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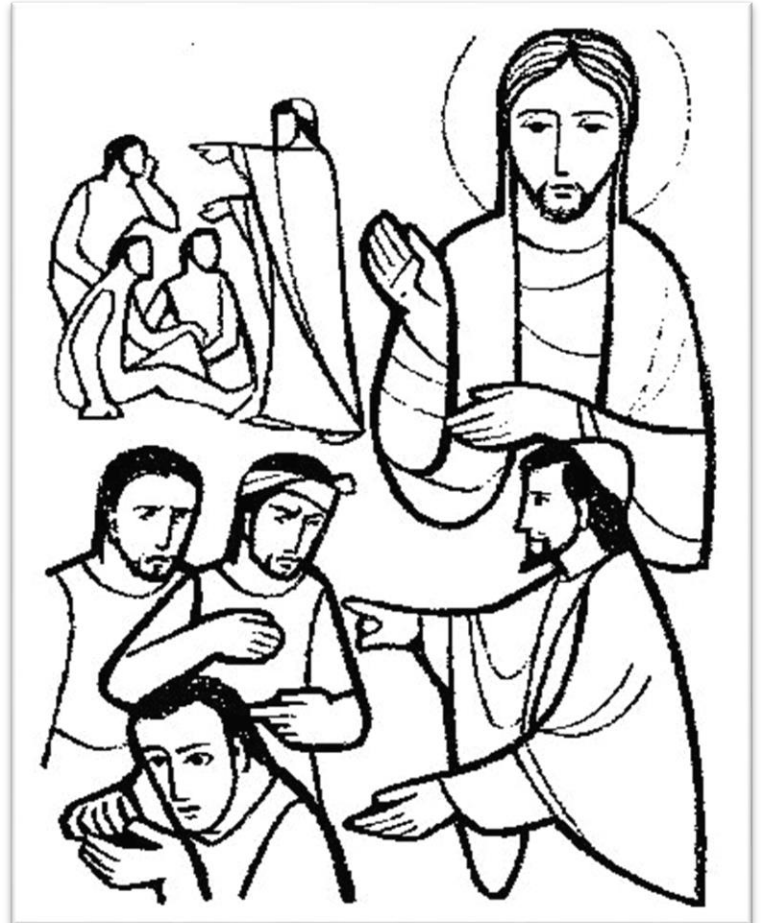


Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

20 September 2020 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A

Why be envious, because I am generous?

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts.



Home Mission Sunday

Today we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. 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 will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. In short, the collection helps them to help us. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online visit www.homemission.org.uk. Please place your offering in an envelope marked 'Home Mission 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 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/31JS0sH>

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>



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

Reaching Out – Stretch forth your Hand to the Poor

You are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole at our FREE Diocesan on-line event on Saturday 24 October 10.30am-12.30pm to prepare for World Day of the Poor. This event will bring people together from across the Diocese of Plymouth for prayer and reflection, led by Bishop Mark. We will share stories of outreach happening across our Diocese and discuss how we can work together to reach out to the most poor and vulnerable. We hope you can join us. Please email <mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk>.

One Hope Project - Exploring your relationship with God

Are you aged between 14 and 25, fancy working with One Hope Project to explore who God is and how He is part of your life? There will be 4 sessions starting on Wednesday 30 September. Session will run through ZOOM 7.30 – 8.30. You will need to book in order to get the log in. Feel free to bring a friend. To book go to youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Chrism Mass- Tuesday 22 September 12 noon

This Mass (delayed from Holy Week in April) will be broadcast on YouTube from Plymouth Cathedral. Due to the limitations of the pandemic, it is not possible to offer you an invitation to attend, but the opportunity to celebrate it via online platforms is a good solution. The Diocesan Website and the Cathedral Website will have direct links to the Chrism Mass.

Letter from Cardinal Sarah

Please find attached a letter from Cardinal Sarah in which he writes about the importance of returning to Church, returning to the celebration of the Eucharist, and returning to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Francis has "approved this letter and ordered its publication."

