

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

11 April 2021. Second Sunday of Easter. Year B



After eight days, Jesus came

After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter week, we settle down into the longest season in the Church's year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through 'real time', by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

Public Worship at Blessed Sacrament

Now that the Stay at Home restriction has ended we are happy to be able to gather once more at church to celebrate Mass and worship God together. At the moment Sunday Masses will be at the usual times of 8.45, 10.45am and 6.00pm.

The rules on track and trace, hand sanitising, the wearing of face coverings, social distancing and no mixing of households still apply. Because of this there will be a limit on the number of places available at all services. To avoid disappointment please arrive early and allow the stewards to take you to an available seat.

Stewarding at Blessed Sacrament

If you are returning to Mass, and it's lovely to see you, and you are in a position to offer to steward we would be very grateful. Our team of stewards have done a great job, but it is important that we all take responsibility for supporting the community in this way. So please think carefully, 'If I'm coming to Mass, I could steward' and then contact the parish office to be placed on the rota. It is not an arduous job and we will explain the duties and responsibilities to you so you'll know what is expected of you. Thank you in advance.

Live Streaming

Mass will be streamed live from the church on the [Blessed Sacrament YouTube channel](#). We intend to stream the 10.45am Mass on Sundays and most weekday Masses. Upcoming streams can be found on the channel. If you visit the channel please click the 'subscribe' button. The more subscriptions we have the more benefits we get from YouTube which will enable us to be more flexible and creative in our virtual communication with parishioners and beyond. Thank you.

St Nick's News

We have spaces in our high quality nursery for Summer and Autumn Term 2021. You can use your 15 (or extended 30 hours) funding with the option to purchase additional hours at less than £4.50 per hour. Please contact Mrs Brocksom abrocksom@stncs.uk for more information.

A Precious Place of God's Grace – the Next Step

Bishop Mark has invited International speaker Michael Dopp to present to the clergy and laity of our diocese. Drawing on the themes of missionary discipleship that are emphasized in the document, we will explore how to concretely live this out in our own lives, as a parish, and throughout the diocese. Join us on Saturday 1 May, for the two-part presentation 11.00am – 12noon, 1.00pm – 2.00pm. You will need to register via [this link](#)

Exeter Foodbank – Food Shortages

Can you help by donating any of the following from the April priority items list: **500g bags of rice, pasta sauce, noodle snacks and custard.** 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) Donate money online at [this link](#).

Heavitree Community Builder/Wellbeing Exeter

For news and events take a look at [this link](#). Also check out Heavitree Community Network Facebook page to keep up to date on what is happening in the Heavitree neighbourhood.

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 10:30-11:45. 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

This is your last chance to book for the course starting on 17 April.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Fundraising news

Over £2,000 was raised from our first ever sponsored 'Sleep on the Floor for a Night' and we are thrilled as this was double what we set out to achieve at the start of December. This money will enable us to help approximately 20 vulnerable children. Thanks to all the children who took part.

Calling all budding artists – new competition for 2021

Following the success of the first Design a Christmas Card competition back in 2019, we will be running another competition this year. **337 entries** were received from **11 schools** in the Diocese. Schools will be invited to ask their children to get creative and if you know of any primary school children who like to draw and would like to enter, please contact vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk for an entry form.

Would you like to become a Parish Volunteer for the CCSP ?

Do you enjoy organising coffee mornings, raffles, tombolas and quizzes? Do you have a little spare time each month and would like to help vulnerable children and their families? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, perhaps you might like to consider becoming a Parish Volunteer maybe even jointly with one or two friends? We are looking for Parish Volunteers throughout the Diocese to help the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) to raise funds for our Essential Grants programme as our fundraising income has been severely affected since the pandemic began early last year. We are hoping to produce a Parish Volunteer pack to help parishioners to support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) in each parish. To find out more or to put your name forward, please contact vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk or call 01364 645420.

If you have access to Facebook please like our **Facebook page** to receive news and updates on our fundraising events.

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

Do you know a family who might need CCSP's help?

We have funding 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. The application and reference form can be found on our website www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or you can call 01364645420 / email ccs@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

Youth Events

Social Justice talks (Your Faith in Action) Monday 26 April 7.30 -9.00pm by Zoom

We are pleased that CAFOD will join us to talk about their Reclaim our Common Home campaign. We will have a chance to explore what is the G7 Summit? How does it impact on our lives? Why does it matter to the everyday person? What can you do? This talk is aimed at young people aged 12 -25 For Zoom log in please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Pentecost; Drama, Dance and singing workshops. 21 & 28 April and 5 & 12 May 7.00 – 8.15pm by Zoom. Continuing with the popular drama and dance workshops Youth Events will be running these themed on Pentecost. This is jointly run with By Design Theatre. It is aimed at young people in Year 6 upwards. Through Zoom young people will have the opportunity to explore the piece of scripture from Acts about Pentecost. They will be guided to produce short sequences of dance and drama which will be recorded through Zoom. For Zoom log in please email youth@prcdtr.org.uk

The Lord's Prayer. I am seeking young people across the diocese that speak an additional language to English and would be happy to record themselves saying the Lord's Prayer. Please get in contact if you are willing to take part.

Future day events: If all remains according to the government Road map it is hoped that in July, we have a couple of day events at St Rita's in Honiton. On July 2 there will be a social justice day, Care for Creation. This is aimed at young people 13 to 25. On July 10 there will be a chance to explore 'Expressing your faith through creativity'. Members from the Stay Awake band will join us. This event is aimed at young people aged 10 upwards. More details to follow.

The Pope tweets...

