



**Parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, and Holy Cross**

**6 August 2023** The Transfiguration of the Lord. Year A. Psalter Week 2

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## The Transfiguration of the Lord



The transfiguration event served as a glimpse of the magnificence of Jesus's resurrection from death and His heavenly glory. Peter, James, and John, who had given up everything to follow Jesus, were blessed to witness Jesus's transfiguration, which revealed His divine nature and unconditional love in its purest form. During the event, Jesus' countenance transformed, and His clothes shone brilliantly, while Moses and Elijah appeared to attend to Him. Jesus' transfiguration gives us hope of eternal life and salvation if we have unwavering trust and faith in Him. We, as followers of Christ, are the vessels of the Holy Spirit and the members of His Body, sharing in the life of God. So, we are called to deepen our understanding of His unconditional love and strengthen our devotion to God. Finally, we should always perceive everything with the eyes of faith. *Fr Anil*

# MASS TIMES

## SACRED HEART



### **Sunday 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord**

5.30pm (Sat) *For a New Bishop*  
9.15am *Vocations*  
Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room  
11.15am *People of the Parish*  
1.15pm *Mass in Polish*  
5.00-6.00pm **NO ADORATION THIS WEEK**

### **Monday 7 August**

10.00am *Tessa Burfield RIP*

### **Tuesday 8 August – St Dominic, Priest**

10.00am *Christopher Masterson RIP*  
Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

### **Wednesday 9 August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr. Patron of Europe**

10.00am *Bridget Yendell*  
Followed by SVP Chatter Café in the Lower Room

### **Thursday 10 August – St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

2.00pm *Requiem Mass Lady Mary Jephcott*  
6.30pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*  
7.00pm *Fr David Williams RIP Anniversary*

### **Friday 11 August – St Clare, Virgin**

10.00am *Alexandra Green RIP*

### **Saturday 12 August**

10.00am *For a new Bishop*  
Followed by CWL refreshments in the Lower Room

### **Sunday 13 August – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5.30pm (Sat) *People of the Parish*  
9.15am *Laurence Bennett RIP*  
Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room  
11.15am *Michael Sullivan RIP*  
1.15pm *Mass in Polish*  
5.00-6.00pm **NO ADORATION THIS WEEK**

**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 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord**

8.45am *Private Intention*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

3.00pm *Syro Malabar Rite Mass*

6.00pm *Private Intention*

**Tuesday 8 August – St Dominic, Priest  
No Mass**

**Wednesday 9 August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein),  
Virgin & Martyr. Patron of Europe**

9.30am *In Thanksgiving*

**Thursday 10 August – St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

9.30am

7.00pm *Adoration with Taizé*

**Friday 11 August – St Clare, Virgin**

6.30pm

**Saturday 12 August**

9.30am

**Sunday 13 August – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre*

6.00pm *Bernard Castlehouse*

## **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 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord**

11.00am *People of the Parish*

## **Wednesday 9 August**

10.00am

## **Sunday 13 August – Nineteenth 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.

### World Youth Day – Lisbon 2023

News from our young travellers! Fr Albert has let us know that they are having a wonderful time. They are asking for our prayers. If you would like to follow them use the following links:

[Plymouth Youth Facebook](#)

and [Plymouth youth Instagram](#)



# CAFOD News

## 'Build bridges, not walls'



Pope Francis has called on world leaders to 'build bridges, not walls' and show compassion for those fleeing their homes, whether it's because of war, persecution or poverty.

But instead the government's new 'Illegal Migration Bill' will effectively shut the door on people needing protection and enable deportations to countries such as Rwanda – a policy that the Court of appeal has ruled is unlawful.

We need to ask our MPs to oppose the Bill so that we can welcome those

who need protection. Please email your MP at [Cafod.org.uk/buildbridges](mailto:Cafod.org.uk/buildbridges)

## Cafod Ecumenical Service

The CAFOD/Live Simply group are organising an ecumenical Service of Creation (2 September). If you, or anyone you know, perhaps from other churches, would be able to help with e.g. music, readings, food, decorations, general help on the day please come to the next CAFOD meeting on **19 August 10.00am-12.00pm** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would be able to help us please email [s.larkin@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:s.larkin@exeter.ac.uk). You can also give this email out to anyone else who may be interested. Thank you.



## CAFOD Sewing Group Autumn Fair

A CAFOD Autumn Fair is being planned and the livesimply sewing group are hoping to make lots of items for this sale. In the true spirit of livesimply instead of purchasing new materials they are asking if anyone has any of the following in their cupboards that they could donate: Christmas coloured wool and fabrics, sewing accessories, felt, bias binding, ribbons,

iron-on interface, hot glue gun sticks. A box will be placed at the back of Blessed Sacrament church for any items you can donate. 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!

