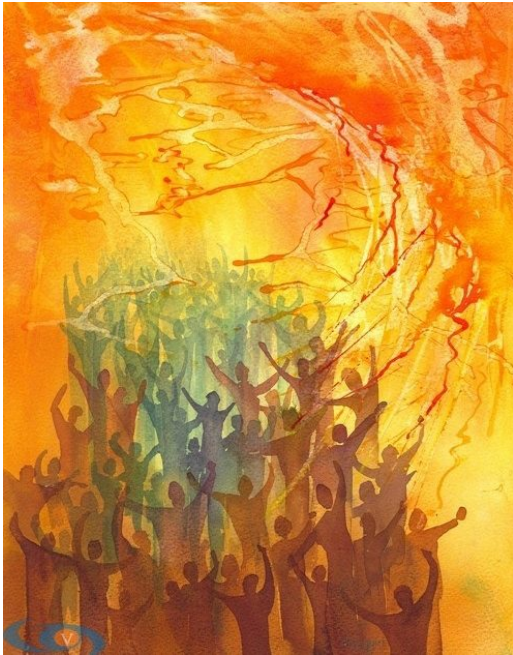


Blessed Sacrament Parish

23 May 2021. Pentecost Sunday. Year B



The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

This Sunday we arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his celebrated word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism

throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to fulfil our baptismal calling to bring Jesus Christ's message of hope to the world.

Pentecost

The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth." Like Easter, it is tied to a Jewish feast. 49 days (7 weeks, or "a week of weeks") after the second day of Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot). Passover celebrates the freeing of the Jews from slavery; Shavuot celebrates their becoming God's holy people by the gift and acceptance of the Law; and the counting of the days to Shavuot symbolises their yearning for the Law. From a strictly practical point of view, Shavuot was a very good time for the Holy Spirit to come down and inspire the Apostles to preach to all nations because, being a pilgrimage festival, it was an occasion when Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims from many countries. Symbolically, the parallel with the Jews is exact. We are freed from the slavery of death and sin by Easter; with the Apostles, we spend some time as toddlers under the tutelage of the risen Jesus; and when he has left, the Spirit comes down on us and we become a Church.

Pastoral Letter for Pentecost

In Bishop Mark's letter for this Sunday he highlights the importance of the environment and our call to care for our common home. "In a few weeks time the G7 meeting of world leaders will take place at Carbis Bay in Cornwall. One of the key themes of that gathering is the environment. This Pentecost Sunday we do well to remember God's creation at this challenging time and to pray with the psalmist: 'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.'"

A Parish Pentecost

St John Henry Newman said "To grow is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often". Change is a natural part of life, we see it in the dying and rising of nature, the newness of spring overcoming the seeming dead of winter. To change is to be renewed. The early Church was transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a community which left its safety and security and went out as missionary disciples to the world, preaching God's message of hope and life. We have all experienced many changes in the last year and a half, our lives have been turned upside down by the pandemic. For some life will never be the same. So this is a perfect opportunity for us as a community to examine the way want to be renewed. In the next few weeks and months we will be engaging in a process of renewal, examining our communal life and asking important questions about who we are and what we are called to do as disciples of the Lord. Bishop Mark's document A Precious Place of God's Grace is asking the same questions and encouraging us as a diocese to be courageous. To begin this process I have composed a Parish Prayer of Renewal (below). Prayer is the first and most important thing we should do; turning to the Lord and asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, to transform us and show us how to truly live. I ask you to make a personal commitment to pray this as often as you can, daily, if possible. Pray it on your own and with your family, pray it with others you meet from the parish, pray it on the bus or in the bath, let's make it our prayer for our parish. And let's open ourselves to what God wants for us and let's not be surprised but rather rejoice in his power to renew us all. Fr Jonathan.



Parish Prayer of Renewal

Almighty God, source of power and life,
pour out the grace of your Holy Spirit upon our parish.
Renew our hope, that your light may shine in the
darkness.

