

CATHOLIC EXETER



Parishes of Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament, and Holy Cross

12 November 2023 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A. *Psalter Week 4*

WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM



MASS TIMES BLESSED SACRAMENT



Sunday 12 November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Day – All victims of War

- 8.45am *People of the Parish*
10.45am *Olwyn & Dudley Folland RIP*
Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre
6.00pm *For the repose of the souls of Catenians & Catholics of Exeter
killed in the 1939/45 war.*

Tuesday 14 November

- 10.30am Funeral Service Bernard Castlehouse RIP
6.30pm *In Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 15 November

- 9.30am *Special Intention*
Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre

Thursday 16 November

- 9.30am *David Duben RIP*
7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Stronghold

Friday 17 November

- 6.30pm *Sick & Housebound*

Saturday 18 November

- 9.30am *Dan Docherty RIP*

Sunday 19 November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor

- 8.45am *Elisabetta Pagliarulo RIP*
10.45am *People of the Parish*
Followed by refreshments in St Richard Reynolds Centre
3.00pm Syro Malabar Mass
6.00pm *All Souls*

Confessions

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass and on reasonable request.

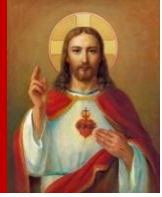
Liturgy of the Word for Children

During term time at 10.45am Mass on Sunday.

Live stream Mass

To access the YouTube stream please [click here](#).

MASS TIMES SACRED HEART



Sunday 12 November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Day – All victims of War

- 5.30pm (Sat) *Mgr Harry Doyle RIP*
9.15am *Fr Kieran Kirby RIP - Mass with Liturgy of the Word for Children.*
Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room
11.15am *People of the Parish*
1.15pm *Mass in Polish*
5.30-6.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Monday 13 November

- 10.00am *All Souls*

Tuesday 14 November

- 10.00am *Deceased Members of "Friends of the Suffering Souls"*
Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room
5.30-6.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Wednesday 15 November – St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor

- 10.00am *Nevett & Browning Families*
Followed by SVP Chatter Café in the Lower Room

Thursday 16 November – St Gertrude, Virgin

- 6.30pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*
7.00pm *Geoff Baker*

Friday 17 November – St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop

- 10.00am *All Souls*

Saturday 18 November – Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 10.00am *All Souls*
Followed by CWL refreshments in the Lower Room

Sunday 19 November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor

- 5.30pm (Sat) *People of the Parish*
9.15am *Stefan Pylypiak RIP - Mass with Liturgy of the Word for Children.*
Followed by refreshments in the Lower Room
11.15am *All Souls*
1.15pm *Mass in Polish*
5.30-6.00pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Confessions Saturday after 10.00am Mass and 4.00-5.00pm, and on request.

The Church is open for private prayer from 9.00am until 6.00pm each day.

Live stream Mass To access the YouTube stream please [click here](#).

MASS TIMES HOLY CROSS, TOPSHAM

Sunday 12 November Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.15am

People of the Parish

Thursday 16 November

10.00am

Sunday 19 November Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.15am

People of the Parish

Watch early for wisdom!

In this Sunday's parable, the ten bridesmaids are an image of the Church as she waits for the coming of the Lord. Whilst all ten bring lamps to greet the bridegroom, only five also bring flasks of oil as well. The foolish bridesmaids display negligent self-confidence, whilst the wise bridesmaids rely not on what they have in the lamp, but store up oil to ensure the lamp will remain lit. The lamp can be seen as an image of the human heart, and the flask of oil as the fruits of grace. Foolish Christians rely on themselves, presuming that they have hearts ready to greet the Lord. Wise Christians, on the other hand, do not rely on themselves, instead they put their confidence in the power of God's grace, that they may have a heart that seeks the Lord. A foolish Christian says, "I'm a good person" and so shuts their heart from saving grace, since they do not need it. A wise Christian says, "Lord, I am not worthy, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." For it is only by acknowledging our constant need for Jesus that our hearts burn with his love, that they are able to light the world we live in, that they are made ready to greet him when he comes. *Fr Albert*

EXETER NEWS & EVENTS

Exeter Waymakers Film Night

You are invited to join Exeter Waymakers for the screening of the classic film "What a Wonderful Life" on **Tuesday 5 December at 7.00pm, Lower Room, Sacred Heart Church, Exeter**. This 1946 film is one of the best Christmas films and tells the story of George Bailey (played by James Stewart) who receives a very special Christmas gift. Reserve your FREE ticket by email to: nsmallwood@doctors.net.uk Christmas refreshments available and all donations towards resettling a refugee family in Exeter.

