

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter

18 April 2021. Third Sunday of Easter. Year B

See how
it is written
that the Christ
would suffer
and on the third
day rise from
the dead.

We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that all he suffered and rose so the 'repentance for the forgiveness

of sins' could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter's doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to 'repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.' The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he 'becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away'. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin is our way of living the Resurrection.

Exeter Catholic Youth Community

We have been flourishing since October 2020 under the Youth Leadership Team, consisting of Sullivan, Abigail, Matthew, Amely and Bea. With their help, we have run numerous successful online events once a month, including: movie discussion nights, quiz nights, and debate nights.

For the next youth event we will be trying a **Virtual Escape Room**, hosted by TearFund, called "Cracking the Climate Silencer" on 22 April from 7.00pm. We. A trailer can be found [here](#). The room is best suited for 10 people but we may be able to stretch to 12. Because of that I will need you to please reply with confirmation of your child's attendance. Please email Exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk If more want to come, we will schedule a second date to conduct the escape room so everyone can join in.

Youth Events in the Diocese

Social Justice talks (Your Faith in Action) Monday 26 April 7.30 -9.00pm by Zoom CAFOD will join us to talk about their Reclaim our Common Home campaign. We will have a chance to explore the forthcoming G7 Summit in Cornwall and the impact it may have on our lives. This talk is aimed at young people aged 12 -25.

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, 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.

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 events: On July 2 there will be a social justice day, Care for Creation for 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 is for young people aged 10 upwards. Both at St Rita's, Honiton. More details to follow.

For more information on any of these events please email Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk

GIFT Growing in Faith Together April update

On Saturday 10 April, Fr Jonathan joined us to share some reflections on Giotto di Bondone's 14th century fresco paintings in the Capella degli Scrovegni in Padua in Italy. To visit the chapel virtually and see some of the artworks visit [this link](#)

Next Month we will begin the family friendly resources 'Jesus Lives' which supports families to explore Jesus' life and how his teachings can influence their own family lives.

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

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](#)

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese of Plymouth is recruiting for the following positions:

Tribunal & Chancery Administrator *(part time)*

Location: St Boniface House near Ashburton Devon with some home-working

Salary: £11.39 per hour (Actual Salary - £7,107.36 per annum) plus contributory pension scheme (subject to eligibility) Hours: 12 hours per week

Under the direction of the Judicial Vicar/Chancellor, the Tribunal & Chancery Administrator is responsible for the effective administration of the Tribunal & Chancery Office and the overseeing of the processing of cases/Chancery matters in conjunction with the instructing judges/Chancellor. The role is part of a small team therefore flexibility with regards to duties and working hours is essential.

Copies of the job description are obtainable from the Human Resources Department on 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The last date for applications is 3 May 2021 and interviews will be held during week commencing 10 May 2021.

Caritas Outreach Worker *Fixed Term Contract (15 months)* 25 hours per week

Location: Plymouth. Salary: £24,000 per annum pro rata (Actual salary £17,134.00 per annum) plus mobile phone allowance and pension scheme (subject to eligibility).

Caritas Plymouth is looking for a dynamic and enthusiastic person who would like to be part of a small, friendly team supporting social action in our Parishes in Plymouth. The role will be based in Plymouth and will work with our Catholic parishes to map current social action and community engagement, identify gaps and opportunities and test and learn from some pilot projects. The role would suit someone who has an interest in community development and a passion for reaching out to those who are vulnerable and turning Catholic Social Teaching into action. There will be some evening and weekend working. The role will be based in a Plymouth parish but there will be a requirement to travel across the city to visit all the parishes. Access to a car would be an advantage. The position will be subject to a full DBS check.

Closing date for applications: 5 May 2021. Interviews will be held during the week commencing 10 May 2021.

For further information and the full job description please follow the link:

www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk and click on Careers under The Diocese tab or contact Deborah Fisher for a chat about the role 01364 645421.

Mass at Blessed Sacrament

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.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said for a particular intention; for someone who is ill or a loved one who has died; in thanksgiving for an answer to prayer or perhaps a private intention, contact Lesley in the parish office who will help you find a date and time which suits you. It is traditional to make an offering at the same time. This is simply what you can afford and would like to give. To comply with GDPR rules we need the permission of the person named if it is to be made public unless they are deceased.

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](#).

Pope Francis on Mercy

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of His brothers and sisters on the path of life.

Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

Pope Francis tweets...

In the midst of the contradictions and perplexities we must confront each day, the din of so many words and opinions, there is the quiet voice of the Risen Lord who keeps saying to us: "Peace be with you!"

