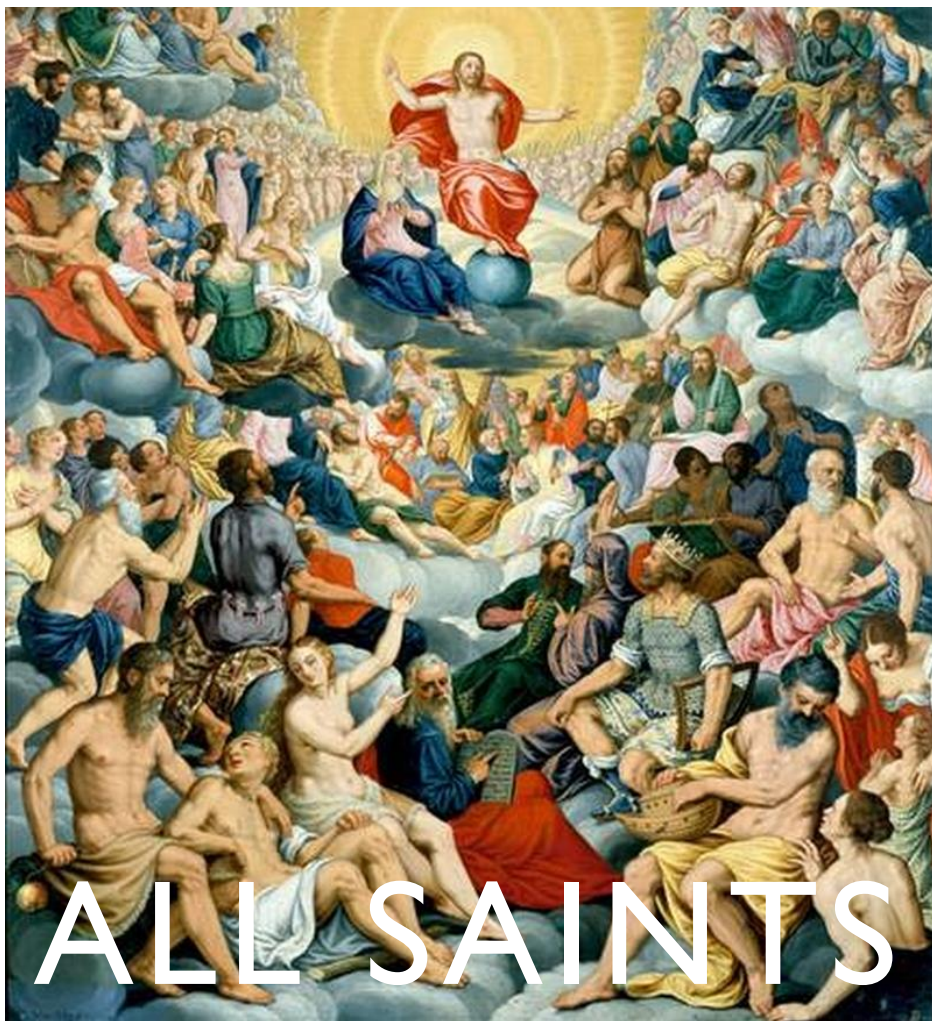


PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER
2 November 2025. 31st Week in Ordinary Time. Year C1 Psalter 3
9 November 2025. 32nd Week in Ordinary Time. Year C2 Psalter 4



ALL SAINTS

The Feast of All Saints commemorates all those who have gone before us who have merited a place in heaven and are now resting alongside God. It is easy for us to imagine that these 'special' people are very different to us, that they had somehow always been destined to be saints, but we would be mistaken. Rather than being different to us, these men and women who have achieved sanctity are just like you and me. Yes, they have done wonderful things during their lifetime, been martyred for the faith or done extraordinary deeds of charity, but we are all capable of achieving the same. The most important thing to remember is that it is grace which enabled them to become holy. It is the same grace that each of us has been granted. Let us pray, as we commemorate all the saints, that one day, grace may help us to take our place alongside them in paradise.

