

PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER

13 October 2024. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B2. Psalter 4



In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to our own age: when Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, "his face fell at these words, and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." How sad it is that such a keen (he runs up to Jesus), and by all accounts good young man (whom Jesus loves) could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back – his dependence on money. Jesus' words "How hard it is..." perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this.

Jesus' teaching was new – as the disciples' reaction shows. In Israel at the time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that passes away can distract us from holding on to things that are eternal.

Diocese of Salford Office for Liturgy

MASS TIMES

Sunday 13 October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prisoners Week. Prayer for prisoners and their families

8.45am *Private intention*
10.45am *The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

Tuesday 15 October – St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
6.30pm *The Tapp Family*

Wednesday 16 October

9.30am *Mrs Jackie Coombes RIP*
Holy Rosary after Mass. Refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

Thursday 17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
9.30am
6.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday 18 October St Luke-Evangelist
6.30pm

Saturday 19 October

9.30am *John Hickey Power and Beatrice Power RIP*

Sunday 20 October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am
10.45am *People of the Parish*
6.00pm

Liturgy of the Word for Children

During term time at 10.45am Mass on Sunday. For children aged 3 – School Year 3. Please register as you arrive at church.

Do you feel called to help our young children hear the Word of God and grow to love it? Then please speak to one of the catechists or Fr Jonathan.

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

Confessions Saturdays after 9.30am Mass or by appointment.

Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass to be offered for a particular intention, please contact the Parish Office and we will find a suitable date. It may be that the date you would prefer is not available. It is not a requirement to make an offering, but if you would like to do so, please use one of the small brown envelopes found in the church porch.

Please note that the intention may be posted in the parish newsletter (GDPR law is such that permission must be sought to publish people's names unless they are deceased). The intention will not be announced during the Mass. The priest personally offers the Mass for the intention. Each member of the congregation comes to mass with their own intention.

NEWS & EVENTS

Bishop Philip's Installation

This will take place at The Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface, Plymouth on Saturday 9 November at 1.00pm. Each parish in the diocese has been allocated two tickets to attend this historic event. If you would like to put your name forward to receive one of the tickets, please use the slip provided in the church porch and hand it in to the parish office or through the Presbytery letterbox. We will enter the names in a ballot.

The Mass will be live-streamed. [You can join by using this link.](#)

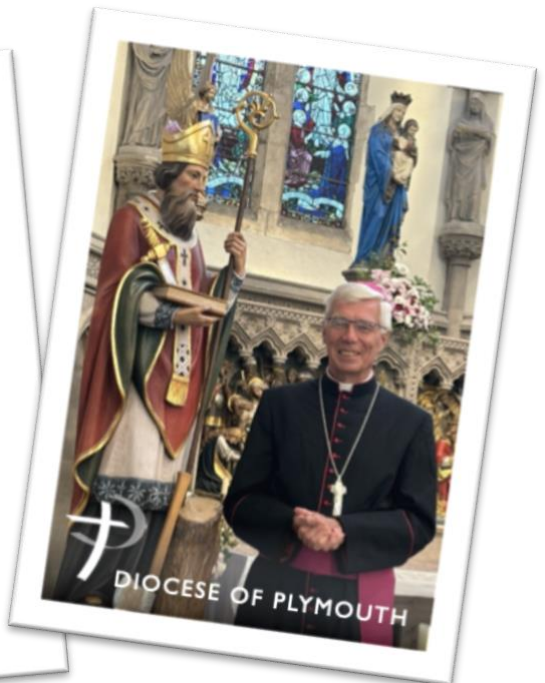
Solemn Vespers

On Friday 8th November, the eve of the Installation, we will celebrate solemn vespers (evening prayer) at the Cathedral at 6.30pm. All are welcome to be come and join with the bishop and the Chapter of the Cathedral. The monks and choir of Buckfast Abbey will be leading us in this time of prayer.

Solemn Vespers will also be live-streamed. [You can join by using this link.](#)

Praying for Bishop Philip

A prayer card has been produced to enable us all to pray for Bishop Philip. These are available this weekend. Please take one and continue to pray for him as he prepares to take up his ministry in our diocese.



