

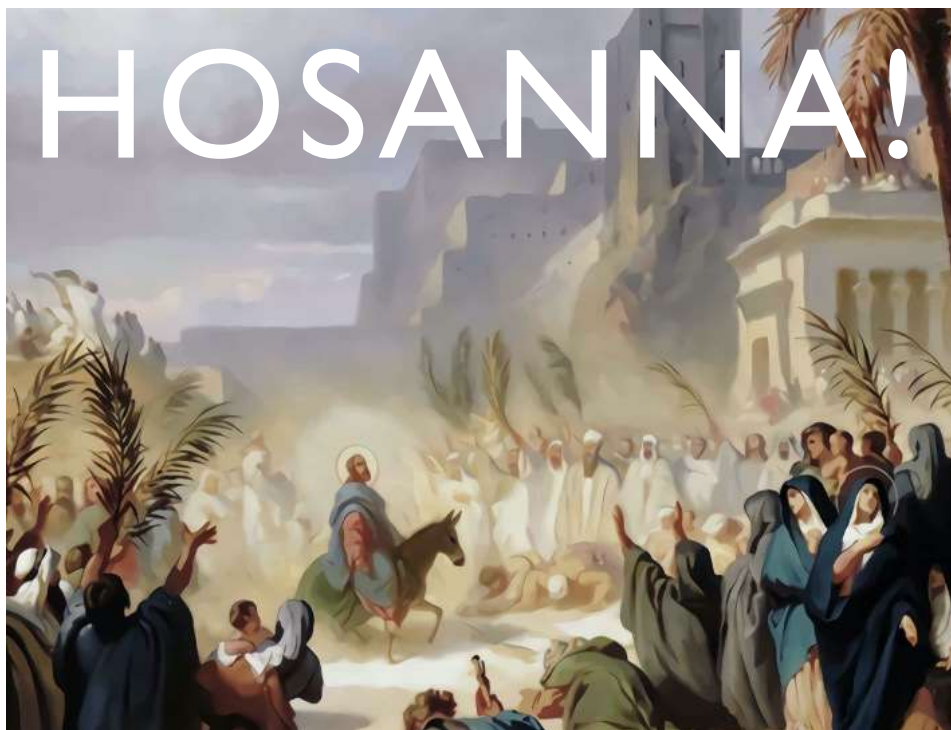
CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart

2 April 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Year A. *Psalter 2*

9 April 2023 Easter Sunday



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story, the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Celebrating Holy Week

The drama of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday, through Good Friday, and culminating on Easter Sunday, contains a great mystery of which we are all a part. This mystery is summed up by St Paul in his letter to the Philippians. 'Christ Jesus emptied himself and became as all men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name above all other names.' As we journey through these pivotal events in human history remember that you are there in the middle of it all. It is *your* feet that Jesus washes; it is *to you* that he offers himself through bread and wine; it is *your* suffering, weakness, and sin that he carries; it is *your* death that he endures *for you* and *with you*. And finally, it is his Resurrection and Life that is offered *to you*! For God so loved *you*, that he gave his only Son, that if you believe in him you will not perish but have eternal life! *Fr Albert*

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 2 April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 5.30pm (Sat) *Ruth De Sanabria*
9.15am *People of the Parish*
11.15am *Patrick Coyne RIP*
5.00-6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Monday 3 April – Monday of Holy Week

- 10.00am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP*

Tuesday 4 April – Tuesday of Holy Week

- 10.00am *Anthony & Sarah Lane, Lady Barbara & John Webb, Ann Brunsden & Ambrose Ferrall RIP*
7.00pm Lent Penitential Service at Sacred Heart

Wednesday 5 April – Wednesday of Holy Week

- 9.00am *Fr Michael Wheaton*
12.00noon Chrism Mass *Plymouth Cathedral*

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 6 April – Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 7.00pm *Polish Mass at Holy Cross, Topsham*
7.30pm *Fr Harry Doyle*
Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm

Friday 7 April – Good Friday – Day of fasting & abstinence

3.00pm **The Passion of the Lord**
6.30pm Polish Stations of the Cross
7.00pm Polish Liturgy

Saturday 8 April – Holy Saturday

10.15am, 10.45 & 11.00am Blessing of Polish Easter baskets
 The Easter Vigil
8.00pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 9 April - Easter Sunday

9.15am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP*
11.15am *Stephen Mitchell RIP*
1.15pm, 3.00pm Polish Masses