Renew our courage, that we may confidently proclaim
your Good News.

Renew our joy, that we may sing a new song to you.
Renew our gratitude, that we may rejoice in your gifts.
Renew our wonder, that we may appreciate the beauty
of your creation.

Renew our love, that we may experience yours.
Renew our faith, that we may walk in your ways.
Renew our hearts, that we may build your kingdom
on earth.

Make us a community built on the foundation of your
love to be a sign of your presence in the world.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We commend to the Lord...

Jean Edwards who has died. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday 2 June at 11.00am. The restrictions as far as numbers attending will still be in place; only 30 mourners will be able to attend. This will be by invitation. May she rest in peace.

Stronghold Praise & Worship

Watch and join in on YouTube on Thursday 27 May at 7.00pm. To watch please click here: [Blessed Sacrament YouTube Channel](#)

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

Aid to the Church in Need Nigeria: A Church under Siege

Aid to the Church in Need is working with project partners in Maiduguri diocese to care for widows whose husbands have been killed by Islamists. This project is offering a lifeline to 8000 widows and 17000 children. All these women have horrifying tales to tell. Nigeria is troubled on all sides but thanks to prayers and support the Church is still standing and thriving. You can read a report by clicking the link [here](#).

Pope Francis on Mercy

Dear brothers and sisters, the Lord never tires of having mercy on us, and wants to offer us His forgiveness once again – inviting us to return to Him with a new heart, purified of evil, purified by tears, to take part in His joy.



Right to Life News

[Right To Life News](#), was launched last year so that we can reach a far wider audience of people with the latest pro-life news that will keep people informed on life issues. Our website is already the most viewed pro-life website in Europe and the fourth most viewed pro-life website in the world - and this digital news platform has been built to

enable us to reach even more people. www.righttolife.org.uk/news

A Church on Fire

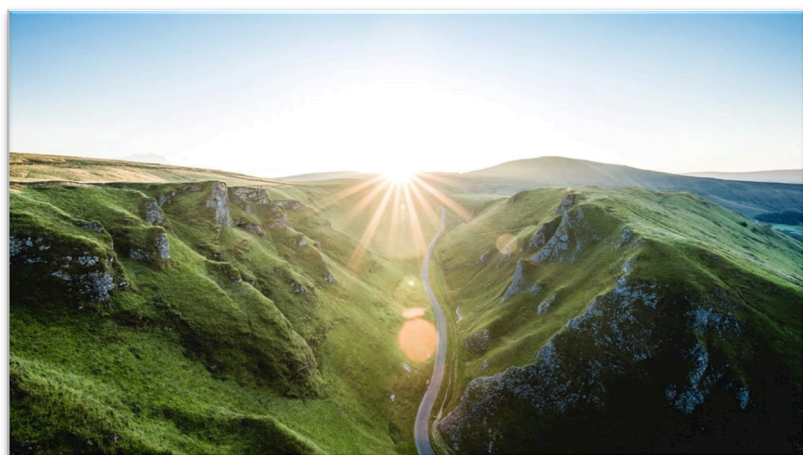
The presentation to the clergy/laity of our diocese on missionary disciples by Michael Dopp on 1 May can now be viewed on the Diocesan Website, [click here](#).

Over 200 people joined us live for this day, so here is your chance to listen again or hear this talk for the first time. Encouraged and inspired, you are invited to participate in deeper formation in missionary discipleship through Mission Made Possible, provided by the Diocesan Vicariate for Evangelisation & Catechesis. Contact: Michele Thompson michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk for more information.

