

CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament

15 January 2023 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A. *Psalter 2*



Look, there is
the Lamb of God
that takes away
the sins of the world.

The Church celebrates Jesus Christ as the Servant and Chosen One of God who came to do the Father's will in perfect obedience. Hence, God honoured his Servant and sealed this honour with a promise: '*Ponam Te In Lucem Gentium*', 'I will make you a light to the nations', and a mission: '*Agnus Dei, Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi*', 'Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world' because he found Jesus

Christ worthy and capable. As Christians, we are all chosen and called for one purpose: to follow in his footsteps by doing God's will, being holy, and working towards joining the saints of God. But first, we must know and equip ourselves with this will.

John the Baptist is a perfect example to us of how we ought to approach the call and will of God. He is called to be a prophet, the forerunner of him who is the Saviour of the world. John perfected and obediently completed his task by identifying and vividly presenting the Saviour to the world. We, by baptism, must ask ourselves two questions: Am I ready to make any effort to do the will of God? And will I help people who suffer from 'spiritual glaucoma' by my testimony, my gestures, and my words in line with the Holy Spirit? *Fr Anil*

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 15 January – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Peace Day

5.30pm (Sat) *For Fr Kieran Kirby*
9.15am *For the People of the Parish*
11.15am *For Peace in the World*
5.00-6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Monday 16 January

10.00am *For Bridie Reilly*

Tuesday 17 January – St Anthony Abbott

10.00am *For Kevin Murphy*

Wednesday 18 January – Octave of prayer for Christian Unity till 25th

10.00am *Holy Souls*

Thursday 19 January

6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm *Fr Robin Sanders RIP*

Friday 20 January

10.00am *Funeral Mass Mary Cecilia Evans RIP*

Saturday 21 January – St Agnes Virgin & Martyr

10.00am *Rev Thomas Barney RIP*

Sunday 22 January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

5.30pm (Sat) *For the People of the Parish*
9.15am *For Christian Unity*
11.15am *Jesus Sanchez RIP*
5.00-6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

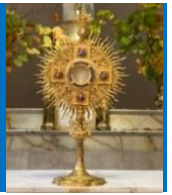
Confessions Saturday 4-5 p.m. and on reasonable request.

Live stream Mass To access the YouTube stream please [click here](#).

Refreshments served after Masses on Sunday (9.15am),
Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Church open for private prayer from 9.00am until 6.00pm each day.

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 15 January – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Peace Day

8.45am *Sr Sheila & Sr Anna*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm *Holy Souls*

Tuesday 17 January – St Anthony Abbott

6.30pm *Sewing Group*

Wednesday 18 January – Octave of prayer for Christian Unity till 25th

9.30am *Special Intention*

Thursday 19 January

9.30am *Ministers of the Word*

11.00am *Funeral Mass Andrea-Tindal-Robertson*

Friday 20 January

6.30pm *Christian Unity*

Saturday 21 January – St Agnes Virgin & Martyr

9.30am *People of Ukraine*

Sunday 22 January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

8.45am *Emma Bullous RIP*

10.45am *For all souls of the Bols family*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Confessions

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass and on reasonable request.

Live stream Mass

To access the YouTube stream please [click here](#).

Refreshments

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

Peace Sunday

Today is Peace Sunday and this year the message from Pope Francis is: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'.

The Pope asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?'

A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together.

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers.

There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. [Pax Christi Family Activities](#)

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, [follow this link](#) or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY. Tel: 0208 203 4884

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Exeter Foodbank

Priority items: Fruit squash, fruit juice, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, biscuits, noodle snacks, jams & spreads, custard, sponge puddings, 500g coffee jars, household items (washing up liquid, washing capsules etc.). Collection points at Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament churches.

Food Hub at Rediscover Church

Each Thursday from 11.00am–1.00pm, in the church building, EX4 3ER we run a Food Hub, whereby anyone who is struggling with the purchasing of food at the moment, can come along and pick up a range of free items to take home.

If you have any food you would like to donate or would like to join our team of volunteers, email: jason.ham@rediscoverchurch.com

More info: [Food Hub at Rediscover Church](#)

Keeping warm this winter

Social Café and Warm Space

Every Thursday 10.00am–4.00pm at Exeter Friends Meeting House, Wynards Lane, off Magdalene Street, Exeter EX2 4HQ (opposite Hotel Du Vin). Tea, coffee, soup lunch, friendly warm welcome, conversation, wi-fi, and more.

Contact: exeterquakers1652@gmail.com for more information

Warm Banks Across Exeter

There are a number of warm banks across Exeter should you choose to go into town and want a cup of tea. They include: • The Central library: • Sidwell Centre (Tuesday Wellbeing support: 3:00pm–5:00pm, Tuesday to Friday. Social Cafe: 2:00pm–5:00pm offer access to warm banks). • St Katherine's Community Centre • Beacon Community Centre

Find Warm Spaces in Exeter

The Exeter Connect Team have compiled a map to make accessing information about warm, friendly spaces this winter easier: [Warm Spaces in Exeter](#)

FORMING IN FAITH

Preparing for Baptism

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. We meet over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10.15-12.15 via Zoom. 2023 dates: **21 & 28 January**, 15 & 22 April, 15 & 22 July, and 14 & 21 October.

