

# CATHOLIC EXETER



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

**22 October 2023** Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A. *Psalter Week 1*

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Give back  
to Caesar  
what belongs  
to Caesar,  
and to God  
what belongs  
to God.

The Gospel message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that our first duty is to serve God, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times. We ask that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.

# MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



## **Sunday 22 October – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

World Mission Day

8.45am

*For peace in the Middle East*

10.45am

*For the repose of the soul of Isabelle Charpenay*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm

*People of the Parish*

## **Tuesday 24 October**

6.30pm

**No Mass**

## **Wednesday 25 October**

9.30am

**No Mass**

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

## **Thursday 26 October**

9.30am

**No Mass**

7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**NB Masses at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

## **Friday 27 October**

6.30pm

*Bob Bendall RIP*

## **Saturday 28 October – St Simon & St Jude, Apostles. Feast**

9.30am

*Dan Docherty RIP*

*CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR*

## **Sunday 29 October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.45am

*Lutgaarde Boesman*

10.45am

*The Irvine family*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

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](#).

# MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



## **Sunday 22 October – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5.30pm (Sat) *For a Good Harvest*

9.15am *People of the Parish*

Mass with Liturgy of the Word for children in the Upper Room

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

11.15am *Ursula Umbariba de Sanchez RIP*

1.15pm Mass in Polish

5.30-6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

## **Monday 23 October**

10.00am *Shaun Corbett*

## **Tuesday 24 October**

10.00am *Sarah Billington RIP*

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

5.30-6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

## **Wednesday 25 October**

10.00am *Private Intention*

Followed by SVP Chatter Café in the Lower Room

## **Thursday 26 October – St Chad & St Cedd, Bishops**

6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

7.00pm *Michael & Michelle Lee*

## **Friday 27 October**

10.00am *Nadia Lashakora*

## **Saturday 28 October – St Simon & St Jude, Apostles**

10.00am *Maria Giannone*

Followed by CWL refreshments in the Lower Room

## **Sunday 29 October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5.30pm (Sat) *People of the Parish*

9.15am *Jacek Lapinski*

Mass with Liturgy of the Word for children in the Upper Room

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

11.15am *Msrgr Harry Doyle RIP*

Followed by International Café in Lower Room

1.15pm Mass in Polish

5.30-6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

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

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

# MASS TIMES HOLY CROSS, TOPSHAM

## **Sunday 22 October – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11.00am *People of the Parish*

## **Thursday 26 October**

10.00am

## **Sunday 29 October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11.00am *People of the Parish*

# EXETER NEWS & EVENTS

## **World Mission Sunday**

### **'Hearts on fire, feet on the move.'**

Today is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world missions. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. There will be collections at all Masses and Gift Aid envelopes are available. Or visit Missio's website [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give online.

## **Thursday Lunch Club at Blessed Sacrament**

Our club is now entering its 15th year and continues with around 35 members who meet to enjoy lunch and time together every fortnight. However, our loyal band of helpers is in urgent need of some new volunteers to help set up at the St Richard Reynolds Centre, serve lunch and then help clear up afterwards. You don't have to do any cooking as the meals are provided. The rota is such that your turn is probably only one in three lunches and there is also an opportunity to go on occasional outings. If you think you could help or would like more information please give Di Bish a call on 07940 142124 or email her at [clydebish@hotmail.com](mailto:clydebish@hotmail.com). Thank you.

## **CAFOD News**

There will be joint parishes CAFOD meeting on Saturday 28 October 10.00am till 12.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. All welcome

Many thanks to all who gave to the CAFOD Fast Day. A total of £891.26 was collected at Blessed Sacrament.

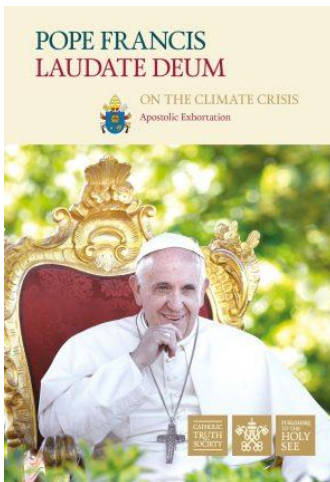


## Exeter Night Fever

On Thursday 30 November we will open wide our doors and invite our local community to be touched by the love and beauty that we encounter through our faith. We will invite passersby into Sacred Heart Church to light a candle as a symbol of their concerns and thoughts.

We need your help to welcome people into the church and to pray for them and their intentions. This is an event every parishioner, young and old can help with and we really need your help!

We will begin with Mass at 6.00pm followed by Exposition and concluding with Night Prayer at 9.15pm. Please, please, join us for as much of this time as you can offer. No need to sign up, just turn up on the night. For more details please speak to members of the pastoral council/SLT or email [liztoy@hotmail.com](mailto:liztoy@hotmail.com)



## Pope Francis - Laudate Deum

Pope Francis has issued a new Apostolic Exhortation, Laudate Deum on the climate crisis.

