

# PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER  
7 July 2024. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B. Psalter 2

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## Familiarity breeds contempt

A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere,

when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection -such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious is that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them, they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well. *Salford Office for Liturgy*

# MASS TIMES

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## **Sunday 7 July** – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am *Fr Jonathan Stewart*

Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

6.00pm *John and Teresa McKentay*

## **Tuesday 9 July** *Bob Bendall RIP*

6.30pm *For those elected to serve in government*

## **Wednesday 10 July**

9.30am *George Stewart RIP*

## **Thursday 11 July** – St Benedict- Patron of Europe

9.30am *Theresa Smith RIP*

6.00pm Adoration

## **Friday 12 July**

No Mass Exeter Male Voice Choir Concert 7.30pm

## **Saturday 13 July**

9.30am *Patrick Moriarty RIP*

## **Sunday 14 July** – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### Sea Sunday-Sea Farers

8.45am *For a bishop for our diocese*

10.45am *People of the Parish*

6.00pm *Private Intention*

## Liturgy of the Word for Children

During term time at 10.45am Mass on Sunday.

Live stream Mass [Access the parish YouTube page at this link.](#)

Confessions Saturdays after 9.30am Mass.

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## Sea Sunday 14 July

There will be a second collection next weekend for Sea Sunday. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in our lives, but often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to sea farers and fishers in need. You can donate in church using the envelopes in the porch, by visiting [this link](#) or by texting SEA to 70460 donate £5. This collection is vital to enable stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

## Caritas Diocese of Plymouth

### Caritas Anniversary Newsletter

This May marked the fifth anniversary of Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's launch. Read about the work they have done and continue to do [at this link](#). Alternatively, there is a copy of the newsletter in the church porch.

## Catholic Children's Society

The latest **Children First** newsletter can be found in the church porch.

**Recycle your ink cartridges** and help support CCSP. Please pop your used ink cartridges in the box situated in the Baptistry at Blessed Sacrament. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept toner/laser cartridges. Thank you.

**Orange Box.** De-clutter and help the children in our Diocese. There is an orange box in the St. Richard Reynolds Centre where items can be placed, and every box filled will raise much needed funds for the CCSP.

Items that can be collected in the boxes include coins and banknotes, precious metals, medals and badges, costume jewellery, metals, watches, keys and locks, small antiques and collectibles.

## Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter

The current newsletter can be accessed [here](#).

For those who find the red and white difficult to read, there is a mostly black and white version [here](#).

## Catholic Bishops' Conference

The latest news from the Catholic Bishops' conference can be accessed [here](#).

## 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 Bishops' Conference webpage [here](#)

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

## School Transport grants for the academic year 2024-25

The Diocese of Plymouth is now taking applications from parents/guardians wishing to apply for grants for transport to a Catholic or Catholic/CofE school situated in the Diocese of Plymouth. Applications for the academic year 2024-5 must be submitted in writing and be signed by the Parish Priest. Families will be notified at the start of the Autumn term if their application has been successful.

There are limited funds and not all applications may be successful.

You can obtain an application form from the parish office.

## Bible Alive

There are 5 free copies of the latest editions of this publication in the church porch. Please help yourself. If you would like to make a contribution, please put your money in the wall box marked 'books'.

## Plymouth Diocesan and Youth Pilgrimages to Lourdes

Here's your chance to join us at Our Lady's beautiful shrine this year; let's go and bring some blessings back for our diocese! **26 July** for 6 nights. Please see the posters on the notice board in the porch.

## Are they mad?! Parachuting Deacons!!

Did you know that we two deacons, Kelvin Russell and Brian Bargent, are each doing a parachute jump on **July 11** to raise money to support talented but impoverished students through high school in Kenya?

Please support us with your prayers (we're going to need them!) and, if possible, by sponsoring us. Every penny goes directly to the students, whose only chance in life is through education. To sponsor them [click here](#)

## Lay Dominican Southwest Regional Day

Any Catholics in the diocese who may be interested in joining the Lay Dominicans, or simply wish to find out who we are and what we are about are very warmly invited to the Lay Dominican South West Regional Day **Saturday 20 July 2024 10.00am—5.00 pm at Our Lady & the Angels, Saltash.**

The day will include a talk from Fr Thomas-Thérèse Mannion OP, National Promoter of the Lay Dominicans. Registration is not strictly necessary, but it would help for organisational purposes. If you would like to register or receive further information, contact **Geraldine on geraldinetaylor2016@hotmail.com**

Light refreshments provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Free; donations welcome. See the poster in the porch.

