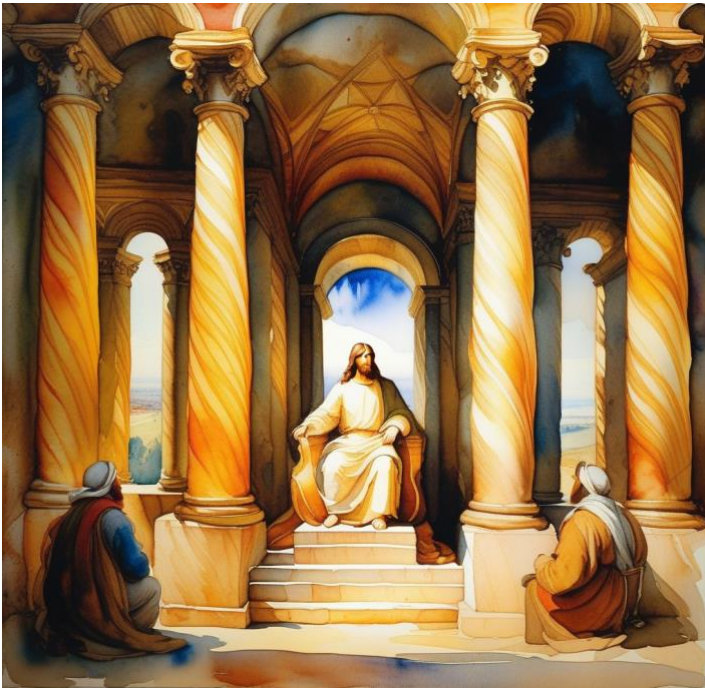


PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER
20 October 2024. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B2. Psalter I



Seats at right and left in glory

It's often the case that the “values of the Gospel” contradict the “values of the

world” – sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the world's life of service; and what the world sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory.

It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought “among the pagans” – he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the “worldly way of behaving” to heart: “This is not to happen among you.” *Diocese of Salford Office for Liturgy*

MASS TIMES

Sunday 20 October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

8.45am *David*
10.45am *People of the Parish*
6.00pm *Canon Philip Dyson RIP*

Tuesday 22 October

6.30pm *David*

Wednesday 23 October

9.30am *Mrs Barbara Billson RIP*
Refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

Thursday 24 October

9.30am *David*
6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 25 October

6.30pm *Bishop-elect Philip Moger*

Saturday 26 October

9.30am *Private intention*

Sunday 27 October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am *Private intention*
10.45am *GIFT families*
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

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.](#)

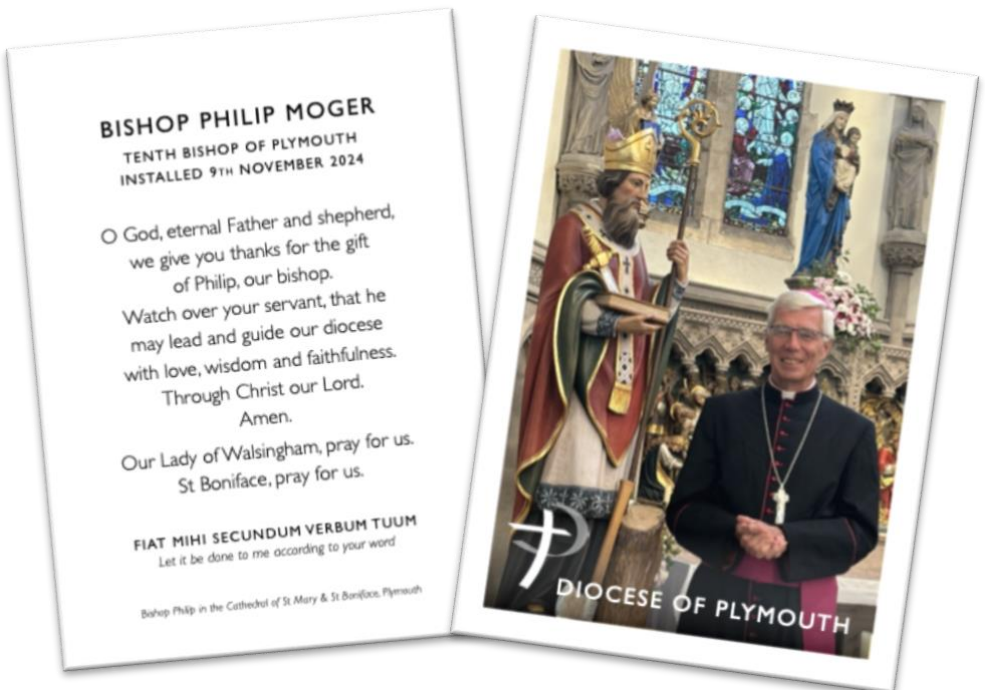
Solemn Vespers

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 from the back of the church if you don't already have one. Please take one and continue to pray for him as he prepares to take up his ministry in our diocese.



Today is World Mission Sunday

'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'

cf. Matthew 22:9



Everyone deserves to experience God's love!

What is mission?

