



BLESSED SACRAMENT

PARISH NEWS

24 October 2021. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B



Master, let me see again

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message 'almost a parable' behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and

about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday which is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a direct debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk Or take an envelope which is available in the church and you can return it at any Mass.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before you Holy Spirit

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity So that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

For a Synodal Church

The launch of the Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process. This month, Pope Francis opened a two-year Synodal Journey with three phases (diocesan, continental, universal) of consultations and discernment, culminating with an assembly in October 2023 in Rome. The overall theme is "*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*". Pope Francis started the Journey in Rome on 10 October. The Synodal journey is concerned with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time. This journey is an opportunity to listen to each other and the Holy Spirit and to reflect on our future path. We want everyone to have an opportunity to express their views. Resources will be provided by the Diocese to parishes, schools and groups to support this listening and discernment process. Our local listening phase will take place over the coming months, starting with a Liturgy that was led by Bishop Mark at the Cathedral at 4.00pm on Sunday 17 October (this

can be accessed on the Diocese YouTube Channel). Everyone was invited to attend one of our initial introductory online events to explain the Synodal journey in more detail and how we plan to go forward in our Diocese. These were on Wednesday 20 October and Saturday 23 October These sessions will be available on our Diocesan Website [here](#)

A message from Bishop Mark

In October 2021, Pope Francis will open a three-year synodal journey with three phases of consultations and discernment, culminating with an assembly in October 2023 in Rome. The first phase of the Synodal Process will be a time of listening in local churches. Our Diocese will continue the synodal journey which started with 'A Precious Place of God's Grace'. Later in the year, working through our parishes and schools, we will be fostering as broad a consultation as possible, reaching out to integrate the voice of the poor and the excluded – walking together to explore how the Church can respond to today's challenges and engage everyone in being more Missionary. I encourage everyone in our Diocese to engage in this important process in the life of the Church, locally and universally, so that we can all be more effective missionary disciples. ***Bishop Mark O'Toole***

CAFOD Talk on Synodality

An interesting talk which explains what is meant by synodality, how we might listen to the Holy Spirit and walk together to discern a future vision for the whole church. The talk relates this new way of being to the work of CAFOD and Caritas. Find the talk [here](#) an interview with Christopher Lamb, Rome Correspondent for The Tablet about Pope Francis' invitation to us all to participate in consultations in our dioceses from October this year as the first stage of the next Synod.

COP26 - UN Climate Summit

COP26 is the 2021 United Nations climate change conference. It's the 26th annual summit – giving it the name COP26. With the UK as President, COP26 takes place in Glasgow from **Sunday 31 October to Friday 12 November 2021**. Cafod has produced a useful guide to COP26 with tips on how to get involved. Our response is rooted in prayer and action so in the run-up and during the summit, we invite you to pray that the leaders and negotiators work together for positive outcomes for our common home. You can download our prayer card and poster. Check out our environmental case studies for examples of how parishes, organisations, academic institutions, and other church groups are collaborating to help protect our common home. [Click here](#) for information from the Bishops Conference.

CAFOD The Climate Crisis

CAFOD will be joining millions of people across the world who will be out marching for climate justice on Saturday 6 November for the Global Day of Action for the Climate. As world leaders gather for the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow, we want to make sure we raise our voice and let them know that urgent action is needed to keep global temperatures within 1.5 degrees of warming, and to ensure that sufficient support is provided for the countries and communities who have done the least to cause the current climate emergency. To donate online to any current appeals click [here](#)

A Prayer for the COP26 Climate Talks

'I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.' Pope Francis - Laudato Si 14 In the run up to COP26, we are asking people to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet, by using this prayer in their parishes and at home. For more info or visit <https://ukcop26.org/> Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,

and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Wednesday Word will continue to meet online via zoom from 2-3pm every Wednesday. If you would like to join us then, please get in touch with Maria: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Please go to the Children's Society website where you will be able to pre-order your packs of Christmas cards - [here](#) We also send a big thank you those of you who have contributed to the annual appeal. The early signs are looking so promising that this summer's appeal has been a wonderful success and the monies are still coming in. If are able to support our 'Step Forward, Reach Out and Help' 2021 annual appeal and have yet to send a donation there is still time to donate <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/step-forward-reach-out-and-help>

'Love Christmas'

A community initiative called 'Love Christmas' aims to share a million "Christmas boxes of hope and love" this season. Advent and Christmas are a sacred time for Christians as we celebrate the Word made flesh and reflect on the gift of Jesus Christ at the heart of our lives. But for the most vulnerable and isolated, it can be a very difficult and lonely season. Local volunteers will deliver Christmas boxes, containing food and essentials, to those most in need as well as providing a vital moment of social interaction. Blessed Sacrament is planning on being a part of this initiative! To do so we will be looking for donations, to enable us to purchase the 'gifts', volunteers to help with shopping, packing and delivering the bags and boxes and nominations of those who would benefit from a little extra special something at Christmas. If you are interested in helping or have any nominations please contact Lesley in the Parish Office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

with Taizé Chants on Wednesday 3rd Nov at 7.00 pm The Lady Chapel, Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is welcome

