

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

7 March 2021. Third Sunday of Lent. Year B



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

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one – the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God – if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant – God dwelling

with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple – himself – since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

Resumption of Public Worship

Further to the Prime Ministers Road Map out of the pandemic the proposal is to relax the 'stay at home' instruction on 29 March. We therefore hope to resume public worship at Blessed Sacrament on Palm Sunday 28 March. This decision will be looked at again in light of any further government announcements. Sunday Masses will be at the usual times of 8.45, 10.45am and 6.00pm.

We are still awaiting guidance from the Bishops Conference with regard to the celebration of the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil). The rules on track and trace, hand sanitising, the wearing of face masks, social distancing and no mixing of households will still apply. Because of this there will be a limit on the number of places available at all services and we will be employing a booking system and will let you know when we start to take these bookings. We will be live streaming the Easter Triduum and all Sunday and weekday Masses.

Confessions

We hope to be able to offer several occasions for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the early days of Holy Week.

Stewards

We will 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.

It might feel as though everything is getting back to normal, but things will continue to be different for some time yet. We are sure you will understand.

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 at All Saints Parish, Teignmouth which will be broadcast on Zoom at **7.00pm**. Apologies for the missing time last weekend.

Monday 8 March	Mark Nash <i>Mending the nets; preparing for mission.</i>
Thursday 11 March	Peter Montgomery <i>Guilt and Shame in a Post modern world.</i>
Monday 15 March	Ned Wall <i>A radical Jesus in Lent.</i>
Wednesday 17 March	Jonathan Stewart <i>Vice or Virtue; the path to holiness.</i>
Monday 22 March	Anthony Hodges <i>The ecology of Lent; a call to life.</i>
Wednesday 24 March	Karen Cortes Foong <i>The Black Madonna's invitation to honour the other.</i>

Click this [Zoom Link](#) to join the session. Meeting ID: 846 6700 5013. Passcode: 608518. It is hoped that sessions will be recorded to enable people who do not 'zoom' to benefit.

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](#).

CAFOD Walk for Water

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Walk for Water** virtual event.

Craig and Michelle Ayles are Walking for Water to raise money for CAFOD. They will walk 10,000 steps a day. 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.



Exeter Waymakers

Exeter Waymakers is a small group of parishioners from the three Exeter Catholic parishes. We are aiming to welcome and support a refugee family resettling in Exeter as part of the UK government community sponsorship scheme. We work closely with CARITAS Plymouth, our lead sponsor, and are being mentored by CHARIS, a church group from Taunton that have already successfully resettled several refugee families.

Keep an eye out for Parish News to learn more about our journey and see how you can be involved. For now, start by keeping the team in your prayers.

Caritas Justice and Peace

Are you concerned about injustice in our world? Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard? Would you like support and encouragement? Are you already taking action and want to inspire others? If the answer is yes, then please get in touch with Caritas Plymouth. We are looking to grow the Justice and Peace activities in the Diocese of Plymouth to offer: Connections between existing Justice and Peace groups to share ideas, opportunities for action, access to related agencies, friendship, solidarity and mutual support. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Deborah, the Caritas Manager, on 01364 645421 or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Days of accompanied prayer - Online individually guided retreats

The Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group continues to offer one-to-one days of accompanied prayer i.e. online individually guided retreats for three, four, five or six days. (Available via phone also) to suit people's individual circumstances.

A flier is attached to publicise this opportunity.

Members of the Ignatian Spirituality Group are experienced guides, who have received training in relation to Ignatian spirituality and include priests, deacons and lay people. Dates can be arranged to suit individuals. For further information, or to book those who are interested can contact the Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group by email diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or telephone: 01752 769164 or 07823447637.

There may be many who need to explore, make sense and reflect on the presence of God in their everyday lives, during the present challenging times, or perhaps in the more painful moments experienced recently. A number of people including those working from home have found this a valuable opportunity, including those who were new to the experience.

