

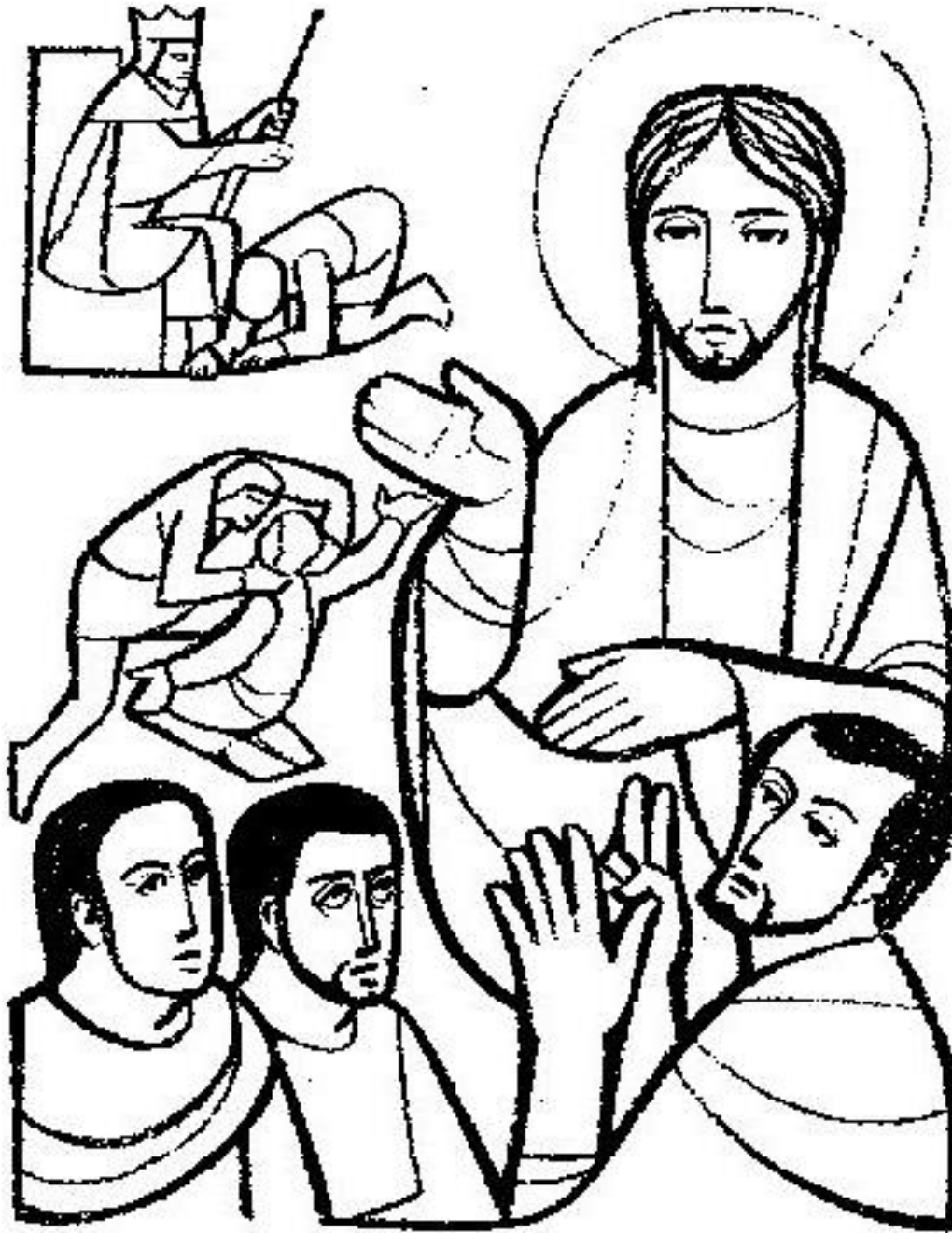
# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish** Heavitree Exeter

**13 September 2020** Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A

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***I do  
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times.***

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we

give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying 'That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again'? When Jesus says that we must forgive 'seventy-seven' times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: 'Father, forgive them...' As his disciples, we must do likewise.



