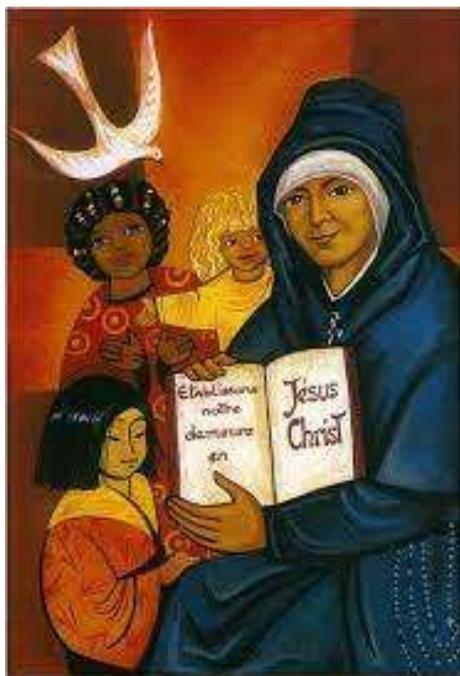


CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament

15 May 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter. Year C. *Psalter Week 1*



SAINT MARIE RIVIER

“Be an open Gospel where all may read Jesus Christ.” St Marie Rivier

Today is a day of great joy for all the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, their Associates, lay consecrated members, pupils and all their friends as Marie Rivier, the foundress of the community is canonised by Pope Francis at a Mass at St Peter’s Rome.

Marie Rivier was born in France in 1768. As a result of a fall when she

was a toddler she was unable to walk, but was miraculously healed later on in her childhood through prayers of intercession to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Her main life’s work was teaching – the greatest importance being placed on teaching the young people in her charge about Jesus Christ. She also catechised adults, particularly women, as they were the ones who, at that time, were responsible for teaching their children in the family home.

Marie Rivier reached out with great love to all those who were destitute, especially orphans. She founded a Congregation of Sisters; they shared her love of Jesus Christ and worked alongside her. By the end of her life Marie Rivier had

founded 141 schools and there were more than 300 Sisters in the Congregation. Today there are many Sisters, Associates, Consecrated Laity, Teachers, Pupils and Friends throughout the world in 20 different countries aspiring to live the spirit she has left them.

Saint Marie Rivier give us your spirit: your spirit of self-offering, of trust, and of love of the cross, your spirit of compassion and prayer; your spirit of fervour in the service of the Gospel, your spirit of love and humble service in our homes. Help us to be true prophets in today's world. *St Marie Rivier, pray for us.*



I give you a new commandment: love one another

Fr Anil writes: Christianity is not to be identified with a list of beliefs, a body of doctrines, membership in a particular denomination, or with a particular set of sacred writings, like the Bible. A Christian is fundamentally known by LOVE. It may come as a surprise to realise that Jesus gave us the

command to love one another at the Last Supper shortly after Judas had left the upper room on his mission of betrayal. This was the new order the Saviour had come to bring, and the sign by which the world would recognise his followers.

If we are to live by this new commandment we must undergo many trials, for this love makes as many demands upon us as it did upon Christ. We need to learn how to go about loving others for the sake of God because we will be judged on how well we have loved.

Love has the power to give meaning to impossible situations, to bring light into darkness, to inspire us, fill us with hope and give us the courage to continue the road ahead. For Jesus, it was identified with care and service to others in their needs, encouraging others to pursue their spiritual development. It meant helping others find salvation by affirming them and offering them unconditional acceptance and forgiveness. As Christians would be known by their love, that love would be identified in any activity that served the needs of others. Jesus does not view love as a sentimental feeling or as a pious topic for preaching.

For Jesus, love is what love does. The one thing we all need to experience is the kind of love that Jesus lived and preached. We have been chosen to be instruments of his grace, channels through which others may experience his love.

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 15 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.45am *Kath Jenkinson RIP*
10.45am *Sisters of the Presentation of Mary*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 17 May

5.30pm Holy Hour praying for the victims of abuse
6.30pm *Mary Smyth RIP*

Wednesday 18 May

9.30am *Special Intention*

Thursday 19 May

9.30am

Friday 20 May

6.30pm *Felicia Ogugua Melie RIP*

Saturday 21 May

9.30am

Sunday 22 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am
6.00pm *Andrew Aamechi Melie & Ernest Ikechukwu Mbamali RIP*

Confessions

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass and on reasonable request.

