

CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament
3 April 2022 5th Sunday of Lent. Year C. *Psalter week 1*



Today's Gospel is not only an example of the Lord's compassion, it is a short, classic study in hypocrisy. A woman caught in adultery is presented to Jesus before she is to be stoned to death. Adultery always makes for public comment and scandal headlines. It's one of those sins which raises moral indignation because it threatens acceptable standards of behaviour. When it is known, tongues in the community inevitably start wagging. Compassion never enters the heart.

We are reminded forcefully of the readiness of God to forgive sin, bind up broken lives and restore people to his friendship. The church wants us to focus

our attention on the plight of the sinful woman because before God all of us stand silent in our sinfulness. The good news is that what Jesus does for her he is willing to do for us. Her story of sin committed, and sin forgiven is not an isolated event, but an example of the inexhaustible mercy and compassion shown by Jesus to sinners. When we express sorrow for our sins Christ also says: 'Neither will I condemn you. Go and sin no more.'

The lesson is not that sin is unimportant but that God in his goodness extends pardon to the sinner. Nothing is equal to the mercy of God as shown to us in Jesus Christ, who took the weight of our sins upon himself when he gave his life for us on Calvary. Lent is an invitation to take a closer look at our lives, acknowledge our weaknesses and start anew in the friendship of God. *(Continued on page 4)*

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 3 April – 5th Sunday of Lent

5.30pm Sat *People of the Parish*
9.15am *Vincent O'Rourke RIP*
11.15am *Private Intention*

Monday 4 April

10.00am *Anthony & Sarah Lane, Lady Barbara & John Webb,
Ann Brunsdon & Ambrose Ferrall RIP*

Tuesday 5 April

10.00am *Ted Smale RIP*

Wednesday 6 April

10.00am *Holy Souls*

Thursday 7 April

10.00am *Private Intention*

Friday 8 April

11.15am *Stations of the Cross*
12 noon *Epi & Vincent (Thanksgiving)*
Lenten Lunch served after Mass

Saturday 9 April

10.00am *Gillian Frances Spurway RIP*

Sunday 10 April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5.30pm Sat *People of Ukraine*
9.15am *Private Intention*
11.15am *People of the Parish*

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

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 3rd April – 5th Sunday of Lent

8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *Philip James Evans RIP*
6.00pm *Private Intention*

Tuesday 5th April

6.30pm *People of Ukraine*

Wednesday 6th April

9.30am *Jeanne Gaskell RIP*

Thursday 7th April

9.30am *People of Poland*

Friday 8th April

6.00pm *Stations of the Cross*
6.45pm *Sick & Housebound*

Saturday 9th April

9.30am *Private Intention*

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8.45am
10.45am *People of the Parish*
6.00pm

Tea & Coffee after Mass on Wednesdays

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

Confessions

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass and on reasonable request.

The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended but we are encouraged to return if possible. Please continue to be careful! If you are not sure about your Covid status, please test if you can, and do not come to church if your test is positive. We have many Parishioners who may be vulnerable. We ask that you continue to sanitise hands and wear masks in church (unless you are exempt). Thank you.

NEWS

(continued from page 1) Christ's offer of forgiveness and compassion to this publicly humiliated woman points out our call to be a forgiving people, dedicated to reconciliation. In many ways we are as self-righteous as the Scribes and Pharisees.

There are times when we are only too ready to spread scandal with a bit of spicy gossip. It's so easy to criticize and condemn others, yet when our own faults are revealed, we need the welcoming and merciful hands of God. We should all be overjoyed that on the last day God, not our neighbour, will be our judge. *Fr Anil*

Diocese of Plymouth Catechetical Summer Camps 2022

This year it is our intention to return the Camps to the pre-Covid format, meeting at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey, for Junior and Senior Camps, and St Rita's in Honiton for St Petroc's Camp.