Recognising the Ministry of Catechist

We warmly welcome Pope Francis's Apostolic Letter Antiquum Ministerium, formally recognising the ministry of catechist and look forward to what it proposes for the Universal Church and for the Church in England and Wales. See attached letter from Bishop David Evans Chair, Committee for Catechesis. Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Pope Francis reminds us that we cannot "forget the countless lay men and women who directly took part in the spread of the Gospel through catechetical instruction. Men and women of deep faith, authentic witnesses of holiness, who in some cases were also founders of Churches and eventually died as martyrs. In our own day too, many competent and dedicated catechists are community leaders in various parts of the world and carry out a mission invaluable for the transmission and growth of the faith." (AM3) Through baptism all are called to a new life in Christ and share in the life of the Church. Each member of the Church is called to serve the Lord by the manner of their lives and so this new ministry is an opportunity for us to discern how the Lord wishes us to serve Him in the Church. Those called to the ministry of catechist, like all called to serve in the Church, will share in a key responsibility to proclaim the faith and form others as they come to know the Lord. The ministry of catechist, which is set in the ancient tradition of the Church, is rooted in service of the Lord and his Gospel in the life of the Church so Pope Francis reminds us that: "The role played by catechist is one specific form of service among others within the Christian community... every catechist must be a witness to the faith, a teacher, a mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue, who teaches for the Church." (AM 6) The "motu proprio" makes it clear that this new ministry of catechist is aligned to the bishop's ministry in the local Church. The diocesan bishop is to promote the discernment and formation of this new ministry so that it is set in service of the Church. Pope Francis reminds us: "It is in fact a stable form of service rendered to the local Church in accordance with the pastoral needs identified by the local Ordinary, yet one carried out as work of the laity, as demanded by the very nature of the ministry." (AM 7)



Pastoral Letter on the Environment for Pentecost

A Pastoral Letter on the environment, prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales, for use in churches on 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday is attached to the newsletter this week.

Exeter Catholic Youth Community (ECYC)

We wanted to let you know about our latest event: a virtual escape room produced by TearFund called "Cracking the Climate Silencer". We weren't sure at first, but the event was by far one of our best events held. 8 brave individuals joined together to attempt to disarm the powerful climate silencer technology, aimed at silencing any talk about improving the environment and protecting our climate. In the 60 minutes they had to complete the task, only 2 minutes separated their victory from defeat! We will plan on holding this event again as it was very engaging and interactive on a virtual platform. We hold this on May 27 from 7:15-8:30pm. If you would like to

attend, please get in touch with Erik Renz at exeter-youth-worker@prcdtr.org.uk We are delighted that Erik, our parish Youth Worker will be attending the G7 summit in Cornwall later this year as part of the CAFOD delegation. We're sure he will have a great experience which he will be able to share directly with our young people.

Youth Events in the Diocese

Care for Creation 3 July 10.00am – 4.00pm St Rita's Honiton

Social justice. What does this mean? What is our responsibility and what could we do? This day event is for young adults aged 12 – 20. It is a chance to explore social justice topics around care for creation. You will have the opportunity to broaden your knowledge and express your views on a variety of topics, taking the chance to reflect on what is happening around you and what action you could take. Parents/guardians are also invited to attend. They will be invited to attend their own workshops, offering them the chance to explore the same issues and how they can support young people in their campaigns. We are asking for a contribution of £10 per person to help cover costs of speakers and lunch. If you would like to attend, please follow [this link](#).

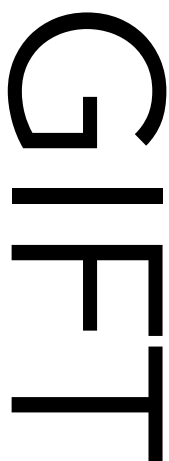
Jesus walks with us: 10 July 10.00am – 4.00pm St Rita's Honiton

By Design Theatre, Rise Theatre and the team from Stay Awake, amongst others are coming together to run a conference for young people aged 10 – 16. You will have the chance to explore the story of the encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus through the arts. There will be a number of workshops on offer including art, craft, drama and dance. Those attending will have the opportunity to attend more than one workshop during the day. We are asking for £10 contribution to cover the costs of speakers and the lunch provided. To book a place complete the form which you can find at [this link](#).