Finding our way to heaven *Making parents into saints*



From Mike and Alicia Hernon's podcasts 'Messy Families'.

When we first heard them say this it stopped us in our tracks. Mike and Lisa go on to explain... the reason motherhood or fatherhood is a vocation, is not to make our children into saints; it's about **making parents into saints**. Said differently; raising children is a lifelong lesson in our journey of holiness. Motherhood and fatherhood forms us as parents, and we in

turn form our children. What God is trying to teach *us* through the challenge of parenting is to love like Him – as God the Father – and raising children teaches that. God works on **us** through the challenges. When our children push us to the limits of our patience, when they demand more than we are prepared to give in time and attention, when they challenge our rules or rebel against our values – they are blessing us with a lesson in what real, unconditional love means. In doing so, they provide us with some small human insight into God's immense love for us.

Problems are Opportunities

This idea is a complete reframing of parenting challenges. Rather than seeing our misbehaving toddler or rebellious teen as a problem to be fixed, we need to see them as God's invitation to growth. As we suspect is the case with many parents, we had completely missed this way of looking at our parenting, especially when it comes to passing on the faith. Lamentation and self-recrimination are common among Catholics the world over when we parents discuss our children's lack of faith practice. The Hernon's are **not** saying we don't have **any** responsibility here, but rather that we need to understand and embrace what is really happening through our parenting. The family is often referred to as the 'school of love' and in this school our children are as much our teacher as we are theirs.

Raising children has taught us a dimension of love that is different to what we experience through each other and from our own parents. It comes in a particular form of unconditionality with no expectation of reciprocity. Of course, parenting also teaches us to pray, to pray often and with more heartfelt desperation! Nothing drives us to our knees faster than one of our kids suffering or stuffing up. Through every challenging incident we are being forged in holiness. We also gain insight in some small way as to how God the Father delights – just as we delight – in our children, even over the smallest of things. Reframing our difficult moments of parenting from a 'problem' to a 'holiness growth opportunity' does not make them easier, but it does help us resist the temptation to sidestep them or become overwhelmed by them.

As we grow in maturity and into a deeper relationship with God, we in turn become better teachers of the faith to our children. Faith is caught not just taught; and it must be freely chosen by our children and cannot be compelled. Our children will be influenced in their faith journey as much, if not more, by how they observe and experience us travelling through our own. As the wise parenting advice goes **"worry not that your children don't listen to you. Worry more that they watch what you do"**. *Let us be the example of virtue and holiness that our children need.*

Patchwork Parenting courses



Following feedback from parents earlier this year, we have now set up our 'Parenting through the Primary Years' and 'Hormones and Harmony' courses online to be run in the evenings from the beginning of March. These online courses are designed to be open to everyone as they are Diocesan, rather than school specific and

we are hoping by offering courses in the evening, more parents will be able to access our free support. These online courses have been advertised on our CCSP Facebook page and have been sent out through the CAST school network. **See attachments for details.**

Lockdown Lowdowns

In the absence of being able to support parents face to face during the last twelve months, we offered several virtual support sessions towards the end of 2020 and would now like to offer some more. Parents and carers from across the Diocese can access support online to discuss the joys and difficulties of raising children. These are added to the events section on the [Catholic Children's Society Facebook](#) Page on a regular basis so if you are on Facebook, please do like our page to receive news and regular updates on our fundraising events. Next sessions are on Wednesday 10 March at 1.00pm and Thursday 11 March at 8.00pm. Join Zoom meeting with ID 360 144 9135 Password KUVUP8

If you would like to help support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) in your parish, we are still looking for Parish Volunteers – please contact Vicki on 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.

Back to School

There is a common conception that all schools have been closed for the last few months. This is not true. Our schools have been supporting all children with a full curriculum online or in person. We are incredibly grateful to the school communities, especially those at St Nicholas School who have done such amazing work these past weeks. Please pray for them as all children return on Monday. It will be a challenging time for all, but we know that they will rise to the challenge and continue to provide excellent teaching and learning for your young people. God bless them all.

