



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-sixth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 2	
Saturday 30 th September 6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr Dominic McKenna
Sunday 1 st October – Twenty-sixth Sunday Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	David Copeland RIP Mary Tyldesly RIP
*Tuesday 3 rd October – 8.30am Mass	John Cowie special int.
Wednesday 4 th September – 10am Mass <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Thanksgiving St Anthony
Thursday 5 th October – 10am Mass <i>St Maria Faustina</i> *4pm Vigil and reception of Kevin Austin RIP	Thanksgiving Our Lady
Friday 6 th October CAFOD FAST DAY – 10am School Mass *12 Noon Requiem Mass Kevin Austin RIP	Valerie Dobson RIP
Saturday 7 th October 6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mr and Mrs Tony Russell
Sunday 8 th October – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	The Parish Mafalda Manna RIP

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: Doing the Will of the Father (Matthew 21:28-32)

Matthew loves to tell parables of Jesus which contrast 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons. Matthew's parables put everything in black-and-white terms with no shades of grey (wise and foolish wedding-attendants, sheep and goats, etc.). Luke uses a different kind of parable, in which the characters - just like ourselves - often do the right thing for the wrong reason. The sayings of Jesus were handed down by word of mouth for some years before being written down. Did the straightforward contrast in Matthew (it is odd that both change their minds without a reason) develop into Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son? Both times the 'goodie' son ends up bad, and the 'baddie' son ends up good, but in Luke's version both changes of mind are motivated, and there is great emphasis on the son's repentance and the father's overwhelming joy at getting him back. The lesson in Matthew's story is given also by Jesus' word in the Sermon on the Mount, 'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven'. It is no use simply saying that Christ is our 'Lord'; we have to express it in our behaviour. What meaning do you find in this parable for yourself and the relationship you have with the Father?

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Parish Priest: Fr Ralph Candy

Fr Ralph writes...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: letters have been sent out to parents of those children in Year 4 at the Sacred Heart Primary School, inviting them to apply online for acceptance onto the preparatory programme of classes for their First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated on Saturday 18th May 2024. Classes at our primary school will start on **Wednesday 11th October** at 3.30pm. If your child does not attend a Catholic school, but would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, do please speak to either Dianna Taylor or Fr Ralph in the first instance, who will advise you.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: NEXT MEETING Wednesday 4th October in the LMR, 2pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal - Harvest collection: Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets lifesaving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD this Family Fast Day so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. *Do please take an envelope with you this week and kindly return it with your donation when the second collection is taken next week. Thank you for your generosity.*

THE CATHOLIC FAITH: On Wednesday 4th October, at 7pm in the presbytery, 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.

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD - Day of Reflection on Saturday 14th October 2023:

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?' This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 14th October from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Glenthorne Rd, Exeter EX4 4QU. The day will include Mass; a time of Adoration; a short conference; an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). For further information and to register for the event, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on Jacek.Kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or speak to your Parish Priest by 7th October.

LONDON BIKE RIDE: Mary Ann James' daughter is taking part in this 45-mile ride in aid of the Prince's Trust for UK Youth, aged 16-30, which offers grants to our youth for education, training, and employment. Do speak to Mary Ann for details of how to sponsor this former pupil of SH.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023 – DAY OF REFLECTION AT ST RITA'S HONITON

14 OCTOBER 10.30-15.30 LUNCH INCLUDED. "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7). All are welcome to come and spend the day at St Rita's from 10.30-15.30 to pray and reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 7th World Day of the Poor and how we are called to respond. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth are thrilled to be joined by two thought-provoking guest speakers with national and international reputations - Jenny Sinclair and David Wells. Places are limited for this FREE event so booking is essential. You can book by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

CHURCH COLLECTION: 23/24 September £713-78. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.