

# ParishNews



**Blessed Sacrament Parish** Heavitree Exeter

**2 May 2021.** Fifth Sunday of Easter. Year B

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Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of

Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love.

This love has its origins in the love of

the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

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# CAFOD

In the latest campaign: 'Reclaim our common home' we want to answer Pope Francis' call for us to build a new but better normal after the coronavirus pandemic. African countries are spending three times more on debt repayments to banks and speculators than it would cost to vaccinate the entire continent against Covid-19. Some lenders have already agreed to suspend debt payments due to the impact of the pandemic, but some banks and private lenders have continued to demand every penny. Join us to demand these #CancelTheDebt. Please email banks and private lenders today through this [CAFOD link](#)

## Special days of Prayer

### **Tuesday 4 May: A day of prayer for Victims and survivors of abuse**

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation prepared by the Diocese of Northampton.

*Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Wednesday 5 May: St Richard Reynolds, Martyr**

### **Sunday 16 May: World communications day**

For all who work in the media; may they broadcast with truth and integrity. For places and events that are forgotten by the news; may they be remembered in our hearts. The Pope's Message for World Communications Day: Full Text at

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-01/message-world-day-communication-life-history.html>

## The Day of the Lord

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued a reflection entitled The Day of Lord which is attached to the newsletter

## The Feast of St Rita of Cascia

will be celebrated at St Rita's Centre, Honiton on Saturday 22 May with Mass at 12 noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. You are all very welcome to join us. This celebration will be carefully prepared and will follow all national guidelines and the sanitary protocols suggested by health institutions. Because of national restrictions places for the Mass must be pre-booked. Please book online ([www.stritascentre.org](http://www.stritascentre.org)) or ring the office on 01404 42635.

For visitors who might like to buy religious articles two shops will be open that day for sale of religious articles; they can also make their orders on our website and collect their items on site on the feast day.

## Marriage Encounter Experiences

The next dates for either married or engaged couples are: Marriage Encounter – 15&16 May online video conference experience; 10&11 July Non-residential weekend, Savio House, Macclesfield. (Covid permitting). Engaged Encounter (marriage preparation) - 19 & 26 June online video conference experience. For further information or to book please go to: <https://engaged-encounter.org.uk> or <https://wwme.org.uk>

# SmartLoving BreakThrough

This is an online course that teaches participants how conflict arises, and how to take simple steps to heal the wounds and restore hope.

- Learn how arguments happen: manage them better or avoid them altogether
- Understand your internal drivers: and how your spouse is triggering you
- Process the pain of past injuries: making you stronger and less reactive
- Restore hope for your relationship's future: with practical strategies

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## Caritas Newsflash

### April 2021 Tackling Food Poverty

So far in 2021, Caritas Plymouth has distributed funding for just over £16,000 of food vouchers and food parcels for people who are struggling to make ends meet. This funding will give a helping hand to around 670 people.

There is still some funding available for parishes, schools and community groups which are tackling food poverty. Applications have to be made through your parish, community group or your school. They will make an application on your behalf. **The deadline for applications is Friday 7 May.** *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.*

Matthew 25:35

## News from the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

The Spring edition of our '**Children First**' newsletter is packed full of what the CCSP have been doing over the last few months. **(See copy attached.)**

Inside you can read all about the families we were able to help in 2020 and the plans we have for later this year for fundraising ideas as last year we were unable to hold our usual events and we rely entirely on the generosity of our loyal supporters, who we cannot thank enough for their continued support.

If you would like to receive a regular copy of this and future editions, either in the post or via email, please get in touch via email to [vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk) or by calling the office on 01364 645420 and we will add your details to our newsletter database.

### More National Lottery funding

We have just heard that we have successfully bid to the National Lottery for some more funding to help families affected by Covid-19. This brings the total of additional coronavirus funding received so far in 2021 to £25,000, which is wonderful news and compares favourably to the £27,000 we received last year. We are so thankful to the National Lottery and their players for providing us with another grant, which we can use to help children and their families through our Essential Grants programme. If you know of a family who might need our help, please get in touch or visit our website [www.ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk) to download the application forms.

