

# PARISH NEWS

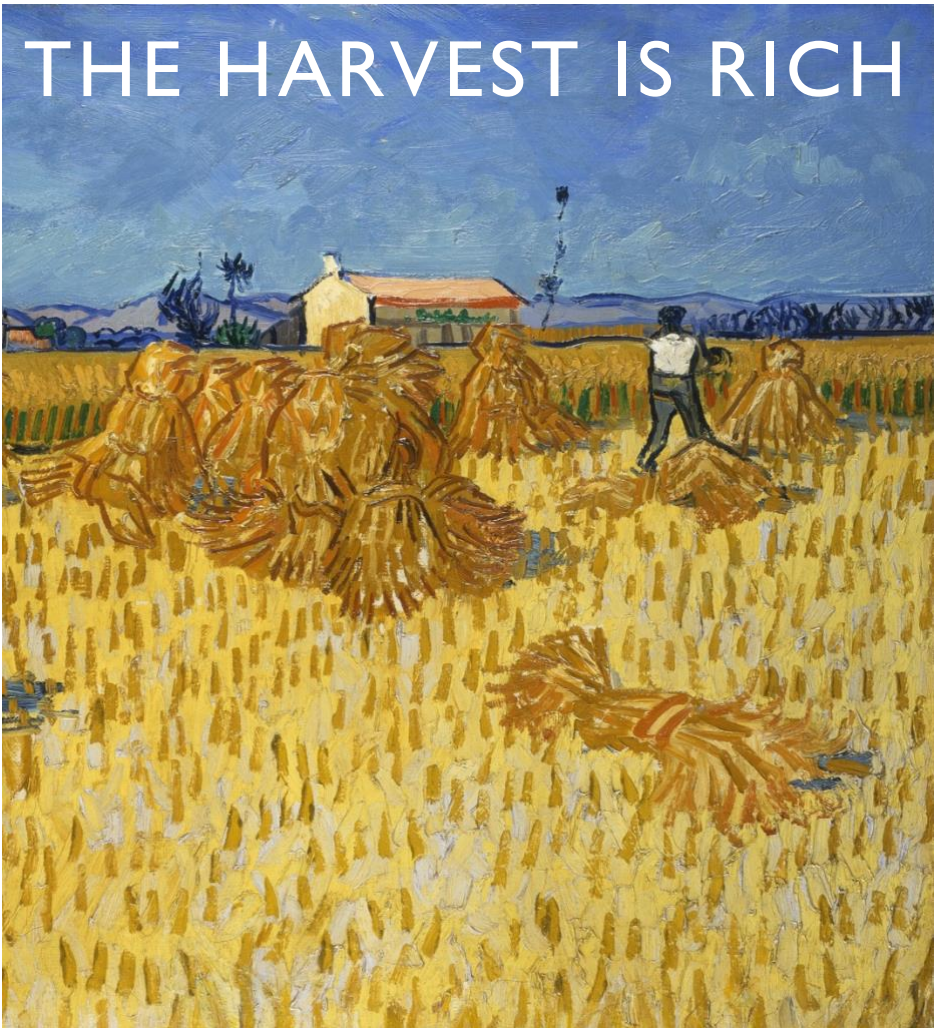


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER

6 July 2025. Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Year C.2 Psalter 2

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## THE HARVEST IS RICH



# MASS TIMES

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

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

## **Tuesday 8 July**

6.30pm *Private Intention*

## **Wednesday 9 July**

9.30am  
*Followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre*

## **Thursday 10 July**

9.30am  
6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## **Friday 11 July – St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe**

6.30pm *Theresa Obiageli Enwonwu RIP*

## **Saturday 12 July**

9.30am  
4.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

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

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

**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 – 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 of 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

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

There is an additional Zoom session being offered by the School for Synodality on Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 19.30. [You can join online by following this link.](#)

## 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.

## Father Jonathan's Silver Jubilee Celebration

### Save the date – Saturday 6 September

The 25th Anniversary of Fr Jonathan's ordination to the priesthood is 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, Catherine, Angela, Gary, Jane and Sheila- "Silver Jubilee Enablers" 😊

## Abortion up to birth - how did your MP vote?

Did your MP vote for abortion up to birth? Use this web tool from Right to Life to find out and then send them an email to encourage them to vote the right way if the amendment / other abortion amendments return from the Lords for votes in the Commons during “ping-pong”.

Please take action now and email your local MP [here](#) . It takes just 30 seconds!

## 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), or Twitter @wwutilities or Facebook.com/wwutiles.co.uk

## Catholic Children's Society News

### Record breaking start to 2025

We have been totally overwhelmed by the generosity of our loyal supporters so far in 2025 as we have smashed the record-breaking Orange Box recycling targets set over the last two years. In 2024, our recycling scheme raised almost £6,000 compared to the previous year's record breaking total of just over £5,500 and within the first six months of 2025, we have already raised over £30,000 so far!!

Since this recycling scheme was introduced in 2011, we have raised £61,757.87, which is absolutely amazing, and we are all so grateful. Just imagine how many families we have been able to help over the last 15 years!!



### Did you manage a Spring clean?

We are already well into the longer evenings and the warmth that summer brings but did you manage to dust off the cobwebs of the Winter months and have a good old-fashioned Spring Clean? Did you know that you can donate your unwanted items through the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s Orange Box recycling scheme and turn clutter into cash for a very good cause? If you have some items to donate, please pop them in your parish Orange Box and if your parish doesn't have one, please email Vicki Dunstone [here](#) or call the CCSP office on 01364 645420.

Thank you to all parishes who maintain an Orange Box and to every generous donor who has contributed to this amazing amount of money raised for CCSP.

Items that can be popped into your parish Orange Box include:

- Stamp collections, first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre 1950.
- Coins and banknotes – any and all, old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise.
- Precious metals including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver etc.
- Metals including ornaments, metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition.
- Costume jewellery.
- Medals.
- Small antiques and collectibles.
- Watches – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not.
- Any Catholic religious memorabilia such as rosaries, crucifixes, medals etc.

Thank you to every individual, parish and school who continues to support our Orange Box recycling scheme.

## Catholic Childrens Society Job Vacancy

CCSP are looking to recruit an Assistant Grants Officer. Closing date Monday 14 July. Please see the advertisement in the church porch.

## St Nicholas School News

Our lucky Year 6s are in Kilve this week having an amazing time in the sun. They've been fossil hunting, tried archery and completed a fantasy trail as well as had a disco and lots of yummy food! Our Year 1/2 children are also going to have fun at Bicton Park, going on a train ride and attending workshops as well as exploring the grounds. It's a busy time - we have already held Sports Day (once again luckily in the sun) and are now preparing for the events leading up to the end of term when we will say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers.

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 [www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk](http://www.st-nicholas-exeter.devon.sch.uk)) to 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 more info.

## 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.

## 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. It's 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)

## Catholic South West

Copies of the July edition are in the porch, price 50p. Please put your money in the box marked “newspapers”.

## 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

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 is no GIFT Tot sessions on 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 18 July 7.30–9.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

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### We commend to the Lord...

Daniel Comerford and Leslie McLoughlin who have died. May they rest in peace. Leslie's 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 Daniel, Leslie and their families in your prayers.

### 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 6 July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Isaiah 66: 10-14c *Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.*

**Psalm Response** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Second Reading** Galatians 6:14-18 *I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.*

**Gospel** Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 *Your peace will rest upon him.*

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



# CONTACT US

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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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