Junior Camp 7 - 12 August at Grangehurst for school years 3-6

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

St Petroc's Camp 31 July - 5th August at St Rita's, Honiton, School years 11-12
Camp fee: £210

However.... We are in need of some help in order to ensure that the Camps continue to provide this faith-nurturing and enriching experience for the young people of the Diocese of Plymouth.

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

Beda College Discernment Weekend

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's retreat centre in North Wales from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 September. The weekend is run jointly by the Pontifical Beda College in Rome and St Beuno's and is for men in the early stages of vocation discernment. Similar weekends in the past have been very successful. The direct link for further details and booking with St Beuno's is here: [Discernment weekend](#)

Lent Talks 2022

Fr Mark Skelton from All Saints Teignmouth has once again organised a series of Lent Talks. Each talk will begin at 7.00pm and the session will run until 8.30pm.

7 April Mr Anthony Towey – 'The Trial of Truth.' – Lenten Encounters in John.

To join the meetings please [click this link](#). Link will be active from 6.45pm.

Meeting ID: 896 2546 2101. Passcode: 146545

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches are being served after the 12 noon Mass at the Sacred Heart Church every Friday during Lent. A light lunch consisting of soup, bread, cheese, pickle and coffee or tea will be served at a cost of £4. We are raising money to support St Petrock's Centre for the homeless. All welcome.



Good Friday Witness

Christians Together Across Exeter warmly invite you to our city-wide Good Friday worship service. This will take place on Friday 15 April at 10.00am with a prayerful service in Exeter Cathedral, followed by creative acts of witness sharing the good news on Cathedral Green afterwards. Please do make time to worship and witness together this Easter Weekend.

Holy Saturday Blessing of Food in Polish

This will take place in Polish at the Sacred Heart church. There are three times: 10.00am, 10.45am and 11.30am. All are welcome to come along.

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.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Taizé Prayer

Sacred Heart church Thursday 7 April at 7.00pm. Come in adoration and spend some time in reflection and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.

Fairtrade Real Easter Egg

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, the Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to share the Easter story. The Real Easter Egg has been on sale since 2010. It crosses all denominations and



offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects. There is a super thick Fairtrade milk chocolate egg (150g) with a lovely creamy taste. 35% cocoa – Palm Oil & plastic free. The 24 page Easter story-activity book is illustrated by award winning artist Martina Peluso and contains the story of the first Easter along with some fun activities. Over its 24 pages, the story covers the final week of the life

of Jesus and includes the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Order direct at [Real Easter Egg](#)

Pope Francis tweets... The elderly can teach the younger generations how to trust in God, how to be merciful, and how to pray fervently not only in good times, but especially in difficult ones.

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 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 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@prctr.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 are now watching Bishop Barron's inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives and the centrality of the Eucharist as an important part of that presence. So many believers do not understand the mystery of the Eucharist, which is the 'source and summit' of the Christian life. We met to look at the first couple of films on this subject and will continue on Monday 11 April at 10.30am–12.30pm at Sacred Heart and Tuesday 12 April at 7.00–9.00pm at Blessed Sacrament. You are most welcome to join us on this journey of discovery so come along.

After Easter we will 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.

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](#)

Support for Ukraine

The situation in terms of welcoming people to the UK is changing very rapidly. The Diocese of Plymouth website has a page about how people can respond to the crisis in Ukraine: [click here](#). The website has links to the new Homes for Ukraine scheme and will be updated regularly as information becomes available.

Walk a Mile in their Shoes

Do you know a child who could 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes' to help raise money for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)? It's hard to believe that there are children who do not have properly fitted shoes to wear to school every day and whose parents are unable to buy the correct school uniform. As part of our 'Good Shepherd' programme, where we ask children to think of other children less fortunate than themselves, we are working together with Catholic schools in the diocese and have asked children to join this sponsored event.