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.

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.ogr.uk). Future GIFT zoom dates are scheduled for the 3 October, 7 November and 5 December.

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 or through our local CAFOD Exeter Catholic Churches Coronavirus Appeal at JustGiving www.justgiving.com/fundraising/CAFODInternationalCoronavirusAppealExeter

Celebration of Mass – Rule of 6

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!

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

Diocesan Youth Service – Reflections on the pandemic

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 If you would like to take part in the next Youth Service please contact youth@prcdtr.org.uk Bless Youth Ministry in our Diocese.

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/>

Pope Francis on Mercy...

God's mercy has entered the heart, revealing and showing wherein our certainty and hope lie: there is always the possibility of change, we still have time to transform what is destroying us as a people, what is demeaning our humanity.

The Pope tweets...

Climate restoration is of utmost importance for the Earth's future. Thus, I invite all nations to adopt more ambitious national targets to reduce emissions

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>

Exeter Foodbank—Food Shortages

Can you help by donating the following? Potatoes (tinned); Rice Pudding (tinned); Microwaveable Sponge Pudding; Toiletries (shower gel/deodorant/shampoo).
Current Collection Points - Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Tesco (Exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd)

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets 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

Thank you from the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

We cannot thank you enough for supporting our 2020 Annual Appeal – Stretch out Your Hands. At a time when all our fundraising events have been cancelled, your generosity enables us to continue helping vulnerable children and their families in these unprecedented times. The number of grant applications we are receiving continues to rise and we do not want to turn anyone away who has the courage to ask for our help. It's not too late to contribute, as our Crowdfunding campaign runs until Sunday 27 September and you can donate online by visiting <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/2020-ccsp-annual-appeal---stretch-out-your-hands> or via our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk where full details of how to make a donation can be found in a pop up text box on the welcome page. Crowdfunder have waived all fees so that we receive 100% of every donation which allows us to help more children and their families.

All those families who need our help and all our supporters are remembered especially in our prayers. Please God we will come through these unprecedented times, safely.

Vicki Dunstone. Fundraiser and Communications officer

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.

St Nicholas School Admissions

Reception 2021 Admissions

We are now taking Reception tour bookings for those interested in Reception 2021 admissions.

Due to COVID restrictions we are offering 6 tours over 2 days and are strictly limiting the numbers to 15 people per tour. The dates are either **Wednesday 21st October** or **Wednesday 18th November** and on each day we are offering tours at **9.30am, 1.30pm or 6.00pm**.

Please email the school (head@stnics.uk) with your preferred date, time and the numbers coming. We look forward to meeting you and showing you our lovely school.

Vacancy 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. The last date for applications is Monday 28 September and interviews will be held on Monday 12 October at St. Boniface House, Ashburton.

Stewarding at Mass

Our stewards continue to offer their time to help us celebrate Mass safely. We are immensely grateful to them all. 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. Many thanks.

Diocesan Award – Maria Edwards

We're delighted that Bishop Mark will be visiting the parish this coming Sunday evening. He will celebrate Mass and during the celebration award Maria Edwards with a diocesan medal. This is in recognition of her years serving as a Trustee of the diocese and an acknowledgement of her work supporting the mission of the Church. We congratulate her warmly on this award and join our thanks to those of the whole diocese.

