

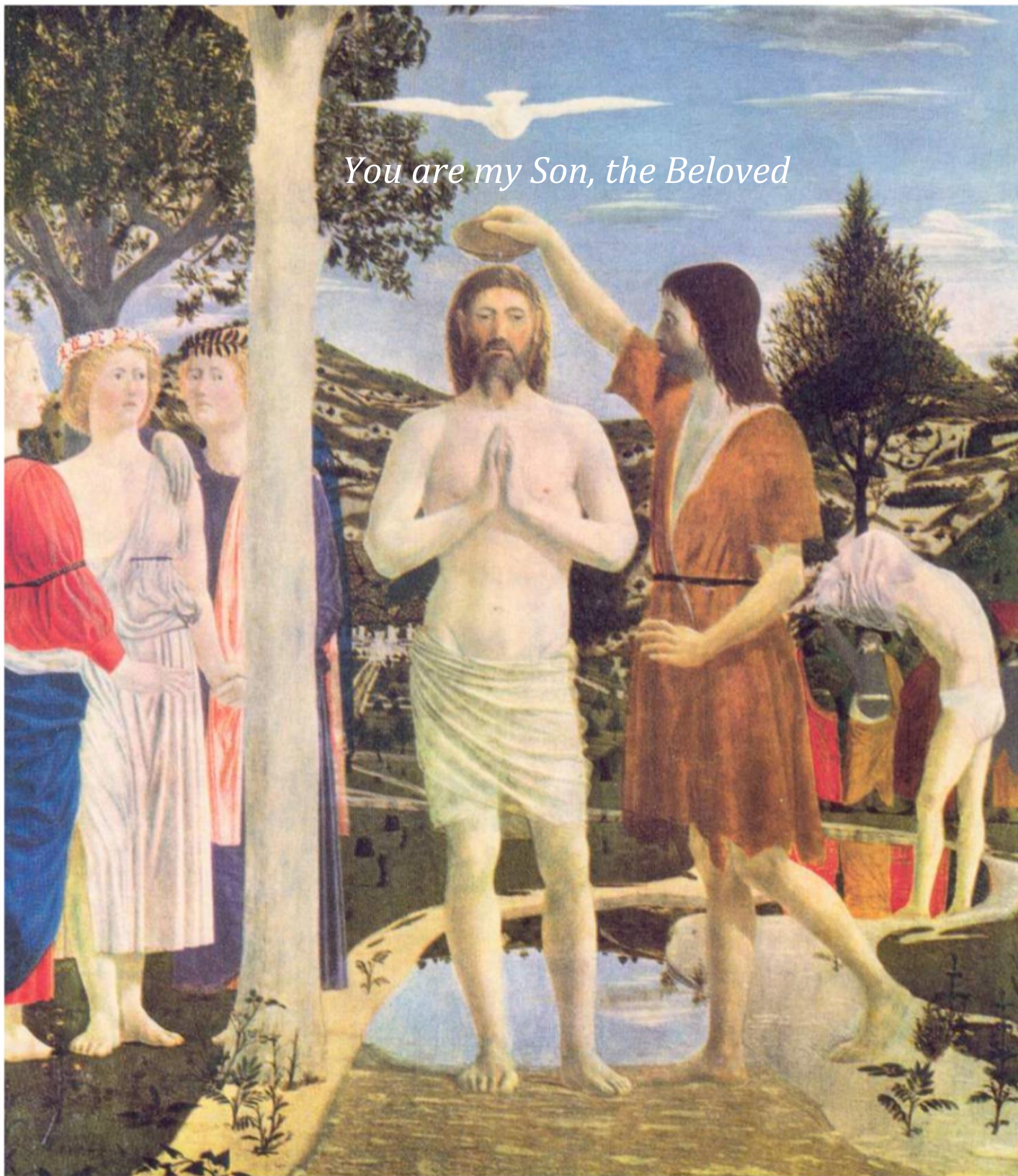
# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish** Heavitree Exeter  
10 January 2021. The Baptism of the Lord. Year B

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*You are my Son, the Beloved*



# The Baptism of the Lord

It may seem strange, but today's feast is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all Gods promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of Gods love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

