

# CATHOLIC EXETER



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

**8 October 2023** Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A. *Psalter Week 3*

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The image of the people of God as a vineyard is familiar in the Scriptures. We can rejoice in seeing the Church as the vineyard of the Lord, but we also need to respond to God's gifts and use them well.

In Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard', which we hear of in our first reading, God has made the people of Israel his vineyard. He lovingly cares for it, but sadly the people fail to respond. The Psalm picks up the same theme. It is an appeal to God to turn again and visit the vine he has planted. The vineyard appears in the Gospel too, but here the tenants are reproached. Not only are they not profitable, but they murder the owner's son. St Paul writes that the peace of God is ours if we can only trust in him (Second Reading). We are to pursue all that is good and pure, and produce the fruit worthy of the Lord.

This week, may we be full of thanksgiving for all that we have received, and always turn to the Lord in prayer.

# MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



## **Sunday 8 October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prisoners and their families week

8.45am *All prisoners and their families*

10.45am *Maurice Austin RIP*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

## **Tuesday 10 October**

6.30pm *Florence Adiba Mbamali RIP*

## **Wednesday 11 October**

9.30am *Jonathan Bower RIP*

Followed by Rosary

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

## **Thursday 12 October**

9.30am *Cormack Loftus RIP*

7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Taizé music

## **Friday 13 October**

2.00pm Funeral Fr Harry Doyle – Sacred Heart

6.30pm No Mass

## **Saturday 14 October**

9.30am

## **Sunday 15 October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Prisoners Sunday

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *Those preparing for confirmation*

Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm *The Tapp Family*

## **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 8 October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5.30pm (Sat) *People of the Parish*

9.15am *Rinaldo Caprotti*

No Liturgy of the Word for Children this week

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

11.15am *Stephen Mitchell RIP*

1.15pm Mass in Polish

5.30-6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

### **Monday 9 October – St John Henry Newman, Priest**

10.00am *Ronald & Maureen Lee RIP*

### **Tuesday 10 October – St Paulinus of York, Bishop**

11.00am Funeral Mass for Biju Varghese RIP

5.30-6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

### **Wednesday 11 October – St John XXII Pope**

10.00am *Christina Green*

Followed by SVP Chatter Café in the Lower Room

### **Thursday 12 October**

6.00pm Fr Harry Doyle received into church

6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

7.00pm Mass of the Dead for *Fr Harry Doyle RIP*

### **Friday 13 October – St Edward the Confessor, King**

10.00am *Hilda Micallef RIP*

2.00pm Funeral Mass for Fr Harry Doyle

### **Saturday 14 October – Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am *Alberto Buron*

Followed by CWL refreshments in the Lower Room

### **Sunday 15 October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5.30pm (Sat) *Alexandra Green*

9.15am Mass with Liturgy of the Word for children

*People of the Parish*

Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room

11.15am *Helen Egan*

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 reasonable request.

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

# MASS TIMES HOLY CROSS, TOPSHAM

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11.00am

*People of the Parish*

## **Thursday 12 October**

10.00am

*Fr Harry Doyle RIP*

## **Sunday 15 October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11.00am

*People of the Parish*

# EXETER NEWS & EVENTS

## **Exeter Deanery Liturgy & Music Day**

**Saturday 14 October 10.15am – 6.00pm**

**Blessed Sacrament Church**

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](#).



## **Funeral arrangements for Mgr Harry Doyle**

**Thursday 12 October** Reception into Sacred Heart Church at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm.

**Friday 13 October** Requiem Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments over the road at the White Hart Hotel.

Fr Harry's body will be taken to Ireland for burial.

Please let Sacred Heart office know if you intend to attend the Requiem Mass by phoning 01392 642388 or emailing [exeter-sacredheart@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-sacredheart@prcdtr.org.uk)

Please keep Fr Harry, his family, and all those who mourn him in your prayers.

## Chris Lee Funeral Arrangements

Chris's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart at 10.00am on **Monday 16 October**. Reception afterwards at The Hall, Stepcone Hill, Exeter EX1 1BD. The family have requested everyone to wear bright colours. Please come and join them in celebrating Chris' life. The Mass will be live streamed for anyone unable to attend.

## Thursday Lunch Club at Blessed Sacrament

Our club is now entering its fifteenth 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).

Looking forward to hearing from you.

## Craft Fair at Sacred Heart Amazing Outcome!

Thanks to all who attended the inaugural Sacred Heart Parish Craft Fair. It was lovely to showcase the work of so many talented people. We are especially grateful for their generosity in donating their proceeds and a big thank you to those who made purchases. We made an amazing £1,500. Proceeds will be split 50:50 between parish funds and Exeter WAYmakers. Thank you to all those involved; the PPC team, the crafts people and those who manned the stalls. Watch this space for the next one!

## Panto time! Oh yes it is!

**Goldilocks and the Three Bears Theatre Royal Plymouth 12 January 2024.**

A coach will leave Blessed Sacrament church at 10.30am. Cost, including coach, is £30. There are still tickets left so to book contact Maureen Knowles on 07912 383546 or 01392 211388.

## 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](mailto:pmsmallwood@hotmail.com), or Martin Overy [mkovery@gmail.com](mailto:mkovery@gmail.com), or just turn up on the day.

## Advent Wreath Workshop at Sacred Heart

There will be a mini wreath making workshop after Mass on Saturday 25 November, in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart. The cost will be £10.00 per wreath. This will be a wonderful, reflective start to the advent period. More information to follow. We need to know how many people will attend so as to order supplies. Please can you phone Coral on 01392 642389.

