

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish** Heavitree Exeter

11 October 2020 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A

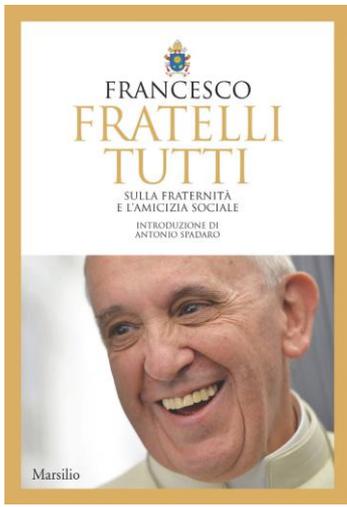
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## Invite everyone you can find to the wedding

The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our

thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.



# Brothers and Sisters All

The first words of Pope Francis' new encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' come from St Francis of Assisi – whose name Pope Francis chose when he was elected in 2013. It takes its inspiration from St Francis' *Admonitions 6 – Of the Imitation of the Lord*; “Let us all, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd who to save his sheep bore the suffering of the Cross.”

It has now been published and you can order a copy from the Catholic Truth Society (at a cost of £6.95 plus £1.95 shipping)

[www.ctsbooks.org/product/fratelli-tutti/](http://www.ctsbooks.org/product/fratelli-tutti/) The encyclical is also available to read online at the following link:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)

## *Pastoral Message from Bishop Mark*

In his letter, attached to Parish News this week, Bishop Mark urges us all to read Pope Francis' words in his new encyclical and to be encouraged by them.

## NHS COVID-19 App and QR Code for Blessed Sacrament

As many of you will know, the NHS has recently introduced an app for smart phones which enables you to check into venues such as restaurants, pubs and churches which display a QR code. You can download the app from the App Store or Google Play store. We have received a QR Code poster for the Blessed Sacrament Church and this is now on display in the porch. To check in, open your NHS COVID-19 app and tap "Venue Check in". This will open your camera automatically. Scan the QR code on the poster. The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else. As not everyone has a smart phone or is able to use the app, we will also continue to manually take names and contact details. For more information on the NHS app and QR codes, please see the two attachments.

## Prisons Week 11-17 October

Sunday 11 October marks the start of Prisons Week and the theme this year is 'Everything touches'. We are asked to think about how we are all connected at a time when physical touch is very limited because of the pandemic but we are still able to touch peoples' lives in incredible ways. We pray especially for all prisoners, their families and children, and those affected by the criminal justice system. PACT, the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions, defendants and their families, continues to bring hope to so many in an increasingly difficult time. If you feel able to give to help PACT in their work please visit [www.prisonweek.org](http://www.prisonweek.org) and you can make a donation on line.

## Retrouvaille: for Couples Struggling in their Marriage

Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well, and for those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced who want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the programme. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12 -15 November. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

# World Mission Sunday

Sunday, 18 October, is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. This special day unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people – 'Here I am, send me!' To donate please visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk), call 020 7821 9755 during office hours, or email [info@missio.org.uk](mailto:info@missio.org.uk)

## 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!

## Mission made possible

Online evangelisation formation continues in the Diocese and beyond. The Vicariate for Evangelisation provides personal formation for each participant to form a life changing attitude for mission, along with a practical method for sharing their faith sensitively and appropriately in everyday life (*Genesis* method). Full information is on the diocesan website, under, Mission Made Possible <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/missionmadepossiblesept/>

## The God Who speaks

Due to COVID-19 many of the events of the 2020 *God Who Speaks* project had to, and continue to be cancelled, much to the disappointment of many, especially as the initiative has generated great enthusiasm across the Dioceses. Coronavirus has created a real loss and the enthusiasm that had been generated thus far should be built on, giving the project at least another year, taking it to Sunday of the Word 2022. With the project possibly morphing into an ongoing work of Bible promotion; the next significant anniversary being the sixtieth of the promulgation of *Dei Verbum* in November 2025."