## THIS IS MY HOME #HandsForHomelessness

Homelessness is a continued, significant issue in Exeter. This autumn St Petrock's are asking people to help support rough sleepers by joining their September Sleeping Bag Appeal. You can help by: **DROPPING OFF** a second hand (clean!) sleeping bag at St Petrock's Centre <https://bit.ly/31JSOsH> **PURCHASING** a sleeping bag from our Amazon Wish List for delivery straight to St Petrock's <https://goo.gl/LYDetR> **DONATING** the cost of a sleeping bag (£30) or an amount of your choosing towards a sleeping bag <https://bit.ly/2YzDkvu> **FUNDRAISE** for sleeping bags by "lending a hand" and doing a job for someone <https://bit.ly/2YzDkvu>

## The Season of Creation

**1 September – 4 October 2020** 'The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home' Laudato Si' 1.3 The Season of Creation begins on September 1, and ends on October 4, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis has declared a special Year of Laudato Si', from 24 May 2020 to 24 May 2021. The current pandemic has highlighted the inequalities which exist in our own country and its various communities and also the huge inequalities in the world between rich and poor. We must take opportunities to rebuild in a better way. A greener, more environmentally friendly future is possible. Making care for the poor, the most disadvantaged in our society and in the world a priority is possible.

## Celebration of Mass

The change to the law regarding meeting in groups no larger than six from Monday 14 September **does not** apply to places of worship. Thank goodness!

## New Ministry in the Kingdom – IT Support

**Can you share with us your interest or expertise in IT?**

We sometimes need a technician to oversee the smooth running of some of our parish online events and are looking for a few individuals to support us in running these zoom meetings and other things. If you are skilled in IT, or interested in being trained up, we'd love to hear from you: [Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk)

# Cafod Appeal

CAFOD is working to help communities to rebuild, and survive the effects of coronavirus in the long-term within developing countries. Working closely with local partners on the ground in Peru to reach those affected by the Coronavirus, prioritising people living in poverty, those in isolation, and those who are unemployed. CAFOD is working in Niger to reduce the impact of Coronavirus by improving hygiene and informing remote communities methods to repel the virus. India has suffered flooding in Assam due to monsoon rains we are currently providing emergency assistance to those in need. Christine Allen, CAFOD's Director, addressing the recent Beirut disaster said: "CAFOD expresses its deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of the victims, as well as to the people Lebanon." CAFOD's network of local experts and volunteers are on the ground in Beirut helping communities survive. Please donate to CAFOD:

[www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) or through our local CAFOD Exeter Catholic Churches Coronavirus Appeal at JustGiving [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CAFODInternationalCoronavirusAppealExeter](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CAFODInternationalCoronavirusAppealExeter)

## *GIFT Growing In Faith Together*

Our monthly autumn sessions of GIFT began last weekend. These 30-minute zoom meetings will help familiarise parents with the 'God calls' resources by focusing on: introducing parents to the structure and format of the resources; exploring the catechesis and faith teaching of the resource and answering any questions parents may have. The material concentrates on coaching parents to teach and support their children in learning about faith. Following the Zoom call, parents will be emailed the resources which can be used with the whole family during the month. GIFT is for all families; if you'd like to join us, please get in touch with Maria ([exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)). Future GIFT zoom dates are scheduled for the 3 October, 7 November and 5 December.

## Youth Events in the Diocese

**September 26** - workshops for young people to discuss the future of our planet and ways we can teach others to look after it. Bookings will be taken in September.

**October** – a series of 5 sessions, exploring faith, music and creativity for those aged 13-21. We are looking for young people across the diocese to help put together a short film of prayer and reflection. The theme is; My spiritual journey, living through COVID-19. If you are interested in any of these or any future events, please email: [youth@prcdtr.org](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org)

## Youth Service – COVID 19

Young people from across our diocese have shared their thoughts and reflections on COVID 19. Many of us have been through a challenging time but there are good things that have happened such as experiencing quality family time. Our young people have linked their experiences with stories from the bible and some have thought about Saints lives, relating the things they did with some of the Saints. To see our youth service please go to: [https://youtu.be/ekDqdB3\\_YG8](https://youtu.be/ekDqdB3_YG8) If you would like to take part in the next Youth Service please contact [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) Bless Youth Ministry in our Diocese.

