

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
15 March 2020. Third Sunday of Lent. Year A

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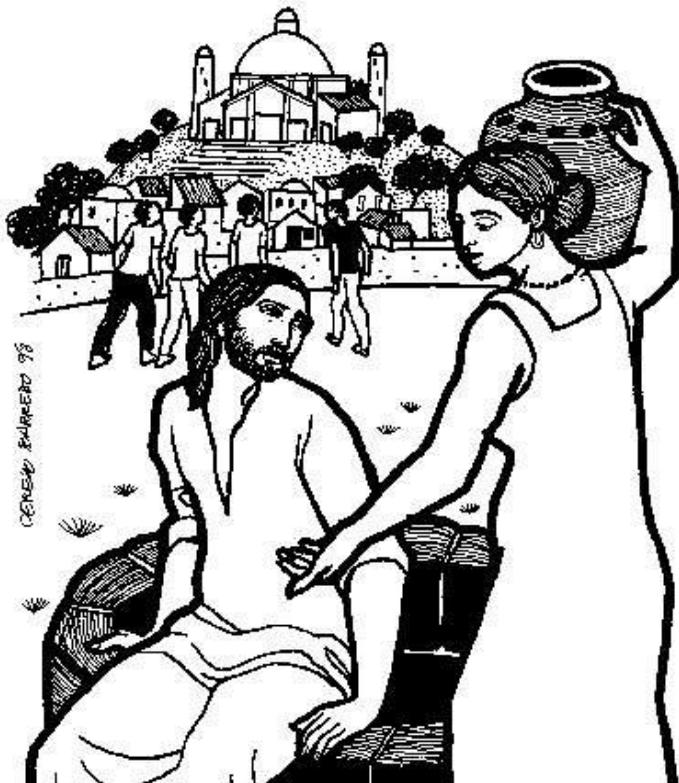
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The Gospel of the third Sunday of Lent is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well. The theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. As at Easter we will all renew our baptismal promises, so we should take this opportunity in Lent to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

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 10.45am Mass most Sundays.

Refreshments

No refreshments after Masses at the moment.

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.

Parish News

Deadline for newsletter items 4.00pm Wednesday. By phone or email.

Wednesday Word

Reflecting on the Sunday readings. Wednesdays 2.00pm St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Many thanks

*Sunday Collections
1 March £1445.50
8 March £1076.32*

Calendar of Events

Mondays

livesimply Sewing Group

St Richard Reynolds Centre 6.30pm

Wednesdays

Wednesday Word

St Richard Reynolds Centre 2.00pm

Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm

Fridays

Sun 15 Mar

to Sat 21 Mar

Wed 18 Mar

Week of Guided Prayer

St Richard Reynolds Centre and the Church

Lent Prayer and lunch

St Lawrence Church 12.00pm

Praying the Rosary

Blessed Sacrament Church 6.30pm

Fri 20 Mar

Stations of the Cross

Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm

Wed 25 Mar

Lent Prayer and lunch

Blessed Sacrament Church 12.00pm

Lent Confessions

Sacred Heart Church 6.00pm till 8.00pm

Thurs 26 Mar

Thursday Lunch Club

Suspended until further notice

Stronghold Praise & Worship

St Richard Reynolds Centre 7.15pm

Fri 27 Mar

Stations of the Cross

Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm

Wed 1 April

Lent Prayer and lunch

Wonford Methodist Church 12.00pm

Fri 3 April

Stations of the Cross

Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm

Sat 4 April

Journeying with the Lord

St Rita's Honiton 9.30am

Gift Session

St Nicholas School 9.30am

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St Richard Reynolds Centre 10.00am

Sun 5 April

Extraordinary Form Mass

St Nicholas School 3.00pm

Wed 8 April

Chrism Mass

Plymouth Cathedral 12.00pm

Thurs 9 April

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Blessed Sacrament Church 7.00pm

Watching at the Altar of Repose

Blessed Sacrament Church 8.30-10.30pm

Fri 10 April

Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

Blessed Sacrament Church 9.30am

Servers practice

Blessed Sacrament Church 10.00am

Coronavirus Update

In addition to the advice last week from Bishop Mark, we have now been advised that shared hymn books should not be used. Also the collection bags should not be passed around. Instead they will be passed by the collectors but not handled by anyone else. Please continue to wash your hands regularly, and try not to touch surfaces. Parishioners who are sick or experiencing symptoms of sickness are not obliged to attend Mass, and out of charity they ought not to attend. The Catechism of the Catholic Church allows for this, for serious reason, • like illness. Coffee after Sunday 10.45am and Wednesday 9.30am Masses are suspended as will be the Thursday Lunch Club, for the moment, but this is only temporary until this situation has passed. Please take your newsletter home with you. Thank you.