Godparents are especially welcome to attend the second Saturday session as the role of Godparents is explored. Click the Enquiry Form link at the end of this article to register. If you have any problems accessing this, contact Lesley on 01392 274724 or exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk We are now taking bookings for January 2023. [Baptism Enquiry Form](#)

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

There will be no meeting on Wednesday 18 January. The next meeting online via zoom from 2.00–3.00pm will be on 25 January. If you would like to join us contact Maria: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk.

Come whenever you can, you will be most welcome.

Forming in Faith

The next sessions will be on **Monday 30 January** 10.30am–12.30pm at Sacred Heart or **Tuesday 31 January** 7.00–9.00pm at Blessed Sacrament. All welcome as we explore aspects of the Catholic faith with talks, films and discussion.

Dipping into the Catechism [Click here for January sheets](#)

GIFT: Gateway to the Sacraments

GIFT is for all families of faith who want to learn about their Catholic faith, meet other families and be supported in their family faith journey. GIFT is the gateway to the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Find out more on the Blessed Sacrament Website GIFT page: [Click Here](#)

Next GIFT Meeting: Saturday 4 February 2023 at St Nicholas School.

Get in Touch and Register If you would like to join us, please register using the appropriate link: GIFT Primary [Registration Form](#) and GIFT Youth [Registration Form](#). If you have any questions, please get in touch with Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

NEWS & EVENTS

Thursday Lunch Club

The Lunch Club is **cancelled on Thursday 19 January**. The next time the club will meet for lunch will be Thursday 2 February.

Safeguarding Training

Advance Notice - Date for Your Diary

Rob Kingdom from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team will be providing Safeguarding Training for parishioners from Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart from approximately 9.30am until 4.00pm on Saturday 25 March (Refreshments and lunch will be provided) in the St Richard Reynolds Centre (confirmation of times will be known nearer the time).

Who should attend this training?

Anyone who is currently a Gift Catechist, Adults serving at the Altar, Parish visiting, Eucharistic ministry outside of the church, Children's Liturgists and Catechists, Youth Workers, any one of these who has not attended Diocesan approved training in the last three years.

Anyone who is thinking of volunteering to undertake one of the above roles.

Any member of the parish who would like to understand more about Safeguarding would be welcome to join us.

Please give your name to Lesley Hooper in the Blessed Sacrament parish office if you plan to attend. Thank you.

Sacred Heart International Café

There will be an International Café on the 22 January after the Sunday 11.15am Mass. This Sunday we celebrate the beginning of the Chinese New Year. Please come and join us. The café is organised by a group of parishioners from various nationalities to share our cultural diversity. There will be tea and coffee, as well as refreshments from our different national heritages. All parishioners are welcome. If you would like to volunteer at the Café, please contact Dennis Mak at dennismph@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart International Mass

Calling all Spanish Speaking singers! Join us for our rehearsal for the 'Gloria' for the Sacred Heart International Mass. Don't miss this golden opportunity to celebrate your national heritages by taking an active role in our liturgy. The rehearsal will be on **Wednesday 18 January at 5.00pm in Sacred Heart Lower Room**. Also, there will be a general meeting for everyone involved with the International Mass on **Wednesday 25 January at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Lower Room**.

Accommodation Needed: Can you help?

Tarsisio Nyatsanza has recently arrived in Exeter and joined our community from Zimbabwe. He is currently living in a B&B but is looking for more permanent accommodation. The accommodation required is a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment or equivalent. If you know of anything, or are able to help in any way, please email tarsisionyats@gmail.com or call 07440543707.

LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth

Save the date - The diocese will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15 February and concluding on Friday 17 February.

A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. More details will follow soon.

Synodality Series

By popular demand, the diocese is offering two further talks on vital aspects of synodality by Dr Caroline Farey. Saturday 11 February at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX. Come and discuss in person or join the day online via Zoom. Mass at 9.30am. Refreshments at 10.30am. Lunch at 12.15pm (please bring your own lunch).

To request a zoom link please email: carolinefarey@btinternet.com

11.00am: Talk 1. Sharing the priesthood of Christ.

1.15pm: Talk 2. Should women share in the hierarchy?

Wellbeing Exeter Newsletter

The latest newsletter from the Heavitree Wellbeing Exeter Community Builder can be found [at this link](#). There is lots of information about what is happening in the Heavitree area.

Diocesan Yearbook 2023

The 2023 Diocesan Yearbook is still available at a cost of £4.00. It is a great source of diocesan information and news. Please put your payment in the wall box marked 'Books' at Blessed Sacrament or 'Repository Items' at Sacred Heart.

Pope Francis Tweets...

Let us always remember that the way we treat the last and the least of our brothers and sisters speaks of the value we place upon all human life.

PRAYER & LITURGY

We commend to the Lord...

the soul of Andrea Tindall-Robertson whose funeral will take place at Blessed Sacrament church at 11.00am on Thursday 19 January. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Pugh. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Octave of prayer for Christian Unity

18–25 January. For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland writers'

group has focused our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to change lives for the better. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Join St Matt's Church at Lower Summerland for a service on Sunday 22 January from 6.00 till 7.00pm. For info visit [Churches Together in Britain and Ireland](#).

Pope's January Prayer Intention

For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. [The Pope Video](#)

THE WORD

Sunday 15 January – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Peace Day

First Reading Isaiah 49:3,5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Psalm Response: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel John 1:29-34

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

Sunday 22 January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

First Reading Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophesy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

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[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

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