## Education Sunday

Education Sunday, 13 September, is the special time of year when our Catholic community celebrates and supports our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform. Catholic schools couldn't exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last 170 years. This year Education Sunday takes place at a time when many children, young people and staff have been away from schools, colleges and universities and have been working in different ways. We think of them all in our prayers today.

## YMCA Host family recruitment

The YMCA is looking for three host families for their new TEN:10 Interns, due to begin their volunteer placement at YMCA Exeter from October 2020. They need local families who can:

- Give a YMCA Exeter Intern a home for the academic year (10/10/20 – 23/7/21)
- Help interns plug into a local church and community
- Support, pray and journey with interns as they seek to follow God and find their career path through voluntary service

Host families will receive £85 per week from YMCA Exeter to cover their rent and food, and will receive support in building a great relationship with them. To find out more call them on 01392 410530 or see the YMCA website.

## Catholic Chaplaincies

A website has been set up to help young people find their Catholic chaplaincy when they arrive at college or university this autumn <http://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk>

## Dial-a-Mass

The Middlesbrough Diocese in conjunction with the Knights of St Columba began Dial-a-Mass for the benefit of those who do not have the internet or computer. The Mass is recorded and put on telephone, at 12 midday on Sunday and will stay until 11.59 the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call the person can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The number to call is **01642 130120**. The Mass will not go over one hour (approximately 45 minutes). Many people who have used this service have said how good it is and how it helped them, they felt less left out as they do not use computers and less isolated from the faith and the catholic community.

## Online Individually Guided Retreats

The Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group is offering online individually guided retreats for three, five or six days. Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Group are experienced guides, who have received training in relation to Ignatian spirituality and include priests, deacons or lay people. Dates can be arranged to suit individuals. For further information, please contact the Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group [diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk) or telephone: 01752 769164 or 07823447637. In these uncertain and challenging times, many have rediscovered the delights of the created world, are turning to meditative practices, even finding solace in prayer. Others may feel the need to explore, make sense and reflect on the presence of God in their everyday lives, especially during difficult or painful moments experienced recently.

## Sunday Mass Blessed Sacrament on YouTube

Available each week at [www.youtube.com/c/BlessedSacramentExeter](http://www.youtube.com/c/BlessedSacramentExeter)

## Vacancies in the Diocese of Plymouth

**Vicariate for Clergy Administrator (part time) – 1 post** Location: Home based but within travelling distance to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon. Salary: £11.14 per hour (Actual Salary - £9,268.00 per annum). Hours: 16 hours per week

The Vicariate for Clergy Administrator will work under the supervision and direction of the Secretary to the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy to provide appropriate administrative support to the Vicariate for Clergy to ensure the smooth running of clergy administration. Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or by email to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). The last date for applications is Monday 28 September and interviews will be held on Monday 12 October at St. Boniface House, Ashburton.



**Parish Property Mentors** - Location: Homeworking with travel to parishes and occasional travel to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL. Salary: 1 post £30K p.a. pro rata (actual £18K p.a.), and 1 post £35K p.a. (actual £21K p.a.) dependant on experience, plus pension scheme (subject to eligibility). Hours: 21 hours per week x 2 posts. Closing Date: Monday 14 Sept. First interviews: via MS Teams on 22 Sept, second interviews in person on 29 Sept at St Boniface House. Parish Property Mentors will provide practical guidance & support to Parishes from initial enquiry through to completion of pre & post contract building activities for repair & maintenance activities and more substantial re-ordering/alteration work for churches, parish halls and presbyteries. Ideal candidates will have great interpersonal and communication skills; ability to manage a wide range of property based technical consultants and an RICS/CIOB professional qualification (or equivalent) and ideally be educated to degree level. Copies of the job description, person specification and application form are obtainable by contacting Cathedral Appointments, Exeter by emailing: [andrei@cathedralappointments.co.uk](mailto:andrei@cathedralappointments.co.uk).

## Devon Artist Network

A vibrant showcase of art and craft across Devon from 12 to 27 September. There will be open studios in 114 venues by 200 artists. For more information [www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk](http://www.devonartistnetwork.co.uk)

## Gift Aid Donors

You should soon receive your annual gift aid letter for the year ending 5 April 2020. This shows the tax amount the Parish will be claiming so do check you have paid enough tax to cover the gift. The letters have been sent to the address currently held in our gift aid records. If you are expecting a letter but do not receive one please contact the Parish Treasurer via the Parish Office. Many thanks for your continued financial support of the parish.

