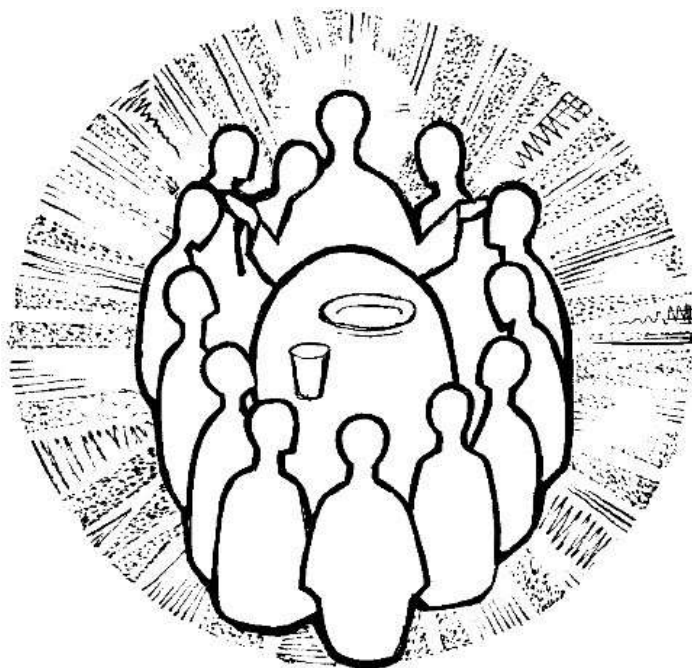


CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart

7 May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter. Year A. Psalter I



I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The Word of God today challenges us to revisit the 'raison d'être' (reason for being) of the believing community - the Church: to continue to experience God in Jesus and to meditate on that experience in the world. The great truth is that Jesus is the Way to God and the Truth of God, and in Him is God's own Life, demanding from us the 'real faith' not only in God, the Father but also precisely in Jesus Christ. So, let us encourage ourselves with conviction to live for Christ and His virtues in day-to-day life and wait at the entrances of people's lives, pointing the passionate love of the Lord to the world. Amen. Fr Anil

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 7 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 8 May

10.00am *Fr Harry Doyle*

Tuesday 9 May – Day of Prayer for victim & survivors of sexual abuse

No Mass

Wednesday 10 May

10.00am *Eileen Ridd RIP*

Thursday 11 May

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

Friday 12 May

10.00am *Bishop Christopher Budd RIP*

Saturday 13 May

10.00am *Peace in the World*

Sunday 14 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

5.30pm (Sat) *People of the Parish*
9.15am *For Leaders in Government*
11.15am *Canon Paul Cummins*
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 7 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *The Melie Family Special Intention*
6.00pm *John Cox RIP*

Tuesday 9 May – Day of Prayer for victim & survivors of sexual abuse

6.30pm *Holy Souls*

Wednesday 10 May

9.30am *Joan & John Moran RIP*

Thursday 11 May

9.30am *Sick Clergy*

Friday 12 May

6.30pm *Canon Paul Cummins*

Saturday 13 May

9.30am *Bishop Christopher Budd RIP*

Sunday 14 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.45am *Kathleen Jenkinson RIP*
10.45am *Mollie Martin RIP*
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.

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 need to know by today (7 May). We look forward to a spiritually uplifting day in the care of the Sisters. Please keep them and their ministry in your prayers.

Memorial Mass for Bishop Christopher Budd

The Canons of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Boniface, Plymouth invite you to the Memorial Mass for Bishop Christopher Budd. This Mass will be an opportunity for us as a Diocese to celebrate his life and his considerable contribution to the Plymouth Diocese during his time as Bishop of our Diocese from 1986 until 2014, as well as a chance to offer up prayers for the repose of his soul. This Memorial Mass will take place at 12 noon on **Tuesday 23 May** at Plymouth Cathedral and will be followed by a barbecue in the grounds of the Cathedral.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have chosen Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (**9 May**), as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This is a day of prayer for those who have been abused, in a season of hope and new life. A prayer for survivors and their families:

God of Love, I hold in my heart and place into your hands, those who have experienced abuse, especially those whose abuse was associated with the Church that should have cared and nurtured them. I pray for those for whom the abuse is current, for those for whom it is a memory that still brings fear and shame, for those looking ahead to a more hopeful future. I pray also for their families who may not have known or realised the extent and effect of the abuse on their loved one and who are left feeling betrayed and helpless to help. In the name of Jesus...Amen

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. 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. For more info email adamfairbairn@spuc.org.uk



Sacred Heart Pilgrims

Our 'Perigrinos' as they reached their final destination. Martin & Monica Overy, Norman & Maggie Bamber & Paul Huppler were brave enough to take on the Comino. They started their walk at Sarria and finished 7 days (120km) later in Santiago de Compostela. They arrived home very late Saturday/Sunday, and still managed early Mass at Sacred Heart that morning. Well done Perigrinos!