Caring for the carers

Whilst the number of those in hospital with Covid-19 continues to fall, our hospitals are still busy caring for the sick. We pray for all who work in hospital or nursing homes across the city and in our parish. Lord, bring them strength, grace and peace.

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 get in touch with the Parish Office.

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

GIFT Growing in Faith Together **MARCH** update

We met with parents via zoom on Saturday 6th March to discuss one of our next God Calls Resources: Prophets and Heroes. This month families are supported to focus on Prophets and Heroes:

- Who do we see as modern-day prophets and heroes?
- How can we as parents be a prophetic voice in our families?
- How can we remain faithful to God and encourage our families to be faithful in the everyday events of family life?

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 10th April. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

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. It crosses all denominations and offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects. 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 click [here](#).

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

Conference exploring the new Directory for Catechesis

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. To register: <https://bit.ly/2Z2KqIX>. For more information click [here](#).

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.

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. 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 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 7 March 10.45am

Wednesday 10 March 9.30am

Friday 12 March 6.30pm

Tuesday 9 March 6.30pm

Thursday 11 March 9.30am

Saturday 13 March 9.30am

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!



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](#).



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

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

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](#)

The Pope tweets...

Lent is a time to believe, or rather to receive God into our life so that we may “make our home with Him” (Jn 14: 23)

Pope Francis on Mercy

Mercy is that love which embraces the misery of the human person.

Into your hands, O Lord...

we commend the soul of your servant Dorothy Stannard who has died. May she rest in peace. Please keep her and her family and friends in your prayers.

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 in a house near St David's Station early last Sunday morning claimed the lives of two adults and two children. A further two children remain in hospital. This tragedy 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.

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.

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 ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home)



For all the Saints...

St John of God *8 March*

He was born to a poor but devout family in Portugal in 1495. After serving as a soldier under the Emperor Charles V he devoted his life wholly to the service of the poor and the sick. He founded a hospital in Granada and a circle of disciples formed round him, which later became the Order of Hospitallers. He died on 8 March 1550, his 55th birthday.

St Frances of Rome *9 March*

She was born in Rome in 1384 and was married at the age of 13. Although she had wanted to be a nun, she was happily married for 40 years and had three sons. She distributed gifts to the poor and ministered to the sick. She was remarkable for her humility and detachment, her obedience and patience in adversity (including her husband's banishment, the death of two of her sons from plague, and the loss of all her property). She was a mystic and contemplative, part of the great flourishing of mysticism in that period, and after her husband's death she retired to a convent she had founded, where she died on 9 March 1440.



Mass Times

All Masses streamed live on YouTube

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

Sunday 14 March

4th Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 16 March

6.30pm *Dorothy Stannard RIP*

Wednesday 17 March

*St Patrick Bishop & Missionary
Patron of Ireland*

9.30am

Thursday 18 March

9.30am

Friday 19 March

*St Joseph
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6.30pm

Saturday 20 March

9.30am

The Word

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.

Sunday 14 March

FIRST READING

2Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

PSALM

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not

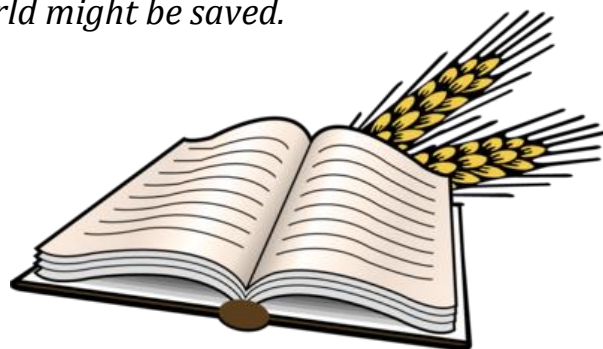
SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

You were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.



Virtual Coffee after

Livestreamed Sunday Mass

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87565042148> is the zoom link. Fr Jonathan will announce the passcode at Mass.

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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)