## Your Offering

We are enormously grateful for your continued generosity to the parish, particularly at this time when fewer people are coming to church on a regular basis. Please place your cash offering or planned giving envelopes in one of the two baskets at the church doors. These will be collected at the end of each Mass. Please remember that the most efficient way for you to give is by standing order. Forms are available by emailing the parish office. Arrangements are made directly with your bank. And if you can, please GiftAid your contribution. We are making plans for contactless giving at the church.

## Holy Places of Palestine

Traditionally a collection is taken for the Holy Places on Good Friday. We were unable to do so this year. Instead we have been asked to take up the collection this weekend. We will send a donation from the parish but if anyone would like to contribute please place your offering in an envelope marked 'Holy Places Collection' and place in the basket as you leave Mass or if unable to attend and wish to donate put the envelope through the presbytery letterbox. This money is used to help and preserve all the Holy Places in the Holy Land. Thank you

## Pope's September Intention

Respect for the planet's resources. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner. See also <https://thepopevideo.org/>

## The Pope tweets...

Today, in the tragedy of a pandemic, in the face of the many false securities that have now crumbled, in the face of so many hopes betrayed, in the sense of abandonment that weighs upon our hearts, Jesus says to each one of us: "Courage, open your heart to my love".

## Pope Francis on Mercy...

The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others.

## Stewarding at Mass

If you would like to join the team please contact the parish office and we will get you on the rota. Please can we ask that all stewards arrive at least half an hour before the beginning of Mass so that we can open the doors of the church in readiness for our congregation. Thank you.

## Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word resumed on Wednesday 2 September. We meet online via the Zoom app and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. In this very simple way we grow in our understanding of scripture and about the God Who Speaks. You don't have to be a scripture scholar to join! It's open to anyone who feels they would like to increase their faith. And please don't be anxious if you have never used Zoom, we will help you to get set up. If you would like to join and receive email notifications, please email: [exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Confessions

Following Mass on Saturday mornings. Please wait in the pews at the front of the church (socially distanced) as they will have to be cleaned afterwards. I will hear confessions in the sacristy maintaining a 2m distance. Please remember that the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass includes an absolution prayed by the priest for the forgiveness of our sins. *Fr Jonathan*

## We welcome to the church...

On Sunday after the 10.45am Mass we are celebrating the baptism of Luke Mills. Please pray for him, his family and friends.

## Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## Face Masks/Coverings

It continues to be mandatory to cover our faces when we come to church. Please see it rather as an act of charity towards your neighbour than a rule. We are going to maintain the 2m distancing in church which the government recommends wherever possible. This will mean that the capacity inside the church will not change. Therefore, if you do come and cannot get in, please be generous in your response. Certain people are exempt from wearing masks and a list of these exemptions can be found on the Gov.uk website.

The Parish livesimply Sewing Group have been making face masks and some are available at church. The group are asking for a donation for the parish.

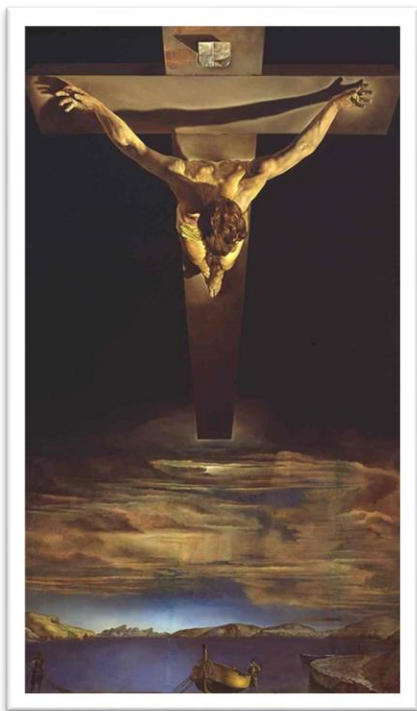
## Smartloving Breakthrough Online Course

All marriages go through periods of stress and disillusionment. Many more families are struggling at this time. It's important for all of us to be proactive in keeping our marriages healthy by healing any hurts we may have accumulated and resolving any

resentment. SmartLoving BreakThrough is an online course that teaches participants how conflict arises, and how to take simple steps to heal the wounds and restore hope.

