

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
28 February 2021. Second Sunday of Lent. Year B



This is
my Son,
the
Beloved.

We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, “our Father in faith”. Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like “the stars of heaven”, and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God’s right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

Resumption of public Masses

As the 'stay at home' instructions will be relaxed on 29 March we propose to resume public Masses at Blessed Sacrament on Palm Sunday 28 March. Sunday Masses will be at the usual times of 8.45 and 10.45am and 6.00pm.

Bookings will be taken for attendance at the Triduum –

Maundy Thursday 1 April, evening, Mass of the Lord's supper at 7.00pm,

Good Friday 2 April, celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm and

Saturday 3 April at the Easter Vigil at 9.00pm.

There will also be Stations of the Cross on the morning of Good Friday.

There will be an opportunity for confessions after the weekday Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Masses on Easter Sunday 4 April will be at 8.45 and 10.45am.

We are still awaiting guidance from the Bishops Conference with the exact guidance how to celebrate the Triduum.

The rules on track and trace, hand sanitising, the wearing of face masks, social distancing and no mixing of households will still apply. We will also be dependant on our group of stewards who we are hoping will be happy to resume their duties. If anyone would like to join them please let the parish office know so that a rota can be drawn up.

Living Lent – *Resources for the season*

There are usually dozens of resources produced by various people to help us through the season of Lent. Below is a list, some of which you may find stimulating and helpful.

LENT TALKS a series of talks from priests and lay people on a variety of themes organised by Fr. Mark Skelton which will be broadcast on Zoom at **7.00pm**. Apologies for the missing time last weekend.

3 Monday 1 March – **David John** *A Lenten walk in the mountains with Thumper.*

4 Thursday 4 March – **Peter Coxe** *Empowering our relationship with God, ourselves & fellow creatures.*

5 Monday 8 March – **Mark Nash** *Mending the nets; preparing for mission.*

6 Thursday 11 March – **Peter Montgomery** *Guilt and Shame in a Post modern world.*

7 Monday 15 March – **Ned Wall** *A radical Jesus in Lent.*

8 Wednesday 17 March – **Jonathan Stewart** *Vice or Virtue; the path to holiness.*

9 Monday 22 March – **Anthony Hodges** *The ecology of Lent; a call to life.*

10 Wednesday 24 March – **Karen Cortes Foong** *The Black Madonna's invitation to honour the other.*

The zoom link to join the talks is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84667005013?pwd=eExpQ25naUxqYi95dmVFeVhkMHI4QT09> Meeting ID: 846 6700 5013. Passcode: 608518.

It is hoped that they will be recorded as well to enable people who do not 'zoom' to enjoy them as well.

Parousia: The Bible and the Mass

A journey through scripture, hosted by Scott Hahn uncovering why all God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Click [here](#).

Lenten Bible Course

6 weekly sessions to break open each Lenten Sunday Gospel before you go to Sunday Mass. Led by Mauro Iannecelli. Click [here](#).

Sycamore

A 6-week Lent course for practising Christians, or for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the season of Lent. Click [here](#).

CAFOD

CAFOD'S online Lent Calendar which has a daily scripture, chance to reflect, pray and take justice action with the worldwide family. Click [here](#).

Cafod Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent at 11.00am. This Lent, we will walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world. Join us as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope. [Register](#) to the series.

Prayer 1

This Lent course in Christian spirituality is intended as an introduction to some of the themes found in living the Christian spiritual life. Some of these themes might make us feel uncomfortable. For example, the theme of *obedience*. Our desire to be in control of every aspect of our own lives is often considered normal and good in today's world. Yet, for those who have taken their pursuit of God seriously, it is clear that a willingness to be obedient to God is a necessary attitude if we are going to make progress on that journey. Jesus, himself, says that this is necessary (Luke 11:28, John 14:23) and makes it clear that he chose to live a life of obedience to his Father's will (John 8:55). Click [here](#).

Canon John Deeny

Series of talks which can be found on the St. Cuthbert Mayne RC Parish YouTube page. Click [here](#).

Fr. Ian Hellyer

Lent reflections on the theme of worship through a scriptural approach. Click [here](#).

Jesuits in Britain (in conjunction with the BBC)

This Lent, BBC Radio 4 will explore aspects of Ignatian spirituality and point listeners to 'Knowing Jesus', an online retreat being offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. This retreat is available to anyone in the world with access to the Internet who wants to immerse themselves in the spirituality of St Ignatius. Click [here](#).

CARITAS

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. We hope that you find this material inspiring. Click [here](#).

Youth2000

Follow the Sunday Gospels throughout Lent. Click [here](#).

Lent Extra Magazine

The perfect companion to guide you towards Easter. A copy is attached. If you are unable to download this resource they are available to order from Redemptorist Publications at 01420 88222.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal

Friday 26 February was Cafod Fast Day.

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/give. You can also easily give via text. Text LENT to 70460 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 LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice 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.

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Walk for Water** virtual event. 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 [here](#).

CAFOD 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 [here](#).

Lenten Prayer

Lord God, with all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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. Click [here](#) to view the 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.