MASS TIMES

Sunday 2 November – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of All Saints

8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *Gerard Cleary RIP*
2.00pm Syro Malabar Rite Mass
6.00pm

Tuesday 4 November – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6.30pm *Private Intention*

Wednesday 5 November

9.30am

Followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre

Holy Rosary after Mass

Thursday 6 November

9.30am

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 7 November

6.30pm

Saturday 8 November

9.30am

Sunday 9 November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Remembrance Day – All Victims of War

8.45am *Private Intention*
10.45am *People of the Parish*
2.00pm Syro Malabar Rite Mass
6.00pm *For the repose of the souls of Catenians and Catholics
of the Exeter area killed in the 1939/45 War*

Tuesday 11 November – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

6.30pm *Filip 18th birthday*

Wednesday 12 November – St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

9.30am *The Evans Family*

Followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre

Holy Rosary after Mass

Thursday 13 November

10.00am Funeral Mass Julie Whiting RIP

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 14 November

6.30pm

Saturday 15 November

9.30am

Sunday 16 November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

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

Announcement of a new Bishop of Plymouth

The Diocese has issued a special edition diocesan newsletter following the announcement of the appointment of Bishop Nichols Hudson as our new bishop.

[You can read the newsletter by following this link.](#)

Thank You for Your Generosity

We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity of our parishioners. Your support enables our parish to thrive and serve the community in so many ways.

As we look to the future, we encourage those who are able to consider switching to bank Standing Order or the Sum Up machine for their donations. This helps us plan and steward our resources more effectively.

If you are a UK taxpayer, pay sufficient tax and haven't yet signed up for Gift Aid, we warmly invite you to do so. Gift aid allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you. It's a simple way to make your generosity go even further.

Bank standing order, Gift Aid donor forms and Information on how to donate via your mobile or computer are permanently available in the church porch. *Ann Edwards, Parish Treasurer*

GIFT Youth Caritas

On Sunday 9 November the young people of the GIFT Youth Caritas group will be selling cakes after all Masses in aid of St Petrock's, Exeter's local homelessness charity. The young people have learnt about homelessness and decided to make this the focus of their action this term.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We're delighted that 17 of our young parishioners across Catholic Exeter are preparing to be confirmed on Saturday 22 November at the 17:30 Vigil Mass, Sacred Heart. Please keep these young people, their families and catechists in your prayers.

Hosanah House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT)

Every year we travel to Lourdes, France, on pilgrimage for around a week and care for a group of children from several different backgrounds, life experiences, and who may have a physical, psychological and/or social need.

There will be a bake sale after 10:45am Mass on Sunday 16 November in aid of the HCPT Group 141 Group Fund. The Group Fund covers the cost of each child that travels with the group (£1393 per child including accommodation, food, and flights). In addition to the children's fares, we are raising money for group activities and travel. If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate to Group 141, they have a Go Fund Me page: [please click here](#)

[HCPT website](#) Thank you in advance     

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

We've had the following email from Peter Schranz, President of Exeter SVP

Dear Fr Jonathan and all at Blessed Sacrament,

Can I please thank all your parishioners for their very generous support of the SVP recently. We have just had the lovely amount of £661 credited to our account, which we will certainly put to good use.

As well as helping with our Christmas support of needy families it will also help continue to support our asylum seekers bus tickets project as well as our school shoes project which supports St Nicholas School.

We are so moved by the generosity of all our Parishes here in Exeter.

Bless you all, Peter.

RCIA Journey in Faith

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic? We regularly have requests from people who want to know more about the Catholic Faith because they are experiencing a call to be a part of the Church. They come from all walks of life and are different ages. The Holy Spirit is at work!

We support those who want to join us by meeting regularly and discussing what it means to be a Catholic Christian. We call this journey RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults. Whilst it was originally formulated to receive those who had never been baptised, many of those who now come along have already been initiated into another tradition. We are all on a journey of faith. Our meetings are designed to support and encourage those who are not yet Catholic and to accompany them.

We are hoping to begin the meetings in the second week of October. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Sacred Heart Parish on 01392 642389. Please watch this space for more details.

Christmas Fayre in aid of Force Cancer Charity

We need your help!

