



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-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 4	
Saturday 16 th September 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Robert Osmond
Sunday 17 th September – Twenty-fourth Sunday Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Holy Souls Visi Batsford
Tuesday 19 th September – 10am Mass 12 Noon Funeral Service Doreen Lane RIP	Holy Souls
Wednesday 20 th September – 10am Mass, <i>St Andrew Kim Taegon</i>	Trevor Snowden
Thursday 21 st September – 10am Mass, <i>St Matthew</i>	Private int.
Friday 22 nd September – 10am Mass, <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	Holy Souls
Saturday 23 rd September 6pm – Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Sunday 24 th September – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Vi and Bob King Pam and Eddie Priest

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: The Unforgiving Debtor (Matthew 18:21-35)

This is a favourite theme of Matthew, continuing and concluding Jesus' teaching that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So, forgiveness is the vital step. So important is this matter of forgiveness that two consecutive Sunday gospels are devoted to it. It expands and stresses our petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.' The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one about a king and his servants revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats; and here, the generous king and the ungenerous servant). There is also a contrast between the two sums of money which is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes the equivalent of millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole province. The second owes the couple of months' wages of a casual labourer. Is there anyone you cannot forgive? Do you start the forgiveness-process, or wait for the other party? What is the best way to show forgiveness?

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Fr Ralph writes...

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops’ Conference via Historic England through the governments’ Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.

A second collection will be taken at the end of Mass. Thank you.

CAFOD – Thank you for adding your signatures to Salina’s letter to the World Bank. Thank you to everyone who signed Salina’s letter to the World Bank last week - for standing in solidarity with small farmers to protect their rights to use their own seeds. We had 134 signatures on our giant letter. We’ve posted the letter to CAFOD, which will present the letter, along with more than 580 similar letters from Catholic parishes in England and Wales (including over 60 from our diocese) to the World Bank in October. You can read more about this on CAFOD’s website: cafod.org.uk/food.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH: in just a matter of weeks I shall be hosting a ‘Book Club’ for the Under 40s (who may want to be confirmed or received into the Church). The book we shall be using is titled ‘The Catholic Faith’ by Roderick Strange, which takes the reader through the basics of the faith in an orderly, clear, and compelling way, showing how these beliefs not only call for intellectual assent, but for conversion of heart and the transformation of our lives. Inexpensive copies are available online at Amazon, E-bay and AbeBooks. The initial meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th October, at 7pm in the presbytery.

2B1 AUTUMN PRAISE! Come and join us on Tuesday 19th 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 23rd 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. (ACTA is an organisation made up of lay, clergy and religious, slightly predating Pope Francis’ election, to promote dialogue in the Church).

CHURCH COLLECTION: 9/10 September £748-95. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.