Blessed Sacrament Online Leadership Conference

Do you have leadership skills? Are you a leader in your family, at work in a team, with the scouts, in similar organisations or here in our parish? If so, we'd like to encourage you to join us on Thursday 25 May for an online Leadership Conference. Come and see how the Spirit is using leadership skills like yours around the world to inspire parishes. There will be an opportunity for worship, teaching and prayer to encourage us as we move forward with our parish vision. We will meet in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 6.30pm to enjoy cheese and wine before logging onto the leadership conference from 7.00 to 9.15pm. Please send an RSVP to the parish office by Monday 22 May.

Diocesan Summer Camps

The annual summer camps provide a wonderful opportunity for young people from across the diocese to come together for one week during the summer holidays to meet new friends, renew friendships and share and grow in their Catholic faith in a safe and full-filled environment. Bookings are now open and can be made by using the online booking form by [following this link](#).

Junior Camp (Years 3-6) 30 July – 4 August Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey.

Senior Camp (Years 7-10) 6 August – 11 August Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey

St Petroc's (Years 11-13) 14 August – 18 August St Rita's Honiton

We would be happy to welcome new helpers of any age to help at the Camps. If you or someone you know would be able to offer a week of your time to help in the day

to day running of the camps please get in touch with Deacon Mike Turnbull 07504 821558 michael.turnbull@prcdtr.org.uk This will involve completing an application form and a DBS check and undergoing some safeguarding training. Thank you

Heatree Youth Residential

26 – 28 May. Are you aged between 10 and 16 (Yr 6-10) and enjoy outdoor pursuits? Why not join us at Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor. The group will have the chance to join in activities such as high ropes and raft building, along with exploring the Pentecost scripture. The weekend is a great opportunity for young people to meet other young Catholics across the diocese. for further information contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: [click here](#)

St Nicholas School News

We have space in our Nursery for 3–4-year-olds from September. We offer both 15 hours and 30 hours (extended) funding and can also offer wraparound care from 7.45am until 6.00pm. We are very flexible and can offer morning, afternoon or all-day sessions. Please come and have a look around and find out more - contact Mrs Brocksom, Senior Administrator (abrocksom@stncls.uk) or call 01392 445403.

Our Year 3 and 4 children had a fantastic time on their residential to Plymouth this week. They explored the Tamar Bridge and The Box as well as sleeping with the sharks at Plymouth aquarium.

We also enjoyed celebrating the Coronation and have 2 planned celebrations. Last week the children had a special picnic lunch outside. Next week we will be having a 'street party' in school for everyone with cake, bunting, flags and crowns.

Great West run – Exeter Road closures

This year's Great West Run takes place on Sunday 21 May. Because of this road closures will be in operation from 6.00am in most areas and will re-open once runners have passed by and it is safe to do so. Roads will begin to re-open from 9.45am with all being re-opened fully by 1.00pm. These may make your journey to Sunday Mass more difficult. You can see a route map [here](#). We wish all the participants luck in their physical and fund-raising efforts.

Devon County Show 18 - 20 May

Churches of Devon have a stand at the Devon County Show offering hospitality including free refreshments and a peaceful prayerful haven amongst the hustle and bustle of the show. We need help to keep this facility available. We need homemade cake to serve. Recipes will be provided to comply with allergen requirements. We also need help to take control of the bouncy castle and the bungee run. If you can help with either of these please contact Frances Canning on 01392209542 or email francesandedward@blueyondedward.co.uk as soon as possible. Thank you

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

You are invited to join the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes pilgrimage. We are a “working pilgrimage” that has been taking pilgrims to Lourdes for over 100 years. Our VIPs stay in the Accueil Notre Dame, inside the Sanctuary, where we provide 24-hour medical and personal care and support. We rely on volunteer doctors, nurses, carers and helpers. 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 the services and events. We still have some flights available flying from Bristol on Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June (for those who do not require our medical team). 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 [SOLI website](http://SOLI-website) or contact Ruth Rockey on treasurer@soli-lourdes.com or 07525 536936



Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Many couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit their web site