Our own Diocesan teaching tour in the Scriptures, continues to be suspended but the scriptural talks by Fr. Guy De Gaynesford and Fr. Robbie Low can be accessed, along with much more on: <https://stpaulrepository.com/?s=The+God+Who+Speaks> [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk) and on Facebook @plymouthdiocese. 1. How Catholics Read the Bible; 2. Christ in the Old Testament; 3. The Fulfilment of the Covenant in the New Testament. Further resources at [www.stpaulrepository.com](http://www.stpaulrepository.com)

## Stewarding at Mass

Our stewards continue to offer their time to help us celebrate Mass safely. We are immensely grateful to them all. Please cooperate politely with them as they take you to your seats in church. It may not always be possible for you to sit in your favourite place, but this is so that we can easily accommodate people towards the back of the church minimising disruption during Mass. Once Mass has started the doors will be closed, so please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time. Thank you.

If you would like to join our team of stewards please contact the Parish Office and we will get you on the rota. You may need to undergo some simple training. 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.

## Pope's October Intention

We pray that by virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church. See also <https://thepopevideo.org>

# Indefinite Detention

The Jesuit Refugee Service (J.R.S.) held an event on Zoom recently about the issue of Indefinite Detention, as an accompaniment to their report on the issue, entitled "Detained and Dehumanised". The Event can be watched on-line on J.R.S.'s You Tube Channel. The report can be read on their website. J.R.S. invite us to speak out for those who come to the UK seeking sanctuary, and to help in the following ways:

- **Pray:** It is a real comfort to those detained to know that we are praying for them.
- **Speaking out:** Write to our MPs, asking to support a time limit and judicial, rather than just political, oversight of detention. There is a template for a letter on the J.R.S. website.
- **J.R.S.** are looking for volunteers to visit those in detention in centres in Bedford, Lincoln and Scotland. They are looking for people who have languages such as Arabic, Urdu and Hindi.
- **Have conversations:** indefinite detention is a hidden problem and detainees feel forgotten.

If you think you can help, please do have a look at the report summary below.

<https://www.jrsuk.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Briefing-on-JRS-UK-Detention-Report-general-July2020-SC.pdf>

## Virtues & Vices

We are called to live a virtuous life, but what are the virtues? You are invited to join Fr Jonathan via Zoom on Tuesday 27 October 7.30pm to explore the meaning of the virtues (and the vices!). There will be a visual presentation and then group discussion. If you would like to take part please email the parish office and the zoom link will be sent to you. All welcome.

## Six Months On: Prayers of Hope

It is six months since the Presidents of Churches Together in England issued a national call to prayer for all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic. They invited Christians across the country to join together in prayer at 7.00pm each Sunday. To mark six months since #PrayersOfHope began, CTE General Secretary, Rev Dr Paul Goodliff, has written a prayer:

*Gracious Lord, six months ago we faced an uncertain threat from the coronavirus pandemic and stood on the verge of the lockdown. Then we lit candles of hope and prayed for our world. Scripture calls us to persevere in prayer, and so we pray again and again that you would have mercy on our world, especially in those places where the virus is still spreading out of control. Give wisdom and courage to all charged with leading the responses, from Governments to public health leaders, and especially to those Christians seeking to serve their communities.*

*Closer to home, schools have re-opened, students have returned to Universities and Colleges, and many face uncertainty at work. Grant that the same mutual support experienced at the height of the lockdown may now be released again as we face social, economic and employment challenges. Guide Christians throughout these islands to lead by example in building a fair and compassionate society, and give courage as we witness to the saving power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.*

## Youth Events in the Diocese

**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.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Celebrate South West

The South West Celebrate Team have put together a series of online Zoom evenings on Mondays from 7.30 – 8.30pm starting on Monday 5 October. These will take place instead of

their annual 'in-person' weekend conference. Registration is now open. To register go to [www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020](http://www.celebrateconference.org/back-to-basics-2020). The topics covered are:

5 October: Baptism in the Holy Spirit; The Power of a Personal Encounter.

19 October: Family; How can we receive the kingdom of God more like a child?

2 November: Unity; The Importance of Unity for the Kingdom.

16 November: Formation; The Call to Ever Deeper Discipleship.

30 November: Mission; Taking Risks and Stepping out in Faith to Pursue God's Mission.

Our Stronghold prayer and worship group are going to lead the Worship session on Monday 16 November.