Live stream

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

Refreshments

Served after 10.45am Mass on Sunday and 9.30am Mass on Wednesday.

If you would be willing to be on a rota to serve refreshments after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 15 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

5.30pm Sat *People of the Parish*
9.15am *Georgette McCulloch RIP*
11.15am *Stephen Bemrose RIP*

Monday 16 May

10.00am *Everett Johns RIP*

Tuesday 17 May

10.00am *Dylan Monger RIP*
5.00pm Holy Hour praying for the victims of abuse

Wednesday 18 May

10.00am *Mary & John Swanton RIP*

Thursday 19 May

10.00am *Eileen & Matt Lyons RIP*

Friday 20 May

10.00am *Mary & Fred Collier RIP*

Saturday 21 May

10.00am *Ukraine*

Sunday 22 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

5.30pm Sat *Antonio Mancino*
9.15am *Philip Micallef RIP*
11.15am *People of the Parish*

Confessions

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

Live stream

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

Refreshments

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

Church open for private prayer from 9.30am until 6.00pm each day.

NEWS

Day of Prayer for the victims of abuse

Tuesday 17 May marks the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. The day itself is an important initiative that was proposed by the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. The Holy Father welcomed the proposal and asked that each Bishops' Conference choose an appropriate day in their nation to hold a 'Day of Prayer' for the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. The original motivation for the day was not the Church seeking forgiveness for its failings, but the hope and renewal that is necessary for the victims, survivors and others affected by abuse (for example families, parish communities). Holding the day in the Easter Season offers the hope that Pope Francis spoke of in his first General Audience: "Jesus healed, comforted, understood – gave hope. He led all to the presence of God."

*Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
the source of all consolation and hope.
Be the refuge and guardian of all
who suffer from abuse and violence.*

*Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.*

*Help us all and make us one with you
in your love for justice*

as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

*Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating
your praise, both now and forever.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Holy Hour praying for the victims of abuse will be held at 5.30pm at Blessed Sacrament and 5.00pm at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 17 May. All welcome.

Returning to Mass at Pentecost

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy.

The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

To read the full letter from the Bishops Conference about returning to Mass at Pentecost [click here](#)

Migration issues in the UK

In his 2014 message for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees Pope Francis wrote: “We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees... are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved.” We have all been deeply touched by the ongoing challenges of the war in Ukraine, as well as other situations in our world where there is great instability. As you know, *Caritas Plymouth* is happy to assist any individual or parish group wanting to offer practical assistance, so do be in touch with Canon John Deeny or Deborah Fisher if there is anything you want to follow up.

To read the letter from the Bishops Conference about this subject [click here](#)



Enquiring about the Catholic Faith

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic? Perhaps you are a baptised Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Perhaps you're interested in joining a team to help

those who are enquiring? In the autumn we will begin to meet with those who would like to know more. Please get in touch with the Parish Office at Sacred Heart or Blessed Sacrament if you would like to join us on the journey.

Proclaiming the Word of God

We know the importance of the Word of God in our lives. Proclaiming it is a privilege and we are grateful to those of you who do it so well. Training helps us proclaim with more confidence and understanding. We invite all readers to join us on Saturday 18 June at 11.00am at Blessed Sacrament Church. New readers are especially encouraged to come along. You may have been reading for years and think everything is going well; perfect time for a refresher! See you all then.

The Life of Christ at Wintershall



The Life of Christ
The greatest story of all time

21-25 JUNE 2022 - 10.00AM - 3.30PM

BOOK NOW!

Our powerful biblical outdoor drama takes you back in time to when Jesus lived on earth.

Follow over 100 actors in full costume moving through the beautiful grounds of the Wintershall estate with its lake and ancient woodland re-enacting the remarkable events of Jesus' life.

This is a performance in three acts with a live radio internet.

Weekday
Adult £22
Child (3-16 yrs) £12
Family
(2 adults and 2 children) £55

Weekend
Adult £25
Child (3-16 yrs) £15
Family
(2 adults and 2 children) £60

Wintershall, Boving, Surrey GU24 0LR
Registered Charity Number 181111

Book tickets now on our website: www.wintershall.org.uk or by calling 01483 892367

Bible Society

The greatest story of all time is movingly recreated with authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music. The Life of Christ is a passion play not to be missed. It is both educational and entertaining, amusing and serious. Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10.00am to 3.30pm. The retelling of this evocative story against the peaceful backdrop of the Wintershall grounds has a profound effect on visitors. The Life of Christ is highly entertaining and unforgettable. We are hoping to organise a parish trip to Wintershall on

Saturday 25 June and booking a coach for the trip. If you are interested in going add your name to the list in the porch or the back of church.