## Iconography workshop

This will take place between **15-20 July 2024** at the Parish Hall, St Joseph's Church, Newton Abbot. It will be taught by Dom Alex Echeandia Loro, Benedictine monk from the Monastery in Lurin, Peru. Cost £470.

For further information contact Deborah on 07860-619222

Please see the poster in the porch.

## Forget-me-not Bereavement Café

We invite anyone who has suffered a bereavement of any kind, at any time, to come along to our **Forget-me-not Bereavement Café** for a cup of coffee/tea, cake and a chat. The café is held once a month on a Saturday morning (fourth Saturday of the month) at 10.30am in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Come along, and maybe bring a friend with you who you think would also benefit from making contact with others in a friendly relaxed café. There is no need to book just come along on **Saturday 27 July**. We look forward to seeing you.

Exeter Male Voice Choir in association with Blessed Sacrament Church  
presents a charity

# SUMMER CONCERT

## EXETER MALE VOICE CHOIR



FRIDAY

12

JULY

### Blessed Sacrament Church

29 Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter EX1 2QJ

7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Entry from 7pm**

**No Booking /Pay What You Can\***

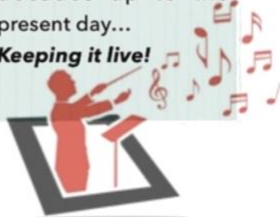
\*Donations in support of local charities and EMVC

[ExeterMaleVoiceChoir.org](http://ExeterMaleVoiceChoir.org)

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of popular modern  
music from across the  
decades up to the  
present day...

*Keeping it live!*



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CATHOLIC PARISH

## “A Murderous Midsummer”

### Event to mark the Prayer Book Rebellion

Blessed Sacrament parishioners are invited to join an event to mark the 475th anniversary of the Battle of Fenny Bridges and the Prayer Book Rebellion that will be held on **Saturday July 27** in Feniton church and Village Hall.

It includes coffee and a talk, “The Reformation”: A TV film about the Battle of Fenny Bridges made with local cast members, a weapons demonstration, a lecture about the Prayer Book Rebellion by Prof Mark Stoye and the unveiling of a new interpretation board. Phone 07955084661 for information. Please also see the poster in the porch.

## Diocese of Plymouth Summer Camps 2024

Unfortunately, due to a lack of bookings we have decided to cancel this year's Summer Camps. We hope that you all have a good summer. Hopefully we will see you all again next year.

## Laudato Si – Exeter

The Diocese is reminding us of Pope Francis’s Letters, Laudato Si’ and more recently Laudate Deum. The Holy Father uses words from the great Canticle of St Francis of Assisi to ask us to consider our care for the Earth and its diversity of life, and for people threatened by the very serious environmental problems we face together.

We propose to reflect on the Pope’s teaching documents and what they might mean for our lives and wider social responsibilities, drawing on the strengths of all three Parishes. If this interests you, can you please share your name and contact details with Coral Mortier, Parish Secretary at South Street (Phone, email). Your support will help us organise a combined Laudato Si’ meeting for Exeter. Watch this space for more details.

## Exeter Foodbank Summer Campaign

The demand for Emergency food has increased by 36% since last year, and we have noticed a decline in donations. Our store is struggling to keep up with demand and so we are asking local schools, churches and community groups to take part in a food collection for Exeter Foodbank in July.

The 3 items we are asking for this year, as we are particularly low, are **tinned meat, fish and vegetables**.

There is a collection basket at the back of the church.