Monday 10 April - Easter Monday

10.00am *Ruth De Sanabria*
1.15pm Polish Mass

Tuesday 11 April - Easter Tuesday

10.00am *Fr David Boland & Dwight Gonsalves*

Wednesday 12 April - Easter Wednesday

10.00am *Anne & Leon Simoneau RIP*

Thursday 13 April - Easter Thursday

6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
7.00pm *Holy Souls*

Friday 14 April - Easter Friday

10.00am *Peace in the World*

Saturday 15 April - Easter Saturday

10.00am *Fr Michael Wheaton*

Sunday 16 April – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

5.30pm (Sat) *Canon Paul Cummins*
9.15am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP*
11.15am *People of the Parish*
5.00-6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Confessions

Saturday after 10am Mass and 4-5pm, 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 2 April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP*
6.00pm *Canon Paul Cummins*

Tuesday 4 April – Tuesday of Holy Week

No Mass

7.00pm Lent Penitential Service at Sacred Heart

Wednesday 5 April – Wednesday of Holy Week

No Mass

12.00noon Chrism Mass at Plymouth Cathedral

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday 6 April - Maundy Thursday

7.00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm

Friday 7 April - Good Friday – Day of fasting & abstinence

3.00pm **The Passion of the Lord**

Saturday 8 April - Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

9.00pm **The Easter Vigil**

Sunday 9 April – Easter Sunday

8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *The newly baptised*
6.00pm *NO Mass*

Monday 10 April - Easter Monday

9.30am *The sick & housebound*

Tuesday 11 April - Easter Tuesday

NO Mass

Wednesday 12 April - Easter Wednesday

9.30am *Jeanne Gaskell RIP*

Thursday 13 April – Easter Thursday

9.30am *The homeless*

Friday 14 April – Easter Friday

NO Mass

Saturday 15 April – Easter Saturday

10.00am *The sick clergy of the Plymouth diocese*

Sunday 16 April – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

8.45am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP*

10.45am *People of the parish*

6.00pm *Canon Paul Cummins*

Confessions

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass and on reasonable request.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

During term time at 10.45am Mass on Sunday.

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.

Blessed Sacrament Altar Servers practice

10.00am on Tuesday 4 April for all those who would like to serve during the Triduum. The practice should last no longer than an hour.



Fr Kieran Kirby RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Kieran. He died peacefully early on last week at The Lodge nursing home where he had been living since leaving hospital last year. He was surrounded by the love and prayer of so many people; family and friends, brother clergy and staff.

Fr Kieran's body will be received into Sacred Heart Church on **Wednesday 19 April at 5.00pm**. Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm. **The Funeral Mass will be at 12 noon on Thursday 20 April.** He will be buried

in Bournemouth on Friday 21 April alongside his mother and father.

We give thanks for a dedicated and caring priest whose ministry touched and transformed so many lives and who will be fondly remembered by all. Please also prayer for his family and all who are grieving. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Exeter Foodbank [Click here for more information.](#)

Priority items: pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetarian meals, noodle snacks, shampoo, deodorant, fruit squash. Collection points located at Sacred Heart & Blessed Sacrament churches, and in local supermarkets.

EXETER Foodbank are also looking for volunteers, so to find out more about how you can help please email Mark at info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk

Exeter Free Food Network and Homelessness

Partnership Free Food Guide can be found at [this link](#)

LENT NEWS & EVENTS

Catholic Exeter Lent Penitential Service

Tuesday 4 April 7.00pm at Sacred Heart. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most wonderful opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and the grace we need to change our lives. There will be a number of priests available for confession.

Good Friday Passion for Exeter

Friday 7 April 10.00-10.45am in the Cathedral and 10.45-11.30am on the Green. Led by Hannah Richards (City Community Church, and Chair of Christians Together Across Exeter) and Ash Leighton Plom (St David's with St Michael's Mt Dinham, and Deputy Chair of Christians Together Across Exeter). Messages from Rev. Paul Snell (County Ecumenical Officer for Devon) and Pastor Mark Pugh (Rediscover Church). Prayer ministry by Exeter Roman Catholic Parishes and Pastor Samuel Oluwafemi from Exeter's Redeemed Christian Church of God. Music by Exeter Chinese Church and Exeter Salvation Army Band.

