

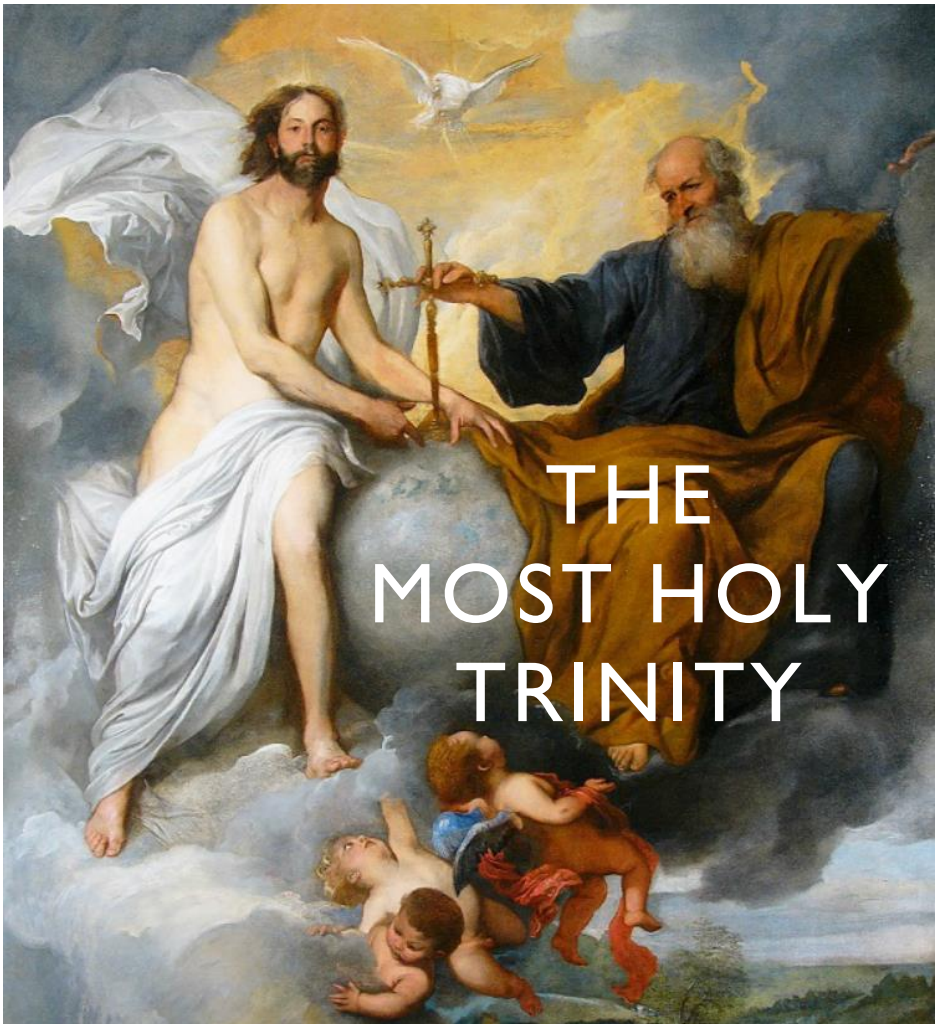
# PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER

15 June 2025. The Most Holy Trinity Year C.1 Psalter 3

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# MASS TIMES

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**Please note** Mass times for the next two weeks will be different so please make a note. To find out about times of Mass during the week at Sacred Heart please visit their website by [following this link](#).

## **Sunday 15 June – The Most Holy Trinity – Day for Life**

8.45am *Private Intention*  
10.45am *People of the Parish*  
2.00pm *Syro-Malabar Rite Mass*  
6.00pm *Private Intention*

## **Saturday 21 June**

4.00pm *Syro-Malabar Rite*

## **Sunday 22 June – The Body and Blood of Christ**

8.45am *Holy Souls*  
10.45am  
2.00pm *Syro-Malabar Rite Mass*  
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

## **Wednesday 25 June**

9.30am *Fred and Olive Morgan RIP*  
*Followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre*

## **Saturday 28 June**

9.30am *Giuseppe Giachino RIP*  
*Followed by Confessions*  
5.00pm *Syro-Malabar Rite*