St Marie Rivier

On Sunday 13th after the 10.45am Mass we will be installing and blessing a statue of St Marie Rivier, foundress of the Congregation of the Presentation of Mary, in the baptistry at Blessed Sacrament. The statue used to proudly stand in the convent chapel of the sisters (how we miss them!) and will now serve as a permanent reminder of their wonderful work during their time in Exeter. We are delighted that Sister Stella will be with us for this celebration.

BINGO! – GIFT Youth Family Fundraising Event

Friday 15 November 7.30–9.30pm at St. Nicholas School Hall. All welcome. Cost of £7-50 per family. This event will be run by the young people in support of CAFOD. There will be prizes (including lots of chocolate), although the main prize will be the glory of victory. And there will be a performance by some of our talented young people in the interval. Tea, coffee and squash included in the entry price; cakes will also be on sale.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our sessions for those interested in becoming Catholics, to learn more about the Church, who desire to receive Baptism or Confirmation in the Catholic Church continue on Wednesday evenings. You would be most welcome to join us. If you are interested, please come along at **6.30pm on Wednesday** in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart. Contact Coral at exeter-sacredheart@prcdtr.org.uk



Prisoners Sunday 13 October 2024

Jesus said: “I was in Prison, and you came to me.”

PACT – the Prison Advice and Care Trust is a national charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families, providing caring and life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process: in court, in prison, on release, and in the community.

Their vision is of a society that understands justice as a process of restoration and healing, that uses prisons sparingly and as places of learning and rehabilitation, and that values the innate dignity and worth of every human being. They work for the common good of Society, taking a public health-based approach and work at the intersection of criminal justice, child and family welfare, mental health, wellbeing provision and health and social care. They are a diverse, inclusive, modern, and collaborative charity.

There will be talks at all Masses at Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday 13 October 2024** and a retiring collection taken that day or [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.

To learn more about volunteering in HMP Exeter [click in this link](#).

Toddler group

The toddler group are looking for volunteers to help whether anyone might be interested in joining the rota to help with tea, coffee and washing up between 9:30-11:30 on Monday mornings. Please give your name to Catherine in the office if interested.

Accommodation required

On 1 December 2024 we will be welcoming Brother John Deeney, a De la Salle brother, to talk about the work of [lasallianprojects](#). We are looking for a parishioner who could kindly provide accommodation for him for the night of 30 November. Please give your details to Catherine in the office if you can help. Many thanks..

St Nicholas School

If you would like to find out more about joining our school from Nursery to Yr 6, please contact admissions@stnics.uk.

We are also holding open days in November for prospective **September 2025** Reception entry. These are on the **12th and 13th at 9.30 and the 14th at 6pm**. Please contact admissions@stnics.uk for a booking form.

Holy Cross Parish, Topsham

From Sunday 20 October Mass will be at the new time of **11.15am**.

Care for Creation Day of Reflection

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth and CAFOD invite you to a day of reflection on Care for Creation at the Parish Church hall of St Andrew, Blundell's Avenue, Tiverton EX16 4DL from **10.30-15.00 on Saturday 19 October**. Simple lunch included. Please register [here](#) if you can join us or email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk to book.

The day will reflect on how we can help our church communities to be the hub of transformational change that we want to see in the world. The parish is an ideal place to start this conversation. With our faith as motivation, we can praise God together for the beauty of his creation and live in hope and gratitude. With our church buildings, halls, and gardens we have the physical resources to both serve and enable others to take action.

Please join us to share your ideas about how to get started in transforming the lives of our communities to help address the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Dei Verbum – The Word of God

“How can we know anything about God with certainty? Why should we trust what the Church tells us about God? How do we make sense of the Bible?” In preparing for the Jubilee year 2025, Pope Francis has asked us to explore the key documents of Vatican II and one of those documents is Dei Verbum. Come and join Sr Hyacinthe, who will guide us through the text and inspire us with a love of God's Word. Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey on **Saturday 19 October** 10.00am–3.00pm. Mass at 12noon. To reserve a place contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk or [click here](#).

