



Parishes of Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament

8 May 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter. Year C. *Psalter Week 4*



The call of the Good Shepherd

There is such a need for vocations in the Church that she sets this Sunday aside as a World Day of Prayer, that the Lord of the harvest may send labourers into his harvest.

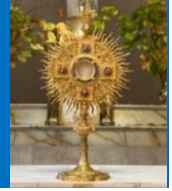
We all have a mission in life. The Word of God, which came to birth in our souls at baptism, is waiting to blossom and grow in each of us. God has created us for some definite service. While we may not be able to gauge with any real accuracy the effectiveness of our lives, there is nowhere we walk in life without leaving the imprint of who we are upon the ground we tread. We can be a little bit of Christ in our own homes and do our best to co-operate with his invitation to 'come, follow me.'

The Gospel picks up the idea of Christ the Good Shepherd calling each of us by name as we journey through life by different ways. There are enormous riches within the hearts of our young people – riches that are theirs to spend lavishly during life. Many of them are unaware of their giftedness and never draw on their talents because they are afraid to take the risk of faith which is needed.

It is always easier to wash one's hands of the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel than to become involved. Parents' support is particularly important, because your child's faith grows through the example of your own faith, by the practice of prayer in the Church and in the family. We preach, not something exterior, but the life we live and lead.

God does not knock at every door looking for someone to respond to a religious vocation. If he happens to knock at your door, be generous enough to let him in. How otherwise will the needs of the flock in the next generation be met? *Fr Anil*

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 8 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8.45am	<i>Blessings on all God's people</i>
10.45am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
5.00pm	Holy Hour for Vocations
6.00pm	<i>Teresa McDonagh RIP</i>

Tuesday 10 May

6.30pm	<i>For Ukraine</i>
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Wednesday 11 May

9.30am	<i>For the sick</i>
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Thursday 12 May

9.30am	<i>Priscilla Carluccio RIP</i>
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Friday 13 May

6.30pm	<i>John & Dorothy Kirwan RIP</i>
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Saturday 14 May – St Matthias, Apostle – Feast

9.30am

Sunday 15 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.45am	<i>Kath Jenkinson RIP</i>
10.45am	<i>Sisters of the Presentation of Mary</i>
6.00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>

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 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays.

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 8 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

5.30pm Sat *Private Intention*

9.15am *Bishop Mark*

11.15am *People of the Parish*

5.00pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Monday 9 May

10.00am *For Ukraine*

Tuesday 10 May

10.00am *Holy Souls (Box)*

Wednesday 11 May

10.00am *Hilda Sturge RIP*

Thursday 12 May

10.00am *Private Intention*

Friday 13 May

10.00am *In Thanksgiving*

Saturday 14 May – St Matthias, Apostle – Feast

10.00am *Private Intention*

Sunday 15 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

5.30pm Sat *People of the Parish*

9.15am *Georgette McCulloch RIP*

11.15am *Stephen Bemrose RIP*

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

Good Shepherd Sunday World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday 8 May. Pope Francis writes "Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to, 'yes' to God." There will be a retiring collection at all Masses for the Bishop's Seminarian Fund to help fund the formation of our future priests. There are gift aid envelopes available if you would like to gift aid your donation.

Holy Hour for Vocations 5.00pm at both Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament. 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 call Blessed Sacrament Parish Office 01392 274724. email exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk [Baptism Enquiry form](#)

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 9 May 10.30am till 12.30pm at Sacred Heart and Tuesday 10 May 7.00 – 9.00pm at Blessed Sacrament. Please come and join us.

Youth Events Newsletter [available by clicking here](#)

CARITAS & CAFOD PLYMOUTH
CARING FOR CREATION

Act today for a better tomorrow

Tuesday 24 May 5-6pm via Zoom

Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise. Laudato Si #12

As part of Laudato Sí Week 2022, Caritas Plymouth and CAFOD Plymouth invite you to join us at an online event to reflect on our Diocesan Environment Policy, what Pope Francis means by 'integral ecology' and how together we can make a difference as stewards of creation.

Register below or contact Caritas
caritas@prcdtr.org.uk 01364 653421

[Book by clicking here](#)

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

Diocese of Plymouth Environment Policy Annual Review

As missionary disciples, we are invited to be part of the redeeming mission of Christ, and to approach our task with joy and gratitude remembering, 'rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise' [Laudato Si' #12](#). Nevertheless, as individuals and as a community of faith, we all know that there are serious environmental challenges. Pope Francis reminds us we are not 'hearing the cry of the poor and the earth'. We 'have grown indifferent to all kinds of wastefulness' [Fratelli Tutti #18](#).

As a community, 'we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development' *Fratelli Tutti* #118. Each of us is called to take concrete steps – from reducing



consumption to working for change – to better care for the Creation which God has entrusted to us.

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 achieving 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

Kenyan Educational Sponsorship News

Deacon Kelvin Russell has received the following letter:

Mr Kelvin Re: Appreciation for Your Support

Receive warm greetings from me here at school. I am well the school is also doing good. I take this golden opportunity to really appreciate you and your colleagues for your support. You have given me peace of mind and heart at school. It has also made me concentrate more on my studies. My parents are also grateful to you for being kind-hearted and generous.

I promise to continue working hard to achieve my goals and venture into my career. And hence give back to society. May almighty God shower His blessings unto you abundantly. Yours faithfully Mercy

Thursday Lunch Club

The Lunch Club has been meeting at the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament for fourteen years. We are delighted that as things are opening up we are able to return to meeting fortnightly. Because of this we have some places free and would love to welcome newcomers to join us. If you think you may enjoy a friendly group for lunch either monthly or fortnightly, please get in touch with Di Bish either at clydebish@hotmail.com or on 07940 142124.