## *The vision of Piero della Francesca*

This beautiful painting of Christ's baptism by the Italian Renaissance artist Piero della Francesca (c1415–1492) offers us a wonderful vision not only of the baptism of Jesus but of the beginning of the journey of faith for all Christians. The painting, which is in the National Gallery in London, depicts Jesus in the river Jordan and his cousin John pouring water over his head. The Holy Spirit appears and the words issue from the mouth of God the Father. But in the background we see a man divesting himself, preparing for his own baptism. He is following the example of Jesus. On the left three figures, who look like angels are Neophytes, the newly baptised, whose lives have been transformed. They share something of the radiant light of Christ's glory. The plants which grow around the river are symbols of healing and restoration and the tree, whose trunk thrusts out of the river bank is the tree of life, the life which God has created, and the new life we share with him through the sacraments. The painting has been used to illustrate the RCIA the journey which those who are coming to faith undertake as they prepare to be baptised and received into the Church. May it continue to inspire us today as we contemplate our own baptism and give thanks for the gifts God gives us through Jesus, his Son.

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## Church remains open for public worship

As you know, even though we are in another national lockdown, places of worship are able to remain open for public worship. We have celebrated Mass this week and will continue to do so for the time being. Celebrating Mass is a legitimate reason to leave your home. However, as we also all know, we are in a very vulnerable position with regard to the virus and the government encourages us to be extra vigilant. Last week the Health Secretary said we should all behave as though we have the virus. At the height of the pandemic last year many of you were shielding, and sensibly so. At the present moment the situation is worse so I would ask you to consider carefully whether or not it is sensible for you to come to church. Some of our stewards have decided they will not steward at the moment. **Consequently there will be no Mass on Thursday morning for the immediate future.** I encourage you all to really think about whether it is a good idea to come. Remember there is still no obligation to celebrate Mass, that was removed by the bishops last year and remains the case. The live streaming is working well and details of how to access this can be found below. If you do come to church you are instructed not to mix with anyone who is not from the same household or support bubble. The temptation to meet after Mass and have a quick chat is almost overwhelming, we are after all a community, but I would ask you to not do that and to return home as soon as you leave the church. This will help to ensure everyone's safety.

We will keep the situation under review and see how it goes. God bless you all. *Fr Jonathan*

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# Live streaming from Blessed Sacrament

Please go to the parish **Facebook page Catholic Exeter**. You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the Masses, simply ignore the request from Facebook to log in to your account. The Masses will remain on the page for some time afterwards so that you can watch it at a later time if you are not able to join us live.

**Masses this week will be streamed: Tuesday and Friday evening at 6.30pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday morning at 9.30am. Sunday 10 January 8.45am,**

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## Peace Sunday

**17 January 2021**

The theme chosen for 2021 by Pope Francis is: 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.' Clicking on this link <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/> will take you to the liturgy booklet, a recorded talk and music, activities for families and children at home and an opportunity to donate to their work. Pax Christi depends very much on the financial contributions we receive from Peace Sunday collections and in these difficult circumstances we would be doubly grateful for any donation you are able to make.

## Sunday of the Word of God

**24 January 2021**

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis - 'Aperuit illis'

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18 - 25 January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:1-17) expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Today the community has fifty sisters, women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters live a parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. They share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

For 2021, the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic.

**RESOURCES** Follow this link: [WPCU 2021 Pamphlet](#)

**GO AND DO** Christian Aid has provided for each of the daily reflections – linking into the important work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice. Follow this link to access the resources: [Go and Do action points](#)

# GIFT Growing In Faith Together

Happy New Year to our GIFT Families!

We look forward to welcoming you back after Christmas for our 6 February parent zoom call where we will continue our God Calls Series. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled on the GIFT webpage for new Bedtime Chats this month.

<https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/gift/>

**What is Gift?** GIFT is for all families of faith: for families with children who are looking forward to receiving Holy Communion or who have already made their 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.

## Get in touch

Our next parents zoom session is on the 6 February. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria [exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Weekly Giving Envelopes

The weekly gift aid and planned giving envelopes are available for collection by arrangement with the Parish Office. If you have envelopes to collect please call Lesley on 07712 216724 and a day and time can be arranged for you to collect your box. Do remember to let us know if there are any changes in your circumstances. Are you still paying income tax for instance? If you have moved recently let us know your correct contact details. If you are new to the Parish and perhaps not considered gift aiding your donations or would like more information how to make regular planned giving using the envelopes or by standing order from your bank call the Parish Office. Thank you.