Our Story: Our Mission

Do you want to discover your true purpose, meaning and identity in your life with Christ? Are you aware of the part you are called to play in salvation history? In response to Pope Francis' call to be "Pilgrims of Hope" for this forthcoming Jubilee year, Fr. David Marsden will lead us through this inspirational day. Come to Schiller Hall, Buckfast Abbey on **Saturday 2nd November 10am** (tea/coffee) 10.30-3pm. (Mass at 12noon). To reserve a place [email here](#)
Or [click here](#).

Vocations Retreat 1-2 November

Are you called to witness as a Permanent Deacon, a Religious or a Priest? There is an opportunity to reflect on this with other discerners and others living out vocations as a Permanent Deacon, Religious or Priest. If you are interested, please join us at our Reflection Day starting at 5pm on **Friday 1 November** at Honiton Retreat Centre, St Rita's Centre, Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton EX14 1AP. Day delegates are welcome to join on **Saturday 2 November at 9am**.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk



Catholic Children's Society

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) are looking for new members to join their 50:50 club – Helping Hands. Half of the money raised by subscriptions each month is retained by CCSP and the other half is returned to members as prize money. For example, if we had £200 in subscriptions each month, £100 would be used to help a child in need and the other half would be distributed as prize money eg £50 for first prize, £30 for second and £20 for third. It costs £12 a year for one entry into all 12 monthly draws and you can enter each draw more

than once so £24 for 2 numbers, £36 for three and so on. Call our office on **01364 645420** or email [here](#) to request an application form.

Other exciting news thanks to a legacy from a former trustee, the new CCSP website is coming along nicely and should be ready within the next few weeks. The new website will be simple to navigate with forms that can be completed online and sent directly back to CCSP, there will be simple ways to donate one off or regularly and other new features that they have been asked to incorporate to make navigation of their site so much simpler.

If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see in their new website, please email their Fundraiser & Communications Officer – vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk

Support for Pensioners on Low Incomes

An estimated 880,000 low-income pensioner households eligible for pension credit currently fail to claim it and a deadline is approaching. The government says it is worth an average of £3,900 a year, but it is also a gateway to other financial support such as winter fuel payments. If you know a pensioner on a low income, please encourage them to check if they could be eligible for pension credit. This can be done online through www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator or people can get advice via phone on weekdays - 0800 99 1234.

There is a leaflet with more details and advice at the back of the church or you can get a copy by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or calling 01364 645421.

Safeguarding Office - Support for victims of abuse

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office provides advice and support to all victims of abuse, regardless of whether this is something that is happening currently or that happened in the past. We work with anyone who has been abused, both those who were abused within the church, as well as those who have been abused in other settings. We are here to help you whether you were a child or adult when the abuse took place. We are not here to blame, judge or make excuses for the abuser, we are here to help all those who have experienced abuse or are still in an abusive situation, in any way we can.

The Safeguarding Office can provide you with support, advice, and signposting to relevant organisations. Our dedicated team of safeguarding professionals work closely with other agencies both locally and nationally including the Police, Probation, Social Services, and to standards that are set out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency.

Please contact us for a confidential conversation. Call us on 01364 645430 (Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 4.30pm) or e-mail safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter first special edition

This has been created in the spirit of welcoming our Bishop-elect Philip Moger!

[To read this special edition newsletter please click this link.](#)

You are warmly invited to please sign up to the diocesan newsletter to receive the latest news about and from our Bishop-Elect!

We will be publishing further special editions in the lead up to his installation.

[To sign up for future newsletters please click this link.](#) Caritas Diocese of Plymouth

To subscribe to the Caritas newsletter click [here](#).

Catholic Bishops' Conference

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

Catholic South West

Copies are in the porch. Please put your money in the wall box marked "newspapers" (50p)

Assisted suicide

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. Please click [here](#) and see the poster in the porch.

Franciscan at Home Autumn workshops

These will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. More information, dates, times and links to all sessions available on request.

Conversion in Modern Culture

Mondays at 7.30 starting on 11 November. 5 sessions.

