

# PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER  
13 July 2025. Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Year C / *Psalter 3*

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## THE GOOD SAMARITAN

# MASS TIMES

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## **Sunday 13 July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.45am *Ruby Tracey RIP*  
10.45am  
2.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass  
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

## **Tuesday 15 July – St Bonaventure-Bishop & Doctor**

6.30pm *Kath Franklin RIP*

## **Wednesday 16 July**

9.30am *Patrick Mason RIP*  
*Followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre*  
*Holy Rosary after Mass*

## **Thursday 17 July**

9.30am  
6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## **Friday 18 July**

6.30pm

## **Saturday 19 July**

9.30am  
4.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

## **Sunday 20 July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Sea Sunday**

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

**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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## Sea Sunday 20 July Stella Maris

On 20 July we welcome Ann Donnelly, Regional Port Chaplain for Teignmouth & Plymouth, to talk about the work of Stella Maris, formerly the Apostleship of the Sea.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. We will be marking Sea Sunday on 20 July. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays

for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, and Gift Aid envelopes will be available. You can also donate [at this link](#) or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

## 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.

## Catholic Women's League Summer event

The Exeter section of the CWL is holding a Summer event. It will consist of a service to be held in the Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree, to welcome new members, for members to renew their commitment and to thank retiring members. It will be followed by tea in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Tuesday 22 July at 2.00pm. We do hope that some ladies will be inspired to join us, we do need new members, but no one will try to persuade you on the day. If you are coming, please tell us by 17 July, by phone 01392209542 or email [francesandedward@blueyondert.co.uk](mailto:francesandedward@blueyondert.co.uk)

## Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth

We have a vacancy for a part time Safeguarding Case Worker – Victim/Survivor Support. Please contact [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk) to obtain an application form and job description. Applications are by covering letter and application form to [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk). Closing date 28 July 2025.

## Catholic Children's Society

### Information Poster in porch

detailing how many families in the Diocese were helped by CSSP so far in 2025, together with a breakdown of what has been purchased and feedback received.

## Road closure 21 July

We have had notification from Wales and West Utilities that they will be upgrading the gas pipes in our area. A road closure will therefore be in place on Magdalen Road and Fore Street. Then there will be a one-directional closure on Fore Street. This will be in place on 21 July 2025, and the anticipated duration will be four weeks.

However, the part of Fore Street directly outside the church will not be closed and access to the church will be clear.

Pedestrian access to Fore St and Magdalen Rd will be available at all times. For more information, Wales and West Utilities' Customer service Team are available on 0800 912 2999, [enquiries@wwutilities.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wwutilities.co.uk), [Twitter@wwutilities](https://twitter.com/wwutilities) or [Facebook.com/wwutiles.co.uk](https://facebook.com/wwutiles.co.uk)

## 2025 Diocesan Youth Rally

20th September, St Rita's, Honiton. 12.00–6.00pm

Aimed at those aged 6-16 years. Come as a team of 6 (over 12s or under 12s) or join a team. A fun way to meet others from across the Diocese, have a go at some of the challenges and maybe win a trophy. To book [click here](#) For further information: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Unbound Freedom in Christ Prayer Conference

September 20/21 St Boniface RC College. Plymouth.

Deliverance. Freedom. Belonging

- Negative thoughts, repetitive sins and unhealthy relationships.
- Destructive habits, idols, and false identities.
- Resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal.

What if you could reach out and touch God's love and never be the same?

Unbound Ministry releases the power of Jesus into wounded hearts.

The Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience transformation and renewal in your life.

Unbound is a non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry which helps people worldwide reclaim their true- identity in Christ.

Trained ministry teams will be on site. Author and co-founder Matt Lozano will be speaking live from the USA. Mass. Confessions. Adoration. Praise and worship and Refreshments. Tickets £40 via the link. Booking essential; tickets not available on the door. Over 18s only. For more details 01752 701660 or 07940 453607

Book your ticket here: [Unbound Prayer Ministry Sept 2025 - Give A Little](#)

## Year of Jubilee – Jubilee of Catechists

27 September at Buckfast Abbey 10.00am – 4.00pm.

A day for catechists and those interested in catechesis.

*“My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me.” John 7:16*

Speakers include: Dr Pat McGovern and the LIFT Team from Truro and Deacon Tim van Kroonenburg from Newton Abbot parish.