## Baptism Preparation Courses 2021

Are you looking to have your child baptised next year? We look forward to spiritually supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into our parish family. Courses are delivered via zoom over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:00. The course dates for 2021 are:

**23/30 January, 17/24 April, 10/17 July, and 9/16 October**

Please get in touch with Fr Jonathan to let him know you would like to prepare to have your child baptised. You will then be directed to Lesley Hooper who organises registration for the course. [Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) or 07712 216724 (during lockdown only)

## Diocesan Youth Service – Wedding at Cana

A dance workshop 18 January – 8 February; Monday evenings through ZOOM from: 7.30-8.45pm. Throughout the course of these 4 weeks, we will find themes in the story and use them to strengthen and think more about their faith. Themes such as commitment, unconditional love and consequences are just some examples of themes we may discover and create movement through. Let's learn how to tell a story with our bodies, embody themes and have a wonderful team building experience! This will be a great way to keep busy during this national lockdown! Contact Saskia on [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) to book your place. Many thanks.

## Christians Together Across Exeter CTAX

Unites Exeter's churches and fellowships in mission, worship, and relationship, co-working with one another and with voluntary and statutory bodies in Exeter for Christ's Kingdom in our city. You can find out more about them here: <http://www.ctax.btck.co.uk/About%20us>  
As the old principle in ecumenism goes: *"Anything we can do together, we should do together"*



# Welcome the Stranger

8th February 5 – 6.30pm

## Caritas Plymouth on line event

Celebrating the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita 8 February 5.00-6.30 pm

All are invited to join Bishop Mark O'Toole of the Diocese of Plymouth and Bishop Declan Lang of the Diocese of Clifton for an evening of prayer and reflection on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery. Guest speakers include Nick Hanrahan from the Jesuit Refugee Service and Caroline Virgo from the Clewer initiative. The event will take place via zoom and you can register to attend by clicking [here](#) or emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

## St Nicholas School

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2021 you can now apply for a school place by going to <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place> If you cannot apply online, please contact the education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you. The deadline to apply is 15 January 2021. If you are applying to St Nicholas Catholic Primary School you must also submit a 2021/22 supplementary form direct to the school, obtainable from the school website [https://st-nicholas-pri.eschools.co.uk/website/reception\\_or\\_in-year\\_admissions](https://st-nicholas-pri.eschools.co.uk/website/reception_or_in-year_admissions) or by calling us on 01392 445403. Please submit this by 15 January to Mrs Brocksom, Senior Administrator by email ([abrocksom@stnics.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stnics.uk)) or by post

## Diocesan Year Book 2021

The new Diocesan Year book is now available at a cost of **£4.00**. It is a great source of diocesan information and news. If you would like a copy please phone or email the parish office.

## Exeter Homelessness – How can I help?

People can report rough sleepers in their community through [StreetLink](#), using either the website or mobile app. Those who cannot access the internet can also get in touch by calling 0300 500 0914. Julian House provide regular outreach throughout the week and reports will go directly to their team to investigate and provide support as soon as possible. Julian House has good intelligence about who is rough sleeping within the city centre and is very keen to hear about anyone who is bedded down further out from the city centre. Please visit [Exeter Homeless Partnership](#) to find out more about how to get involved in helping to end homelessness in Exeter.



# Pastoral Message from Bishop Mark on the new lockdown

[Bishop-Mark-addresses-the-Faithful-on-the-new-Lockdown-5th-Jan-2021.pdf](https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/Bishop-Mark-addresses-the-Faithful-on-the-new-Lockdown-5th-Jan-2021.pdf) ([plymouth-diocese.org.uk](https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk)), also attached. Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ravG-RkIX5s&feature=share> .

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022

Bishop Mark plans to be the spiritual leader of a gently paced pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early March 2022. It will include a full programme of visits to the Holy Sites and staying in excellent Christian accommodation in the hills of Samaria and Judea and closing with three nights at the Sea of Galilee. Places are limited to a total of 30, on a first come first served basis. For further detail and to register your interest please contact Della Shenton on [della@5gr.org](mailto:della@5gr.org).



## LET US PRAY

**PRAY 4 EXETER** First Tuesday of every month 10.00–11.00am on Zoom.

Contact [ctaxexeter@gmail.com](mailto:ctaxexeter@gmail.com) for the link. Join others to pray for our city, region and nation.