World Day of the Poor 2023

Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor. *Tobit 4:7*

We are invited to celebrate World Day of the Poor on **Sunday 19 November** and to make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidary and concrete assistance with those who are poor. Pope Francis' message this year is a clear call to us not to turn our face away from the poor so that God's face will not be turned away from us. The recent Synodal Assembly message to the people of God reminds us that to progress in our discernment, the Church absolutely needs to listen to everyone, starting with the poorest.

We are invited at all times, but particularly on this Sunday, to reflect on how we can draw close to those who are poor and bring hope and dignity to all who are in need both at a personal and parish level. You can find more information on the Diocesan website www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wdp23/

Advent Fair

Saturday 18 November 2023. 10.00am – 1.00pm

St Richard Reynolds Centre

Blessed Sacrament Church, Heavitree

**Handmade crafts, gifts, cards, Christmas decorations
and many more items for sale. There will also be
refreshments, local honey and sweet treats.**

Come along and support our crafters and makers.

CASH OR CHEQUES ONLY

All proceeds for CAFOD

GIFT Youth Bingo & Talent Show

You are invited to our first GIFT Youth fundraiser, a Bingo and Talent Show Night on **Friday 17 November** at St Nicholas Catholic Primary School from **7.00-9.00pm**. Family tickets cost £5. We are raising money for our GIFT Youth Social Fund which supports youth activities, and a charity of their choice. Tickets will also be available on the door. We look forward to welcoming you

Gift of Remembered Love

On **Friday 24 November at 7.00pm** at Blessed Sacrament Church you are invited to join us to remember all those we have loved and lost. This collective act of thanksgiving will include readings, prayers, songs and reflections to help us remember and to give thanks for their lives. All welcome. Please invite anyone you know, family or friends who you think may like to come. This will be followed by refreshments in the St Richard Reynolds Centre

Community Advice Drop-in

Struggling with bills? Exeter Community Energy and partners including Citizens Advice, Exeter City Council, and Southwest Water will be on hand to answer questions and give advice on energy, housing, water, and more. Thursday 23 November 9.30am-12.30pm at St Stephen's Church, EX4 3LW

www.ecoe.org.uk/healthy-homes-wellbeing



November

The Deacons of the parish are growing moustaches this November to raise money and awareness of prostate cancer. Any men across Catholic Exeter are invited to join them. Please show your support by sponsoring them on the list at the back of the church. *(Photo reproduced with permission of Deacon Kelvin)*

Lament and Light Service

An ecumenical service is being held on Thursday 30 November at 3.00pm at Holy Family Church in Plymouth (Beacon Park Road, Plymouth, PL2 3LR). The service is being held in response to the 16 days of action against gender-based violence (25 November – 10 December), which is a campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. The service will be led by Fr Mark Skelton and Rev. Lizzi Green. Following the service there will be tea and coffee in the hall.

Advent Retreat Day

“Prepare A Way For The Lord” Faith And Works led by Deacon Nick Johnson. On **Saturday 9 December** at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. The charge for the day, including lunch, is £25.00. Booking can be made by phone, email or online at www.stritascentre.org/events Payment can be made on the day.

Vacancies in the Diocese of Plymouth

Parish Secretary for Blessed Sacrament Parish

The purpose of the role is to manage the administrative and secretarial support alongside the office resources to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his diocesan responsibilities.

If you have excellent organisational skills and the ability to act as a key representative for the Diocese of Plymouth we would love to hear from you. The hours are 28 per week. Closing date for applications Monday 20 November. Interviews Wednesday 6 December. [More information and how to apply at this link.](#)

Finance Supervisor at St Boniface House

Working within our Central Finance Team, the role provides effective and efficient financial services to the Diocesan Administration Office, the Clergy and the parishes. The post holder should have an eye for detail and be well organised. They will need to be fully AAT qualified or part CCAB qualified. The hours are 35 per week and the salary is competitive. The closing date is Monday 13 November

For more information on both posts including application details please visit the [careers page on the Diocese of Plymouth website.](#)



Exeter Night Fever

On **Thursday 30 November** we will open wide the doors of Sacred Heart Church and invite our local community to be touched by the love and beauty that we encounter through our faith. We will invite passersby into the church to light a candle as a symbol of their concerns and thoughts.