Watching Mass online?

Did you know you can watch Mass live online? There are many websites which offer the service. Unfortunately watching Mass online or on the television does not fulfil your obligation, but it can help with a spiritual communion if you are ill.

Lent Prayer and Lunches

Wednesdays in Lent at 12 noon. Gather to pray together with fellow Christians in Heavitree and share a simple lunch. Collection for Exeter Foodbank - 18 March St Lawrence's, 25 March Blessed Sacrament and 1 April Wonford Methodist.

Lent confessions

Wednesday 25 March at Sacred Heart Church, South Street. A chance to make your Lenten confession from 6.00pm to 8.00pm when there will be 4 priests in the church to hear confessions.

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings throughout Lent at 7.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Chrism Mass

We are considering hiring a coach to Plymouth Cathedral for this celebration on Wednesday 8 April at 12 noon. We do however need to have an idea of numbers before committing. If you would like to go, please print your name in CAPITALS on the sheet at the back of Church. Cost will be £8-£10 depending on how many go. It is such an important strengthening celebration for the whole diocese and really worth attending.

Lent Day of Recollection

Bishop Mark O'Toole will lead a day entitled 'Journeying with the Lord' St Rita's Honiton, Saturday 4 April 9.30am till 4.00pm. The cost is £25.00 which includes lunch and coffee and tea. Mass will be celebrated and there will be an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. To book contact St Rita's 01404 42601 or follow the link: <https://www.stritascentre.org/events/lent-day-of-recollection>

Mothering Sunday Flowers

Families are invited to help make Mothering Sunday posies. Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart parishes are joining forces this year to make small bunches of flowers to give to mothers on Mothering Sunday at the Masses in each parish. We are looking for families to come along and help. This will take place at the Cardinal Newman House, Wonford Road, EX2 4PF on Saturday 21 March between 10.30 and 12.00pm. Parents will need to accompany their child(ren) during this activity.

Catholic Women's League

The monthly Mass for the work of the League will be at the Sacred Heart Church, South St on Saturday 21 March at 10.00 am. **The next meeting** is on Tuesday 24 March at Mount St. Mary's Convent, Wonford Rd. at 2.00pm. The Easter gifts for the Apostleship of the Sea will be collected.

Joel's Bar

Joel's bar is a Catholic charismatic conference born out of the Celebrate conferences for 16–25-year-olds held at Worth Abbey on 12-17 April. It is a week of contemporary worship, engaging talks, times of discussion and journeying to help young people encounter the love of Christ in a new way. For more information on how to book see www.joelsbar.co.uk or email samuel.knight47@gmail.com

If you would like to go and need financial help please see Fr Jonathan.

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Collection of biscuits and snacks Thank you for your very generous donations which you have been placing in the box at the back of the church labelled Sleep Safe. Please continue to fill the box. It is hoped that the shelter will stay open through the summer.

livesimply Meeting on Saturday April 4 at 10.00am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please send your ideas for this meeting by phoning 013912 209542 or by email to livesimplyexeter@gmail.com

Spring Fair Saturday May 2 There will be a plant stall, a cake stall and also things that the sewing group have made and a raffle.

Food Bank - the foodbank is running low on stocks and their March list of most wanted items is: Toilet rolls, Noodle/pasta snacks, Pasta sauce, Fish - tins (tuna), Potatoes - tins/pkts, Milk - 1litre UHTsemi-skimmed, Meat - tins, Vegetables - tins (sweetcorn/peas/carrots). Remember that donated items can be placed in the basket at the back of the church from where they are regularly collected and taken to a collection point. Thank you.

Look & Ichthus sheets

Please take copies of these from the porch each week to help support your children in their understanding of the Mass.

Plymouth Diocese Pilgrimages 2020

Lourdes

Led by Bishop Mark O'Toole and Pilgrimage Director, Father Kieran Kirby. 31 July - 6 August. Flying from Exeter. £799 per person sharing. Joe Walsh Tours tel. 020346806127 or Father Kieran tel. 01392 274724 for further information and booking forms see: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/plymouthlourdes/>

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

31 July to 6 August. Direct flights from Exeter to Lourdes £499 per person sharing. To book contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0203 468 06127 info@joewalshstours.co.uk or Fr Kieran Kirby on 01392 272815. See poster in church porch for more details or contact the above.