**PRAY FOR EXETER STREET PASTORS** The monthly prayer meeting for Exeter Street Pastors and those they work with is continuing on Zoom. Monday 11 January (and the second Monday of each month) 7.30–9.00pm on Zoom. Email for the link: [ctaxexeter@gmail.com](mailto:ctaxexeter@gmail.com) if you would like to support Exeter Street Pastors in prayer.

**EXETER PRAYS** Monday 11 to Sunday 31 January

we will be offering short video prayer clips from a wide variety of church leaders daily online via a new “Exeter Prays” Facebook page, also shared here [www.facebook.com/pray4exeter](https://www.facebook.com/pray4exeter) and possibly on YouTube and more. Videos will feature a reading of scripture, a reflection, and a prayer or invitation/challenge to finish. Do share these with friends as the month goes on.

## Exeter Foodbank – Food Shortages

Can you help by donating any of the following from the December priority items list: cereal, sponge puddings, tinned potatoes, noodle/pasta snacks, rice pudding, biscuits, jam/spreads, tinned meat, custard, rice, shampoo/deodorant

PLEASE NOTE: Each complete foodbank parcel contains items which are designed to fit together to provide 3 nutritionally-balanced meals plus snacks per person for 3 days. The priority list doesn't reflect the full range of items we give out in foodbank parcels - just the ones we are currently short of. Stock levels of the other items in a foodbank parcel are often high. (We usually have 80+ crates of baked beans and 50+ crates of pasta at our store) Please ONLY donate items from the above Priority List; this is essential in helping us balance our stock.

Thank you for your understanding.

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/)

## The Pope tweets...

The first step towards an attitude of worship is to “lift up our eyes”. When we lift up our eyes to God, life's problems do not go away, but we feel certain that the Lord grants us the strength to deal with them.

## Pope Francis on Mercy...

Without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

## Pope's January Intention

Human fraternity May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all. <https://thepopevideo.org/>

## May he rest in peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Reardon whose funeral takes place on 11 January.

## 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. For information and to book contact [info@marriagerc.org](mailto:info@marriagerc.org)

## Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support

Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support has launched in the Plymouth Diocese to offer a listening ear and support to those with an unexpected pregnancy, or to those worried about coping with another baby, or those who have been confronted with a diagnosis of potential fatal foetal abnormality, as well as to women suffering after a miscarriage or experiencing regret or remorse after an abortion or any other similar situation. Their support line is open 7 days per week between 7.30pm – 9.30pm Tel: 01752 916076

## Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

During these unprecedented times, it is not be possible for 'crib offering' collections to be made in the usual way, so if you would like to donate to the CCSP this Christmas, there are a number of alternative ways you can do this via –

- our Christmas Crowdfunding page – <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/stretch-out-your-hands-this-christmas> (CCSP receive 100% of every donation, as Crowdfunder have waived all their fees to help charities and we acknowledge receipt via email)
- post by sending a cheque made payable to 'Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)' to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL
- BACS direct into our account – Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335
- text – to donate £5 text 5CCSP to 70085, to donate £10 text 10CCSP to 70085 or to donate £20 text 20CCSP to 70085 Thank you.



*Guido Reni St Joseph with the infant Jesus 1620s*

# Year of St Joseph

With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“*With a Father’s Heart*”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. The Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” St Joseph “turned his human vocation to domestic love into... a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home”. John the Baptist said: “The Messiah stands among us”. Messiah was

the person anointed with the Spirit: in English we call him 'Christ'. Though he went to heaven he continues to send his Holy Spirit to anoint the 'Christians', the 'anointed Ones'. In them Christ continues to grow to maturity. May St Joseph help Christ to keep growing in us. Fr Oscar Ardila Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Plymouth

**Pope Francis recommends** all the faithful to regularly use the following prayer especially on Wednesdays, the day normally dedicated to him, and on the nineteenth of each month.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

**Plenary Indulgence:** Please find attached information on obtaining a Plenary Indulgence in this year of St Joseph.

## A Precious Place of God’s Grace

This recent document published by Bishop Mark and the Bishop’s Council is being widely discussed throughout the diocese. Bishop Mark is inviting us to respond, in writing, to the issues raised so that decisions can be taken only after the widest consultation amongst the people. You’re welcome to send responses to the Parish Office. The document is available on the diocesan website <http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/20-11-01-A-Precious-Place-of-Gods-Grace-Version-for-Publication.pdf> and was also sent with a previous email on 20 November to parishioners. Please do take this opportunity to have your say about the future of the diocese. Important decisions will have to be taken soon regarding the structure of the diocese, the provision of the sacraments and the work of the clergy. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead and guide those who have the responsibility of governance of the People of God in the Diocese of Plymouth.



