

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
14 February 2021. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B



The
leprosy
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was
cured.

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

Lockdown Lent?

It was the fourth Monday of Lent last year that we went into the first of our national lockdowns. And now here we are preparing to celebrate Lent again. On one level we could say that little has changed, on another we know that for the majority of people life is completely different. Families have been devastated by the death of loved ones. Many we know have suffered, not just from the virus, but from the knock on effects it has had on the provision of healthcare. Our schools have had to change the way they offer education to our young people. Leaving the house for many is still a step too far. Church is a different thing. It's hard to remember that we celebrated Easter at all.

And yet we are an EASTER people. It always amazes me that in Catholic hymn books there are often twice as many songs for Lent as there are for Easter! Why is that? It can't simply be Catholic guilt. Perhaps it's that we are not really sure of the Resurrection. Perhaps because it sounds so far fetched we find it difficult to make sense of it and therefore struggle to celebrate it. But without Easter Lent becomes an exercise in navel gazing, a pointless journey into the self that can, if we're not careful lead to a dead end. Easter is about hope and if Easter is about hope then so is Lent. Without the resurrection, death is final, literally the dead end! Without forgiveness, sorrow leads nowhere.

So as we hope for an end to the pandemic, as we hope for the easing of restrictions, as we hope for the health and well being of all people, let us also look to the future hope of the resurrection revealed to us by Jesus Christ. This is the Good News we proclaim. Faith in this truth is what defines us as Christians. It is this hope that we bring to the world.

As the lockdown has not yet been eased we have decided to continue to suspend public Masses at Blessed Sacrament. I am sure the church is a safe place, but we are told to stay at home so we act in solidarity with the general population and for the good of others.

What about Ash Wednesday? Whilst we will not be distributing ashes at Mass, you can still mark the day by fasting and abstinence. Make a plan for yourself and your family about how to make the day different. What will you eat, or fast from? Mass will be streamed live at 9.30am and then available on the parish YouTube channel so you can tune in and celebrate at any time, joining in prayer with the rest of the community. And below are two really good opportunities to make Lent a fruitful time. The wonderful Lent Extra from Redemptorist Publications and the Wednesday evening bible study.

So have a happy, hope filled Lent. We continue to pray for one another. *Fr Jonathan*

Six Bible Studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Six Wednesday evening Bible Study sessions, to break-open each Lenten Sunday Gospel. You will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Mauro Iannicelli will walk you through the forthcoming Sunday Gospel with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

The sessions are delivered with 'Expository Preaching' teaching method & with 'Life-Application' questions. Wed 17 February - Wed 24 March 7.00 – 8.30pm (Free & Live sessions) Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/lent>

Lent Extra Magazine

We have obtained a digital copy of the Redemptorist publication Lent Extra. Its daily reflections offer encouragement, support and joy on a road which will have challenges, as well as blessings. It is the perfect companion to guide you towards Easter. A copy is attached with this newsletter. If you are unable to download this resource they are available in hard copy from Redemptorist Publications at 01420 88222.

The National Novena to St Joseph

In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10- 18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10-12 March), at 7.30pm, Saturday 13 March at 10.00am, Sunday 14 March at 11.00am, Monday –Thursday (15-18 March) at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to follow on zoom and YouTube Via the parish website stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet. You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

Thomas Becket: an inspiration for the Churches today?



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Thomas Becket: an inspiration for the Churches today? *An online seminar marking the 850th anniversary of the murder of St. Thomas Becket 7.30 – 9.00pm Tuesday 23 February on Zoom.* Keynote speaker: Professor Henry

Mayr-Harting Emeritus Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History, University of Oxford, with responses by Revd. Dr. Keith Clements, former General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches who will reflect on Church-State relations and Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London who will speak about martyrdom today. Chair: Fr. Dominic Robinson S.J., Vice-chair, SfES To book, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thomas-becket-an-inspiration-for-the-churches-today-tickets-139835701347> For more information, please contact the secretary at sfes.secretary@gmail.com Sponsored by Churches Together in England and the Samuel Gurney Foundation.

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth



2020 really was an unprecedented year for everyone and at CCSP, all our fundraising activities were cancelled and those which we were able to run, were adversely affected due to the lockdown restrictions in place. At a time when our income was severely reduced, the number of grant applications continued to rise as more vulnerable families felt the effects of Covid-19. We had to look for alternative and innovative sources of fundraising such as Crowdfunding and donations by text, to replace lost income and we were fortunate to receive an additional £27,000 of Covid-19 funding in 2020, which was allocated to 125 families last year.

Our sponsored 'Sleep on the Floor for a Night' was also a success and we have almost reached £2,000 with sponsorship money still coming in, which is double what we were hoping to raise! Thank you to all the children in our parishes, who helped to support this event by sleeping on the floor for one night during the Christmas holidays.