FORMING IN FAITH

The Prayer Course

The next session of 'The Prayer Course' is about **Contemplation**. In this session we will discover how spending time with God in silence can enrich our relationship with him. Please join us on **Monday 24 April** at 10.30am in the Lower Room, Sacred Heart church OR **Tuesday 25 April** at 7.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament. Don't worry if you have missed the first sessions, you will really enjoy the films and discussion.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

If you are thinking of joining the Church or would simply like to know more about it, then you are welcome to join us. We will meet next on **Thursday 13 April** at 7.30pm in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart. Meetings are friendly and informal, and you don't need to do anything to prepare. Don't worry if you feel a bit daunted, this could be the first step towards a whole new life! We look forward to welcoming you.

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

Meet online via Zoom from 2.00 – 3.00pm each Wednesday. We will next meet online on **Wednesday 12 April**. If you would like to join us, contact Maria: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk. Come whenever you can to explore the riches of the scriptures. You will be most welcome.

Preparing for Baptism

We are now taking bookings for the April sessions.

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 our parish family. Sessions run over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10.15-12.00 on Zoom. Dates: 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 on the link below to register. If you have any problems accessing this, please contact Lesley in the parish office on 01392 274724 or at exeter-heavittree@prcdtr.org.uk [Baptism Enquiry form](#).

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

GIFT Youth & Socials News

The next Gift Youth Social will be held in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on **Friday 21 April** from 7.30 till 9.30pm featuring a Mario Kart competition.

To ensure that our safeguarding and GDPR procedures are robust we ask that the parent of any young person **MUST** have registered/re-registered them using the NEW form (using the link sent to parents on 10 March or [use this link](#)) before they come along to future Gift Youth Socials and Gift Youth Saturdays. This will ensure that we have all the required details about the young person as well as the necessary consents from their parents to enable us to keep them safe.

GIFT: Gateway to the Sacraments

GIFT is the gateway to the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Exeter parishes. [Click here](#) to find out more about GIFT.

Next GIFT Meeting: Saturday 29 April at St Nicholas Catholic Primary school at 9.45am We look forward to welcoming you back after Easter.

NEWS & EVENTS

Prisons Advice and Care Trust (PACT)

PACT with Caritas Diocese of Plymouth Roadshow at St Joseph's, Newton Abbot on Saturday 22 April 10.00am-1.00pm

'I was in prison and you visited me' Matthew 25:36

PACT's Faith in Action team and Caritas Diocese of Plymouth are hosting a morning of learning, reflection, and faith-into-action ideas relating to prison ministry. The event will hear voices of lived experience, get connected with local services in the diocese and meet prison chaplains, volunteers, and other diocesan groups. Come along and find out more about Prisons Ministry and how you can get involved. Refreshments will be provided. St Joseph's in Newton Abbot is five minutes' walk from the train station and on a number of bus routes. There are close local car parks. You can register online for the event [Book here now](#) or by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or calling us on 01364 645421.

Pope Francis' address on Europe

Pope Francis addressed the Bishops of the European Union and their new Presidency. on Thursday 23 March. The Holy Father asked them to never lose sight of "the two great dreams of Europe's founding fathers: the dream of unity and the dream of peace." [Read his full address here](#)

More news from the Bishops Conference Communications [can be read here](#)



Are you a good listener? If so, becoming a befriender with the St Vincent de Paul group here in Exeter might be right up your street. Befriending can take the form of a personal visit, a telephone call or even just a WhatsApp message. Any of these can be a great comfort to someone.

Do you enjoy conversation? Then what about coming to our weekly Chatter Café on Wednesday mornings after Mass. These are just some of the ways the SVP supports and reaches out to individuals, both within the parishes and beyond. The need is great, so do seriously consider joining us. If you would like to help, or know of someone who might need help or who would benefit from a visit, do contact Peter Schranz on pschranz5@gmail.com or any of the SVP team at the Chatter Café.

The Catholic Post

We have been given a trial of this online Catholic newspaper which you can access by [clicking this link](#). Let us know what you think. If we like it we can subscribe each month and offer the link in Catholic Exeter News. Enjoy!

The man who could be England's next saint.

John Bradburne held Buckfast Abbey as a special place in his heart, as this was where he converted to Catholicism. The Cause for Beatification for Bradburne is now in full swing and he is likely to become England's next Saint. This is a rare opportunity to learn about Bradburne's Saintly life and meet the people making this happen.

The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, South Devon on Saturday 10 June 2023 at 12 noon, to commemorate his 102nd Birthday. This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition. "We are delighted, said the Abbot David Charlesworth OSB, to be able to host this event and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible."

