



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-seventh Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 3	
Saturday 7 th October 6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP
Sunday 8 th October – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Xavier Newman Burke RIP Mafalda Manna RIP
Tuesday 10 th October – 10am Mass 12 Noon Requiem Mass David Williams RIP	Mr and Mrs Tony Russell
Wednesday 11 th September – 10am Mass <i>St John XXIII</i>	Brigid McLaughlin
Thursday 12 th October – 10am Mass	Beryl Rossi
Friday 13 th October – 10am Mass <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	Betty Buckley RIP
Saturday 14 th October 6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bridie Drein
Sunday 15 th October – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Mike McAuliffe RIP Kazik and Eileen Anders 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.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD ON
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER**

This week's Sunday Gospel: True Justice (Matthew 21:33-43)

Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him violent opposition from some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Anyway, Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that the religious authorities were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah had used this image in a well-known poem eight centuries earlier to show that the vineyard of Israel refused to yield a good harvest to God, whatever care God lavished on it. God expected fairness of judgment from the people and all he found was a shriek of agony (the same word is used in Hebrew for 'fair-judgment' and for 'shriek' apart from one letter). What does this mean for us? Not that we have to follow every new idea. But it does mean that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty, that people we find tiresome or unacceptable may have more good in them than we credited. God's ways are not our ways. Life may not be mapped out how we think, so we need to watch out for the bend in the road. What is God asking of you?

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Fr Ralph writes...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 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.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE! All parishioners are invited to save the date of **Saturday 21st October** and come to the Torbay safeguarding training at the Church of the Assumption, Abbey Road, Torquay. The training will be about, how each one of us the parish, can look out for each other. It is about, how to and when to report things that concern us, to Fr Ralph or the safeguarding rep, Aidan Natrass. Come along and learn about what safeguarding is about. For those in new or established roles in the parish this will soon become a mandatory part of the role, so get one step ahead. - Lunch provided! THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS: Castlerigg Manor (Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) is looking for young Catholics 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for two years and gives participants wide range experience, skills, training, and qualifications, as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER: For the Synod - We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: it with sadness that we learned recently of the deaths of Mgr. David Silk and Mgr. Harry Doyle. Mgr. Harry's Requiem Mass will take place at 2pm on Friday 13th October, at Sacred Heart Church, Exeter. Mgr. David's Requiem will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 24th October at Our Lady Help of Christians, Torquay.

CHURCH COLLECTION: 1 October £719-79. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.