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

Christians Together Across Exeter CTAX

The Leaves of the Trees: Art Installation by Peter Walker at Exeter Cathedral. Reflective Coronavirus Memorial Comes to Exeter Cathedral until 24 September, More info at <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/whats-on/the-leaves-of-the-trees-art-installation-by-peter-walker/>

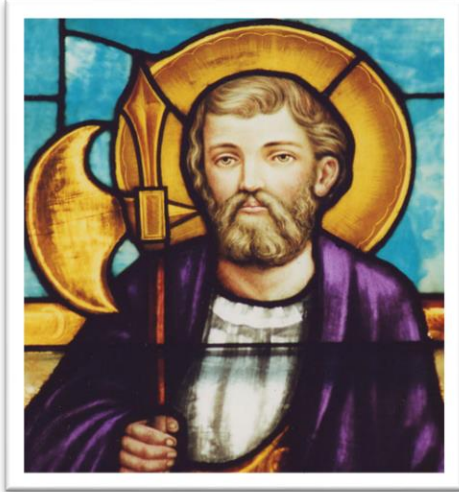
Pray for YMCA Exeter 24 September (and on the last Thursday of each month) 11.30am-12.30pm at St David's Church, EX4 4HR. Join others to pray for the work of Exeter YMCA, their staff, and the residents and young people they support. Email or call Ash (curate at St David's) on aescleal@gmail.com and 07855305519 for more info.

Exeter Prays 27 September (and last Sunday of each month after that) 8.00-8.40pm Praying for our city, land, and the nations. Online at www.southwestawake.com/ We will also aim to host a live watchparty on <https://www.facebook.com/CTAXChristiansTogether>

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

For all the Saints...

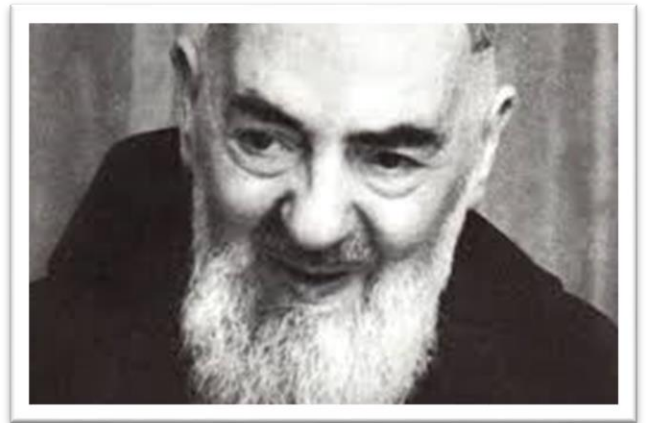


21 September St Matthew, Apostle

He was born in Capernaum, and was working as a tax collector when Jesus called him. He is thought by some scholars to have written an early version of his gospel in Aramaic, a precursor to the Greek version we now have. He is also said to have preached in the East.

23 September St Pius of Pietrelcine (Padre Pio) (1887-1968)

He was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy, and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later, and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral.



24 September Our Lady of Walsingham



The shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk was one of the great pilgrimage centres of mediaeval times. The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, had a vision in which the Virgin Mary instructed her to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth where the Annunciation had taken place. According to tradition this vision occurred in 1061, although the most likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later.

The original shrine was destroyed at the Reformation, but in the 19th and 20th centuries, pilgrimage to Walsingham was revived not only for Catholics but also for Anglicans.

Mass Times

Sunday 20 September

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), Priest

9.30am Tony Grant RIP

Thursday 24 September

Our Lady of Walsingham

9.30am

Friday 25 September

6.30pm

Saturday 26 September

9.30am Jack & Peggy Webber RIP

Sunday 27 September

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for Migrants

& Refugees

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am

6.00pm

Tuesday 29 September

SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels

6.30pm Adrian Jenkinson RIP

Wednesday 30 September

St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

9.30am

Thursday 1 October

St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

9.30am

Friday 2 October

The Holy Guardian Angels

6.30pm

Saturday 3 October

9.30am

The Word

Sunday 20 September

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?

Sunday 27 September

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

PSALM *Remember your mercy, Lord.*

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus

GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

Confessions

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

Parish Information

Sunday Message, Sunday Homily. Sunday Plus

LOOK for young children

ICTHUS for older children

Letter from Cardinal Sarah.

Bishop McAleenan meets charity workers and volunteers helping refugees in Dover

Environment Bishop: We all have a role to play in caring for our common home