## **Sunday 29 June – SS Peter and Paul, Apostles**

8.45am *People of the Parish*  
10.45am *Alan Summerscales RIP*  
6.00pm *Terry Laydon RIP*

## **Wednesday 2 July**

9.30am *Barbara Billson RIP*  
*Followed by refreshments*  
*Holy Rosary after Mass*

## **Thursday 3 July – St Thomas, Apostle**

9.30am  
6.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

## **Friday 4 July – Blessed John Cornelius and Companions, Martyrs**

6.30pm

## **Saturday 5 July**

10.00am Mass at St Nicholas School GIFT

## **Sunday 6 July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.45am

10.45am

2.00pm Syro Malabar Rite Mass

6.00pm

We are fortunate that Mass will be celebrated on the above days thanks to the generosity of Fr John Watkins and Fr Anthony Cockram.

On 22 June – Feast of Corpus Christi, Fr Rozario Arputham from the Society of African Missionaries will be celebrating the Masses and making the annual Mission Appeal. Please make them all welcome.

**Confessions** Saturdays after 9.30am Mass or by appointment.

## **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.

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

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## Day for Life

Today the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. We are invited to join in prayer and promotion of the Day. Useful resources, including a message from the three bishops, and prayers, can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website.

At all Masses this Sunday we will also hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund. Every year, the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants, to organisations which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death, in various ways. This has made a significant impact in local communities of England and Wales, by for example, providing mothers and children with necessary means.

This would not be possible if it was not for your generous support to the fund. We therefore invite you to give as much as you can and encourage others to do so. You can also donate by scanning the QR code on the Day for Life 2025 poster in the porch, or online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website, where you will find out more on the Fund. Thank you for your support.

## Action on assisted suicide and abortion

### Urgent message from the Bishops' Conference

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging the faithful and people of good will to write to their MPs and ask them to oppose the assisted suicide bill, which will have its third reading on the 20 of June. You can take action via this tool on the [Right to Life website](#) or sign a petition [here](#).

The Bishops are also asking us to contact our MP asking them to vote against two amendments to the Crime and Policing Bill which would decriminalise abortion. The bill will also be debated earlier next week. You can take action on [our website here](#)

## Mission Appeal 22 June

Next Sunday the second collection will be for the Society of African Missions. We will welcome Fr Rozario Arputham who will be celebrating all Masses and making an appeal for the Society. We look forward to meeting him. Please be as generous as you can with your donations to this worthy charity. Please see the [website here](#)

## Peter's Pence Collection 29 June

With your gift, regardless of its size, you express your love and trust in the Holy Father. The collection is:

- To support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the

many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day.

- To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development. Please see the Vatican website page [here](#). There will be a retiring collection after all masses on Sunday 29 June.

## Ministry Opportunity – Cashiers

We are in need of some additional people to assist count the weekly offertory collections. We have a coin sorting machine so there is no manual counting of coins! The commitment would be for approximately 1.5 hours on a Tuesday morning once every 6 weeks. If you would like to help or find out more, please contact Ann Edwards on [exeter-heavitree-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-heavitree-treasurer@prcdtr.org.uk) or speak to Catherine in the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Reading the Final Synod Document Together - *the School for Synodality's Online Book Club*

After four weeks of listening, discerning and writing in October 2024, the final day of the Rome Synod Assembly brought a dramatic surprise from Pope Francis - that the recommendations of the Assembly would become Church teaching. The three-year listening process was over, and it was now time to get on with implementing it. The [Final Synod Document](#) (officially 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission') is our guide to the implementation, and while beautiful and inspiring, can be rather technical in places.

To enable us to reflect on the document in more depth, the School for Synodality has organised an online book club with a stellar cast of experts. Each week we will unpack a different section of the Final Synod Document, reflecting on its theological and practical implications, with time for questions afterwards.

To watch live, register for the [link](#) for the webinars on YouTube. The sessions will also be available on YouTube and on our Podcast afterwards at your convenience.

You are invited to join us to watch the next sessions in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings 18 and 25 June. All welcome.

## Two Very Grateful Deacons

Kelvin and Brian are very happy to report that, so far, they have raised £2,640 for the Kenyan Education Fund. They say thank you very much to the parishioners of both Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament who have supported them so well. The Just Giving page will be left up for ongoing support, which would be very much appreciated. There is a poster in the porch with a QR Code.