The first way to pray for someone is to speak to God about him or her. If we do this frequently, each day, our hearts are not closed, but open to our brothers and sisters. To pray for others is the first way to love them and it moves us toward concretely drawing near.

Pope's April Intention

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. View: The Pope Video [here](#)

Pope Francis on Mercy

Today, more than in the past, the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences, prevents us from taking the suffering of others for granted, and points out ways of responding which, grounded in the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, find practical expression in works of spiritual and corporal mercy.

Walk for water

Craig and Michelle Ayles would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to their Cafod "Walk for water" which they have now completed. They raised a total of £450.

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

We meet with parents via zoom monthly on a Saturday to discuss our next God Calls Resources that they will use with their families.

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 These can be found on the Blessed Sacrament website GIFT page. Click for the link: [Bedtime Chats](#)

GET IN TOUCH Our next parents zoom session is on Saturday 1 May. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria at exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

*A lovely Easter garden
made by one of our
GIFT families*



Welcome to the family of the Church

At Mass on Friday evening Ian Fuller was received into full communion with the Catholic Church and received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. He was supported by Tracey, his wife and Jasmine their daughter. We wish Ian every blessing and pray that as he takes his place in the Church he will grow in knowledge and love of the Lord. We give thanks for all those who have and will continue to support him on his journey of faith. Thanks be to God!

We commend to the Lord...

Jean Harman who has died. A funeral service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on Friday 23 April at 11.00am. The restrictions as far as numbers attending will still be in place; only 30 mourners. May she rest in peace.

Justice and Peace Annual Conference, July 2021

Caritas Plymouth is offering to sponsor two participants who will then report back to the Diocese. The theme is on the Environment. This is open to people 18-35. If two friends wish to apply to attend together that is a possibility. The full details are on the website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/justice-and-peace-conference/>

Vocation Discernment Weekend

for men aged 30 to 55. The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3rd September to Sunday 5th September 2021. It takes place at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is for men who are not already in touch with the Vocations Director, Fr Ralph, and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Information and registration forms can be found at [this link](#).

Thank you

The celebration of Easter this year was very different to what we are used to. It was certainly very different to last year when I was recording the services of Holy Week and the Triduum on my own in the church and broadcasting them on YouTube. I imagine, and hope, it will be different again next year! It was gratifying to all of us that we were able to gather for the celebrations, physically and online and I'm grateful to everyone who made this possible. The emergence of a regular online community is something none of us foresaw, but it has become a reality and is one which I'm sure will continue. We all know it's not the same as coming to Mass in person, but the opportunity to celebrate in this way is nevertheless one which has brought comfort and joy to many. So if you watch from home I want to affirm what an important part of the community you are. We are deeply grateful for your presence and prayer. Thank you also for your many cards, gifts and greetings. Your generosity and kindness is much appreciated. *Fr Jonathan*.

EASTER BLESSING

*May Christ's glory and the promise of this joyous time of year,
bring peace and happiness to those you hold most dear.*

Mass Times

*10.45am Mass on Sunday and weekday
Masses will be streamed live on the parish
YouTube channel.*

Sunday 11 April

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am

6.00pm *Carlo Ianulardo RIP*

Tuesday 13 April

6.30pm

Wednesday 14 April

9.30am *Michael Olivant RIP*

Thursday 15 April

9.30am

Friday 16 April

6.30pm

Saturday 17 April

9.30am

Sunday 18 April

Third Sunday of Easter

8.45am

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Tuesday 20 April

6.30pm

Wednesday 21 April

9.30am

Thursday 22 April

9.30am *Beryl Anstey RIP*

Friday 23 April

St George. Martyr. Patron of England

6.30pm

Saturday 24 April

9.30am

The Word

Sunday 11 April

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

United, heart and soul.

PSALM

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.*

SECOND READING

1John 5:1-6

*Anyone who has been begotten by God has
already overcome the world.*

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

Sunday 18 April

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15.17-19

*You killed the prince of life. God, however,
raised him from the dead.*

PSALM

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

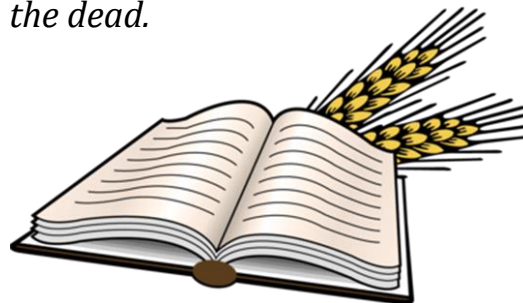
SECOND READING

1John 2:1-5

*He is the sacrifice that takes our sins
away, and not only ours, but the whole
world's.*

GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48

*So you see how it is written that Christ
would suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead.*



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The toilets in the St Richard Reynolds Centre will be open at the times of Masses. Please use only if necessary and be extra vigilant with personal hygiene and in thinking of others. Please sanitise your hands when you enter and when you leave the centre using the sanitiser provided.

Please leave the toilets as you would expect to find them.

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**Deadline for newsletter items is
10.00am Thursday.**

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

To receive the Parish News by email or post please phone or email the Parish Office and we will arrange to get a copy sent to you or someone you know who might like to receive it (with their permission).

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 11.59am the following Sunday. For the cost of a local call they can listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Dial 01642 130120

Getting married?

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

The Bishops' Conference

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

Churches Together Exeter

News available at

<http://www.ctax.btck.co.uk/Comingup>

Churches Together Devon

News is available [here](#).

Churches Together England

News is available [here](#).

Blessed Sacrament Live

Please visit our YouTube channel to find details of scheduled live streams:

[Blessed Sacrament YouTube](#)