Jane and Gary are organizing the fayre, which is being held in the United Reformed Church church just down the road on December 13 at 11.00am until 2.00pm.

They would like some help please! Particularly lovely volunteers to work on stalls, but also donations of books, jigsaws, toys, games, bottles, tombola prizes and baked cakes. If you can help please call Jane on 07890373617.

Key holders to church property.

We are required by the diocese to compile a list of everyone who has access to the church premises with a key, a fob or the code to the sacristy door.

If this includes you, please complete a form, signed and returned to the Parish Office. You can collect a form from the church porch or the office. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine in the office on 01392274724, or exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.

Accommodation sought

A parishioner is looking for accommodation to rent privately. No pets, non smoking. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Advent Retreat for 18–30s

3 saviours and 1 Messiah, Advent Retreat for 18-30 year olds, Sclerder Abbey.
21st - 23rd November 2025

Join young adults from across the Diocese of Plymouth to prepare for Advent. During the weekend you will explore John's scripture; 'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us' (J1:14) whilst experiencing elements of the Chemin Neuf Community, listening to talks from Fr Robbie Low and exploring the area. A

recommended donation of £30 is to help with the accommodation and food costs. Transport offered from Liskeard station. For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk. [Follow this link to book.](#)

St Nicholas School News

We have Nursery spaces for 3–4-year-olds from January 2026 and can offer both 30 and 15 hours funding and wrap around care in our Breakfast and After school Clubs. Contact admissions@stnics.uk for more information and to find out how to apply. Please see our school website [here](#) to find out more about St Nicholas.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Migrants, Missionaries of Hope

For anyone who missed the Caritas Plymouth online event held for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, they are delighted to share a link to the recording of the talks. The talks were given by John Paul de Quay of the **Ecological Conversion Group**, Richard Sloman from **CAFOD's** Bangladesh Programme and Alex Miranda, Refugee & Migration Lead for **Caritas Diocese of Plymouth**.

[Follow this link](#) for the recording and an article about the event and suggestions for simple and achievable actions we can take to address this global issue at a local level. In his [message for the Jubilee of Migrants](#), Bishop Paul McAleenan, lead bishop in the UK for Migrants and Refugees, said: "It is our obligation to try and understand why migrants appear among us; our duty is to care for those who seek refuge in our country."

We would be grateful if you could fill out this very [short feedback](#) form, whether you attended or not.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is here to help. Please contact Alex at caritas@prcdtr.org.uk if you wish to discuss further how we can follow the call of the Bishops, the Popes and the Gospel to [Love the Stranger](#)

Being Signs of Hope

A day of Reflection and Prayer for the 9th World Day of the Poor

Saturday 15 November 2025 10.00am-3.00pm at St Rita's Centre, Honiton.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth invites you to gather for a day of prayer to reflect on Pope Leo's first message and how we can walk alongside those experiencing poverty. We are delighted to welcome David McLoughlin back to the diocese again this year after his much-celebrated keynote talks at this year's *Gather Conference*. The event will start with a liturgy at 10.00am and end at 3.00pm with closing prayers. A free light lunch will be provided for those attending the day.

To register email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01364 645425

Catholic Children's Society (CCSP)

We have had the following letter from Shelagh Fearnley, Chair of the Trustee Directors, Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

To the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church, Exeter

Thank you so much for your collection of £446.00 for our 2025 Annual Appeal 'Giving Hope to All– Putting All Children First'. Feedback from the families that we have supported has been overwhelming as the grants really do make a massive difference to the lives of families living in our diocese.

"The bed and mattresses have all come. Honestly thank you so much. What a difference it's made to me and my kids already. All of them are over the moon and said it's the best sleep they've had in ages as it was so comfy. So, thank you."

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you for all the lovely clothing for the children. They are over the moon with it all. 😊 they said it's like Christmas ❤️ Thank you once again. This means so much to us right now."

We are looking to recruit a Parish Volunteer, or small group of volunteers to help promote our work. If you would like more information, please do get in touch. Please keep our work and the children we help in your prayers.