Hearing God's Voice Through the Scriptures

Wednesdays at 7.00pm starting on 6 November. 6 sessions.

For online and live workshops in Truro and Sclerder on Wednesdays and Thursdays, please contact: Truro: pmcgovern1952@gmail.com. Sclerder: saltash@prcdtr.org.uk

Deborah van Kroonenburg *Franciscan at Home Diocesan Coordinator*

Individually Guided Advent Retreats

Ignatian silent and individually guided retreats are available locally in the Diocese of Plymouth for Advent 2024. For those who would like to step back from everyday life for a little while, to review their journey in faith and make a little extra space and time for God.

6–8 December (Friday – Sunday) Weekend Retreat £160

6–10 December (Friday – Tuesday) Extended Weekend Retreat £280

9–13 December (Monday – Friday) Midweek Retreat £275

6–13 December (Friday - Friday) 6-day retreat£475)

Venue: St Rita's Centre Honiton, East Devon, a well- appointed retreat house with comfortable ensuite accommodation situated in the Vale of Honiton.

Cost includes full board & lodging. Help is available for those who would like to go on retreat but have difficulties with the recommended donations.

Dates for similar 2025 Lent retreats of varying lengths: Friday March 7th - 14th 2025

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk

or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637. Please also see the poster in the porch.

SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

Urgent Notice

A Bill to allow assisted suicide will be laid before Parliament this month. If passed, it would cause a complete change in the way society deals with terminally and chronically ill people.

People must be treated as equal in value and dignity and not as lives 'not worth living'. Assisted Suicide would place pressure on vulnerable people. Most palliative care

doctors denounce these measures. Palliative Care is the Cinderella of the NHS and will remain so if assisted suicide is introduced.

Please write to your MP as soon as possible. More information can be obtained from the [SPUC website](#). This will give you information on what to include in your letter and invites you to enter your postcode which will bring up your MP and allow you to write an email which they will send. Alternatively, you can write a letter by hand and send it to your MP at: The House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA. Get a disabled person's perspective on assisted suicide by watching Liz Carr's BBC Documentary: [here](#). Further info: Christine Hudson 07742320717

Right to Life

Want to be the first to know about pro-life developments? [Sign up here](#) to receive action alerts from Right to Life along with tools to help change hearts and minds by

You Can Help Your Marriage

Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting **8th - 10th Nov**. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com www.retrouvaille.org.uk

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Forming in Faith – Priest, Prophet, King

Bishop Robert Barron reminds us that the better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. As we journey through the Word on Fire series 'Priest, Prophet, King', come discover Jesus as the Anointed One, the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout Scripture. All are welcome to join us for our next fortnightly meeting on **Monday 21 October 10:30-12:00** Sacred Heart Lower Room.

GIFT tots

Our next session will be on **Friday 8 November** in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. If you and your little one(s) would like to join us please register using this link: [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.

Next GIFT session **Saturday 2 November 2024** at St Nicholas School.

Register for GIFT and GIFT Youth at the links below:

[GIFT Registration Form](#)

[GIFT Youth Registration Form](#)

GIFT cares for creation

Last Saturday, after reflecting on the beauty of God's Creation, our GIFT families and catechists ventured into the playground at St Nicholas School and planted hundreds of bulbs. We look forward to seeing the fruits of our labours in the spring when Creation will show us just how wonderful she is! Thanks to everyone who took part.



GIFT youth socials

Please note Parents of any young person wishing to come to GIFT Youth socials please register them before they attend by using 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.

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.

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

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. Contact Maria exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to join us.

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.

PRAYER & LITURGY

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

Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

Worship Thursday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church each Thursday 6.00–7.00pm.
Come and spend time with the Lord, opening your heart to all he has for you.

Holy Rosary After Mass every first and third Wednesday.

THE WORD

Sunday 13 October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Psalm Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-80

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Sunday 20 October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

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Gift Aid enquiries: exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish website 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

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Useful links

[Bishops' Conference Updates](#)

[Churches Together Devon News](#)

[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

[Churches Together England News](#)