

## 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-eighth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 4	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	
6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bridie Drein
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.30am – said Mass	Mike McAuliffe RIP
10.00am – family Mass	Kazik and Eileen Anders RIP
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am Mass	Michael Sexton RIP
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October – 10am Mass	Mr and Mrs Tony Russell
*Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September – No Mass, <i>St Luke</i>	
Requiem Mass for Fr Barry Hallett, Sherborne, Dorset	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October – 10am Mass	Mary Quaid RIP
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – 10am Mass	Roy Bezzina
Saturday 21st October	
6pm – Vigil Mass Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parish
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.30am – said Mass	Mr and Mrs Tony Russell
10.00am – family Mass	Brewerton family

## 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: An Invitation to the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-10)

A wedding is a time of joy and of completion after long preparation, a time of love and of complete satisfaction. In Judaism at the time of Jesus, the coming of the Messiah is often compared to the joy of a wedding-feast. The marriage-feast at Cana must have been some party! At Mary's request Jesus produced 900 litres of wine. The Letter to the Ephesians teaches that the love in a human wedding is only a foretaste of Christ's love for his bride, the Church. In the story of the royal wedding in this Sunday's Gospel, however, two things go drastically wrong. First, the original wedding guests refuse to come. Not only do they refuse, but they brutally maltreat the innocent messengers, and the king (who must represent God) ruthlessly burns down their city. Secondly, the man who has no wedding-garment is thrown out: a wedding-garment is a standard Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful Jew. For us Christians too, the story constitutes a double warning. Are we alert and listening for God's call? Do we rest secure in being called Christians and leave the challenging jobs to others?

## Fr Ralph writes...

<u>SAVE THE DATE!</u> All parishioners are invited to save the date of <u>Saturday 21st October</u> 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.

<u>CAFOD</u> is the Church's very special humanitarian and development charity and our support for it not only helps to transform communities around the world but helps transform our own community too

CAFOD is currently looking to recruit **School Volunteers** for the Torbay Deanery area to accompany our children in our wonderful Catholic Schools on a voyage of transformation using CAFOD's award winning resources, assembles and workshops.

A background in education is not necessary, but we hope to recruit people of all ages and backgrounds who have a passion for a fairer world and a deep desire to multiply hope in our work and our community here! Full support, resources and regular training are provided.

With a small amount of action together we can contribute to making a huge difference to our sisters and brothers around the world.

For more information, please contact Simon on Tel: 01752 268768, email: plymouth@cafod.org.uk

<u>CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS</u>: 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.

<u>POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:</u> 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.

<u>CHURCH COLLECTION</u>: 7/8 October £697.11. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish. **Next week there will be a second collection taken for World Mission Day**.