This summer, we are asking children to 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes' by undertaking a sponsored walk of one mile, wearing something different on their feet, perhaps slippers, flippers or any other whacky idea to help raise money. Perhaps you know children, or even adults who might like to support this sponsored event. Many of our traditional fundraising events have been cancelled.

If 100 children could each raise £10 in sponsorship money, CCSP could buy school uniform and shoes for 20 children, so they never have to wear ill-fitting shoes to school again! Download a sponsorship form at www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or tel: 01 364 645420 or email: ccs@prcdtr.org.uk

Calling all Catholics! We need you!

We are seeking to appoint new Trustees to serve on the Board of Plymouth Diocesan Trust, the charity of the Diocese of Plymouth, to replace some of the existing lay Trustees whose terms of service are coming to an end. Candidates must be practicing Catholics and with skills and experience from the following: Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults; Communication, media and promotions, including digital and social media; Human Resources Management; Investment Portfolio and Funds Management; Corporate/Charity Accounting and Finance. We are aiming to increase diversity within our Board structure.

Applications are therefore encouraged from women and from Black, Asian and other ethnic communities, as these groups are currently under-represented. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee of the Diocese or would like more information about the role, please contact Jan Holton by telephone 01 364 645383 or email jan.holton@prcdtr.org.uk *Bishop Mark.*

Coffee after Mass at Blessed Sacrament

Now that things are returning to some sort of normality, we are hoping to begin to serve refreshments after the 10.45am Mass on Sunday morning. We are looking for someone to take on the organising of a rota for this so that it can happen.

If you are interested and can help please contact Lesley in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office 01392 274724

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](#)

New Trustees: Exeter Foodbank is looking to add to its team of Trustees. We are looking for applications by the end of April. We are a Christian Charity. Our trustees are all members of local churches. Our Christian identity is very important to us. All applications, or for further information, please email. FAO: the Chair of Trustees on: trustees@exeterfoodbank.org.uk or go to [Exeter Foodbank website](#)

Each week we serve dozens of clients. We have over 160 volunteers and we work with over 180 professional agencies across the city. It is a challenging, yet inspiring, work to be involved in.

This year we are embarking on a new stage of our journey as one of 61 'Pathfinder' Foodbanks across the UK. The aim of *Pathfinder* is to reduce the demand for foodbanks by ensuring that clients have access to all of the necessary and available support. This will help them live without needing food from a charity. It is a big challenge, but one that we are ready to face. Our motto is *restoring dignity and reviving hope* - and this is the ultimate aim of both *Pathfinder* and Exeter Foodbank.

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

April update: The Way of the Cross

On Saturday 2 April, we met with over 30 GIFT families to celebrate Mass, eat pastries and to learn about and explore Jesus' way of the Cross. Families created a Way of the Cross booklet that they could take home to pray with together throughout the rest of the Lent.

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: After Mass, Fr Albert and our GIFT Youth Team met with our young people to explore the Way of the Cross in their own unique session.

Bedtime Chats : can be found on the Blessed Sacrament Website GIFT page: <https://www.blessedsacrament.org.uk/parish-life/gift/>

Next Gift Session: Due to the school Easter holidays, there will be no parent zoom in April. We look forward to seeing all of our GIFT families and youth on Saturday 7 May.

Get In Touch And Register: If you would like to join us, please register using for GIFT using the appropriate link. **GIFT Primary [Registration Form](#).**

GIFT Youth [Registration Form](#).

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

Easter Offerings

The Easter Offering is a gift to the priests of the parish. If you wish to make an Easter Offering either use one of the envelopes available in the church or your offering envelope if you are a planned giver. If you are not attending Mass on Easter Sunday, please put your offering in an envelope marked Easter Offering and place in the collection as you leave any of the Masses.

If you GiftAid your offering please write your envelope number clearly on the outside. If you usually offer by standing order why not make a bank transfer and put Easter Offering in the narrative. Many thanks.