Please note this is a ticketed event so if you would like to attend, please contact JBMS: 07979 187498 or info@johnbradburne.com Tickets are available on the JBMS website www.johnbradburne.com



International Mass at Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 16 July at 10.45am. There will be a planning meeting for anyone who would like to be involved in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Thursday 27 April at 7.15pm. The previous meeting had to be cancelled due to illness and we hope that you will be able to make the new date. We are blessed with parishioners from a huge number of nations around the world. Please come along to help, volunteer and celebrate our Catholicity.

St Nicholas School News

We were delighted that Fr Albert could join us to deliver a blessing at the end of our Way of the Cross liturgy last week. We are now looking forward to the Easter break and hoping for lots of warmth and sunshine.

Everyone at the school wishes all parishioners a very Happy Easter.

School returns on the 17 April and we have exciting activities planned for the Summer term. Our Yr 3/4 children will head off to Plymouth at the start of May to sleep with the sharks at Plymouth aquarium, visit The Box and also the visitor centre at the Tamar Bridge.

For information about joining our school or Nursery please contact Mrs Brocksom, Senior Administrator (abrocksom@stncs.uk)

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges and Help Support CCSP. Please pop your used ink cartridges in the box located in the Baptistry at Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.

Ascension Day fundraiser at Buckfast Abbey on Thursday 18 May the CCSP is holding an event. It starts at midday with Mass in the Abbey, followed by a 2-course lunch, raffle and then a guest speaker. Tickets on a first come-first served basis at £30 with all proceeds going towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. Book tickets by email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk or 01364 645420.

Building Sanctuary - Responding to Refugees

'Responding to Refugees' with City of Sanctuary President Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal on Sunday 30 April 10.30am and 2.00pm at Southernhay URC. Rev Dr Bhogal, (<https://inderjitbhogal.com/>) will preach at the 10.30 am service and speak at 2.30pm. Dr Bhogal is one of the founders and President of the City of Sanctuary movement, former President of the Methodist Conference and former Leader of the Corrymeela ecumenical and peacemaking community in N. Ireland. Event organised by the Exeter and SW Corrymeela group. Everyone welcome.

St George's Day Concert

Holy Cross Topsham Sunday 23 April 4.00-5.00pm.

A recital of organ and cello music from David Davies and Hilary Boxer followed by refreshments (weather permitting). David Davies, organist at Buckfast Abbey, will play Holy Cross's 1786 Robert and William Gray chamber organ and Hilary Boxer her 1750 Thomas Smith cello. The programme will include works by the English composers Dowland, Eccles, Berkeley, Elgar and Vaughan Williams as well music by Handel, Bach and Vivaldi. Tickets (free) can be requested through the Events page of the [Holy Cross website](#). Retiring collection to cover the costs of the concert and to raise money for Médecins Sans Frontières and Refugee Support (Devon).

PRAYER & LITURGY

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sunday 16 April is Divine Mercy Sunday and Fr John Watkins will celebrate the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Blessed Sacrament at 3.00pm. Confessions at 2.30pm.



Adoration & Taizé Prayer

Wednesday 5 April, Wednesday of Holy Week at Sacred Heart 7.00pm. Please come and join the Lord in this time of prayer.

"The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping the Passover with my disciples." – *Magnificat antiphon, from Evening Prayer*

Prayer Around the Cross

Friday 7 April at 7.00pm at St. Pancras Church, Guildhall Shopping Centre. It consists of readings, prayers, meditations and silence, interspersed with songs and chants from Taizé and elsewhere around the world.

Pope's April Prayer Intention

For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

EASTER

Easter Offerings

Your gift to the priests of the parishes. You can make your offering by using one of the envelopes available in the church, if you are a planned giver by using the envelope provided in your box, or by placing your offering directly in the collection. If you usually offer by standing order why not make a bank transfer: put 'Easter Offering' in the narrative. Thank you.

THE WORD



Sunday 2 April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 Matthew 26:14-27:66 *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Sunday 9 April – Easter Sunday

First Reading Acts 10:34.37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Psalm Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.



Sunday 16 April Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading Acts 2:42-47 *The faithful mall lived together and owned everything in common.*

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

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9. *In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising from the dead.*

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

Resurrexit, sicut dixit!



On behalf of the clergy of Catholic Exeter we wish all parishioners a very Happy and Holy Easter.

Our celebrations this year are particularly poignant as we await the funeral of our dear Fr Kieran who died on 20 March. He was filled with hope at the promise of the Resurrection and his faith was an example for all of us who believe that life comes after death. Let us be filled with that same hope as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery and may we bring the light and joy of Easter to all, particularly those who are suffering at this time. May God continue to bless us all and keep us firmly in his love.

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