

CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament

24 April 2022 Second Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday Year C. *Psalter Wk 2*



This week the Gospel is chosen because it relates 'what happened today' eight days after Easter, Jesus comes again to his disciples. The story of Thomas's doubt and faith leads us to think about our doubts and faith but always in the context of being part of the family of the Church. Remember last week, and the baptisms you may have witnessed, or the renewal of your own baptismal promises: 'this is the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptised.'

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 24 April – Second Sunday of Easter *Divine Mercy Sunday*

- 8.45am *Valdi Pala RIP*
10.45am *Jo & Tony Fewkes RIP*
3.00pm *Divine Mercy Service (Confessions from 2.30pm)*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 26 April

- 6.30pm *St George, Martyr, Patron of England*
For health, peace and strength of God in our lives.

Wednesday 27 April

- 9.30am *John & Stella Landers 65th Wedding Anniversary*

Thursday 28 April

- 9.30am *Priscilla Carluccio RIP*

Friday 29 April

- 6.30pm *St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe*

Saturday 30 April

- 9.30am *Thomson family*

Sunday 1 May – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *Trevor & Cally Baker 50th Wedding Anniversary*
6.00pm *Peace in our hearts and the world.*

Tea & Coffee after Mass on Wednesdays

We would be really grateful if someone would come forward to organise refreshments after the Sunday 10.45am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you can do this. Thank you

All Masses and liturgies are now being live-streamed. [Click here](#)

Confessions

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass and on reasonable request.

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 24 April – Second Sunday of Easter *Divine Mercy Sunday*

5.30pm Sat *Alberto Nierra RIP*
9.15am *People of the Parish*
11.15am *Bernard Morales RIP*

Monday 25 April

10.00am *St George, Martyr, Patron of England*
 For Epi

Tuesday 26 April

10.00am *Private Intention*

Wednesday 27 April

10.00am *In Thanksgiving*

Thursday 28 April

10.00am *John L Lockton & Family RIP*

Friday 29 April

10.00am *St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe*
 Holy Souls

Saturday 30 April

10.00am *Private Intention*

Sunday 1 May – Third Sunday of Easter

5.30pm (Sat) *Joseph Prywata RIP*
9.15am *People of the Parish*
11.15am *Holy Souls (Box)*

Tea & Coffee after Masses on Sunday (9.15am), Tuesday & Saturday

All Masses and liturgies are now being live-streamed. [Click here.](#)

Confessions

Saturdays after 10.00am Mass and 4.00pm-5.00pm and on reasonable request.

The church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am until 6.00pm each day

NEWS

Divine Mercy Sunday Service

Sunday 24 April is Divine Mercy Sunday and a service will be led by Fr John Watkins at the Blessed Sacrament church. The service will start at 3.00pm following confessions at 2.30pm. After the service refreshments will be served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome.

Baptism Preparation Course

We are currently taking bookings for the May course.

Are you expecting a baby and/or looking to have your child baptised? We look forward to supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into the community of the Church. Courses are over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10:15-12.00 delivered via Zoom. The course dates are: 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 on the link at the end of this article to register. If you have any problems accessing this, please contact Lesley in the parish office on 01392 274724 or at exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk **Baptism Enquiry form**

Catholic Exeter Forming in Faith

Having completed the Catholicism series we are continuing on our journey of adult formation. We will now run sessions to watch Bishop Barron's series to grow in our understanding of the Mass. Come to all six or dip in and out each week either way, you will feel inspired and spiritually fed. These sessions will start on Monday 25 April 10.30am till 12.30pm at Sacred Heart and Tuesday 26 April 7.00 – 9.00pm at Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you for your Easter Offerings

The Easter Offerings are a gift to the priests of the parish. The priests of Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament thank you for your generous offerings. Our thanks also to those who played a part in making the Triduum so special – servers, readers, musicians, singers, flower arrangers and all who filled our churches at this special time for the first time in two years. Thank you.

CAFOD & Caritas Plymouth

Ukraine April Update

Thank you for all your support for our sisters and brothers from Ukraine during this terrible time. It is now over seven weeks since the current Russian invasion of Ukraine, since then over 3,500,000 people have fled, half of them children. Tragically there have been tens of thousands of casualties. Over the coming months it is projected that 12,000,000 people from Ukraine will need humanitarian assistance.



The Catholic community here is ready to respond to any global emergency through its international humanitarian agency CAFOD, which is a member of the second largest aid network in the world – Caritas Internationalis. Because of our global reach and local presence, we are there when an emergency hits. We

are responding together as one global Catholic Caritas family to support people whose world has been turned upside down by the shocking conflict in Ukraine.