Mission can mean so many things. At its core it is an invitation to experience God's unconditional, compassionate, life-giving love, and to want to share it with everyone, everywhere. Pope Francis tells us, 'Mission is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him' and that 'the mission for all requires the commitment of all'.

Faithful to the mission received from the Lord, we – the Church – are called to go to the ends of the earth. To set out over and over again, without growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

One of the many wonderful ways to support mission is through the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday.

Why has the Pope chosen this year's theme?

The theme reminds us that everyone is invited to God's table – to experience God's love, grace, and forgiveness, and take part in a community of faith. God invites us to build communities that reflect his unconditional love for humanity, where all are welcome, and where the gifts we have received are shared and put at the service of the whole community.

World Mission Sunday reminds us that we are called by Jesus – in person – to bear witness to his words in our everyday lives. We are called to reach out to the lost, the oppressed and discouraged, and to tenderly care for those who suffer. We are invited to live out our call to mission by proclaiming the coming of God's Kingdom, serving those in need, promoting peace with justice, and inviting people to know God's goodness.

Who benefits from the World Mission Sunday appeal?

All worldwide Mass collections and every single donation supports churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Your prayers and support enable these new, young or poor communities to grow and become self-sufficient. Importantly, they help them to celebrate the Sacraments, hear God's Word, and pray with and for one another.

To find out more about Mission [follow this link](#).

There will be a retiring collection at Masses this weekend to support Missio's work.



Aid to the Church in Need

Next Sunday we will welcome Steve Riedlinger from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) who will appeal on behalf of the persecuted Church in the world. To find out more about the work of ACN [follow this link](#).

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter special edition

This has been created in the spirit of welcoming our Bishop-elect Philip Moger! [Follow this link](#) to the newsletter, which includes important information about Bishop Philip Moger's installation.

You are warmly invited to sign up here to receive future newsletters, which will include pastoral letters from Bishop Philip: [Follow this link](#).

Opposing Assisted Suicide

The Bishop's Conference are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. [Follow this link](#), where you will find resources laying out the Catholic position on assisted suicide, and what you can do to stop its legalisation. There is also a link to contact your MP via the Right to Life website. Please also see the posters in the porch.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

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: [Follow this link](#). 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.

Friday 18 October is Anti-Slavery Day

Modern Slavery is not just a distant problem: it is happening right on our doorstep. Hidden in plain sight, from forced labour in local businesses to domestic servitude in ordinary homes, thousands of people are trapped in exploitation across our communities. It is crucial that we recognise the signs and work together to eradicate this heinous crime. Prevention of modern slavery and recognizing the signs of the potential for exploitation within the community in which we live are critical. Raising awareness of Modern Slavery and the many forms it takes is the first step toward ending this injustice.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is working with local partners to raise awareness and help signpost people in difficulty to organisations which may be able to help and advise them. To find out more, please contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Northcott Theatre: The Commotion Time

Fri 18 Oct 2024 - Wed 23 Oct 2024

Parishioners may be interested in The Commotion Time; a play being performed at the Northcott Theatre. It's set Devon and Cornwall at the time of the Western Uprising and gives voice to the women at the centre of the events which still shape Exeter and our local communities. Alongside professional actors, there is large ensemble of local performers and singers, including from our own congregation!

[Follow this link for more details.](#)

Catholic Exeter Family All Saints Party

31 October 5.00–6.15pm St Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament

A party with games, crafts, a treasure hunt, activities, sweets galore and some candle-lit songs in the garden. Come dressed as a saint (don't forget your props!) Prizes for the best Saints' costume.

Bring along some coins for a Prize Draw in aid of the Catholic Children's Society (50p per ticket) – the winner will take home a specially carved holy pumpkin! Please note: children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring party food to share; if you intend to bring home-made goodies do include a list of ingredients. We hope to see you there! RSVP by Friday 25 October to exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

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.

St Nicholas School

To find out more about joining our school from Nursery to Yr 6, please contact admissions@stncls.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@stncls.uk for a booking form.

Holy Cross Parish, Topsham

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

Lost & Found

Have you lost a green purse? It has been found in the church and is safely in the parish office. Please contact 01392 274724 if it is yours.

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

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 [follow this link](#)

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping to provide hope in the midst of many crises around the world. As well as responding to emergencies, your support helps provide a future to young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [Follow this link to donate.](#)

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth

To subscribe to the Caritas newsletter [follow this link.](#)

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)



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 [by following this link](#) 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

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.

Hearing God's Voice Through the Scriptures

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

Conversion in Modern Culture

Mondays at 7.30 starting on 11 November. 5 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

PRAYER & LITURGY

We commend to the Lord...

the soul of Richard Chapple who has died. A funeral service will be celebrated on Friday 25 October at 10.00am at Blessed Sacrament. Please pray for the comfort and consolation of Richard's wife Anne and his children. May he rest in peace.

Welcome to the life of faith...

Rylie and Theo who will be baptised this week. May they grow in knowledge and love of the Lord and be richly blessed. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 each month.

THE WORD

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.

Sunday 27 October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.

Psalm Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Master, let me see again.

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Parish Secretary *Catherine Odams*

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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](#)