Fairtrade Real Easter Egg

The 2021 Fairtrade Real Easter Egg range has moved online as supermarkets have failed to make space for the UK's only egg which shares the Easter story. Out of the 80 million



chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, the Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to share the Easter story. The Real Easter Egg has been on sale since 2010 and involves thousands of churches, schools and groups. It crosses all denominations and offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects. The Real Easter Egg continues to be the UK's top mail order egg in terms of volume. To date more than a million eggs have been sold and more than £300,000 has been donated to charitable causes. The 2021 Original Real Easter Egg includes a new

24 page Easter story activity book. It features a rainbow design to remind us of the importance of working together, in amazing and inspiring ways, for the common good. It costs £4.50 and is delivered in multiples of six or as singles. To see a short video overview of the contents of the activity book

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA6nwXXYdQQ&feature=youtu.be>

Go online and order direct at www.realeasteregg.co.uk.

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

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. More info here:

www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families/

Exploring the New Directory for Catechesis Conference

The keynote speaker is Archbishop Rino Fisichella from the Pontifical Council for the Promoting of New Evangelisation. The Conference will be held virtually and over three sessions, Friday 12 March 2.00-4.00pm, Friday 16 April 2.00-4.00pm, and Friday 14 May 2.00-4.00pm. For more information follow this link:

<https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/conference-2021.html>

and to register: <https://bit.ly/2Z2KqIX>

Bible in a Year

Fr Mike Schmitz, a chaplain and a professor at the University of Minnesota, has recorded 365 daily podcasts of the Bible. The podcasts provide commentary, reflection and prayer along the way. Bible in a Year Podcast follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins. By listening to Bible in a Year, you are not only listening to an excellent podcast that will help you read and understand the Bible, you are showing the world that this matters.

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>.

Pilgrimage of Healing and Thanksgiving

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.

Vicariate for Evangelisation and Catechesis

Please find attached a copy of the newsletter entitled Evangelium. This is an interesting newsletter introducing the various members of the team, showing the extent of the work they undertake and giving us some wonderful examples of evangelisation.

Livesimply News

Although we have not been able to meet for over a year the spirit of *liveSimply* is still with us. We are responding to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us. Members have been supporting CAFOD initiatives by taking part in the 10,000 steps challenge. We keep in mind that we are a *liveSimply* parish, having gained our award in June 2019, so we can all respond to pope Francis' invitation.

It will very soon be time to plant seeds, while a spring event won't be possible we may be able to have a distanced plant exchange in the summer. Why not plant some extra seeds if you have saved some from last year. There is a short, but inspiring CAFOD video on this topic at <https://cafod.org.uk//livesimply> then click on the first item.

Some of us have been helping with the specific needs that Covid 19 has given rise by making face coverings and bags, that key workers can use to carry their laundry home safely, and scrubs are being made for the Exeter Hospice.

If you have any news or ideas email livesimplyexeter@gmail.com/ or telephone Frances on 01392209542

Virtual Coffee after Livestreamed Mass

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87565042148> is the zoom link for coffee after Mass

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth



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.

Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth

Financial Management Accountant – 1 Part Time Post

Location: St. Boniface House near Ashburton, Devon

Hours: 4 days per week (28 hours) The Diocese of Plymouth is seeking to recruit a Financial Management Accountant to work as part of the Finance Team in the Central Office at St Boniface House in Ashburton. Reporting to the Central Team Leader, this role entails being specifically involved in the creation of management accounts and supporting the payroll operation in order to support the mission and goals of the Diocesan Trust. Candidates must have at least part qualifications ACA, CIMA or ICAEW or equivalent (relevant experience will be considered). Some experience of working as an accountant and excellent IT skills, particularly Excel, are essential. Also, candidates should possess a professional and flexible attitude to work, and the empathy to work in a faith environment. For a copy of the job description please contact Joanne Howell at Cathedral Appointments email jhowell@cathedralappointments.co.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The closing date for applications is Monday 8 March 2021. Interviews will be held during week commencing 15 March 2021.

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/

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. 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 use to join in by praying the daily Novena prayer 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.

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 28 February 10.45am

Wednesday 3 March 9.30am

Friday 5 March 6.30pm

Tuesday 2 March 6.30pm

Thursday 4 March 9.30am

Saturday 6 March 9.30am

Blessed Sacrament were really fortunate to be granted a sum of money from the National Lottery Community Fund [#NationalLottery](https://www.national-lottery.com/Community-Fund) 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!



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 click [here](#).

Youth events in the diocese

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

Online Drama Course - The Last Supper – last call!

Wednesday 24 February, running 4 weeks finishing Wednesday 17 March 7.00 – 8.15pm. **This event started last week but there is still time to join.** All sessions will be running through ZOOM. The sessions are for Yr 6 upwards. This 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 would like to take part on the course, please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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

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



Big Exeter Sleep-Out

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 [here](#). Sign up for free [here](#).

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.

The Pope tweets...

During the Season of Lent the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert (Mk 1:12-15). It is not a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God, so that a true conversion might be effected in us.

