CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, and Holy Cross

10 September 2023 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A. Psalter Week 3



'No man is an island...' How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 10 September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday

8.45am People of the Parish

10.45am Mo Flavin RIP

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm Special Intention

Tuesday 12 September

I I.00am Funeral Mass Daniel Docherty RIP

NB No evening Mass

Wednesday 13 September – St John Chrysostom Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Tom & Richard Ware RIP

Followed by The Rosary

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

Thursday 14 September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.30am Sick & Housebound of the parish7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows

6.30pm Sue Hancock RIP

Saturday 16 September – St Cornelius Pope & Martyr

St Cyprian Bishop & Martyr

9.30am

Sunday 17 September – Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelii Gaudium Day – the spread of the Gospel

8.45am People of the Parish
10.45am Ben Davies RIP

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

3.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

6.00pm

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.

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 10 September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday

5.30pm (Sat) Canon Paul Cummins 9.15am Fr Harry Doyle

Followed by Fr Anil's Farewell in the Lower Room

11.15am People of the Parish1.15pm Mass in Polish

5.00-6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Monday II September

10.00am Jose Villarreal RIP

Tuesday 12 September - The Most Holy Name of Mary

10.00am Shauna Green

Followed by a Hospice Coffee Morning in the Lower Room

Wednesday 13 September – St John Chrysostom Bishop & Doctor

10.00am Funeral Stuart McFayden

Followed by SVP Chatter Café in the Lower Room

Thursday 14 September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Feast

6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

7.00pm Alexandra Green

Friday 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows 10.00am Ronald & Maureen Lee RIP

Saturday 16 September - St Cornelius - Pope & Martyr

St Cyprian - Bishop & Martyr

10.00am Siobhan Corbett Joined by our GIFT Families

Followed by CWL refreshments in the Lower Room

Sunday 17 September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelii Gaudium Day – the spread of the Gospel

5.30pm (Sat) People of the Parish 9.15am Andrew Crane RIP

11.15am Jim & Teresa Carrington RIP

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 HOLY CROSS, TOPSHAM

Sunday 10 September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am People of the Parish

Monday II September

12.30pm Wedding of James Griffiths & Jenee Smith

Thursday 14 September

10.00am

Sunday 17 September - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am People of the Parish

EXETER NEWS & EVENTS

Education Sunday

September 10 is Education Sunday, the annual day when the Catholic community comes together to celebrate and support our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the start of the academic term it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work our schools perform. Catholic schools couldn't exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last 170 years. The retiring collection is vital in enabling our schools to continue to thrive. Please pray for all the schools and colleges in our parish but especially our Parish School of St Nicholas.

Exeter Deanery Music and Liturgy Day Saturday 14 October 10.15am – 6.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

Are you involved in, or interested in liturgy and music within your parish? Do you want to find out more about using music to enhance the liturgy?

We are privileged to welcome Jo Boyce and her friends to Blessed Sacrament Church in Exeter for a day of uplifting teaching, music and worship. Jo will be helping us to understand how music can be used to enhance liturgy. By sharing teaching and techniques she will deepen our formation, knowledge and skills to use within our parish settings.

The day will start at 10.15am with tea and coffee (provided) in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament, and finish with the celebration of Mass in the church at 6.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. There is plenty of parking on site. Bring your voice, an instrument if you play one, and most importantly, your desire and enthusiasm for praising God in the liturgy of the Church.

To let us know to expect you please complete the form by clicking this link.

ALPHA at Blessed Sacrament





Alpha has been changing people's lives around the world and has had a powerful effect on the lives of some of our parishioners. We would love you to share this experience of encountering Jesus Christ and the Church in a dynamic way. Our next Alphas start at 7.00pm on Monday 25 September or at 1.00pm on Tuesday 26 September in the St Richard

Reynolds Centre. Come along and bring a friend. To take part please register by 23 September by filling in this form: ALPHA Registration Form For more information contact Ola at ola.godbeer@gmail.com

WAYmakers Film Nights

Following the success of our first film night, Exeter WAYmakers invite you to a screening of **Capernaum**. This powerful, award winning film tells the story of Zain, a 12-year-old living in a Beirut slum, who sues his parents for neglect. The film will be screened in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 14 September at 7.00pm. The film will also be screened and at the Lower Room, Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 19 September at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available at both screenings. Reserve your FREE ticket by email to: nsmallwood@doctors.net.uk. If you can't join us on this occasion, please visit Exeter WAYmakers at: www.exeterwaymakers.org.uk and discover ways in which you can help support us to resettle a family.

