

CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, and Holy Cross

27 August 2023 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A. *Psalter Week I*



THE KEYS

OF THE KINGDOM

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father.

This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'

MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART



Sunday 27 August – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.30pm (Sat) *For a new Bishop*

9.15am *Alexandra Green*

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

11.15am *People of the parish*

1.15pm *Mass in Polish*

5.00-6.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Monday 28 August – St Augustine Bishop & Doctor

10.00am *Phil Carrigan*

Tuesday 29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

10.00am *Private Intention*

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

Wednesday 30 August

10.00am *Private Intention*

Followed by SVP Chatter Café in the Lower Room

Thursday 31 August

6.30pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

7.00pm *Margrith & Jane RIP*

Friday 1 September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

10.00am *Sarah McGloghlon RIP*

Saturday 2 September

10.00am *Ronald Lee RIP*

Followed by CWL refreshments in the Lower Room

Sunday 3 September – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.30pm (Sat) *Rosie Robins RIP*

9.15am *People of the parish*

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

11.15am *For a new Bishop*

1.15pm *Mass in Polish*

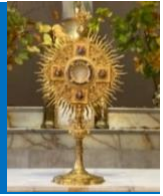
5.00-6.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Confessions Saturday after 10am Mass and 4-5pm, and on reasonable request.

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

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

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 27 August – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *The Irvine family*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm *In thanksgiving & RIP*

Tuesday 29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

6.30pm *Pat Cummins RIP*

Wednesday 30 August – St Margaret Clitherow Martyr

9.30am *Isabel Charpeney*

Thursday 31 August

9.30am *Sr Teresine RIP*

7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 1 September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

6.30pm *For those who pray for others*

Saturday 2 September

9.30am *Ray Bluett RIP*

11.00 Ecumenical Service of Creation

Sunday 3 September – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am *Private Intention*

10.45am *Laszlo Lazar RIP*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

3.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

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.

MASS TIMES HOLY CROSS, TOPSHAM

Sunday 27 August – Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am *People of the Parish*

Wednesday 30 August

10.00am

Sunday 3 September – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am *People of the Parish*

EXETER NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome

We welcome to Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart parishes, all who are visiting us at this time. We pray you have a good holiday/visit. We also pray that those of our community who are enjoying holidays will return refreshed and invigorated by their time away.

Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal

Creating Hope for Families – Changing Lives – Putting All Children First

The annual appeal of the Catholic Children's Society is **this weekend**

26/27 September. Please visit their website www.cccsplymouth.org.uk to understand the wonderful work, which the Society does to help struggling children and their families. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses and if you wish to gift aid your donation please use the envelopes available in the church or porch.



Other ways to donate: use this QR code to give directly or donate by visiting our [Annual Appeal Crowdfunder page](#). Donate by post by sending a cheque made payable to 'Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)' to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL, or by BACS direct into our account – Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) sort code – 52-41-60 account number – 06024335. To donate by text – to donate £5 text 5CCSP to 70085, to donate £10 text 10CCSP to 70085 or to donate £20 text 20CCSP to 70085.

Panto time! Oh yes it is!

Do you fancy an outing to the Theatre Royal Plymouth for the pantomime Goldilocks and the Three Bears? This is being arranged for 12 January 2024. A coach will leave Blessed Sacrament church at 10.30am. The cost, including the coach, is £30. To book your ticket contact Maureen Knowles 07912 383546/01392 211388

Missionary Society of St Columban Appeal

Fr Patrick O'Beirne will be celebrating all Masses at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 3 September and will make an appeal on behalf of the Society. He will share with us their cross-cultural mission work in Asia, the Pacific and Latin America which they hope will nurture the missionary spirit in Britain and to engage our prayer and support for the spread of the Gospel overseas. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Pilgrim for Homelessness

One of our younger parishioners, Linus Holmes, set off in May to walk the Via Francigena from Canterbury to Rome (a distance of more than 3,000km) to raise money for Shelter. He left with just a small backpack and an empty wallet, having pledged to rely on earning money along the way and, wherever possible, the hospitality and generosity of the people he would meet. He is now just a few days from his final destination but the amount that he hopes to raise is still well short of his target. He has had some tough times during the past three months (not least with the sustained hot weather) but has remained steadfast - it has been humbling to follow his pilgrimage. You can find out more - and make a donation PLEASE – by visiting this link: [Linus' JustGiving page](#). Thank you.