### 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. As lockdown restrictions begin to ease and only when it is safe to do so, we hope to be able to hold fundraising events again to replace some of our lost income and would love to hear from anyone who can offer us a little help. We are working on a Parish Volunteer pack to help parishioners to support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) in each parish. If you are interested in finding out more or in putting your name forward, please contact [vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk) or call 01364 645420.

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

## FIVE WAYS TO HELP LOCAL VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**C**ARING CLUB **become an exclusive member!**  
Join our NEW club to help us raise £10,000 every year by setting up an annual payment of £100 (or two half yearly payments of £50)



**H**ELPING HANDS **join the 50:50 club**  
£12 a year and a chance to win every month!



**I**NVOLVE **become a volunteer**  
Pass on the news of the Society to your parish, school, friends and family. Why not challenge yourself to a sponsored event? Sit ups, a run, walk, swim or even a sponsored knit – anything that challenges you.



**L**EGACY **leave a will**  
Provide security for you, your loved ones and the children of the future



**D**ONATE **and declutter**  
Stamps, coins, jewellery, watches and ink cartridges can all create vital funds (see overleaf)



## 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/>

# 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](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Youth Events in the Diocese

**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](mailto: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](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## 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](#).

## 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.

# 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](mailto: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.

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For further information please follow the link: [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk) and click on Careers under The Diocese tab.

## Mass at Blessed Sacrament

Masses during the week are now at the usual times. Friday will remain at 6.30pm.

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.

As the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated, we would encourage those that can to come to a weekday Mass. We have had to turn people away at Sunday Masses which we do not like doing. So if you can come in the week to leave space for those who have no alternative but to attend on a Sunday that would be an act of kindness and generosity.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Pope Francis on Mercy

To repeat continually 'for His mercy endures forever', as the psalm does, seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father.

## Pope Francis tweets...

In daily life, we can find the Risen One in the faces of our brothers and sisters above all in the poor and those on the fringes. We will be amazed how the greatness of God is revealed in littleness, how his beauty shines forth in the poor and simple.

## Pope's May Intention

The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. Also view: The Pope Video [here](#)

## St Nick's News

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School has spaces in their 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](mailto:abrocksom@stnics.uk) for more information.

## 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](#).



# Let's Talk Loneliness

Linking Lives Devon is running a webinar on 12 May from 10.00 till 11.30am, on loneliness which we all know is a huge challenge. Churches in Devon are invited to a conversation on reaching and supporting the socially isolated in our communities and to learn about Linking Lives' befriending models. For anyone who might be interested here is the EventBrite link – [click here](#)