For further information about youth events contact Saskia Hogbin youth@prcdtr.org.uk

GIFT Growing in Faith Together May update

On Saturday 8 May, in readiness to begin our new family resource 'Jesus Lives', parents met to explore and consider who Jesus is to them. Fr Cyriacus spoke to us about the dual nature of Jesus, his humanity and divinity; he presented this to parents in a child friendly way which will support them in catechising their children. Families will now explore the themes 'Who is Jesus' and 'Jesus is born' with their families. Next Month we will explore how we can deepen our friendship with Jesus and what being Jesus' friend means in our daily lives.



What is GIFT?

GIFT is for all families of faith: for families with children who already receive 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](#).

Get in touch Our next parents zoom session is on Saturday 12 June. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal and India

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with our sister agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India to distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. Please watch the video of Father Paul Moonjely from Caritas India [here](#). You can donate online [here](https://cafod.org.uk/give): cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

The Alpha Experience



A couple of weeks ago we finished the second Alpha Course hosted by the Exeter parishes.

For those of you who are not familiar with Alpha, it is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is not so much

a course, but an experience! It creates a space where you can share your thoughts and feelings and explore topics that are often difficult to discuss elsewhere. When we meet in person, Alpha revolves around a shared meal, an engaging video and a stimulating conversation in small groups.

I'm a life-long Catholic though of late, I have often felt like I am holding onto my faith by my fingernails, as there are so many difficulties and scandals within the Church which can make it a challenge to embrace. Alpha has provided a very welcoming and open space in which to discuss things freely, without judgement, and this has been a real blessing and help to me. Alpha has enabled me to know God's love, mercy and grace afresh, reconnecting me with a new sense of hope.

Sophie

During the pandemic, we ran Alpha online and couldn't offer a meal or a cup of coffee, but we had exciting and meaningful conversations each week.

Our Alpha guests came from various geographical locations (some from as far as Lanzarote!) and

from all walks of life. Many guests are cradle Catholics, some have recently been received into the Church, some are not Christians. Some came to faith through Alpha, in others the Holy Spirit awakened a hunger for God, for his Word and a need to get closer to and know Him better.

I'm not a Christian and I'm new to all this. Alpha helped me to discover a relationship with God. I'm not alone because God loves me. I have the Holy Spirit with me and I believe that.
Sam

Whatever their background they all loved the opportunity to meet and have an open and honest conversation. Alpha gives everyone a deep sense of belonging and fellowship.

For the team it is a joy and privilege to see the Holy Spirit at work and witness so many lives being transformed.

Alpha in the autumn

We're planning to run the next Alpha in early autumn, hopefully in person. If you'd like to know more or to be put on a waiting list, please contact us at [this link](#). We'd love to hear from you.

Welcome to the family of the Church

Recently Allison Rand was received into full communion with the Catholic Church and received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. She was supported Catherine, her sponsor. We wish Allison every blessing and pray that as she takes her place in the Church she will grow in knowledge and love of the Lord. We give thanks for all those who have and will continue to support her on her journey of faith. Thanks be to God!

Renewal of Marriage Vows Mass

On 12 June at 5.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church there will be a Mass at which you can renew your marriage vows. As numbers are still restricted due to Covid-19, please can you register your place if you would like to attend by completing the booking form attached to the newsletter and emailing it to mkoverly@gmail.com Please note that registration applies to attending and places will be allocated on a first come, first served, basis. We will accommodate as many as the guidelines allow. We hope to see you there.

Best wishes, The Catholic Marriage Preparation Exeter (CMPE) team

Rosary Stronghold May 2021

Daily online Rosary at 8.00pm. 24 May - Rosary Day for Schools & Young People

30 May - National Rosary Relay Rally. 31 May - Online Rosary with BP John Keenan.

For further information email Antonia@walsingham.org.uk www.walsingham.org.uk -

www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk - www.carfingrotto.org You can also join a livestream recitation of the Rosary within the diocese on Sunday 30 May - 11.00am-12.00pm with Bishop Mark

www.plymouthcathedral.co.uk Saturday 22 May - 8.00pm from [St Joseph's Newton Abbot](http://StJosephsNewtonAbbot.org.uk)

May Prayer Initiative

Guided by the shrines around the world, all the faithful during the month of May unite in the recitation of the Holy Rosary to ask for the end of the pandemic and the resumption of social and work activities.