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](#)

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Calling all budding artists – Christmas Card competition 2021

We will be running another competition this year to design a Christmas card. Schools in the diocese will be inviting children to get creative. If you know of a primary school aged child who likes to draw and would like to enter contact vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk for an entry form.

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

Do you have a little spare time each month and would like to help vulnerable children and their families? If so 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 on 01364 645420 or email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk

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

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/>

YMCA Captain Tom 100 Challenge

The YMCA is inviting you, your family and friends to take part in Captain Tom 100 from Friday 30 April to Monday 3 May 2021 to celebrate Captain Sir Tom Moore's amazing achievements and raise vital funds for YMCA Exeter. Friday 30 April would have been Captain Sir Tom's 101st birthday and is the one-year anniversary of the extraordinary celebrations that followed the conclusion of his fundraising walk that raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS.

Celebrate his life - Following the outpouring of heartfelt messages since Captain Sir

Tom's death on 2 February this year, his family pledged to celebrate his life with an event that everyone around the world could get involved in to celebrate his generosity, hope and sense of fun – the Captain Tom 100.

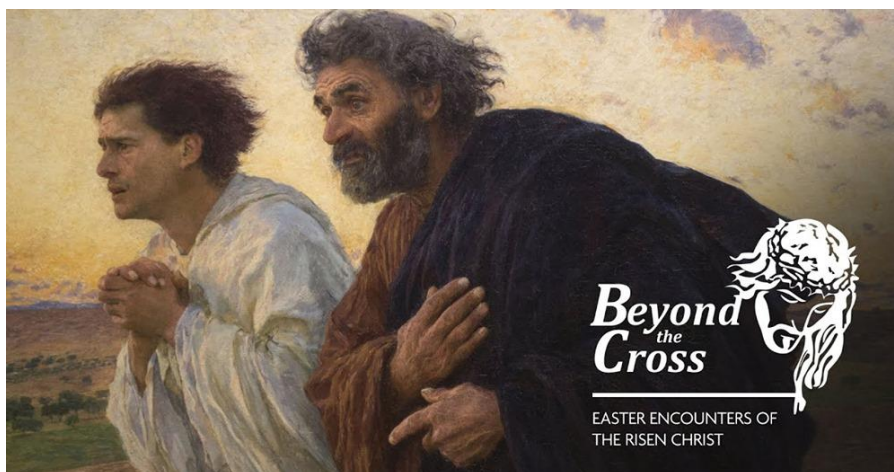
How to join in - It's simple: over the weekend spend time doing a sponsored challenge of your choice. At YMCA Exeter we've chosen to do litter picks in our community because we deeply care about the world in which we live. However you can of course choose any challenge for your Captain Tom 100 activity - walking 100 steps or running 100 metres, scoring 100 goals, baking 100 cakes, climbing 100 stairs, hopping 100 laps of the garden, building 100 sandcastles, writing a 100-word poem, flipping 100 pancakes – anything at all, inside or outside. It's your chance to do it your way!

To take part in our Captain Tom 100 challenge and be sponsored by your friends and family you need to: **1.** Visit Captain Tom's 100 website. **2.** Select 'fundraise' for YMCA Exeter. **3.** Connect to your Justgiving account or create a new account **4.** Share your fundraising page with friends, family and on social media. All the money raised through Justgiving will then be sent straight to YMCA Exeter and will go towards transforming an abandoned warehouse into affordable flats for local young people. If you join us by doing a sponsored litter pick activity then we suggest you pop into the Keep Britain Tidy website site for tips and safety suggestions before setting off on your adventure

Fundraise or donate - Once you've decided what you're doing, you can fundraise or donate to YMCA Exeter and share your 100 on social media, using #CaptainTom100. Find out more and register at our [Captain Tom 100](#) page. We hope you'll join the thousands of people around the world taking part in Captain Tom 100 and spread his message of hope while raising much-needed funds for YMCA Exeter.