## Father Jonathan's Silver Jubilee Celebration

### Save the date Saturday 6 September

Fr Jonathan, our wonderful Parish Priest, will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood at 11.00am Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, on Saturday 6 September. His actual anniversary is on 8 July.

You are all warmly invited to celebrate with him at the Mass to give thanks to God for 25 years of priestly ministry. After Mass there will be further celebrations at St Nicholas School to which you are all also invited.

We would like to buy an appropriate gift to show our thanks and appreciation for his service to us all in our community. If you would like to, and are able, please make a donation. Cash donations can be made through the special envelopes that will be available from Sunday 22 June. Bank transfers may be made using these details: PRC DT Heavitree RC Parish, A/C no 0603600, Sort Code: 524160. Please mark this donation: 'Fr J Jubilee'. Alternatively, the card machine will be available for donations. Thank you, Ann, Catherine, Angela, Gary, Ann and Sheila- "Silver Jubilee Enablers" 😊

## St Nicholas School News

As the weather improves the children are loving being outside more and we are continuing to develop our outdoor play. Our fabulous PTA have raised £11,000 and we (with the children) are currently choosing the new equipment to be installed over the next months, while we also plan what we want next.

Our yr 5/6 children are enjoying 6 weeks of swimming at St Sidwell's Point. Our Yr 6 children are also preparing to go for their week long residential at Kilve Court and we are praying for sun for that week. Our yr 1/2 children are off to Bicton for a day and our littlest children had a visit from Animal Adventures and met an armadillo!!

We have sessions available from September in our Nursery for 3-4 year olds. We offer 15 and 30 hours (extended) funding and additional hours are only £5.50 per hour. You can choose all day or half day sessions (dependent on availability), with or without lunch. We can also offer wraparound care in our Breakfast and After School Club up to 6pm. Please contact the school by emailing [admissions@stncs.uk](mailto:admissions@stncs.uk)

More details on our website <http://www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk/website>  
Find out more about our Nursery provision and to book a tour! Come and see us in action and find out more about joining our school family.

If any parishioners are interested in being a Foundation Governor at St Nicholas please contact the Clerk to Governors by emailing [clerk@stncs.uk](mailto:clerk@stncs.uk) for information.

## School Transport grants for the academic year 2025-26

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 2025-26 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.

## Stella Maris

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org) or call 07887 893 763.

Related to that, all parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Thursday 19 June from 7:30pm to 9pm. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar)

## Catholic South West

Catholic South West is a monthly newspaper for Catholics in the Plymouth, Clifton and Portsmouth Dioceses. Copies of the June edition are in the porch, price 50p. Please put your money in the box marked “newspapers”.

## Refugee Week

Each year around World Refugee Day on 20 June, there is a UK-wide festival to celebrate the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. For more information and how to get involved,

Jesuit Refugee Service has five simple messages about how we can show our faith in action through our welcome and support for refugees.

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<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>. Jesuit Refugee Service's [One Shared Humanity Manifesto](#) has five simple messages about how we can show our faith in action through our welcome and support for refugees.

## Understanding Modern Slavery and how to prevent it

Please join us for this special Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year event with Caritas Plymouth on Saturday 21 June 10am-11:30am at St Teresa's Hall, Connaught Road, Sidmouth. All welcome, coffee and cake provided. See the poster in the porch.

## Caritas in Veritate

29 June is the anniversary of the publication in 2009 of *Caritas in Veritate*, by Pope Benedict XVI. There is so much to reflect on in this long and powerful encyclical which followed the financial crash of 2008. Pope Benedict's call is for us to see the relationship between human and environmental ecologies and to link charity and truth in the pursuit of justice, the common good, and authentic human development. Why not have a look at paragraph 45 on the need for a people-centred, ethical economics?

## Aid to the Church in Need

We are excited to invite you to the ACN Pilgrimage 2025, taking place from 21–26 July in York and the surrounding area. This pilgrimage, themed 'Heartland of Faith and Hope,' will explore the rich Christian heritage of York and Yorkshire, focusing on the foundation, reformation, persecution, and revival of faith in this region. For more information or to book your place, please contact Bridget Teasdale at [bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org](mailto:bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org). A non-refundable deposit of £90 is required to secure your spot, with the total pilgrimage cost being £285. Please see the poster and additional details in the porch.

## Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady

The latest newsletter can be read [at this link](#)

## Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter

The Diocesan newsletter can be read [at this link](#)

## Catholic Bishops of England and Wales

For the latest news from the Bishops' Conference [please click here](#)

## Exeter Foodbank

Donations of priority items are especially needed: Tinned meat meals, tinned potatoes, pasta/noodle snacks, rice pudding, biscuits, jams and spreads. 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.

## Christians Together Across Exeter

### Exeter Foodbank seeking new Advice Worker

Our amazing Advice Worker, Ali, has decided to retire. We need to find someone with a real passion to help people. For information [please visit this link](#).



# FORMING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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## Bishop Robert Barron's The Mass

Join us for Bishop Robert Barron's six-part film series: The Mass. This fascinating and highly informative series explores the Mass in wonderful detail, opening up the treasures of what we understand as the source and summit of our faith.

The meetings will be fortnightly, and the episodes will be shown at two locations:

**Monday morning** Next meeting 16 June 10.30am-12.00pm in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart.

**Tuesday evening** 17 June 7.15-9.00pm at St Richard Reynolds Centre at Blessed Sacrament.

## Baptism Preparation Courses 2025

Next Course: 11 and 18 October 2025, 10.10am to 12.15pm. Godparents are especially welcome to attend the course as their role is explored. Click [Baptism Enquiry form](#) to register. If you have any problem accessing this, contact the parish office at [Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk) or 01392 274724.

## GIFT Join the team

We'd love you to help us; get in touch if you could offer one Saturday morning, a month to join the catechist teams or volunteer to serve refreshments.

## GIFT tots

Our next session will be on Friday 24 July 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](#)

Please note there are no GIFT Tot sessions on 27 June, and 10 July. There are also no meetings in August. We will begin meeting every 2nd and 4th Friday in September beginning on Friday 13 September.

## 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 at these links:

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

## Mark 10 Mission

This website offers short children's liturgy videos for both under 8s and 8-12 year olds to help families engage with the Sunday Gospel. You can use this to help your children prepare for and engage with the Sunday Mass. Check out the [website here](#).

## GIFT Youth – Sacrament of Confirmation

Growing in faith, attending GIFT Youth sessions and participating in Sunday Mass are all key elements of a deepening faith. If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please get in touch with the parish office.

## GIFT Youth Socials

Next social is on Friday 20 June 7.30–9.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

## GIFT Youth – SPREE Festival Weekend

Westpoint Arena Exeter. SPREE is an exciting weekend festival for young people to build strong friendships and explore their Christian faith together. The festival is running from Friday 27 – Sunday 29 June. Early bird tickets cost £80, and parishes have kindly offered to subsidise youth tickets by 50%.

Have a look at Spree's 60 second promotional video [here](#).

Please note all youth attending must register with GIFT youth. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with Maria for more information: [exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk)

## 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](mailto: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

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### We commend to the Lord...

Leslie McCloughlin who has died. May he rest in peace. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on Monday 7 July at 2.00pm followed by a reception in St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please keep Leslie and his family in your prayers.

## Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is prayed at Blessed Sacrament Parish every first and third Wednesday after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

## Pope's June Prayer Intention

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

[The Pope Video](#)

## THE WORD

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### **Sunday 15 June – The Most Holy Trinity**

**First Reading** Proverbs 8:22-31

*Before the beginning of the earth, Wisdom was brought forth.*

**Psalm Response**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!

**Second Reading** Romans 5:1-5

*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.*

**Gospel** John 16: 12-15.

*All that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

### **Sunday 22 June – The Body and Blood of Christ**

**First Reading** Genesis 14:18-20

*He offered bread and wine.*

**Psalm Response** You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

*For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord's death.*

**Gospel** Luke 9:11b-17

*All ate and were satisfied.*

### **Sunday 29 June – SS Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**First Reading** Acts 3:1-10

*What I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk!*

**Psalm Response** Their sound goes forth through all the earth.

**Second Reading** Galatians 1: 11-2 God who has set me apart before I was born.

**Gospel** John 21:15-19

*Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.*

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Parish Secretary *Catherine Odams*

Parish Office *Open Tuesday – Friday 10.00am–4.00pm*  
Gift Aid enquiries: [Exeter-heavitree-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:Exeter-heavitree-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk)

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

Parish 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)*

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