Mass live-streamed

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 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 of you 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. Many thanks.

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.

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](#)

Pope Francis tweets...

In order to ensure the proper care of our common home, we must become a "we" that is ever wider and more co-responsible, in the profound conviction that whatever good is done in our world is done for present and future generations

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. For more information contact abrocksom@stncls.uk.

School Grounds

We are continuing to develop our school grounds. Our new all-weather running track is now finished on the field. We will formally open it later in the term and look forward to the children being able to use it! Work will soon begin on our new outdoor classroom.

Exeter Foodbank – Food Shortages

Can you help by donating any of the following from the May priority items list:

Tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, rice (500g bags), shower gel and deodorant.

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](#).

South West Awake

Saturday 19 June 10.30am. A chain of prayer and praise on the South West Coast Path. SWA believes God wants to impact the 2.6 million people who live in the South West and prayer will be key to this being possible. Join Christians of all traditions on one of the 630 miles of the South West Coast Path to pray Thy Kingdom Come. Stand together asking God for His Kingdom to come in the region. For more information click [here](#)

Churches Together at Devon County Show

The Devon County Show 2021 will take place on Friday 2, Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 July.

Following covid restrictions, the Devon Churches Stand will appear this year but in a totally different format. We are excited that this event is going ahead and invite you all to come and find

the stand. You will still receive a warm welcome although a more distant one than we would have chosen. Kathy Govett – Sec. Churches Stand Committee.

Community Arts Project

Heavitree United Reformed Church invites everyone to join this Community Arts 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 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 future date.

The Perfect Church

If you should find the perfect church without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake don't join that church you'd spoil the atmosphere.
If you should find the perfect church where all anxieties cease,
Then pass it by, lest joining it you spoil the masterpiece
If you should find the perfect church then don't you ever dare
To tread upon such holy ground you'd be a misfit there.
But since no perfect church exists, made of perfect men,
Let's cease on looking for that church, and love the church we're in.
Of course it's not the perfect church, that's simple to discern,
But you and I and all of us could cause the tide to turn.
What fools we are to flee the past in that unfruitful search
To find, at last, where problems loom God proudly builds his church.

For all the Saints...



Monday 24 May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

The Blessed Virgin Mary has been given the title of Mother of the Church since she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and she became the Mother of the redeemed people before her Son had given up the spirit on the Cross. Pope Paul VI solemnly confirmed the title in an address to the Fathers of the Second

Vatican Council on 21 November 1964 and decreed that the whole Christian people should, by the use of this beautiful title, give still greater honour to the Mother of God. This celebration was instituted in 2018 and then added to the General Roman (Universal) Calendar. The decree states 'This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and the Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God'.



Tuesday 25 May **St Bede the Venerable**

He was born in the north of England, near the monastery of Wearmouth. He joined that monastery, and spent all his life there or at Jarrow, teaching and writing. He was the outstanding ecclesiastical author of his time. He wrote commentaries on Scripture; an ecclesiastical history of the English people, which is a unique and irreplaceable resource for much of early English history; and the first martyrology (collection of saints' lives) to be compiled on historical principles. He was also the first known writer of English prose, though this has not survived. He died at

Jarrow on 25 May 735: he taught and worked until the last moments of his life. He is venerated as the "light of the Church" in the Dark Ages, and as a forerunner of the 8th and 9th century renaissance of the Western Church.



Wednesday 26 May **St Philip Neri**

He was born in Florence in 1515. At the age of eighteen he went to Rome, and earned his living as a tutor. He undertook much-needed charitable work among the young men of the city, and started a brotherhood to help the sick poor and pilgrims.