Missionary Society of St Columban Appeal

Fr Pat O'Beirne has written to say that he enjoyed his brief stay in Exeter and appreciated the warm welcome that everyone in the parish extended to him. Many thanks to the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament for their generosity in giving for this appeal. We raised £522.04. Many thanks everyone.

Lynton gardening weekend





At the end of a hard day's gardening the wall has appeared!

Thank you to parishioners who travelled to Lynton last Saturday to help the Sisters with their grounds. Working with the Sisters and some visiting Seminarians, we managed to excavate and clear a previously hidden Devon stone wall. There was a lot of laughter, brambles and plenty of cake.

The Sisters wrote to say "It was such a wonderful day, everybody enjoyed themselves and we managed to accomplish so much. We are all astounded by how quickly we cleared the wall!! It is a great gift of God for each of us to be able to share our lives with others, to

journey together, and to build up community."
Thank you everyone. Watch out for a second date in the spring!

Appeal Display Boards at Sacred Heart

Because we receive very many appeal requests, our policy is to provide a space inside the church near the entrance together with notice boards to take publicity material where those promoting the particular cause can create a display which they can staff and draw attention to around the weekend masses. For further information or to book a slot, contact Coral at the office.

Urafiki Cheese & Wine Evening

Come along to a cheese and wine evening in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 7.00 till 9.00pm on Tuesday 19 September. There will be a presentation by Chris Wightman of the eight paintings he would take to a desert island and why. For more information contact Imelda Wightman by email lmelda.wightman@gmail.com or telephone 01392 460041.

Urafiki Coffee Morning

There will be a chance to be updated on what is happening with the projects in Yala, Kenya at a coffee morning on Saturday 30 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre from 10.00am till 12.30pm. There will be lots of cakes and a marvellous raffle.



Fr Anil Farewell

Today, 10 September, will be Fr Anil's last Sunday at Sacred Heart. We invite all the parishioners to join us for coffee /tea, in the Lower Room, after the 9.15am Mass so we can give him a send off. We wish Fr Anil 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.

Books Needed at Sacred Heart

On 30 September there is a Craft Fair in the Sacred Heart Lower Rooms. There will also be a book stall so if anyone has any spare books, please bring them and leave them at the back of church where they can be picked up. Thank you. Maggie Bamber

Sacred Heart Missio Boxes

If your red box needs emptying, please contact Catherine (01392 270328) to arrange collection.

Sacred Heart Book Club

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Church Book Club will be on Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm, after evening Mass. The book that we will be discussing is "The Garden of Evening Mists" by Tan Twan Eng. If you would like to join us please contact Phil Smallwood (pmsmallwood@hotmail.com), or Martin Overy (mkovery@gmail.com), or just turn up on the day!

Calling all Gift Youth -Youth Rally St Rita's Honiton

The Annual Youth Rally will be held on Saturday 23 September at St Rita's Honiton from 12.00–6.00pm. Join youth from across the diocese in fun, games and challenges. Are you ready for the infamous obstacle course? Or keen to score lots of goals in the penalty shoot-out or netball challenge. There will be Bouncy Castles, Didi Cars, Sumo Wrestling challenges and much more for you to have a go at.

Nick and the GIFT Youth Socials Team would like to organise GIFT Youth to go to the Youth Rally together. Please see the poster in church and get in touch with Nick via the Blessed Sacrament Office Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk email if you'd like to sign up for a GIFT Youth team. Deadline for signing up with Gift Youth is Wednesday 20 September.

The event is open to anyone aged 7 to 16. So if you are too young for Gift Youth you can still go along. Young people will be placed in teams of 6 from their parish or a nearby parish. The £8 contribution includes a BBQ and drinks. To book: click here or contact Saskia for further information: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

CAFOD Fast Day - 6 October

The Sacred heart Cafod group would like to hold a Soup Lunch on Friday 6 October at Noon in the Sacred Heart Parish Lower Room.

If you would like to be involved in this either by cooking a soup or just attending, please let Christo know at criostoiromongain@icloud.com or on 01392 547858 (leave a message) To coordinate it would be grand if we could have a variety of different soups so please let Christo know what type of soup you can make. The purpose is to raise funds for those living in poverty so a charge of at least £2 would be asked for by those attending.