CAFOD Ecumenical Service of Creation



*The seed
is the
word of
God. (Luke
8.11)*

The CAFOD/livesimply group are organising an Ecumenical Service of Creation on **Saturday 2 September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Church.**

The service will be followed by a light, plant based, buffet lunch in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All are very welcome. Please invite your friends.

If you, or anyone you know, perhaps from other churches, would be able to help with music, readings, food, decorations, general help on the day please email s.larkin@exeter.ac.uk.

CAFOD Autumn Fair

Save the date for the Cafod autumn fair – Saturday 18 November and the livesimply sewing group are hoping to make lots of items for this sale. Why not come along on Monday afternoons from 3.00 till 5.00pm to the St Richard Reynolds Centre and join this very friendly productive group making lots of items for the fair.!



Calling All Gardeners

Gardening Day for the Sisters in Lynton.

As a way of celebrating the season of creation, we will be helping the Sisters at Lynton in their extensive grounds, on **Saturday 2nd September**. Tasks will range from light weeding to heavier jobs. There is something for everyone and for all ages.

We will leave Blessed Sacrament church car park at 8.00am and leave Lynton at 4.00pm (returning to Exeter by 6.00pm). Bring a packed lunch and don't forget your gardening tools! If you can offer a lift, please let Lesley know at exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk. Numbers need to be confirmed by Thursday 31st August. We look forward to Exeter Parishes' Gardening Angels helping the Sisters to transform areas of their grounds.



Sacred Heart Book Club

The next meeting of the parish Book Club will take place in the Presbytery on **Thursday 31 August** at 7.30pm, after evening Mass. Tea and coffee will be provided. The book that we shall be reading is **'North and South'** by Elizabeth Gaskell. If you are having trouble

obtaining a copy, or would like more information, please let either Philippa pmsmallwood@hotmail.com or Martin mkoverly@gmail.com know. All welcome.



Knit & Natter at Sacred Heart

Please join us after Mass on Friday 1 September for coffee and some crafting. Bring whatever you are working on, and we will supply the drinks and cookies. If you want to learn a craft, this is where to be. Everyone welcome.



Fr Anil

Fr Anil's last Sunday at Topsham will be 3 September and his last weekend at Sacred Heart will be 9/10 September.

Please join us to say farewell to Fr Anil in the Lower Room after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 10 September. He will move to Okehampton on 11 September.

We wish him every blessing as he begins his ministry in Okehampton and Chagford and thank God for all he has done for us here in Exeter and Topsham.

For a lovely piece about Fr Anil in the local Okehampton press [please visit this link](#).

WIDER NEWS & EVENTS

Diocesan Youth Events newsletter: [follow this link](#)

Saturday 23 September Youth Rally at St Rita's, Honiton.

20–22 October Fatih in Action weekend in Honiton. And much more of interest

Stay Awake, 2024!

Our all-age, all-day faith event is on Saturday, 13 April at All Saints Church of England Academy, Wyke, Weymouth. **Details later but please save the date!**

This is a home-grown event from Plymouth Diocese's Dorset Deanery, - we are in our 6th year and we have had participants from as far away as the Midlands!

Franciscan at Home faith workshops

Would you like to spend an hour a week online, sharing insights on the gift of Baptism, or exploring 'what it means to be a disciple of our Eucharistic Lord'? These *Franciscan at Home* workshops centre on topics which are important to all of us and all are welcome. Join us in an online group, Mondays at 7.30 pm, Wednesdays at 7.00 pm, or both; beginning on September 11, to pray, listen and reflect.

More workshops are available in Truro on Thursdays (online) and Sclerder Abbey on Wednesdays (live meeting). For a link or further information contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

March for Life

Saturday 2 September in Central London.