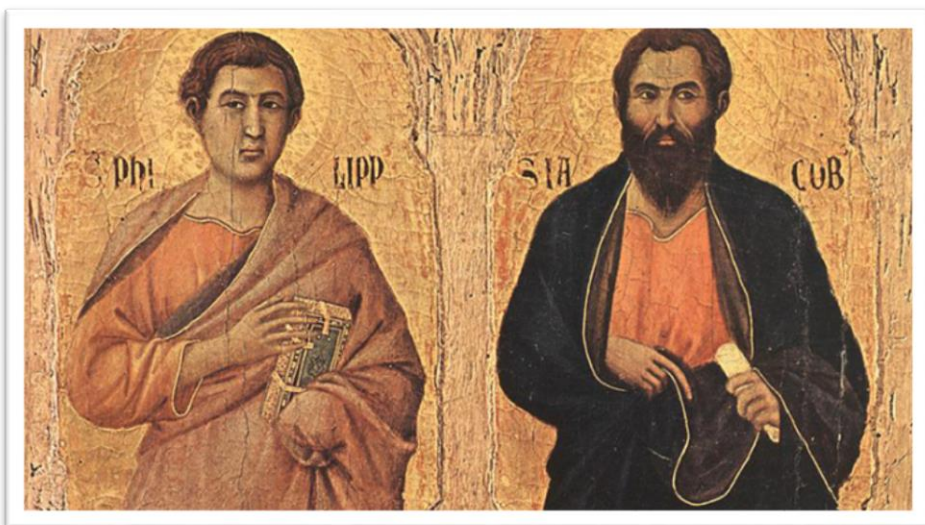
## Community Art Project

Heavitree United Reformed Church invites everyone to join this Community Art Project. 'Inchies' is an art form suitable for all abilities. All you need are 1-inch (25mm) squares of card, fabric or felt and your imagination! Decorate them in any way you like - something you've been thankful for during lockdown, a flower, a place or perhaps a special person – or just a favourite colour. Make just one or as many as you like. When finished put your 'inchies' in an envelope to Heavitree United Reformed Church labelled URC Community Art Project before 1 June. You can include your name and email address if you like, so we can let you know when the completed art is ready to view. All your 'inchies' will be collated into one piece of community art and displayed at a date to be confirmed.

## Christian Aid Week - Monday 10 – Sunday 16 May

Can you take 300,000 sponsored steps across the month of May to raise vital funds for the world's poorest communities? CA's steps challenge clocks in at just under 10,000 steps a day and you can do the challenge alone or with a team, supporting each other to reach your goal. Whether you decide to walk, jump, skip, hop or run your steps is completely up to you! Once you sign up via the email below, we will send you your very own Christian Aid t-shirt: [hello@christian-aid.org](mailto:hello@christian-aid.org). Thank you for stepping up and raising funds to support the world's poorest people.

## For all the Saints...



### 3 May St Philip & St James, Apostles

Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ.

James the son of Alphaeus is called "James the Less", to distinguish him from James the son of Zebedee. James "the brother of the Lord" ruled the Church at

Jerusalem; wrote an epistle; led an austere life; and converted many Jews to the Faith. He was crowned with martyrdom in the year 62. Jerome held these two Jameses to be the same person, and this was certainly the prevailing opinion when the feast of Philip and James was instituted in 560. Nowadays scholars prefer to divide them, in which case we might think of today as being the feast of Philip and James and James.





## 4 May The English Martyrs

On 4 May 1535, at Tyburn in London, there died three Carthusian monks, the first of many martyrs of the English Reformation. Of these martyrs, forty-two have been canonized, and a further 242 have been declared Blessed; but the true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or were tortured or persecuted for

their faith cannot now be reckoned. The persecution lasted a hundred and fifty years and left a permanent mark on English culture: to this day Catholics continue to suffer certain minor disabilities under English law. The martyrs celebrated today came from every

walk of life. There were rich and poor; married and single; men and women. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution. From 2001, there are also celebrated on this day the forty martyrs of England and Wales who were canonized on 25 October 1970 and formerly celebrated on that day. They include Saints Cuthbert Mayne, John Houghton, Edmund Campion, and Richard Gwynn, as well as Saints John Roberts and Ambrose Barlow from the Benedictine monastery of St Gregory at Douay (now at Downside Abbey in Somerset),



## 5 May St Richard Reynolds

Richard Reynolds is thought to have come from Pinhoe in Exeter and was a Bridgettine monk of Syon Abbey on the Thames. He suffered martyrdom with the Carthusians at Tyburn on May 4 1535, for refusing to take the oath of royal supremacy under Henry VIII. He was known for his personal holiness and was one of the forty martyrs canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970. Syon Abbey, one of the great medieval monasteries, was dissolved in 1539 by Henry. The expelled community moved from place to place in

France and Spain, finally settling in Lisbon in 1594. This same community moved from Lisbon back to England in 1861, settling first in Spetisbury, Dorset, then in Chudleigh, and finally in 1925 in South Brent. The community remained here until the closure of Syon Abbey in 2011



## 13 May *Feast of the Ascension*

On this great feast we celebrate the moment when Jesus, having completed his work on earth, returned to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Rather than gazing into the heavens wondering about when he will return, we, like the apostles are encouraged to continue Christ's work on earth.