Marriage Matters

Once again this year on 17 June at 12.00 noon there will be a **Mass for Marriage** to celebrate marriage at Plymouth Cathedral. Please pray for this event and save the date. Send us your anniversary dates to add to the Order of Service - whether you have been married for one week or sixty + years. Let us know too when your wedding is planned to take place if you are engaged. Light refreshments will be provided and (not so light) wedding cake. For more information please contact me on deborah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Marriage Sponsors - Are you a married couple, committed to the Catholic vision of marriage and family? To learn more about being a Sponsor Couple to engaged couples preparing for this vital vocation two free Webinars are available through SmartLoving on Wednesday 3 May at 11.00 am and Tuesday 6 June at 11.00 am Please contact me for more information or to Register for one of these days.

St Rita of Cascia Feast Day

Come to 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 late.

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 11 May** 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.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

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](#). If you have any questions, would like to be involved or would like support in developing local projects contact Caritas@prcdtr.org.uk Caritas Diocese of Plymouth newsletter which highlights Refugee Week and Laudato Si Week as well as other latest events and information, the link for which is here <https://tinyurl.com/mu5semx2>

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

Ascension Day Fundraiser. Thursday 18 May, the CCSP is holding an Ascension Day Fundraiser at Buckfast Abbey. Tickets are available for £30 (limited) with all proceeds going towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. For tickets email yicki.dunstone@prcdtr.org.uk or call 01364 645420

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.

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

Priority items: tinned meat, tinned vegetarian meals, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, tea, custard/rice pudding. Collection points are located at Sacred Heart & Blessed Sacrament churches, and in local supermarkets.

FORMING IN FAITH

Prayer Course

The next session of 'The Prayer Course' is about Listening. In this session we'll unpack the practical ways we can tune into hearing God's voice.

Please join us on Monday 22 May at 10.30am in the Lower Room, Sacred Heart church OR Tuesday 23 May 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.

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 10 June at St Nicholas Catholic Primary school at 9.45am We look forward to welcoming you.

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.

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.

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

PRAYER & LITURGY

Interfaith Celebration Service

All faith communities are cordially invited to attend Exeter Cathedral's Service of Celebration for the Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort on Sunday 7 May at 4.00 p.m. [Please book your free ticket to attend](#)

We pray for...

Mollie Martin and Compton D'Souza who have recently died. Mollie's funeral will take place at Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 25 May at 11.00am.

May they rest in peace

Stronghold Praise & Worship evenings

Join us, after the 7.00pm Ascension Day Mass, on Thursday 18 May for 45 minutes of praise and worship in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Also save these dates –

Thursdays June 15 and July 13 from 7.15 - 8.45pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre

Pope's May Prayer Intention

We pray that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Rosary on the Coast

Come and pray the Rosary on the Coast in reparation for the unborn babies aborted since the Abortion Act was passed in Parliament in 1967. Join with others as families gather around the Home Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Unborn Children, at Corbyn Head, Torquay seafront, at 11.00am on Saturday 13 May, the anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady to the child seers at Fatima in 1917. Join with the S.P.U.C. and the Torbay Order of the Knights of St. Columba in offering Our Lady a wonderful bouquet of prayer. Regina caeli, laetari, alleluja! Please contact Maurice (KSC) on 07555536579 or devon@lms.org.uk for *more information*.

Prayer Around the Cross

Friday 19 May at 7.00pm in St. Pancras Church, Guildhall Shopping Centre. Prayer around the Cross comes from an Eastern European tradition and forms a regular part of the worship of the ecumenical Taizé Community in France. In the adapted form we use, it consists of readings, prayers, meditations and silence, interspersed with songs and chants from Taizé and elsewhere.

BLESSED SACRAMENT DIARY

Sunday 7 May Crowning of Mary 10.45am Mass (BSC)

Sunday 14 May Parish Pilgrimage to the Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Lynton

Friday 26 May International Mass meeting

Sunday 28 May Pentecost Picnic & Kites after 10.45am Mass in Heavitree Park

Sunday 11 June Corpus Christi procession after 10.45am Mass (BSC) followed by shared lunch (RRC)

Sunday 16 July International Mass 10.45am (BSC) followed by lunch in RRC

THE WORD

Sunday 7 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 6:1-7 *They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.*

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

Gospel John 14:1-12 *I am Way, the Truth and the Life.*

Sunday 14 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 8:5-8.14-17 *They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Psalm Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel John 14:15-21 *I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



13 May Our Lady of Fatima

This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves.

Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000.

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