The Pope says that “It is not enough to think only of balances of power but also the need to provide a response to new problems and to react with global mechanisms to the environmental, public health, cultural and social challenges, especially in order to consolidate respect for the most elementary human rights, social rights and the protection of our common home. It is a matter of establishing global and effective rules that can permit “providing for” this global safeguarding.” (Laudate Deum 42)

Copies are available from the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office price £4.95.

## Accommodation urgently required

A couple are urgently seeking accommodation in Exeter. At this time it is for a short term let of 1-3 months but will be required from the beginning of December. If you can help in any way please contact the Blessed Sacrament parish office. Thank you.

## Exeter Foodbank News

**This month's priority items required:** Tins of meat, tins of vegetables, small jars of coffee, rice pudding, tinned fruit, jams and spreads, noodle & pasta snacks, Collection points are located at Sacred Heart & Blessed Sacrament churches, and in local supermarkets. [Click here for more information.](#)



## St Nick's News

We are holding Open Days for Reception 2024 entry where prospective parents can see the school, meet our staff and obtain information about St Nicholas School. These are: 9.30am on 8 November/ 9.30am on 9 November/ and 6.00pm on 14 November. If you would like to attend (or know of anyone who may wish to do so please complete [this form](#).

If you would like to find out more about our Nursery please contact Mrs Brocksom. We offer 15 and 30 hours funding for 3 and 4 year olds and wrap around care. We would be happy to arrange tours for parents wishing to view the setting and currently have spaces available from January 2024.

## Exeter University STAR Society

Last year the STAR Society were incredibly grateful for the generous support from our parishes in their clothing drive for refugees and greatly appreciated our involvement. This year they are once again seeking assistance from community partners to collect clothing for refugees. They will be responsible for collecting the clothing, which will then be forwarded to the Refugee Aid from Taunton charity (RAFT). Their committee and volunteers will carefully organise and sort the donated clothes in Taunton. RAFT will subsequently distribute the clothes to reputable charities and refugee camps, accepting all kinds of clothing, ranging from children's to adult apparel. If you can help please bring any donations of clean, good clothing to the Blessed Sacrament parish office by 31 October for their collection.

## Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please join us. The next meeting we will be on **Thursday 26 October** 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.

## WIDER NEWS & EVENTS

### Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter

The diocese is publishing a regular newsletter with items of interest from across the diocese as well as further afield. The first newsletter can be read by [clicking this link](#). Where you can also sign up to receive it regularly by email

Caritas September Newsletter: [Read it here](#)

Synodal Newsletter September 2023: [Read it here](#).

# FORMING IN FAITH

## GIFT Youth & Socials News

The next Gift Youth Social will be on 17 November when they will be hosting a **Bingo & Talent Show Friday**. 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 more info get in touch with Maria:* [exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto: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 of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. [Click here to register for GIFT.](#) Next GIFT Meeting **Saturday 4 November at 9.45am** at St Nicholas School, Ringswell Avenue, Exeter EX1 3EG.

## Are your prayers unanswered?

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 23 October** in Sacred Heart Lower Room after 10.00am Mass or on **Tuesday 24 October** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre after 6.30pm Mass.

## 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.

Dipping into the Catechism [For October sheets click here](#)

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## Worship Thursdays at Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday 7.00-8.00pm

**Adoration with Taizé** 2nd Thursday of each month: 9 November, 14 December.

**Adoration with Stronghold Praise & Worship** Third Thursday of each month: 16 November, 21 December.

## Praying the Rosary at Blessed Sacrament

Join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of October, November and December after the 9.30am Mass in the church. We'd love to see you.

## We commend to the Lord...

Bernard Castlehouse who has died recently. May he rest in peace and rise in glory and may his family find consolation and peace.

## Praying for our Confirmation Candidates.

Please continue to pray for all those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on 10 November.

## Pope's October Prayer Intention

*For the Synod* We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. See also [The Pope Video](#)



## Pray for a synodal Church.

The Synod on Synodality has begun. Please pray for all who will participate; may they open their hearts and minds to the will of the Holy Spirit's for the Church. To find out more about the Synod and to read the documents which have been produced nationally and internationally visit the Catholic Bishops Conference website by [following this link](#).

The October Synod Newsletter is now available to read. [Please click on this link](#).

## Pray for Peace

Let us pray for peace in the Middle East and a cessation of hostilities. We remember especially those who have lost their lives in the current conflict, the injured and homeless and all who are bringing relief and support.

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore.

*Isaiah 2:2-4*



# THE WORD

## Sunday 22 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 45:1.4-6

*I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.*

**Psalms Response:** Give the Lord glory and power

**Second Reading** Thessalonians 1:1-5

*We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.*

**Gospel** Matthew 22:15-21

*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.*

## Sunday 29 October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.*

**Psalms Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength

**Second Reading** Thessalonians 1:5-10

*You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.*

**Gospel** Matthew 22:34-40

*You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

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## 22 October Saint John Paul II (1920-2005)



Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Kraków and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II.

His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord. He was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April, the Second Sunday of Easter 2014.

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## Useful links

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[Churches Together Devon News](#)

[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

[Churches Together England News](#)

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