

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

14 April 2019. *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Year C*

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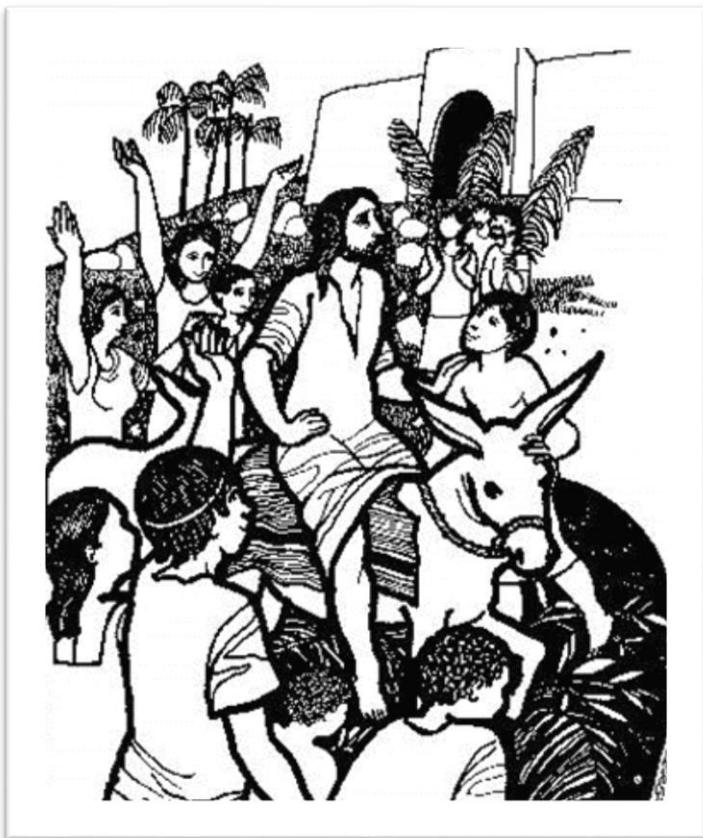
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HOSANNA!

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

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
31 March **£1342.30**
7 April **£1268.3**

Calendar of Events

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| Mon 15 Apr | Live simply sewing group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Wed 17 Apr | Chrism Mass
<i>Plymouth Cathedral 12.00noon</i> |
| Wed 17 Apr | 1115 Youth Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 18 Apr | Mass of the Lord's Supper
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 7.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 18 Apr | Watching at the altar of repose
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 8.30-10.30pm</i> |
| Fri 19 Apr | Good Friday Morning Prayer
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 9.30am</i> |
| Fri 19 Apr | Altar Servers Practice
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 10.30am</i> |
| Fri 19 Apr | Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm</i> |
| Fri 19 Apr | Good Friday Watching at the Cross
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 8.00-9.00pm</i> |
| Sat 20 Apr | Morning Prayer
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 9.30am</i> |
| Sat 20 Apr | Blessing of food
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 11.00am</i> |
| Sat 20 Apr | Easter Vigil
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 8.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 25 Apr | Thursday Lunch Club
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 25 Apr | Stronghold Prayer & Worship
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i> |
| Sun 28 Apr | Divine Mercy Service
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm</i> |
| Wed 1 May | 1115 Youth Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Thurs 2 May | Cafod Group meeting
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 2 May | Resurrection Rock
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 7.00pm</i> |
| Thurs 9 May | Thursday Lunch Club
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.00pm</i> |
| Sun 12 May | Exeter Parishes Confirmation
<i>Blessed Sacrament church 6.00pm</i> |
| Wed 15 May | 1115 Youth Group
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |
| Fri 17 May | Big Diocesan Quiz
<i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i> |

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Plastic Free Lent Challenge

Thanks to everyone who is taking part in our Plastic Free Lent Challenge. There is still time to join this initiative. If possible, please sign up on one of the posters in the church to pledge your support. If you are planning a spring clean at home and want to get rid of old pens (except wooden pencils) and other writing instruments, remember that you can drop them off during Lent in the box at the back of the church (next to the Foodbank collection basket). They will then be taken to a recycling point.

