

CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart and Holy Cross
24 September 2023 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A. *Psalter Week I*

The Curse of Envy

Today we hear the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Though each started work in the vineyard at a different hour, at the end of the day they all received the same pay. The workers who worked longer hours were upset that those who worked only one hour received the same pay they did.

The message of the parable is that everyone comes to the vineyard (faith) at different points in their lives. Some people are lifelong disciples of Jesus, and some people convert only toward the end of their lives. In the kingdom of God, everyone is treated the same.



We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts.

MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 24 September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

8.45am *In Thanksgiving for prayers answered*

10.45am *John Woods & Family*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

3.00pm *Syro Malabar Mass*

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 26 September

6.30pm *Private Intention*

Wednesday 27 September – St Vincent de Paul – Priest

9.30am *Jack & Peggy Webber RIP*

Followed by Rosary

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

Thursday 28 September

9.30am *Frances & Edward Canning 60 year (diamond) wedding anniversary*

7.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 29 September – SS Michael, Gabriel, Raphael – Archangels, Feast

6.30pm *The Jenkinson Brothers*

Saturday 30 September – St Jerome – Priest & Doctor

9.30am

Sunday 1 October – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CAFOD Fast Day talks

8.45am

10.45am *People of the Parish*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

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 24 September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

5.30pm (Sat) *Canon Paul Cummins*

9.15am *People of the Parish*

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

11.15am *Anthony Thomas Langley RIP*

Followed by the International Café in the Lower Room.

1.15pm *Mass in Polish*

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

Monday 25 September

10.00am *Alexandra Green*

Tuesday 26 September – St Cosmos & St Damian, Martyrs

10.00am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP*

Followed by Refreshments in the Lower Room

Wednesday 27 September – St Vincent de Paul, Priest

10.00am *Private Intention*

Followed by SVP Chatter Café in the Lower Room

Thursday 28 September – St Wenceslaus, Martyr

6.30pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

7.00pm *Sinead Corbett*

Friday 29 September – SS Michael, Gabriel, Raphael – Archangels - Feast

10.00am *Alexandra Green*

Saturday 30 September – St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

10.00am *For a new Bishop*

Followed by CWL refreshments in the Lower Room

Sunday 1 October – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.30pm (Sat) *In Thanksgiving*

9.15am *Sarah McGloghlon RIP*

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*

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 24 September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am *People of the Parish*

Thursday 28 September

10.00am

Sunday 1 October – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am *People of the Parish*

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees



The Church has been celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

The theme of Pope Francis' message for the 109th World Day is: **Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay**. The theme, and indeed the Holy Father's message, echoes many of the principles found in the Bishops' document on refugees and migrants published earlier in 2023 – [Love the Stranger](#). [Read the Pope's message](#). The Vatican has a dedicated section for [Migrants and Refugees](#). It is directed personally by Pope Francis and aims to help the Church, and others, to accompany those forced to flee and make sure they are not shut out or left behind.

EXETER NEWS & EVENTS

Exeter Deanery Liturgy & Music Day

Saturday 14 October 10.15am – 6.00pm

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](#).

Urafiki Coffee Morning

A chance to be updated on what is happening with the projects in Yala, Kenya 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. All welcome.

Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy

If you are going to be studying at the University of Exeter this year, we would like to invite you to come to our Catholic Chaplaincy, located at Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, between Moberly and Birks Grange Village halls of residence. More details & directions can be found here: [found here](#)

We have a very lively and faith-filled community. Exeter Catholic Society meets weekly at the Catholic Chaplaincy for a range of activities throughout the year, from various socials to talks and society trips, in a friendly environment where students can grow in faith while having fun and making new friends.

Masses at our Catholic Chaplaincy are celebrated on Sundays at 11.30am (followed by a free lunch), Tuesdays at 12.00pm (followed by free lunch) and Thursdays at 5.00pm.

For further information on Exeter CathSoc and the events at the Catholic Chaplaincy please go to our Facebook page at @ExeterUniCatholicSociety or get in touch with the Chaplaincy Assistant, Maria Giannone, at m.giannone@exeter.ac.uk. We look forward to meeting you!

Youth Rally St Rita's Honiton: **Note change of date**

The Annual Diocesan Youth Rally will now be held on Sunday 1 October at St Rita's Honiton from 12.00–6.00pm.

It's a fantastic and fun filled day open to youngsters aged 7–16 years old. Primary aged children should attend the day with the families and parent supervision. Please read carefully the information below, including the booking form, if your family would like to attend.