We need your help to welcome people into the church and to pray for them and their intentions. This is an event every parishioner, young and old can help with and we really need your help!

We will begin with Mass at 6.00pm followed by Exposition and conclude with Night Prayer at 9.15pm. Please, please, join us for as much of this time as you can offer. No need to sign up, just turn up on the night. For more details please speak to members of the pastoral council/SLT or email liztoy@hotmail.com

Blessed Sacrament – Parish in Council

Please save the date **Saturday 20 January.**

The Parish Vision Team and SLT invite you to join them for a morning of reflection and conversation about our parish. Inspired by the call to be a synodal Church, we will listen to the Holy Spirit and one another in an effort to understand who God is calling us to be as a community of faith. We will also discuss practical issues such as finance, maintenance, and catechesis and formation. The meeting is open to all parishioners, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Vision Team at Blessed Sacrament

The newly formed Parish Vision Team met recently for the first time. The team consists of members of the Senior Leadership Team; Fr Jonathan, Maria Quinn, Lesley Hooper, Jane Martin, Sheila Hosker and Gary Martin and members of the parish; Angela Bosley, Angela Folland, Ann Wright, Ola Godbeer and Chris Jones.

We have responsibility for the long-term vision of the parish, asking the question; What do we want the parish to be like in five years' time? Our conversation included the liturgy, ministry, small communities, evangelisation and expectations. We intend to meet 4-5 times a year. Please keep us in your prayers.

Love CHRISTMAS

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Nominations

We ask you to nominate someone (individual or family), who does not have to be a parishioner, you think would benefit from a small gift this Christmas, someone who is struggling financially or who is lonely, sick or housebound. There are nomination forms at Blessed Sacrament. Please complete one and return it to the parish office

Donations of money

All donations can be placed in an envelope marked 'Love Christmas'. and put in the collection basket when you come to Mass at Blessed Sacrament. If you have the parish bank details, you can donate this way. Please add 'Love Christmas' in the narrative box. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

NB: Last date for donations & nominations is 8 December.

St Nicks News



We are looking forward to showing the school to prospective parents later this month when we hold our Reception 2024 open days. Any parents wishing to come and see the school can email Mrs Brocksom, abrocksom@stnics.uk, to find out more.

GIFT AID donors

You should soon receive an individual statement of how much you donated to the Sacred Heart and Blessed Sacrament parishes in the last financial year so that you can check that you have paid enough tax to cover the gift aid that the parish will claim. This statement will go to the address that is currently held by the gift aid organisers. If you are expecting a letter but do not receive one (or if you have not

paid enough tax to cover the gift aid to be claimed), for Sacred Heart please contact Anne Schranz on 01392 215077 or exeter-sacredheart-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk and for Blessed Sacrament please contact the Parish Office 01392 274724 exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk Many thanks to all our donors for their support of the Catholic Exeter parishes.



Exeter Foodbank News

This month's priority items required: Tins of meat, tins of vegetables, tinned fruit, jams and spreads, noodle & pasta snacks, small jars of coffee and tinned rice pudding. Collection points are located at Sacred Heart & Blessed

Sacrament churches, and in local supermarkets. [Click here for more information.](#)

WIDER NEWS & EVENTS

Diocese of Plymouth Newsletter

The diocese is publishing a regular newsletter with items of interest from across the diocese as well as further afield. [Here is the link to the latest newsletter](#)

And here is [the link](#) if people would like to sign up to receive the next newsletter and weekly Advent reflections

CAFOD News

Donate to the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Your donation today will allow CAFOD to provide urgent, practical help to families who need it as soon as it is safe to do so. [You can donate here](#)

Diocese Youth News

Save the Date

Inspire – on Saturday 2 March 2024 at Buckfast Abbey come along and be inspired by the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is a Christian music festival for young people aged 12-16 Years. There will be bands and speakers. More information to follow.