## Parish Audit

Following on from the document "A Precious Place of God's Grace", each parish has been asked to take an audit. I would like each parishioner to consider all the questions in the audit document which is attached to this newsletter and return them to the Parish Office by 15 January to be collated.

## Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word meets online via the Zoom app on Wednesday at 2.00pm 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)

## 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 contact the Parish Office and we'll 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.

## 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.

## Emergency Grants/ Government help

If you or someone you know has lost income and are struggling to pay for basic household essentials, money is available via small emergency grants to people in financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. There is a free service to find out what help you can get from the government and other organisations. The link here is: <https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-support> or [www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families/)

## Caritas – support for individuals

Caritas Plymouth has updated their list of grants that people might find useful if they are struggling. This will be shared this via their website. Here is the link <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Covid-19-Support-for-Individuals-November-2020-Update.pdf>

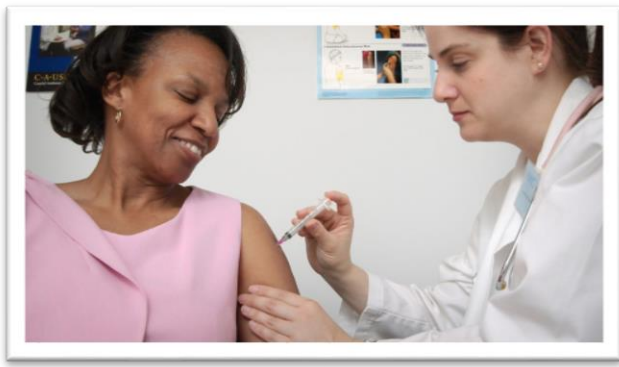
## Essential Grants Programme for Children and Families

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has funds available for essential grants to families living in the Diocese of Plymouth who are struggling as a result of Covid-19. The charity can provide essential items that parents and carers could otherwise not afford for their children such as basic essential items like cookers, fridge/ freezers, washing machines or cots and beds for children to sleep in. The fund is open to families of all faiths and none.

<https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-giving/> tel: 01364 645420

## New parishioners

Do you know anyone who is new to Blessed Sacrament parish? If they haven't already done so, please ask them to contact the parish office and a registration form can be sent to them which should be returned to the office once completed. This also applies if you have been here for a while but not yet completed a form. It is good for us to know something about you and to be able to keep you updated with things happening in the parish. Thank you.



## Bishop Mark welcomes NHS to Plymouth's Diocesan Offices

The Catholic [Diocese of Plymouth](#) has reached an agreement with the NHS to use its Diocesan Office at St Boniface House, near Newton Abbot in Devon, in order to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine.

Bishop Mark O'Toole, the Bishop of Plymouth, said: "I warmly welcome the NHS to St Boniface House, our Diocesan Offices, so that they can be used as a

base to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. The Church is very happy to cooperate with the Government in this endeavour, as a service to local communities. This is an extension of the work that has been carried out in our churches during this pandemic, in reaching out, in the name of Jesus Our Lord, to our neighbours and to ensure their wellbeing. This next step with the vaccine is a sign of hope for us all." The NHS will use St Boniface House, in Ashburton, to serve up to 200 people a day until at least April 2021. It is a major exercise, involving nine GP Practices, plus other civil authorities in the locality. The logistical arrangement, to enable the use of the Diocesan offices for the vaccination programme, is demanding, but the Diocese of Plymouth views the exercise as an important act of service for the common good of all.

### Thank you *from Fr Jonathan*

The celebration of Christmas this year was a very different experience to normal. But then life last year, and even now, is anything but normal. I want to say thank you to all of you for helping make it a time of celebration and joy, a moment of light and hope in the darkness and anxiety of the last months.

Thanks go especially to our team of stewards who have done such a wonderful job of helping keep us safe and secure when we come to church. They have selflessly given up their time and their kindness is greatly appreciated. If you have been coming to Mass regularly and are in a position to help as a steward please be generous and contact the Parish Office and we will include you on the rota.