Medjugorje

This is the first time that the Diocese has been able to organise an official Diocesan pilgrimage to Medjugorje as it was only in May 2019 that Pope Francis authorised such pilgrimages. The pilgrimage will take place from 24 to 31 October 2020 flying from Heathrow to Split. It is being organised through the Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team and bookings should be made through them. More details on poster in the church porch or from www.marian-uk.com

Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland on 8 July 2020. £649.00 per person sharing. Fly from Bristol with 10kg hand luggage, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Single extra £100. For info call Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Stronghold Prayer & Praise

Next meet in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Thursday 26 March at 7.15pm. Come and join us for a spiritually uplifting and joy filled evening. All are very welcome.

Parish Rosary Group

Would you like to gather to pray the rosary together? We will next be meeting on Wednesday 18 March at 6.30pm in the church. We would love to see you there.

Extraordinary Form Mass

Blessed Sacrament Sunday 5 April 3.00pm.

Summer Camps 2020

Applications are now being taken for places at the Summer Camps at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. Details of dates and application forms can be obtained from the parish office, the church porch or on-line from www.pdsummercamps.org.uk Prompt applications are advisable. Also see poster in the church porch.

Going in to hospital?

Please let the parish office or one of the priests know so that your details can be passed to the hospital chaplain so that you can be visited and ministered to. You may also wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go into hospital.

Book of Intentions

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. To comply with GDPR please only mention people by their Christian name.

Preparing for Baptism

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 on one of our courses. We look forward to supporting you and your family in your faith journey together. Our Baptism course runs over 3 consecutive Saturday mornings from 10.30-12.00. Our March course is already up and running but you can still book onto the other courses running in 2020: July 11, 18, 25 and Nov 14, 21, 28.

Pope Francis on mercy...

The cross is the price of true love. Lord give us the strength to accept and carry our crosses!

Wednesday Word

A resource which allows us to prayerfully prepare for Mass on Sunday by reading and reflecting on the Gospel and the other readings 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. St Richard Reynolds Centre on Wednesdays at 2.00pm or at Sacred Heart Church on Fridays at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Venue change: Please note that the group which meets at the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Wednesdays will meet at the Mount St Mary's Centre on Wednesday 18 March. All other Wednesdays will meet as usual in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Diocesan Retreats 2020

Led by experienced members of the Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group, who are trained in Ignatian Spirituality. The group includes priests, deacons and lay people. A list of retreats in 2020 and application forms can be found in the church porch.

Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry

On 29 March England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' Bishop Mark will be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral that day and making the rededication at the end of Mass. This will happen in other Catholic Cathedrals across the country and in Walsingham, and parishes are invited to participate, too, by making the rededication at the end of the main Mass, that morning. The following link gives more details of how to participate in the rededication, both as a parish and personally.

www.behold2020.com/take-part.

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. To comply with GDPR rules we must have the permission of the person named if it is to be made public unless they are deceased.

Natural Fertility Regulation

NFR South West are seeking to recruit and train new teachers in the Billings Ovulation Method (BOM) in the Plymouth Diocese. Applicants should, preferably, have experience of, or a basic knowledge of, NFP, or be willing to learn and use the method themselves. Training will be by 10 correspondence modules, covering 10 consecutive months with 3 study days per year. There is a discretionary cost of £250 to cover resources and training. For more information phone Christine Hudson – on telephone 07742320717

Diocesan Vacancy

RE and Catholic Life Adviser. Location St. Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL Salary: £45,000 per annum for full time hours, pro-rata for reduced hours, plus allowances and pension scheme (subject to eligibility). Hours: will depend on experience, 3, 4 or 5 days per week. The RE and Catholic Life Adviser is accountable to the Diocesan Schools Commissioner and ultimately the Episcopal Vicar for Schools, whose role in canon law is to ensure that the Bishop's vision for our schools is visible in their Catholic identity, character and ethos. In every school we seek to lay the foundations for every child's spiritual development and to put Christ and his teachings at the centre of their education. A copy of the job description is obtainable from the Human Resources Department: recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter and the last date for applications is Monday 23/30 March 2020. Interviews will be held week commencing 30 March/6 April 2020. The appointee to will be subject to an enhanced clearance through the Disclosure & Barring Service.

The Apostles' Creed

The tradition of the Church during Lent and Eastertide is that the Apostles' Creed is prayed on Sundays and Solemnities. This is more Baptismal in character and fitting for the seasons.

Pope's March Intention

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity. See also [https:// the Popevideo.org/](https://thePopevideo.org/)

God Who Speaks Talk

That was to be held at St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston on 21 March is postponed until later in the year, due to the escalating Covid-19 situation.

