

CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart
23 April 2023 Third Sunday of Easter. Year A. *Psalter 3*



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During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing - and one especially important for the reader. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death.

This is very close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. The reader should take to herself or himself the words of the Gospel Acclamation: 'Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.'

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 23 April – Third Sunday of Easter

5.30pm (Sat) *Holy Souls*
9.15am *Fr Harry Doyle*
11.15am *People of the Parish*
5.00-6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Monday 24 April – St George, Martyr, Patron of England

10.00am *For the sick & housebound*

Tuesday 25 April – St Mark, Evangelist

10.00am *Pope Francis*

Wednesday 26 April

10.00am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP*

Thursday 27 April

10.00am Funeral Mass for Eileen Rid RIP
3.00pm Funeral service for Giancarlo Channing RIP
6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
7.00pm *Canon Paul Cummins*

Friday 28 April

10.00am *Peace in the World*
12 noon Funeral service for Geoffrey Baker RIP

Saturday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe

10.00am *Thanksgiving for Fr Michael Wheaton's recovery*

Sunday 30 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

5.30pm (Sat) *Holy Souls*
9.15am *People of the Parish*
11.15am *Emma Marras RIP*
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



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8.45am *Bishop Christopher Budd RIP*
10.45am *Pope Francis*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 25 April - St Mark, Evangelist

6.30pm *Sick & housebound of the Parish*

Wednesday 26 April

9.30am *Mrs Sammon*

Thursday 27 April

9.30am *Jo & Tony Fewkes RIP*

Friday 28 April

6.30pm *Ola Godbeer*

Saturday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe

9.30am *Felicia Ogugua Melie RIP*

Sunday 30 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.45am *Noreen Lally RIP*
10.45am *Onyeka Osuji & Family in thanksgiving*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

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.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Exeter Free Food Network and Homelessness Partnership

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

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

Priority items at this time: tinned meat, tinned vegetarian meals, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, tea, custard/rice pudding. Collection points located at Sacred Heart & Blessed Sacrament churches, and in local supermarkets. Keep watching our Social Media for updates! Thank you.

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

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 27 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

We meet online via Zoom from 2.00 – 3.00pm each Wednesday. 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.

NEWS & EVENTS

Blessed Sacrament Parish Pilgrimage to Lynton

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star have invited us to join them for a day of prayer and reflection on **Sunday 14 May**. The Sisters will welcome us from 9.30am.

10.00am Sessions of Lectio Divina (reading of scripture) led by the Sisters.

11.00am Midday Prayer – sung office in the church.

11.30am Mass in the church.

1.00pm Lunch. Please bring a picnic lunch. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake provided.

2.30pm Rosary Walk in the Valley of Rocks. Conversations as we return.

5.00pm Animated Prayer Vigil and Adoration on the theme of The Ascension.

6.00pm Sung Vespers.

Please sign the sheet in church to say you are coming. We are asking you to make your own way to Lynton. If you can offer a lift to someone else, or if you require a lift, please add your name and telephone number to the list in the church porch.

We look forward to a spiritually uplifting day in the care of the Sisters. Please keep them and their ministry in your prayers.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Concerned about life issues? SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) is a grassroots organisation that campaigns for the protection of life from conception to natural death. Our aim is to create a culture where abortion is unthinkable. We'll be holding an information meeting for those who'd like to become more involved in creating a culture of life at 7.15pm on **Friday 12 May** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament. This will be a chance to hear about SPUC's campaign against coerced abortion, access our educational resources, and be inspired to take action. For more info email adamfairbairn@spuc.org.uk

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

As the Plymouth Diocesan Pilgrimage is not travelling this year, we invite you to join the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes pilgrimage. We are a "working pilgrimage" that has been taking pilgrims who need medical assistance and support to travel to Lourdes for over one hundred years. Our VIPs stay in the Accueil Notre Dame, inside the Sanctuary, where we can provide 24 hour medical and personal care and support as needed. We rely on volunteer doctors, nurses, carers and helpers and there is a warm welcome and a role for all. We would ask you to cover a daily shift in a friendly team to enable our Assisted Pilgrims to have a fantastic week. We also welcome praying pilgrims who join in all the services and events. We still have some flights available from Bristol (for those who do not require our medical team) so it's a great opportunity to come and see what Lourdes is all about and be of service for a week! For more details visit the SOLL website: www.soll-lourdes.com or contact Ruth Rockey on treasurer@soll-lourdes.com or 07525 536936

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a meeting/training on **Wednesday 3 May at 7.00pm** in the Blessed Sacrament church for anyone who has performed this ministry in the past, is actively ministering or anyone interested in being a part of this ministry at Blessed Sacrament. It will also be to review guidelines in relation to the reinstating of the distribution of the precious blood and the way in which the ministers take part at the Masses.

CAFOD livesimply

As a livesimply community we try to buy what we genuinely need and not get caught up in what Pope Francis calls 'a whirlwind of needless buying and spending'.