## Christians Together in Exeter-Volunteering Opportunities

Have you ever felt called to volunteer with prisoners and their families? If so, please follow this link to learn more:

[Family Services Volunteer \(HMP Exeter\) Prison Advice and Care Trust Volunteering Southwest Community Chaplaincy click here.](#)

## St Nicholas School News

The second half of the summer term is whizzing by and school life doesn't seem to be slowing down! We have enjoyed having some visitors in school in the last couple of weeks. On Monday Exeter Library came in to get the children excited about their summer reading challenge.

With the general election on the horizon, we wanted our older children to be aware and understand what this means for us as a country. KS2 children had a visit from the UK parliament where they were shown the different buildings in parliament and learnt about the rights of voters and who they could vote for.

KSI children have been learning about Mary Anning and her discovery of fossils. They had the opportunity to take part in a fossils workshop where they learnt about how fossils are created and were then able to hold some real ones.

Last Friday we welcomed back a coach full of very tired but happy Year 6 children (and teachers!) It was lovely to hear all about what they had been up to at Kilve Court.

If you want to find out more about admission for your child, from age 3 - 11, please contact Mrs Brocksom by emailing [admissions@stncls.uk](mailto:admissions@stncls.uk)

## Plymouth Cast – We need you!

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and one nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel.

Plymouth CAST is currently recruiting to expand its Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and experience in Finance, HR, and/or Education. Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano [lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk](mailto:lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk)

## Heavitree Wellbeing Newsletter

The link to the newsletter can be accessed [here](#).

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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### GIFT tots

GIFT tots will not meet throughout June, July and August. Our next session will be on **Friday 13 September** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you and your little one(s) would like to join us please register using the link below.

[GIFT Tots Registration Form](#)

### GIFT families and youth

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.

Register for GIFT and GIFT Youth:

[GIFT Registration Form.](#) [GIFT Youth Registration Form](#)

## GIFT youth socials

We ask that parents of any young person wishing to come to GIFT Youth socials have registered them before they attend. Please use the link above. This helps ensure everyone's safety. If you've signed up for GIFT Youth, details of the next session will be sent to you.

## Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

### Prayerfully Preparing for the Proclamation of Sunday's Gospel

Wednesdays 2.00 – 3.00pm via zoom. We meet to pray, read, meditate and reflect 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.

## The Call to Conversion

Explore how ordinary people in the Bible, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy towards an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us every fortnight on Monday morning after the 10.00am Mass until 12.15pm in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart. Next meetings is on **Monday 15 July**. There will then be a summer break until 9 September.

## Going into hospital?

If you, or someone you know is going into hospital for any length of time and would like the Chaplaincy team to know, please let the parish office know.

## Getting Married?

Congratulations. If you are hoping to marry at Blessed Sacrament Church or any other place, including abroad, we require at least six months' notice. Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment to meet with the parish priest.

## 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 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 Catherine in the parish office on 01392 274724 or [exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk). We are now taking bookings for the July 2024 course. [Baptism Enquiry form](#)



# PRAYER & LITURGY

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

In this month's prayer intention, Pope Francis invites us to pray for the pastoral care for the sick. **Pope Francis** lifts up his prayer that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick might become more and more a "visible sign of compassion and hope."

In his video message – produced in collaboration with the **Archdiocese of Los Angeles** – the **Pope** insists that it "is not a sacrament only for those who are at the point of death," but states that it "is one of the 'sacraments of healing,' of 'restoration,' that heals the spirit."

## We commend to the Lord...

Theresa Smith, Patrick Moriarty and all who have died recently. Please keep them and their families and friends in your prayers. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Worship Thursdays

Adoration in church each Thursday 6.00-7.00pm.

**Holy Rosary** is prayed after Mass every first and third Wednesday. You would be most welcome to join us.

# GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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## **Sunday 7 July** – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekial 2:2-5

*The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.*

**Psalm Response:** Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

*I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.*

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

## **Sunday 14 July** – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

*Go, prophesy to my people.*

**Psalm Response:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

*Before the world was made, God chose us.*

**Gospel:** Mark 6:17-13

*He began to send them out.*

# CONTACT US

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Parish Secretary *Catherine Odams*

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Parish Office *Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am–4.00pm*

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

*Lesley Hooper 07712 216724*

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## Useful links

[Bishops' Conference Updates](#)

[Churches Together Devon News](#)

[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

[Churches Together England News](#)