Music and Song for Ukraine

Saturday 23 April at 7.00pm Salvation Army Temple, EX2 4AY

Join us for an evening of music and song. Donations welcome: all proceeds will go to the Salvation Army's Ukraine Refugee Relief Programme

Youth Events in the diocese

World Youth Day (WYD) 2023 Lisbon Portugal

Planning has begun for our trip. Leaders are starting to be recruited and young people are expressing interest. Please contact me if you know anyone who would be interested in joining us - Saskia youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Heatree residential, new dates

Heatree Residential dates will be 13 - 15 May. It will start after school on Friday and will finish with a family Mass at 2.00pm on Sunday 15 May. Priority will be given to those that booked for the February venture but there are spaces for those that did not book. [Click to book Heatree Residential May 13-15](#)

Flame 2023 tickets now available

Flame is aimed at young people in year 9 (14) through to University age. It's not just for Catholics, anyone interested is welcome to come. Ticket prices will include a T-shirt and a coach to take you to Wembley Arena, London. Email Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk for further information or click on these links: [Flame Website](#) & [click here](#) for a promotional film

This week's Youth Events newsletter can be found by [clicking here](#)

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.

Plymouth Diocese Ignatian Spirituality Group - Contemplative Retreat

St. Rita's Centre, Honiton EX14 1AP 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 to deepen it. Donations invited: £400 (All rooms en suite) Please contact the Retreat Co-ordinator Paddy Rylands at paddyrylands@gmail.com for further details and application form

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.

Exeter WAYmakers

Exeter Waymakers is a small group of parishioners from the three Exeter Catholic parishes. We 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.

Help Exeter WAYmakers in our aim to resettle a refugee family in our city. 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. If you would like more information feel free to contact Peter Schranz on schranz5@gmail.com or Chris Lee.

St John Passion at Exeter Cathedral

Join us at Exeter Cathedral at 4.00pm on Sunday 10 April to listen to J S Bach's magnificent and moving oratorio. The Passiontide drama unfolds in Bach's unparalleled music, told through the compelling words of St John's Gospel. For more info and booking [click here](#).

Big Sleep Out

On behalf of Julian House, our clients and myself, I would like to thank you for your kind donations and generosity. We are together transforming and changing people's lives. God bless you, sincerely, Daffne Zamudio. Total raised £2,055



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.

HOLY WEEK AT SACRED HEART

Palm Sunday 10 April	Mass 5.30pm (Sat), 9.15am, 11.15am
Monday 11 April	Mass 10.00am
Tuesday 12 April	Mass 10.00am
SpY Wednesday 13 April	Chrism Mass <i>Plymouth Cathedral</i> 12 noon

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 14 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm <i>Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm</i>
Good Friday 15 April	The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
Holy Saturday 16 April	The Easter Vigil 8.30pm
Easter Sunday 17 April	Mass 9.15am, 11.15am

HOLY WEEK AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Palm Sunday 10 April	Mass 8.45am, 10.45am, 6.00pm
Monday 11 April	No Mass
Tuesday 12 April	Mass 6.30pm
SpY Wednesday 13 April	Chrism Mass <i>Plymouth Cathedral</i> 12 noon

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 14 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm <i>Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm</i>
Good Friday 15 April	Morning Prayer & Office of Readings 9.30am The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm <i>Watching at the Cross for Ukraine</i> 8 - 9.00pm
Holy Saturday 16 April	Morning Prayer & Office of Readings 9.30am The Easter Vigil 9.00pm
Easter Sunday 17 April	Mass 8.45am, 10.45am

THE WORD

Sunday 3 April

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

*See, I am doing a new deed,
and I will give my chosen people drink.*

Psalm Response

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

*Reproducing the pattern of his death,
I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ*

Gospel

John 8:1-11

*If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.*

Sunday 10 April

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult-
I know I shall not be shamed.*

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Gospel

Luke 22:14-23.56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Bishops' Conference Updates

Churches Together Devon News

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Churches Together England News.

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