Do you know a family who might need our help? We have successfully bid for a further £21,000 of funding so far in 2021, thanks to Caritas and a joint funding bid with them, the Gubay Foundation Trust have given us £15,000, and the Devon Coronavirus Fund have also given us another £6,000. This money will be used to provide financial support to vulnerable children and their families through our Essential Grants programme, where the basic essentials of life such as children's beds, white goods like cookers, fridge/freezers and washing machines and also school uniform including school shoes can be bought by us for vulnerable children and their families living in the Diocese. We have been actively promoting our Essential Grants programme in Dorset and Cornwall, as we are particularly keen to receive application forms for our help from families living in these counties, as well as Devon. The application and reference form can be found on our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or you can call 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk



Do you have access to Facebook? If so, please like our page to receive news and updates on our fundraising events

www.facebook.com/CatholicChildrensSocietyPlymouth/

If you would like to help support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) in your parish, we are still looking for Parish Volunteers – please call 01364 645420 or email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) especially during these unprecedented times.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal

Friday 26 February. The coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is to have access to clean, safe water. During these challenging times, your donation to CAFOD's Lent Appeal is needed more than ever. With your donations CAFOD can reach out to communities around the world to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments. You are encouraged to donate online at Family Fast Day - Lent 2021 | CAFOD.

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Big Walk for Water** virtual event. Help give the boot to water poverty across the world by walking a 5-mile route on Saturday 20 February at 2.00pm. Could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days? Find out more at [//cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

Walk for Water

Craig and Michelle Ayles are undertaking a 40-day sponsored 'Walk for Water' to raise money for CAFOD. They will walk 10,000 steps a day to raise as much money as possible. To donate go to their Just Giving page

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/craig-and-michelle>

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.

Live streaming from Blessed Sacrament

Masses are livestreamed on YouTube. Search YouTube for Blessed Sacrament Exeter and you will find our channel. This will mean that those who don't use Facebook will be able to access the live stream Masses more easily. When you get to our channel please subscribe. Masses live streamed this week:

Sunday 14 February 10.45am

Wednesday 16 February 9.30am

Friday 18 February 6.30pm

Tuesday 15 February 6.30pm

Thursday 17 February 9.30am

Saturday 19 February 9.30am

Many of you are making the most of the live Masses broadcast from Blessed Sacrament over the last few weeks. The live streaming equipment is being installed at Sacred Heart so soon we will be able to celebrate our community from both our parish churches.

Blessed Sacrament were really fortunate to be granted a sum of money from the National



Lottery Community Fund [#NationalLottery](#) to help install the live stream equipment. This is helping to build community and to support people in isolation within our city. Thank you National Lottery!

Exeter Foodbank – Food Shortages

Can you help by donating any of the following from the February priority items list:

sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, coffee, sugar, washing up liquid and household cleaner spray. Please ONLY donate items from the list. Thank you for

your understanding. Collection Points - Sainsbury's (Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall);

Tesco (Exe Vale); Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd)

You can also give a donation online at exeter.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/

Your Faith in Action - A series of talks

22 February – 22 March, 7.30– 8.30pm through Zoom. It's amazing – we're all called by God to play our part in making the world a better place! But how? Join our community of young people (aged 13+) for 5 weeks of fun, faith and finding out about how to put your faith into action for the good of others. Over the first 2 weeks we will get to know each other, our interests and amazing potential - and then meet a group of asylum seekers/refugees and learn from their experience. The subsequent weeks will flow according to the groups interest. For further information and to book a place please email: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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

Online Drama Course - The Last Supper.

This 4-week virtual course is a chance to explore the Last Supper through script, movement and improvisation; thinking about what the disciples were thinking and talked about as they prepared to arrive at a stranger's house for the annual Jewish feast; what did they talk about during the feast? How did they react when Jesus talked about one of them being a traitor? The sessions are fun, they include lots of drama games. If you are Year 6 or older and would like a place on the course, email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Exeter Catholic Youth Community

If you haven't heard, Catholic Exeter has re-established a Youth Community. Our aim at the moment is to offer companionship among the young members of our community through teaching, learning and socialising. So far, we've had some great events including: quiz night, movie discussion night, and a national and local social justice webinar. Our next event is scheduled for Thursday 18 February from 7.00-8.30pm and will be a live debate night. All ages are welcome and teams will need people to speak and not speak, equally. If there are any questions, please contact Erik Renz, Youth Worker at:

exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk

World Day of Prayer

Friday 5 March 2.00pm, Vanuatu. There is usually an ecumenical service for all the churches in Exeter. Sadly, due to Covid-19 this will not be the case this year. There will be a link to an International Service posted on the WDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk. WDP have suggested several ways to receive donations for their work. By text: to donate £5 text 2021WDP 5 to 70085. Any amount up to £40 can be donated this way - just alter the 5 after 2021WDP to your chosen amount. By cheque: payable to WDP and sent to WDP, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2RR. By online donation: www.wwdp.org.uk minimum amount £10. Please join in this worldwide wave of prayer if you can in any way.