He was advised that he could do more good as a priest, and was ordained in 1551. He built an oratory over the church of San Girolamo, where he invented services, consisting of spiritual readings and hymns, which were the origin of the oratorio. He continued to serve the young men of Rome, rich and poor alike, with religious discussions and by organising charitable enterprises. He had a particular care for the young students at the English College in Rome, studying for a missionary life and probable martyrdom in England. He inspired other

clergy to emulate him, and formed them into the Congregation of the Oratory. Oratorian foundations still flourish in many countries today. He died in Rome in 1595. St Philip Neri was an enemy of solemnity and conventionality. When some of his more pompous penitents made their confession to him (he was famous as a confessor) he imposed salutary and deflating penances on them, such as walking through the streets of Rome carrying his cat (he was very fond of cats). When a novice showed signs of excessive seriousness, Philip stood on his head in front of him, to make him laugh. When people looked up to him too much, he did something ridiculous so that they should not respect someone who was no wiser – and no less sinful – than they were. In every case there was an excellent point to his pranks: to combat pride, or melancholy, or hero-worship. Laughter is not much heard in churches: perhaps that is to be expected... but outside church, Christians should laugh more than anyone else – laugh from sheer joy, that God bothered to make us, and that he continues to love us despite the idiots we are. Everyone is a sinner, but Christians are sinners redeemed – an undeserved rescue that we make even less deserved by everything we do. It is too serious a matter to be serious about: all we can reasonably do is rejoice. Very many of

the saints, not just St Philip, have an abiding terror of being looked up to. For they know their imperfections better than anyone else, and being revered by other people is doubly bad. It is bad for the others, who should be revering God instead, and for themselves, because they might be tempted to believe their own image and believe themselves to be worthy. We are not saints yet, but we, too, should beware. Uprightness and virtue do have their rewards, in self-respect and in respect from others, and it is easy to find ourselves aiming for the result rather than the cause. Let us aim for joy, rather than respectability. Let us make fools of ourselves from time to time, and thus see ourselves, for a moment, as the all-wise God sees us.



Thursday 27 May
Our Lord Jesus Christ
the Eternal High Priest

The feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Mass Times

10.45am Mass on Sunday and weekday Masses will be streamed live on the [Parish YouTube channel](#).

Sunday 23 May

Pentecost Sunday

8.45am Tom Reardon RIP

10.45am People of the Parish

6.00pm

Eighth week in Ordinary Time

Monday 24 May

Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church

Tuesday 25 May 6.30pm

St Bede the Venerable Priest & Doctor

Jean Edwards RIP

Wednesday 26 May 9.30am

St Philip Neri, Priest

Tony Spicer RIP

Thursday 27 May 9.30am

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Friday 28 May 6.30pm

Saturday 29 May 9.30am

Sunday 30 May

The Most Holy Trinity

8.45am People of the Parish

10.45am

6.00pm

Ninth week in Ordinary time

Monday 31 May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 1 June 6.30pm

St Justin, Martyr

Tony Spicer RIP

Wednesday 2 June 11.00am

Funeral Mass Jean Edwards RIP

NB Invited guests only

Thursday 3 June 9.30am

St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Rob Hooper RIP

Friday 4 June 6.30pm

Saturday 5 June 9.30am

St Boniface Bishop Martyr & Missionary

Patron of the diocese

The Word

Sunday 23 May

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

Psalm

*Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
And renew the face of the earth.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

In the one spirit we were all baptised.

Sequence

Gospel John 20:19-23

*As the Father sent me, so I am sending you:
receive the Holy Spirit.*

Sunday 30 May

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40

*The Lord is good indeed, in heaven above
as on earth beneath, he and no other.*

Psalm

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen
as his own.*

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

*You received the spirit of sons, and it makes
us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'*

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

*Baptise them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

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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](#)

Deadline for newsletter items
10.00am Thursday.