Community Action

On 16 April the Great Exeter Spring Clean will take place in Wonford Playing Fields. Anyone interested in taking part should meet behind the Wonford Sports Centre at 10.00am. Equipment will be provided. On Sunday 28 April Plastic Free Exeter are organising a Community Plog in Heavitree between 10.00am and 11.00am to collect litter in the community. Everything collected will be sorted and recycled by Exeter City Council. See www.facebook.com/plasticfreeexeter/ for more info.

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 on Monday evenings (see dates in the newsletter calendar).

Thank you!

Thanks to all of you who supported the livesimply Advent Fayre, we have been able to provide a weekly meal to the Safesleep winter shelter. This was very much appreciated by the clients of the shelter, who would otherwise not have had an evening meal. The shelter is now closed, but we are hoping to continue to support people in need in Exeter and beyond.

Exeter Foodbank Collection

The Foodbank collections are continuing each Sunday. The priority items for April include potatoes (tins/instant), noodle/pasta snacks, vegetables (tins), and milk (1L UHT semi-skimmed). Exeter Foodbank is organising a sponsored walk around the city on 29 June. Email walk@exeterfoodbank.org.uk for more information.

Sow and grow

Now is the time to sow flower or vegetable seeds you have saved from last year or those you have bought. Where possible reuse yoghurt pots, ice cream or butter containers or any item which is at least 2 inches deep. Even if the instructions are to sow in open ground you can use containers. The plan is to have an event as part of a future Live Simply meeting to bring along the results of your efforts and exchange them or if you haven't been able to grow your own to acquire some in return for a donation.

Big Diocesan Quiz

On Friday May 17 at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre we will compete against other teams across the diocese all answering the same questions devised by the Catholic Childrens' Society (Plymouth). Tickets are £10 per person to include a fish & chip supper – please bring a pudding and a bottle. There will be a raffle and all proceeds will go to the Children's Society. Come as a team of six or join others on the night. Only 40 places so get your ticket early! Last time we held this quiz our winning team here came second in the diocese – this time we want to be overall winners!! Tickets available from Jane Martin, Lesley Hooper or Parish Office.

1115 Youth Group

The next meeting of the 1115 youth group will be on Wednesday 17 April at 6.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

The Gift

How can we encounter the Holy Spirit & share our faith? This course from CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) carries the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Francis. See www.thegiftofthespirit.org for a clip. All are welcome - There will be prayer, DVD talks & discussion (plus lovely refreshments) over six Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm beginning on 30 April to be held at Cardinal Newman House, Wonford Road, Exeter EX2 4PF. There is no charge for this event, but please book your place in advance. Contact: Chris & Sue on 01392 432929 or email smyl_lee@hotmail.com

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps

Applications are now being taken for places at the Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps, to be held at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. Camp details and application forms can be obtained from the porch or on-line from the camp website: www.pdssummercamps.org.uk Prompt applications are advisable. These are brilliant weeks of catechesis, fun and friendship for our youngsters.

Chrism Mass at Plymouth Cathedral

If you have put your name down to go on the coach please note that the cost will be £10 each (please give money to the parish office) and the coach will leave Blessed Sacrament at 9.40am and leave the Cathedral to return at 3.00pm.

Walk of Witness

Organised by Christians Together across Exeter - CTaX - on Good Friday 19 April at 10.00am United Service at Exeter Cathedral. Passion for Exeter 11.00am in Bedford Square, 11.30am on Cathedral Green - hymns and messages for Good Friday & Easter. All welcome.

Altar Servers Practice

All altar servers are asked to come to a practice for Easter in the church on Good Friday 19 April at 10.30am.

Easter Blessing of Food

Błogosławieństwo pokarmów wielkanocnych w Kościele Blessed Sacrament odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę, 20 kwietnia o godz. 11.00. Bardzo serdecznie wszystkich zapraszamy. There will be a blessing of food on Holy Saturday 20 April at 11.00am in the Church. This is not only a Polish tradition, everybody is welcome to come to this service.

Divine Mercy Service

A Divine Mercy service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 28 April at 3.00pm. Fr John Watkins will be the celebrant and it will be preceded by confessions at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre afterwards and all are welcome.

Resurrection Rock

Please come along to Blessed Sacrament Church on 2 May at 7.00pm to enjoy a musical evening using songs from Jesus Christ Superstar and Resurrection Rock to tell the wonderful Easter story all performed by the children of St Nicholas School choir.