Praying the Rosary at Blessed Sacrament

Would you like to gather to pray the rosary together? We will be meeting on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass in the church. We would love to see you there.

Worship Thursdays at Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Taizé 2nd Thursday of each month: 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 14 December

Stronghold Praise & Worship 3rd Thursday of each month: 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 21 December

Adoration at Sacred Heart

From October Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on the following days: Tuesdays 5.30pm– 6.00pm. Thursdays at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. Sundays 5.30pm–6.00pm.

CAFOD Autumn Fair at Blessed Sacrament

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!

March for Life 2023



This year's March for Life **took** place on Saturday 2 September at Westminster and despite a national rail strike the numbers weren't down this year. Police estimated that 7,000 pro-life attendees of all ages, including a large contingent of young people, filled Parliament Square on Saturday to show their support for the 2023 theme of the event 'Freedom to Live'.

Around 40 parishioners from across Devon, including Maria, Bill, Joe and Giovanna from Exeter, as well as Crediton Parish administrator Mirtha, attended this important event. "It was a



very moving, but at the same time a very rewarding experience to be a voice for those defenceless lives and God blessed us with gorgeous weather!"

WIDER NEWS & EVENTS

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - 17 September

Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. Pope Francis calls on the Church to embark on a fundamental change of direction when it comes to evangelisation, no longer relying on past structures and actions but to read the signs of the times and act passionately in proclaiming the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart.

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship.

Diocesan Youth Events newsletter: follow this link

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 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

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.

Energy Advice Drop In 11.30am - 1.30pm at Exeter Foodbank, Mint Methodist Church Centre, EX4 3AT. By Exeter Community Energy

Caritas September Newsletter

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's September newsletter is now available to read online, full of uplifting news of Love in Action in our parishes and upcoming events. Please click the link here: https://tinyurl.com/ycktkp79 If you would like a printed copy, please telephone Caritas on 01364 645360 .

FORMING IN FAITH

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.**

Preparing for Baptism

We are now taking bookings for the October 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: 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-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk Baptism Enquiry form

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.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please 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. You will be very welcome.

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

Forming in Faith

Ever struggled with unanswered prayer? Join us in exploring the hardest and most personal questions we all ask about prayer as we journey through the Prayer Course II: 'Unanswered Prayer'

Beginning fortnightly on Monday 11 September in the Sacred Heart lower room after Mass at 10.30am or on Tuesday 12 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre after the 6.30pm Mass, all are welcome.

Dipping into the Catechism Click here for September sheets

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 21 October – Rosary making Workshop in the Lower room.

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

...and at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 14 October Liturgy day with Jo Boyce

PRAYER & LITURGY

We commend to the Lord...

Pauline Leaworthy, Stuart McFadyen and Daniel Docherty who have died recently. Dan's funeral will take place on Tuesday 12 September at 11.00am and Pauline's funeral will take place on Wednesday 20 September at 10.00am at the Blessed Sacrament Church. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may their families find consolation and peace.

We pray...

- ...that a new bishop may soon be appointed to lead and shepherd our diocese.
- ...that those who care for loved ones who are sick may be consoled.
- ...that families preparing to baptise their children may experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- ...that our young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation may know God's presence in their lives.
- ...that Fr Anil may be blessed in his new ministry to the people of Okehampton and Chagford.
- ...that those who are struggling with their mental health and well-being may find the support and help they need to thrive.

Prayer Around the Cross

At St. Pancras Church, Guildhall Shopping Centre on Friday 15 September at 7.00pm. Prayer around the Cross consists of readings, prayers, meditations and silence, interspersed with songs and chants from Taizé and elsewhere.

Pope's September Prayer Intention

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. See also https://thepopevideo.org/

Adoration & Taizé Prayer

Thursday 14 September at Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm.

Come and join the Lord in this time of prayer. "The Almighty has done great things for me; holy is his name." – Magnificat antiphon Evening Prayer

THE WORD

Sunday 10 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Psalm Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 If he listens to you, you have won back your brother

Sunday 17 September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28.7 Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven

Psalm Response:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. **Second Reading**: Romans 14:7-9 Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times



The Exaltation of the Cross 14 September

What are these Christians about, exalting an instrument of torture? First, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Second, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.

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