

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter**  
**15 September 2019. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C**

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part of the Roman Catholic  
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The message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but which the Lord still wishes to emphasise. Our human approach to forgiveness is so often flawed, we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions. Jesus wants to remind his listeners, and us, that God's forgiveness is overflowing and bountiful. Saint Paul was well aware of this: he had persecuted the Church, calling himself 'the greatest of sinners'; and yet, thanks to the 'inexhaustible patience' of God, he can count himself a believer. We must be open to the gift of forgiveness for ourselves, and also (as the Parable of the Elder Brother shows) open to that forgiveness offered to others whom we would condemn.

# Welcome

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*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 10.45am Mass most Sundays.*

## Refreshments

*Sundays after 10.45am 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  
1 Sept £1204.52  
8 Sept £1238.71*

# Calendar of Events

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Sun 15 Sept	<b>Extraordinary Form Mass</b> <i>Blessed Sacrament church 3.00pm</i>
Mon 16 Sept	<b>Livesimply Sewing Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 18 Sept	<b>1115 Youth Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Sat 21 Aug	<b>Lourdes Group Autumn Get Together</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre</i>
Sun 22 Sept	<b>International Mass &amp; Lunch</b> <i>Blessed Sacrament church 10.45am</i>
Sun 22 Sept	<b>Diocesan Youth Rally</b> <i>St Rita's Centre 1.00-6.30pm</i>
Mon 23 Sept	<b>Livesimply Sewing Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 25 Sept	<b>Pastoral Parish Council Meeting</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Thurs 26 Sept	<b>Thursday Lunch Club</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm</i>
Thurs 26 Sept	<b>Stronghold Prayer &amp; Praise</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm</i>
Sat 28 Sept	<b>Livesimply Autumn Fayre</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am</i>
Mon 30 Sept	<b>Livesimply Sewing Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 2 Oct	<b>1115 Youth Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Fri 4 Oct	<b>Wednesday Word</b> <i>Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm</i>
Fri 4 Oct	<b>Cafod Climate Change Film Night</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Sat 5 Oct	<b>Baptism Preparation Course</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.30am</i>
Sat 5 Oct	<b>Renewal of Marriage Vows</b> <i>Sacred Heart Church 5.30pm</i>
Mon 7 Oct	<b>Livesimply Sewing Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm</i>
Wed 9 Oct	<b>Wednesday Word</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm</i>
Thurs 10 Oct	<b>Thursday Lunch Club</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 12.30pm</i>
Thurs 10 Oct	<b>Prayer Group</b> <i>St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.00pm</i>
Fri 11 Oct	<b>Wednesday Word</b> <i>Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm</i>
Sat 12 Oct	<b>Exeter Cathedral Choristers 3.00pm</b>

# Home Mission Sunday

Today we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. We are invited to find ourselves in the Gospel story as we accompany the characters who call out, 'Rejoice with me!' These words express the joy of finding something, or someone they had lost. Imagine the joy in your own heart when you see someone you love coming home to Church, because they are seeking, or have found Christ. Occasionally this happens by direct divine intervention, but more often we are called to be the face of Christ, praying for, inviting and welcoming those we love into a relationship with Him. Thankfully we are not alone in this task. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the retiring collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work, and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. In short, the second collection helps them to help us. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online visit [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk).

## Confirmation for the Exeter Parishes

Calling all teenagers. We invite you to join us in preparation for Confirmation. Come and join new and old friends as you grow in your faith. Sessions will start in the autumn and will take place both in Exeter and other residential locations. To help plan for a fun, faith-filled programme we need your commitment to join by signing up on the sheet in the church porch by Sunday 29 September. Applicants must be in Year 10 or above at the time of Confirmation which is held in Eastertide.

# Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Pastoral parish council is on Wednesday 25 September at 7.00pm. If you have any item that you'd like to be discussed please put it in writing to the parish office by Friday 20 September.

## 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 – [catholic@university.org.uk](mailto:catholic@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.

## International Mass Sunday 22 September

At 10.45am followed by an International lunch. We are a very diverse parish with parishioners from all over the world and we would like as many of you as can to come along to make it a truly international celebration. In the porch you will find a list of the country's that we have flags for. If you would like to process in with your national flag please add your details to the list. If your country is not listed please add it to the final page and we will try to obtain one. Please wear your traditional costume to the Mass. The Mass will be followed by a bring and share lunch with an international flavour in the St Richard Reynolds Centre and the garden. Please bring along a national (cold) dish from your country for all to sample. The previous International Masses have been some of the most wonderful celebrations here in our parish. We look forward to a wonderful day's celebration.