## October Rosary Mission - Rosary Whirlwind British Isles

October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Once again, Catholics across England, Wales, Scotland and the Isles are invited to take up their rosaries for an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission for the spiritual well-being of the British Isles and for its preservation from degeneration, disaster, sickness and war. More than ever, we need to intercede for our Isles and for the conversion to Christ of our peoples and that they be protected from all danger, from all sickness and from all evil. Daily recitation of the Rosary will take place on-line from the following sites at 8.00pm each evening throughout October. Links to each of these sites are available on the Walsingham web page: [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk).

Sunday - Paisley, Scotland;

Monday - Newport Wales;

Tuesday - Basilica Walsingham;

**Wednesday - Plymouth Cathedral (7, 14, 21, 28);**

Thursday - Canning Town London;

Friday - London Rosary Shrine;

Saturday - Carfin Grotto Scotland.

On the 31 October, this event will finish with a continuous Rosary recitation across the British Isles from 9.00am – 9.00pm. The Plymouth Diocese slot is 11.30am and will be led by Bishop Mark. Full information is on the Walsingham web page.

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## 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 21 October** or **Wednesday 18 November** and on each day we are offering tours at **9.30am, 1.30pm or 6.00p** Please email the school ([head@stnics.uk](mailto:head@stnics.uk)) with your preferred date, time and the numbers coming. We look forward to meeting you and showing you our lovely school.

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## Cafod Harvest Day

CAFOD's Family Fast Day, to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis, was on Friday 9 October. We have all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and **you can still donate online** at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.* If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. More information can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>



## *Growing In Faith Together*

**WHAT IS IT?** GIFT is for families of faith; for families with children who are looking forward to receiving Holy Communion; for families with older children who want to be confirmed in their faith; for families with younger children who want to experience and grow in faith in a simple and enjoyable way.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** Our first three GIFT sessions at the beginning of this year were a great success with over 30 families joining together at St Nicholas School on Saturday mornings. Due to the current situation and our inability to meet together we are having to do things in a different way. We have invested in resources which are designed to support parents in sharing their faith and helping their families grow in knowledge and love of God, his creation, Jesus his Son and the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit and his action in the world and our lives. We are offering these resources to any family who may be

genuinely interested in and willing to engage in the process. This is not homework for children (!) but a real opportunity for families to share and enjoy their faith at home TOGETHER (which the Church has always described as the Domestic Church).

**MONTHLY MEETING** Each month we will meet parents for 30 minutes on ZOOM. We will familiarise you with the 'God calls' resources by focusing on: introducing you to the structure and format of the resources; exploring the catechesis and faith teaching of the resource and answering any questions you may have. The material concentrates on coaching you to teach and support your children in learning about faith. Following the Zoom call, you will be emailed the resources which can be used with the whole family during the month.

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 7 Nov and 5 Dec.

**INFORMATION LEAFLET** is included with this issue of Parish News.

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## Online Youth Service

We are pleased to announce the launch of our first Online Youth Service. Please take the time to have a look at it. Many young people across our diocese have taken a lot of time to put their thoughts together to help produce the film. Fr Jon is already putting together the next film for the end of this month so if you have any young people that might be interested in taking part, please be in touch with him and he can send you the details. To see our youth service please go to: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekDqdB3\\_YG8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=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) (This is overseen by Saskia Hogbin, the Diocesan Youth Events Organiser)

## One Hope Project - Exploring your relationship with God

Are you aged between 11 and 25? Fancy working with One Hope Project to explore your relationship with God, through singing, reflection and prayer. There will be 4 sessions which started on Wednesday 30 September but it's not too late to join up for the next 2 Sessions which will run through ZOOM 7.30 – 8.30 pm. Email: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) for further information, or to book and get the log in. Feel free to bring a friend.