- **Learn how arguments happen:** manage them better or avoid them altogether
- **Understand your internal drivers:** and how your spouse is triggering you
- **Process the pain of past injuries:** making you stronger and less reactive
- **Restore hope for your relationship's future:** with practical strategies

Private | Confidential | Effective. Couples can do it together but it can still help a marriage if only one person undertakes it. It can be done immediately, and in as long a time as necessary. They are offering a 50% off discount until September 30. For more information and to book contact [info@marriagerc.org](mailto:info@marriagerc.org)



## For all the Saints...

*14 September*

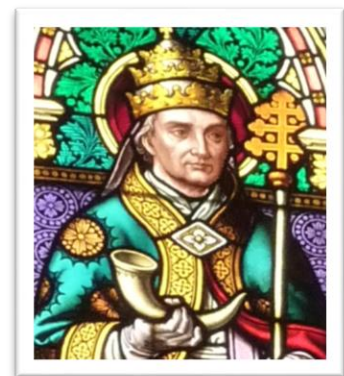
### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

What are these Christians about, exalting an instrument of torture? Firstly, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Secondly, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. We may theorise and theologise all we like; but all our theorisings and theologisings are nothing without the history on which they are based. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.

*15 September Our Lady of Sorrows*

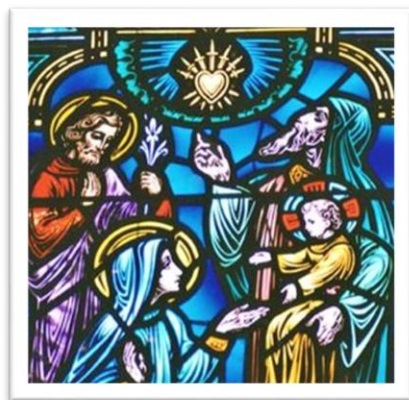
*"And you yourself a sword will pierce" Lk 2:35*

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows flourished in the Middle Ages, and the hymn Stabat Mater was composed for it. Although it is officially celebrated today, the day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, popular devotion in many parts of the Mediterranean celebrates it with processions on the Friday before Holy Week.



*16 September St Cornelius*

Cornelius was made bishop of the church in Rome (Pope) in the year 251. He fought against the Novatian schismatics, those who thought that 'lapsed' Christians should be exiled from the Church, and established his authority with the aid of Cyprian. During the persecutions of Emperor Gallus Cornelius was sent into exile, and he died at Civitavecchia in June 253. He is buried in Rome.



# Mass Times

## Sunday 13 September

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*Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Education Sunday*

8.45am

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Tuesday 15 September

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

6.30pm *Ben Davies RIP*

Wednesday 16 September

*St Cornelius, Pope*

9.30am *Walter Leach RIP*

Thursday 17 September

9.30am

Friday 18 September

6.30pm *Ann & Colin Dudley in Thanksgiving*

*Golden wedding anniversary*

Saturday 19 September

9.30am

## Sunday 20 September

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*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Home Mission Sunday*

8.45am *Joan Ash RIP*

10.45am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 22 September

*Dedication of Plymouth Cathedral (1880)*

6.30pm

Wednesday 23 September

*St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

9.30am

Thursday 24 September

*Our Lady of Walsingham*

9.30am

Friday 25 September

6.30pm

Saturday 26 September

9.30am *Jack & Peggy Webber RIP*

# The Word

## Sunday 13 September

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FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7  
*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

PSALM *The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9  
*Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.*

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35  
*I do not tell you to forgive seven times,  
but seventy-seven times.*

## Sunday 20 September

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FIRST READING Isaiah 55:6-9  
*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

PSALM *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

SECOND READING Philippians 1:20-24.27  
*Life to me is Christ.*

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16  
*Why be envious because I am generous?*

## Confessions

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Following 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. *Please be seated (socially distanced) in the front pews on the left of the church. The church will need to be cleaned following confessions.*

## Attachments

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*Sunday Message & Sunday Homily*

*LOOK for young children*

*ICTHUS for older children*