St Nick's News

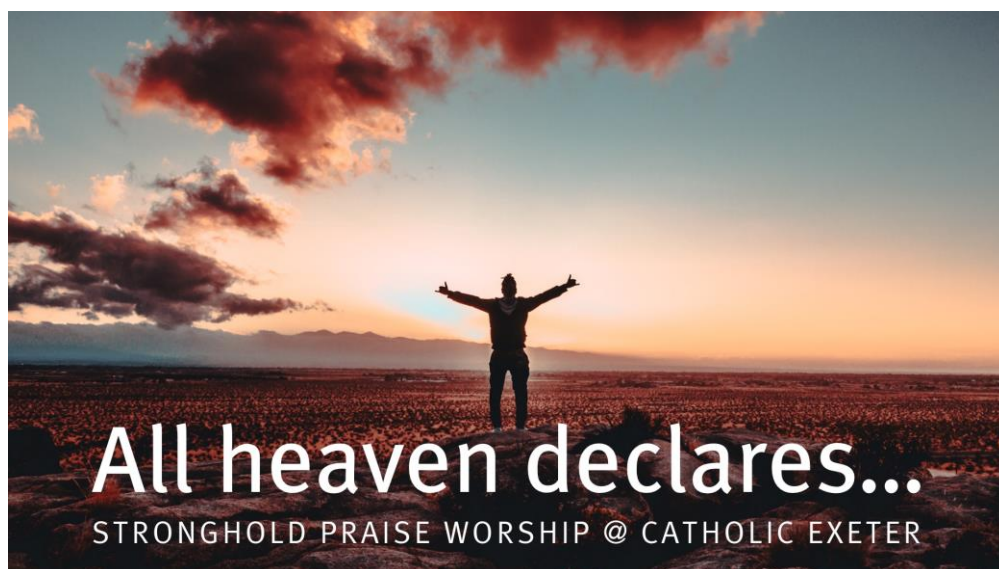
We have spaces in our high quality nursery for Summer and Autumn Term 2021. You can use your 15 (or extended 30 hours) funding with the option to purchase additional hours at less than £4.50 per hour. Please contact Mrs Brocksom abrocksom@stnics.uk for more information.



Beyond the Cross

A film series of reflections focussing on paintings of the Resurrection. This features this wonderful image of St Peter and St John running to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. Well worth a watch. You can find the reflection at [this link](#).

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you. *L R Knost*



Stronghold Praise Live

You are invited to join us for an evening of praise worship led by the Stronghold group and live streamed from Blessed Sacrament Church on Friday 23 April starting at 7.15pm (after evening Mass). We will post the words of the songs on our

Facebook page Catholic Exeter or if you would like a copy please email the parish office at exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk Access the evening by going to Blessed Sacrament Exeter on YouTube or by clicking this link <https://youtu.be/bFSSODLjbqM>

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. Information and registration forms can be found at [this link](#).

National Office for Vocation Easter Newsletter

The attached newsletter gives details of various online events on the subject of vocation such as marriage, Priesthood, religious Life and Permanent Diaconate.

Caritas Plymouth News attached to this issue of Parish News.

New parishioners

Welcome! We hope you will be very happy in the parish and in Exeter. We'd love to keep in touch so if you haven't already done so, please provide us with your contact details. Forms are available from the parish office and should be returned to the office once completed. We can then keep you notified of things in the parish and add you to the circulation list for the Parish News each week. Thank you.



For all the Saints...

23 April St George

He was martyred at Lydda (now in Israel) in about 303, during the persecution of Diocletian. Like so many saints of that period, the only fact that we can be certain of is his martyrdom. His cult spread quickly through both the East and the

West, and the legend of St George and the Dragon only appeared some time afterwards. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as the patron saint of several city states and countries, including England and Catalonia. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under the protection of St George, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a holiday.

Mass Times

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

Sunday 18 April

Third Sunday of Easter

8.45am *Jean Harman RIP*

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

Sunday 25 April

Third Sunday of Easter

8.45am

10.45am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 27 April

6.30pm

Wednesday 28 April

9.30am

Thursday 29 April

*St Catherine of Sienna. Virgin & Doctor
Patron of Europe*

9.30am

Friday 30 April

6.30pm

Saturday 1 May

9.30am

The Word

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.*

Sunday 25 April

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

*This is the only name by which we can
be saved.*

PSALM

*The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.*

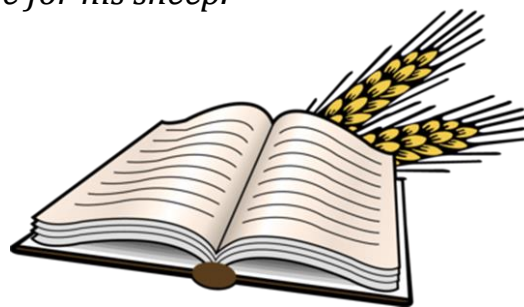
SECOND READING

1John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

*The good shepherd is one who lays down
his life for his sheep.*



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 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 without the internet or a 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: www.ctax.btck.co.uk/Comingup

Devon: News is available [here](#).

England: News is available [here](#).

Blessed Sacrament Live

visit our YouTube channel to find details of scheduled live streams: [Blessed Sacrament YouTube](#)