



## *Parish of the Sacred Heart and St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

Welcome to Mass! Do please join in the singing of congregational hymns and enjoy our fellowship.

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 3	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 3pm Baptism of Millie Barnes 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lucy Flynn
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Violet and Francis Reen RIP Jennifer Mirasole RIP
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – 10am Mass <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	Valerie Dobson RIP
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – 10am Mass <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Harry and Patricia Jelfs RIP
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September – 10am Mass <i>Exaltation of Holy Cross</i>	John McBrearty RIP
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September – 10am Mass <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Mr and Mrs Tony Russell
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Twenty-fourth Sunday Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Holy Souls Visi Batsford

**Sacrament of reconciliation: Saturday before Mass 5.15 – 5.45pm.**

**Pastoral visits** for the anointing of the sick are permitted at home, in our care homes and in hospital, so do please contact the parish office as necessary to arrange a visit by the parish priest or EMHC.

### **This week's Sunday Gospel: Reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-20)**

The Church has had to be selective as we work through the Gospel of Matthew for this year's readings. In this eighteenth chapter of Matthew on relationships within the community it is striking that the Church has chosen this passage to put before us. The first part is all about sorting out disputes and about forgiveness. Despite the presence of Christ in the Christian community there are going to be disagreements and misunderstandings in every church and every family. The vital thing is to sort them out and not to let them fester. So here we are given a safe process to do this. Just after today's passage, Jesus underlines his teaching here when he says that we have to forgive not just seven times (the perfect number) but seventy-seven times. That means again and again and again, without limit. Christ also reminds us that he is present always in his community. The same promise is given at the beginning (the name Emmanuel means 'God with us') and at the end of the gospel ('I am with you to the end of time'). Therefore, the decisions of the community will be considered binding in the sight of God. It is especially striking that the same pledge (of binding and loosing) is made with the Church here as had earlier been made with Peter himself, Peter on his own exercises the authority of the Church. How may we best put this process of reconciliation described by Jesus into practice?

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Parish Priest: Fr Ralph Candy

*Fr Ralph writes...*

**ROBERT OSMOND**: our organist, Robert, as you may know, is Director of Music at the Cathedral and, due to an ever-increasing workload, has come to the decision to step down from playing organ at the Saturday Vigil Mass in Paignton. I know we shall miss him greatly after eight years serving at Paignton, but we say 'goodbye' with thanksgiving in our hearts for his rich and varied contribution to the liturgy. We shall also be saying farewell to Trevor Snowden, who has assisted as MC, and is also now fully occupied with his duties as MC at the Cathedral. Every blessing and thank you.

**SEASON OF CREATION: Seeds for All – let's support small-scale farmers with CAFOD.**

CAFOD works with small-scale farmers around the world who produce lots of the world's food. But many of them are facing a huge problem. Laws are being passed all over the world that limit what small-scale farmers can do with their own seeds, giving them little choice but to buy more expensive seeds from large companies. These laws make it even harder for small-scale farmers and their families to produce enough food. Small-scale farmers like Salina in Bangladesh are doing important work protecting God's creation and ensuring that seeds are used to feed us all with healthier, more sustainable food. Salina is writing a letter to the World Bank, which has a lot of influence over global agricultural issues, asking them to protect the right of small-scale farmers to use and share their own seeds. We can support Salina to stand up for the rights of small-scale farmers everywhere by adding our signatures to her letter. At Masses on 9 and 10 September, please sign the giant letter CAFOD has shared with us to show your support.

**CWL**: our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm onwards, in the church hall. Do come and join us for refreshments and chat.

**THE FLOWER TEAM**: is a lovely small bunch but would like to grow bigger! Are you able to help? Both men and women are invited to join us on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am in the large meeting room for a chat about how you can help us by joining our team.

**2B1 AUTUMN PRAISE!** Come and join us on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at Goodrington Methodist Church at 7.30pm. 2B1 is a gathering of local Christians of all ages and denominations who praise God together in an informal setting. You will be very welcome. Praise - Cake - Chat

**ACTA OPEN MEETING** at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Newton Abbot, (TQ12 2ET) on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1130am -2.30pm with an agenda focusing on:

- A brief analysis of the working document for the Synod in Rome in October
  - Initiatives being offered and developed by the recently established: "School for Synodality" (patron Bishop David Oakley)
  - Other activity happening/planned in local parishes and beyond
- Tea/coffee will be provided, please bring your own packed lunch. Further details from Peter Farrell, Tel 01626 369478, or e mail: [petane@outlook.com](mailto:petane@outlook.com). (ACTA is an organisation made up of lay, clergy and religious, slightly predating Pope Francis' election, to promote dialogue in the Church).

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH**: I shall be hosting a 'book club' this autumn for the Under 40s who would like to be received or confirmed into the Catholic faith. Details to follow next week.

**CHURCH COLLECTION**: 2/3 September £748-95. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.