Caritas Newsletter

With news of love in action around our diocese can be found if you [click here](#)

Job opportunity in Exeter

CASS+ is expanding to Exeter and we're looking for someone who can work inside our new hub inside Exeter Town and County Court. It's a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference, supporting people facing many difficulties as they go through the justice system.

[Job Description & Person Specification Exeter Coordinator](#)
[Application for Employment with CASSPLUS](#)

Advent Retreats

Ignatian silent, individually guided retreats coming up in the Plymouth Diocese.

Places still available at St Rita's Centre Honiton on these dates:

Nov 24 – 26 (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat

Nov 26 – 1 Dec (Mon – Fri) Midweek Retreat

Nov 24 – 1 Dec (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat.

Cost includes full board & lodging. Recommended donation: Weekend Retreat £140; Midweek Retreat £240; 6 – day Retreat £450. Some of the cost could be offset for individuals who would like to go on a retreat but may have difficulties with the suggested donation. For a booking form please contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

Synodal Newsletter November 2023: [Read it here.](#)

Red Wednesday

Mass for Persecuted Christians at 7.00pm at St. Peter's, Crownhill, on Wednesday, 22 November, followed by Rosary.

Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service

Saturday 18 November at St Andrew's Minster, Plymouth at 11.00am.

Who is the service for? Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family member or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all. To read more on the charity, [click here.](#)

FORMING IN FAITH

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Most of us have, at some point in our lives, entered a swimming pool or visited a beach and entered the shallow parts of the sea. But how many of us have dared to venture out into the deep? There is an abundance of life and wonders that we find only in the depths of the water. Our Catholic faith is like that. By venturing deep into the Catholic faith, we will find abundance of life and treasures that the world cannot give. Everyone is invited, every Thursday, commencing Thursday 16 November at 7.30pm in the Lower Room at Sacred Heart, to a new RCIA Course. These sessions are aimed at those desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation but are open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Want to learn more about the Sacraments?

Bishop Robert Barron reminds us that the great sacraments of the Church are true encounters with Christ. Through the seven sacraments of the Church, Jesus is present. The sacraments have endured for thousands of years and blessed countless lives. Everything in the Church's life comes from and returns to them.

Join us every fortnight on Monday morning after the 10.00am Mass until 12.15pm in the Lower Room of Sacred Heart Church. Our next session will be on Monday 20 November. We will explore the Sacrament of Baptism. All are welcome.

GIFT Youth & Socials News

The next Gift Youth Social will be on 17 November when they will be hosting a **Bingo & Talent Show Friday.**

Calling all parishioners: come along to a Bingo and Talent Show at St Nicholas School from 7.30 – 9.30pm which is being organised by our youth to help raise funds for GIFT Youth activities and CAFOD. *For more info get in touch with Maria: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk*



GIFT for families

GIFT is offered to all primary and secondary aged families and supports them to live and grow as Catholic Christians. GIFT meets monthly to worship together and learn about our Catholic faith. GIFT also enables parents to prepare their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

[Click here to register for GIFT.](#)

Next GIFT Meeting **Saturday 2 December at 9.45am** at St Nicholas School, Ringswell Avenue, Exeter EX1 3EG.

Wednesday Word Scripture Reflection

We meet online via Zoom from 2.00 – 3.00pm each Wednesday. If you would like to join us, contact Maria: exeter-pastoral-assistant@prcdtr.org.uk. Come whenever you can to explore the riches of the scriptures. You will be most welcome

PRAYER & LITURGY

Worship Thursday at Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Thursday 7.00-8.00pm

Adoration with Taizé 2nd Thursday of each month: next - 14 December.

Adoration with Stronghold Praise & Worship Third Thursday of each month: 16 November, 21 December.

Praying the Rosary at Blessed Sacrament

Join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of October, November and December after the 9.30am Mass in the church. We'd love to see you.

We commend to the Lord...

Bernard Castlehouse and David Duben who have died recently.

A funeral service for Bernard will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 14 November at 10.30am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may their families find consolation and peace.

Pope's November Prayer Intention

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. See also [The Pope Video](#)

THE WORD

Sunday 12 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Second Reading Thessalonians 4:13-14

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-3

The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Sunday 19 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?

Psalm Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Second Reading Thessalonians 5:1-6

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

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[Churches Together Exeter News](#)

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