



BLESSED SACRAMENT

PARISH NEWS

14 November 2021. Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

He will gather his chosen from the four winds



As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: 'Then he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds.' This gathering of God's children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

Synod 2021-2023 Walking Together

At the heart of the vision of Synod 2023 is listening. *'I encourage you to fully engage with this important process in the life of the Church, locally and universally, so that we can all be more effective missionary disciples. Very important is our prayer to the Holy Spirit so that we listen to what God is saying to us, as well as listening deeply to what we are saying to one another. May the Holy Spirit guide us on this journey together and give us a share in God's wisdom and understanding.'* Bishop Mark O'Toole

During the Diocesan phase of our Walking Together, parishes, schools and individuals are invited to reach out and involve the greatest number of people possible, especially those on the periphery who are often excluded. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to contribute to the future of our Church.

The Themes

The overarching themes for the four weeks of our Diocesan journey explore how we **listen**, our **mission**, how we **celebrate**, and our **dreams**. There are three questions to explore each week with some prompts for use as needed. The questions follow a pathway from listening and reflection about us as individuals, about our parish and about the global Church.

Listening together

As a parish we plan to gather after the 10.45am Mass on each of the Sundays in Advent. 28 November, 5, 12 and 19 December, to discuss these questions and listen to one another. The meetings will begin at 12.00pm in the Church where we will pray together before breaking into smaller groups to help facilitate the conversation. Everyone is invited. Please think about who you could invite to come along; perhaps someone in your family is a Catholic but no longer practices their faith, you may have a friend who comes to Church only at Christmas and Easter.

Listening online

To make the process as accessible as possible we will hold a series of online sessions via Zoom. This will enable some of our parish family who are housebound or nervous of coming out to respond. You may know someone in this situation. Please invite them to take part. You may also be able to help them with the technology if they need it. More details and links to follow.

Listening to one's heart

We will also gather individual responses from those who cannot, for whatever reason, take part in the group conversations.

More details about all this in next week's Parish News.

Prayer for the Synod

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

Walking Together – Behind the Global Synod

Diocese of Plymouth online event on 16 November at 7.00pm where Austen Ivereigh will explore the topic: “Behind the global synod: why Pope Francis wants you to speak boldly and listen carefully.” Please register [here](#) if you would like to join us for what will be a really interesting discussion, with an opportunity for questions and answers

World Day of the Poor



The fifth World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis, will be celebrated globally in the Catholic Church today, **Sunday 14 November**, and has the theme: “The poor you will always have with you” (Mark 14:7) from the words of Jesus at the Anointing in Bethany just before his Passion. We are called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us, “If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor.” We need a social model capable of countering new forms of global poverty, says Pope Francis. There are more resources including a link to the Pope’s message and a reflection from Bishop Mark on the Caritas website [here](#). There is also a lovely Novena created by Caritas Social Action Network which you will find [here](#) and which will be shared each day from 5 November on our Diocesan Facebook page.

Love Christmas?

We need your help!

We recently introduced you to 'Love Christmas' and let you know that the parish is going to take part in this community initiative.

The help that we need from you please is:

- Donations of money or supermarket vouchers. All donations can be placed in an envelope marked 'Love Christmas'.
- Nominations of anyone you know who would benefit from receiving a little something special/unexpected at Christmas. Are they alone, struggling financially, sick or disabled, a carer or housebound? They do not need to be a parishioner but can be your neighbour or just someone you know.
- Help with packing the bags
- Delivering the bags

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to know more, have a nomination or can offer help of any kind.

Advent Retreat Day "Waiting for a child"

Saturday 11 December 2021 at St Rita's Centre. The retreat will be led by Fr. Jose Romero OAR. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. First Talk will start at 10.00am, second talk will be at 11.00am. Exposition and Adoration of the holy Sacrament in silence will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm, Mass at 2.45pm and there will be an opportunity for Confession. Charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Booking can be made by phone 01404 42635, email admin@stritascentre.org or online [here](#). Booking forms are also available from the Parish Office. Payment can be made on the day. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635

Advent Sunday Gospel Course

Five Bible studies on the Advent Sunday gospels. Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec 7.00 – 8.00pm Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube. Info & Registration: [here](#)

St Nick's News

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you should apply for a Reception 2022 place online [here](#) from 15th November until 15th January. If you are applying to St Nicholas School you also need to complete a supplementary form, obtainable from the school website [here](#) and return it to the school. If you missed the recent open days we can still offer a tour of the school. Please contact Mrs Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk) to arrange this.