Youth Events in the diocese



Water Sports on the Exe

June 11 10.00am-4.00pm

Meet at Exeter University Rowing Club.

Then Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water towards Jesus (Mt 14:29)

We won't be walking on water but while enjoying the beautiful river Exe we will reflect on Peter's faith and trust in Jesus.

This event is for youngsters aged 10-16. No charge. To book click [here](#).



Youth Rally 2022

Saturday 9 July 12.00–6.30pm St Rita's Honiton.

Save the date for this year's Youth Rally. The event is for young people aged 8–16 (older are welcome to run activities). Parishes are encouraged to bring teams of 6. If you have a

small team we can join young people from other parishes. Youngsters can organise themselves into groups of 6 or turn up on the day and be put into a team with other young people their age.

A great day for our young people with lots of fun to be had through organised games, It's a Knock-out competition, bouncy castles, tuck shop and barbeque. The day ends with team prizes and the celebration of Mass to which all our families are invited.

Coach travel for over 12's The diocese will supply a coach from Okehampton to Honiton It will make a pick-up in Exeter; more details to follow. We ask that children under 12 do not travel on the coach or come to the event without adult supervision.



World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon Portugal

26 July – 8 August 2023

*Mary arose and went with haste
(Luke 1:39)*

For young people who will be 17+ by August 2023

World Youth Day is a chance to meet Pope Francis with around 3 million young people from across the globe.

The Pope will celebrate Mass for the opening and the closing of WYD. Speakers from around the world will lead and guide us. There will be many opportunities for inspiring catechesis and prayerful worship. But perhaps the most wonderful opportunity will be to meet other young faithful Catholics who want to share and celebrate their faith. Don't miss it!

The Diocese of Plymouth is planning to take a group of pilgrims. We will be arranging for our young pilgrims to stay with local families in Lisbon for several days to experience local culture and traditions before joining the many Youth Day events in Lisbon.

The cost has yet to be confirmed but those who are travelling will be encouraged to embark on some fundraising. And of course the parishes will want to help.

To express interest in travelling get in touch with Saskia youth@prcdtr.org.uk

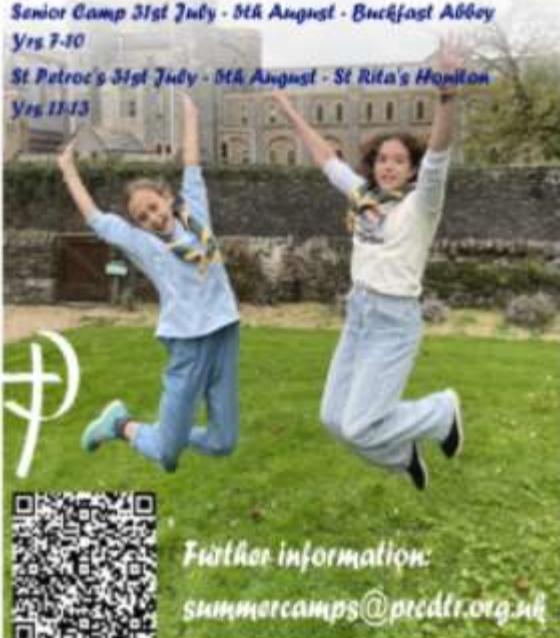


Summer Camps 2022

Junior Camp 7th - 12th August - Buckfast Abbey
Yrs 3-6

Senior Camp 31st July - 5th August - Buckfast Abbey
Yrs 7-10

St Petroc's 31st July - 5th August - St Rita's Honiton
Yrs 11-13




Further information:
summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk

We're delighted that we're able to welcome our children and young people to Camp this summer.

The Summer Camps, which have run for many years, have proved formative in many of our youngsters' faith life. They experience support and encouragement as they mature in their faith which in today's world is not easy. Camp fee: £210. If you are able to help in any way with Camps this year please see attached information and get in touch: 01364 645360 email: info@prcdtr.org.uk.