Stay Awake 2021

This is the third year for our home-grown all age event and takes place on Saturday 27 February online, via Zoom. Running from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm with inspiring / encouraging talks, praise, worship and fellowship, in the comfort of your own home! Includes a session for kids from 1.00 to 1.30pm (Reception to Yr 9). Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship. This is a free event! Booking is open via the webpage see www.stayawakejc.com for more info and to receive the Zoom link for entry. Check out the new Facebook and Instagram Pages – be sure to like/follow to keep updated with all things Stay Awake, and to see some fun content! Links below and we look forward to seeing you online!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stayawakejc19/>

Instagram: [instagram.com/stayawakejc19](https://www.instagram.com/stayawakejc19)

Email: stayawakejc19@gmail.com

Vaccine Reticence

There have been reports in the media about people nervous about having the vaccine. If you have the opportunity, please take it. Pope Francis has had it and I know many of you have already had your first jab. If you are not registered with a doctor you may not be called, so please register and enable this to happen. It's our greatest hope for a return to normality.

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 10:00-11:15. The next course dates for 2021 are:

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 or 07712 216724 (during lockdown only)

GIFT Growing in Faith Together **February update**

We met with parents via zoom on Saturday 6 February to discuss one of our next God Calls Resources: David. This resource helps families to focus on two themes:

- When we have God on our side, nothing can defeat us.
- There are seeds of hidden talents in all of us that are just waiting for God's love and our faith to bring into blossom.

Families will also explore 'God Calls Esther' over the upcoming month.

WHAT IS GIFT? GIFT is for all families of faith: for families who have already made their Holy Communion or for families with children who are looking forward to receiving this sacrament; 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.

BEDTIME CHATS

All of the Bedtime Chats can be found on the Blessed Sacrament Website GIFT page: <https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/gift/>

GET IN TOUCH

Our next parents zoom session is on Saturday 6 March. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Pope Francis on Mercy

Trust the memory of God: His memory is not a 'hard disk' that 'saves' and 'archives' all our data, but heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in 'erasing' in us every trace of evil.

Online Marriage Enrichment Course

From Worldwide Marriage Encounter 20-21 March and 15-16 May. The experience is an opportunity to learn from couples who are willing to share their personal journeys and tools for reclaiming the spark and living in love together. The course helps couples to listen, share and connect more deeply. It is for all couples regardless of how long they have been together. There is no group discussion, it is just about learning to be the best, most loving couple you can be. For more information and booking forms go to www.wwme.org.uk.

Can you help to fill a container for The Gambia?

Whipton Barton School has been redeveloped and is hoping that their excess furniture will find their home in The Gambia rather than in a landfill. They are packing containers ready to leave on the 15 February and then again later in the summer. They want to fill

every last bit of space with hard to come by resources and day to day essentials that we take for granted in school and everyday life. Do you know of anyone who:

- might be able to knit some hand puppets or has items suitable for a nursery school?
- has connections to any sports clubs or organisations that might have some old kit?
- could spare £1 in their weekly shopping allowance to buy some hard to come by stationery items such as blu-tac, sellotape, paperclips etc?

If you can help, please get in touch with Exeter Catholic parishioner Kathleen Ebdon at kebdon@whiptonbarton.org. Or phone Whipton Barton School on 01392 466072 and ask for Miss Amy Hardinge. Thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause.

Something worth dying for – St Valentine's Day



On 14 February every year, couples around the world celebrate one of the heroes of Catholic history.

As the story goes, Valentine was a Roman priest who married young couples in secret despite the decree of Emperor Claudius II forbidding all weddings. The emperor did this to more readily recruit young, unattached men into his armies. Valentine was

discovered, arrested and eventually executed. St Valentine didn't officiate secret weddings simply out of compassion for local, love-struck couples. He did it because Catholic marriage is about a whole lot more than just two people committing to live together and maybe raise a few kids. Catholic marriage has a purpose beyond the fulfilment of the two spouses. It is a call to honour God by living in service to each other, helping each other, and our children, to grow closer to God and to our destiny to be with Christ, our eternal bridegroom, for eternity. It is also a Sacrament – a living witness of God's presence in the world. As such, it has a number of characteristics that define it. Encapsulated in the marriage rite, these characteristics include permanency, sexual intimacy, sexual exclusivity, unconditional sharing, openness to children and a willingness to raise any children in the Catholic faith. Smart Loving has an offer for a marriage enrichment course called the Marriage Kit. See the Smart loving website: <https://smartloving.org/something-worth-dying-for-st-valentines-day/>

Caritas Plymouth

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 via their website. Please click [here](#) for the link.