The Life of Christ at Wintershall

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 so save the date and look out for more details.

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.

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.

Stronghold Praise & Worship

Come along for an evening of praise, worship and prayer with Stronghold on Thursday 6 May. We will meet from 7.15 till 8.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All are welcome!

The Gathering

Saturday 14 May 6.30 – 9.00pm. Join South West Youth Ministries at Belmont Chapel for this regional termly event for young people. More information at: <https://thegathering-devon.co.uk/>



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.

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.

Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Camps 2022

This year our camps will be meeting at Grangehurst, at Buckfast Abbey, for the Junior and Senior Camps, and St Rita's in Honiton for the St Petroc's Camp.

Junior Camp 7th August – 12th August (Grangehurst. School years 3–6). Senior

Camp 31st July – 5th August (Grangehurst. School years 7–10). St Petroc's Camp

31st July – 5th August (St Rita's, Honiton. School years 11–12). 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.

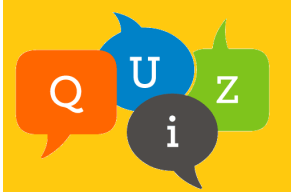
St Nicks News

We have September (Autumn term) spaces in our Nursery for 3 and 4 year old children. We offer the local authority 15 hours funding as well as the extended 30 hour funding for eligible families. Additional hours are charged at £4.30 per hour. We would be delighted to show prospective parents our Nursery in action and to answer any questions they may have about joining our school community. Please contact Mrs Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk / 01392 445403 option 4) to arrange a visit or to find out more. [St Nicholas School website](http://www.stnicholas-school.org.uk).

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

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.*

Extend a Hand: Give Hope 2022 Annual Appeal



Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August

The theme of our CCSP Annual Appeal this year is 'Extend a Hand: Give Hope'. Packs will be sent to all parishes soon and we hope that even more parishes will be able to support this year's annual appeal as 30 parishes helped to raise over £17,000 in 2021. We have just received £875.90 in Gift Aid from last year's donations so it's wonderful if supporters are able to

tick the Gift Aid box if you can, as this money alone can help an extra 5 families through our Essential Grants programme.

CAFOD

Our New Campaign: Fix the Food System

The global food system is broken. There is enough food to feed everyone in the world, but millions still live in poverty. There is a huge power imbalance between large-scale industrial agriculture, and millions of farmers around the world who grow food on small plots of land to make a living. In addition, the way we produce food is very bad for the planet, our common home. The good news is that there is a better way: many communities supported by CAFOD are producing food in a way that's good for them and good for the earth. The world needs our communities to take urgent action to *fix the food system*. If you're interested in finding out more see Cafod.org.uk/food

Step Into the Gap

CAFOD offers opportunities for 18–30 year olds to gain experience, develop leadership skills and spend a year in the service of others. This allows them to inspire a generation of people to act for the poorest and most marginalised. If you are interested, or know someone who might be there's [more info here](#).

Accommodation required

A young Catholic student who lives abroad has been accepted by Exeter University to do her masters. She will be there for four months commencing September 14. She has been trying to find accommodation, but she has had no success. Can any parishioner help? She will of course pay for this accommodation. If you can help please contact the Parish Office for more information. Thank you.

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, 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.

Catholic Women's League

Annual Pilgrimage to Buckfast Abbey

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

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

We had another wonderful session on Saturday morning. More than 30 families gathered to learn more about our faith. Celebrating a 'teaching' Mass we explored the significance of the signs and symbols of the Mass. We all learnt so much!

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 Family Session: Saturday 11 June. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Next GIFT Parents Zoom Session: Wednesday 19 May 7.00pm

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

Welcomed into the life of grace

Please pray for **Nicholas Krowiarz** who will be baptised at Blessed Sacrament this weekend. Please also pray for his parents and Godparents. May the flame of faith and the Holy Spirit grow in his life as he takes his place among God's holy people. Congratulations!

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's 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 Points – Co-Op (Heavitree/St Thomas/Alphington Rd); Tesco (Exe Vale); Sainsbury's Alphington/Pinhoe/Guildhall); Waitrose (Gladstone Rd);

Morrisons & One Stop Woodwater Lane. There is also a collection point at the back of the Sacred Heart church. Or you can donate money online [here](#) Each week we serve dozens of clients. We have over 160 volunteers working with over 180 agencies across the city. [Exeter foodbank Spring Newsletter](#)

Christian Aid Week 15 – 24 May

Saturday 14 May from 9:30am a Coffee Morning at Exeter Cathedral as part of Christian Aid Week and to celebrate the launch of our Letters for Creation display. More info: [click here](#)

Saturday 21 May starting at 11.00am with a 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

Pope Francis tweets...

For the 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations I would like to reflect with you on the bigger meaning of 'vocation' in the context of a synodal Church that listens to God and the world.

Exeter WAYmakers need your support

We want to give parishioners the opportunity to support this work by your prayers, your volunteering and your individual donations, to be a Catholic community effort across all our parishes. Please 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 pschranz5@gmail.com or Chris Lee.

THE WORD

Sunday 8 May 4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading – Acts 13:14.43-52

We must turn to the pagans.

Psalm Response: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock*

Second Reading – Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel – John 10:27-30

I know my sheep and they follow me.

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.

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