Census Day Sunday 21 March

The census is a once-in-a-decade record of all the people and households in England and Wales – the most detailed information about our society. It is also an opportunity to help inform decisions on services that shape our communities. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England and Wales and is independent from government. Your details are protected by law and information published is always anonymous. You can fill your census in online as soon as you get your access code in the post. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let the ONS know. If you need help or have any questions, visit www.census.gov.uk

Into your hands, O Lord...

we commend the soul of your servants Rosemary Whyte (Aunt of Sue Lee) and Dorothy Stannard who have died. May they rest in peace. Please keep them and their family and friends in your prayers.

Pope's March Intention

Intention for evangelisation – Sacrament of reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God. View: The Pope Video [here](#)

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

PRAY FOR YMCA EXETER 11.30am-12.30pm last Thursday of every month on Zoom (email aescleal@gmail.com for the link). Join others to pray for the work of Exeter YMCA

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH Monday 29 March and last Monday of every month 2.30-3.30pm On Zoom (Message ctaxexeter@gmail.com for more info)

Pray for the 260 million fellow Christians facing persecution globally. We use resources mainly from parachurch charity Open Doors to inform and guide our prayers.

Message ctaxexeter@gmail.com for more info

PRAYERS AFTER LOCAL TRAGEDY The tragic fatal fire which claimed the lives of two adults and a four-year-old girl and hospitalised three other children near St David's Station early on Sunday morning has united the city in grief, and will be felt for a long time to come. devonlive.com/news/devon-news/exeter-fire-family-torn-apart

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 night.

To mark six months since [#PrayersOfHope](#) began, CTE General Secretary, Rev Dr Paul Goodliff, has written a special 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 are preparing to go 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.

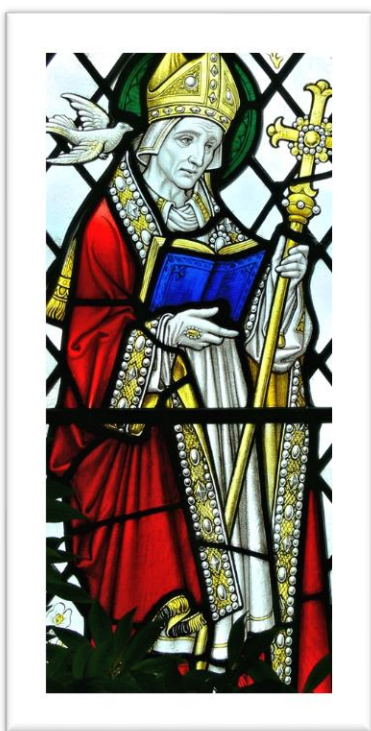
Pope Francis on Mercy

The mercy of God is His loving concern for each of us. He feels responsible; that is, He desires our well-being and He wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel, As the Father loves, so do His children. Just as He is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.

Scam Aware

Criminals are using Covid-19 as a chance to target victims with fraudulent emails, phone calls, texts messages or social media posts, including victims in our congregations and networks. For information on scams, visit Cyber Aware nsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home

For all the Saints...



St David (520 - 589) *1 March*

The earliest life of St David dates from five centuries after his death, probably in 589. He became eminent as abbot and bishop at the site now known as St David's, but formerly Mynyw, from which the present diocese of Menevia is named. He is credited with a monastic rule based on the example of the Eastern Fathers, and also with a Penitentiary. He was invited to preside at the synod of Llandewibrefi. Monks trained at his monastery evangelized South Wales and made foundations in Cornwall, Brittany and Ireland. St David is said to have sent a Mass rite to Ireland. At his death his contemporary St Kentigern, founder of St Asaph's in North Wales, witnessed in vision his joyful entrance into the joy of his Lord. His holy relics have been found hidden in the fabric of St David's Cathedral, where they are carefully preserved. He was canonized by Pope Callistus II in 1123.

Mass Times

All Masses streamed live on YouTube

Sunday 28 February

2nd Sunday of Lent

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Monday 1 March

St David Bishop. Patron of Wales

Tuesday 2 March

6.30pm *Pat Summerscales - Birthday*

Wednesday 3 March

9.30am

Thursday 4 March

9.30am

Friday 5 March

Women's World Day of Prayer

6.30pm

Saturday 6 March

9.30am

Sunday 7 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Monday 8 March

St John of God, Religious. Patron of nurses, the sick, heart patients, printers & booksellers

Tuesday 9 March

St Frances of Rome Religious

6.30pm

Wednesday 10 March

9.30am

Thursday 11 March

9.30am

Friday 12 March

6.30pm

Saturday 13 March

Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis

9.30am

The Word

Sunday 28 February

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved.

Sunday 7 March

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses

PSALM

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.



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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 to the parish office by phoning or emailing and we will arrange to get a copy to them. If they have an email address please ask them to email the parish office 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

The Bishops' Conference

Regular updates from the Bishops' Conference can be found at ccn@cbcew.org.uk

Getting married?

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

Churches Together Devon

The latest Churches Together Devon News is available here: www.ctdevon.org.uk

Churches Together Exeter

The latest Churches Together England News is available here: [www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234746/Home/News/CTe News/CTe News.aspx](http://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234746/Home/News/CTe%20News/CTe%20News.aspx)