# Wednesday Word

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.' *Luke 11:28*

Would you like to be more fully open to God's Word and be more prepared to receive God's personal message for you each Sunday? 'Wednesday Word' is a resource which allows us to prayerfully prepare for Mass on Sunday by reading and reflecting on the upcoming Sunday Gospel in a friendly and supportive group setting. Come along to an open group each week to ready yourself for Sunday Mass and to deepen and feed your faith. Two groups will meet each week beginning in October: Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 in the St Richard Reynolds Centre and Fridays from 7:00-8:00 in the Sacred Heart Church. The first session for each will be on Friday 4th October and Wednesday 9th October. If you would like support in arranging a 'Wednesday Word' group in a different venue or at a different time, please contact Maria Quinn ([mquinn@stnrcs.uk](mailto:mquinn@stnrcs.uk)) or phone the parish office. If you unable to attend a group session, 'Wednesday Word' resources are available to view online at <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm>.

## Livesimply

### Autumn Fayre and Repair Café

On Saturday 28 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre following Mass. Please come along to meet together and to promote simple and sustainable life. There will be: a table top swap or sale stall (if you bring something you no longer need and see something that you do, you can swap it, or you can take what you need and make a donation), a produce and plant stall, a cake and jam stall, a raffle, a flower and fruit arranging competition with the theme of Autumn.(as we are trying to phase out the use of oasis please not buy any and only use it if you have it already), a stall where if you

have too many reusable bags you can bring them along for those who do not have enough, sale of CAFOD Christmas cards, and Christmas decorations. All of this along with refreshments. If you can help or have any other ideas please contact Frances on 01392209542 or Coral 07745922636

### Plastic Free Exeter

On Sunday 29 September at 10.00am there will be a litter pick in St Leonards. If you are interested in helping with this please meet at the Matford Lane entrance to County Hall. You only need to bring your own gloves, everything else is provided.

### livesimply Meeting and Repair Café

On Saturday 2 November in the St Richard Reynolds Centre

### Saturday 30 November

Advent wreath/garland workshop, Repair Café and pre Advent celebration when we will use up any goodies in readiness for Advent abstinence.

Sewing Group meets every Monday evening in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 6.30 to 9.00pm. All are welcome.

## Preparing for Baptism

The next baptism preparation session for parents will take place in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Saturday 5 October at 10.30am. If you are expecting a baby or wish to have a baby baptised in the near future please contact the Parish office to book a place.

## Diocesan Youth Rally

22 September 1.00–6.30pm. Free BBQ and Youth Mass. Please bring coat and packed lunch. Cost £5.00. See poster for details.

Each young person must complete a Parental Consent form prior to attending. Please bring the form along on the day.

Forms are available in the porch or from Erik Renz, our youth leader. Further details also from Patrick on 01837 851438 or at [pmorris@wjmorris.co.uk](mailto:pmorris@wjmorris.co.uk)

## “Matters Arising”

Join the Sacred Heart Arts Group for an occasion of theatre and fun at the Cardinal Newman Centre on Saturday 19 October (7.10 for 7.30 pm) or on Sunday 20 October (2.40 for 3.00pm) including a theatre quiz and the premier of Maureen Speller’s latest play, “*Matters Arising*” performed by members of the parishes. Tickets £4.

Available from members of the Arts Group, Deacon Kelvin or please contact Dorf Ruscoe (01404 822689) or Gerry Hinton (07970 042641). Proceeds to charity.

## Chorister Concert

The Girl Choristers of Exeter Cathedral, with their conductor, the Cathedral’s Director of Music, Timothy Noon, will be coming to give a concert in Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 12 October at 5.00pm. This outreach concert will be a rare opportunity to hear the girls sing outside of their Cathedral duties and promises to be a real treat. The concert is not ticketed but there will be a suggested donation of £7 for Adults and £3 for children, with proceeds being shared to support the Cathedral Choir and also to aid Urafiki [www.urfiki.org.uk](http://www.urfiki.org.uk) Urafiki volunteers will also be welcoming people after the concert into the St Richard Reynolds Centre for refreshments and other fundraising activities. More details coming soon! For more details, contact Frankie Phillips via the parish office.

## Exposition with Taizé

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

## Pope’s Intention for Sept

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans.

## Extraordinary Form Mass

3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday 15 September.