Day of Prayer for Victims & Survivors of Abuse

Following the directive of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that the worldwide Church should join in a day of prayer for survivors of abuse, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has designated the Friday of the fifth Sunday of Lent for this to take place. This year, it is to be on Friday, 3 April. There will be victims/survivors of abuse, and their families, in our parish communities. I am sure that they would appreciate knowing that we are praying for them, most especially on that day.

International Eucharist Congress

The 52nd International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Budapest between the 14 and 21 September 2020. This joyous event offers a deep spiritual experience along with cultural programmes. It brings together people from all over the world. If you would like more information about this please contact the parish office who can point you in the right direction.

St Oscar Romero

Mass to mark the 40th anniversary of St Oscar Romero's martyrdom will be celebrated on Saturday 21 March at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Even though we may not be able to attend we can join the celebration in prayer asking St Oscar to intercede for us and for all victims of violence, corruption and greed. St Oscar Romero, pray for us.

GIFT Family Catechesis

The first three sessions of GIFT have been a great success. Families and children have expressed their gratitude and appreciation for all they are learning about the faith and all they are experiencing of the Church. Many thanks to all who have taken part so far, especially our catechists and helpers.

GIFT is a different approach to growing in faith which we hope will lead to a greater understanding of the sacraments and your part in the life of the Church. It is for all families regardless of whether your children have or have not received First Holy Communion. We also welcome older children who have made their first Holy Communion. Focussing on the issues and challenges they face we will help them grow in faith and see the relevance of the Church in their lives.

Please take information leaflets giving dates of sessions. The next session is on Saturday 4 April 9.30 - 12.00 at St Nicholas School.

St Nick's News

This is a short term but we have packed many activities into the 5 weeks. These include trips to Haven Banks for the Yr 1/2 children to do caving, climbing and abseiling, and a residential trip to River Dart for Yr 3/4 children. We are also holding a taster event on Monday at 3.30pm so that all parents can sample the school meals we offer.

We will be celebrating the Supper of the Lord liturgy on the 25 March and the Way of the Cross liturgy, both in the school hall on the 27 March and both at 9.15am. Parishioners are welcome to join us for these and for coffee, tea and cake beforehand from 8.30am.

Masses at the Convent

Temporarily Mass will not be celebrated at the Convent. We are sure you will understand and we will let you know as soon as they resume.

Magazines for Hospital

Many thanks for all you help but at the moment we will not be collecting magazines.

Mass Times

Sunday 15 March

Third of Lent

8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am
6.00pm

Monday 16 March

No Convent Mass

Tuesday 17 March

St Patrick, Bishop
6.30pm

Wednesday 18 March

9.30am *Philip Pires & Rhoda D'Cruz RIP*
4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 19 March

St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am *Pat Stewart RIP*

Friday 20 March

No Convent Mass
9.30am *Repose of the souls of the Irving family and Odette Aufrere RIP*

Saturday 21 March

9.30am

Sunday 22 March

Fourth of Lent

Laetare Sunday

8.45am *Jacob Joseph RIP*
10.45am *People of the Parish*
6.00pm *Private Intention*

Monday 23 March

No Convent Mass

Tuesday 24 March

6.30pm

Wednesday 25 March

The Annunciation of the Lord

9.30am *In Thanksgiving*
4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 26 March

9.30am

Friday 27 March

No Convent Mass
9.30am

Saturday 28 March

9.30am

Sunday 29 March

Fifth of Lent

8.45am
10.45am
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Confessions

Saturday 10.00am Church

Adoration

Tuesdays 8.00-9.00pm
at the 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 15 March

First Reading
Exodus 17:3-7
Give us water to drink.

Psalm Response
*O that today you would
listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2.5-8
*The love of God has been
poured into our hearts by the
Holy Spirit which has been
given to us.*

Gospel Matthew 4:5-42
*A spring of water welling up to
eternal life. For forty days and
is tempted.*

Sunday 22 March

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13
David is anointed king of Israel.

Psalm Response

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14
*Rise from the dead, and Christ
will shine on you.*

Gospel

John 9:1-41
*He went off and washed
himself, and came away with
his sight restored.*

Sunday 29 March

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14
*I shall put my spirit in you, and
you will live.*

Psalm Response

*With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11
*The Spirit of him who raised
Jesus from the dead is living
in you.*

Gospel

John 11:1-45
*I am the resurrection and
the life.*

***Clocks go forward one
hour 2.00am Sunday 29
March.***



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