To book please contact [plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk). If you would like to share gifts and experiences, displays, posters or presentations, please contact [deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Father Jonathan's Silver Jubilee Celebration Saturday 6 September

The 25th Anniversary of Fr Jonathan's ordination to the priesthood was on Tuesday 8 July. Due to previous commitments we will be celebrating the anniversary as a parish with Mass at 11.00am on Saturday 6 September at Blessed Sacrament Church.



You are all warmly invited to celebrate with Fr Jonathan, giving thanks to God for twenty five 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 in the church porch. Bank transfers may be made using these details: PRCDT Heavitree RC Parish, A/C no 06036007, Sort Code: 52 41 60. Please mark this donation: 'Fr J Jubilee'. Alternatively, the card machine will be available for donations.

Thank you. Ann, Angela, Gary, Jane and Sheila - “Silver Jubilee Enablers” 😊



## Compassionate Boxes Thoughtful Support in Times of Loss

Compassionate Boxes was created to bring dignity, care, and a touch of kindness during one of life's most difficult moments-the loss of a loved one. We supply specially curated boxes designed to support bereaved families and friends when collecting personal belongings from police stations, hospitals, or other institutions, to replace plastic bags. In

addition to personal belongings, the boxes contain support leaflets, knitted hearts, a lavender bag, a shoe bag, a poem and knitted teddies for children.

Some parishioners may have had the pleasure to know Chris Wale, who died suddenly in June 2023, and who was a deeply loved husband, father and friend. He

was also a respected member of his church family and a dedicated local councillor who served his community with integrity and compassion. The boxes honour Chris' legacy of service and care.

Each box costs £5.80. There are leaflets in the church porch giving more information, including how to donate.

Our web site is [www.compassioanteboxes.co.uk](http://www.compassioanteboxes.co.uk) and our email is [compassioanteboxes@mail.com](mailto:compassioanteboxes@mail.com). You can find us on Fb page Compassionate Boxes. Thank you. Compassionate Boxes Sidmouth, Marian and Teresa

## St Nicholas School News

We are loving the hot weather and the many chances to play and learn outside. Yr 6 loved their residential at Kilve last week and are now in the final rehearsals for their performance of Peter Pan next week.

We still have sessions available in our Nursery from September and can offer wrap around care - please contact the school by emailing [admissions@stncls.uk](mailto:admissions@stncls.uk) for more 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.

## Bible Alive

There are 4 copies of this publication in the church porch, price £3.00. Please put your money in the box marked "books and newspapers"

## Catholic South West

July edition available, price 50p. Please put money in the box marked "newspapers".

## 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

The top five items needed this week are: Tinned fruit, pasta/noodle snacks, rice pudding, vegetarian meals, jams and spreads. There is a collection basket at the back of the church. [Exeter Food Bank](#)

## Christians Together Across Exeter

### New opportunities at YMCA Exeter

We are recruiting an Allocations Officer and a Support Worker. Closing date 25 July.  
For more information email: [hr@ymcaexeter.org.uk](mailto:hr@ymcaexeter.org.uk)

### 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.

## FORMING IN FAITH

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### 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.

### 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.

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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### 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 Tots 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 18 July 7.30–9.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

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### We commend to the Lord...

All those who have died and whose anniversaries occur round this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### We welcome into the life of grace...

Charles Crowley who will be baptised this weekend. Please offer a prayer for him, his parents and Godparents. May he grow in knowledge and love of the Lord.

### Congratulations...

to Chris and Marian who were married this weekend. We wish them every blessing as they begin their married life together.

### Praying the Rosary

Blessed Sacrament every first and third Wednesday after 9.30am Mass.

### Pope's July Prayer Intention- For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

[Click to Pray](#)



# THE WORD

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## **Sunday 13 July – Fifteenth Sunday in Time**

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 30:10-14 *The word is very near you, so that you can do it*

**Psalm Response** Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:15-20 *All things were created through him and for him.*

**Gospel** Luke 10: 25-37 *Who is my neighbour?*

## **Sunday 20 July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** Genesis 18: 1-10a *O Lord, do not pass by your servant.*

**Psalm Response** O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

**Second Reading** Colossians 1: 24-28 *The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.*

**Gospel** Luke 10:38-42 *Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion.*

# CONTACT US

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Parish Secretary *Catherine Odams*

Parish Office *Open Tuesday – Friday 10.00am–4.00pm*  
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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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## St Nicholas School

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