## Stronghold & Prayer Group

The next meeting of the Prayer Group supported by Stronghold is on 26 September at 7.15pm and the Prayer Group meets again on 10 October. All welcome.

## Caritas Event

*‘The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever’*

This is the theme of Pope Francis’ Message for the World Day of the Poor. Caritas Plymouth will be holding their third event at St Rita’s Centre, Honiton **on Saturday 12 October** from 10.30am till 3.30pm looking at the causes of poverty and its impact in the run up to the World Day of the Poor on Sunday 17 November 2019. The event will include sharing thoughts and ideas about how we in our parishes can mark the World Day of the Poor and looking at Pope Francis’ message. The free event includes a buffet lunch. Limited space – booking essential. Please contact: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) also see notice in the porch.

## Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Get-Together

The Societies autumn get-together will take place on Saturday 21 September at the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All are invited for Coffee from 10.00am with Mass at 11.00am 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. Enquiries to Sheelah at 01392 431927. All welcome.

## Diocesan Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint to the following positions:

**Parish Secretary** (part time) at the Church of St. James Presbytery, 40 Old Road, Tiverton Ex16 4HJ for 16 hours per week. See advert in the church porch or copies of the job description, person specification and application form are obtainable by calling

Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or by emailing recruitment@.prcdtr.org.uk. Last date for the receipt of applications is Monday 23 Sept

**Secondary School RE and Catholic Life Adviser** Location: St. Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL This role is to enable the Bishop's mission and ministry in Secondary education. A copy of the job description and person specification are obtainable from the Human Resources Department – email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter and the last date for applications is Monday 23 Sept. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 1 October. The appointee to this post will be subject to an enhanced clearance through the Disclosure & Barring Service.

## Natural Family Planning (NFP)

NFP South West is looking to train new teachers in the Billings Ovulation Method (BOM). Applicants should have a basic knowledge of NFP or be willing to learn. We are volunteers available to teach married Catholics and engaged couples to either conceive or postpone conception. The BOM is scientifically proven and fully compatible with Church teaching on marriage and family life. Training is via correspondence computer modules, over 10 months after which there are 2 training days per year at Buckfast and one in London. A cost of £250 covers all academic resources and teaching but can be reduced or waived on appeal. For more information contact Christine Hudson on 07742320717

## Devon Earth & Faith Network

Faith, Belief and Climate Justice – A Call to Action. 22 September 2.30-5.00pm at the Friends Meeting House, Wynard, Magdalen Street. This panel from a variety of faiths/beliefs will encourage people to come together in an atmosphere of open enquiry to inspire action, share information and insight, galvanise transformation and unity. Plus a Q & A opportunity. All welcome.

## What's On in Heavitree

**15 September** -Park Life Fun Day from 11.30am to 5.30pm in Heavitree Pleasure Ground with stalls, entertainment, rides and refreshments!

**25 September** –Beetle Drive to raise funds for Heavitree Friendly Library from 2.00 – 5.00pm in the Rifford room at St Michael's Church. Tickets £3 which included refreshments.

**27 September** –Goldies Singalong at Bodley Close Community room from 11.00am till 12.00pm. Join in singing songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s! [www.golden-oldies.org.uk](http://www.golden-oldies.org.uk) Suggested donation £2.

## We welcome...

Sienna Wesely and Aleksander Adamik who will be baptised at the Blessed Sacrament during the next couple of weeks. Please offer a prayer for them, their parents and their Godparents.

## 2019 Global Evangelisation Summit Replay

This Summit, which was the largest gathering for Evangelisation in the English speaking world, took place in Ottawa on 4 May and will be replayed on 5 October at Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre (Room 4) from 9.00am (registration 8.30am) until 5.00pm. Speakers include Fr. James Mallon, Michelle Moran, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Lacroix, Fr. Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson. The event is FREE. Register by booking on [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) or phone 01752-701660. Tea/coffee/biscuits provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

## Ladies Keep Fit Classes

Classes this autumn will be held each Tuesday morning at 10.00am at the Cardinal Newman Centre, Wonford Road, Exeter for the ladies of the Exeter Parishes. New members are always welcome to come along and try. Contact Maggie Nicholls on 01392 426683

## RCIA / Journey of Faith

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so, you are warmly invited to join us in our weekly meetings which begin in October 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. If you are or someone you know are interested please give details to the Parish office.

