 21 November at 1.30pm** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Anyone interested is welcome to come along to find out more.

Gather 2019

January 18-20 at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay this is a weekend conference which brings together people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and beyond for a time of friendship, shared faith and formation. It is open to anyone who would like to come (already some of our parishioners have booked). Flyers which include a booking form are available in the church porch. We'd love to see you there. If you'd like to know more about the conference just ask Fr Jonathan.

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.

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL Meeting is at 2.00pm on Tuesday 27 November at Mount St Mary's Centre. Please bring your gifts for the Apostleship of the Sea and £11 for the Lunch.

The Pope's Intention for November

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict. 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>

Extraordinary Form Mass

At Blessed Sacrament church on Sunday 18 November at 3.00pm.

St Nick's News

Was your child born between 1/9/14 and 31/08/15? You can apply for a Devon School Place online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from 15 November 2018 to 15 January 2019. You can also get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email admissions@devon.gov.uk. Even if you have given details to a primary school you must still apply for a place through the Admissions Team.

We still have places on our 'Tea and Tour' Reception 2019 information event on 22 November in school – please contact Ali (01392 445403 ext. 222/ abrocksom@stncs.uk for more details.

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor on our Governing Body. Please contact Ali, Clerk to Governors (abrocksom@stncs.uk) for more details about this interesting and rewarding role.

2019 International Mass at Sacred Heart– change of date

An International Mass will take place on Sunday 27 January 2019 at 11.00am at the Sacred Heart Church, followed by a meal at the Cardinal Newman Centre. If you would like to be involved and represent your country please contact by email Vivianne - hot-ma@hotmail.com or Kelvin Russell-russellgrac@aol.com Everyone is welcome from all Exeter parishes.

Vacancies in the Diocese

We currently have vacancies for three new members of staff – two Diocesan Youth Ministry & Events Co-ordinators and a Communications Assistant. The Co-ordinators will be home-based and the Communications Assistant post will be based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. See poster in Church for further details.

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 Caritas Plymouth, a social action charity helping the most vulnerable in May 2019.

A consultation event will be held on the structure and priorities of Caritas Plymouth on Saturday 1 December from 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. 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.

Formation Days for Catechists

A course is being offered, free of charge, to help catechists grow in their knowledge of the faith and a sense of personal calling at St. Peter's Parish Room, Crownhill PL5 3AX, 10.30am-1pm. The remaining date is **Saturday 19 January 2019**. Contact Fr John Bielawski on 01752 701660 or turn up on the day.

Youth Sunday Ice Skating

This year on Youth Sunday 25 November a trip to Plymouth Pavilions for ice skating has been arranged followed by a BBQ and Mass. A coach will leave Blessed Sacrament at 9.30am returning at 6.00pm. This is for all 10 to 17 year olds and the cost will be £12. If you would like to go please contact Patrick on 07880734088.

Parish Garden Fete 2018

The amount raised is £4,015.24. Thank you everyone involved.

Diocesan Service Team for Renewal Event

Brother Johnson Sequeira, a lay Catholic leader from India is visiting the UK on Thursday 29 November, he will be in Torquay & Exeter and you will be welcome at either event. Torquay at The Assumption Church Hall, Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NJ (2.30 – 5.00pm) Exeter: Blessed Sacrament church 7.00 – 9.00pm. For more information contact Chris & Sue Lee 01392 432929.

Day of Reflection in Bristol

At the Catholic Chaplaincy in Bristol on Saturday 8 December starting at 10.00am. See poster in the church for more information and how to book a place.

Catholic Singles

Helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) to meet other single Catholics. For further information call 0161 941 3498 or visit www.catholicingles.org.uk

Exeter Bach society

Saturday 24 November at the Salvation Army Temple, Friars Walk. Join Esther Jones for an all-day choral workshop on Britten's Saint Nicholas. To book see www.exeterbachsociety.org Or join the Exeter Bach Society for an evening of twentieth century choral and instrumental works on Saturday 1 December at 7.30pm at Sidwell Street Methodist Church. Tickets from www.exeterbachsociety.org £12.50 or at the door £15. Full time students half price, children free.

Handel's Messiah

Exeter University Choral Society will be performing Handel's Messiah on Sunday 2 December, at the Great hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7 pm start. All welcome. Tickets can be purchased on the door or from the following link www.exeterguild.org/ents/event/22642/

Mass Times

Sunday 18 November
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

9.00am *For the repose of the souls of Catenians and Catholics of Exeter & district and their families killed in the 1939/45 war.*

10.30am *People of the Parish*
6.00pm

Monday 19 November

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 20 November

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 21 November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 22 November

St Cecilia, martyr

9.30am *Private intention*

10.00am Adoration

Friday 23 November

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 24 November

St Andrew Dung-La and companions, martyrs

9.30am

Sunday 25 November

Christ the King

Youth Sunday

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Monday 26 November

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 27 November

7.00pm *Souls in Purgatory*

Wednesday 28 November

9.30am *Sr Guy Marie RIP*

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 29 November
St Cuthbert Mayne, martyr

9.30am

10.00am Adoration

Friday 30 November

St Andrew, apostle

7.30am Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 1 December

9.30am *Janette Chiarotto RIP*

Sunday 2 December

First Sunday of Advent

9.00am

Tom & Richard Ware RIP

10.30am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Mondays 9.30am Church

Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent

First Wednesday each

month Lady chapel at

Sacred Heart 7.00pm

Some Thursdays 10.00am

(after Mass) Blessed

Sacrament Church.

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

The Word

Sunday 18 November

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-13

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Psalm Response

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14.18

By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds.

Sunday 25 November

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

Psalm Response

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading

Rev 1:5-8

Ruler of the kings of the earth...he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel

John 18:33-37

It is you who say that I am a king.

Sunday 2 December

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

Psalm Response

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading

Thessalonians 3:12-42

May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Your liberation is near at hand.