With much appreciation, Shelagh Fearnley

Fancy winning an air fryer bundle?



Thanks to HBH Woolacotts and The School Wear Shop in Plymouth who have donated an AFI40 Ninja Air Fryer and a £100 supermarket gift card of your choice, we are delighted to be running our third Crowdfunder prize draw to raise funds to help support our Essential Grants programme.

To enter, please visit [please click here](#). Or alternatively, you can scan this QR code using your smart phone and you will be directed to our Crowdfunding page. Many thanks for your support !

Diocese of Plymouth latest Newsletter...

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

Caritas Plymouth Newsletter

[Click on this link](#) to read the latest edition of the Caritas Diocese of Plymouth newsletter, with news of love in action and upcoming events in our diocese

Catholic South West

November's edition is available in the porch, price 50p. Please put money in the box marked "books and papers".

Bible Alive...

... is a Catholic scripture magazine which draws its strength, inspiration, and direction from the liturgical cycle. There are 4 copies of the double November/December edition in the church porch, priced £6.00. Please put money in the box marked "books and papers".

Catholic Bishops of England and Wales

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

Stop assisted suicide – further action needed!

Sending a physical letter carries particular weight with Members of the House of Lords. Right To Life UK has created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers, each focused on a specific area of concern. You can then print them, or copy them out by hand, sign, and post them. ***Please take action now and [visit this link](#) to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.***

Exeter Foodbank

The top five items needed this week are: Tinned meat meals, small jars of coffee, vegetarian meals, biscuits, shampoo. The Bank is well stocked with pasta, baked beans and porridge. There is a collection basket at the back of the church with a poster attached about the Harvest Appeal. Thank you. [Exeter Food Bank](#)

Going into Hospital?

Are you, or someone you know, going into hospital for any length of time, and would you 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 14 and 28 March (split Saturdays), 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.

Forming in Faith

Our next session will be on Monday 3 November; we will watch and discuss Bishop Robert Barron's video on the life of St Francis of Assisi. Please join us after morning Mass from 10:30-12:15 in the lower room. All are welcome. Please note that from November, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month in Sacred Heart Lower Room from 10:30-12:00, rather than every fortnight.

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.

The next session is on Saturday 6 December at St Nicholas School

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: New day and venue

From November, GIFT tots will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month in the Sacred Heart Lower Room. Please get in touch with Maria if you would like to register and attend: Exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk

GIFT Youth Socials: School Years 7-9

The next social will be on Friday 14 November in the St Richard Reynolds Rooms at the new time of 7.00pm - 8.30pm

If you haven't already registered, please register here: [GIFT Youth Registration Form](#)

GIFT Youth Caritas for School Years 10–13

Next session Friday 7 November 7.30pm -9.30pm Please register before attending.

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

Blessing of the Graves

November is the month of remembrance. We will hold our traditional Blessing of the Graves on Sunday 9 November at 2.30pm at Higher Cemetery. Please meet at the Hamlin Lane entrance to the cemetery. All welcome.

We commend to the Lord...

...Julie Whiting RIP. Julie's funeral Mass will be held on [Thursday 13 November at 10.00am](#). Please pray for Julie, her family and friends. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity. [The Pope Video](#)

PARISH NEWS

If you have any items for Parish news, please ensure they are sent to the office in plenty of time. The best way to do this is by email: exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk.

Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

THE WORD

Sunday 2 November – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 11:22-12:2

You are merciful to all, for you love all things that exist.

Psalm Response I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

So that the name of Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him.

Gospel Luke 19: 1-10 *The son of man came to seek and save the lost.*

Sunday 9 November – 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 7a, 9-14 *The King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life.*

Psalm Response

When awake I shall be filled with the vision of your presence, O Lord.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3.5

May the Lord establish you in every good work and word.

Gospel Luke 20: 27- 38 *He is not a God of the dead, but of the living*

Sunday 16 November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Malachi 4:1-2a *For you the sun of righteousness shall rise.*

Psalm Response The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

Gospel Luke 21: 5 -19

By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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Parish Instagram [blessedsacramentexeter](https://www.instagram.com/blessedsacramentexeter)

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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