

# PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER  
7 April 2024 Second Sunday of Easter. Year B. Psalter 2

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After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest season in the Church's Year – Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also hear how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties

together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through “real time”, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem the Sunday after the Resurrection. with the Lord appearing to Thomas.

*Salford Office for Liturgy*

## MASS TIMES

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### **Sunday 7 April – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**

8.45am *Bernard Castlehouse RIP*

10.45am *James Joseph Cullen RIP*

2.30pm Confessions

3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet – All welcome

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

### **Tuesday 9 April**

**NO Mass**

### **Wednesday 10 April**

9.30am *John Blaskett RIP*

### **Thursday 11 April – St Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr**

9.30am *Jim & Carol Rooney*

7.00pm Adoration

### **Friday 12 April**

**NO Mass**

### **Saturday 13 April**

9.30am *John & Mary Swanton RIP*

### **Sunday 14 April – Third Sunday of Easter**

8.45am *Eileen & Matt Lyons RIP*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm

### **Tuesday 16 April**

6.30pm

### **Wednesday 17 April**

12.00noon Funeral Mass - *Margaret Leonard RIP*

### **Thursday 18 April**

9.30am

7.00pm Adoration with Taize

### **Friday 19 April**

6.30pm

### **Saturday 20 April**

9.30am

## Sunday 21 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8.45am Mrs Sammon RIP

10.45am

6.00pm *People of the Parish*

### 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 after Mass

Served on Sunday after 10.45am and on Wednesday after 9.30am Masses.

Confessions Saturdays after 9.30am Mass.

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### Lesley has retired!

As you may be aware, Lesley retired as Parish Secretary at Easter. We invite parishioners to join us to say farewell on Friday 26 April. We will begin with a Mass of thanksgiving at 6.30pm followed by a get-together in the St. Richard Reynolds Centre. We wish Catherine well as she takes over the reins in the Parish Office.

### Caritas Diocese of Plymouth Upcoming Events

Please [click this link](#) to read about what events are coming up.

### Youth Adventure Residential Weekend

Save the date – 24 – 26 May at Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey. A time to get to know others in the diocese and explore your faith. For further information contact [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk). For more news of youth activities see [this link](#).

### End of Life Debate

In light of the calls being made for the legalisation of assisted suicide we are sharing links to Bishop Sherrington's statement on this topic as well as the ten-point summary on the CBEW website [click here](#).

10-point summary on assisted dying [click here](#).

### Pro-life Prayer Chain

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding its annual Pro-life Prayer Chain by the **Blue Bridge on the A385 Ashburton Road, Totnes from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 27th April**. Please come and join us. We stand and pray in silence holding placards towards oncoming traffic. It is a powerful witness

that we are against the killing of unborn babies. Please make this a priority and come along for as long as you wish, to show your support. Thank you.

## Thursday Lunch Club

Spaces are available for anyone who would like to enjoy lunch and friendship on Thursdays at the St Richard Reynolds' Centre. You may choose to come fortnightly or monthly. Diners arrive from 12 noon and lunch is served at 12.30 pm.

Extra helpers are also needed so if you feel you that could offer a few hours to help approximately once a month – no cooking is involved – only setting up, serving, clearing up and enjoying meeting new people, please give Di Bish a call on 07940 142124 or email [clydebish@hotmail.com](mailto:clydebish@hotmail.com) for any extra information. We look forward to hearing from you.

## CAFOD Big Lent Walk



Angela's Big Lent Walk

### THE BIG LENT WALK: INDIVIDUALS



I have completed the CAFOD Big Lent Challenge and have been overwhelmed by the amount donated, so I would like to thank all the parishioners for their support and donations. *Angela*. Well done Angela, we're very proud of your achievement!

## Art Exhibition

Retrospective Exhibition of the work of Grace Furneaux Wood on Saturday 20th April 10-5 at Exeter Community Centre, St Davids Hill EX4 3RG Free Admission.

Grace had a deep faith which is reflected in the religious artwork section of this exhibition. She particularly loved painting pictures of Our Lady and the Child Jesus as well as pictures for First Communion and Confirmation candidates, one of Saint Cecilia the patron saint of music and a mosaic of Saint Kentigern.

Grace was a member of the SIAC, the International Society of Christian Artists. She painted large murals in a temporary church (a disused Nissen hut!) prior to a commission to create the Stations of the Cross for the new church of St John Vianney in Clayhall, Essex in 1965. When Grace and her husband Leslie moved to Devon in 1967 they became active parishioners of the Church of our Lady of Saint Patrick in Teignmouth. There will be many families in this parish whose children attended Monica Furneaux's ballet school who will remember Grace.