## CAFOD Fast Day

CAFOD's Family Fast Day was on Friday 6 October, a day when we ate simply in solidarity with our global family. Your donations will be collected Mass this weekend. Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. Envelopes are still available in church for the collection on Sunday 8 October or you can give online at [cafod.org.uk](https://cafod.org.uk) You can also donate using this QR code. Hear Dr Nasha and Meera's inspiring stories [by clicking here](#)



## 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 the 8 November, 9.30am on the 9 November and 6.00pm on the 14 November. If you would like to attend please complete [this form](#) Which you can use to send electronically. Or you can contact Mrs Brocksom on [abrocksom@stncls.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncls.uk) to receive the booking information.

If you would like to find out more about our Nursery, please also 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. Please also [see our website](#)

## Prisoners Sunday

There will be talks at all Masses at **Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 15 October** and a retiring collection will be taken that day. [Follow this link to make a donation](#) or use the QR code on the leaflet in the church porch. Gift aid envelopes are also available in the church porch.

## WIDER NEWS & EVENTS

### World Day of the Poor 2023



#### A day of reflection 14 October

Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor. *Tobit 4:7*. Come and spend the day at St Rita's, Honiton from 10.30am to 3.30pm to pray and reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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. You can book by using the QR code or by emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

# 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](#).

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month, an annual observance originating in the United States. It has received official recognition from the governments in the United States and Canada and more recently observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom. The first took place in the UK in the 1980's. This year, we will take a close look Black Catholic figures who inspire us in our faith today: Blessed Michael Iwene Tansi, St Josephine Bakhita, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Matthew Ayariga and Sister Thea Bowman. To find out about these inspirational figures [follow this link](#).

## An Invitation for Vocations to Priesthood

**STOP – please read and reflect.** An Invitation for Vocations to Priesthood.

A Day of Reflection for men on Saturday 14 October from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU.

**How can you respond to this?** If this is not for you perhaps you are the one who God has called to give a man in your parish a nudge and tell him 'God is calling you'; or can you find time to pray for: those who are called to attend but are not responding; for those who will attend; for those involved in Vocations in our Diocese; for those already in formation.

The day will include Mass; a time of Adoration; a short conference; an opportunity for confession and one to one talks with serving priests from our diocese; sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission.

For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on [Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) or speak to your parish priest by 9 October at the latest and ask him to make contact on your behalf. *Arrangements can be made to collect you from Exeter Railway Station and returned after, if required.*

## Exeter Foodbank News



We need about 300 gift sets to give to Care Experienced young people across Devon in a project that we are doing with the wonderful people at Devon County Council. If you would like to buy a gift for a young person who is probably aged from about 18-25, who is taking their first steps in independent living and has experience of the Care

System. We would be delighted if you would support us in this.

Packing day is mid-November. [Read our wish list here](#).

Some people like to purchase items from local stores rather than online. If that's you, and you would like to donate something, please look at the link to see the items we need and then message, and we could let you know where to drop items off.

We are also going to be running our #efbchristmasinabag project and we still need our normal food items! It is going to be a busy time as there are a lot of people in genuine need out there.

Thank you, Exeter. We know that you are with us in this.

**This month's 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, squash, biscuits, noodle & pasta snacks, sugar, toiletries (shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo etc). Collection points are located at Sacred Heart & Blessed Sacrament churches, and in local supermarkets. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Youth Residential – Social Justice

Will you be in Year 8, 9, 10 or 11 this October? Do you fancy the opportunity to meet with refugees and those seeking asylum in our diocese? This is a chance to reflect on God's call for us to respond to the needs of others.

20-22 October at St Rita's, Honiton. Contact Saskia at [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Prayer Around the Cross

Friday 17 November 7.00pm at St. Pancras Church, Guildhall Shopping Centre. Prayer around the Cross consists of readings, prayers, meditations and silence, interspersed with songs and chants from Taizé and elsewhere.

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

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

## FORMING IN FAITH

### GIFT Youth & Socials News

The next Gift Youth Social will be on **Friday 20 October**. If you have signed up for Gift Youth details of the next session will be sent out to you. We ask that the parent of any young person **MUST** have registered/re-registered them using the NEW form [use this link](#) before they come along to future Gift Youth Socials and Gift Youth Saturdays. This ensures the safety of the young people.

### 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 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.

## Preparing for Baptism

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](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) [Baptism Enquiry form](#)

## 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 9 October** in Sacred Heart Lower Room after 10.00am Mass or on **Tuesday 10 October** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre after 6.30pm Mass.

## Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Please join us. The meeting on 12 October is cancelled so we will meet next 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.

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

## 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.

# PRAYER & LITURGY

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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...

Mgr Harry Doyle, Chris Lee, Biju Varghese, John Vick, and Jonathan Bower who have died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may their families find consolation and peace.



## 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.](#)

## 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](#)

# THE WORD

## Sunday 8 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 5:1-7 *The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

**Psalm Response:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Second Reading** Philippians 4:6-9 *The God of peace will be with you.*

**Gospel** Matthew 21:33-43 *He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.*

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## Sunday 15 October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 25:6-10 *The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

**Psalm Response:** In the lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**Second Reading** Philippians 4:12-14.19-20 *There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.*

**Gospel** Matthew 22:1-14 *Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.*

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## Useful links

[Bishops' Conference Updates](#)

[Churches Together Devon News](#)

[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

[Churches Together England News](#)

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