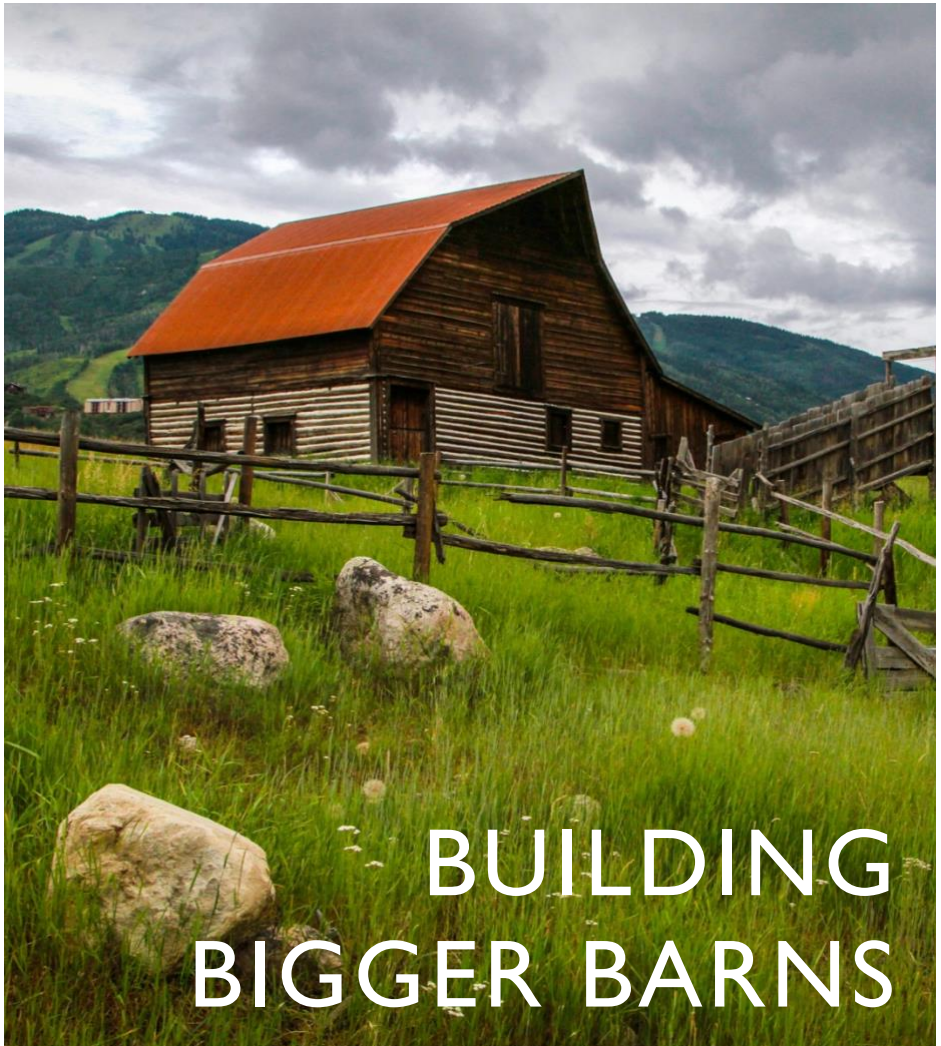


PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER
3 August 2025. 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C1 Psalter 2



MASS TIMES

Sunday 3 August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am *People of the Parish*

10.45am

2.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

6.00pm

Tuesday 5 August – St John Mary Vianney, Priest

6.30pm *Private Intention*

Wednesday 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

9.30am *For a new bishop*

Followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre

Holy Rosary after Mass

Thursday 7 August

No Mass

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 8 August – St Dominic, Priest

No Mass

Saturday 9 August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Virgin & Martyr. Patron of Europe

No Mass

4.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Sunday 10 August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.45am

10.45am

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



Alpha is coming – Save the date

We are delighted to announce that our next Alpha course will begin on Tuesday 16 September at 7.00pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. This exciting series will run on Tuesday evenings until November 25.

If you, and friends, would like to join us for this exploration of the basics of the Christian faith in an open friendly environment, share conversation and supper

then please keep these dates free in your diary and in the next few weeks we will let you know how to join.

Flower Arrangers – Interested in Volunteering?

You do not need to be a professional florist—anyone with an interest in flowers and willingness to help is welcome. Volunteers are needed for the following tasks:

- Selecting and arranging flowers in vases.
- Watering and maintaining arrangements when needed during the week.
- Removing or refreshing flowers as necessary.

Whether you are available occasionally, or for special occasions such as Christmas or Easter, or a certain Jubilee celebration, or once a month, your assistance would be appreciated. This is a calm and thoughtful way to contribute to our community.