[More about Grace at this link.](#)

## Exeter Foodbank

Donations of the following priority items are especially needed: tins of meat, tins of vegetables, tins of fruit, noodle and pasta snacks, jams and spreads, small jars of coffee, rice pudding.

There is a collection basket at the back of the church. Please email Mark at [info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@exeterfoodbank.org.uk) to find out how you can help. More information about Food Bank can be found at [this link](#).

## Stay Awake

Stay Awake is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024** from **10:00 – 19:00** at **All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth**.

Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from [www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024](http://www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024)

## PRAYER & LITURGY

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### Pope's April Prayer Intention [The Pope Video](#)

For the role of women. Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



### Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sunday 7 April is Divine Mercy Sunday and Fr John Watkins will celebrate the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Blessed Sacrament at 3.00pm. Confessions at 2.30pm.

First Reading Acts 2:42-47 *The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.*

Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9. *In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising from the dead.*

Gospel John 20:19-31 *Eight days later, Jesus came.*

### We commend to the Lord...

...the soul of Margaret Leonard. Margaret's funeral will take place at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 17 April at Blessed Sacrament. Please keep her and her family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please also pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Hunt and Mary Nicholson who have died recently. More details to follow.

## Worship Thursdays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church each Thursday 7.00-8.00pm.

**With Taizé** on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Next: 18 April - just this month

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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### GIFT tots

Next session: **Friday 12 April in the St Richard Reynolds Room. Registration is Required.** An hour of fun faith for pre-school age children and their parents and carers. Come together to pray, sing, explore and create the Good News as we Grow In Faith Together. 2nd Friday every month at St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament. 4th Friday every month at the Lower Room Sacred Heart. 10.15-11.15am.  
[GIFT Tots Registration Form](#)

### GIFT families

Next GIFT Meeting: **Saturday 13 April at 9.45am** at St Nicholas School.  
GIFT is for primary and secondary aged families and supports them to live and grow as Catholics. It enables parents to prepare their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.  
[GIFT Registration Form](#)

### GIFT youth

Next GIFT Youth Social **Friday 19 April.** If you've signed up for Gift Youth details of the next session will be sent to you. We ask that parents of any young person wishing to come to GIFT Youth have registered them before they come to GIFT Youth Socials and GIFT Youth Saturdays. This helps ensure everyone's safety.  
[GIFT Youth Registration Form](#)

### Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

**Prayerfully Preparing for the Proclamation of Sunday's Gospel**  
Have you ever wondered what the Sunday Gospel message means for you personally? Lectio Divina is a way of becoming immersed in the scriptures very personally and is the basis of our weekly Wednesday Word Gospel sharing group. Every week from 2.00 -3.00pm via zoom, we set aside time together to pray, read, meditate and share our thoughts on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. We are a friendly and inclusive group from different walks of life and we'd be delighted if you joined us. A weekly commitment is not necessary. Contact Maria [Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk) if you would like to join or have further questions about how the session runs.

### Baptism Preparation Course

Are you expecting a baby and/or wish to have your child baptised? We look forward to supporting you in preparation for this important sacrament and welcoming you and your family into the community of the Church. Courses are over two consecutive Saturday mornings from 10.15-12.15 delivered via Zoom.

Forthcoming dates: **20 & 27 April**, 20 & 27 July and 12 & 19 October 2024. Godparents are especially welcome to attend the second Saturday session as the role of Godparents is explored. Click on the link at the end of this article to register. If you have any problems accessing this, contact Lesley on 01392 274724 or [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk). We are now taking bookings for the April 2024 course. [Baptism Enquiry form](#)

## THE WORD

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### **Sunday 7 April** – Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

**First Reading:** Acts 4:32-35. *United, heart and soul.*

**Psalm Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6

*Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31. *Eight days later, Jesus came*

### **Sunday 14 April** – Third Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 3:13-15.17-19

*You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**Psalm Response:** Lift up the light of your face on us. O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5

*He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.*

**Gospel** Luke 24:35-48. *So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

### **Sunday 21 April** – Fourth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 4:8-12

*The name of Jesus Christ is the only name in which we can be saved.*

**Psalm Response:**

*The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2

*We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is.*

**Gospel** John 10:11-18. *The Good Shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

# CONTACT US

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Gift Aid enquiries: [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk)

Parish website [blessedsacrament.org.uk](http://blessedsacrament.org.uk)

Parish Facebook [Facebook Catholic Exeter](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicExeter)

## Safeguarding

*If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child or adult, please contact the parish office on 01392 274724 or by email: [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk)*

## Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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## Useful links

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[Churches Together Devon News](#)

[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

[Churches Together England News](#)