Last week we held our very first **Fun Faith Wednesday Lunchtimes**. Our Pupil Chaplains ran a 'Holy Library' and invited children to come and enjoy our faith story books. It was a great success!

Missio Red Boxes

This is the time of year when the red boxes are brought to our church for counting and their totals sent on to Missio. Because of Covid this is not possible this year, so I will be happy to visit you instead. Please contact me on 01392 757199 or email to j_mitchelmore04@hotmail.com to make convenient arrangements. It has been a very difficult year for Missio so they are very grateful for all the support they can get and I thank you on their behalf John Mitchelmore.

Couples for Christ (CFC)


is a Christian Catholic Community for the renewal and strengthening of family life and for making the love of God known and experienced among the poor. It started in June 1981 in Manila, Philippines with 16 couples. Now it is a worldwide community in 127 countries with more than a million active members. It is a highly evangelistic community and is officially recognized by the Vatican's Pontifical Council of the Laity. As members we are moved by the Holy Spirit, one with the Catholic Church, blessed to witness to Christ in love and service. We, the Couples for Christ members, are committed to live in God's righteousness and holiness, evangelizing people through a life of love and service. The CFC community offers support "from womb to the tomb", meaning we have ministries for families and individuals as follows: 1. Kids for Christ (KFC): 0-11 yrs old; 2. Youth for Christ (YFC): 12- 21 yrs old; 3. Singles for Christ (SFC): 22 - 40 yrs old; 4. Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD): 41 years old and above, including widowed women; 5. Servants of the Lord (SOLD): men 41 years old and above, including widowed men. For further information about Couples for Christ and its different activities, please contact Nick Salabsab on nsalabsab@yahoo.co.uk or Tel. 01803315628.

Parent & Toddler Group

The Group will be restarting on Monday 15 November. If you or someone you know is interested in coming along please register using [this link](#) We are also

Blessed Sacrament


Parent and Toddler Group



Friendly and informal group for children aged 0-5 together with their parents and carers

9:30am-11:30am on Mondays (term-time only)

- **Play and craft**
- **Story time and singing**
- **Healthy snack provided for children**
- **Tea and coffee for grown-ups**
- **Outside space for sunny days**
- **Free on-site parking**
- **£1 donation per session**
- **Covid measures in place**



Restart date:
Monday 15th
November 2021

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
29 Fore Street, Heavitree
Exeter EX1 2QJ

We meet in the Richard Reynolds Centre, next to the church.

To register, please go to: <https://forms.gle/5FKTJNCBp8PMVAa5>

For more information, please contact: blessedsacramenttoddlergroup@gmail.com

putting out a request for anyone who can be free for a few hours on a Monday morning to help them. All that is needed is someone willing to be company and make the teas and coffees. They can join in as much or as little as they want but the Mums running it would be grateful for another pair of hands and someone to help carry the load. If there are a few willing helpers you won't need to commit to every week. If you think that you can help then please contact Lesley in the Parish Office. Please remember the helpers and the parents and children in your prayers as they meet again this coming Monday. Many thanks.

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. Please note that you do not need to make a weekly commitment and a warm welcome will await you whenever you can come.

We commend to the Lord...

Mary (Jean) Brown and Joan Hatten who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

Pope's November prayer intention

For people who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life. See also the Popes' video [here](#)

Baptism Preparation Course

Are you expecting a baby and/or looking to have your child baptised?

We look forward to spiritually supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into our parish family. Courses are over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10:15-12.00. If the Covid conditions still call for it the sessions will be delivered via zoom. The course dates for 2022 are: 15/22 January, 14/21 May, 16/23 July and 15/22 October. Godparents are especially welcome to attend the second Saturday session as the role of Godparents is explored. Click [here](#) to go to the parish website and click on Baptism enquiry form to register. If you have any problems accessing this you can contact Lesley in the parish office on 01392 274724 or at exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk

GIFT Growing In Faith Together

November Update

We met our families in person at St Nicholas School on Saturday 6 November for the first time since March 2020. The theme of our morning was 'The Saints'. We began our session with Mass followed by refreshments. Afterwards Fr Jonathan led us in an exciting saints quiz and all families took home fun activity sheets based on the saints.