# Reaching Out – Stretch forth your Hand to the Poor



## *Reaching Out Conference.*

You are warmly invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole at this free Diocesan on-line event on Saturday 24 October from 10.30am till 12.30pm to reflect on the Pope's Message for World Day of the Poor and what the new **Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti'** has to teach us about social action in a post-Covid world. You will have an opportunity to:

- Hear from Bishop Mark about some of the key message in 'Fratelli Tutti - Brothers and Sisters All'.
- Learn more about how the Church is focussed on helping the poor and marginalised.
- Learn how Caritas is actively becoming **the helping hand of the Church** in our diocese
- Hear from organisations already committed to action in their areas of expertise.
- Learn more about homelessness, isolation and ageing, refugees and migrants and poverty in our communities and what we are doing.
- Join in and share your experience and ideas for the future.
- Connect with other Parishes and share experiences of action and success.
- Reflect and pray together on what is possible to enable and empower us to successfully grow the Ministry of Charity of the Church.

Please come and join us: register on-line [HERE](#) or email us at [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

## **Care for the Family** *Because Family Life Matters*

Since 1988, Care for the Family has sought to promote strong family life and help those who face family difficulties. Their work has been focused on the UK and the Isle of Man, but increasingly through digital technology, they are reaching a wider audience. They focus primarily on the following areas of family life: marriage, parenting and bereavement. Their aim is to be accessible to every family whatever their circumstances and to create resources and support that are preventative, evidence-based and easy to apply. Every family and marriage is unique. Parents may have one child or many, be fostering or adopting, be parenting a child with additional needs, parenting alone or apart from their children. Couples may have been together for many years or just beginning their marriage adventure. Whatever the context and circumstances they want to do all they can to support both marriages and families to help them thrive. However, they also know that on every journey they will experience difficult times as well as the good. Their telephone befriending services are there to support them when the going is tough. In particular, they are aware that all will experience grief and loss during their lifetime. They want to help those who are living with loss to discover hope for the future, and the strength to rebuild their own lives and the lives of those that they love. Motivated by their Christian faith, ethos and compassion they have committed to supporting families of all faiths or none, with outstanding services and resources. Their autumn events have a specific faith focus and we are sure you will find them helpful. Visit their website [cff.org.uk](http://cff.org.uk) for information about the free to view sessions and films and to register for those you would like to watch.

**The Wisdom House** 13, 14, 15 October

**Mum's the word** 17, 18, 19 October

**Free To Be** 21, 22, 23 October

**Run the Race** 10, 11, 12 November

**Primary Parenting** 24, 25, 26 November

## Financial support

We have very kindly been given some money to help people who might be struggling at the moment. It's not a huge amount but it could perhaps cover a few weekly shops for some families or something similar. We know how difficult it can be to ask for help but you may be able to ask on someone's behalf. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Office.

## Exeter Foodbank—Food Shortages

Can you help by donating the following? Potatoes (tinned); microwaveable Sponge Pudding; Squash; Toiletries (shower gel/deodorant/shampoo).

Current Collection Points - Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Tesco (Exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd) You can also give a donation on line at [exeter.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/](https://exeter.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/)

## Exeter Foodbank—Job vacancy

Exeter Foodbank is seeking a **part-time Advice Worker** to join their team at an exciting time in the foodbank's development. This role, which is for 20 hours per week, will include providing advice and support to foodbank clients and assisting them with applying for additional help when appropriate. Applications should be in the form of a CV and a covering letter detailing why you would be suitable for this role. The **closing date for applications is 20 October**. Please contact [trustees@exeterfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:trustees@exeterfoodbank.org.uk) for more information.

