

# PARISH NEWS



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, HEAVITREE, EXETER  
7 December 2025. 2nd week of Advent. Year A Psalter 2



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve**

6.00pm Vigil Mass. 11.30pm Vigil of Carols & Readings. 12.00am Midnight Mass

**Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day**

8.45am Mass, 10.45am Mass. No evening Mass

# MASS TIMES

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## **Sunday 7 December**

### **2nd Sunday of Advent**

8.45am *Bishop Nicholas Hudson*  
10.45am *People of the Parish*  
6.00pm

## **Monday 8 December**

The Immaculate Conception  
9.30am *Private Intention*

## **Tuesday 9 December**

Advent weekday  
6.30pm *Special Intention*

## **Wednesday 10 December**

Advent weekday  
9.30am *Followed by refreshments*

## **Thursday 11 December**

Advent weekday  
9.30am *Clergy of Catholic Exeter*  
6.00pm *Adoration*

## **Friday 12 December**

Advent weekday  
6.30pm *Employees of Catholic Exeter*

## **Saturday 13 December**

*St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*  
9.30am *Fr Jonathan*

## **Sunday 14 December**

### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

8.45am  
10.45am *Krzysztof Jasinski RIP*  
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

## **Tuesday 16 December**

Advent weekday  
6.30pm *Special Intention*

## **Wednesday 17 December**

Advent weekday  
9.30am *Followed by refreshments*

## **Thursday 18 December**

Advent weekday  
9.30am *Clergy of Catholic Exeter*

## **Friday 19 December**

Advent weekday  
6.30pm *Employees of Catholic Exeter*

## **Saturday 20 December – St**

*Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*  
9.30am *Fr Jonathan*

## **Sunday 21 December**

### **4th Sunday of Advent**

8.45am  
10.45am *Krzysztof Jasinski RIP*  
3.00pm *Carol Service*  
6.00pm *People of the Parish*

## **Tuesday 23 December**

Advent weekday  
6.30pm *Special Intention*

**For times of Christmas Masses  
see front page**

## **Friday 26 December**

*St Stephen, Martyr*  
9.30am *Christmas Mass*

## **Saturday 27 December**

*St John, Evangelist*  
9.30am *Christmas Mass*

## **Sunday 28 December**

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
8.45am *Mass*  
10.45am *Mass*  
6.00pm *Mass*

## **Tuesday 30 December**

6.30pm *Mass*

## **Wednesday 31 December**

8.30am *Mass*  
6.00pm *Holy Hour to welcome  
the New Year*

## **Thursday 1 January**

*Mary, Mother of God*  
12.00pm *Mass*

# ADVENT

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## A Child is Born – Concert with Catemos Choir

### A Celebration of Christmas in Choral Music and Readings

Blessed Sacrament Church Thursday 18 December at 7.00pm. Free admission. There will be a retiring collection in support of St Petrock's, responding positively to homelessness in our city and beyond. All welcome, invite a friend!

## Blessed Sacrament Carol Service

Please join us on Sunday 21 December at 3.00pm as we gather to sing carols and reflect on the coming of Jesus at Christmas. All welcome.

## Advent Confessions

### **Wednesday 17 December 6.30pm and Saturday 20 December 10.00am**

During these times several priests will be available in the church to hear confessions. Please take this opportunity to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

## Advent Tree of Kindness

For the last few years during Advent we have been collecting for Exeter Foodbank. Our Tree of Kindness is once more in the church. Please take a tag, purchase the item listed, bring it back to church and place it under the tree. We will arrange for all your gifts to be delivered to the Foodbank.

You may like to replace the tag with a coloured ribbon in memory of someone you have loved and who has died. This transforms our tree into a tree of prayer.

## Supporting Resilient Women

This Christmas, as a parish, we would like to raise money for the Exeter Colab Women's Centre Campaign and to bring a little joy at Christmas to those less fortunate than ourselves.

For the last few years we have given lovely gift bags, under the "Love Christmas" initiative, to ladies escaping domestic violence; gifts which are always received with delight and huge gratitude. We would like to do that again this year. In order to provide the Christmas bags and support the development of the Women's Centre, I'm appealing to you to please donate money, whatever you can afford to give.

You can donate by card, using the cashless giving machine in the church porch, by bank transfer (details from the parish office – reference Colab) or by cash placed in an envelope and labelled 'Colab Christmas fundraiser'. You will make a difference - improving the daily lives of these less fortunate women in Exeter especially at Christmas! Thank you for your generosity. Sheila x

## Holy Boy: A Musical Nativity

Join us on Sunday 14 December at 4.00pm at Sacred Heart Church for a musical nativity performed by our young people: including music and songs from 'Holy Boy'; a Christmas Folk Oratorio by David Palmer.

## World Day of the Poor – 16 December

Loving Father, you gaze with compassion on all who are poor and vulnerable; fill our hearts with your love, that we may see your face in every brother and sister who lacks. Inspire us to a love that reaches out, a faith that acts, and a Church that walks humbly with the poor. Grant us courage to bear witness to your justice, and the grace to share our gifts with generous hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Simbang Gabi – Traditional Filipino Mass

Join us on Saturday 20 December at 1.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church to celebrate Simbang Gabi. Fr Bernie will be presiding and the Mass will be followed by a Christmas Party at Wonford Community Centre EX2 6NF. All welcome.

## Christmas Fayre in aid of Force Cancer Charity

Saturday 13 December 11.00am – 2.00pm at Heavitree United Reformed Church, Fore Street. Please join us to support this local charity and to have a wonderful time meeting new and old friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

## THE WORD

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### Sunday 7 December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

**First Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10

*With righteousness he shall judge the poor.*

**Psalm Response** In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

**Second Reading** Romans 15:4-9. *Christ saves humanity.*

**Gospel** Matthew 3:1-2. *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

### Sunday 14 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

**First Reading** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10. *God himself will come and save you.*

**Psalm Response** Come Lord, and save us.

**Second Reading** James 5:7-10.

*Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand*

**Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11. *Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?*