What is GIFT?

GIFT is for all families of faith: families with children who are already receiving Holy Communion or who are looking forward to receiving this sacrament; families with older children who want to be confirmed in their faith; families with younger children who want to experience and grow in faith in a simple and enjoyable way and families with parents who want to do the same. You are all welcome.

Next Meetings

Wednesday 17 November: Parent Zoom call

Saturday 4 December: Families' Advent session. 10.00am St Nicholas School Hall.

GIFT Bedtime Chats

These can all be found on the Blessed Sacrament Website [GIFT page](#).

Get in Touch If you would like to find out more about GIFT, please get in touch with Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk.

If you would like to register for GIFT, please click on the link: [here](#)

Catholic Exeter Forming in Faith

The next sessions are on Monday 22 November 10.30am–12.30pm at Sacred Heart Tuesday 23 November 7.00–9.00pm at Blessed Sacrament. The sessions will be the same, it's the day, time and venue that are different. We're watching and discussing films from Bishop Robert Barron's 'CATHOLICISM' series. Our next session is Lesson 4 'Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast. Mary, Mother of God'. To join us on this journey of discovery or simply to find out more, register by clicking the link [here](#) or come along.

Exeter Foodbank

The November 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](#)

Cafod World Gifts

World Gifts are a wonderful way to share the peace and joy of Christmas with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Catalogues are available from the Church or online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

St Petrock's Shop

An exciting new shop opened in the city centre on 19 October, and they are seeking volunteers and quality donations of clothing and bric a brac, and items for recycling and re-purposing. More info, including about volunteering can be found [here](#)

Pope Francis tweets...

The world needs Christians who know how to demonstrate the beauty of the Gospel by the way they live; who are weavers of dialogue, models of fraternal life; who bring the sweet fragrance of hospitality and solidarity, who protect and safeguard life.

The Real Advent Calendar



The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade Advent calendar which comes with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes.

The 2021 Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The 2021 calendar has a new design. There is a Fairtrade Chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows.

The free book has a page for

every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas. It is widely available at supermarkets or at [this link](#).

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. Know that you are not alone, 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. 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. To get support [click here](#) 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 14 November 8.00pm or **Sunday 19 December 8.00p**

Mass Times

Sunday 14 November

Remembrance Day- all victims of war. World Day of the Poor

8.45am Kathleen Burrowes RIP

10.45am The Tindall family

6.00pm People of the Parish

Tuesday 16 November 6.30pm

Special Intention

Wednesday 17 November 9.30am

Joan Hatten RIP

Thursday 18 November 9.30am

Special Intention

Friday 19 November 6.30pm

Saturday 20 November 9.30am

Kathleen McGrane RIP

Sunday 21 November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Youth Sunday

8.45am People of the Parish

10.45am

6.00pm Frederick Morgan RIP

Tuesday 23 November 6.30pm

Wednesday 24 November 9.30am

St Andrew Dung-Lac Priest & Martyr
Tom & Richard Ware RIP

Thursday 25 November 9.30am

Requiem Mass Mary (Jean) Brown RIP

Friday 26 November 6.30pm

Special Intention

Saturday 27 November 9.30am

*For deceased members of the
Mitchelmore family*

The Word

Sunday 14 November

First Reading Daniel 12:1-13

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Psalm Response

Preserve me, God,

I take refuge in you.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14.18

By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

He will gather his chosen from the four winds

Sunday 21 November

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

Psalm Response

The Lord is king,

with majesty enrobed

Second Reading Revelations 1:5-8

Ruler of the kings of the earth...he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God..

Gospel Mark John 18:33-37

It is you who say that I am a king.



Blessed Sacrament Parish is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth

Deadline for newsletter items 10.00am Thursday.

Parish Information

Parish Priest

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Priest in retirement

Fr John Watkins

Parish Office

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Open Tuesday, Wednesday and

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Parish Secretary

Lesley Hooper

Parish Pastoral Assistant

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Safeguarding Reps

Lesley Hooper & Maria Edwards

Please contact the Parish office if you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or a vulnerable adult.

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Executive Head Teacher

Angela Folland

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](#).