Youth Events

Rise Theatre Workshop

Saturday 13 November at St Rita's, Honiton 10.00am-3.00pm This will be run jointly with Rise Theatre. Rise Theatre will be exploring the piece of scripture from Corinthians 'You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of it'. Young people (aged 10 upwards) do not need to have an interest in drama there are other things they can do including filmmaking, art, poetry, script writing. This is a Diocesan event and is the first of a series of regional events. It is a great opportunity for our young people to meet others from other parishes and to simply have fun together. If you are interested in attending please contact, Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Advent Workshop

We have been offered the opportunity to have a workshop run with an Advent theme for young people within our Parish and the Parish of Sacred Heart. The workshop is for young people aged 11-18yrs and includes making chocolate advent calendars. The cost will be £10 per person. If you are interested in attending please contact, the Parish Office. This event will only be run if there is enough interest.

Free Food for Families in October Half-Term

School holidays can be a real struggle for some families because of increased costs such as food and reduced incomes due to childcare. If you or someone you know could qualify for this support, the quickest and easiest way to apply is through this website and you will get an instant decision: [click here](#). Alternatively, contact Devon County Council's helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Exeter Foodbank

The October priority items are: deodorant (for both men & women), sponge puddings, jars of coffee (small 100g jars), sugar, custard and rice pudding. Please ONLY donate items from the list. Thank you for your understanding. Collection Points - Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas); Sainsbury's Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Tesco (Exe Vale); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd). Or you can donate money online [here](#)

St Nicks News

Reception Class 2022: Tours will be held on 10 and 11 November at 9.30am and 6.00pm on each day for applicants for a Reception place in September 2022. You will be able to tour the school, meet the leadership team and find out all about joining our school community. Please email Mrs Brocksom (head@stnics.uk) to book a place on a tour or to obtain more information. Please also contact Mrs Brocksom to find out about Nursery places for children aged 3 and above.

CARITAS Social Action Network (CSAN)

<https://www.csan.org.uk/news/afghanistan-response/> As well as all the information contained in the link, CARITAS Plymouth will also be looking to connect with those leading on migration in the SW to support any local resettlement scheme. e.g. Exeter WAYmakers. If you would like to know more and help Exeter WAYmakers, please make contact Chris Lee M: 07702 435890 E: cml_lee@hotmail.com

Caritas Plymouth newsletter

The October edition of the newsletter can be found at [here](#) It is very interesting and full of very relevant topics so please do have a look at it.

YMCA Latest newsletter

can be viewed [here](#) including news about our 175th Anniversary Service at Exeter Cathedral, Calling all bakers! and the latest news from Sidwell Studios

Saying Goodbye – online



Saying Goodbye provides comprehensive information, advice, support and much more to anyone who has suffered the loss of a baby, at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy. Firstly, know that you are not alone. Unfortunately hundreds of thousands of people across the UK and

Globally go through baby loss each day, and for each person, we are here to help, to explain, to try and make sense of what for many can be a deeply traumatic time. Secondly, please make use of the information on the site, contact the team for further support if you or a loved one needs it, and know that we are here for you. Get support <https://www.sayinggoodbye.org/get-support/> or download a support leaflet [click here](#) Upcoming on line services: A time to collectively remember all lost babies & children. Join with others around the globe and light a candle in your home. Sunday 17 Oct 8.00pm, Sunday 14 Nov 8.00pm, Sunday 19 Dec 8.00pm

Appeal for Carers

An appeal for care workers has been launched by the County Council, as the shortage of care workers gets worse. Care providers are struggling to find enough staff. Many are turning down new requests for help while doing the best they can to care for vulnerable clients. In Devon, around 2,000 additional care workers are needed to fill growing numbers of vacancies, and demand for care is rising. "There are more people in Devon today who quite simply need help, than there are people to provide it," said Cllr James McInnes. "I'm talking about help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, preparing a meal, or company because they're lonely." If you have experience of caring for someone and are keen to work in the care sector, DCC want to hear from you. There's one to one support to help you, and free training. If you can be a Personal Assistant, we can help with advice and guidance. If you have time to volunteer to help people in your local community, we can help put you in touch. More info here: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/news/council-appeals-for-help-as-care-worker-shortage-gets-worse/>

Catholic Exeter Forming in Faith

Our parishes of Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament are together offering a wonderful opportunity to develop and deepen your relationship with God and the Church by exploring our Catholic faith. We have established an adult formation group meeting in person fortnightly, to grow in faith together. The next sessions are on Monday 25 October 10.30am–12.30pm at Sacred Heart Tuesday 26 October 7.00–9.00pm at Blessed Sacrament. The sessions will be the same, it's the day, time and venue that are different. To start us off we're watching and discussing films from Bishop Robert Barron's 'CATHOLICISM' series. To join us on this journey of discovery or simply to find out more, register by clicking the link [here](#).