Catholic Women's League

On Saturdays (except Holy Saturday) after the morning Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in South Street **coffee and cake** is served by the Catholic Women's League in the Lower room. Please come along.

Please note the monthly Meeting scheduled for 23 April has been postponed until Tuesday 30 April at the Mount St. Mary's Centre at 2.00pm.

The next Committee meeting is in the Lower Room, Sacred Heart, on Saturday 27 April at 10.30am.

What makes this day good?

This lovely poem was published in St Peter's School newsletter. It speaks powerfully of Easter and the redeeming work of Jesus.

If you have ever believed that love inevitably leads to betrayal
this day says it doesn't.

If you have ever believed that some people are unlovable, irredeemable
this day says they aren't.

If you have ever believed that there is a limit to forgiveness
this day says there isn't.

If you have ever believed you aren't worth saving
this day says you are.

If you have ever believed that you don't deserve freedom
this day says you do.

If you have ever believed that fear, anger, hate and despair will always win
this day says they won't.

AND THIS DAY IS FOR YOU!

CAFOD

Lent Family Fast Day collection: £1,122.05.

CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal: £567.19

Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD is working with the church network in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi. We are focussing on providing clean water and soap, as well as advice on the importance of clean food and drink to prevent further spread of cholera, protecting and reuniting children separated from their parents and providing emergency aid to rural areas where access is still difficult. Going forward our local partners are moving people, especially women and children, into more permanent camps where they will be protected and can start rebuilding their lives.

CAFOD Pyramid Box Collection

We will be emptying pyramid boxes at all Masses on Sunday 5 May. Please bring your box in, to be emptied on that date.

Cafod Meeting

The next Cafod group meeting will be held on Thursday 2 May at 7.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you are interested in the work that Cafod does please come along to this meeting. All are very welcome.

RUN to the SON

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 June at Buckfast Abbey. For the third year running, a weekend of prayer and inspiration to help equip you for mission. Main features include a day of growth in discipleship led by Anthony Gielty, a night vigil of prayer welcoming the dawn in the splendour of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and a sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. Tickets £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms and more detail available online at www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or contact St Peter's parish office on 01752 701660 if you have any questions.

Churches Together at Devon County Show

Help is needed by Churches at the Devon County Show on Thursday Friday and Saturday 16, 17, and 18 May. This is an opportunity for witness, worship and hospitality. Bishop Mark is coming to preach at the early service on the 16 May. Volunteers are needed on that day to help man the tea bar, serving tea, coffee and cake throughout the day in shifts giving time to enjoy the show. We also need homemade cake, biscuits or scones, it does not matter if you are not coming to the show. A drop off point for cake will be the Palace Gate Centre 3 Palace Gate behind

the Baptist Church between the hours of 9.00am and 12noon and 5.00pm - 9.00pm when the reception is manned, by Tuesday evening 14 May or brought to the churches stand at the Show. To about helping in any way please contact Frances Canning on francesandedward@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 01392 209542

March for Life UK

On Saturday 11 May 'March for Life UK' is happening in London. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2.00pm (no booking required). For more info see posters/leaflets or go to marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773501721/ 07885505116

Pilgrimage to Knock

Fully escorted 3 July 2019 from Bristol £649 pp sharing. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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.

New parishioners

You are most welcome and we hope you will be very happy here in the parish. 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. Thank you.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is touring the country and will be at our own Cathedral in Plymouth from 16-18 May. Together with Sacred Heart Parish we are hoping to visit the Cathedral on Friday 17 May. If enough people are interested in this unique event, a coach will leave Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am and Blessed Sacrament a few minutes later. The return will be in the early evening. Please sign the list in the church porch if you wish to come. The cost will be about £10. Please sign up by 17 April. For info see dowrytour.org.uk or the sheet attached to the list.

Book of Intentions

This book is brought to the altar at each Mass and contains the things we offer to God in prayer; the name of someone who is sick or who has died; a personal situation which needs resolution; a private intention, anything you would like to bring to the Lord. The book can be found on the offertory table with the bread and wine.