Please email Stephanie Bending on bendinghall@gmail.com

Father Jonathan's Silver Jubilee Celebration Saturday 6 September

Fr Jonathan's celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Tuesday 8 July. We will be celebrate 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 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" 😊



Parish pilgrimage to Launceston

On Saturday 11 October you are invited to join a pilgrimage to St Cuthbert Mayne Church in Launceston, one of the four designated pilgrimage sites in our diocese this Jubilee Year. Canon John Deeny will welcome us to mass at 11.00am before we have a chance to view the relic of St Cuthbert Mayne among others.

Find out about one of our region's patron saints, bring lunch to share in the parish centre, and follow an optional town trail around key sites related to St Cuthbert Mayne's life. And for those with Pilgrim Passports, you can add another stamp!

To register your interest and for more information, contact the Parish Office exeter-heavytrees@prcdtr.org.uk. In keeping with the Jubilee theme of Care for Creation, we would like to arrange a car share. So please let us know if you require a lift or could offer a number of seats to your fellow pilgrims.



Mad deacons at it again!

Deacons Brian and Kelvin are hoping to do a 100-mile tandem bike ride next summer, 2026. Sadly, they have a problem - they have no tandem! Can you help?

If you know of anyone who has a tandem which they would be willing to lend or sell, please contact Catherine at the Parish Office. This cycling event will raise money to educate impoverished students in Kenya. Thank you.

Catholic Children's Society 2025 Annual Appeal

Giving Hope to All: Putting All Children First. Sunday 24 August

As we continue our journey through this Jubilee Year, with its theme Pilgrims of Hope, we are invited to reflect on how we respond to the Cry of the Poor, with special attention to children, the most vulnerable, and their families.

Pope Leo XIV has emphasised that "Jesus is our hope," encouraging us to approach Him with trust, especially during hardships and suffering. He can heal us and revive us. The healing touch of Jesus extends to those in need, through tangible gestures of love and support.

The Catholic Children's Society Plymouth is an effective means through which the grace of Jesus reaches out to children and their families. Week after week, the Society responds to those in serious need of support. While they make every effort not to turn anyone away, there is always unmet demand. The Society has benefitted enormously from your compassionate and generous giving. The Annual Appeal is an important way in which we can continue to show solidarity and support for their work.

Together, let us answer Pope Leo XIV's call: "Let us go to Jesus: He can heal us, He can revive us. Jesus is our hope." By putting **all children first**, may we help extend that reviving grace of Jesus to those in need of it, and truly give **hope to all**."

Canon John Deeny, Chair, Caritas Plymouth

Plymouth CAST needs your help

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel.

We are looking to expand our Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience of education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust.

Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information, Mrs Leah Paiano paiano@plymouthcast.org.uk

2025 Diocesan Youth Rally

20 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

Unbound-Freedom in Christ

Prayer Conference September 20/21 St Boniface 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 is a non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry which helps people worldwide reclaim their true- identity in Christ.

Author and co-founder Matt Lozano will be speaking live from the USA.

Mass. Confessions. Adoration. Trained ministry teams. Praise and worship.

Booking essential tickets not available on the door. Over 18s only.

Tickets £40 via the link. [Book your ticket here](#)

For more details 01752 701660 or 07940 453607

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. If you would like to share gifts and experiences, displays, posters or presentations, please contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Marriage help – Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17-19 October. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

Catholic South West

August edition is available in the porch, price 50p. Please put money in the box marked “books and papers”.

Diocese of Plymouth latest Newsletter...

...can be read [at this link](#)

Caritas Plymouth Newsletter

The latest newsletter for August 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](#)

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

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 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 if you would like to join us.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

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 tots

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, from 10.15am to 11.15am, beginning on Friday 13 September in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

GIFT Youth Socials in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

Next social Friday 12 September 7.30–9.30pm in the St Richard Reynolds Centre.

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 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.

PRAYER & LITURGY

We commend to the Lord...

Kenneth McDiarmid RIP. Kenneth's Funeral Mass will be on 5 August at 10.00am.
Please keep Kenneth and his family in your prayers.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We welcome to the Life of Grace...

Mae, who will be baptised on Saturday. We pray for her family and Godparents.
May she grow in love and knowledge of the Lord and be richly blessed.

Praying the Holy Rosary

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

Pope's August Prayer Intention – for formation in discernment

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

[The Pope Video](#)

THE WORD

Sunday 3 August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 *What has a man from all his toil?*

Psalm Response O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21 *The things you have prepared, whose will they be?*

Sunday 10 August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 18: 6-9 *By the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us.*

Psalm Response Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Second Reading Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.

Gospel Luke 12:32-48 *You also must be ready.*

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Parish website 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*

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