Your support is helping in bomb shelters and cities under attack and across Ukraine, where CAFOD's brilliant Caritas and Church partners are working tirelessly, providing beds, food, washing facilities and transport to people trying to survive. In fact since the beginning of the war Caritas Ukraine has assisted no less than 318,252 beneficiaries, and Caritas SpesUkraine has helped 215,470 people!



Left: Our sister agency, Caritas Spes, serving hot meals for people in Ukraine on their way to a safe location.

Your support is also helping thousands of families fleeing Ukraine at safe centres in neighbouring countries such as Poland, Moldova and Romania with food, water, shelter, and psychological support.

Through CAFOD's Ukraine appeal, the Catholic community in England and Wales

is also reaching tens of thousands of refugees entering Poland every day through our sister agency Caritas Poland, who have been carrying out extensive activities to support the relief effort. Within Poland, there are around 1,000 centres specialising in social assistance and medical care alongside 100,000 Caritas volunteers who provide support in these centres on a daily basis.

Caritas Poland staff are in constant exchange with border guards who will, based on need, send an immediate request to Caritas Poland. Their activities include: shelter assistance (at Caritas' own facilities or home stays), free food distribution points, free distribution of sleeping bags and mattresses and other goods as needed, reception of unaccompanied children (incl. guardian), information dissemination at reception points and border crossings, coordination of volunteers. Local staff and volunteers continue to distribute aid packages containing food, warm clothing and hygiene items like soap, toothpaste and shampoo. Thousands of aid packages have already been distributed.

To find out more about the work Caritas are doing visit [Caritas Ukraine Crisis](#).

Please continue to pray for Ukrainian families and please pray for our Caritas aid workers and volunteers as they serve in Ukraine and in border countries. To donate visit: [Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal](#)

Homes for Ukraine

The public response to Homes for Ukraine has been unprecedented and thousands of people have contacted RESET to take part. Several parishes have been in touch with Caritas Plymouth with plans to offer a property to a Ukrainian family and we know that many parishioners have also registered to welcome a family. Local Councils are also putting some really helpful advice for sponsors on their websites: www.devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine/

Caritas Social Action Network

On 11 March Caritas Plymouth joined an online meeting convened by CSAN to consider the domestic response of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to the impact of a new wave of refugees from the war in Ukraine. Representatives of 39 Catholic organisations tackling poverty in England and Wales took part. It was wonderful to hear of the positive response of many Catholic organisations to the current crisis. CSAN provide a [web-based toolkit](#) resource for people to respond here in the UK to the war in Ukraine.

CAFOD Helping Ukraine

CAFOD is deeply disturbed by the ongoing situation in Ukraine. Together, we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and send our prayers to our sister organisation Caritas Ukraine, and those Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries, who are already helping people affected by this conflict. Caritas Internationalis is part of one of the largest aid networks in the world.

With our global reach and local presence, we are there when an emergency hits.

To donate please visit: [CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#)

Other places to donate: [Aid to the Church in Need](#) or [The Red Cross](#)

Exeter Friends of Ukraine

Ukrainians living in Devon have created Devon For Ukraine, an online portal to link the various offers of help across the county and Ukrainians coming here, as well as Exeter Friends of Ukraine, which helps with the logistics of organising donations. For info or to volunteer, please contact:

Devon for Ukraine by emailing Tanya at support@devonforukraine.com

Exeter Friends of Ukraine by emailing Shannon at shannonpack@hotmail.co.uk

Conversation Café by emailing Olya at olya@maketank.org.uk

Blessed Sacrament is still a collection point for donations for Exeter Friends of Ukraine. The updated list of needs is: **Dry Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Orthopaedic boots, Crutches, Wheel chairs, Protein bars, Protein drinks, Sweets, Toiletries, Cleaning products, Children's medicine, Tinned meat & fish, All Medicines, Sun cream, Lip balm, Squeezy baby food, Dry foods, Tinned food, Wet wipes, Hair brushes.**

We ask that you only donate the items on the list. Donations are collected to be taken and sorted before loading in to vans which are regularly departing Exeter for Ukraine. Thank you for all your donations

Learn Ukrainian

On Thursday 10 May at 6.30pm at University of Exeter there is a Ukrainian Culture and Language Course where you can learn to use simple sentences, introduce yourself, ask somebody else's name and talk about family. More info and booking: [click here](#)

Conversation Café

A pop-up Conversation Café has been launched in Exeter for Ukrainian refugees and host families to meet up. The Café, located at 6 Paris Street, is the brainchild of Olya Petrakova and Maketank. The Café is a place for local people to address the Ukrainian crisis – especially those who have expressed an interest in hosting refugees, Ukrainians settling in Exeter and the surrounding area, but also for people to find out information, fundraise, meet up and socialise.