Pope's Intention for April

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war-torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others. Pope Francis also adds a second, more urgent intention each month, which is published on the Apostleship of Prayer website www.apostleshipofprayer.org His monthly video on the prayer intention can be viewed online at <http://apostleshipofprayer.org/the-pope-video>

The Pope Tweets...

From the Cross, Jesus teaches us the powerful courage of renunciation. Because we will never go forward if we are weighed down by heavy loads.

Celebrating Easter

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 14 April

9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm

Wednesday 17 April

No 9.30am Mass

12.00 Chrism Mass Plymouth Cathedral

Coach will leave from Blessed Sacrament at

9.40am

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 18 April

7.00pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8.30pm Watching at the Altar of repose

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fasting and abstinence

Friday 19 April

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Altar Servers practice

3.00pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION.

NB Confessions will be available afterwards.

8.00pm Watching at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 20 April

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Blessing of Food. All welcome.

8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL

followed by Resurrection Party in the

St Richard Reynolds Centre.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 21 April

9.00am

10.30am

NO evening Mass

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The three days (Triduum) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday night mark the solemn celebration of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus. It is the most solemn celebration in the Church's year and culminates in the lighting and blessing of the Easter fire, the new fire which brightens the darkness of the night and brings hope to the whole world. Please do try to come to the liturgy on all of the days; they form one great liturgy in which we remember the gift of the Eucharist, the commandment to serve one another in the washing of feet, Christ's sacrifice on the cross which we adore, and the Resurrection which brings us hope of eternal life.

The washing of feet

The 'mandatum' or commandment to 'do unto others' as Jesus had done to the apostles was given after he had washed their feet. You are invited to come forward to have your foot washed and then to wash the foot of your fellow parishioner. In this way we follow the commandment to serve one another.

The altar of repose

At the end of Mass we process the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in commemoration of Jesus' journey from the Upper Room to the Garden of Gethsemane. Watching continues until 10.30pm. Please come and join us.

The foot of the Cross

On Good Friday evening we will watch in silence at the cross at 8.00pm in the church just for one hour. If you can come you would be most welcome.

Resurrexit!

After the Easter Vigil we will celebrate with a party in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. We'll provide a cake, but if you can bring a bottle (Prosecco is always nice!) it would be welcome.

Mass Times

Sunday 14 April

Palm Sunday

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am *Special Intention*

6.00pm *Constance Twinn*

Monday 15 April

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 16 April

6.30pm *Ken Hobbs RIP*

Wednesday 17 April

No 9.30am Mass

12.00pm Chrism Mass

Plymouth Cathedral

No hospital Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 18 April

7.00pm MASS OF THE

LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY 19 April

Day of fasting & abstinence

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am Exeter Cathedral
Service & Walk of Witness

3.00pm CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S PASSION

Confessions available

afterwards in the church.

8.00pm Watching at the

Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 20 April

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Blessing of Food

8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 21 April

9.00am

10.30am *People of the parish*

NO 3.00pm Ext. Form Mass

NO evening Mass

Monday 22 April

7.30am Convent

Tuesday 23 April

6.30pm

Wednesday 24 April

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 25 April

9.30am

Friday 26 April

7.30am Convent

9.30am

Saturday 27 April

9.30am

Sunday 28 April

2nd Sunday of Easter

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am

Felicia Ogugua Melie RIP

6.00pm *Sr Patrick's intention*

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Tuesdays 8.00pm Convent

First Wednesday each

month Lady chapel at

Sacred Heart 7.00pm

Please refer to the notice

board on the church door

for any alterations.

The Word

Sunday 14 April

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against

insult – I know I shall not be

shamed.

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have

you forsaken me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, but God

raised him high

Gospel

The Passion of Our Lord

Jesus Christ according to

Luke 22:14-23:56

Sunday 21 April

First Reading

Acts 10:34.37-43

We have eaten and drunk with

him after his resurrection.

Psalm Response

This day was made by the

Lord; we rejoice and are

glad.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things

that are in heaven, where

Christ is.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

Sunday 28 April

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and

women who came to believe in

the Lord increased steadily.

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord for

he is good, for his love has

no end.

Second Reading

Revelations 1:9-18.17-19

I was dead and now I am to live

for ever and ever.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.