Evangelism for the Shy, the Hesitant and the Incompetent

Fr Robbie Low presented this to our diocese with some excellent tips on how we can evangelise. If you missed it live, the recording is now available [here](#)

Pilgrimage of Healing and Thanksgiving

Bishop Mark plans to be the spiritual leader of a gently paced pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early March 2022. It will include a full programme of visits to the Holy Sites and staying in excellent Christian accommodation in the hills of Samaria and Judea and closing with three nights at the Sea of Galilee. Places are limited to a total of 30, on a first come first served basis. For further detail and to register your interest please contact Della Shenton on della@5gr.org

Celebrate - Parenting for Faith

Want to help the children you love find God in everyday life?

Celebrate is running the Parenting for Faith course on zoom. The parenting course is for you – it's not just mums and das who long for children and teens to know God for themselves. Whether you are a parent, guardian, grandparent, family member, friend or catechist you can help the young people in your life develop a vibrant and connected relationship with God – whatever their age! Join us on the following dates: Block One: 2,9,16 & 23 November. Optional evening on 30 November with Rachel Turner, Parenting for Faith Pioneer. Block Two: 11, 18, 25 January & 1 February 2022. During the sessions there will be opportunity to discuss the content in small groups online. These will be organised in regions so that you can get to know other families in your area. [Watch the trailer for the course here](#)

To book your free place on the course, you need to register here:

www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith

We look forward to seeing you all there! God bless The CELEBRATE Team

GIFT Growing In Faith Together

October Update

We look forward to welcoming our families back in person on Saturday 6 November at St Nicholas School. If the situation regarding COVID worsens we will have to make alternative arrangements but we will keep you informed. Our monthly **parent only** zoom meetings continue on Wednesdays with our next session being held on 17 November at 7.00pm.

Get in Touch: Maria at exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk.

To register for GIFT and find out more: Please click on the link [here](#)

Bedtime Chats: Blessed Sacrament Website GIFT page: [here](#)

Pope's October prayer intention

For Evangelisation - Missionary Disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel. See also the Popes' video [here](#)

“Jesus asks us all, and you as well, to be missionary disciples. Are you ready?”

Pope Francis opened The Pope Video—containing his prayer intention for the month of October—with that invitation to all Christians. The Pope said we are all invited to be open to Jesus' call and to live united to Him in the mundane events of our daily lives. “Work, meeting other people, our daily duties, and the chance events of each day”: These are the opportunities we have to allow ourselves to be “guided by the Holy Spirit,” said the Pope.

Hope for Exeter - Street Evangelism

Christians from churches across the city are gathering on the High Street 10.00am-1.30pm (meet opposite Lloyds Bank) on Saturday 6 November with music for some multi-church street mission and evangelism, with offers of prayer to passers-by. Please do join in if you can, even if just for some of it, and tell friends. Email us on ctaxexeter@gmail.com for more details if required.

Silver Schools

This inter-generational initiative links young people in schools and ‘Silver Listeners’ from churches or communities. Silver Stories thus supports many older people in their battle against loneliness and also inspires the young people who become wonderful story tellers encouraged to read with joy. Please contact Tina Wilkes for more information: tina.wilkes@exeter.anglican.org

A Prayer for Black History Month

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

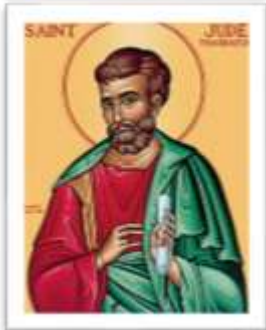
- Langston Hughes

SAINTS OF THE WEEK...



28 October St Simon, Apostle

Simon is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of “Simon Cananaeus” simply adapts another Hebrew word for “zeal” and has nothing to do with the town of Cana.



28 October St Jude, Apostle

Jude, also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

Mass Times

Sunday 24 October

30th in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day

8.45am

10.45am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 26 October No Mass

Wednesday 27 October 9.30am

Bob Bendall RIP

Thursday 28 October 9.30am

St Simon & St Jude Apostles

Judy Piris RIP

Friday 29 October 6.30pm

Saturday 30 October 9.30am

Dave Roberts RIP

**CLOCKS GO BACK ONE
HOUR at 2.00am Sunday**

Sunday 31 October

All Saints

8.45am *Dermott Curtis RIP*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

Tuesday 2 November 6.30pm

The commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls' Day)

Wednesday 3 November 9.30am

Thursday 4 November 9.30am

St Charles Borromeo Bishop

Friday 5 November 6.30pm

Saturday 6 November 9.30am

The Word

Sunday 24 October

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.

Psalm Response

What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we are glad.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Master, let me see again.

Sunday 31 October

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4.9-14

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

Psalm Response

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading I John 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.



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items 10.00am Thursday.**

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Blessed Sacrament Live

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

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 by dialing 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 can be found at [here](#)

Churches Together

Devon News [here](#)

Exeter news [here](#)

England News [here](#).