The initiative has come about thanks to Maketank, a partnership working with organisations such as Devon for Ukraine, Exeter City Council, City of Sanctuary and others. Please contact Maketank hello@maketank.org.uk for more info

Youth Events Newsletter

The latest news of what is happening for the youngsters in the Diocese can be found by [clicking here](#)

ALPHA New Date

Alpha has been changing people's lives around the world and has had a powerful effect on the lives of some of our parishioners. We would love you to share their experience of encountering Jesus Christ and the Church in a dynamic way. Paula writes: *Alpha allowed me to explore a variety of thoughts and beliefs relating to Christianity in a very safe and non-judgemental environment. Sharing this journey with a very diverse group of people, I believe, was pivotal in my search for answers. I also made some truly wonderful new friends, friendships I sincerely cherish. Alpha can offer you so much if you let it!*

Join on an 'in person' course commencing Wednesday **4 May at 7.00pm or online on the same day at 7.30pm**. To take part please **register by 2 May** by filling in [this form](#). For more information contact Ola [using this link](#).

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League pilgrimage to Buckfast Abbey. Members of the CWL, and parishioners who are not CWL members, are invited to join the annual pilgrimage to Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 14 May. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark and followed by tea in the Grange. The cost will be £10, for the coach, which will be payable on the day. The coach will leave South Street at 12 noon and Blessed Sacrament at 12.10pm. To book your place please contact Frances Canning by 1 May at francesandedward@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 01392 209542

Pope Francis tweets...

With Jesus, the Risen Lord, no night will last forever. Even in the darkest night, the morning star still shines.

Diocese of Plymouth vacancy

The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following position:

Tribunal & Chancery Administrator (part time) – 1 post

Location: St Boniface House with the potential of some home working.

Salary: £11.96 per hour (Actual Salary - £8,706.88 per annum) plus contributory pension scheme (subject to eligibility) Hours: 14 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. Good administration, Microsoft Office skills and a degree of flexibility is essential.

Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from the Human Resources Department on 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The last date for applications is Monday 2 May and interviews will be held on during w/c 23 May.

Vocations to the Priesthood Day of Recollection

A Day of Recollection for men discerning their vocation will be held on Saturday 21 May from 10:00 to 16:00 at Sclerder Abbey, near Looe, Cornwall. The day will include Mass; a time of Adoration; a short conference; opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s welcome to attend with parents' permission. For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk by 16 May at the latest. Collection from Liskeard Station before 9.15 and return after can be arranged if needed.

Diocesan Synodal Journey

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this amazing journey. All the documents are on our website [Synod | Diocese of Plymouth \(plymouth-diocese.org.uk\)](https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk). Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement and honest and open reflections on this first phase of our listening journey.

The final report has a foreword from Bishop Mark which sets out some initial next steps whilst the discernment phase continues at national level.

[Click here](#) to go to the latest newsletter for those who would like to continue to keep up to date with the global synodal journey as it progresses.

The 3 Dry Men Made it!

Fr Albert, Martin Overy and Deacon Kelvin have come through the whole of Lent without touching a drop of alcohol. Any donations or sponsorship money will be gratefully received on behalf of Kenyan Educational Sponsorship, a charity set up to educate poor, but bright students in Kenya. Thanks for your support.

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

We meet online via Zoom from 2.00-3.00pm each Wednesday. If you would like to join us, get in touch with Maria: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk. You don't need to make a weekly commitment, you're welcome whenever you can. Our next session will be on Wednesday 27 April.

Contemplative Retreat at St Rita's

6–13 May. For those seeking a more contemplative way of praying and living, this silent contemplative retreat with individual guidance provides a step-by-step introduction to the Gries Path of Prayer developed by Fr Franz Jalics SJ. For those familiar with this form of contemplative prayer, the retreat offers the opportunity to refresh and deepen one's prayer. Donations invited: £400 (all rooms ensuite). Please contact the Retreat Co-ordinator: Paddy Rylands paddyrylands@gmail.com for further details.

Pope's April prayer intention

For health care workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries: may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. See also the Popes' video [here](#)

Exeter foodbank News

April priority items: UHT milk (1 litre, semi-skimmed), fruit juice, noodle snacks, sugar (500g), washing powder, coffee and fruit squash

Please **ONLY** donate items from the list. Thank you for your understanding. Collection Points – Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas/Alphington Rd); Tesco (Exe Vale); Sainsbury's Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd); Morrisons & One Stop Woodwater Lane. Or you can donate money online [here](#)

Each week we serve dozens of clients. We have over 160 volunteers and work with over 180 professional agencies across the city.