Parishioners may therefore be interested in Exeter Library of Things, a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, based at 178-179 Sidwell St above the Sidwell Bakehouse. The library has a wide range of items which can be borrowed by the general public, including power tools, hand tools, and household and leisure items. The aim is to help reduce consumption, encourage community engagement, create sustainable living habits whilst helping to cut costs and free up space. Buy less, borrow more! www.exeterlot.org.uk

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

An update from Stephen Riedlinger, Charity Fundraiser

Following the Acts of the Apostles is a powerful inspiration in our work at Aid to the Church in Need. The early Church faced challenges, but through God's love, the confidence gained from witnessing the life and resurrection of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and disciples were able to join together to share the word of God and support the suffering and persecuted. It is this mission that we endeavour to support across the world today. For the suffering and persecuted we can pray for them and support them, we can save some and let others know that they are not alone, and never will be. Christian persecution is a constant threat in many countries around the world and we want to give our brothers and sisters our support in prayer and action. I am constantly moved by how strongly people want to know what is going on around the world and their desire to respond in some way. To find out more visit <https://acnuk.org/>

St Rita of Cascia Feast Day

You are invited to the community at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, on Monday 22 May, the feast day of St Rita of Cascia. The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon. The principal celebrant will be Monsignor Canon Daniel McHugh. This will be followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website www.stritascentre.org and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day, but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3.00pm. We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30am.

Kenyan Educational Sponsorship (KES)

We are now collecting the sponsorship money. This can be placed in a clearly marked envelope and dropped off at the parish office.

Caritas Plymouth

Vision: 'To Live the Gospel by following Christ's Command to love our neighbour as He loved us.'

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's annual review [can be found here](#). It sets out our work across the Diocese in 2022 and our plans for 2023. Caritas aims to be a witness to the Gospel by encouraging and initiating Catholic social action. Our work is informed by Catholic Social Teaching (CST) inspired by the Gospels and the words of Jesus Christ. Our focus is on education and formation; encouraging and supporting parishes and schools to reach out with those in difficult circumstances including children and families, those who are elderly, isolated or vulnerable, refugees and migrants and those who are homeless. We work closely with and through existing Catholic and other partner charities. SVP, Stella Maris and CCS(P) are part of our managing committee and help guide our path. If you have any questions, would like to be involved or would like support in developing local projects get in touch with Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday 30 April is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is an opportunity to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be considering ordained or religious life. The Diocese of Plymouth also asks for your assistance in supporting our seminarians through their training and formation, both through prayer and financial support. If you are able to contribute to our **Seminarians' Fund**, either as a single donation or through regular giving, please pick up a leaflet or go to <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/resources>. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend.

International Mass at Blessed Sacrament *Sunday 16 July*

If you would like to be involved in the International Mass please come to the next planning meeting at the St Richard Reynolds Centre on **Thursday 27 April** at 7.15pm. We are blessed with parishioners from a huge number of nations around the world. Please come along to help, volunteer and celebrate our Catholicity.

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

The latest edition of our **newsletter, Children First**, can be found in the porch at Blessed Sacrament or online by [clicking here](#)

Ascension Day Fundraiser. On Thursday 18 May, the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is holding an Ascension Day Fundraiser at Buckfast Abbey. Tickets are available on a first come-first served basis, at £30, with all proceeds going towards

helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. For tickets please call 01364 645420 or email vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk.

We are looking for **Parish Volunteers** throughout the Diocese to help the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) to raise funds for our Essential Grants programme. We have produced a Parish Volunteer information pack to help parishioners to support the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). If you are interested in finding out more please contact vicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk / 01364645420.

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.

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.

GIFT Youth & Socials News

The next Gift Youth Social will be held in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on **Friday 19 May** from 7.30 till 9.30pm.

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.

PRAYER & LITURGY

We pray for...

Eileen Bernadette Ridd, Giancarlo Channing, Geoffrey John Baker and Freddie Joseph who have recently died. Freddie Joseph's funeral will take place at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 2 May at 12.30pm. May they rest in peace.



Bishop Emeritus of Plymouth Christopher Budd RIP

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our dear Bishop Christopher Budd, the retired Bishop of Plymouth. His body will be received into **Sacred Heart Church** on **Thursday 4 May at 5.00pm. The**

funeral Mass will be at 12.00noon on Friday 5 May. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. You will find an obituary for Bishop Christopher, written beautifully by Fr Mark Skelton, [by clicking this link.](#)

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT DIARY

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| Thurs 27 April | International Mass prep meeting 7.00pm (RRC) |
| Weds 3 May | Extraordinary Ministers Training 7.00pm (BSC) |
| Sunday 7 May | Crowning of Mary 10.45am Mass (BSC) |
| Sunday 14 May | Parish Pilgrimage to the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lynton |
| Sunday 28 May | Pentecost Picnic after 10.45am Mass in Heavitree Park |
| Sunday 11 June | Corpus Christi procession after 10.45am Mass (BSC) followed by shared lunch (RRC) |
| Sun 16 July | International Mass 10.45am (BSC) followed by lunch in RRC |

(RRC - St Richard Reynolds Centre. BSC – Blessed Sacrament Church)

THE WORD

Sunday 23 April Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 2:14.22-33

It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades

Psalm Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Sunday 30 April Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 2:14.36-41

God has made him both Lord and Christ.

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.

Gospel John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

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[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

[Churches Together England News](#)

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