Please share far and wide, details at: <https://exeter.foodbank.org.uk/2020/09/25/exeter-foodbank-seeks-part-time-advice-worker/>

## Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app and reflect together on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. 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)

## Pope Francis on Mercy...

God's justice is His mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God's judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it He offers us the certitude of love and new life.

## The Pope tweets...

Belief in God, and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we actually live in a way pleasing to God. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God is a way of practising the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters

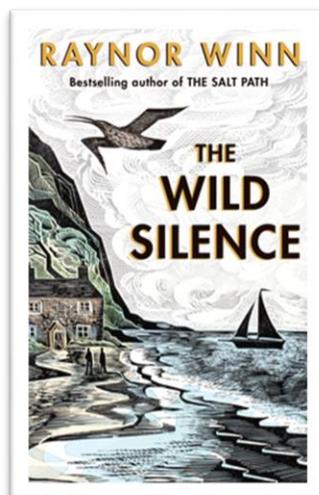
## Act of Spiritual Communion

**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.

## YMCA Exeter presents



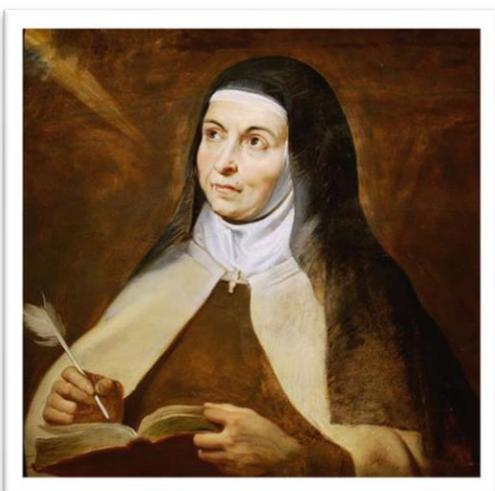
Together with the Rotary Club of Exeter the YMCA presents 'The wild Silence' a conversation with Raynor Winn on Sunday 21 October 7.30 – 8.30pm. Following Sunday Times bestselling, prize winning book *The Salt Path*, Raynor Winn returns with her profoundly moving second memoir. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Exeter Southernhay and in conversation with Dom Jinks, Director of Exeter Culture, in this exclusive livestreamed interview Raynor, will describe their inextricable connection to the land; and how by exploring their past, Raynor comes to terms with their future. Ticket sales from this event will include a donation to YMCA Exeter. An email to the livestream will be shared with participants on the day. [Find out more and book your ticket today](#) For more YMCA news visit [ymcaexeter.org.uk](http://ymcaexeter.org.uk)

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# For all the Saints...

15 October St Teresa of Jesus

*(St Teresa of Avila) Virgin & Doctor (1515 - 1582)*



Teresa was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.

Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a

convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of more and more Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the unreformed Carmelites but help coming from the highest levels at the same time. Thus in 1566 the General of the Carmelite Order approved Teresa's original foundation and permitted her to make new ones. In 1575 the chapter of the Order decided to dissolve them all, and for the next five years every effort was made to destroy Teresa's reforms and many of her followers (including St John of the Cross) were imprisoned and cruelly treated.

At length, in 1580, and with the support of King Philip II, the Discalced Carmelites were made independent and St Teresa was able to found more new convents. She died, worn out by her efforts, on 15 October 1582. St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. In addition to all this, she wrote much on the subject of contemplative prayer and her writings are still standard works today. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" We should bring everything to God in our prayers, even our reproaches. For a reproach, in the end, is simply our way of offering up to God our incomprehension of what he is giving us.