Thank you to our team of ladies who helped decorate the church again this year. Socially distanced they went about their ministry calmly and creatively. The Church looked gorgeous as it always does. They even managed a socially distanced lunch – an important tradition!

Thank you to our team of cleaners who have quietly and generously given of their time and come on a regular basis to keep the church spick and span.

Thank you to Fr John Watkins for continuing to serve our parish so generously and kindly.

Thank you to our musicians who have enhanced our Sunday Masses and helped us remember what an important part music plays in the life of the Church. We miss singing so much!

I want to thank particularly Lesley, our Parish Secretary, who has not only kept things going administratively this past year but has been a huge source of support and friendship to me personally. She plays an active role in the life of the community and I know many of you have benefitted from her calm assurance and help.

And I want to thank a team of people who have been an incredible support over the past year. Pastoring a flock is not the easiest thing in the world (it's also one of the most enjoyable and rewarding) and I'm grateful that I don't have to do it on my own. Every shepherd worth his salt has a decent dog to keep the sheep in line! You know who you are.

We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and the opportunity to live life more fully. We pray for all those who are working so hard to alleviate the suffering of others and we pray for all who have lost their lives and for those who grieve. May God grant us all strength and grace.

# Mass Times

## Sunday 10 January

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### *The Baptism of the Lord*

Mass 8.45am

Mass 10.45am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

## Monday 11 January

## Tuesday 12 January

Mass 6.30pm

## Wednesday 13 January

Mass 9.30am

## Thursday 14 January

**No public Mass. Live stream at 9.30am**

## Friday 15 January

Mass 6.30pm *Michael Bossa RIP*

## Saturday 16 January

Mass 9.30am

## Sunday 17 January

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### *2nd Sunday Ordinary time*

Mass 8.45am *People of the Parish*

Mass 10.45am

Mass 6.00pm

## Tuesday 19 January

Mass 6.30pm

## Wednesday 20 January

Mass 9.30am

## Thursday 21 January

*St Agnes Virgin & Martyr*

**No public Mass. Live stream at 9.30am**

## Friday 22 January

Mass 6.30pm

## Saturday 23 January

Mass 9.30am

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**NB No public Mass on Thursday mornings due to lack of stewards.**

Most Masses will be streamed live and available on our parish Facebook page  
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# The Word

## Sunday 10 January

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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

*Come to the water.*

*Listen and your soul will live.*

### PSALM

*With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.*

### SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-9

*The spirit and water and blood.*

### GOSPEL

Mark 1:7-11

*You are my son, the Beloved;  
my favour rests on you.*

## Sunday 17 January

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### FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

### PSALM

*Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

*Your bodies are members making up the body  
of Christ.*

### GOSPEL John 1:35-42

*They saw where he lived, and stayed  
with him.*





# Parish Information

## Parish Priest

Fr Jonathan Stewart

## Priest in retirement

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## Exeter Parishes Youth Worker

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## *Safeguarding Reps*

Vince Clark & Lesley Hooper

## PARISH SCHOOL

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St Nicholas Catholic Primary School  
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Exeter EX1 3EG  
01392 445403  
[admin@stncls.uk](mailto:admin@stncls.uk)  
[www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk](http://www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk)

## Executive Head Teacher

Angela Folland

## CONVENT

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Sisters of the Presentation of Mary  
Mount St Mary Convent,  
Wonford Road,  
EX2 4PF  
01392 433301

## Confessions

After 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning

## Your Offering

We are enormously grateful for your continued generosity to the parish. 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.

## Parish News by Post & Email

If you know someone who would appreciate keeping in touch in this way to receive the parish news by post, with their permission please give their name and address and to the parish office by phoning or email to [exeterheavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeterheavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) and we will arrange to get a copy to them.

If they have an email address please ask them to email the parish office (address above) and they can be added to the circulation list.

## Dial-a-Mass

For the benefit of those who do not have the internet or computer the Mass is recorded and put on the telephone at 12 midday on Sundays and will stay until 11.59 the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call they can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Dial 01642 130120

## Churches Together Devon

The latest Churches Together Devon news is now available, here:

<https://mailchi.mp/e163e3bc1ba8/ctd-news-update-october-2020?e=8484c4b7b3>

## Getting married?

Congratulations! Please give us six months' notice if you are hoping to marry in the Church.

## The Bishops' Conference

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

**Deadline for newsletter items  
4.00pm Wednesday.**