## 14 May St Matthias, Apostle

He was not one of the Twelve; but after the treachery and death of Judas Iscariot, someone was needed to take his place. Two candidates were selected, and lots were drawn to see which of them should be made one of the Twelve: the choice fell on Matthias. Nothing is known for certain about his subsequent history.

Drawing lots to select a candidate for an office sounds strange to us, but it was a recognised Jewish custom: for example, the priest who was to enter the Temple sanctuary and burn incense there was not chosen by some rota but by lot. Random events, independent of any obvious natural or human cause, were seen as a direct expression of God's will. Drawing lots was not a substitute for human decision – human beings had chosen Matthias as a candidate, human beings decided which priests were eligible on which days – but a way of putting the final choice into the hands of God. When we attain some high or responsible position, we may be tempted to congratulate ourselves on being the best candidate for the job. We would do well to remember that we have got there because of the people we have met and the things we have found ourselves doing, and, more fundamentally, because of the gifts and talents that God has given us. These things are essentially random: like Matthias, we have been chosen by lot.





# Mass Times

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

## Sunday 2 May

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**8.45am** *People of the Parish*

**10.45am**

**6.00pm**

Monday 3 May

*St Philip & St James Apostles*

Tuesday 4 May

*The English Martyrs*

*Day of prayer for the victims  
& survivors of abuse*

**6.30pm** *Teresa McDonagh RIP*

Wednesday 5 May

*St Richard Reynolds Priest & Martyr*

**9.30am** *Michael Olivant RIP*

Thursday 6 May

**9.30am**

Friday 7 May

**No Mass**

Saturday 8 May

**9.30am**

## Sunday 9 May

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*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**8.45am**

**10.45am** *People of the Parish*

**6.00pm**

Tuesday 11 May

**6.30pm**

Wednesday 12 May

**9.30am** *Annie & Paul Thomas 25<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary*

Thursday 13 May

*The Ascension of the Lord*

**9.30am**

**7.00pm**

Friday 14 May

*St Matthias Apostle*

**6.30pm**

Saturday 15 May

**9.30am**

## Sunday 16 May

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*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**8.45am** *Kathleen Jenkinson RIP*

**10.45am**

**6.00pm** *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 18 May

**6.30pm**

Wednesday 19 May

**9.30am** *In Remembrance Thomas family*

Thursday 20 May

**9.30am**

Friday 21 May

**No Mass**

Saturday 22 May

**9.30am**

## Sunday 23 May

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*Pentecost Sunday*

**8.45am** *People of the Parish*

**10.45am**

**6.00pm**

Monday 24 May

*Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church*

Tuesday 25 May

*St Bede the Venerable Priest & Doctor*

**6.30pm**

Wednesday 26 May

*St Philip Neri Priest*

**9.30am**

Thursday 27 May

*Our Lord Jesus Christ*

*The Eternal High Priest*

**9.30am**

Friday 28 May

**6.30pm**

Saturday 29 May

**9.30am**

## 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.  
Thank you.*



# The Word

## Sunday 2 May

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### FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.*

### PSALM

*You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

### SECOND READING

1John 3:18-24

*His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.*

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

## Sunday 9 May

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### FIRST READING

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

*The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.*

### PSALM

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

### SECOND READING

1John 4:7-10

*God is love.*

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

*A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

“Ignorance  
of scripture  
is ignorance  
of Christ”

*St Jerome*

## Sunday 16 May

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### FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

*We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.*

### PSALM

*The Lord has set his sway in heaven*

### SECOND READING

1John 4:11-16

*Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.*

GOSPEL John 17:11-19

*That they may be one like us!*

## Sunday 23 May

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Acts 9:26-31

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Executive Head Teacher

Angela Folland

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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](mailto:ccn@cbcew.org.uk)

## Churches Together

Exeter: [www.ctax.btck.co.uk/Comingup](http://www.ctax.btck.co.uk/Comingup)

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

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

## Blessed Sacrament Live

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