## 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch Bishop & Martyr (- 107)



He was the second bishop of Antioch after St Peter (the first being Evodius). He was arrested (some writers believe that he must have been denounced by a fellow-Christian), condemned to death, and transported to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. In one of his letters he describes the soldiers who were escorting him as being like "ten leopards, who when they are kindly treated only behave worse."

In the course of his journey he wrote seven letters to various churches, in which he dealt wisely and deeply with Christ, the organisation of the Church, and the Christian life. They are important documents for the early history of the Church, and they also reveal a deeply holy man who accepts his fate and begs the Christians in Rome not to try to deprive him of the crown of martyrdom. He was martyred in 107 and his feast was already being celebrated on this day in fourth-century Antioch.

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## Extracts from 'Fratelli Tutti' from Pope Francis



*Each day offers us a new opportunity, a new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern us, for that would be childish. We have the space we need for co-responsibility in creating and putting into place new processes and changes. Let us take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies. Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. Like the chance traveller in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen. We may often find ourselves succumbing to the*

*mentality of the violent, the blindly ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies. Others may continue to view politics or the economy as an arena for their own power plays. For our part, let us foster what is good and place ourselves at its service. FT 77*

*In the depths of every heart, love creates bonds and expands existence, for it draws people out of themselves and towards others. Since we were made for love, in each one of us "a law of ekstasis" seems to operate: "the lover 'goes outside' the self to find a fuller existence in another". For this reason, "man always has to take up the challenge of moving beyond himself". FT 88*

# Mass Times

## Sunday 11 October

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*Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Day of Prayer for prisoners & their families*

8.45am *Clare Leonard RIP*

10.45am *Special Intention*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 13 October

6.30pm *Ron Magersion RIP*

Wednesday 14 October

9.30am *Marie Hall RIP*

Thursday 15 October

*St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor*

9.30am *The Tapp Family*

Friday 16 October

6.30pm *Mary Leach RIP*

Saturday 17 October

*St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

9.30am *Richard Hope RIP*

## Sunday 18 October

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*Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*World Mission Day*

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am

6.00pm

Tuesday 20 October

6.30pm

*John Hickey Power & Beatrice Power RIP*

Wednesday 21 October

9.30am *Funeral Mass John Blaskett RIP*

Thursday 22 October

9.30am *Padraic Feeney RIP*

Friday 23 October

6.30pm

Saturday 24 October

9.30am *Margueritte Feeney RIP*



**Please remember the Clocks go BACK one hour on Saturday 24 October when British Summer Time ends.**

# The Word

## Sunday 11 October

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FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-10

*The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.*

PSALM *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

*There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.*

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-4

*Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

## Sunday 18 October

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FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1.4-6

*I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.*

PSALM *Give the Lord glory and power.*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

*We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.*

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.*

## 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. Sunday Plus*

*LOOK & ICTHUS*

*NHS Covid 19 App*

*QR User Guide*

*Pastoral message from Bishop Mark O'Toole*

*Regular information*

*Celebrate poster*

*GIFT Information leaflet*

# Parish Information

## Parish Priest

Fr Jonathan Stewart

## Priest in retirement

Fr John Watkins

## PARISH OFFICE

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## Parish Office hours

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## Parish Secretary

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## *Safeguarding Reps*

Vince Clark & Lesley Hooper

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## Executive Head Teacher

Angela Folland

## CONVENT

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## 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.

## No paper Parish News

Some of you will have been able to celebrate Mass in the church recently. In line with Covid regulations, paper copies of the newsletter will not be available at the church. We are sending it to as many as we can by email. If you know anyone who may like to receive it please ask them to email their request to the parish office and they can be added to our circulation list.

## Parish News by Post

If you know someone who would appreciate keeping in touch in this way. With their permission please give their name and address to the parish office at [exeterheavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeterheavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) or call the parish office and we will arrange to get a copy to them.

## The Bishops' Conference

Regular updates from the Bishops' Conference can be found at [ccn@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:ccn@cbcew.org.uk)