## Sacred Heart Parish Craft Fair



To showcase our parish community's skills we are holding a Craft Fair. The donations will go to support Waymakers and Parish funds.

**When:** Saturday 30 September

**Time:** 11.00am to 3.00pm

**Where:** Upper and Lower Rooms at Sacred Heart Parish. If you would like a table to exhibit and sell please contact Coral at the parish office by email

[exeter-sacredheart@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-sacredheart@prcdtr.org.uk) or call 01392 272815. Everyone is welcome!

## News of Fr Anil

We are delighted to announce that Fr Anil has been appointed priest in charge of the parish of Okehampton and Chagford and so will be leaving Sacred Heart Parish. He will take up his appointment in September. We are immensely grateful to Fr Anil for his dedicated service to our parish and to Catholic Exeter and we assure him of our prayers as he prepares for this new chapter in his life. There will be an opportunity to say farewell and details of this will be posted later.

## WIDER NEWS & EVENTS

### Exeter Foodbank

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.](#)

### Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth

The Diocese of Plymouth is seeking to recruit a Caritas Refugee and Migrant project worker for a 2-year project to explore how we promote a culture of encounter and partnership between parishes and their diverse local communities, building on the Love the Stranger teaching document from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. The post will be flexible - home/office based within the Diocese. Travel within the Diocese will be required so access to a car/public transport is essential. Hours: 17.5 per week on a two-year fixed term contract. Actual annual salary for pro-rata hours: £12500-£13500 depending on experience, plus mobile phone allowance and pension scheme. For more information visit the careers page on the Diocese of Plymouth website. To apply send your application form and covering letter to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk) Closing date Monday 21 August. Interviews 29/30 August. The post is subject to a DBS check.

## March for Life

A march for Life will be taking place in Westminster on Saturday 2 September.



A coach will be leaving St Peter's Church, Crownhill, Plymouth PL5 3AX at 7am, 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](mailto: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!

## Caritas July Newsletter

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's July newsletter is now available to read online. Please [Click Here](#). If you would like a printed copy, please telephone Caritas on 01364 645360.

## FORMING IN FAITH

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

## 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.

## Forming in Faith

Please note that we will not meet over the month of August and will recommence on Monday 11 September, Sacred Heart and Tuesday 12 September, Blessed Sacrament.

## 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](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk). Come whenever you can to explore the riches of the scriptures. You will be most welcome.

Please note that we will not meet in August. Our next session will be on Wednesday 6 September.



# GIFT for families

GIFT is offered to all primary/secondary aged families and supports them to live and grow as 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 St Nicholas Catholic Primary school at 9.45am

## GIFT Youth & Socials News

### Friday 15 September

GIFT Youth throws 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 attend.

### 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:*

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## We commend to the Lord...

Lady Mary Jephcott and John Hennessey who have died recently. John was formally a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish and the family have decided to have a Funeral Service rather than a Mass. It will take place at St Boniface's Church, Cullompton, on Friday 29 August at 11.00am followed by a Committal at East Devon Crematorium. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## We pray for...

Please pray for the sick or housebound in our parishes and those who are particularly poorly at this time.

Let us keep in our prayers the appointment of a new Bishop for our diocese.



## Pope's August Prayer Intention

**For World Youth Day.** We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

For The Pope's video [click here](#)



# THE WORD

## Sunday 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:9-10.13-14 *His robe was white as snow.*

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16-19 *We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9 *His face shone like the sun.*

## Sunday 13 August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 *Stand on the mountain before the Lord.*

**Psalm Response:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Second Reading:** Romans 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33 *Tell me to come to you across the water.*



## St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891-1942) Patron of Europe. Wednesday 9 August

Edith Stein was born into a practicing Jewish family. She had a distinguished career as a philosopher and received a doctorate at the University of Freiburg, but her academic career was impeded because she was a woman. Reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila brought about her conversion to Catholicism and she was baptized on 1 January 1922. She taught at a

Dominican girls' school and studied Catholic philosophy. She became a lecturer at the Institute for Pedagogy at Münster but was thrown out of her post in 1933 as a result of the Nazi régime's anti-Semitic legislation. She entered a Carmelite monastery in Cologne and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her order moved her to the Netherlands to keep her safe from the growing Nazi threat. While a Carmelite she wrote an important philosophical book, seeking to combine the phenomenology of her former teacher Edmund Husserl with the philosophy of Aquinas, and she also wrote on St John of the Cross. On 20 July 1942 the Dutch Bishops' Conference had a statement read in all churches condemning Nazi racism. In retaliation the authorities ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts to Christianity. Teresa Benedicta was taken to Auschwitz and killed on 9 August 1942.

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