[Exeter foodbank Spring Newsletter](#)

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

What Is GIFT? GIFT is for families of faith who want to grow in their Catholic faith, meet other families and be supported in their faith journey. It is the gateway to the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

GIFT Youth: Fr Albert and our GIFT Youth Team meet with our young people for their own session. [GIFT Youth Registration Form.](#)

Family Prayer: [Bedtime Chats](#)

Next GIFT Session: Saturday 7 May. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Get in touch and Register: If you would like to join us, please register using this link: [GIFT Primary Registration Form.](#)

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Maria at exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

Sacred Heart online donations

It is now possible to make your Sacred Heart weekly loose plate offering and other donations on-line. **All donations are anonymous.** Please use [this link](#) to make your online donation. Alternatively, you can go to [Sacred Heart website](#). Scroll down to the 'Parish News' section and click the highlighted 'Donate Here' text. There is also a link on our [Facebook Page](#). If you need further guidance please email the Sacred Heart Parish Office.

YMCA Sidwell Studios Tour

YMCA Exeter are excited to announce that Sidwell Studios is finished! Thank you so much to the many churches across Exeter and beyond who have supported this project both financially and through prayer. We are so grateful for God's provision and are looking forward to getting local young people established in this community.

Before we open in May, we are inviting Church leaders and staff to drop-in on Thursday 28 April between 10.30am and 1.00pm to tour the newly finished studio flats. We would also love this to be an opportunity for us to pray over the building and for the new residents who will be moving in.

Many thanks again for your support

Exeter WAYmakers

Exeter Waymakers is a group of parishioners from the three Exeter Catholic parishes who are aiming to welcome and support a refugee family resettling in Exeter as part of the UK government community sponsorship scheme. We work closely with CARITAS Plymouth, our lead sponsor, and are being mentored by CHARIS, a church group from Taunton that have already successfully resettled several refugee families.

Please help Exeter WAYmakers. To support our application to be a Community Sponsor we need to raise £9000. Both Exeter parishes have made generous donations to start us off and we want to give you parishioners the opportunity to support this work by your prayers, your volunteering and your individual donations. We want this to be a Catholic community effort across all our parishes so please do support us. Please place any donation in an envelope marked Exeter Waymakers and hand it in to the parish offices. If you wish to make your donation online to a parish account please clearly reference your donation Exeter Waymakers. Many thanks on behalf of the Waymakers Core Group. For more information contact Peter Schranz on schranz5@gmail.com or Chris Lee.

Diocese of Plymouth

Catechetical Summer Camps 2022

This year the Camps will meet at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, for Junior and Senior Camps, and St Rita's in Honiton for St Petroc's Camp. **Camp fee: £210**

Junior Camp for school years 3–6. **7–12 August** at Grangehurst

Senior Camp for school years 7–10. **31 July - 5 August** at Grangehurst

St Petroc's Camp for school years 11–12. **31 July - 5th August** at St Rita's

We are in need of help in order to ensure that Camps continue to provide a faith-nurturing and enriching experience for the young people of our diocese.

Camp Helpers – We're always in need of young people (aged 18 +) who wish to share their faith by helping with the Camps. If you're able to offer us a week of your time to assist in the day to day running of the Camps, and also to have a fantastic time of fun and faith, please get in touch to discuss how you might help. All our helpers have to be recruited as volunteers and undergo DBS checks through their parishes. Safeguarding training will be provided.

In addition to the Camp helpers, we need to fill three vital roles for the Catechetical Camps Committee:

Treasurer: To manage the finances of the Camp Committee. This involves overseeing the collection of fees for the Camps, paying for food and services and budgeting for the camps.

Administrator: To provide a single point of contact with the parents/guardians of the young people applying for camp; to liaise with the Camp Leaders.

Catechist (particularly for Junior Camp): To take the theme for the Camp and provide materials for use during the Camp, appropriate to the age group; to assist other helpers in delivery of the faith material. This role is very important, particularly this year as we come back to face-to-face camps.

If you can help please contact Deacon Michael Turnbull Chair, Diocese of Plymouth Catechetical Camps michael.turnbull@pcrdtr.org.uk Tel: 07504821558 For more info and booking [click here](#).

Accommodation Urgently Needed

A family with a disabled 10 year old child are urgently in need of a two bedroomed ground floor flat in Exeter, preferably near the hospital. The mother is in nursing accommodation until her husband and daughter join her very soon. If you, or anyone you know, can help please contact the parish office on 01392 274724 or by email exeter-heavitree@pcrdtr.org.uk Thank you.

Sacred Heart Rosary Group

We are praying for the following intentions: Ukraine and peace in the world; for the love of Jesus, for the conversion of sinners and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; for the Holy Father and his intention for the month; for our dearest priests; for vocations; for all of us praying this holy rosary.

Exposition and Taizé Prayer

A time of Adoration with Taizé prayer. Sacred Heart Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4 May. Join us for a time of reflection and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

THE WORD

Sunday 24 April

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16. *The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

Psalm Response

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-13.17-19. *I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

Gospel John 20:19-31. *Eight days later, Jesus came.*

Sunday 1 May

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32.40-41. *We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.*

Psalm Response: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14. *The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.*

Gospel John 21:1-19. *Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them and the same with the fish.*

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