Feast of St Rita of Cascia

St Rita was born in 1381 in Cascia in Umbria, Italy. She became an Augustinian nun and is celebrated particularly by the Augustinian Recollects at St Rita's in Honiton. Her Feast day is Sunday 22 May. Celebrations in Honiton will begin with Mass at 12 noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3.30pm. You are all very welcome to join us. Hot drinks will be available all day, but please bring a packed lunch. Our two shops will be open for the sale of religious articles. Why not order on our website [here](#) and collect your items on site on the 22nd.

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. Wednesday Word will be cancelled for the following 2 weeks, our next session will be on Wednesday 27 April.

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Mark

On Monday 30 May there will be a thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Mark at the Cathedral at 12 noon. If there is enough interest the parishes will arrange a coach to go to the Cathedral at a cost of approx. £10. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church (SH) or in the church porch (BS).

Caritas & CAFOD Event

Care For Our Common Home. Caritas Plymouth with CAFOD Plymouth is organising an online event from 5.00-6.00pm on Tuesday 24 May during Laudato Si week 2022, to reflect on how we care for our common home and respond to Pope Francis' invitation to create a new kind of solidarity and a spirit of integral ecology. The event will offer an opportunity to think about the challenges and opportunities facing us and how we are called to act. Please register [here](#)

To catch up with our latest news: [Caritas April Newsletter](#)

Catholic Exeter Forming in Faith

We are now running 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. The next sessions will be on Monday 23 May 10.30am till 12.30pm at Sacred Heart and Tuesday 24 May 7.00 – 9.00pm at Blessed Sacrament. Please come and join us.

Stronghold Praise & Worship

Join us to praise and worship God in song and music.
Thursdays 26 May, 23 June and 28 July. 7.15–8.30pm St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

Diocese of Plymouth

Environment Policy Annual Review

As individuals we can all play our part and, collectively, we can do a great deal. The Diocese of Plymouth is committed to encouraging and enabling individuals of all ages to take their own personal action, in solidarity with the poorest and most disadvantaged people, who experience disproportionately, the negative impact of climate change and the exploitation of the earth's resources. You can find out about the progress we are making to achieve our own environmental commitments by clicking this link: [Environment Policy Annual Review](#).

We welcome comments and feedback. If you are passionate about Care for Creation and would like to support our work please email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Residential Retreats

Residential silent and individually guided retreats. The retreat house with its large garden and pleasant rural walks nearby is situated near Looe in Cornwall.

July 9-11 (Sat - Mon) Weekend Retreat (£160); July 11- 15 (Mon - Friday)

Midweek Retreat (£320); July 9 -16 (Sat - Sat) 6 day Retreat (£560). Venue:

Sclerder Abbey, near Looe. Cost includes full board & lodging. Please contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatianretreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637 for further information or booking form.

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

Annual Mass – Thursday 30 June

If you would like to attend this year's annual Mass at St Nicholas' Catholic Primary Academy in Exeter, please contact **01364 645420** or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk Everyone is welcome, but we are limited on numbers so please let us know if you would like to attend.

Great Big Diocesan Quiz

Friday 1 July at 7.30pm and we would love to make this our biggest quiz ever. The last quiz in 2019 saw **9 teams** including one school compete for the



trophy, which was won on the night by Heretics from Blessed Sacrament and **almost £1500** was raised. All you need is to find a quiz master and a venue to host your parish quiz and then ask for teams to come forward to compete against each other in your parish on the night and against all the other parishes. If you

would like to register an interest to take part or would like to discuss the quiz in more detail, please email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk - all materials will be supplied by CCSP – you just need to find a venue, a quiz master and some teams to compete. Good luck! *If anyone would like to organise a quiz to be held in either parish please contact the Parish Office.*

Exeter Friends of Ukraine

Blessed Sacrament is still a collection point for donations for Exeter Friends of Ukraine. The updated list is: **Dry Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Crutches, Orthopaedic boots, Wheelchairs, 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, Hairbrushes.**

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

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.

Churches Together Living & Telling



Sundays 4.00 – 5.30pm 22 May – 31 July
St David's Church Exeter EX4 4HR

Join acclaimed speakers for Living & Telling to encourage and inspire you to help people discover Jesus through everyday life. For every Christian, whether you are already confident or are really reticent to talk about faith! "A great initiative... it's really good." Les Isaac OBE, Street Pastors "I am absolutely thrilled with Living & Telling... I have

to admit I picked up so much myself as well!" Rico Tice, Christianity Explored "Simple, practical and powerful tool to help us all start sharing our faith more effectively. I wholeheartedly encourage every Christian to get involved." Gavin Calver, CEO Evangelical Alliance. From course participants: "It changed my life." "Great fun!" "Every Christian needs this."