## Retreats

The Diocese of Plymouth offers several retreats each year. Each retreat is silent and individually guided by members of the Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Team. St Ignatius offered a vision of prayer by reflecting on one's experiences of God and talking about them with others. The following will be held at Buckfast Abbey

- 11–13 October (Fri–Sun) Weekend retreat
- 14–18 October (Mon–Fri) Midweek retreat
- 11–18 October (Mon–Fri) 6 day retreat
- 15–17 November (Fri–Sun) Weekend retreat – a 'taster' weekend for anyone who would like to try a retreat for the first time.

To book and for general enquiries please contact: Diocesan Retreats 14 Beweys Park, Lower Burraton, Saltash Cornwall PL12 4SW 01752 657469  
[elaineclplymouth@gmail.com](mailto:elaineclplymouth@gmail.com) or [pjd83468@gmail.com](mailto:pjd83468@gmail.com)

## Catholic Women's League

The next Mass for the work of the League will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, South St. at 10.00 am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Coffee and cakes will be served in the Lower Room after Mass. The next CWL Meeting will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Mt. St. Mary's Convent meeting room, Wonford Rd. at 2.00pm.

## Renewal of Marriage Vows

There will be an opportunity for married couples to renew their vows on Saturday 5 October during the 5.30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Exeter. Everyone is welcome. Wine and nibbles will be available at back of Church after the Mass.

## CAFOD News

Exeter Deanery Parish Volunteer Harvest Meeting Saturday 28 September 11.00am-1.00pm followed by a shared lunch until 2.00pm –Most Precious Blood Parish Hall, Sidmouth, EX10 8TW

### Update

Do you remember Mahinur from our Lent Appeal? When the local river dried up so did her fishing business. Thanks to your support, we're helping Mahinur rear animals to sell. She's also making compost to improve soil quality and grow healthy crops. Your help means we can now reach 3,000 families in and around Mahinur's village. We will give seeds, ducks, chickens, goats and sheep to the poorest families and we will support disabled people to earn a living. Your Lent Fast Day donations are a lifeline to Mahinur and others around the world.

### Net Zero

Last chance to sign the net zero carbon petition in the church porch. So far we have 130 signatures. Can we get to 200? Please sign if you haven't already.

### Film Night

Are you confused about climate change? Do you wonder what difference anything you can do will make? Come along to our free showing of the film Global Healing at 7.00pm on Friday 4 October in the St Richard Reynolds Centre and hear from scientists, priests, sisters and theologians about the climate emergency and how we can care for our common home. Tea and coffee provided

# Mass Times

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## Sunday 15 Sept

*24th in Ordinary Time*

*Home Mission Sunday*

8.45am *Family of Tanyika*

10.45am *Ben Davies RIP*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

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## Monday 16 September

*St Cornelius*

7.30am Convent

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## Tuesday 17 September

6.30pm

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## Wednesday 18 Sept

9.30am

4.00pm Hospital Mass

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## Thursday 19 September

9.30am *Eileen Lever RIP*

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## Friday 20 September

*St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn*

7.30am Convent

**9.45am Funeral Mass**

**Joyce Dobson RIP**

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## Saturday 21 September

*St Matthew - Apostle*

**11.00am Lourdes Group**

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## Sunday 22 Sept

*25th in Ordinary Time*

*The Harvest: the fruits of*

*human work, and the*

*reverent use of creation*

8.45am

10.45am International

Mass *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

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## Monday 23 September

*St Pius of Pietrelcina*

7.30am Convent

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## Tuesday 24 September

*Our Lady of Walsingham*

6.30pm

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## Wednesday 25 Sept

9.30am

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

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## Thursday 26 September

9.30am

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## Friday 27 September

*St Vincent de Paul*

7.30am Convent

9.30am

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## Saturday 28 September

9.30am

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## Sunday 29 Sept

*26th in Ordinary Time*

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am

6.00pm

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## Confessions

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Saturday 10.00am Church

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## Adoration

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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.*

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## The Word

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### Sunday 15 September

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11.13-14

*The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.*

Psalm Response

*I will leave this place and go to my father.*

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*

## Gospel

Luke 15:1-32

*There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.*

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## Sunday 22 September

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

*Against those who 'buy up the poor for money'.*

Psalm Response

*Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

Second Reading

Timothy 2:1-8

*There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone saved.*

## Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

*You cannot be the slave of God and of money.*

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## Sunday 29 September

First Reading

Amos 6:1.4-7

*Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled.*

Psalm Response

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

Second Reading

Timothy 6:11-16

*Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.*

## Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

*Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.*

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