A coach will be leaving St Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth PL5 3AX at 7.00am, with a pick-up from Exeter Services at 8.00am and arriving in London between 12.30 to 1.00pm. The march begins at 2.00pm. The coach departs Westminster at 5.30pm. For all enquiries or to book seats contact Plymouth SPUC Branch Secretary: Christine Hudson – Tel: 07742320717

or Email: chrishud78@talktalk.net Seats cost £25 each. Some free seats are available. (Donations towards the cost of coach hire (£1745) gratefully received) Ample car parking at St Peter's Church. Come and join us and be a voice for all the 10 million+ aborted babies who have no voice!

Exeter Foodbank News

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

[Click here for more information.](#)

FORMING IN FAITH

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

Forming in Faith

When was the last time you learnt anything about your faith? When did you last have the opportunity to ask questions and to discuss the Church, what we believe and why we believe it? Forming in Faith is for you. Meetings are informal but informative, challenging but often great fun. Come and join us.

Please note: we are not meeting during August and will recommence on Monday **11 September** in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart at 10.30am and **Tuesday 12 September** at the Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm.

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 14 September** 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! Please join us, 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.

Our next session will be on **Wednesday 6 September**.

GIFT Youth & Socials News

Friday 15 September

GIFT Youth is throwing a Welcome Party in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.30- 9.30pm for new year 7's. Come along to make new friends and meet old ones. All GIFT Youth members, regardless of age are welcome to come along.

Sunday 24 September

GIFT Youth are beginning to organise teams for the outrageously fun Youth Rally being held at St Rita's. Do get in touch if you'd like to join in the fun.

Friday 17 November

Calling all parishioners: come along to a Bingo and Talent Show at St Nicholas School from 7.30 – 9.30pm which is being organised by our youth to help raise funds for GIFT Youth activities and CAFOD. Tickets will be on sale in the autumn. *For further information regarding any of the above, get in touch with Maria:* exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk



GIFT for families

GIFT is offered to all primary and secondary aged families and supports them to live and grow as Catholic Christians. GIFT meets monthly to worship together and learn about our Catholic faith. GIFT also enables parents to prepare their children to receive the sacraments. [Click here to register for GIFT.](#)

Next GIFT Meeting: **Saturday 9 September at the Sacred Heart Church beginning with the parish Mass at 10.00am and ending our GIFT activities at 12.00pm**

LOOKING AHEAD

Events to look forward to at Sacred Heart

Sunday 10 September – Farewell to Fr Anil in the Lower room after 9.15am Mass

Saturday 30 September – Craft Fair in the Lower & Upper rooms.

Saturday 14 October – Rosary making Workshop in the Lower room.

Thursday 2 November – Advent Wreath Workshop in the Lower room.

...and at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 2 September – CAFOD Ecumenical Service of Creation in the church.

Sunday 3 September – Mission Appeal on behalf of the Society of St Columba.

PRAYER & LITURGY

We commend to the Lord...

Stuart Mcfadyen and Dan Docherty who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may their families find consolation and peace.

We pray for...

...all young people who have received the results of public examinations. Whatever the outcome, may their futures be bright with promise and hope.

...the sick or housebound in our parishes.

...Fr Anil as he prepares to move to Okehampton.

...the appointment of a new Bishop for our diocese.

...the Christians in Manipur State, in north-east India, for peace and respect for religious freedom and justice.

...those who are experiencing difficulties within relationships.

THE WORD

Sunday 27 August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 *I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Psalm Response:

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Sunday 3 September 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 *The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.*

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 *Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

St Augustine of Hippo Feast Day 28 August



Augustine was born in Thagaste in Africa in 354 to a Berber family. He was brought up a Christian but left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth, first in the Manichaean heresy, which he abandoned on seeing how nonsensical it was, and then in Neoplatonism, until at length, through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death.

Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the

errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His *Confessions*, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature. The Second Readings in the Office of Readings for the feast contain extracts from many of his works.

He died in 430 and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308.

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