Join youth from across the diocese in fun, games and challenges. Are you ready for the infamous obstacle course? Or are you 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 enjoy. You are encouraged to come as part of a parish/ school or group team or simply sign up and be placed in a team. The £8 contribution includes a BBQ and drinks. To book: [click here for booking form](https://www.prcdtr.org.uk/booking-form) or contact Saskia for further information: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

What will my child need?

Your child will need a packed lunch, which they will have a chance to eat upon arrival. During the event there will be a tuck shop and we ask for a financial contribution in exchange for the snack items. Water and squash will be free throughout the event. It is important that your child brings a refillable drinks bottle. From mid afternoon, a BBQ offering sausages and burgers will be offered, inclusive of the £8. Although food allergies will be catered for, given the nature of the event, we are unable to monitor what and how much the young people eat. There is a coach going to the event that will make a stop in Exeter on the way to and from Honiton.

GIFT Youth – Booking

Unfortunately, due to the new date, the Gift youth leader and helpers cannot attend. It is important therefore that you follow these instructions:

Attendance with parent supervision

Please fill in the booking form using the link above.

Attendance without parent supervision

Complete the booking form and inform Saskia.

If intending to use the coach you **MUST** email Saskia Hogbin, the Diocesan Youth Coordinator, (youth@prcdtr.org.uk) to reserve a coach seat and let her know you will be attending without parent supervision. This will help Saskia and her team keep your young people safe and happy; they will be delighted to see them!

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

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 on 07912 383546 or 01392 211388



Sacred Heart Parish Craft Fair

Saturday 30 September. Sacred Heart Parish Rooms 11.00am – 3.00pm

It's happening this week! Come and experience the various skills that our community has on offer. With a variety of stalls and all proceeds going to support Waymakers Refugee work, and or the parish community, this is an opportunity not to be missed!

Books Needed: We are also having a book stall- so, if anyone has any spare books, please could you bring them and leave them at the back of church where Maggie Bamber can pick them up? Come along and discover more.

CAFOD News

How are CAFOD responding in Libya?

Storm Daniel hit Libya on 10 September, triggering devastating tsunami-like floods. Two dams burst, submerging the port city of Derna. It's feared many thousands have died, with many more missing. CAFOD doesn't have an established programme in Libya and the collapse of state structures there makes it very difficult for aid agencies to operate, but because of the scale of the disaster we will be working with a trusted partner to ensure that help can get to where it is most needed. We have launched a [Libya Floods Appeal](#) so that donations can be made to help those affected directly. We will also be relying on the prayers of the Catholic community of England and Wales as our partner works through the unique challenges of delivering help following this crisis.

How are CAFOD responding in Morocco?

It is now estimated that more than 2,800 people have been killed by the earthquake, which struck the High Atlas Mountains, south of Marrakech on Friday. Many roads are blocked by collapsed buildings which is making the rescue effort very difficult. The Moroccan government have not appealed for international aid, but we have been able to send a grant of £30,000 to a local Church partner, Caritas Rabat, to enable them to adapt their usual work and support the families affected by the earthquake. Your steadfast support and that of the whole Catholic Community of England and Wales during previous emergencies and Fast Days is what has enabled us to quickly make this grant to support work in Morocco, and to find a way to help communities devastated by the flooding in Libya. Thank you.

Links to our website:

[Read our updates](#) on the emergencies in North Africa on our website.

[Pray with us](#) for those affected by these disasters, and the helpers.

[Donate to our Libya Floods Appeal](#) and share this appeal with your priest and parish if you would like to.

We hope everyone will [join us in praying](#) for the communities affected and for the helpers responding to these disasters

CAFOD Fast Day – 6 October

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. Envelopes will be available in church which can be brought back for the collection after the Fast Day (6 October) or you can give online at cafod.org.uk You can also donate using this QR code. Hear Dr Nasha and Meera's inspiring stories [by clicking here](#)



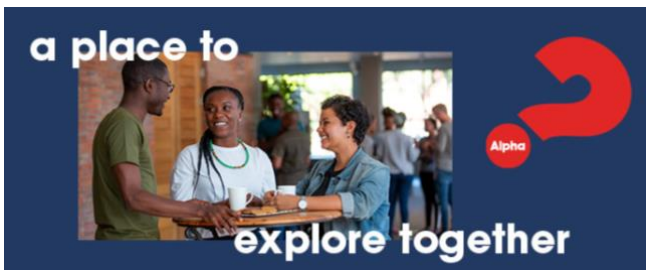
Sacred Heart CAFOD group will hold a Soup Lunch on **Friday 6 October** at Noon in the Sacred Heart Parish Lower Room. If you would like to be involved in this either by cooking a soup or just attending, please let Christo know at criostoirmongain@icloud.com or on 01392 547858 (leave a message). To coordinate 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. A charge of at least £2 would be asked from those attending.