Caritas Lent Resources

Caritas Plymouth has developed some resources for individual, group and parish reflection during Lent 2021. The resources include podcasts, links to websites and ideas for reflection during Lent, with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching

www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lenten-2021-Resources.pdf. We hope that you find this material inspiring.



Big Exeter Sleep-Out

Due to the COVID lock-down, we have had to make this year's Big Exeter Sleep-Out a virtual fundraising event. Although we are apart, we wanted to find a way to bring our supporters together in a safe way. For one night, on Friday 5 March, we are asking you to Sleep-Out: At Home for the night and raise vital funds for the most vulnerable men and woman in your area. Please stick to your family or support bubbles. For more information and to share this event with your colleagues, please find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/events/631862997528891 Sign up for free here www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-exeter-sleep-out-at-home-tickets-133073752175

Established 2022



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YMCA Exeter are delighted to finally let everyone into their secret! Exeter has a huge housing crisis and it's affecting our young people. The last year alone has seen the council housing need increase by a further 24% with over 350 local young people

waiting for 1-bed accommodation. We firmly believe that God has been guiding us over the last three years as we have explored housing options. We are so excited to tell you that we've just begun work on a groundbreaking initiative to tackle the problem head on - to provide affordable and secure accommodation to local, young people. Thanks to



significant investment from Homes England and Exeter City Council, we have been able to buy an abandoned warehouse in the heart of the city centre and we are transforming it into 26 self-contained studio apartments. The newly named, 'Sidwell Studios' is being specifically built to create a fantastic community feel within the city, whilst regenerating the area and

providing an asset to the locality and real, affordable housing options for local young people. We firmly believe that the young people are the rare and beautiful treasures that will fill the rooms of Sidwell Studios. And we believe that God is calling us to help establish young people – many of whom have experienced constant upheaval - into a secure environment from which they can flourish into all that God has planned for them. For that reason we're going to be focusing a lot on the idea of being 'Established' over the coming year. In fact we love the idea so much that we've developed a new campaign that we'd love you to partner with us in: Established [2022] We've already received funding to cover 85% of the costs to transform the old warehouse in the city centre, we're just £525,000 short. Will you partner with us and help Establish a generation of potential by making a donation today? Get involved now by: Making a donation Joining our Established [2022] WhatsApp Prayer Group

To find out more about the project or to arrange a call for more information then email bethan.spencer@ymcaexeter.org.uk or call us on 01392 410530.

Weekly Giving Envelopes

There are a number of weekly gift aid and planned giving envelopes for collection. If you have envelopes to collect please call Lesley on 07712 216724 or email the parish office and a day and time can be arranged for you to collect your box.

Let Us Pray

PRAY 4 EXETER First Tuesday of every month 10.00–11.00am on Zoom. Contact 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 on Zoom. The second Monday of each month 7.30–9.00pm on Zoom. Email for the link: ctaxexeter@gmail.com

Pope's February Intention

Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

See also: <https://thepopevideo.org/>

The Pope tweets...

The person who prays is like someone in love with the beloved in his or her heart wherever they go. So we can pray at any moment, and during what happens every day: on the street, in the office, on public transportation, through words and in the silence of our hearts.

Right to Life UK

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right to Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

Consultation to Stop Home Abortions

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26th February 2021

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

Into your hands, O Lord...

we commend the souls of your servants Colin Green and Mary Ellis who have died. May they rest in peace. Please keep them and their families and friends in your prayers.

Mass Times

All Masses streamed live on YouTube

Sunday 14 February

6th Sunday Ordinary time

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 16 February

6.30pm *Joe Leonard RIP & John Denham RIP*

Wednesday 17 February

Ash Wednesday day of fast & abstinence

9.30am

Thursday 18 February

9.30am *Private Intention*

Friday 19 February

6.30pm *Pauline Cummins RIP*

Saturday 20 February

9.30am

Sunday 21 February

1st Sunday of Lent

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Monday 22 February

The Chair of St Peter

Tuesday 23 February

St Polycarp Bishop & Martyr

6.30pm

Wednesday 24 February

11.00am

Thursday 25 February

9.30am

Friday 26 February

Cafod Lent Fast Day

The Needy & Hungry of the World

6.30pm

Saturday 27 February

9.30am

The Word

Sunday 14 February

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

PSALM

You are my refuge, O Lord;

You fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Sunday 21 February

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

PSALM

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love

For those who keep your covenant

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

That water is a type of baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.



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Deadline for newsletter items

4.00pm Wednesday.

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 like to receive the parish news by post, with their permission please give their name and address and to the parish office by phoning or emailing to 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 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. Please click [here](#)

Churches Together England

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