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.

GIFT Growing in Faith Together

May update: A Journey through Mass

On Saturday 7 May we met with over 35 GIFT families to celebrate and learn about Holy Mass. Both GIFT families, and separately the GIFT Youth, journeyed through a 'teaching Mass' as Fr Jonathan and Fr Albert explained to us the significance of the symbols, prayers and gestures we use in Mass.

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](#).

GIFT Youth Social: Friday 20 May (pizza and film) Please RSVP by the 18 May (Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

Next GIFT Parents Zoom Session: Our next parent zoom is on Wednesday 19 May 7.00pm

Next GIFT Family Session: is on Saturday 11th June at St Nicholas Catholic Primary School.

Family Prayer: [Bedtime Chats](#)

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

Called and Gifted

Now that we have journeyed from the preparation of Lent to the action of the Easter season, do you know what spiritual gifts you've been given to help you live out your faith every day? If not, you're missing out on a source of spiritual strength that helps you be the person God intended you to be! The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

Over 2000 people across the UK have experienced the Called and Gifted discernment process and, for many, it has led to a more active and fulfilling life. Please visit the Called and Gifted website to see examples of testimonies from previous participants, including an inspiring video testimony by a priest from Leeds Diocese who has experienced Called and Gifted himself and seen the difference it has made in his parish after inviting parishioners to discern their spiritual gifts: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

Pope Francis tweets...

Part of the vocation of grandparents is to support their sons and daughters in raising their children. The little ones learn the power of tenderness and respect for frailty: irreplaceable lessons that are easier to impart and receive with grandparents

Your Parish Music needs You!

Can you play the piano (Grade 5ish), would you like to play the organ? Come and have a go at Blessed Sacrament and see how it all works – help and support available if you decide to take it further. We need more organists and it would be a shame to let this lovely instrument become silent due to lack of volunteers. For more information please contact the parish office 01392 274724 or email exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk

Pope's May prayer intention

For faith filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. [The Pope Video](#)

Sacred Heart online donations

All donations are anonymous. Please use this link to make your donation. Alternatively, you can go to [Sacred Heart website](#). Scroll down to the 'Parish News' and click the highlighted 'Donate Here' text. There is also a link on our [Facebook Page](#). If you need further guidance email Sacred Heart Parish Office.

Exeter foodbank News

May priority items: noodle and pasta snacks, sponge puddings, tinned vegetables, squash, sugar, UHT milk (green, one litre), jams and spreads, toilet rolls, shampoo & shower gel, chocolates and crisps, washing capsules

Please ONLY donate items from the list. Thank you for your understanding. Collection point at the back of Sacred Heart church. Donate money online [here](#)

Christian Aid Week 15 – 24 May

Saturday 21 May 11.00am Commissioning at Exeter Cathedral

Exeter Christian Aid Group will host their second Christian Aid Week Sponsored Walk, beginning at the Cathedral Green and walking along the canal. Walk any distance of your choice up to the full 10 miles to Turf Lock and back. You are all warmly invited and it would be great if you could spread the word! Email maryellis@phonecoop.coop for more info

THE WORD

Sunday 15 May 5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading – Acts 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Psalm Response: *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

Second Reading – Apocalypse 21:1-5

God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Gospel – John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Sunday 22 May 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading – Acts 15:1-2.22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

Psalm Response: *Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

Second Reading – Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel – John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Sacred Scripture accomplishes its prophetic work above all in those who listen to it. It proves both sweet and bitter. We are reminded of the words of the prophet Ezekiel when, commanded by the Lord to eat the scroll of the book, he tells us: “It was in my mouth as sweet as honey” (3:3). John the Evangelist too, on the island of Patmos, echoes Ezekiel’s experience of eating the scroll, but goes on to add: “It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter” (Rev 10:10).

The sweetness of God’s word leads us to share it with all those whom we encounter in this life and to proclaim the sure hope that it contains (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16). Its bitterness, in turn, often comes from our realization of how difficult it is to live that word consistently, or our personal experience of seeing it rejected as meaningless for life. We should never take God’s word for granted, but instead let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis APERUIT ILLIS Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God

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