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

Exeter Foodbank News

Priority items required: tins of meat, tins of vegetables, small jars of coffee, small boxes of tea bags, custard/rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned vegetarian meals, jams and spreads. Collection points are located at Sacred Heart & Blessed Sacrament churches, and in local supermarkets. [Click here for more information.](#)

Exeter Street Pastors are recruiting

A video is [available here](#) to hear about the work of Street Pastors – could you join them? Find out how to [here](#).

WIDER NEWS & EVENTS

World Day of the Poor 2023 A day of reflection



“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tob 4:7)
All are welcome to come and spend the day at St Rita's from 10.30-15.30 to pray and reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 7th World Day of the Poor and how we are called to respond. We are thrilled to be joined by two thought-provoking guest speakers with national and international reputations - David Wells, a well-known

author and popular motivational speaker from our own diocese and Jenny Sinclair, founder of Together for the Common Good. We are confident they will leave participants feeling uplifted. Join us to celebrate those who give their time to others and reflect on how we reach out the hand of welcome.

Places are filling up fast for this FREE event so booking is essential by October 2nd.

You can book by using the QR code or by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Caritas September Newsletter: [read it here.](#)

Don't fudge it – budget!

Money a challenge? Time for a new approach: build a successful budget and get help to stick to it. Feedback from a recent course: “I wish I'd done it years ago!”

Mondays from 25 September to 16 October 12.30-1.30pm at the Mint Methodist, Fore Street EX4 3AT. **Thursdays from 28 September to 19 October** 7.00 – 8.00pm at St Michael's Alington, EX2 8XJ

Synodal Newsletter September 2023

To read the latest Synod update from the diocese, please click the link here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4u4p9355>

FORMING IN FAITH

GIFT Youth & Socials News

Bingo & Talent Show 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 soon.

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: 9.45am Saturday 7 October at St Nicholas School

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.

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](#)

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please join us. We will meet next on **Thursday 28 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.

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

Are your prayers unanswered?

Is God really listening? 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'. Meet fortnightly on **Monday 25 September** in Sacred Heart Lower Room after 10.00am Mass or on **Tuesday 26 September** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre after 6.30pm Mass.

Worship Thursdays at Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday 7.00-8.00pm

Adoration with Taizé 2nd Thursday of each month:

12 October, 9 November, 14 December.

Adoration with Stronghold Praise & Worship 3rd Thursday of each month:

19 October, 16 November, 21 December.

Rosary at Blessed Sacrament

Join us on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass in the church. We'd love to see you.

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.

PRAYER & LITURGY

Pray for a Bishop for our diocese

Please continue to pray that a new bishop will be appointed to shepherd our diocese. And continue to pray for Canon Paul Cummins our Diocesan Administrator who is doing a wonderful job while we wait.

We commend to the Lord...

Joe Blackadder who has died recently. Joe was a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament for many years and a regular server and sacristan. Joe's funeral will take place on Tuesday 3 October at Holy Cross Church, Ilfracombe. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and may his family find consolation and peace.

Pray for the Synod

The Synod on Synodality begins this October. Pray for all who will participate; may they open their hearts and minds to the will of the Holy Spirit's for the Church.

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 [The Pope Video](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

...at Sacred Heart

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

Monday 25 & Tuesday 26 September – ALPHA in St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Saturday 14 October – Liturgy & Music Day with Jo Boyce in the church.

Friday 17 November – GIFT Youth Bingo and Talent Show at St Nicholas School.

THE WORD

Sunday 24 September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9 *My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Psalms Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24.27 *Life to me is Christ.*

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 *Why be envious because I am generous.*

Sunday 1 October 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Ezekiel 15:25-28 *When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.*

Psalms Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11 *In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 *He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.*



Celebrating the Saints

St Vincent de Paul 27 September

Vincent was born in Aquitaine in 1581 and became a priest. He devoted his whole life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity. He died in 1660.

St Vincent, pray for us and particularly for the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our own community and for all those they serve in charity and love.



The Archangels 29 September

Today we celebrate the three Archangels; St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael.

St Michael is mentioned in the Apocalypse as the leader of the heavenly host. He is a patron of soldiers.

St Gabriel appears in the book of Daniel to explain some of the prophet's visions, and was also the bearer of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the Book of Tobit, St Raphael is the angel who heals Tobit of his blindness. His name means *God heals*.

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[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

[Churches Together England News](#)

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